

# Glebe Community News

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## Bringing The Beats

Therese Tran

Glebe Youth Service, on 84 Glebe Point Road, is an agency with many different services that encourage and provide opportunities for young people in Glebe. One of the creative resources that has been made available to the community is the music studio that sits discreetly in the back of the building.

The music studio from outside seems to be a small room hidden from the world, inside however it is filled with high tech sound equipment. This room was evidently set up and used by seriously talented artists and producers.

I had the opportunity to sit with Marcus and Vincent, two producers that use the studio, and chat to them about what they do and why they love it.

Marcus, whose profession allows him to produce music as a part of his career volunteers some of his time at Glebe Youth Service to help the young guys and girls get the hang of the technical equipment in the music room. Marcus says that the room provides a space where the youth can get their hands on gear and realise their creative dreams.

Sound equipment and courses like sound engineering are expensive and not readily available to a lot of young people and so having the music studio really creates a place of opportunity and experience.

One young person that has definitely taken ownership of his gifts and talents through taking advantage of the music studio is Vincent, aka Vinny.

Vinny refers to himself as 'the beat guy' otherwise known as the producer, and is a part of the talented RnB group Str8 Ballaz. Starting at 13 due to boredom, music production has become both fun and a life changing hobby.

The music studio has become not only a place of nurturing talent, but providing a space for young people to keep busy and to vent, or creatively focus their energy and experiences. Vinny says that if it wasn't for producing music, his image and the way he was treated would have been very different, he could have ended up in prison or worse if he didn't get into the music industry. The music studio has created a small community in Glebe, and it has created a sense of belonging and opportunity for the Glebe youth.



Vinny and Marcus in the Music Studio

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Check out Str8 Ballaz on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tBafIUU8w>

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## Love Your Garden.

Katherine Vernon

The 'Love Your Park' initiative has taken the MJ Dougherty Reserve located on the Corner of Mitchell and Wentworth St Glebe and transformed the park into a beautiful and personalised community friendly space.

Thanks to the City of Sydney, the park has had improvements made, however local residents were keen to have the opportunity to join in decorating the ugly grey concrete park walls with colourful tiles, thus fostering a sense of ownership for local parks.

**This project is designed for local youths in the neighbourhood to be involved**

Two local residents, Annie Atkinson and Gaylene Harkin organised the event with the help of several members of The Glebe Society. The enthusiasm of local kids was evident as they joined other residents of all ages in the park last September to design their clay tiles.

All up 65 people participated in this first of three community events held in the park and one of the local residents volunteered to cook a BBQ lunch at this place to share with those enjoying this community event.

The primary objectives were to involve residents in a creative art project, to beautify their local park and encourage ownership and respect for their local environment as well as build friendships in the neighbourhood. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of those participating, especially on the first day and this is reflected in the colourful tiles that were created by many of us who were new to working with clay and designing tiles for the park.

The 'Love Your Park' initiative at the MJ Dougherty Reserve has been completed however people have got behind a second 'Love Your Park' project again supported by the organisations that supported the initial project and funded through the City of Sydney community grants scheme. A large mural is planned for long bare wall of the park located on the corner of Mitchell and Glebe

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Street, again adding to the attractiveness of this park.

This project is designed for local youths in the neighbourhood to be involved and community artist, Ben, who is a talented mural artist, has been engaged to help guide this project and engage people in the excitement of creating such a mural.

Ben is planning to run some sketch workshops towards the end of August at the Glebe Youth Service with those interested in participating. Details of those workshop dates can be provided by the Glebe Youth Service to anyone interested in joining in.

The 'Love Your Park' initiative offers the Glebe community a way of bringing together a diverse group of people to create public art to enhance their local environment, as well as having a fun time together. In turn, it is hoped that such projects will foster ownership and respect for the local parks as places for recreation and friendship.

We are hoping to hold a function in the MJ Dougherty Reserve to thank all the many people who have had a hand in creating this artwork.

