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A month of celebrations

September is set to be an exciting festival month in the inner west, with the launch of the inaugural Marrickville Cultural Festival, held from **1-23 September 2007**.

The Cultural Festival officially starts with Marrickville Road Festival on Sunday 9 September and closes with Feastability Food and Wine Festival in Newtown on Sunday 23 September.

The Festival will also feature 12 events funded through Council's Cultural Celebration Grants Program. By linking these community events with Marrickville Road Festival and Feastability, September becomes the month of cultural celebration, making the Marrickville Cultural Festival the premier event in the inner west.

Marrickville Festival is the area's biggest street festival, featuring a fantastic mix of free

entertainment, activities, information stalls and international food. This year more than 50,000 people are expected to come together to celebrate.

Feastability Food and Wine Festival will showcase the delights of Newtown's unique and delicious cuisine with more than 40 stalls, ranging from restaurants and cafes to bakers, confectioners, ice-cream makers, tea and coffee suppliers, plus brewers and wine makers. Whatever foods take your fancy, Feastability will satisfy your tastes.

The Cultural Celebration Grants events represent the cultural and social diversity of the Marrickville area. Events include: Contemporary Art Prize and Exhibition, Marrickville Film Festival; Pacific Calling Partnership CD launch; Transit – a Multicultural Journey Through Contemporary Flute Music; T-mart market; Dance Around the World; Cretan Music Without Borders; Celebrating African Youth; Boarding House Masquerade Ball; queerDOC '07 documentary festival; A Celebration of Tibetan Culture; and Under the Blue Moon Festival.

See pages 8-9 for details of the many exciting events that combine to form the Marrickville Cultural Festival.

Mayor's Message



Welcome to the September issue of *Marrickville Matters*. This year Marrickville Council welcomes Spring with the launch of the inaugural Marrickville Cultural Festival. The Marrickville Cultural Festival will feature a month of celebrations, including the very popular Marrickville Road Festival on Sunday 9 September and ending with Feastability Food and Wine Festival in Newtown on Sunday 23 September.

Marrickville Festival is our major annual event, and once again we expect at least 50,000 people to visit the many stalls and stages along Marrickville Road. Participants will be treated to music from a range of excellent bands, international food, a range of arts, crafts and information stalls, kids' activities and much more.

Council funded 12 events through its Cultural Celebration Grants Program that will also form a key element of the Marrickville Cultural Festival. This exciting month of activities will end with Feastability. This popular annual event will celebrate the various cuisines available in one of Sydney's most popular eat streets.

One of the best aspects to living in this area is that we have such a vibrant, diverse and innovative community. The Marrickville Cultural Festival celebrates that diversity in its many cultural and social forms, so I strongly encourage you to take part in the many wonderful activities happening during our new festival month!

Council has worked hard to achieve its goals in the past financial year. As you will see in our feature on page 4, we have made good progress in implementing a wide range of projects to improve our community. Council plans to build on these successes in the coming financial year.

This year's budget, which was adopted in June, focused on providing basic services and saw an increase in funding for footpath and tree maintenance. Council has an ongoing a program of works to improve the condition of our roads. To recognise this, this edition of *Marrickville Matters* features a column called 'In the Works', which will list the major road and footpaths works planned in our area for the next quarter. The feature will illustrate where we are delivering on our promise to improve basic services.

On Australia Day each year we announce the recipients of the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards. Nominations are now open for these prestigious awards. Many people work tirelessly to make our community better but too often their work goes by unnoticed. If you know of someone worthy of the awards, I urge you to nominate them. For details see the separate story on this page.

Councillor Morris Hanna OAM
Mayor of Marrickville

Remembering our WWI diggers

Marrickville Council welcomed a delegation from the city of Zonnebeke, Belgium, in August, to recognise the historical bond between the two cities forged by the devastating World War I Battle of Passchendaele.

The Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 saw the worst carnage of World War I, with more than 245,000 Australian, New Zealand, British, Canadian and South African troops killed. German casualties were comparable.

To commemorate the battle's 90th anniversary, the Municipality of Zonnebeke, the Belgian Department of Defence and other organisations commissioned the Passchendaele Archives Project – a living memorial featuring biographies, photographs and memorabilia.

Marrickville Council's History Centre was invited to contribute to the project, as research revealed 117 Marrickville residents were killed in the Battle of Passchendaele between 17 July and 15 November 1917, including three brothers, Theo, George and Keith Seabrook, who were killed in action on 20-21 September 1917 at Polygon Wood.

Following Council's contribution to the Passchendaele Archives Project and a request from Zonnebeke's Council to form a relationship with Marrickville, it was resolved that the relationship would be marked with a Recognition of Historical Bond.

A delegation, comprised of the Mayor of Zonnebeke Dirk Cardoen; First Alderman of Zonnebeke Franky Bryon; and Belgian



The Mayor of Zonnebeke Dirk Cardoen and his wife Mrs Carodoen with the Mayor of Marrickville Morris Hanna OAM and his wife Margaret Hanna.

Inset: Morris Hanna OAM and Dirk Cardoen sign the Recognition of Historical Bond.

Ambassador to Australia His Excellency Frank Carruet, visited Marrickville on 2 August to formalise this relationship.

The delegation was taken on a tour of the area and a civic reception and signing of the Recognition of Historical Bond was held at Petersham Town Hall.

Citizen of the year nominations

Australia Day is a chance for the whole community to join and celebrate the diverse ways that we are all Australian. It is also a day to honour those who have made a selfless contribution to the community.

Nominations are now being taken for Marrickville Council's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards, to be announced during Council's Australia Day celebrations at Enmore Park in January 2008.

The awards recognise outstanding contributions from individuals within the Marrickville community. Both awards recognise people who have provided service for the welfare of the general community.

Marrickville's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Award recipients are selected based on set criteria.

The nominee must have contributed significantly to their community in any field.

The contribution will demonstrate an active concern for the rights, welfare and well being and/or the advancement of others.

A person may be considered who has displayed an act of compassion, generosity or bravery.

The nominee should be an inspirational role model for the Marrickville community.

If you know someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty and fulfils these criteria, then nominate them for the prestigious award. Individuals may not nominate themselves and all nominees must be Australian citizens who have lived in the Marrickville local government area for at least 12 months.

Nomination forms are available from Council's Citizen Service Centre or phone **9335 2222**.

Census reveals a new portrait of Marrickville

Marrickville is a community moving away from tradition, according to the 2006 Census, leaving us on average richer, older and less likely to turn to religion.

Preliminary results of the 2006 Census show that the traditional family of a mother, father and kids is changing in Marrickville. While half of Sydney consists of couples with children, only 38% of Marrickville residents can say the same. Marrickville has 9% more child-free couples than the rest of Sydney. Despite the differences, there has been little change in one parent families. Children living without a mother or father only rose by 0.5% over the past five years. Almost 49% have never married, which is 15% higher than the rest of Sydney and up 2.7% since the previous Census.



More Marrickville residents have a mortgage than five years ago...

Marrickville's Census snapshot

- Marrickville has 71,813 residents (36,309 women and 35,504 men) – a 2% decrease since the last Census.
- 35% of residents over 15 are married (but 12% of those have separated or divorced).
- About 55% of residents were born in Australia, which is 5% lower than the Sydney average. The most common overseas birth places were Greece, England, Vietnam and New Zealand.
- Other than English, the main languages spoken are Greek (4,609 residents), Vietnamese (2,945), Arabic (2,064) and Portuguese (1,748).
- More residents are buying property, with a 5.5% increase in the number of residents with mortgages.
- The average monthly mortgage repayment is \$1,950 a month.
- 40% of residents are renters, which is 10% above the Sydney average.
- The average weekly rent is \$250.
- The median family income is around \$1,460 a week, \$110 more than the rest of Sydney.
- 55% of Marrickville residents are of prime working age. It is only 44% for the rest of Sydney.
- 23% of Marrickville households have a low weekly income.

The change in families is also reflected in our social structure. Marrickville's 71,813 residents occupy 28,086 private dwellings at an average of 2.3 persons per household. While families live in 59% of these residences, more than 11,000 of these dwellings belong to Marrickville residents who live alone or share with others. The fastest growing household type since 2001 was for those who live alone, which now accounts for 31% of Marrickville's households.

Living alone is now an option for many people in Marrickville because we are richer than ever before. The average individual income in Marrickville in 2006 was \$595 a week, which was \$77 more than the Sydney average. It is also 15% more than what was being earned in 2001.

