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We recently held our **AGM** and we're are especially grateful to the following people for kindly sharing their time & talent: **Erick Meguid** from MBS Meguid Business Services for being such a smooth Chairman; **Cr. Lesley Furneaux-Cook** from Burwood Council for being such a fantastic returning Returning Officer; **Andrew Anderson** from Club Croydon Park for his major support through the venue & catering; **Kim Beltran** for being a fantastic MC, & for his suave crooning; **Josie Lee** and **Michelle Baldock** for their dedication as outgoing Board members; & **Keith Isaacs** & **Troy Hester** for being our incoming Board members (pic:Toni, Kim, Silvana, Grace & Marcella).





On Sunday November 1st the **Spring Health & Fitness Fair** attracted an array of colourful stall holders and intrigued visitors. The sun shone for the entire day, warming up the atmosphere as well as heating up everyone's appetite for entertainment, food and fitness. Hundreds of people passed through the Fair and its 60 stalls. Guests were surprised and amused by the variety of stalls and activities on show, with racing Siberian Huskies on display to live fitness demonstrations by health, fitness & professional trainers. The day saw smiles all round with families enjoying face painting, painting umbrellas and getting messy with pastel colours painting clay sculptures. Dental, skincare, healthy supplement experts and footwear professionals were happy to chat to visitors and provide their practiced opinion, while others browsed through the beautiful jewellery and candle stalls. Animal lovers were also in for a treat on the day with the RSPCA present to talk about animal welfare, pet amenities ready to be bought from stall holders and vets and vet nurses such as those from Enfield Veterinary Hospital happy to give free dental checks to dogs with a yummy treat too. Food in abundance was readily available with everything from fresh coconuts and gelato to organic coffee and gluten free sausage sizzle ready at hand. Professional performers, Kim Beltran and Dave Loew entertained the crowd throughout the day. Bringing a smile to individual faces as they tuned in to familiar songs. Some even danced! [Franze Events Management](#) would like to thank all of the stall holders, entertainers and Sponsors of the Health & Fitness Fair 2015 for helping bring the event to life. A special thanks to the **Croydon Park Business Chamber and Burwood Council**. To Silver Sponsors, [Rich & Oliva](#) and [Elders Inner West](#) as well as Bronze Sponsors, [Enfield Produce Pet and Garden Supplies](#), [Enfield Veterinary Hospital](#) and [Optus Campsie](#).



During Children's Week the **Mobile Playvan** celebrated their **10th birthday** at Henley Park & Burwood Park, including toys, arts, jumping castle, face painting, story time, & a community info stall. Over 220 parents, carers and children attended with all proceeds going to Save the Children's Syrian Refugee Appeal. Partners included **Save the Children, Australia, Volunteer Network, Kids @ Weldon, and our Business Chamber**. The mobile playvan is a great service that helps local parents, grandparents and carers connect while their children play. Congratulations everyone on a great achievement.



The **GreenWay Art & Cooks River Small Sculpture Exhibition** is on at **Campsie Library** till 9 Dec 2015. Free! More info call Nell 97899422, email nellg@canterbury.nsw.gov.au or see website greenwayartprize.com.au.

GET REWARDED!!



Get paid \$100 cash for your opinion by attending a 90 minute focus group week commencing Monday 7th December

Club Burwood RSL is looking for people in Burwood & surrounding areas to participate in a 90 min focus group paying \$100 cash! Complete [survey](#) to check you qualify. Email [Michelle Leeson](#) or call 8741 2835.



[Gallery NTK](#) invites you to celebrate a year of Art showcasing the AMAZING works of Gallery NTK students. Sat 5 Dec, 6-8pm. The exhibition will also feature the works of Gallery Director and artist **Norma Tahhan**. Original works on sale with prices starting as low as \$20. Original greeting cards available to purchase.



[SMEA](#) is a NFP association for small to medium enterprises. SMEA invites you to join their Christmas Party 5-8pm, 3 Dec as a great opportunity to meet other members, sponsors and corporate partners, and to grow your network over drinks and finger food. FREE for members and \$20 for non-members - [register here](#).



[Pro Bono Australia](#) has surveyed over 1,100 leaders, volunteers and sector managers to gauge the Not for Profit sector's views and future outlook, in partnership with Ernst & Young and the Community Council of Australia. The [survey](#) revealed the role of advocacy, collaboration and improving the method of government funding agreements are the top priorities for Australia's Not for Profit sector in 2015.



The draft [Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy](#) is on public exhibition until Fri 18 Dec 2015, which identifies 8 Precincts to be the focus of growth and renewal. [Have your say](#) & see [newsletters](#) (many translations).

 **In charge of my money**
Wacation Financial Literacy Program

Financial Literacy Workshops
Christmas Planning and Budgeting for Young People

Looking for a bigger budget for Christmas & the Holidays?

