



a safer community

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Welcome to the October edition of City of Sydney's A Safer Community newsletter.

Leading up to the busy Christmas period, it is important to keep safety in mind.

By using public transport and not drink driving; being careful of drink

spiking when out; and being mindful of an increased number of pedestrians when driving – especially at night – we can all help ensure a safer Christmas period.



The City has also launched a new guide containing practical information for victims of domestic violence.

One of many City of Sydney crime prevention strategies, the booklet features information about who to contact for help and how to apply for an Apprehended Violence Order.

For a copy of this valuable resource, see www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or call 9265 9333.

Lord Mayor
Clover Moore MP

Redfern–Waterloo Safety Taskforce

The Redfern–Waterloo Community Safety Taskforce is the local committee working together on ways to make the community a safer place. The Taskforce includes City of Sydney; Redfern Police; the Departments of Housing, Community Services, and Education, Training and Employment; Redfern Legal Centre; the Redfern–Waterloo Authority; the Aboriginal Housing Company; the Redfern Chamber of Commerce; community organisations and local residents.

The Taskforce has been working on the range of projects outlined in the Redfern–Waterloo Community Safety Plan, including Short Black Films, the Creating a Safer Community Project, the StAMP Mentoring Project and other crime prevention initiatives with NRMA Insurance. For further information call John Maynard on 9288 5353.

Midnight Basketball

Another successful round of Midnight Basketball has recently come to a close. The program has been running on Saturday nights during school term at Alexandria Park Stadium and Alexandria Park Community School. The program includes dinner, a life skills workshop, a structured basketball tournament and transport home. The program targets the 12 – 18 age group and teaches teamwork, lifestyle education, skills development and provides opportunities for social interaction.

The Redfern– Waterloo Community Safety Taskforce is currently exploring ways of securing ongoing funding for this popular and important local initiative.



A City of Sydney initiative responding to the community needs of residents in Redfern, Eveleigh, Darlington and Waterloo.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The City wants to know what you think about our community. A Community Forum is on Monday 30 October (6.00pm – 8.30pm) at Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St, Redfern. Last year the city established the Local Action Plan strategy to work with local communities to identify Priorities for each area and develop an agreed action plan to implement them. This meeting is an opportunity to view and discuss the draft Local Action Plan for the Inner South zone, covering Redfern and Waterloo. For further details, contact the Community Relations Unit on 9265 9218.



Mental Illness Seminar

The *Creating a Safer Community* project update



Members of the community participating in a falls prevention seminar.

Falls prevention success: keeping the community on its feet

The *Creating a Safer Community* team, in partnership with the Redfern and Inner City Home Support Service, recently hosted a new initiative based on reducing the risks of falls in the home.

After a presentation from the Camperdown Aged Care Assessment Team, staff from SHARE (SMR) Learn for Life led the group in a number of fun strength training exercises. Due to the popularity of the initiative, the seminar will be repeated on October 23, November 6 and November 20.

For further information contact the *Creating a Safer Community* team on a Monday or Wednesday on 9698 7277.

Need help with your shopping?

A number of community services provide assistance with shopping for local residents. You can contact the following organisations for further information:

Central Sydney Community Transport (9368 1941)

South Sydney Community Transport (9319 4439)

Redfern and Inner City Home Support Service (9319 3587)

Food Distribution Network

(9699 1614) – delivers fresh fruit and vegetables to frail older residents and younger people with disabilities and their carers who need assistance to continue to live independently within the City of Sydney.

Kings Cross Community and Information Centre

(9357 2164) – operates a shopping trip that alternates between Marrickville and Edgecliff Shopping Centres, at a cost of \$4.

Due to decreased attendance over the winter months, the Waterloo Walkers program has been suspended. If you are interested in a local walking group to Surry Hills Shopping Village, please contact the *Creating a Safer Community* Team on 9698 7277 and register your interest.

Understanding mental illness

The *Creating a Safer Community* team recently hosted the first Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background Mental Health Seminar. After a positive community response to the first seminar series, the initiative has been extended to the Chinese Community. The seminar provides information about interacting with people who suffer from mental illness, local mental health services and specific concerns regarding mental illness in the Chinese community of Redfern and Waterloo.

If you or a group of people are interested in learning about mental illness, intellectual disability or alcohol and drug dependence, please contact Andrew at Redfern Legal Centre on 9698 7277.



Fernside Skate Competition
22 October



Art and About 6 – 22 October

coming up in October



Youth mentoring program

In December 2002, a Youth Mentoring Program was established by Redfern Police to improve relations between Police and local young people. Each young person involved in the program has been allocated a Police mentor who aims to meet with the young person on a fortnightly basis to discuss relevant issues such as school or sport. The program aims to improve school attendance and academic performance and to reduce the incidence of youth-related crime in the Redfern Local Area Command.

Recent developments in the project include:

- **Young Adult Sea Skills** conducted July 2006.
- **Horse Whisper Program** started at Green Square Behavioural School August 2006.
- **You Can Be a Leader** program conducted at Alexandria Park School and on-going since January 2006.