The average Marrickville resident is less prepared to follow an organised religion than ever

before. From 2001 to 2006, more than 17,000 residents chose to follow no religion or leave a previously established religion.

Catholicism remains the dominant religion in the area (26%), but this is down 1.4% since the 2001 Census. While those identifying as Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Buddhist dropped slightly, those identifying with other religions dropped by 20% in the past five years.

The Census is conducted every five years to provide an in-depth look at the key characteristics of the community. The information is used by communities, private institutions and governments to help plan future services and facilities and to better understand the population of Australia. It is an important tool in helping Marrickville Council deliver programs and initiatives to suit its community.

Reconciliation garden grows

Tillman Park Children's Centre celebrated National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day on Friday 3 August by 'renaming and reclaiming' its reconciliation garden in Tillman Park, Tempe.

The ceremony was marked with tree planting and an afternoon tea attended by children, parents and the community. Renaming the garden 'Gumbramorra Creek Reconciliation Garden' was a symbolic way to reclaim the place and its history. The event will be held annually, for the community to come together and reflect on reconciliation issues.

The theme of this year's National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was 'Raise children strong in culture: pathways to healing and revival.' The garden is a way

to instill strong cultural values and promote healing within the community.

The garden started on Sorry Day in May 2006. A five-year plan will see it expand with plantings on Sorry Days, during NAIDOC Week and on National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day each year.

The plants symbolise growth and regeneration, and each year the garden will become more significant. It is also a valuable teaching tool for children to learn more about the environment.



A smoking ceremony was held to celebrate the renaming.

Your Council at work

Achievements 2006/07

Council made substantial progress in the past year implementing the wide range of projects identified in the 2006/07 Management Plan.

These projects have helped contribute to the long term vision for the area as outlined in the Marrickville Community Plan 2025, including: community wellbeing and inclusiveness; a creative, learning and diverse Marrickville; beautifying and caring for our environment; guided development and sustainable transport; and an innovative and efficient Council. The Community Survey of 600 residents showed a significant increase in community satisfaction with Council's overall performance in 2006/07.

The following are some of the significant achievements of the past financial year:

Community Wellbeing and Inclusiveness

- completed renovations at Tom Foster Community Care, resulting in a high standard of access and amenity
- implemented a successful 2007 program of social issue events including Youth Week, Seniors Week, NAIDOC Week, Anti-Poverty Week and Refugee Week
- completed quality assurance accreditation for Family Day Care, May Murray, Enmore and Cavendish Street Children's Centres
- reached an overall utilisation rate of 97% for all early childhood services and an additional 4289 enrolments at Out of School Hours Care centres
- expanded the highly popular Magic Yellow Bus service, attracting more than 1000 children and 800 adults each month
- installed a disability water lift at the Fanny Durack Pool

A Creative, Learning and Diverse Marrickville

- hosted more than 40 artists in the Chrissie Cotter Gallery and more than 20 artists in the Artist Residency
- published four editions of *Marrickville Matters*
- implemented a successful program of major community events which were well attended by the local community
- delivered a program of history events, including History Week 2006, Heritage Festival 2007 and Back to Marrickville Road
- Council's Library Service introduced a new online tutoring service, and increased book loans to the community in 2006/07 by 5%

Council held a series of eight cultural community events, including an event for the African community.



Beautifying and Caring for our Environment

- improved inspection and maintenance practices for sporting facilities, improved mowing efficiency, and increased BBQ cleaning in local parks
- completed initial mapping of vegetation along the Cooks River foreshores
- implemented maintenance and upgrading of Council's car parking areas including works in the Frampton Street, Administration Centre, Seaview Street South, Richardson Crescent, Lennox Street, Edgeware Road, Loftus Street and Calvert Street car parks
- implemented plastic bag reduction campaign BagBusters, which approached 184 retailers and involved 4620 shoppers. Approximately 200 volunteer hours were contributed
- completed the capital works program for roads, lanes and footpaths

Guided Development and Sustainable Transport

- adopted the Marrickville Urban Strategy in April 2007
- completed Traffic Management improvement works in Moncur Street, Marrickville Road, Kintore Street and Albermarle Street
- appointed an Affordable Housing Strategic Projects Officer
- completed the approved Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan works program
- implemented a program of road safety activities including a Road Safety Action Plan 2007-2008, a Walk to Work day event, a Senior Pedestrian Safety Project, a Fleetsafe Driver Safety Induction Package, and workshops for parents of learner drivers



Council's BagBusters program has helped reduce the use of plastic bags and has been awarded for its initiative.

An Innovative and Efficient Council

- managed Council's finances prudently to budget and met all key financial performance targets
- conducted public consultations and open forums and developed the Annual Management Plan and Budget 2007-2010
- conducted 15 citizenship ceremonies
- 80% of calls to Council's Citizen Service Centre answered within two minutes
- produced and distributed to the community the Marrickville Council Annual Review 2005/06
- conducted a comprehensive staff survey and responded to matters raised in the survey to keep Council a preferred workplace, and conducted reviews of services to improve operational efficiencies
- installed wireless links between the Administration Centre, Library and Depot, minimising disruption to the network and outages
- upgraded Council's website to allow citizens to register and make payments for parking permits and rates
- increased community use of Council's website - 916,236 hits or 232,765 visits in 2006/07

What's to come in Marrickville...

An update on Council's major projects...

Performance Snapshot

- 79% of the community were satisfied with the overall performance of Council (a significant increase on the previous year)
- 50,312 meals delivered to Meals on Wheels clients and at Tom Foster Community Care
- 90% community satisfaction with Council's waste & recycling services
- 16,017 tonnes of non-recyclable waste collected ; 8,791 tonnes of recyclable waste collected; 2,617 tonnes of recyclable green waste collected
- 4,509 volunteer hours were worked in the Environmental Volunteer program
- 12,194 plants were propagated to support the Marrickville Community Nursery
- 573,832 library books loaned
- 1931 litres of oil were collected and recycled through the oil trailer collection service
- 816 participants attended 68 workshops at The Watershed
- 84,618 visits to the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre (Enmore); 28,966 visits to the Fanny Durack Pool (Petersham)
- 7 km of roads and lanes resurfaced; 3.4 km of footpaths upgraded; 65 new curb ramps constructed, and 15 street lights upgraded

Working for our community

Council has received a number of awards in recognition of projects undertaken for the benefit of the community

- 2006 Employer of Choice Public Sector in the Australian HR Awards
- 2006 Gold Award for Management Excellence for the Marrickville Community Plan 2025
- 2006 Local Government Cultural Awards for the Marrickville International Artist Exchange & Local and National Artist Residency Programs
- 2006 NSW Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards for RiverLife Interpretive Tour program
- 2006 Keep Australia Beautiful Plastic Bag Reduction Award
- 2006 NSW Council's Sustainable Water Challenge for the Illawarra Road Sustainable Water Working Group

Waterplay Park progresses

Marrickville Council resolved at its June meeting to further investigate two site locations for a new waterplay park at Steel Park, Marrickville South.

Consultants have been asked to prepare preliminary concept designs for the proposed waterplay park adjacent to the Debbie and Abbie Borgia Centre and at the foreshore of the Cooks River.

Council requested that two detailed options be investigated to ensure that the right location is finally chosen for the facility.

Details of the design have yet to be finalised, but feedback from community surveys has indicated that residents want water playground features, splash decks, interactive fountains and sprinklers to be included in the design.

Community consultation will also be held later in the year to help Council choose a preferred site option.

Marrickville Council hopes to start the development application later this year, with construction to start in 2008.

Library/Civic Centre

An updated financial feasibility study is being conducted on Council's proposed redevelopment of the former Marrickville Hospital site for a new Library/Civic Centre.

The updated feasibility study will examine whether the redevelopment is technically feasible within its budget.

The updated study was required because of changes in the residential property market since the site was chosen for redevelopment in February 2006. In addition, there have been changes in certain assumptions relating to the development of the site as a result of a Development Control Plan (DCP).

The findings of the study will be presented to Council for discussion shortly.

SES to stay?

Council consulted with the community surrounding the current State Emergency Services (SES) facility at Livingstone Road, Marrickville, about a proposal to re-locate the boundary between the rear of the existing building and the adjoining Ness Park, in order to create a suitable parcel of land for Council to sell, and to provide a funding source for the re-location of the SES facilities.

The community expressed concerns about the uncertainties of the redevelopment of the SES site, and any loss of the current open, grassed space behind the SES building.

