



WHAT'S ON

Linking the Pymont Community

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This newsletter is produced and distributed by Friends of the Pymont Community Centre, a group of residents extending the reach and relevance of the Centre to a wider section of the community

CHRISTMAS IN PYRMONT - 2023 & 2024



Christmas in Pymont on 26 November was bigger and better than ever. By 10am Refinery Square was a dazzling array of sixty stalls. Welcome and smoking ceremony were performed by Uncle Mark Merriman and Mike Butler in time for Lord Mayor Clover Moore to open proceedings.



By every measure this event was successful. Ultimo Public School provided three musical performances (reminding us that we helped them expand their music program). Pymont Sings! sang, young soloists Freddie Bailey and Emily Blake and our talented local rock bands bracketed a delightful young jazz ensemble. Children were charmed by Santa and delighted to ride the fire truck.

With support from The Star, the City of Sydney, local businesses and fundraising, Christmas in Pymont raised over \$118,000. We distributed \$100,000 to our charities - \$25K each to Barnardos, Pymont Cares, Ultimo Public School and Uniting Harris Community Centre.

However, each year Christmas in Pymont becomes more complex to organise and manage. Next time - Sunday 24 November - will need more help, especially from younger people, to remain fresh, bringing our community together, and raising funds for local charities. The event is managed by volunteers from Ultimo School, Pymont Cares, Barnardos, Harris Community Centre, Domain and many locals.

It is fun to plan and manage - but each year State and City officers apply more conditions, the weather becomes less predictable - and the volunteers are another year older!

We need fresh energy and experience. If you have some expertise and time to join us during the year, please talk to Mary Mortimer, 0410 679 204, mary.mortimer@bigpond.com.



WELCOME LUCY!

Lucy Munevar has joined the Pymont Community Centre team, replacing Christie Beckett, newly appointed as Program Coordinator across community centres. Lucy has worked in centres across the City for many years, and she is very excited to get to know our community and develop programs for us. Drop in to Maybanke any Tuesday or Thursday to say hello. The Seniors Week event described below is the first of many activities Lucy has in mind.

CELEBRATE SENIORS WEEK



Join Centre staff for morning tea, followed by an afternoon of plant and seed swapping and learning plant propagation techniques and gardening skills. Maybanke Community Centre, 87 Harris Street, Monday 18 March, 10am morning tea, 12-3pm plant swap and gardening. Free, book on 9298 3134 or whatson.sydney/seniors-festival. See more activities online.



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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pyrmont Community Centre is closed while it is rebuilt. Some activities are relocated to Maybanke Recreation Centre, Ultimo Community Centre and Harold Park Community Hall at Forest Lodge.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Table Tennis free & available for professional hire 7 days - BYO bat & ball - cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community-centres/ultimo-community-centre

Community Run Group - Sundays 7am. Meet at Pirrama Park Kiosk - Karen 0408 477 778

Landcare Sundays, Wednesdays 8.30-10.30am Patrick 0419 494 532

Pyrmont Supports Coffee Hour - Mondays 11am Pirrama Park Kiosk - Libby 0404 492 444

Scrabble - tea and bikkies available - Mondays 12.45-2.45pm JL Station - Carol 0447 631 113

Crochet Social Group - Mondays 1-3pm. Maybanke Centre Sarah 0413 196 205

Boot camp - Tuesdays, Thursdays 6.30am Refinery Square - Karen 0408 477 77

Pickleball - Tuesdays & Fridays 9-1.30pm Maybanke Centre, book - Cinthya 0402 658 886

Learn Crochet - Tues 12-2pm. Maybanke Centre Linda 0420 249 321

Pyrmont Sings! Tuesdays 6.30pm - Tramsheds Mary 0410 679 204

Book Club - First Tuesday 7pm The Point Hotel Louise 0403 066 559

Pyrmont Walkers - Wednesdays 9am Details are emailed weekly. New people call Sue 0423 717 237

Yoga Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am gentle lessons for everyone. \$10 per class Zoom Helen 0407 949 073

Outdoor Body Blast with George - Wednesday 12.15-1 pm Maybanke Centre 9298 3134

Ukulele Group - Wednesdays 3-5pm. Free - new members welcome. Maybanke Centre 9298 3134

Outdoor Boxing Class with George - Wednesday 6-6.45pm Maybanke Centre 9298 3134

Run Group Fridays 6.30am all levels welcome Light rail stairs - Karen 0408 477 778

Stitching circle Fridays 10.30am-12.30pm Maybanke Centre - Fiona 0414 741 931

KIDS

Chess for Toddlers - Mon, Harris Centre 9552 1140

Storytime with Lailani - Mon 10.30-11.30 am Maybanke 9298 3130

Soccer - www.sydneylions.com.au

Ballerinas - Miss Jacqui 0466 848 267

Playgroup 0-5yr olds, Thurs 10-12, Harris Centre

Basketball Workshop - Friday 4-5pm. 8-14 yrs free. Maybanke Centre, Mereani 0477 712 494

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Community Dinner - Friday 22 March, Friday 26 April, Friday 31 May, Friday 28 June, Friday 26 July, Friday 30 August, Friday 27 September, Friday 25 October, Friday 29 November 6-8pm - Tramsheds. Last Friday of every month

Community Morning Tea - celebrate Seniors Week. Monday 18 March 10am, Maybanke Centre. Contact Lucy 9298 3134, all welcome

Plant Swap, Propagation Techniques - Monday 18 March 12-3pm, Maybanke Centre. Contact Lucy 9298 3134, all welcome

Ultimo Recycling Pop-Up - 10-16 Bay St - Walk in to recycle tricky household items - Tuesdays 2-7pm

Clean Up Pyrmont - Sunday 3 March 9am - meet at Union Square

Knit for Wrap with Love - Saturday 9 March, Saturday 20 April, Saturday 1 June, Saturday 13 July, Saturday 24 August, Saturday 5 October, Saturday 30 November 9am @ JL Station. Contact Mary 0410 679 204

Ultimo Clothes Swap - Saturday 16 March, 11am-1.15pm, Ultimo Community Centre, William Henry Street. Free, register at whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/clothes-swap

History talk - Sunday 17 March 5pm - Dollar Jill's amazing journey to Pyrmont; Sunday 21 April 5pm - Fortune Tellers in Twentieth-Century Sydney; Sunday 19 May 5pm - The Mapping of Pre-Colonial Sydney. Enquiries Peter, peterhickson@me.com. Talks are held on the third Sunday of the month - see the website: pyrmonthistory.net.au/sunday-talks

Pyrmont Photography Group - 21 March, 18 April 7pm Zoom Heather heathercruising@hotmail.com

Sydney Streets, Harris Street - Saturday 23 March 11am-10pm

Pyrmont Supports - meets four times a year for informative discussions at The Station, 58 Bowman Street. See www.pyrmontsupports.org.au/

Pyrmont Food and Wine Festival - Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May 11am-5pm @ Pirrama Park

Celebrate NAIDOC Week - 7-14 July

National Tree Day - Sunday 28 July 9am-12pm

Christmas in Pyrmont - Sunday 24 November

Carols and Live Nativity - Friday 13 December 6.30 for 7pm - Quarry Green, Bulwara Rd Ultimo. Free, all welcome

Community Carols in Union Square - Friday 20 December 6pm. Free, all welcome

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