

# REDWATER NEWS

July-August 2008

## The Redfern and Waterloo Community Newsletter

### 'ANTI-SOCIAL' BEHAVIOUR - WE GET IT, THEY DON'T

We all realise that Housing NSW wants to solve some of the problems with anti social behaviour in their properties, but they really seem to be missing the point. It's not just about ending tenancies and moving people out. It is about helping people work out their problems together and getting on with living in sustainable communities.

Why the department won't listen to reason is a mystery, as it would make everyone's life easier including their own. Instead of listening to tenants, who often only want their neighbours to be told to comply with the general rules of living together, a whole procedure of reporting incidents to the police and building cases for the Tribunal is insisted upon. When the department receives numerous complaints about a tenant, why do they refuse to send them a letter of non compliance? Most complainants don't want to see their neighbours evicted. They don't want to call in the police, and they most certainly don't want to go to the tribunal. They simply want the landlord to tell the badly behaving tenant to behave in a socially acceptable way.

Many problems are simply not related to tenancies and take place in common areas, such as courtyards, stairwells and open spaces like the Waterloo Green; what measures are being considered to address these problems? Often a simple letter would do. This seems way too simple for Housing NSW, who continue to demand tenants do each other in, whether they want to or not. This ultimately solves nothing as disputes never get resolved but bubble under the surface, never really being addressed. For many people, especially migrants from authoritarian regimes, the idea of going to a tribunal is anathema.

Yet this seems to be the only solution that the department is offering. It seems bizarre that Housing NSW has morphed a few CSOs (Client Service Officers) into anti-social behaviour specialists when those very officers have refused to come and attend to anti-social problems in the past. Many tenants believe that there should be more general security patrols, and, in large complexes, permanent security guards to create a more secure environment; others would like to see the introduction of building caretakers.

A few years ago the CSOs made 6 monthly inspections to find out if tenants were fulfilling their obligations and if they had any complaints or problems. This practice has disappeared and over the last two years it has become almost impossible to get a CSO to come down and visit some complexes. Many female CSOs will not even make house calls without a male to accompany them and this complicates matters even further.

The department needs to get real and start listening to the tenants rather than just dictating a new version of the same old policies. They could begin by introducing a more appropriate placement policy which would avoid placing potential troublemakers in buildings full of seniors. There are many approaches the department could make if they decided to take on a bit of responsibility themselves and stop expecting the tenants to be their own police force, social workers and medical service.

*(The above article is a local Redfern resident's view point. Do you agree or disagree? Write your response and we will print it in the next edition.)*





# Waterloo Kids 'Good Dog Bad Dog' DVD Selected for International Film Festival

12 students from Waterloo's Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School have made a DVD which has been selected for 'Little Big Shots', the largest film festival for kids in the Southern Hemisphere.

'Little Big Shots' will screen 87 of the most outstanding stories from 5 countries around the world before taking off on an Australia-wide touring road show.

The Waterloo DVD, called 'Good Dog Bad Dog', was made as part of a ten week program led by Community Artist, Claire Wildish, and which also produced an accompanying Children's Picture Book.

The project was funded by the Lord Mayor Clover Moore's MP Salary Trust, and run as part of The Factory Community Centre's anti-bullying/cruelty to animals program.

'Little Big Shot' will be launched next week at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square, Melbourne. Touring venues include The Studio, Sydney Opera House at 1.30pm Saturday Sept 20th and Sunday Sept 21st.



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## IS IT FAREWELL TO REDWATER NEWS ?

The answer is, we don't know. This might well be the final printed issue of the Redwaternews Community Newsletter - at least in its current format.

Established in 1995, the production was set up for and by local Residents to provide essential community information to the local community on services, projects, and policies that affects Housing. The Newsletter was aimed at keeping all informed with developments in and around their local community. Funding has been received from the Department of Housing NSW over recent years, but we have been informed that this has now come to an end as the well is DRY.

Due to upgrading to a more 'professional' coloured edition in response to feedback received from our readership and funders, this has significantly increased the cost of the production. Volunteers of the Editorial Committee have been busy behind the scenes pursuing various avenues of funding, to try save this vital community production; our attempts were in vain. We feel that if we were to go back to the original black and white style and lower quality, it would be insulting to both our readers and volunteers.

Rest assured we will continue to pursue funding, however until such time as revenue can be raised, we have no option but to produce an electronic version only. You will be able to access future Redwater News editions online from the REDWatch group website, Factory Community Centre website or through your own local community centre. We hope this will only be an interim measure, in the mean time, we would like to thank all our volunteers who have written articles, delivered newsletters to over 4500 household on each production, and to our readers who have expressed their support for this production. With our appreciation and best wishes from all at the RedWater News Team.