In response to these concerns, Council officers have consulted with SES representatives on the possibility of modifying their existing building to retain the service on site, whilst still retaining the same amount of open space at the rear.

The results of these investigations will be reported back to Councillors at a Major Projects Steering Committee in early September.

Once Council has determined a preferred course of action, further consultation with the local community will occur.



Keeping Council services affordable

Local residents can now access a wider range of concessions on Council fees and services to help avoid hardship and ensure Marrickville is a place for all citizens.

From 1 July 2007, people with pensioner concession and Commonwealth Health Care cards are eligible for concessions on:

- swimming pool entry, learn to swim and aqua-aerobics classes;
- replacement garbage bins;
- resident parking permits;
- certain development and building fees;
- certain information requests involving the reproduction of records;
- plants at the community nursery;
- use of library fax facilities; and
- arts, sports and recreation programs at the Debbie and Abbie Borgia Centre.

These concessions were established in the Annual Management Plan and Budget 2007/2008. The Annual Management Plan and Budget 2007/2008 was compiled following extensive community consultation and is designed to meet Council's goals of being value-for-money in serving the community, building community prosperity and social capital, and involving the community.

For more information, please contact Council Citizens' Service Centre on **9335 2222**.

Best gardens wanted

Many local residents have created their own private oasis in the city by planting beautiful gardens. Each year Marrickville Council's Spring Garden Competition celebrates these efforts.

Citizens with a green thumb are encouraged submit their entry before 14 September. Judging will start on 17 September.

The competition has three main categories – Residential Properties, Commercial Premises (including light industrial, restaurant, pubs or shops), and School or Childcare Gardens.

The Residential category has several sections, including:

- Small garden (under 20m²)
- Medium garden (20-50m²)
- Large garden (over 50m²)
- Front garden
- Home unit garden
- Courtyard garden
- Edible garden
- Native garden



This Tempe garden won the Large Garden category in 2006.

All entrants will be entered into a 'water efficient garden' category, where judges will look for water saving measures in garden designs.

Gardens are judged on design, layout, plant selection, plant health, and maintenance.

All entrants will receive a free pair of gardening gloves and a voucher for free plants from the Marrickville Community Nursery.

Entry forms available at www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au, or contact Council's Citizens' Service Centre on 9335 2222.

Free plants to celebrate extended opening hours

Marrickville Community Nursery will now open on Sundays and to celebrate the extended trading, Marrickville Council is giving every reader the opportunity to improve their gardens and help sustain the environment.

Marrickville Community Nursery is open on **Wednesdays from 10am-12pm.** and **Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-1pm.** at 142 Addison Road, Marrickville.

Simply cut out the voucher below and visit Marrickville Community Nursery's new opening hours launch party on Sunday 30 September from 10am-1pm. Enjoy the free sausage sizzle, and the Nursery will then exchange your voucher for three free native plants. You can even grab free mulch to help conserve water and suppress weeds in your garden.

The Nursery has had several upgrades recently, including improvements to the irrigation system and the installation of two 10,000 litre rainwater tanks. Every time it rains, 100 litres of water per millimetre of rain from the neighbouring square roof is collected to water the Nursery's seedlings. The new sprinkler system also now has a rain sensor, which helps to conserve water.

The Nursery has also undergone a face lift, with the installation of a new retaining wall, new mulch bays and a paved path at the entrance.



3 FREE native plants!

When you present this voucher at Marrickville Community Nursery

Where: Addison Rd Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville NSW 2204.

When: Wednesdays 10am - 12noon
Saturdays 10am - 1pm
and now Sunday 10am - 1pm (from 30 September 2007)

Contacts: Nursery Coordinator Ph: 0412 435 948
Environmental Education Officer Ph: 9335 2197

To celebrate our new Sunday opening hours and recent upgrades to the grounds and operations at the Marrickville Community Nursery, Marrickville Council is pleased to offer this voucher for 3 FREE native plants. Bring this voucher and join in the celebration for the first day of Sunday opening on Sunday 30 September 2007 from 10am - 1pm.

This is an initiative of Marrickville Council Local Action 21 Strategy meeting Biodiversity and Community education and participation goals.

www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au

Valid until 30 November 2007



3 FREE native plants!
Marrickville Community Nursery
Addison Road Centre, 142 Addison Rd., Marrickville, NSW, 2204

Valid until 30 November 2007

Dumping is dumb!

Marrickville Council has launched a new anti-dumping campaign in a bid to reduce illegal dumping in the area.

A \$50,000 grant has been received by Marrickville, Ashfield and Leichhardt councils to introduce the Department of Environment and Climate Change's new *Dumping, It's dumb* campaign, through a series of awareness and education initiatives. The grant will also be used for a campaign aimed at residents of multi-unit dwellings.

The *Dumping, It's dumb* campaign will soon be seen on buses and in brochures and posters across the community.

Illegal dumping in the Marrickville area costs ratepayers \$1 million per year. Much illegal dumping comes from the high turnover of tenants in units, who set up home

then move out within six months, leaving unwanted furniture or junk in the front of their unit block.

Many fines have already been issued to highlight the severe consequences for illegal dumping, including a recent offence which resulted in a \$3000 fine for illegally dumping rubbish in a laneway.

In addition to the campaign, Marrickville Council has an undercover surveillance project to assist investigations. The cameras have been randomly placed in problematic areas to help decrease the amount of waste that is illegally dumped.

Residents are encouraged to use Council's free cleanup service, available to every household within the local government area all year round. Simply call **9335 2137** or visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au.



Chemical CleanOut

Marrickville Council residents have helped protect their homes and the environment by disposing of 15 tonnes of unwanted household chemicals during a recent Chemical CleanOut Day.

The bi-annual event was held at Council's St Peters Depot, with more than 400 cars visiting to dispose of unwanted household chemicals correctly.

The top five materials dropped off during the collection included:

- 10,000 kilos of leftover paint
- 1100 kilos of used oil
- 800 kilos of batteries
- 680 kilos of hydrocarbons and fuels and
- 340 kilograms of gas cylinders.

Thank you to all who participated.

Due to the success of this event, Marrickville Council will hold another Chemical CleanOut day in November. Please arrive between the times specified, and do not leave chemicals outside the gate.

Next Chemical CleanOut Day...

Saturday 17 November 9am-3.30pm

Marrickville
Works Depot,
15-17 Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters



Marrickville Council is committed to improving and maintaining the condition of our roads and footpaths through a program of scheduled upgrades. Planned upgrading works in area for the next quarter include*:

Roads

Phillip Street, Enmore
Charles Street, Enmore
Dulwich Street, Dulwich Hill
London Street, Enmore
Barden Street, Tempe
Lewisham Street, Dulwich Hill

Lanes

Marshall Lane
Lands Lane
Harrow Lane

Footpaths

Metropolitan Road, Enmore
Fort Street, Petersham
Myra road, Dulwich Hill
Victoria Road, Dulwich Hill

* Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Green waste bins – DO'S & DON'TS

Spring is in the air, and with many residents taking advantage of Council's offer of a free green waste bin, it is timely to consider what should and should not go into your green waste bins.

The green waste collection service provides a more convenient way for residents to reduce waste and recycle more. It is very important that only the right items are placed into the green waste bins. Only grass clippings, leaves, small branches and flowers should be placed into the green waste bin.

Items that are not to be thrown in the green waste bin include plastic bags, plant pots, household rubbish, food scraps, building materials, tree stumps, plastic and glass.

For more information, please contact Council on **9335 2222**.

MARRICKVILLE ROAD festival

Marrickville Road
Sunday 9 September
11am-5pm

Marrickville Road Festival's mix of live music, international food, showcases, activities and information stalls have made this incredible street festival one of the highlights of the inner west's social calendar.

Come and join the crowd of 50,000 expected to attend this year, as three music stages play host to leading Australian musicians, dancers and performers from Marrickville's vibrant multicultural community.

Deborah Conway heads packed music line-up

Headlining the music line-up is internationally acclaimed Australian artist **Deborah Conway** performing with **Willy Zygiar** on the World Stage. Also performing on the World Stage will be alternative country performer **Sara Tindley** and Chilean master-musicians **Martinez**, whose music transcends cultural boundaries. Performing with the soulful **Darryl Beaton**, the family Martinez will explore Latin, gospel, reggae, hip hop, jazz and soul beats.



