



South Coogee Community News

This newsletter is produced by Tenants for Tenants

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New Point of Contact:

The contact email for tenants who have an article which they would like to include in the South Coogee Newsletter is:

waterloo@unsw.edu.au

The South Coogee Newsletter Group is happy to include your articles, so get involved and send them along or come along to one of our meetings!



Inside this issue:

- Junction Neighbourhood Centre Programs
- Shack Youth Service Programs
- Randwick council events
- Winter BBQ
- Randwick Council 150th Anniversary
- And more...

Noticed any changes?

What's Happening around your place!

South Coogee

HNSW Update:

Maintenance Reform Package:

Unit upgrade surveys to be completed by September.

Bathroom upgrades – completed Stage 1.

Stage 2 commenced at 26, 30, 32 Malabar Rd.

The next upgrades will commence on properties over the next few months on Yamba St.

Community Regeneration Scheme will take place over the next 18 months in Lurline area.

This involves fencing, bin bays, landscaping and mailboxes.

Group Rental Subsidy started 11th April – closing date 7th July.

If your household income is solely Centrelink, your subsidy will automatically be updated. Tenants with additional income wages/investments/assets will need to complete a certificate, which will assist in the revision of their rental payment.

Amnesty will be implemented around July for tenants to report income/household changes, without later penalty.



Lets get fixing!

Elphinstone Rd Park

The grass at the Elphinstone Rd park is getting replaced starting 28/05/08 and will take 3 weeks. The contractor will use safety bunting to temporarily section off the grass area to ensure it takes to the ground.



Hello & Goodbye

Goodbye Graeme De Villiers... Hello Lynda Duncan!

As we wave goodbye to our Area Team Leader, Graeme, we welcome in Lynda Duncan, the newest addition to our South Coogee Community Sup-

port Network. We look forward to meeting and working with Lynda, whose past experience and training will serve her well in this position.

We would like to thank Graeme for his dedication and commitment to

the South Coogee Community and we wish him well in his new position at Burwood.

We invite you all to meet our new Team Leader at the next CAP meeting: 30th June at 2pm.

<u>Important Phone Numbers:</u>	Maintenance Call Centre: 13 15 71	Community Justice Centre: 1800 990 777
Maroubra Police Station: 9349 9299	Emergency: 000	Trolley Tracker: 1800 641 497
Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000	Randwick City Council: 9399 0999	Wheelie Bin Repair: 1300 655 464
RCC Rubbish Removal: 1300 722 542	Street Light Repair: 1800 044 808	Local Office: 8383 8999
External Common Area Lights: 131 571	OPEN: Tues & Thurs 9:30-5:30 Wed 1-4pm	



Crime Prevention:

NSW Police

Help Stop House Break-Ins:

Record descriptions, models and serial numbers of all your valuables to assist in easy identification should they be reported lost or stolen.

Photograph jewellery and other collectables for easy identification.

Engrave you're your driver's license number prefixed by the initials "NSW" on all items of value to assist in easy identification.

Never leave spare keys outside your home.

Do not have personal details on your keys

Keep cash and jewellery in a safe place

If you're going away you can notify the Housing NSW Contact Centre on 13 15 71

Help Stop Car Theft:

When you leave your car unattended, even for short periods, close all windows, remove the key from the ignition and lock all doors.

Ensure that you have removed all property from view; either take it with you or lock it in the boot.

Have an engine immobilizer or fuel cut-out switch installed to restrict the theft of your motor vehicle. Research has shown that this is one of the most

effective ways to beat a thief.

Take your parking station ticket with you when you leave your motor vehicle unattended. This can make it difficult for the thief to steal your motor vehicle. Research has shown that this is one of the most effective ways to beat a thief.

Use locking devices on the steering wheel or transmission shift.

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Lurline Tenant Group News:
 Meetings continue as scheduled, on the third Tuesday of each month 2pm Blue Room
 Laine and Dave attended the Junction Neighbourhood Centre Volunteers Training Day. The day proved to be

most informative for both attendees and their respective community.
 The morning tea's continue as usual, enjoyed by the regulars. First Tuesday of each month, 11am.