## STOP PRESS

The Editorial Committee has just received important and excellent news from NSW Department of Housing. They have kindly given additional temporary funds which will allow us to print two more copies of the RWN before December 2008. Hopefully we will be able to secure matching funding from other Government Departments to continue and sustain this production. Thank you.

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## Is Your Child Starting School Next Year?

Children who turn five on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July next year are eligible to start school. By law all children must start school by their sixth birthday.

If parents want their child to go to a state school next year, now is the time to visit their local school and collect an enrolment form.

It is important to do this as soon as possible.

When parents return the form to the school they will need to present their child's birth certificate and immunisation record. Their local doctor can provide the child's immunisation details.

Schools offer a transition program which gives parents and their child a chance to visit the school, meet other families, meet the teachers and gather information about starting school.

Visiting their new school will help children prepare for starting school next year. If the child has a chance to look around the school and meet children and teachers he/she will be more likely to have a more confident start. Parents can ask questions about how the school is going to teach their child.

When parents are at the school, they can find out about the educational program and how their child will be kept safe.

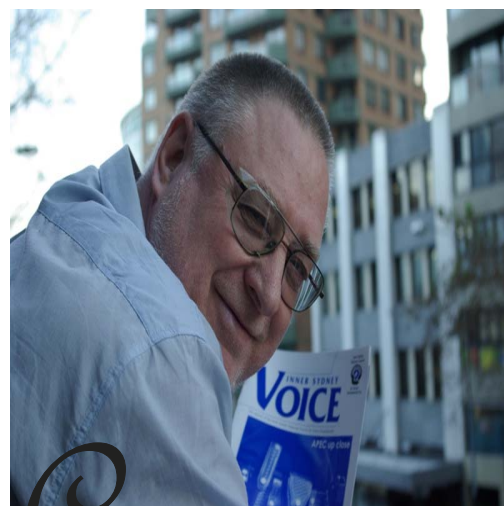
Some of the ways parents can help their child be ready for school are

- Find out about the transition or orientation program at the school.
- Share stories and talk about what might happen next.
- Provide opportunities to play with other children.
- Encourage children to eat independently and use the toilet by themselves.
- Parents who are unsure whether their child is ready to start school can talk to their child's preschool or day care teacher, the principal at the school, doctor or an early childhood nurse.

The Department of Education and Training has produced a brochure, 'Time to Start School' which is full of useful information and is available from the school the child will be attending.

For more information about state schools, visit the website at

[www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au)



Congratulations goes to Larry Billington pictured above. Larry is one of our many hard working local volunteers and Assistant Precinct Rep. He was recently awarded the Certificate 3 in Social Housing presented by Mike Allen (Director General) and Tom Uren on behalf of the Assn to Resource Co-operative Housing (A.R.C.H.) for the course completed last year. For details of other courses like this please ask staff at your local community centre.

## ENROL NOW!

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Children who turn five on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July next year are eligible to start school. By law all children must be in school the year they turn six.

*If you want your child to start school next year, now is the time to visit your local school and collect an enrolment form.*

Your school will be able to invite your family to visit, you can find out about the educational program, how your child will be kept safe and ways that you can help your child to be ready for school.

If your child has a chance to look around the school and meet children and teachers they will be more likely to have a confident start.



## LOCAL HEROES

On May 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 the combined Waterloo and Redfern Neighbourhood Advisory Boards presented a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of the many individuals and organisations in the area's community who ensure the functioning of the community.

This was the second time that such an event had been held. This time it was decided to include residents and organisations that were not purely Housing New South Wales tenant-based. The reason for this was it was felt that there were many community minded people and organisations in the greater community of the area who deserved recognition. It also helped in a small way to acknowledge that the HNSW tenant body did have a role in the greater community and that there were artificial barriers that needed to be recognised and thereby removed.

The General Manager of Central Sydney Division, Kathy Roil, kindly agreed to again attend and present the awards. In her speech [copies of which are available from the HCAP worker, Michael Shreenan, who compeered the event, Ms Roil acknowledged the contribution that volunteers make to their community. She also announced that HNSW was in the process of developing a Policy covering Volunteers and their relationship with the Department. She said that it was expected to be released in October/November this year, whilst acknowledging that there was a long history to the Policy development.