The Urban Stage will feature the ethereal electronic sounds of the **Seabellies**, explosive indie-four piece band **Dardanelles** and **Unkle Ho** (The Herd) a Taiwanese/Chinese immigrant with a penchant for Gypsy tunes and who still calls Marrickville home. Joining this eclectic line up will be the well crafted melodies and psychedelic live show by **Belles Will Ring**.

Kids' entertainment

There will be plenty to keep the kids amused, with a stage featuring a range of children's performers, puppeteers, a Taronga Zoo show, drum beats kids' workshop, kids theatre and more.

And, of course, the food

Marrickville Road will be lined with stalls offering delicious food from around the world, arts and crafts, merchandise and community information.

Marrickville Council will also feature a variety of stalls on the day, providing free advice, information and lots of great activities, prizes and give-aways.

A moveable feast

Feastability, Newtown's Food and Wine Festival showcases the international cuisines of the Newtown precinct along with Australian wine, local pubs and brewers, bakers and confectioners.

The Festival started in the mid 1990s as six stalls but has grown into a major event, with more than 40 stalls and featuring musicians, performers and kids' activities.

This year's event brings together Newtown's best cuisine: from modern Australian, organic food, African, Vietnamese or Spanish tapas to coffee, ice cream and fresh bread – there is something to satisfy everyone's taste.

Why not try some fufu (cassava, yam or plantain), a popular West African dish, at Hudu Al Hassan's African Feeling Café stall?

Be sure to try a drop of the local Cooks Lot wine. You don't expect a winemaker to be located in Enmore but Duncan Cook is a local wine label using grapes grown at the renowned wine region of Mudgee.

The exciting entertainment program will be as eclectic and international as the cuisine. The line-up includes the Jesse Morris Band, a new act of talented Newtown locals; Ethiopian Dereb Deselegn and his five piece band, who will have you dancing to vibrant



Feastability

Newtown High School
of Performing Arts

King Street South
Sunday 23 September
11am-5pm

African rhythms; the Blues Preachers, a traditional delta blues duo playing slide guitars, a resonator and a harmonica; and Hoop Empire's energetic and interactive hooping performance.

Buy a souvenir glass for \$2 and use it for tastings throughout the day. Wine is available by the glass for \$4 or \$5 per refill.

Feastability is presented by Newtown South Main Street.

Tibetan celebration



While you're at the delicious Feastability in Newtown on Sunday 23 September, be sure to visit the nearby Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for a Celebration of Tibetan Culture from 1-5pm.

Find out the difference between a Lama and a llama, learn about monks, momos, music and mantras in this rich display of Tibetan culture. The event will feature traditional singers and musicians, Tibetan kids games, delicious Tibetan food and chai.

A highlight will be a talk by revered Tibetan Buddhist teacher Dzungyud Tulku Rinpoche.

For more information phone **9745 1888** or email info@sakya.org.au.



Under the Blue Moon



Under the Blue Moon Festival is Australia's only Goth and dark alternative arts festival. It includes street performance, live music, discount showbag shopping, funeral parlour talks and tours, and much more.

Activities culminate in a grand procession up Enmore Road to the Factory Theatre, Marrickville, for the all ages live music event Dying to Play. @ Newtown RSL will also host a free over 18s event.

For more information visit www.underthebluemoon.org.au



Contemporary art prize

Celebrate the diversity and excellence of contemporary artists living and working in the area at the Marrickville Contemporary Art Prize, to be held at At The Vanishing Point, Newtown, and Don't Look Gallery, Dulwich Hill, from 6-23 September.

The award presentation and official launch will be held on Thursday 13 September At The Vanishing Point Gallery from 6-9pm and at the Don't Look Gallery on Friday 14 September from 6-9pm.

For more information phone **9519 2340** or email atthevanishingpoint@hotmail.com



Boarding House Masquerade Ball

Join Marrickville's boarding house residents in a fabulously frocked up frolic of dance and song at the Boarding House Masquerade Ball at Petersham Bowling Club from 5-10pm on Friday 14 September.

Everyone is invited to put on their glad rags and let boarding house residents show you how to have a good time.

Marrickville is home to many boarding houses residents, who live well below the poverty line. The Boarding House Project helps these residents join the social and recreational life of the broader community.

For more information phone the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on **9516 4755** or email bhp@newtowncentre.org



Feeling SHIRTY?

SHIRTY is an indoor market experience that fuses fashion with art, culture and music, where visitors can purchase one-off t-shirts at affordable prices.

SHIRTY will showcase the designs of 35 up-and-coming designers. The event will feature live music and drinks (see right).

events



Under the Blue Moon

Friday 1 September
Enmore Road, Enmore

queerDOC '07

3-23 September
Dendy Cinema, Newtown

Marrickville Contemporary Art Prize 2007

6-23 September
• The Vanishing Point Gallery, 565 King Street Newtown
• Don't Look Gallery, 419 New Canterbury Road Dulwich Hill

Marrickville Road Festival

Sunday 9 September, 11am-5pm
Marrickville Road, Marrickville

Marrickville Film Festival

14-15 September
Addison Rd Centre, 142 Addison Rd Marrickville

Celebrating African Youth

Friday 14 September, 4pm-7pm
Marrickville Youth Resource Centre

Boarding House Masquerade Ball

Friday 14 September, 5-10pm
Petersham Bowling Club

SHIRTY t-shirt market

Saturday 15 September, 12pm-12am
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Newtown Square, King Street

Theatre & Literary Tour of Newtown & Enmore

Saturday 15 September 10.30am-12.30pm
Depart Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Newtown Square, King Street, Newtown

Pacific Calling Partnership CD launch

Sunday 23 September, 6pm
Sol Function Centre, Marrickville

Cretan Music Without Borders

Sunday 16 September, 6pm
Cyprus Community Club, Stanmore

Bus Tour of the Literary & Theatre sites of the Marrickville Area

Wednesday 19 September 10am-12.30pm
Depart Petersham Town Hall, Crystal Street, Petersham

TRANSIT - Many cultures, One Flute

Thursday 20 September 7.30 pm
Hellenic Art Theatre, Greek Cultural Association, Hut 36 Addison Road Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville

Launch of Historical Literary Guide

Friday 21 September 11am-12.30pm
Stanmore Library, Douglas Street, Stanmore

Dance around the world

Saturday 22 September 12pm-5.30pm
Marrickville West Primary School
(Cnr Beauchamp Street and Livingstone Road)

Feastability Food and Wine Festival

Sunday 23 September 11am-5pm
Newtown High School of Performing Arts, King Street, Newtown

Celebration of Tibetan Culture

Sunday 23 September, 1pm-5pm
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Newtown Square, King Street, Newtown

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Celebrating the past

Marrickville's community is built on a rich and vibrant history that has helped shape our cultural life.

In recognition of this, Marrickville Council will celebrate History Week from 15–23 September with the theme *Find Your Place in History*.

The community is invited to explore their own history and celebrate the many legacies from the past that are scattered across the present.

History Week was initiated by the History Council of NSW to showcase the State's diverse history. It celebrates both community and professional history and is designed to inspire and educate.

Marrickville's local history celebrations will be organised by Council's History Program, with literary and theatre events.



The original Enmore Theatre as featured in the 1922 Diamond Jubilee publication celebrating Newtown Municipality.

History Week activities

Theatre and Literary Tour

Saturday 15 September
10.30am–12.30pm
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Celebrate History Week with the Newtown Main Street program on a tour that takes in past and present sites relating to Newtown and Enmore's theatre and literary history. A highlight of the tour will be a visit to the iconic Enmore Theatre.

Literary Bus Tour of Marrickville

Wednesday 19 September
10am–12.30pm
Petersham Town Hall

This tour follows a literary trail around the area to discover hidden plaques, murals and tombstones connected with prolific writers such as Henry Lawson, Louisa Lawson, Charles Dickens, Mark Twain and many others. Discover which famous Australian poet once taught at Stanmore Public School!

Historical Literary Guide Launch

Friday 21 September
11am–12.30pm
Stanmore Library

In partnership with Marrickville Library Service, the launch of the Historical Literary Guide will be accompanied by a photographic exhibition and a talk on the many authors connected to the area through their writings or residence. This is an event for all lovers of books and their legacy to society.

For more information on History Week activities, contact Council on **9335 2222**.

HISTORY OF OUR PARKS

Have you ever wondered as you stroll through one of Marrickville's many beautiful parks, where its name came from? *Marrickville Matters* retraces the history of our parks in the first part of an occasional series...

