

CONTRIBUTING TO GLEBE COMMUNITY

Have A Chat Community Cafe Awarded Recognition



HopeStreet's Have A Chat Community Cafe at Glebe was recently named as a finalist in the 2008 True Local Business Awards. While Have A Chat didn't end up winning in the category of Community Service/Not-For-Profit Organisation, the staff and volunteers were even more delighted to be awarded the prize of *Community Contribution of the Year*.

Set to celebrate its fourth birthday, the Have A Chat Café opens its doors every Thursday and Friday and fosters a sense of community while offering a cuppa and a slice of cake. Most days the café averages 30 to 40 visitors.

More than a coffee shop, Have A Chat Café has become home to the disenfranchised, the disabled, and those previously isolated and house-bound to gather and discuss community crises, personal struggles and the weather. Glebe Minister, Julie Brackenreg is encouraged that people feel safe to come to the cafe with their problems, or their ideas for the community.

Café assistant, Bec Perrim, is proud that the café provides easy access for people and doesn't force them to buy anything. "People are welcome to just hang out, they love the sense of history of the place, and it also meets people's needs by linking them with other relevant services."

Have A Chat Café facilitates several spin-off groups like Japanese language, art

classes, computer classes, and packing and deliveries for Wednesday Wheelie Warriors food hampers. There is a regular team of volunteers employed in the cafe each day, and visitors from beyond Glebe are more than welcome.

The café is open Thursday and Friday from 10am to 3pm in The Old Fire Station at 113 Mitchell Street, Glebe. To contact Julie Brackenreg call 9692 8377.

Congratulations to Julie, Bec, and the wonderful group of volunteers for this fantastic achievement!



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Homeless persons program

- Long-term semi-supported accommodation
- Support and assistance for homeless people

Employment training program

- Cleaning service
- Job placement

Community development

- Direct benevolent assistance and food relief
- Op shops, drops-ins and community centres
- Aboriginal community work

Safe House for women sex workers

- Outreach, drop-in, and support

Inner city gambling counselling

- Individual counselling, support groups
- Deaf and NESB access

Church planting

- Glebe Community Church
- Relationship and individual counselling
- Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship
- Street Breakfast
- 2010 church plant

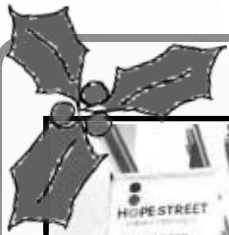
ART INSTALLATION

Capturing Stories From Woolloomooloo

Hugh Peinke and Fiona Simpson have recently coordinated the production of an art installation that will tour various locations around Sydney.

The installation captures the stories of those who reside in Woolloomooloo who are either homeless or currently in accommodation. It is designed as a mobile unit that will help educate the wider community regarding what life is for some in Woolloomooloo. Thanks goes to the City of Sydney for funding this project, and to Zurich Financial Services and United Way Sydney for inspiring its inception. The installation is starting at Zurich in North Sydney, and will then be displayed at the Mary MacDonald Centre in Woolloomooloo, before making its way to a more public showing in Town Hall.

Pictured: Hugh Peinke (Installation Curator), Tina (Artist) and Ivan (Artist).



CHRISTMAS

Hamper Drive

HopeStreet packs and distributes over 500 hampers just prior to Christmas each year as part of our outreach to the homeless community, and those that are doing it a bit tough in the Glebe and Woolloomooloo Housing Estates. Details of the items we are seeking to be donated for the hampers will be available at www.hopestreet.org.au on the News & Events page from Monday 13th October, with delivery dates for the goods usually falling in the second week of December. The information sheet will also include an invitation for volunteers to assist in sorting and packing the hampers. Stay tuned!

CURRENT NEEDS *at Hope Street*

- The Woolloomooloo Community Development team have identified sleeping bags and swags as a need within the homeless community. These last longer than blankets and are easier to keep clean and store during the day. Please don't purchase any new items, but if you have second hand sleeping bags that are no longer required then we can ensure they go to someone in need.
- We still require second hand digital cameras for a couple of our projects as a tool to assist in capturing ongoing events and reporting on project outcomes. If you have recently upgraded and would like to put the old one to good use please let us know.

Please contact Brendan Wood on support@hopestreet.org.au or (02) 9358 2388 if you are able to assist with either of these needs.