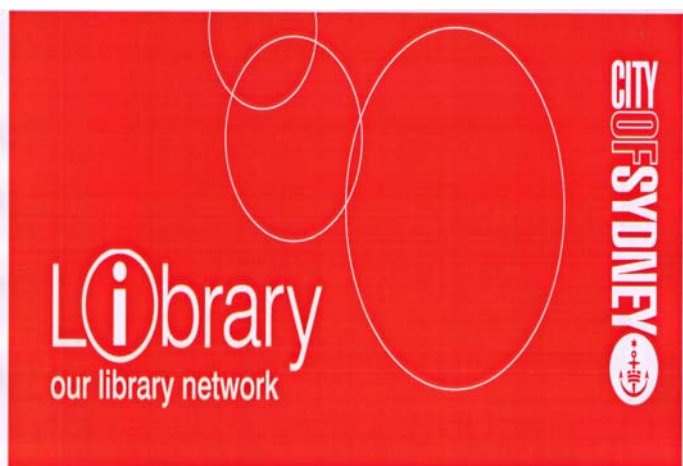
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## Reading is important



Not being able to read makes children feel upset, left out or silly. They can fall behind their classmates, and they miss out on the joys of reading. There are many reasons why students fall behind in their reading.

The *student 2 student* reading program is run by The Smith Family for children in years 3-8 at Alexandria Park Community School and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Waterloo. Children who are behind in their reading are matched up with a "buddy" who is a few years older than them, and has been trained to help them read. The buddy rings the student twice a week for twenty minutes after school and they read over the phone together. The program is confidential – and in fact they are matched with a student from the other side of Sydney. The program is free, and The Smith Family sends out the books needed. S2S has been a great success across Australia and children on the program often become better readers, but more importantly they feel much **more confident** and **feel positive about themselves!**

*There are places in Term 3 available for students now, all parents/Teachers/students have to do is contact us on (02) 9699 9820 or come to see us in the office at Alexandria Park Community Centre on Park Road. ( Brooke Hardy )*

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Redfern Community Centre 9288 5713



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## Waterloo Green Landscape Plan update

In response to community concerns, and the findings of the Safety Audit conducted at Waterloo Green during June 2007, Housing NSW became a partner agency in the development of the Waterloo Green Action Plan.

The Waterloo Green Action Plan is supported by a range of government and non-government organisations and seeks to implement a number of strategies which will improve the safety and amenity of the Waterloo Green. As part of its commitment

to the Action Plan, Housing NSW undertook an audit of external lighting at The Green at the beginning of 2008 and an upgrade program was completed in early July.

In addition, during May and June Housing NSW undertook an extensive process of community consultation with tenants and other community stakeholders to assist it in the development of a landscape plan for Waterloo Green. In early July, tenants and other community stakeholders will be invited to further community information sessions and asked to provide feedback about the sketch plans and proposed changes to Waterloo Green.

The sketch plans will be on display at the Housing NSW Waterloo Office, The Factory Community Centre, Waterloo Neighbourhood Centre, and the Waterloo High Rise internal community noticeboards from **Friday 11–Friday 25 July**. On 15 August Housing NSW will host a free community BBQ for residents and other community stakeholders where the **final plan** will be on display.

For further information about the development of the Waterloo Green landscape plan please contact:- Warwick Sams, Team Leader Client Service 9310 8666 OR Jenny Speakman, Team Leader (Project Support) 9268 3454 For information on the progress of the whole Green Action plan and copy of the latest progress report you can contact Mike at the Factory on 9698 9569.

## Rent rebates: Danger for Housing NSW tenants

The *Housing Amendment (Tenant Fraud) Act* gives Housing NSW (formerly Department of Housing) new powers to investigate public housing tenants who receive a rental rebate, and new powers to recover rebate monies incorrectly credited to tenants.

The Act also creates a new offence where a public housing tenant intentionally fails to notify Housing NSW of a change in circumstances that affects their rent rebate, punishable by three months imprisonment. Housing NSW will be the prosecuting authority for this and other offences relating to rent rebates.

Public housing tenants who have been incorrectly claiming a rent rebate can notify Housing NSW under a temporary amnesty that will run until 1 October 2008. Tenants who notify under the amnesty are protected from prosecution and proceedings to recover the monies. The amnesty does not apply to public housing tenants who are already the subject of an investigation by Housing NSW.

The TU has expressed concerns that many cases pursued by Housing NSW as 'fraud' are instead cases where there has been a mistake – by the tenant or by Housing NSW – or where the tenant's circumstances simply do not fit well with Housing NSW's policies, or where the tenant is the victim of violence or oppression. The TU will be consulting with Housing NSW to try to ensure these sorts of cases do become caught up in Housing NSW's new powers.

For more details or assistance on the above please see our extended electronic edition or contact local housing Office or community Centre.

# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Department of Housing:

Waterloo	9310 8666
Redfern	9319 9333
Poets Corner	9698 1284
DOH 24Hours (Maintenance)	13 15 71

South Sydney Community Transport	9319 4439
UNSW Community Development Project	9245 1841
HCAP	8399 1011
Interpreter Service	13 14 50
Tenant Union Hotline	9251 6590
Redfern Legal Centre	9698 7277
Barnado's Family Support	9698 9577
Woman's and Girls Emergency Centre	9360 5388
Mental Health Crisis	9867 5738
www.Redwatch.org.au (contact Geoff)	9318 0824
RICHSS (Home support Service)	9319 3587
Youth Health Service	9516 2233
Police Assistance Line	131 444
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Life Line	131 114
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Homeless persons	9874 5564

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- South Sydney Blindes Group
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- Mobile Play Bus (Wet Days)
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## Redfern Community Health Centre Relocation

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- The Mental Health Team and Community HIV/AIDS Services
  - (Positive Central Allied Health and the Heterosexual HIV / AIDS Service / Pozhets) have relocated to 155 Pitt St Redfern. Phone 9395 0444 fax number 9690 1978
- The Community Nursing team Building 11 on the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Campus Phone 9515 3150, Fax 9515 3166 & Nursing Intake 1300 722 276

## Legal Advice

LawAccess NSW is a free government telephone service that provides legal Information, advice and referrals for people who have a legal problem In NSW. They use the Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) to service clients with language barriers. LawAccess is currently trying to promote their services to customers and communities from a DCALB. They have a very good publication which is available in twenty (20) community languages.

Check their web site out at [www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au)

*Report below was given by Alison Morgan of Housing New South Wales on Tenant Fraud Legislation and its Implementation to the Central Sydney Division Tenant Forum*

## OVERVIEW OF TENANT FRAUD LEGISLATION - Alison Morgan

- Handout provided – *Tenant Fraud Fact Sheet*. [contact your local HNSW Office or the HCAP Worker for copy]
- New laws announced 3 April 2008 - most significant change is that Housing NSW will be able to create a criminal offence for those who provide false information or intentionally fail to notify of changes in circumstance that remove or reduce a person's entitlement to a benefit.
- Does not apply to just rent, includes Special Assistance Subsidy, Priority Housing - looking at changing terminology from tenant to Tenant and Applicant to better cover this aspect.
- Allow Housing NSW to access certain registers (RTA, Maritime NSW, NSW Lands and Office of Fair Trading) for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating and prosecuting fraud.
- Introducing new ways to collect debt/recovery debt – permit Housing NSW to recover debts owed by reducing or removing a rental rebate, by enforcing repayment from an adult who is not a tenant but who benefited from public housing.
- Targeted for major fraud cases like owning 12 properties - not aimed at persons who do not notify minor changes, tenants with mental health or those under duress etc.
- Can only be applied where there is intention and deliberately not notified Housing NSW.
- Exception for Carers living with tenants - no criminal charge will be pursued.
- These amendments will not apply to properties owned by the Aboriginal Housing Office or to Community Housing providers and hardship provisions in Housing NSW policies will continue to be developed to ensure these reforms and penalties are applied in a fair and balanced way.
- The Amnesty is key part and will run until 1 October 2008 - there is a telephone number to call and for those who self nominate during the amnesty will have their circumstances reviewed without criminal prosecution or the need to repay the rental debt.
- Any reports received will not be investigated until after the Amnesty period expires which will allow for tenants to self nominate.
- Information has gone out in press, on website, communications with tenant groups and mail.
- Being convicted for criminal activity does not mean automatic eviction from Housing NSW.

## Housing NSW (Department of Housing) checking tenants get right rent rebates

If you are a Housing NSW tenant you probably get a **rent rebate**. The rent rebate reduces the rent you pay to about 25 per cent of your household income.

To work out how much your rent rebate is, Housing NSW uses the information you give them about:

your income (how much and what type of income)

the income of any other person living with you.

If you give Housing NSW the wrong information, or if things change and you do not update your information, you will get the wrong rent rebate.

If you give them the wrong information on purpose so that you get the wrong amount of rebate, this is called **rent rebate fraud**. This is a crime.

If Housing NSW thinks you are getting the wrong rebate, they can:

stop you getting the rebate

check if you owe them money from the time you started to get the wrong rebate.

If you do owe them money, Housing NSW can:

take you to court to get the money back

end your tenancy.

It does not matter if you are getting the wrong rebate on purpose or not, they can still stop you getting the rebate, check if you owe any money and get this money back, and end your tenancy.

## Opportunities for improvement

### Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal

The Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal Amendment Bill is currently before the parliament. Most of the proposed amendments are minor; notable proposals include a new Professional Practice and Review Committee and a new Social Housing Division.

The TU has welcomed the proposed new committee, which would deal with matters relating to tribunal members' training and performance, including complaints against members. The TU is less enthusiastic about the proposed new Social Housing Division, which would falsely give the impression that the law relating to social housing tenancies is so very different from that relating to other tenancies.