Richardson's Lookout, Marrickville South

Before Richardson's Lookout, there was only *The Warren*, a remarkable castle-like structure owned by Thomas Holt. The surrounding estate was filled with rabbits for sport, alpacas and other exotic animals, and Holt used the hunting grounds to entertain royalty and other guests.

When he returned to London in 1886 (to help the Salvation Army and Dr Barnardo), he left his estate to Carmelite nuns. In World War I, *The Warren* was modified by the government into housing for returned soldiers.

After the war, *The Warren* was demolished, and the site left abandoned until a Marrickville alderman named Warren Cook Richardson led a campaign to revitalise the park. It was renamed in his honour in 1936 and all that is left of *The Warren* are two pillars taken from the demolished house (pictured).



Montague Gardens, Stanmore

Montague Gardens was established in 1979, but was originally a house called *Woerden*, built in the 1870s by William H. Paling, complete with separate servants' quarters and stables. It was named *Woerden* after William's birthplace in the Netherlands.

In the 1950s the house was sold to the Darrell Lea family (Australian chocolate manufacturers) and the historic mansion was renamed, possibly after Darrell Lea's eldest brother Montague. They converted the building in the late 1960s into a boarding house that eventually ended up in the hands of Adult Deaf Society of NSW.

The house was demolished in 1979 and the park adopted the name.

*Sourced from *Marrickville: People and Places*, by Meader, Cashman, Carolan.

Sharing our environment

Love them or loathe them, the Australian white ibis has become a familiar feature around Marrickville, especially during the July-January breeding season.

Council is aware that local ibis colonies can cause disturbance to some residents either by noise, pollution from faeces, or by scavenging food from bins.

Despite some calls for the removal or eradication of the birds, the Australian white ibis is a protected native species. Culling would not solve any perceived problems with the local colonies as other ibises would quickly migrate to use the space.

According to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), these native birds have been in Marrickville in increasing numbers since 2003 because the extended drought in inland NSW has drawn more ibises to Sydney. The Macquarie Marshes and Gwydir Wetlands in central NSW have been dry for several years. This puts enormous pressure on birds that normally breed there. Most waterbirds are capable of travelling vast distances and in 2003 a record number of ibis migrated to the NSW coast in search of suitable habitats.



The drought in inland NSW has drawn more ibis to Marrickville.

Ibis like to nest in phoenix palms or near water, which Marrickville has in good supply. Artificial food sources are readily available for the birds, including intentional feeding by people. They also have few predators in urban areas.

The suppression of other urban breeding opportunities in Sydney, such as the Royal Botanical Gardens and Centennial Parklands may have also contributed to the increase in the number of ibis in Marrickville.

Council is currently working with NPWS to find a long term and sustainable approach to address the impact of ibis on residents where possible.

A sustainable advantage

Marrickville Council would like to congratulate the seven local organisations participating in the Sustainability Advantage program.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change program, facilitated by Marrickville Council, helps organisations to improve resource efficiency, understand their responsibility to their environment and set a clear vision of sustainability for the future.

The seven organisations participating in the program are:

- Choice Magazine, Marrickville
- Fresh and Clean Uniform Services, Marrickville
- Lo-Chlor Chemicals, Marrickville
- Metropolitan Demolitions Group, St Peters
- Petersham RSL and @ Newtown RSL, Petersham and Enmore
- Paesanella Cheese, Marrickville and
- Shaw of Australia, Marrickville

Each will undergo a diagnostic assessment to evaluate the organisation's environmental sustainability. Based on this assessment, specialists will be sourced and action plans developed to improve the organisation's sustainability.

Marrickville Council was the first local government organisation to complete a diagnostic assessment as part of the Sustainability Advantage program. Council's excellent work in sustainability was recognised and an action plan is in development to take the next steps towards making Council even more sustainable.

Bandicoots are back!

If you find small conical shaped holes in your garden, you may have been visited by a bandicoot!

After an absence from the area of about 50 years, the cute long nosed bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*) has been confirmed to be living around the freight rail corridor in the Dulwich Hill area.

The return of the rare mammal was confirmed by a fauna survey undertaken by the Australian Museum Business Services this year.

Bandicoots are small, nocturnal marsupials that are usually dark brown/grey with light coloured feet and have a long nose. Bandicoots are omnivores that feed on insects, plant shoots and leaves. They use thickets of vegetation as shelter and nesting sites.

The fauna survey revealed that the bandicoots are using the railway line as a corridor to reach parkland and gardens when searching for food.

Tragically, this new colony has already been threatened, with reports of bandicoots being killed by dogs or on roads.

Do your bit for bandicoot protection

- Report any sightings to Council's Environment Officer on **9335 2061**.
- If you live near the rail corridor please keep your pets in at night.
- Ensure dogs are kept on-leash where required in our parks.
- Plant dense native shrubs in your garden to provide cover for the bandicoots.

Council is collecting information on the colony and will work with the community, Rail Corp and other landholders to ensure the long term survival of the bandicoots.

Council has applied for funding for further research to determine the range of the bandicoots and the size of the population, so that the colony can be protected.

Bike to the beach



Steel Park Saturday 22 September 10am-1.30pm

To launch NSW Bike Week 2007, Marrickville Council will host a family fun ride along the Cooks River.

Starting and finishing at Steel Park, Marrickville South, the bike ride will explore the scenic Cooks River off-road cycleway to Brighton Beach. This easy ride will take approximately one hour and will be led by the local bike group MASSBUG.

For families with young children, there will be a shorter ride to Tempe Reserve and a stopover to use the playground. Returning to Steel Park the kids will be entertained with interactive activities while waiting for more experienced riders to return from Brighton Beach.

The day will also feature a lesson on riding techniques, safety rules and maintenance by 2005 World Masters Games Gold Medallist Tanya Bosch. Complete the cycling quiz at the end of the chat, and you could be the lucky winner of a new bike and helmet!

A free lunch will be provided for those who ride on the day. To register, all riders will need to bring their own bikes in good, road-worthy condition, a helmet, a water bottle and sunscreen. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking is essential.

To register contact Council on **9335 2222** or visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au

Funding a sustainable future

Five community-based environmental projects that make a positive contribution to sustainability in the Marrickville area have been awarded Council's 2007 Citizen for Sustainability Grants.

The Grants Program encourages the local community to work together to achieve measurable improvements in waste reduction, efficient water and energy use and to protect biodiversity.

Combined funding of \$10,000 was recently presented to five projects, including:

Marrickville West Community Garden Sustainability and Self-sufficiency Project

This grant is the continuation of a project funded last year to establish the Marrickville West Community Garden. Having been successfully established, the community garden now seeks to improve sustainability and self-sufficiency by purchasing and installing a rainwater tank to collect rainwater, a 400 litre compost bin and a shed for the storage of tools.

Bower Eco Library

The Eco Library is an initiative of the Bower Reuse and Repair Centre, which will establish a community-accessible reading library on eco-design, environmental issues, responsible design and DIY. The library will be in the Bower building at Addison Road Community Centre.

Addison Road Centre Community Garden

The Community Garden aims to improve access and safety by making it more sustainable through crop rotation, companion planting and integrated pest management. Equipment and facilities for green waste recycling will be upgraded to preserve and maintain the trees at the centre.

Bags On

Alfalfa House, Bower Reuse and Repair Centre and Reverse Garbage will work together to produce and give away 1000 cotton bags. Each bag will include information about the three non-profit community co-ops and information about waste reduction through recycling and reuse.

Braddock Playground Renewal and Beautification

This project aims to beautify Braddock Playground in Marrickville and encourage stewardship and community participation in the project. A portion of Braddock Playground and the nature strip at the Meeks St will be transformed into a flourishing grove of native plants.



The local community has worked to establish the Marrickville West Community Garden.

Focus on affordable housing

One thing that every citizen of the Marrickville area has in common is the need to keep a roof over our heads, but for some people that can be a struggle.

The severe shortage of affordable housing in NSW will have long-term effects on economic development and social inclusion and is an important issue for Marrickville.

Marrickville Council is committed to addressing this issue and has appointed an Affordable Housing Officer. A strategy will be developed by this officer to explore and improve housing affordability for residents of the Marrickville area, and increase community wellbeing.

The strategy will identify community needs and explore planning initiatives to keep and promote affordable housing. It will also look at possible partnerships with other levels of government, the private sector and not-for-profit housing and community service organisations.

For more information contact Council on **9335 2222**.

Mural welcomes refugees

A vibrant mural was launched on Railways Bridge, Illawarra Road, Marrickville, as part of Council's Refugee Week celebrations in June.