Please look out for posters advertising the function and please come along and join in this event!



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## A Letter From The Booter Centre Drop In

Jane Norris

Thanks to a generous grant from the City of Sydney Council, and support from the Glebe Community Development Project, the **Booter Centre 'Drop In'** is celebrating 6 months of community participation.

The Johanna O'Dea Housing Estate established Drop In to encourage tenant participation after it was determined that many tenants welcomed the idea of a meeting place to gather for four hours on a weekly basis.

18-25 residents meet each Thursday to read the daily papers, play cards or board games, participate in Art and Craft and enjoy a swell lunch that's provided by Oz Harvest.

The community get-together allows tenants to get to know each other in a safe and warm environment. Previously few of us knew each others first name; however, the Drop in, enables us to know our neighbours, and have a greater understanding of each other's needs and expectations. The Drop In has made us more respectful of our fellow citizens and promotes good will amongst diverse gathering.

The group is run by volunteers, who assist with unpacking and packing at the end of the day. On behalf of the Booter Centre Drop In I would like to thank the City of Sydney and the Glebe Community Development Project for empowering us to empower ourselves, and we look forward to a continued relationship.

Yours truly  
Jane Norris



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## COWbelle Fundraising!

Glebe's local, older women's creative enterprise group, COWBelles Community Craft are having three fundraising days where the community can come along and find woolly scarves, handmade jewellery items and a stash of unusual trinkets for sale at very reasonable prices. Our dates are:



**29th Oct2011- Mitchell St Fete**  
**13th Nov 2011- Newtown Arts Festival**  
**20th Nov2011- Glebe St Fair**

**We look forward to meeting you and showing off our locally, handmade craft!**

GLEBE COMPUTER PROJECT - OPEN ACCESS 2011

## GLEBE COMPUTER PROJECT

A NOT FOR PROFIT COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVE

Old Fire Station - Peoples Community Hall

113 Mitchell Street  
Glebe

INTERNET ACCESS \$1/HOUR

Monday	1 - 4 PM
Tuesday	1 - 4 PM
Wednesday	1 - 4 PM
Thursday	1 - 4 PM
Friday	1 - 4 PM

All inquiries welcome



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## Hope Street Julie Brackenreg

Many folk from the Glebe Estate have enjoyed two recent events held by HopeStreet at the Uniting Church Hall in St Johns Road. First was a Sunday afternoon concert by Sydney Street Choir and with two local performers Maggie Mason and Andreaa Kindryd.

We were touched by the Street Choir's tribute to a much loved member Anthony who had died earlier in that week and then we were excited by their wonderful enthusiastic performance which also saw some Glebe "identities" take the stage and become a part of the final performance.

Maggie had us laughing AND crying at the same time as she performed some of her very "true-life" poetry – and we all now know NEVER to carry a vinyl handbag when travelling. Andreaa who has been in Edinburgh since the end of July brought us wonderful stories of her mother, grandmother and their lives as Afro-Americans in racially segregated USA – again we were moved to tears by her storytelling.

Our Annual Mid-Winter lunch was again a great success – with over 70 people enjoying a great meal and day of friendship together.

There was loads to eat from the Spit Roast and to keep everyone's brain awake Kath again excelled at asking tricky trivia questions whilst Anne did a great job calling some games of Bingo.

Volunteers from Northside Community Church and Glebe Society did a fabulous job of decorating the hall, serving lunch and then cleaning up. Richard from Wheelie Warriors helped with his ute and then ran a raffle.

It was a great community day which we all enjoyed – already we are looking forward to next year's lunch.

**COMMUNITY BARBEQUE**

**FRANKLYN ST PARK**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

**3.30 pm – 5.30 pm**

**Great Free BBQ for all.**

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## Glebe Area Tenants Group

### Glebe Area Tenants Committee are holding a Christmas Lunch!

Glebe Area Tenants group is holding their Christmas Lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 12:30 at the Old Fire Station on Mitchell Street. It includes a 2 course meal and entertainment at no cost. To put your name on the list contact:

Kerrie: 96600115  
Marie: 9552 3605  
Or see Sharon.