The TU instead suggests that the tribunal should deal with complicated social housing matters by allocating experienced, sensitive members to these matters, rather than by formally establishing a separate division.

The TU understands that the Government intends the amendments to be passed by June 2008.

### Residential Tenancies Act

The NSW Office of Fair Trading is considering responses, including the TU's major submission, on the package of over 100 proposals for reform of the *Residential Tenancies Act* and other tenancy laws put forward for comment late last year. The TU understands that a reformed *Residential Tenancies Act* is one of Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney's "priorities for 2008."

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## USA JAIL - SOME INTERESTING READING

**TO THOSE OF YOU NOT FAMILIAR WITH JOE ARPAIO, HE IS THE MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF (ARIZONA) AND HE KEEPS GETTING ELECTED OVER AND OVER AGAIN.**

These are some of the reasons why:

Sheriff Joe Arpaio created the 'tent city jail' to save Arizona from spending tens of millions of dollars on another expensive prison complex. He has jail meals down to 20 cents a serving and charges the inmates for them.

He banned smoking and pornographic magazines in the jails, and took away their weightlifting equipment and cut off all but 'G' movies. He says: 'They're in jail to pay a debt to society not to build muscles so they can assault innocent people when they leave.' He started chain gangs to use the inmates to do free work on county and city projects and save taxpayer's money. Then he started chain gangs for women so he wouldn't get sued for discrimination. He took away cable TV until he found out there was a federal court order that required cable TV for jails. So he hooked up the cable TV again but only allows the Disney channel and the weather channel.

When asked why the weather channel, he replied: 'So these morons will know how hot it's gonna be while they are working on my chain gangs.' He cut off coffee because it has zero nutritional value and is therefore a waste of taxpayer money. When the inmates complained, he told them, 'This isn't the Ritz/Carlton. If you don't like it, don't come back.' He also bought the Newt Gingrich lecture series on US history that he pipes into the jails. When asked by a reporter if he had any lecture series by a Democrat, he replied that a democratic lecture series that actually tells the truth for a change would be welcome and that it might even explain why 95% of the inmates were in his jails in the first place.

With temperatures being even hotter than usual in Phoenix (116 degrees just set a new record for June 2nd 2007), the Associated Press reported: About 2,000 inmates living in a barbed wire surrounded tent encampment at the Maricopa County Jail have been given permission to strip down to their government-issued pink boxer shorts.

On the Wednesday, hundreds of men wearing pink boxer shorts were overheard chatting in the tents, where temperatures reached 128 degrees. 'This is hell. It feels like we live in a furnace,' said Ernesto Gonzales, an inmate for 2 years with 10 more to go. 'It's inhumane.'

Joe Arpaio, who makes his prisoners wear pink, and eat bologna sandwiches, is not one bit sympathetic. 'Criminals should be punished for their crimes - not live in luxury until it's time for parole, only to go out and commit more crimes so they can come back in to live on taxpayers money and enjoy things many taxpayers can't afford to have for themselves.'

The same day he told all the inmates who were complaining of the heat in the tents: 'It's between 120 to 130 degrees in Iraq and our soldiers are living in tents too, and they have to walk all day in the sun, wearing full battle gear and get shot at, and they have not committed any crimes, so shut your damned mouths!' Way to go, Sheriff! If all prisons were like yours there would be a lot less crime and we would not be in the current position of running out of prison spaces. What your thoughts? Let us know

Sheriff Joe was just re-elected as Sheriff in Maricopa County, Arizona



# REDWatch

Redfern, Eveleigh, Darlington, and Waterloo Watch Group

*“REDWatch is an independent group of community residents and friends from Redfern, Waterloo, Eveleigh and Darlington who support the existing diversity in these areas and wish to promote sustainable, responsible economic and social development.”*

## *REDWatch What's it all about ?*

- *keeps on eye on Government Activities that affect our communities*
- *opportunities for discussions and action on community issues*
- *Work to help improve communication between community groups and champion community involvement.*

*If you are passionate about what happens in your community, become Involved. For more info check our web site*

[www.redwatch.org.au](http://www.redwatch.org.au)



Join us on the 1st Wednesday of the month for our community meeting

6pm at

The Factory Communitiy Centre  
67 Raglan Street  
Waterloo 2017

For more information Contact  
Geoff Turnbull on 02 9318 0824  
Email: [mail@redwatch.org.au](mailto:mail@redwatch.org.au)

# A Special Invitation

You are invited to a Morning Tea to be held the on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30-12.00

at the George Hanna Museum, No 2 Hatfield Street, Mascot  
*Join us to celebrate the richness of the Italian-Australian Heritage*



See two beautiful photographic exhibitions, *Journey to a New Life – Italian Migration in NSW*  
and *“Through My Eyes For Your Eyes – Snapshots of Life by Senior Italian Australians 2008”*

*Journey to a New Life – Italian Migration in NSW* is a B&W photographic exhibition consisting of over 60 historical images that pay an emotional tribute to the courage and sacrifices made by those Italians who left behind their beloved Italy to start their ‘Journey to a New Life’ in NSW. Some, disappointed, returned to Italy, but those who remained succeeded and made a major contribution to the Australian society.