The mural – *Different Pasts-Shared Future* – was painted by Matthew Peete of Peetersham Creative Services (pictured with the mural) and it celebrates the contribution of refugees to the Marrickville community. The artwork is a public reflection of the welcome and new beginning Marrickville offers to those who have had to flee their homes and countries.

Council also held a very successful All Nations Indoor Soccer Competition during Refugee Week. Soccer teams from across the inner west reflected the area's cultural diversity.



A helping hand

The June floods and gale-force winds in Newcastle left a devastating toll on its residents, with debris, abandoned cars, and uprooted trees cluttering the streets. Luckily, Marrickville Council and several other city councils were on hand to help Newcastle clean up.

Marrickville Council responded to a call for assistance from Newcastle Council by sending a five-man crew for a week to assist with removing rubbish generated by the floods.

Although the crew battled further bad weather on arrival, they removed 26 tonnes of material in their first two days. As a comparison, Council

clean-up trucks usually remove between four and five tonnes per day. The team reported that the amount of waste material and fallen trees needing to be removed was 'mind blowing'.

One street as long as Marrickville Road accounted for more than 15 tonnes of this total.

It's beginning to feel like Christmas

Dulwich Hill will become a Christmas wonderland later this year when senior arts and design students from Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design create their own stencils to decorate shop windows.

The designs will range from traditional to contemporary and will work together to create a festival Christmas feel for the village.

The program is a new initiative from Marrickville Council and the Dulwich Hill Main Street program in cooperation with students and local businesses.

The Dulwich Hill Main Street Committee will provide funds for all special paints necessary for the work, and Marrickville Council's Legal Street Art program has also contributed stencilling materials and staff supervision of all on-site work.

Students will carry out work on the windows of participating businesses in late November 2007.

People's poet in Petersham

It is not every day that Marrickville welcomes a famous international poet into our community.

Ahmad Faraz, who is visiting Sydney as keynote speaker at Australia's Urdu Conference in October, will stay in Marrickville Council's artist residency in Petersham.

Mr Faraz is described as a 'living legend' of Urdu poetry and literature and has spent many years in self-imposed exile opposing military dictatorships and promoting peace through his writing. His poetry has been embraced by the people of south Asia and he is often referred to as the people's poet.

Urdu is a combination of Hindi, Persian, Arabic, Turkish and Sanskrit. Now living in Pakistan, Mr Faraz has taken this ancient, oral tradition and made it highly accessible.

Mr Faraz will appear at a major recital in Sydney and at events in Melbourne and Canberra for Australia's 13th International Urdu Poetry Festival in October and November this year.

The Urdu Society of Australia is a voluntary organisation and has coordinated poetry recitals in Sydney since 1995 that attract audiences and poetry enthusiasts from south Asian communities.

For more information contact the Urdu Society of Australia on **0449 072 548**.



Around the community

Does it really get recycled?

Ever wondered what happens to your recycling rubbish once it leaves your home? Marrickville Council will host a recycling tour of the Visy Material Recovery Facility in November 2007.

To register your interest, please contact Council on **9335 2131**.

Donate blood

One in three people will need a blood donation in their life but only one in 30 people regularly donate blood. The Australian Red Cross needs 21,000 blood donations each week to meet the demands of hospitals across Australia.

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service will visit Petersham Town Hall on Thursday 27 September from 9am–4.15pm.

Marrickville Council encourages citizens to donate blood for this worthy cause. No appointment is necessary and new donors are welcome. Donors should ensure they consume three glasses of water and eat a meal in the hours before donating blood.

For more information call the donation hotline on **131 495** or visit www.donateblood.com.au.



Anti Poverty Week

Anti Poverty Week is an United Nations-recognised event that aims to increase public awareness of and community interest in tackling poverty in Australia and overseas.

Anti Poverty Week 2007 will be held from 14 -20 October. Marrickville Council will hold several activities during the week, including a major forum on Climate Change and the impacts of low income and disadvantaged people and communities, a photographic exhibition at Petersham Town Hall and fundraising activities for local organisations working with people who experience poverty and disadvantage.

For more information on Anti Poverty Week events, contact Council on **9335 2222**.

Sydney Underground Film Festival

Enmore's entertainment venue, the Factory Theatre, will host the first annual Sydney Underground Film Festival from 7–10 September.

The festival will showcase artistic shorts and features from Australia and around the world.

The aim of the festival is to renew local interest in independent and alternative films and to provide a platform for exhibition, exposure and critical discussion, however controversial or challenging the content.

Underground filmmaker pioneer Albie Thoms will open the festival and Paul Winkler will premiere his new film *Pop Kitsch*. Special music guests will also take part in the event.

For more information, visit www.sydneyundergroundfilmfestival.com.

Business breakfasts

Local business owners and operators can benefit from a smorgasbord of specialist speakers through Newtown Main Street's Business Breakfast and Workshop Program.

The next business breakfast, on 18 September, features Amanda Biltoft from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Ms Biltoft will explain how free data from the 2006 Census can help with business planning.

The breakfast, part of Small Business September, will cost \$15 and be held in Newtown. (Call the number below for venue details closer to the date).

On 20 November, the business breakfast speaker will be Bob Sharp presenting 'Attracting and Retaining Staff'.

Upcoming workshops include 'Smart Business – The Basics of selling on eBay', 'Sales and Service' with Bob Johnson, and a hospitality workshop for cafes, restaurants and bistros.

For more details call **9519 6910**.

Never too late to learn

It's never too late to learn something new, whether it is a different language or how to cook something new.

Adult Learners Week from 1–8 September will celebrate and promote the benefits of learning, and Marrickville Council has arranged events and activities to encourage adults to join in.

Events include:

History & Archives Tour

Petersham Town Hall

Monday, 3 September, 10am–11.30am

Learn about the resources of the History and Archives Centre, what the team does and how it can assist you. Morning tea will be provided.

Managing your Budget, Finance & You!

Council's Administration Centre

Monday 3 September, 10am–12 pm

Useful tips on how to manage your finances better.

Learn How to Use the Internet

Marrickville Library, Marrickville Rd, Marrickville

Monday 3 September, 10 am–12 pm

Welcome to the World Wide Web!

Basic Bonsai

Council Depot, Unwins Bridge Rd, St Peters

Tuesday 4 September, 2pm–3pm

Learn how to maintain bonsai miniature plants.

Learn Ballroom Dancing

Petersham Town Hall, Crystal St, Petersham

Tuesday 4 September, 12pm–1pm

Get active and learn some new dance moves.

Tour of Street Art

Petersham Town Hall, Crystal St, Petersham

Tuesday 4 September, 10am–12pm

Learn about the murals and street art in the Marrickville area with the help of a local artist.

Careers Expo

Marrickville Town Hall, Marrickville Rd, Marrickville

Wednesday 5 September, 9.30am–4pm

Find out about learning opportunities in the Marrickville area, find out how to learn new skills and receive free career counselling advice.

Car Maintenance Workshop

Council Depot, St Peters

Thursday 6 September, 12.30pm–1.30pm

Can you change a tyre, Check your car batteries and refill the water? If not, this is the workshop for you!

History tour of Marrickville area

Meet at Marrickville Council's Administration Centre, Thursday 6 September 10am–12 pm

Learn fascinating historical facts about the area.

Learn basic e-mail skills

Marrickville Library

Thursday 6 September, 10am–12 pm

Places are limited and bookings are essential.

To make a booking please call Council on **9335 2222**.



COUNCIL SERVICES

Citizens' Service Centre

- You can: ? ask a question
 ♦ request a service
 ✓ obtain an approval
 \$ make a payment
 ⓘ get information
 ! provide feedback
 📅 book a facility

Ground Floor,
 Administrative Centre
 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham
Hours: 8.30am-5pm, Mon to Fri
Phone: 9335 2222 (24 hrs, 7 days except public holidays)
Fax: 9335 2029

Waste Services

Weekly garbage and fortnightly recycling and green waste collection for residents. Free clean-up service for household and white/metal goods. Bookings essential.

Phone: 9335 2137

Reporting breaches

Report concerns and get advice on neighbouring building works at the Citizens' Service Centre.

Phone: 9335 2222, or
Web: www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au
 (go to 'request a service' and fill in the form)

Meals on Wheels

Home delivered nutritious meals seven days a week for the frail, aged and people with disabilities. Ethnic and special diets catered for.