### TV Donations



It was brought to the attention of the Glebe Area Tenants Committee that Balmain Hospital where in need of new TV's and we are very excited to announce that we have arranged for two TV's to be donated to the recreation room of Balmain Hospital. We are still hoping to get another three TV's donated so that all the rec rooms to have a new TV.

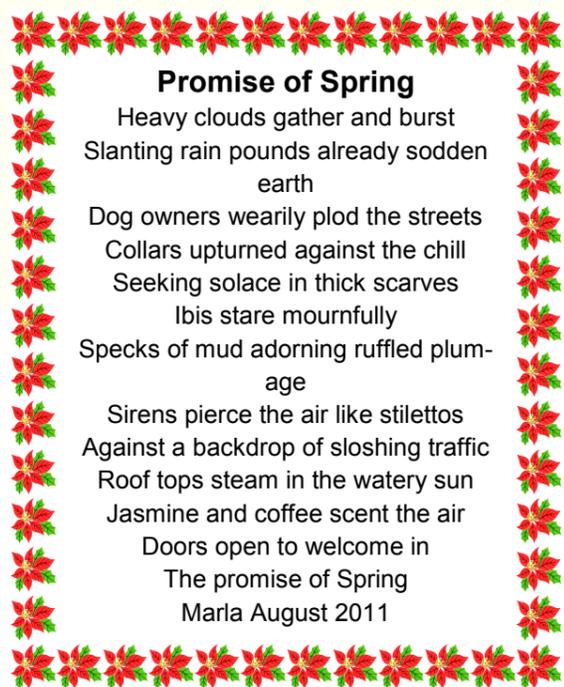
**Glebe Area Tenants Group** meet on the last Monday of each month at the old fire station, Housing NSW team leader attends each meeting and with other guest speakers regarding maintenance issues.

**Please come along and have your say!**

Light refreshments served after each meeting!

### TRIVIA!

Every summer both male and female reindeer grow antlers. The males drop their antlers between late November and December while the females retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring!



### Promise of Spring

Heavy clouds gather and burst  
Slanting rain pounds already sodden earth  
Dog owners wearily plod the streets  
Collars upturned against the chill  
Seeking solace in thick scarves  
Ibis stare mournfully  
Specks of mud adorning ruffled plumage  
Sirens pierce the air like stilettos  
Against a backdrop of sloshing traffic  
Roof tops steam in the watery sun  
Jasmine and coffee scent the air  
Doors open to welcome in  
The promise of Spring  
Marla August 2011

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## FLAG meeting August 2011

Therese Tran

The Annual FLAG networking Lunch was held on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August at the Salvation Army Hall.



The lunch provided a place for local organisations in the Forest Lodge and Glebe area to update one another on the programs, events, and plans that they had for the future. There was a great turnout which included community, church and council groups.

The networking lunch was a great time of encouragement and enlightenment on the positive activities and programs that have taken place in Glebe.

These include the 'Friend in hand\*' Program being run by the officers of Glebe Police. These programs offer fitness activities such as boxing and dragon boating and at the same time they provide a restorative space for the relationships between the youth and the police.

Glebe Library staff were happy to announce that they were broadening their resources in order to make the library more of a Community Lounge Room.

Council Customer Service has also moved into the front desk of Glebe Library and now invites community members to bring their queries there. FLAG meetings are held monthly and its purpose is to improve communication between community members.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on the 12th of September, 10am at Glebe Youth Service.

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## Don't Forget The Mitchell St Fete!

29th October 2011  
11am—2pm.

- Face Painting
- Badge Making
- Jumping Castles
- Stalls
- Internet Bus
- Environmental Demonstrations and Practical Information
- BBQ
- ...and LOTS more!