Older Men's Wellbeing Session
 Celebrating Men's Health Week

Thursday 12 June, 6pm - 8.30pm FREE

Bowen Library
 Level 3, 669-671 Anzac Parade Maroubra (corner Gale Road)



- 6pm Geraldine Georgiou
Diet and Your Health
- 6:30pm Brigitte Cusack
Quality Use of Medicines
- 7.00pm Refreshments
- 7.20pm Dr Rick Nalder
Benefits of Regular Health Checks
- 7.50pm Geoff & Marianna Steadman, COTA NSW
Older Men & Depression
- 8.10pm Chris Tzar, UNSW Lifestyle Clinic
Physical Activity for Healthy Ageing

Enquiries call Frida Kitas on 9399 0972

Tenant Conference 2008

By Margaret Parsons, Secretary ESATC

Thursday 24th April 2008 was a cloudy day, but saw a cheerful bus ride to Fairfield City Farm thanks to CSSRTRS, Riverwood. The Honorable Mr. Matt Brown, Minister for Housing NSW, who was introduced by the ESATC Chair Halina Malecki, opened the conference. A photo opportunity ensued. Pauline Gallagher, Director of Riverwood Community Centre made an inspiring speech on the 10th anniversary of the CSSRTRS. Morning tea and a celebratory cake were most welcome. An overview of tenant participation in the Sydney South Region given by Greta Vallance was well received and was followed by a discussion amongst visiting tenants regarding what tenant participation meant to them. This was followed by tenants speaking on local events. Iman El Sayed spoke about "Getting to know your neighbour", while Anne Latu brought strong applause after speaking about Harmony Day. A highlight was Rozita Leoni who spoke about Living Local BBQ festival, the Barnyard Project.

A delicious lunch was followed by a stroll around the farm – interesting sights, emus, chooks, and a few galahs. After lunch various tenant group representatives spoke about what activities they had been up to. Ali Gaaleef was an impressive speaker about the South Coogee Community Newsletter. Rhonda Talbot, always a professional and influential speaker, discussed the Connecting People Community Room. Merle Taylor and Grace Hannah gave an impressive slide show presentation about "Under the Pegola". Kym Liaktos gave a good presentation on the Community Hub at the Menai Neighbourhood House. This was followed by Shirley Glennie who spoke about the Area BBQ which was a great celebration of tenant participation. Lurline Bay speaker, Vera Robens, was very popular in her discussion of Tea and Chat and presented a lesson in how to encourage tenant participation on a low budget. Facilitator Greta Vallance presented "New Directions Paper for Tenant Participation" for discussion. This included the fact that CSSRTRS will have to start fighting to keep funding, they will have to apply for the next tender. If the tender is won, CSSRTRS will receive three years of funding.

It was a most interesting and enjoyable occasion completed by informed and friendly participants.

Local is Global

Serika Ollinkoski

The Eco Living Fair/ Harmony Day 2008 was recently held at the Randwick Community Centre, just down the road. It aimed to remind us of practical ways of living healthy lives and caring for the environment.

Peter Garrett was easily recognised as he strode through the stalls that were selling eco products and delicious multicultural food, enthusiastically greeting and chatting to anyone keen to shake his hand. He participated in a discussion with experts in the field of environmental sustainability and the effects of

the global economy on us locally.

The standout issue for me was the amount of resources used by trans national companies to import and export identical products in and out of the country. These same companies also receive subsidies (tax payers money) to do it. The refrigeration, packaging and transport all use polluting fossil fuels. An example given was Australia exports wheat to the UK, but also imports wheat from France.

What to do about it? The answer seems to be in rebuilding diversity in local economies so we provide for our basic needs and only import what can't be produced here. Will that be possible? The latest suggestion to allow more overseas super-

market chains into Australia to create competition and maybe reduce prices doesn't seem like a step in that direction.

I left the meeting with a headache, feeling like the global solution is far too big for me. I picked up my free plants from the Randwick Council nursery stall, admired new rainwater tank designs and composting systems, and brought myself back to what I could do.

I can recycle in our new garbage bins and turn on by turning off that light.