Phone: 9335 2153
Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre Enmore
 Black Street, Enmore
 Mon to Sat 5.30am-8.30pm
 Sun & public holidays 8am-6pm

Phone: 9565 1906
Fax: 9557 5832

Fanny Durack Petersham Park Pool
 Station Street, Petersham

Phone: 9550 9145
Fax: 9568 5390

History/Archive Centre
 Petersham Town Hall,
 107 Crystal Street, Petersham
 Tuesdays 10am-1pm and
 2pm-4pm

Phone: 9335 2185

Halls and Room Hire
 Marrickville and Petersham Town Halls and a number of meeting rooms are available for hire.

Phone: 9335 2222

Libraries

Marrickville Central
 Cnr Marrickville & Petersham Rds
 Mon to Fri 10am-8.30pm
 Sat 9.30am-5pm
 Sun 1pm-4pm
Phone: 9335 2173
Fax: 9335 2189

Dulwich Hill Branch
 12-14 Seaview Street
 Mon to Wed 10am-5.30pm
 Thurs 12.30pm-8pm
 Sat 9am-12 noon
 Fri & Sun closed

Phone: 9335 2182
Fax: 9564 2543

Stanmore Branch
 Douglas Street

Mon to Wed 10am-5.30pm
 Thurs 12.30pm-8pm
 Sat 9am-12 noon
 Fri & Sun closed

Phone: 9335 2183
Fax: 9569 1653

St Peters/Sydenham Branch
 St Peters Town Hall,
 39 Unwins Bridge Rd, Sydenham

Mon to Wed 10am-5.30pm
 Thurs 12.30pm-8pm
 Sat 9am-12 noon
 Fri & Sun closed

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Council Meetings in 2007

1st Tuesday of each month
6.30pm – Development and Environmental Services Committee meeting
 (followed by a Special Council meeting to adopt the decisions of the Committee)

2nd Tuesday of each month
6pm – Corporate Services Committee, followed by Community Services Committee and Technical Services Committee meetings.

3rd Tuesday of each month
6.30pm – Ordinary Council Meeting

All meetings are held on the 3rd floor of the Administrative Centre, 2-14 Fisher St, Petersham. Members of the public are encouraged to attend all Committee and Council meetings and may speak on subjects included in the agenda if notification is made in writing to the General Manager before midday on the day of the meeting. Agendas and business papers are available from the Administrative Centre, Libraries and Neighbourhood Centres at least three days prior to each meeting.



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English

This edition of *Marrickville Matters* contains details of the inaugural Marrickville Cultural Festival – which will be held from 1-23 September and include two of Council's flagship events – Marrickville Festival on Sunday 9 September and Feasability Food and Wine Festival on Sunday 23 September. These events are being presented with 12 other events funded by Council's Cultural Grants Scheme under the umbrella title of the Marrickville Cultural Festival. Other events in this month-long celebration include an art prize and exhibition, Marrickville Film Festival, music and dance performances, markets, African youth celebrations, Boarding House B&S Ball, Under the Blue Moon Goth festival, queerDOC '07 documentary film festival, a Tibetan celebration and more. See the centre pages for a program of events.

This edition also contains some preliminary results of the data returned in the 2006 Census, which provides an updated snapshot of the character of the Marrickville local government area.

Do you know someone who has contributed to the wellbeing of the Marrickville community? Then please nominate them in our Citizen of the Year awards. Full details on how you can nominate worthy candidates is on page 2.

To celebrate the extended opening hours of the Marrickville Community Nursery, this edition also features a voucher offering readers the chance to receive three free native plants from the nursery. See page 6 for details.

If you would like help with any information in this publication, please come to Marrickville Council's Citizens' Service Centre at 2 Fisher Street, Petersham, or phone 9335 2222. The Translator Interpreter Service is also available.

Greek

Η έκδοση αυτή του Marrickville είναι Σημαντικό (Marrickville Matters) περιλαμβάνει πληροφορίες για το πρώτο Πολιτιστικό Πανηγύρι του Marrickville (Marrickville Cultural Festival) – το οποίο θα διεξαχθεί από τις 1-23 Σεπτεμβρίου και θα συμπεριλαμβάνει δυο από τις σημαντικές εκδηλώσεις του Δήμου – το Πανηγύρι του Marrickville (Marrickville Festival) την Κυριακή 9 Σεπτεμβρίου και το Πανηγύρι Φαγητού και Κρασιού Feasability (Feasability Food and Wine Festival) την Κυριακή 23 Σεπτεμβρίου. Οι εκδηλώσεις αυτές παρουσιάζονται μαζί με 12 άλλες εκδηλώσεις που χρηματοδοτούνται από το Πρόγραμμα Πολιτιστικών Επιχορηγήσεων του Δήμου υπό τον γενικό τίτλο Marrickville Cultural Festival. Άλλες εκδηλώσεις που συμπεριλαμβάνονται στους κορτασμούς αυτούς που διαρκούν ένα μήνα είναι ένα βραβείο τέχνης και μια έκθεση, το Φεστιβάλ Ταινιών του Marrickville (Marrickville Film Festival), παραστάσεις μουσικής και χορού, αγορές, γιορτές νέων Αφρικανών, το Χορός Ελευθέρων Γυναικών και Ανδρών (Boarding House B&S Ball), το Φεστιβάλ των Γόθων υπό το μπλε Φεγγάρι (Under the Blue Moon Goth festival), το Φεστιβάλ Ντοκιμαντέρ queerDOC '07 (queerDOC '07 documentary film festival), μια Οβελιανή γιορτή και άλλα πολλά. Δείτε τις κεντρικές σελίδες για το πρόγραμμα των εκδηλώσεων.

Η έκδοση αυτή περιλαμβάνει επίσης μερικά προκαταρκτικά αποτελέσματα των δεσμοδών που επιστράφηκαν από την απογραφή του 2006, η οποία παρείχε ένα ενημερωμένο στιγμιότυπο του χαρακτήρα της περιοχής της τοπικής κυβέρνησης του Marrickville. Γνωρίζετε κάποιον ο οποίος έχει συνεισφέρει στην ευημερία της κοινότητας του Marrickville; Τότε, παρακαλείστε να τον προτείνετε για το βραβείο του Πολίτη του Χρόνου (Citizen of the Year awards). Πλήρη στοιχεία για το πώς μπορείτε να προτείνετε αξιολογούς υποψηφίους βρίσκονται στην σελίδα 2.

Για να τιμήσουμε τις εκτεταμένες ώρες λειτουργίας του Κοινοτικού Φυτώριου του Marrickville (Marrickville Community Nursery), η έκδοση αυτή περιέχει επίσης ένα κουπόνι που προσφέρει στους αναγνώστες την ευκαιρία να λάβουν δωρεάν γηγενή φυτά από το φυτώριο. Δείτε τη σελίδα 6 για λεπτομέρειες.

Εάν θα θέλατε βοήθεια με οποιοδήποτε πληροφορίες στην έκδοση αυτή, παρακαλείστε να έρθετε στο Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πολιτών του Δήμου του Marrickville (Marrickville Council's Citizens' Service Centre) στην διεύθυνση 2 Fisher Street, Petersham, ή τηλεφωνήστε στο 9335 2083. Είναι διαθέσιμη επίσης η Υπηρεσία Μεταφραστών και Διερμηνέων.

Arabic

يشتمل هذا العدد من شئون ضاحية ماركيفيل (Marrickville Matters) على تفاصيل مهرجان ماركيفيل الثقافي الأول (Marrickville Cultural Festival) - المقرر إقامته في الفترة ما بين 1 إلى 23 سبتمبر، حيث يعرض أهم حدثين من أحداث المجلس وهما: مهرجان ماركيفيل (Marrickville Festival) يوم الأحد 9 سبتمبر، ومهرجان الطعام والنبذ Feasability يوم الأحد 23 سبتمبر، ويصاحب هذين الحدثين 12 حدث آخر يتمويل من برنامج المنح الثقافية التابع للمجلس تحت عنوان Marrickville Cultural Festival. ويشتمل المهرجان الذي يمتد لمدة شهر على جائزة ومعرض للفنون، ومهرجان ماركيفيل للأفلام (Marrickville Film Festival)، وعروض رقص وموسيقى، وتقام على هامش المهرجان مجموعة من الأسواق واحتفالات بالشباب الإفريقية، وحفلة راقصة لغاطني بيوت الإقامة من العازبين والعازبات (Boarding House B&S Ball) ومهرجان بلو مون جوث (Under the Blue Moon Goth festival) ومهرجان بلو مون جوث (queerDOC '07) ومهرجان الأفلام الوثائقية (documentary film festival) واحتفالية تبتية وغير ذلك. برنامج الأحداث منشور بالصفحات الداخلية. فضلاً عن ذلك، يشتمل هذا العدد على بعض النتائج الأولية للبيانات المسقاة من إحصاء 2006 والتي تعطي لمحة سريعة ومحدثة عن وضع حكومة المنطقة المحلية لماركيفيل.

