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Through Community Market people can deliver hundreds of dollars per year to their cause & simultaneously support local businesses. Community Market empowers meaningful, grass-roots support, without hitting people's pockets. It enables members to make a difference every day by activating community sponsorship when they're just doing what they always do to supply their household - [see more](#)



In early Jan 2016 the Minister for Local Government will refer merger proposals to the Office of Local Government. Delegates will conduct a public inquiry, call for written submissions, and prepare a report with regard to financial considerations, communities of interest, elected representation, employment of staff, service and facilities, and the attitude of residents and ratepayers. The report of the Delegates will go to the Minister as well as the independent Local Government Boundaries Commission for comment. Click below for a summary of local proposed mergers:

[Ashfield / Leichhardt / Marrickville](#)

[Bankstown / Canterbury](#)

[Burwood / Canada Bay / Strathfield](#)



Australia Post has [released findings](#) and a [summary infographic](#) from the first in a series of surveys that explore lessons from different sized small businesses and their secrets to success.



Older fridges and freezers cost an average of \$300 a year to operate. [Fridge Buyback](#) is a residential energy savings program that operates under the [NSW Government's Energy Saving Scheme](#). To participate in the program, fridges or upright freezers must be a working second appliance that has been in regular use and is 200 litres (7.06 cubic feet) or more in size. A **\$15 rebate** is paid for collection from homes with six steps or less. Collection is free, using professional removalists (but no rebate is paid), where collection involves between seven to 20 steps). A fee will apply only if the property has more than 20 steps. There are regular collection runs every few weeks in most built-up areas. Ring 1800 708 401 or [book here](#).



[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](mailto: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](#)



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

Council has commenced a bold project to revitalise the Ashfield Town Centre to renew the public spaces to make Ashfield a safer, more attractive, pedestrian friendly and lively destination to visit and do business - see [Ashfield Town Centre Renerwal Strategy](#) and [Map 1](#)

Council recently adopted for purposes of public exhibition and community comment the **Draft Ashfield Public Art Policy, and Draft Public Art in Private Developments – Developer Guidelines** to support the creation and delivery of relevant Public Art in the Ashfield LGA that represents and inspires our community, supports artists, enhances liveability and animation of public spaces, and revitalises the local economy and neighbourhoods. To view the documents, click [here](#). **Submissions will be accepted until 5pm Fri 5 Feb, 2016.**



Ashfield Council has a one-off non-artificial Christmas tree collection service on Wed 13 Jan, which will be composted. All decorations must be removed. Ashfield residents only. Call Customer Service on 9716 1800.



**Burwood**  
heritage • progress • pride

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.



**Australia Day celebrations** on 26 Jan, 10am-4pm at Canterbury Aquatic & Fitness Centre, Phillips Ave, Canterbury. Free family-fun entertainment including DJ Entertainment; Free Jumping Castles, Water Slide, Water Ball; Sausage Sizzle & Food Stalls; Free Australia Day Tattoos; Free Ice Blocks. See Facebook page for updates, **Gold coin donation entry** for Canterbury & Roselands Centres - pool party will only take place at our Canterbury Aquatic Centre.



[Ready Set Recycle & WIN!](#)

Answer a few questions by completing Canterbury Council's 3 min survey and you will go in the draw to win a share in over \$5,000 worth of prizes! Including 5 Webber BBQ's and 5 GoPro's cameras.

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SOCIALTRADERS

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[Social Traders](#) is a specialist social enterprise development organisation dedicated to supporting the development of sustainable social enterprises that are driven to solve social, cultural, economic and environmental problems - watch an overview [here](#) and see [2015 impact](#)



[Our Community](#) survey of 845 senior reps of Australian not-for-profits identified a massive undercurrent of pressures driving a fundamental shift in the sector that powers Australia's communities - [see full report](#)



**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.

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**Government to Review Human Services** -The Federal Government, in response to the Harper Competition Policy Review, will commission a [Productivity Commission inquiry](#) into human services to look at reforms around the principles of choice, competition and contestability, including the effect on the not for profit sector.

**Proposed Databank for Shared Outcomes Measurement** - Researchers from the [Centre for Social Impact](#) at the University of New South Wales are in the process of designing and developing a databank to be used by other researchers, governments and social purpose organisations.



## NSW Business Chamber News



How do you understand the legal implications for your business and ensure you stay compliant and up to date? Included as part of your **Chamber membership** the [Legal Advice lines](#) (13 29 59) gives members access to compliant and up-to-date legal advice, tailored to your business, without the heavy consultancy fees, including Corporate & commercial law; Property law & leasing; Communications, media & technology; Competition & consumer law; Dispute resolution; and Intellectual property.



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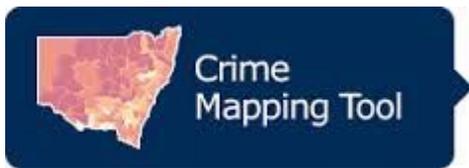


## [Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry News](#)

[Sharing economy reforms must reduce red-tape burden for all businesses](#)  
[Productivity Commission Workplace Relations report an opportunity lost: Australian Chamber](#)



A statutory review of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 has been completed to determine whether the policy objectives and the terms of the Act remain valid. The review found that the Act could be improved with amendments in 2016 to deal with certain aspects of running an association, which are either unclear or proving to be impractical - [download the full report](#).



Every three months BOCSAR publishes crime trends for NSW, plus each region and Local Government Area - see [latest report](#) and their interactive [Crime Mapping Tool](#) to prepare your own tailored crime report showing the latest maps, graphs and data on crimes, victims and offenders in NSW LGAs, suburbs or postcodes.



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](#).



[ACOSS](#) has rejected the effort at so-called tax 'reform' emerging from the Treasurer's and Leaders recent meetings.



The 2015 Charity Reputation Index has ranked the [40 biggest national charities](#), in a survey of almost 4500 Australians, to name the country's most reputable charity.



FSG share [4 key lessons on the use of system mapping](#) and introduces a new practical "how to" guide on developing actor maps.



[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?



Global companies talk about [world-changing innovations](#) in malaria prevention, food access, and diabetes diagnosis.



Climate change could push 100 million people back into poverty over the next 15 years with poorest regions hit hardest, according to a recent [World Bank report](#) released just ahead of international COP21 climate meetings in Paris. The report titled "Shock Waves: Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Poverty" calls for an immediate push for rapid inclusive and climate-smart development, together with emission-reductions efforts that protect the poor in order to prevent this - [read more](#)

# takepart

[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 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 February newsletter? Submit by end of January - [Contact us today](#)

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