Come along to our **FREE** workshop on:

1. How to manage your money
 - How do you wish out how much you should spend?
 - Know where your money goes
2. Ways to save for Christmas
 - Learn how to save to meet your Christmas and other goals
3. Knowing where to get help
 - There are lots of free services providing quality information and assistance

When: Thursday 3 December 2015
 Time: 4:30 PM - 6 PM
 Where: Ashfield Civic Centre, Ashfield
 Bookings are essential. Book through Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com.au
 Search for: Christmas planning and budgeting




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FOOD PANTRY

Good, affordable food for those on a low budget

\$10 for 10 grocery items and a bag of fresh fruit, veg & bread

Wednesday 2nd December
 10am - 1pm

Gumbramorra Hall
 Addison Road Community Centre
 142 Addison Road, Marrickville





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At our AGM we were honoured to have local young people share their remarkable achievements. **Marcella Gallace & Rocky Pang** from the **Croydon Park Youth Committee** impressed us with updates on their Halloween & Movie Night events. **Eve Crossley**, Burwood Girls HS Captain, inspired us with a [brilliant presentation](#) on being selected as a **UN Youth Delegate** - [email Eve](#) & show your support!



[Give Now Week](#) - this annual event focuses attention on the small, simple ways individuals, families, businesses, & groups can make a difference for a better supported, more inclusive, more vibrant community. Enter the competition on the [GiveNow Facebook page](#) during GiveNow Week for a chance to win \$500 worth of donations.



Have your say & help shape the future of volunteering - [Volunteering Australia](#) and PwC are developing the 2015/16 State of Volunteering in Australia report to review the volunteering sector nationally. Complete the related survey - [Volunteers survey](#); [Volunteer involving organisations survey](#); or [Corporate organisations survey](#). Closes 5pm, 4 Dec 2015.



[Ashfield Carnival of Cultures](#) - On Sun 20 March 2016 the Carnival Cultures will be held in the beautiful, historic Ashfield Park, the same day we celebrate National Harmony Day. More info contact Ashfield@eventproject.com.au or call Margot 0410 338 331.



[Volunteer Network](#) is an organisation for people wishing to become actively involved in the local community. We can help you find a rewarding volunteer position within a community service organisation of your choice. You can choose when and where you work, within the Inner West area.

Inner West Referrals

Networking in Sydney

[Inner West Referrals](#) is a business referral organisation whose primary purpose is to assist its members find and exchange qualified business referrals to each other. Contact Bruce 0400 411 163 or [email](#)



Ashbury Community Carols

Now by Candlelight
Sunday 13th December, 2015

Family fun starts at 4:30pm with jumping castle, face painting and gelato available
Everybody Welcome
BYO picnic dinner to enjoy on the grass

Carols begin at 7:30pm with the Ashbury Public School band, glow sticks and candles

For more info call the office on 9797 2082
or office@stmattsashbury.org.au





GroovABILITY Festival, 10am-3pm, Thu 3 Dec in Burwood Park, FREE!

- Mick On Wheels
- Jess Beck Quartet
- Video Wall
- Activities
- Free BBQ lunch



Let's do something really amazing together for Australia - will you take the [waterline challenge?](#)



[Ashfield Business Update](#) gives local businesses the latest information on Council services, events, initiatives and news. Contact Bernadette Selfe, Council's Business Relations Coordinator on 9716 1871 or bernadettes@ashfield.nsw.gov.au



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Subscribe to Burwood Council's local business directory and automatically be emailed their bimonthly [E-News](#) including updates from council, local business profiles and information about upcoming events.



**Community Grants Program
2015/2016**

BURWOOD COUNCIL is offering funding to local non-profit community groups for community development projects and small initial subsidies for new community projects.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Council's Community Services on 9911 9911 or by visiting www.burwood.nsw.gov.au

Return Applications to:
Community Services
Burwood Council,
PO Box 240, Burwood NSW 1805
or
Email: council@burwood.nsw.gov.au

**Closing date and time for applications:
Friday 18 December 2015 by 5pm**

For more information regarding Target Groups and Council priorities please contact Community Services 9911 9911 during office hours



Burwood Council's Community Grants 2015-2016 round is now open, and closes 18 Dec 2015. All local not for profit incorporated organisations are encouraged to apply - [more info](#)



[Our Community](#) provides advice, connections, training & easy-to-use tech tools for people and orgs working to build stronger communities. They partner with govt & philanthropic grantmakers, donors, enlightened businesses, community builders, & not-for-profit orgs.



**Telstra eCycle
program
extended to
March 1, 2016**

Telstra is excited to announce that the eCycle program has been extended until March 1, 2016. All the program details remain the same. It is still completely free for small business and the same [select locations](#) apply. **How the program works:**

Step 1. You can either visit your local Telstra Business Centre to pick-up electronic waste recycling boxes or [click here](#) to order them online. Up to 5 boxes can be requested. **Step 2.** Once the boxes are full, either drop them back off at the participating Telstra Business Centre or log on to the eCycle [website](#) to organise a courier to pick-up the full boxes. **Step 3:** All electronic goods collected are recycled to very high

environmental standards. Nothing is remarketed, resold or reused. Businesses can rest assured that any data on the equipment is destroyed during the recycling process. [Click here for a full list of goods](#) that can and can't be eCycled.