*“Through My Eyes For Your Eyes – snapshots of life by senior Italian Australians 2008”* is the work of twenty nine senior Italian Australians who have photographed the events and people that feature in their daily lives. This project was facilitated by Co.As.It., Community Partners Program workers, Silvana Cibeï, Raffaella Cavadini and Lucy Merrett, North/Eastern Sydney, to show the wider community what it means to be Italian-Australian. Each participant was given a disposable camera to document moments of their lives over a period of two months.

**To be part of our Special Morning Tea - RSVP (Call) Co.As.It. on 9564 0744**  
**It is important for us to know the number of guests for catering for the morning tea**  
*The exhibition will be open to the general public from 1<sup>st</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008*  
*Mon, Wed, Fri 12.00 -5.00pm or Tues & Thurs 9.00am - 2.00pm*  
*or by appointment call Jennifer at the George Hanna Museum on (02) 9366 3544*



I WAS GOING TO SAY YOU'D SPELLED "BUREAUCRACY" WRONG - BUT THEN ON SECOND THOUGHTS...

## Quotes of the month

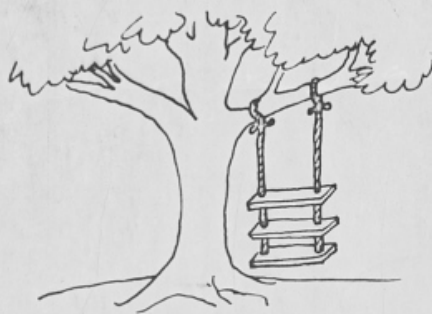
Support bacteria -- it's the only culture some people have!

Bureaucracy, n: A method for transforming energy into solid waste.

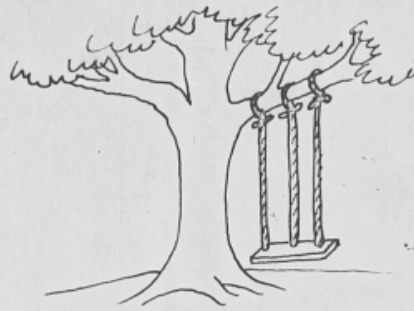
A little experience often upsets a lot of theory.

No group of professionals meets except to conspire against the public at large. -- Mark Twain

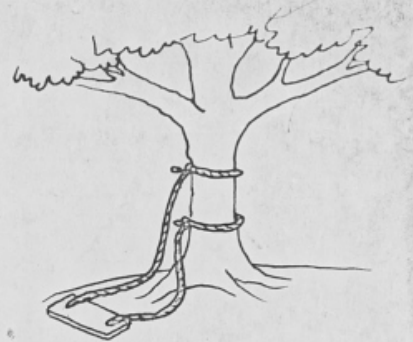
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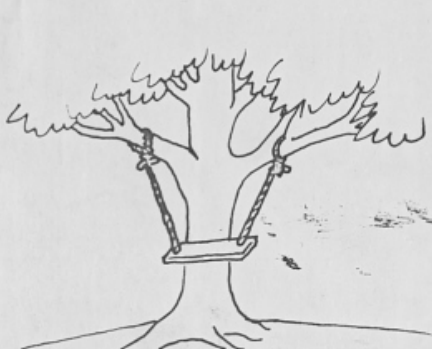
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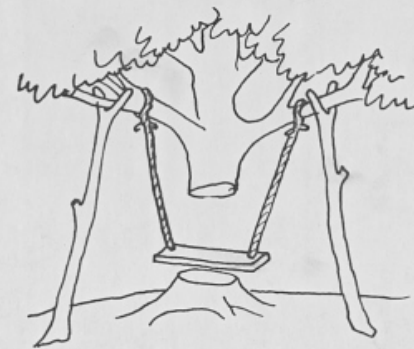
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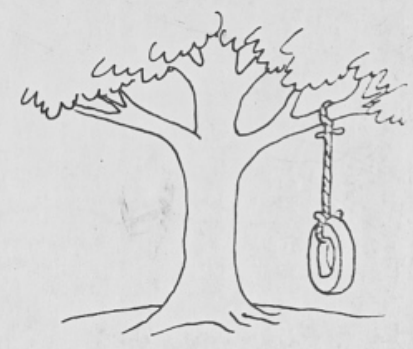
AS ENGINEERING DESIGNED IT



AS WE MANUFACTURED IT



AS FIELD SERVICE INSTALLED IT



WHAT THE CUSTOMER WANTED!!!