Thank you for the wonderful response to our last newsletter that saw the donation of a binding machine for the Employment Training Program, a DVD player for Women's Space, and some fantastic pre-loved sewing machines for the Sewing Group at Woolloomooloo. Your kind response to these identified needs is enormously appreciated.

6TH ANNUAL FUN RUN & WALK

Bringing People Together For A Great Cause



This year's Fun Run & Walk was once again greeted by a beautiful crisp Winter's day. Participants came in groups, as families, and some on their own to either run or walk between 5 and 15 kilometres. Almost \$2000 was raised towards HopeStreet's projects in Woolloomooloo working with the homeless and disadvantaged.

A huge thank you goes to our event partner Charity First Home Loans. Thanks also to support from Nick's Till Midnight, and Street's Ice Creams.

The morning would not have been possible without the involvement of Gloria Kwan and the group from Northside Alliance Chinese Church, and helpers from Collier's Real Estate, Northside Community Church, and the regular group from Thornleigh Community Baptist Church. Thank you to everyone who came to be part of the festivities.

RAWSON HOUSE *The Next Chapter*

Part of our ethos at HopeStreet has been to be part of the communities that we serve. With private real estate really expensive and public housing means tested, options for people wanting to live and minister in the community are pretty limited.

However, we were thrilled to bits when John and Dianna Rawson graciously offered their property in Bourke Street. They have given HopeStreet use of the house, at cost, for the last five years. Over that time a series of "tentmakers" have lived in the residence, contributing to our ministry through one of the churches and volunteering in one of the projects. The occupants sought to be a presence in the wider community also just as the Apostle Paul supported himself



while contributing to the churches that he visited.

This year Hugh Peinke and Percy Robinson have contributed to the 2010 ministry; Hugh through graphic arts and overseeing our growing art exhibitions, and Percy through music ministry and connection with Table for 20. Both have also been involved with the Terrace.

We would love to continue the ministry of Rawson House into the future, so we are looking for someone who would be interested in purchasing the property and continuing to make it available to HopeStreet at an affordable rent. Please ring Colin on 8354 3120 if you are interested in purchasing personally, or joining a syndicate to invest in this ministry.

THANK YOU

For Supporting The HopeStreet 2008 Winter Appeal

2008 was a tough winter for those living on the streets. Various factors have contributed towards a rise in the number of homeless people in Woolloomooloo and surrounds. HopeStreet has also seen an increase in requests from families who are struggling with the rising costs of food and other essential services.

The generous support of the 2008 Winter Appeal equipped HopeStreet to respond to the many requests, providing hope and loving care to those in need. Donations to the benevolence cupboard and Opportunity Shop were much appreciated, and meant HopeStreet could assist people at their point of crisis.

COMING UP at HopeStreet

September

18th to 20th – Revive Convention
21st – Urban Orientation

October

3rd to 6th – BlackStump Festival
19th – Urban Orientation

November

1st to 2nd - Xpose
16th - Urban Orientation

December

Christmas Hamper Drive – drop off and packing dates to be confirmed.

Please call 9358 2388 or visit
www.hopestreet.org.au
for more details about these events.

Thank you for supporting HopeStreet as we continue these vital projects in the inner-city. Please consider committing as a regular donor this Spring. Alternatively, choose one of the specific projects listed on the donation slip below for your generous support.

ANNUAL REPORT Now Available Online

We are pleased to advise that the Annual Report for 2007/2008 is now available.

To save on mailing and printing costs this report can be accessed online at www.hopestreet.org.au, and by visiting the News & Events page. Alternatively you can request an Adobe PDF version of the report by emailing Brendan at support@hopestreet.org.au. For those that prefer a hard copy please call 02 9358 2388 to request a report to be mailed to you.

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OR

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OR

3. Please find a cheque or money order made out to HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion enclosed for the amount shown.

DONATIONS OF \$2 AND OVER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Please send this completed coupon to HopeStreet 91 Forbes Street Woolloomooloo NSW 2011 or fax to (02) 9358 4128. To be taken off or added to the HopeStreet News mailing list please email support@hopestreet.org.au or call (02) 9358 2388.

A. General Donation to where most needed \$.....

B. Glebe Community Development \$45

C. Woolloomooloo Community Development \$90

D. Cleaners With A Mission \$125

E. The Women's Space \$250

F. The Terrace Homeless Accommodation Service \$490

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