NEWSFLASH

Regarding the April Newsletter, some dates for upcoming events were misquoted. Please change your calendars accordingly:

South Coogee Community News Meeting - 1st July 2008

Lurline Bay "Tea Party" Morning Tea - 1st July 2008

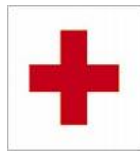
Low Cost PC's for Centrelink customers

WorkVentures apologizes for the inconvenience of people not being able to get through. The UNSW Community Development Project spoke with WorkVentures who said that as they've had such an overwhelming response, they are going to have to change their telephone system! But they also said to please keep trying, there ARE enough computers for everyone, it is only a matter of time and you WILL get through to them.

WorkVentures is offering all Centrelink concession card holders the opportunity to purchase a Pentium 4 pack, which includes Windows XP Pro, Office XP and free phone technical support, for \$250 plus delivery. In particular, families with school age children, older people and newly arrived migrants should be encouraged to take up this offer.

The Number to call is **1800 112 205**

Telecross



The Service:

Telecross is a free service offered by Australian Red Cross, providing a daily lifeline to thousands of people across NSW every year.

Each morning, a trained Red Cross volunteer makes a short, friendly telephone call to a Telecross client to ensure they are safe and well.

Daily contact with Telecross relieves social isolation whilst assisting clients to maintain their independence.

Who's Eligible?

Anyone who might benefit from a daily phone call for security, or to combat social isolation, is welcome to apply. Telecross can be provided on a temporary basis and clients are reviewed every six months to ensure that the service is fulfilling their expectations.

More information:

If you would like to volunteer email nswvolunteers@redcross.org.au or for general inquiries about this program contact the Telecross Coordinator on

9229 4222 or **9299 6777** or email nswtelecross@redcross.org.au

Family Research Project –

South Coogee



Recently, a letter was sent out by Housing NSW on behalf of UNSW CDP inviting those families with children aged 0-8yrs to take part in a survey with the aim of identifying the needs and usage of Family Support Services within the South Coogee Housing area. If you received one of these letters, and would like to participate,

PLEASE CALL UNSW CDP on

9245 1841.

REFUGEE WEEK 2008

Immerse yourself in the lives of four refugees from Hungary, Poland, Vietnam and Afghanistan as they recall their struggles and contributions.
Rare photographic display.

Tuesday 17 June 2008

Bowen Library 669 - 673 Anzac Parade Maroubra

6:30pm - 8:30pm

This is a free event - all welcome

Bookings: 9314 4888. Light supper will be served



Supported by Randwick City Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee

Plants that Grow Legs?

I am writing this article hoping that the people who take plants from **OUR** gardens will stop and think, gain a conscious and most of all stop doing it. This is not fair as us keen gardeners spend a lot of time and money on gardening and plants. We love our gardens and really don't appreciate being ripped off. Would you?

So please either buy your own plants or even better...**ask** us for cuttings. Please don't just take them... they are not yours to take. It takes a lot sweat and hard work to keep our plants happy and make our gardens beautiful.

The plants don't belong to Housing ...they belong to us. We would love to help you if you just ask us. Let's try to make our community a better place by respecting each other and living together in harmony.

Thanks

FREE COMPUTER COURSES

Randwick TAFE Outreach is running **free beginner** computer courses for local residents. Students will learn **word processing, desktop publishing, and email and internet skills.**

These courses will be conducted during school hours at **Kooloora Community Centre, Matraville Public School, and Maroubra Public School.**

To enrol you must be over 18 years of age

and be a permanent resident of Australia.

For information:

please phone Teresa, Outreach coordinator on 9469 8591.



An initiative of ANZ and Brotherhood of St Laurence
with The Benevolent Society

\$1,000 to help pay for education

Do you have a child at school or are you studying?

Would \$1,000 help with your education costs such as: computers, music, sport costs, books, uniforms or TAFE fees.

Saver Plus is a nationally recognised savings program developed by The Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that helps people save for educational expenses and matches \$1 for every \$1 they save (up to \$1,000) to help with education costs. **To be eligible** you need to have some paid work, be 18years or older and have a centrelink (health or pension) card.

Contact Matt Taylor today on 02 9130 6796 or mattt@bensoc.org.au