

# HOPE STREET

Autumn 2009 **NEWS**



## DRAWING UPON STRENGTHS ALREADY PRESENT

At the heart of HopeStreet's ethos is an understanding that the communities we work with have an enormous array of resources and strengths just waiting to be realised and encouraged into action. Of course the greatest strength in all communities lies in its people, and the contribution they can make to others and to their own situations.

It is these strengths that the HopeStreet staff and volunteers look for in each person we come across. Opportunity to discover these unique qualities is found through support and friendship groups where people are able to develop their skills of mutual

dialogue and sharing of their own story. Often the first step is to help people see that there are positive choices they can make in their lives.

Another excellent avenue for people to express their incredible talent is through the creative arts. HopeStreet's creative art spaces provide resources and the solitude for people to express amazing giftedness that may have been lying dormant for decades. The artworks almost always tell a story about past experiences and even tragedy. However, the artworks also springboard dreams for the future for both the individual and the community.

Harnessing these strengths and empowering people to realise these dreams is what community development is all about. People are able to recognise the potential they have to take control, to make changes, and to see outcomes that they may not have thought possible.

It is this process that we strive to see happening for people in Woolloomooloo, Darlinghurst, Glebe, and surrounding neighbourhoods. Thank you for partnering with HopeStreet in this vision as together we bring justice, compassion, and hope to in the inner city.

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## NGAGE 2009 JOINING CHRIST IN THE CITY



The 2008 Ngage Crew

### April 18th to 23rd, 2009

The course looks at the rapidly changing urban environment. We examine the material, social and spiritual elements of the city, and how these play out in the lives of a city's people. Interact with the urban environment, observe dozens of urban ministries and explore a framework for compassionate community work.

Ngage is for anyone seeking to investigate how the gospel of fullness of life in Christ takes shape in the urban environment in which we live. More information, including course costs, is available on the News & Events page at [www.hopestreet.org.au](http://www.hopestreet.org.au).

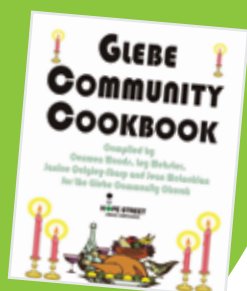


Dave Andrews

Also, as part of Ngage 2009, a free public forum with Dave Andrews **Blessed are the what? Christian Ethics in the 21st Century** Monday 20th April, 182 Campbell St, Darlinghurst, from 6:30pm

## GLEBE COOK BOOK

After many years of gestation, collecting recipes, re-writing, editing and seeking finance to publish; our wonderful Glebe Community Cook Book is finally published – to the great joy of those involved in the production and wonderment of many contributors who thought the project had long ago died. The project is a fund raising venture begun and followed through by some of the older women who have been [were] long term members of Glebe Community Church. All proceeds will help in the day to day office expenses of the church, which directly supports many community activities including drama classes, exercise group, art classes, Op Shop and Cafe, as well as increasing visitation of elderly and hospitalised, pastoral care and regular church and worship activities. To order, please call 9692 8377.



## RIDE TO THE TOP 2009

A bunch of committed cyclists have been riding from Sydney to Kosciusko each March for the past 14 years, with funds raised for various causes including HopeStreet more recently. This year's ride will be one of the biggest groups in some time and will be supporting three HopeStreet projects which include the Terrace, the Women's Space, and the Employment Training Program.

To learn more about the ride, or to support the amazing effort being put in by this years riders, please visit [www.ridetothetop.org.au](http://www.ridetothetop.org.au). Alternatively you can pledge your support by contacting HopeStreet direct on 9358 2388 or via [www.hopestreet.org.au](http://www.hopestreet.org.au)



## CELEBRATING 12 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO HOPESTREET



Last year, HopeStreet celebrated 25 years of Ministry in Woolloomooloo and the Inner City. It is hard to imagine that during that time we have only had three Inner City Ministers, the Rev. George Capsis, the Rev. Andrew Curtis, and for over 12 years, the Rev. Colin Scott. On the 12th December 2008, Colin confirmed his resignation from HopeStreet and will no longer be in the role of the Inner City Minister.

Colin's work for HopeStreet has been one of enormous commitment to the community, to each of the programs that have blossomed under his direction, and to his Lord. The organisation has grown from a small contributor to city life, to one that now has three distinct "homes" at Woolloomooloo, Glebe and Darlinghurst, supported by an array of Ministries in each of those communities. Staff numbers have grown, indeed, outgrown the properties, and have developed quite strong speciality skills in each of the programs for which they are responsible. Colin's leadership was strongly supported by Taksan and his daughters, Zoe and Bronte. All have been part of the local church family, and of the community. We wish Colin

and the family all the very best as they seek God's plan for future ministries, wherever that may lead. We will be asking you to join us in an appropriate time of recognition of Colin's ministry very shortly.

Now it is time to start the search for new leadership at HopeStreet. In this we must seek God's leading for our organisation during this time of change. The Board is working with the Ministry Support and Development Council, and others, to put in place immediate support for our own Ministers. We hope, very shortly, to announce some short term "transitional leadership" both in the general administration area and for the Ministry teams. This will provide us with an opportunity to review the



overall structure and Ministries of HopeStreet, and put in place long-term solutions that will deal with the increasing complexity and challenges of the Inner City. It may be that, we inadvertently overlook some issues, so please feel free to tell us! The Board looks forward to supporting Bryan and Heather, Brendan, Mike and Julie during this transition period, and we would like to assure all staff that you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, we must all continue to support Colin and Taksan in prayer and love, as they too seek God's unwavering guidance.

Clifford F Hughes AO  
Chairman of the Board



## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Thank you for the amazing response to our last newsletter that saw the donation of a BBQ for Glebe, and enough contributions to fulfill our Christmas Hamper allocations. Your kind response to these specific needs is enormously appreciated.

Our Easter Appeal for 2009 is in support of the Women's Space project, the only service in Sydney which is specifically aimed at street based sex workers. The space provides washing and showering facilities as well as educational and creative opportunities. We often refer women to drug and alcohol and housing support. Most of all, however, our staff befriend them and let them be women again, opportunities that they rarely find.

Every contribution makes a real difference!

Volunteer opportunities are updated every month on our website at [www.hopestreet.org.au](http://www.hopestreet.org.au).

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT HOPESTREET

### March

1st – HopeStreet Sunday  
7th – 14th - Ride To The Top  
15th – Urban Orientation

### April

18th to 23rd – Ngage Urban Ministry Course  
20th – Monday Evening Public Forum with Dave Andrews  
26th – Urban Orientation

**May** 17th – Urban Orientation

**June** 21st – Urban Orientation

**July** 19th – Urban Orientation

**August** 9th – City to Surf  
(HopeStreet Individual or Team Event)  
16th – Urban Orientation

Please call 9358 2388 or visit [www.hopestreet.org.au](http://www.hopestreet.org.au) for more details about these events.

## PRACTISING JUSTICE, COMPASSION AND HOPE IN THE INNER CITY

- > Homeless persons program
- > Employment training program
- > Community development
- > Safe house for women sex workers
- > Inner city gambling counselling
- > Christian fellowships

## HOPESTREET EASTER APPEAL

HELP US BRING HOPE TO SYDNEY STREETS THIS EASTER

Donation amounts:

- \$25       \$75       \$350  
 \$45       \$190       Other \$.....

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