"COMMUNICATION" MEANS: SAYING AND HEARING HAVE THE SAME MESSAGE

Tree Swing picture from 1970s - Businessballs.com (Ack T & W Fleet)



# Happy 40th Birthday South Sydney Community Aid Coop Ltd Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre

## Stop press

The Redfern Waterloo Authority Built Environment Plan Phase two, covering the Housing NSW estates, which was due to go on exhibition on May 08 has been held up watch this space.

CDAT—Community Drug Action Team for the Waterloo and Redfern area has recently been re-established. For more information contact Julia Parsons RWA on : 9202 9100

Waterloo Recycling Workshop now has a project support worker, Naomi Ward. She can be contacted through the Factory Community Centre.

73 Garden Street  
Alexandria  
2015  
Ph:9319 4073

*“Congratulations to Staff, Volunteers and members. 40 years of a rich history that the whole community can be proud of”*  
From the RedWater News Team

## **NAIDOC Week 6 July 2008 – 13 July 2008 (source REDWatch Web site)**

A number of NAIDOC week events are again planned nationally National NAIDOC and locally City of Sydney : NAIDOC Week. City of Sydney events include:

**After The Apology Forum - 28 June 10.00am - 4pm** - The forum will include first hand accounts from members of the Stolen Generations and local community workers, as well as interactive workshops. - Venue: Redfern Community Centre 29 Hugo Street Redfern RSVP Tracey Duncan, Aboriginal Community Development Officer on 9265 9333 as places are limited

**NAIDOC Launch 2008 - Film Screening and Community BBQ - 6 July 2.00pm - 6.00pm** - Peter Forsythe Auditorium. Cnr Franklin, Glebe Point Road and Grose Street Glebe

**March and Flag Raising Ceremony - 7 July 10am - 11am** - March from Redfern Park to Pemulwuy Park, Redfern; 11:00am - 12:30pm - Flag Raising Ceremony at Pemulwuy Park. From 12:30pm onwards there is a BBQ at Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo Street Redfern

**NAIDOC Week Storytime with with Adam Hill - 10.00am - 11.00am, 8 July** - Attend a special story time and craft activity for primary school-aged children with local identity and artist Adam Hill at Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street Waterloo. Bookings essential - Phone 9288 5688

**Aboriginal Art: Meaning and Symbolism with Adam Hill - 6.30pm, 10 July** - Local artist and storyteller, Adam Hill, will explore the meaning and symbolism of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal art. Venue: Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Bookings essential - Phone 9298 3060

**NAIDOC Family, Sports & Market Day - 10.00am - 4.00pm, 11 July** - Mini festival showcasing Aboriginal performers, artists, free BBQ, sporting personalities and the ever popular Redfern Market Day at Alexandria Park, Buckland Street Alexandria

**Woolloomooloo Family Day - 10.00am - 3.00pm, 12 July** - Entertainment and activities including boomerang painting, a didgeridoo and artefacts workshop, live music, kids' activities, free BBQ and more at Forbes St Reserve (between Nicholson and Best Streets)

**Check out KOORI RADIO LIVE AND DEADLY - [www.gadigal.org.au](http://www.gadigal.org.au)**

### **The Mass Exodus**



RedWater news would like to acknowledge and give our best wishes to all those community based workers that have left or about to leave our community for pastures new. This has included Fay Williams of Inner Regional Council, Liz Christie of RICHES, Mark Ludbrooke of Food Distribution Network, Tanya Baker of Cana Café, Michael Gravener from the Settlement, Melisa Burgess the Factory CC, and CentreCare staff. Thank you for all your hard work over the years and we wish you all well in your new adventures, whatever that may be.

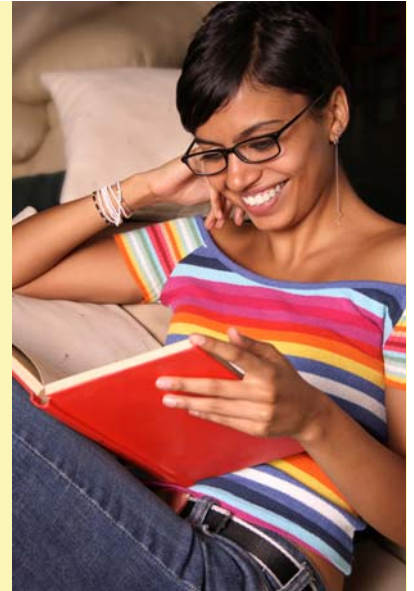
In our next edition we hope to update you with details of all the new workers as we welcome them to our community.