هل تعرف أشخاصاً قدموا إسهامات لرفعة مجتمع ماركيفيل؟ إذا كان هناك أحد تعرفه فراجع ترشيحه لنيل إحدى جوائز مواطن العام. وللحصول على تفاصيل كاملة حول طريقة وإجراءات هذا الترشيح، راجع الصفحة 2.

وللاحتفال بتمديد ساعات العمل في المشتل الأهلي في ماركيفيل (Marrickville Community Nursery) يقدم هذا العدد للقراء كويون يمكنهم من خلاله الحصول على ثلاثة نباتات محلية مجانية من المشتل. راجع صفحة 6 لمعرفة التفاصيل. إذا كنت ترغب في الحصول على مزيد من التفاصيل حول أي من المعلومات الواردة في هذه المطبوعة، يرجى التوجه إلى مركز خدمة المواطنين التابع لمجلس ماركيفيل (Marrickville Council's Citizens' Service Centre) الواقع في 2 Fisher Street, Petersham أو الاتصال على هاتف رقم 9335 2087. علماً بأن المجلس يقدم خدمة الترجمة الفورية والتحريرية لمن يحتاجها.

Portuguese

Esta edição do Notícias de Marrickville (Marrickville Matters) contém detalhes da abertura do Festival Cultural de Marrickville (Marrickville Cultural Festival) – que será realizado de 1º a 23 de setembro e inclui dois dos principais eventos do Conselho – o Festival de Marrickville (Marrickville Festival) no domingo, 9 de setembro e o Festival de Comidas e Vinhos Feasability (Feasability Food and Wine Festival), no domingo 23 de setembro. Esses eventos estão sendo realizados juntamente com outros 12 eventos patrocinados pelo Plano de Financiamento Cultural do Conselho sob a denominação geral de Marrickville Cultural Festival. Outros eventos dessa festividade, que se estenderão por todo o mês, incluem um prêmio e exposição de artes, o Festival de Cinema de Marrickville (Marrickville Film Festival), apresentações de música e dança, feiras, celebrações da juventude africana, Baile para Solteiros (Boarding House B&S Ball), o festival Sob a Lua Azul (Under the Blue Moon Goth festival), o festival de documentários queerDOC '07 (queerDOC '07 documentary film festival), uma festa tibetana e muito mais. Veja nas páginas centrais a programação dos eventos.

Esta edição também contém alguns resultados preliminares sobre os dados coletados no Censo 2006, que oferecem um panorama atualizado sobre a área de atuação do governo local de Marrickville. Você conhece alguém que tenha contribuído para o bem-estar da comunidade de Marrickville? Então, por favor, indique essas pessoas para o nosso prêmio de Cidadão do Ano. Mais detalhes sobre como poderá indicar os candidatos estão na página 2.

Para celebrar o aumento do horário de visitação da Viveiro de Plantas da Comunidade de Marrickville (Marrickville Community Nursery), esta edição também oferece um cupom dando aos leitores a chance de receber gratuitamente três plantas nativas do viveiro. Veja mais detalhes na página 6. Se desejar colaborar com alguma informação para esta publicação, por favor, venha até o Centro de Serviços ao Cidadão do Conselho de Marrickville (Marrickville Council's Citizens' Service Centre) no endereço 2 Fisher Street, Petersham, ou telefone para 9335 2084. Serviços de intérprete e tradução também estão disponíveis.

Chinese

本期马力围事务专刊 (Marrickville Matters) 包含有关首届马力围文化节 (Marrickville Cultural Festival) 的详情。马力围文化节 (Marrickville Cultural Festival) 将于9月1日至23日举办，其中包括市议会的两大主要节庆活动 – 马力围城市节 (Marrickville Festival, 9月9日星期日) 和 Feasability美酒佳肴节 (Feasability Food and Wine Festival, 9月23日星期日)。这两大节庆活动将与获市议会文化拨款计划 (Council's Cultural Grants Scheme) 资助的其它12项活动一起共同以马力围文化节的名义举办。在长达一个月的庆祝活动期间，其它活动包括：获奖艺术作品展、马力围电影节 (Marrickville Film Festival)、音乐与舞蹈表演、市场、非洲青年庆祝活动、单身男女联欢舞会 (Boarding House B&S Ball)、蓝月阿哥特节 (Under the Blue Moon Goth festival)、queerDOC '07纪录片电影节 (queerDOC '07 documentary film festival)，以及西藏文化节等。详情请见中间页的活动节目单。

本期还包含有关2006年人口普查数据的初步统计结果，该结果提供了马力围地方政府区的最新概况。

您认识任何为马力围社区的健康发展做出过贡献的人士吗？那么请为他们提名，使其成为我市年度市民大奖的候选人。有关如何为合格候选人提名的详细情况，请参阅第2页。

为庆祝马力围社区苗圃 (Marrickville Community Nursery) 延长开放时间，本期还提供了一张礼品券，读者将有机会从苗圃免费获得三棵本土植物。详情请参阅第6页。

如果您在阅读本出版物的任何信息时需要帮助，请亲临Marrickville Council's Citizens' Service Centre (马力围市议会居民服务中心)，地址是：2 Fisher Street, Petersham, 或致电9335 2086。我们同时提供翻译传译服务。

Vietnamese

Nội dung bản tin Các Vấn Đề Của Marrickville (Marrickville Matters) số này có những thông tin chi tiết về Liên Hoàn Văn Hóa Marrickville (Marrickville Cultural Festival) mở màn – được tổ chức từ ngày 1 tới ngày 23 tháng Chín và bao gồm hai lễ hội chính do Hội Đồng tổ chức là Lễ Hội Marrickville (Marrickville Festival) vào Chủ Nhật 9 tháng Chín và Lễ Hội Âm Thực và Rượu Vàng (Feasability Food and Wine Festival) vào Chủ Nhật ngày 23 tháng Chín. Những lễ hội này sẽ được tổ chức song song với 12 lễ hội khác do Chương Trình Tài Trợ Văn Hóa của Hội Đồng tài trợ với tên gọi chung là Marrickville Cultural Festival. Những lễ hội khác sẽ được tổ chức trong suốt một tháng với chủ đề này gồm có cuộc triển lãm và lễ trao giải nghệ thuật, Liên Hoàn Phim Marrickville (Marrickville Film Festival), ca múa, hội chợ, những hoạt động kỷ niệm của thanh niên Phi Châu, Yến Tiệc Khiêu Vũ (Boarding House B&S Ball), Liên Hoàn Dưới Ánh Trăng Xanh của người Gò-tích (Under the Blue Moon Goth festival), liên hoan phim tài liệu queerDOC '07, lễ hội của người Tibet và nhiều lễ hội khác. Xin xem những trang giữa để biết lịch các lễ hội.

Số ra lần này cũng có một số kết quả sơ bộ của số liệu thu thập được trong Cuộc Điều Tra Dân Số Năm 2006, đem lại thông tin cập nhật khá quý về đặc điểm của địa phận chính quyền địa phương Marrickville. Quý vị có biết người nào đã góp phần vào phúc lợi của cộng đồng Marrickville không? Nếu biết quý vị hãy mạnh dạn đề cử họ cho giải thưởng Công Dân Tiêu Biểu Toàn Năm của chúng ta. Trang 2 có thông tin chi tiết về cách thức đề cử những ứng viên xứng đáng. Để kỷ niệm thời gian mở cửa kéo dài của Vườn Ươm Cộng Đồng Marrickville (Marrickville Community Nursery), số ra lần này cũng có phiếu tặng dành cho bạn đọc để quý vị có cơ hội được tặng ba cây trồng bản địa miễn phí từ vườn ươm. Xem trang 6 để biết thêm chi tiết.

Nếu muốn nhờ giúp đỡ bất cứ thông tin nào trong bản tin này, xin quý vị vui lòng tới Trung Tâm Dịch Vụ Công Dân của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Marrickville (Marrickville Council's Citizens' Service Centre) tại 2 Fisher Street, Petersham, hoặc gọi số 9335 2085. Tại đây cũng có dịch vụ Thông Phiên Dịch.