For further information about the program, contact Andrew at Redfern Legal Centre on 9698 7277 or the Youth Liaison Officer at Redfern Police on 8303 5199.



Victims of crime

It is unfortunately a common occurrence that crimes go unreported. There are a number of support and referral services available for victims of crime:

The Victims Support Line (9374 3000) – this is a 24-hour statewide service offered by the Attorney General's Department. Staff are experienced in supporting victims of personal violence and can provide detailed information regarding victim's rights, counselling and compensation.

NSW Domestic Violence Line (1800 656 463) – this is a 24-hour statewide service offered by the Department of Community Services. The Domestic Violence Line provides telephone counselling information and referrals for people who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence.

It is also important to remember the Police rely on your cooperation to reduce crime in our community. If you are the victim of an offence or notice any suspicious activity, always report it to the Police. Contact Redfern Local Area Command on 8303 5199 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Danks Street Festival
22 October



Members of the Russian Community in Redfern



Telephone Interpreter Service

People from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds often experience difficulty accessing services due to communication difficulties. To overcome these difficulties, the Inner and Eastern Sydney Migrant Interagency recently developed a Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) information card in nine languages (Chinese, Russian, Indonesian, Greek, Arabic, Spanish, Vietnamese, Italian) to inform clients from CALD backgrounds about their right to request the telephone interpreting service and the responsibilities of government and non-government organisations to provide such a service when requested. If you're interested in ordering this information card, please contact Susana Ng on 9288 5982.

Department of Housing offices

Surry Hills and Redfern

The Pottery Office
31 Belvoir Street, Surry Hills
Tel: 9319 9333

Waterloo

Drysdale Office
232 Pitt Street, Waterloo
Tel: 9310 8666

Need help reading this newsletter?

If English is not your first language and you would like help understanding this *Creating a Safer Community* newsletter, please contact the Translation Information Service on 131 450 on Monday or Wednesday between the hours 9.00am to 5.00pm, and a trained operator can put you through to the *Creating a Safer Community* team on 9698 7277.

Feedback/contributions

If you have any queries, concerns, contributions or comments regarding this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact the *Creating a Safer Community* team on 9698 7277 between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday and Wednesday. We appreciate your feedback and need your help to keep this initiative going.

ENGLISH

If English is not your first language and you would like to use a telephone interpreter service, please contact 131 450 and ask them to call the City of Sydney on 9265 9333.

ARABIC

إذا لم تكن الإنجليزية لغتك الأولى وأردت الاستفادة من خدمة الترجمة الشفهية الهاتفية، فارجاء أن تتصل بالرقم 131 450 والطلب منهم الإتصال بمدينة سيدني على الرقم 9265 9333.

CHINESE

如果英語並非您的第一語言，而您欲使用電話傳譯員服務，請致電 131 450，要求他們代致電 9265 9333 聯絡悉尼市政廳。

GREEK

Αν τα Αγγλικά δεν είναι η πρώτη σας γλώσσα και θα θέλατε να χρησιμοποιήσετε διερμηνέα στο τηλέφωνο, παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνήστε 131 450 και ζητήστε τους να σας καλέσουν την Πόλη του Σίδνεϊ στο 9265 9333.

INDONESIAN

Jika bahasa Inggris bukan bahasa pertama Anda dan Anda ingin menggunakan jasa seorang juru bahasa, silakan menghubungi 131 450 dan minta agar diteleponkan ke City of Sydney di 9265 9333.

ITALIAN

Se l'inglese non è la tua prima lingua e desideri avvalerti di un servizio telefonico di interpretariato, contatta il 131 450 e chiedi di chiamare la città di Sydney al numero 9265 9333.

JAPANESE

英語が母国語でない方で、電話通訳サービスをご利用になりたい方は、131 450 におかけの上、シドニー市 9265 9333 に電話をかけるよう通訳にご依頼ください。

KOREAN

영어가 모국어가 아니어서 전화 통역 서비스가 필요하실 경우 131 450 에 전화하셔서 City of Sydney (9265 9333) 로 연결하도록 요청하십시오.

RUSSIAN

Если английский не является вашим родным языком и вы хотели бы воспользоваться услугами устного перевода по телефону, то, пожалуйста, позвоните по номеру 131 450 и попросите их позвонить в муниципалитет города Сидней по номеру 9265 9333.

SPANISH

Si el inglés no es su primer idioma y desea utilizar un servicio de interpretación telefónica, póngase en contacto con el 131 450 y solicite que llamen a la Ciudad de Sydney al 9265 9333.

VIETNAMESE

Nếu tiếng mẹ đẻ không phải là tiếng Anh và muốn sử dụng dịch vụ thông dịch qua điện thoại, xin quý vị gọi số 131 450 và yêu cầu họ gọi cho Thành Phố Sydney điện thoại số 9265 9333.

TTY



Callers who are hearing impaired or have a speech or communication impairment may call through the NRS using modem or textTel (TTY) by dialling 133 677.