# Housing NSW Youth Scholarships

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

**Tuesday, June 24, 2008 Media release:  
Matthew Brown MP  
NSW Minister for Housing**

More students complete year 12 or recognised vocational training Applications have opened for a unique Housing NSW scholarship program that encourages disadvantaged students in public, community and aboriginal housing to stay in school and reach their full educational potential.



Launching the 2009 Housing NSW Youth Scholarships Minister for Housing Matt Brown said the program will award 100 students with \$2000 each to spend on their educational needs. "These scholarships aim to encourage and support young social housing tenants to stay at school and complete their higher school certificate," Mr Brown said.

"The scholarships hope to breakdown educational barriers faced by disadvantaged students and to close the educational gap between students who live in public and privately-owned housing." Mr Brown said the achievements of previous recipients proved the scholarships were a great help to students. "In 2007 Aboriginal scholarship recipient John Randall from Evans Head became the first young man from his community to complete the HSC. He is a great role model to other students feeling the pressure to leave school," Mr Brown said.

"Jasmin Owen from Cowra purchased a computerised sewing machine with her scholarship funds for use in her Textiles and Design Studies course. Now Jasmin has the opportunity to achieve her goal of a career in design or theatre." "And Paul Gurrea from Woolloomooloo was able to pay for a new computer and maths tutoring to help him towards his goal of becoming a teacher." Mr Brown said the scholarships would be managed by the students' educational institutions and could be spent on items such as computer equipment, tutoring and text books.

"To be eligible students must be under 25 years old, live in or be on the waiting list for social housing, be studying Year 11, 12 or TAFE and their school or TAFE must endorse that they are likely to have a good attendance record," Mr Brown said. "These scholarships are part of the lemma Government's Youth Action Plan 2006 – 2010 and the NSW State Plan. They contribute to a new direction in the delivery of social housing – making sure young people not only have a roof over their heads, but have the opportunity to make their future aspirations achievable."

"We want to make sure young people living in social housing have every opportunity to complete their HSC and move on to higher education, if that is what they want to do." Application forms are available on the Housing NSW website [www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au) and close on August 1 2008.

"Applications for scholarships are now open and I encouraged all young people and parents living in social housing to apply," Mr Brown said.

# Father of the year

Dear Public Schools and Contacts,

Central Magazine the local paper for the City Of Sydney area, is looking for nominations for the father of the year competition being run by the Shepard Centre for deaf children and our company Courier News.

It identifies and honors fathers who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the development and well being of children, and the community. They just need to live in the City of Sydney council area or failing that, work in the city.

So any father who has been through tough times with their family, be it financial hardship, illness or whatever and come out smiling we think they should be nominated.

It could be a friend, another parent at your child's school or colleague, anyone you think is deserving. Also please feel free to pass on to anyone you think would be interested.

To do so please go to the website below, it does not take long.

<http://www.fatheroftheyear.com.au/> or call me to find out more, my numbers are below.

Not familiar with Central? Please take a look at our online

edition: <http://digitaledition.centralmag.com.au>

Thank you for your help.

## **Did you know? Snippets**

On the last Friday of the month, there is an informal get together of local community workers and groups. They meet in a local pub for a bite to eat and share ideas and exchange the latest news. Also our local volunteers meet on the first Friday of the month. For more information contact the HCAP worker at the Factory Community Centre on 02 9698 9569

In December 2008 community workers will be organising the second Summer in the Green event, to become involved in organising this all day gala event, contact Mike at the Factory

Waterloo NAB have recently been consulting people on the future of their advisory board; in the near future they hope to be setting up Action Groups made up of local workers, Tenants, Residents and Business to work on local priorities. More details will be available shortly through your Precinct Rep.

Meanwhile Redfern NAB is still going strong, for more details in how to get involved contact John Perry at Housing NSW, or the HCAP worker.

## **RWA Human Services**

We understand from those who attended the Human Services Ministerial Advisory Committee that an initial Draft Evaluation of the Human Services Plan Phase 1 was going to the Senior Officers Group (ISOG) in June and should be released in the near future. The Human Services Plan Phase 2 is also close to being released and a forum of service providers is being planned to discuss its implementation. We are unsure at this point what level of community involvement there will be in this process. There has also been an evaluation of the Case Coordination Unit completed. Although the Human Services Team is due to finish at the end of June 08, the RWA and ISOG will continue to monitor and evaluate the implementation of both plans.