NSW Business Chamber News

Networking @ Night - 6-7:30pm, Tue 8 Dec at Crystal Ballroom, Luna Park. Members: No cost to attend. Local Chamber Alliance Program Member: \$45.00 (must be an opted in member of a local chamber that is part of the NSW Business Chamber Local Chamber Alliance Program. Non Members: \$60.00. [Register here](#).



Want to save money on your energy bills and understand how to reduce energy usage? Our Better Energy Manager Program can help you achieve both; by finding the possible retailer and price for you. The program also provides you with energy saving tips and tricks to keep your bills low and reduce consumption. This is an exclusive offer only available for members of the NSW Business Chamber. There is no cost to be part of the program and there is no obligation to accept the quotation or contract offered to you. Log in to [Local Chamber Alliance Portal](#) or see our website under [Special Offers](#) for more info.

The Fair Work Commission has recently varied the **part-day public holiday provisions** in most modern awards. Members should click [here](#) to access the Modern Awards Online service for further information. The circular (2015/115) can be found in the All Member Circulars toolbar on the right of the page. Please call the Workplace Advice Unit on 13 29 59 if you wish to discuss this circular or require further information.

The NSW parliament has passed the **Retail Trading Amendment Bill 2015 (NSW)** which will allow all shops across NSW to open their doors on **Boxing Day**. The amended legislation contains important

provisions for employers rostering staff on this day. Members should click [here](#) to access the Modern Awards Online service for further information. The circular (2015/114) can be found in the All Member Circulars toolbar on the right of the page. Please call the Workplace Advice Unit on 13 29 59 if you wish to discuss this circular or require further information.



We're heading full force into the Christmas party season - a time to let your hair down and celebrate, right? Think again! Check out this helpful [infographic](#) to help you prepare



[The Chamber Alliance Program](#) provides members of Local Chambers to benefits from the NSW Business Chamber at no additional cost, including advice, tools, products and services. See link for more info and [join us](#) today.



Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry News

[Australia needs a balanced approach to emissions reduction](#)

[Small business cannot foot the bill for societal scourge of domestic violence](#)

[Australian Chamber welcomes Turnbull Government's Harper Review Response](#)



Collaboration in the social sector is a hot topic with the [Community Council for Australia's](#) call last week for more mergers and collaboration between non-profit organisations. At a recent SVA Consulting Quarterly breakfast executives shared their insights for successful collaboration - see the [eight critical lessons](#).



Finalists for the **2015 Human Rights Business Award** and the **Human Rights Community Award** have been announced. The Human Rights Awards will be held 12-3pm on Thu Dec 10 at Westin Hotel, Sydney, & will feature President Gillian Triggs on 'The Future of Human Rights in Australia'. Tickets & more info [here](#).



[The Ripple Effect: How Change Spreads in Communities](#) - There is a growing desire to figure out how communities can marshal their collective talents, assets and people to address tough challenges. Communities are where people live; collective action is what makes communities work. But how does such change happen - and spread? What's in play? And how can one be intentional in their efforts to help bring it about?



The Premier on 19 Nov tabled [To the next level - State of the NSW Public Sector Report 2015](#) with the accompanying [Workforce Profile Report 2015](#). The theme of the report is reflected in the title which emphasises that whilst substantial progress has been made with workforce reform there is still considerable work to be done in taking the sector's management of people to the next level.



The [Open Government Partnership](#) was launched in 2011 to provide an international platform for domestic reformers committed to making their governments more open, accountable, and responsive to citizens. Australia just become a signatory! To support the OGP consultation process to develop an Australian Government National Action Plan by July 2016, [Code for Australia](#) is supporting an info session on 15 Dec, 5–6:30pm - [register here](#).

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[TakePart](#) is a place for people who care about the world and want to live their lives accordingly. They feature original articles by journalists, activists, and experts about everything from climate change to LGBTQ rights to whether Big Macs should technically be considered food.



Are you interested in local outcomes? Croydon Park Business Chamber is a not-for-profit service run by local volunteers. We develop projects, run events, & promote activities in the Canterbury, Burwood & Ashfield LGAs. Membership is open to businesses that are home-based, shopfronts, or online; as well as NGOs, community groups, & volunteers. **Membership is only \$2 - \$13.50 a week** - excellent value for advertising your business, receiving benefits, promoting your service or group, or simply giving something back (all welcome). Check out our [Membership Flyer](#), [2015/16 membership](#) benefits, and our [2015/16 plan](#).



[Check out our new Prezi](#) to learn more about the Chamber's vision, collaborators, and member benefits.



Got a local event, project or some news to share in our January newsletter? [Contact us today](#)

Merry Christmas & happy new year - As 2015 comes to an end, we'll take some time to rest and reflect as it's been a very exciting year for us. On behalf of the Board, we wish you a very merry Christmas, and we look forward to supporting you in 2016.

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