



# WHAT'S ON

## Linking the Pyrmont Community

February/March 2023

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

### CHRISTMAS IN PYRMONT - 2022 & 2023

Last year we celebrated Christmas in Pyrmont in the great hall under the grandstand of Wentworth Park Sporting Complex, instead of Refinery Square, to avoid the need for a wet weather plan. A brief rainstorm helped justify the move! The event was highly successful: a third of the space was devoted to children's entertainment, another third to music and dancing. There were many interesting stalls, while Santa had a grotto in which to meet children.

We are grateful to generous sponsors, to the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex, and to the dozens of volunteers who made the event possible. Proceeds have been distributed with \$30,000 to each of our chosen charities: Barnardos Yurungai Aboriginal Learning Centre, Uniting Harris Community Centre Emergency Relief Program, and Ultimo Public School Music Program. The Christmas in Pyrmont organising committee has already begun planning for this year, and we need help. If you would like to be more involved, especially if you like organising, fundraising, managing money, working in a great team of volunteers, please contact Mary, [mary.mortimer@bigpond.com.com](mailto:mary.mortimer@bigpond.com.com), 0410 679 204.



### POWERHOUSE CATASTROPHE

Having ignored residents' opposition to the "renewal" of the Powerhouse in Ultimo and moving much of the collection to Parramatta, the State Government now seeks our opinions on the design and fashion facility about to begin construction on the old site. It is not yet clear how or why we will be consulted, but visit the website - [www.maas.museum/powerhouse-renewal/](http://www.maas.museum/powerhouse-renewal/) and sign up to the mailing list - [confirmsubscription.com/h/r/AE1787CC86A17C412540EF23F30FEDED](http://confirmsubscription.com/h/r/AE1787CC86A17C412540EF23F30FEDED).

Still hoping for a miracle? Check out the Save the Powerhouse Facebook page and the Powerhouse Museum Alliance website: <https://powerhousemuseumalliance.com/>



### BLACKWATTLE BAY AND NEW FISH MARKET



After 15 years of public consultation, the new Fish Market is under construction and the future of Blackwattle Bay seems to have been determined. Check out the new websites for the Blackwattle Bay Precinct - [blackwattlebay.insw.com/insw/blackwattle-bay](http://blackwattlebay.insw.com/insw/blackwattle-bay) - and the new Sydney Fish Market - <https://newsydneyfishmarket.insw.com/insw/new-sydney-fish-market>.

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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, and many other activities - [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community-centres/ultimo-community-centre](http://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 Mary 0410 - 679 204

**Pyrmont Supports Coffe Hour** - Mondays 11am Pirrama Park Kiosk - Judith 0408 245 321

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

**Crochet with Christie** - Mondays 1-3pm. Maybanke Centre Must book 9298 3130

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

**Pickleball** - Tuesdays & Fridays 9-12pm Maybanke Centre Must book. Bruce 0411 399 927

**Outdoor Body Blast with George** - Wednesday 1-1.45pm Maybanke Centre 9298 3130

**Ukulele Group** - Wednesdays 3-5pm. Free - new members welcome. Maybanke Centre 9298 3130

**Outdoor Boxing Class with George** - Wednesday 6-6.45pm Maybanke Centre 9298 3130

**Karate** - Thursdays 6-7pm Ultimo Community Centre Phil 0419 010 565

**Women's art group** - Tues 12-2pm. Maybanke Centre

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

**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

**Book Club** - First Tuesday 7pm The Point Hotel Christine 0416 011 007

**Pyrmont Photography Group** - Third Thursday 7pm Zoom Heather [heathercruising@hotmail.com](mailto:heathercruising@hotmail.com)

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

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

### KIDS

**Soccer** - [www.sydneylions.com.au](http://www.sydneylions.com.au)

**Ballerinas** - Miss Jacqui 0466 848 267

**Karate** - Phil 0419 010 565

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Pyrmont Peninsula Public Transport Forum** - Saturday 11 February 10.15am Blue Eye Dragon Pyrmont St, [www.pptf.com.au](http://www.pptf.com.au)

**State Government Candidates' Forum** - JL Station, Bowman St. Wednesday 15 February at 6.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries Patricia 0404 410 696

**Community Dinner** - Friday 24 February, Friday 24 March, Friday 28 April, Friday 26 May, Friday 30 June, Friday 28 July, Friday 25 August, Friday 29 September, Friday 27 October, Friday 24 November 6-8pm: - Tramsheds. Last Friday of every month

**Community Morning Tea** - celebrate International Women's Day. Tuesday 7 March 10am, Maybanke Centre. Contact Christie 0415 952 390, all welcome

**Recycling - Saturday 18 February** - Recycle It Saturday 9am-3pm - Alexandra Canal Depot, 67C Bourke Road. [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/environmental-support-funding/recycle-it-saturday](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/environmental-support-funding/recycle-it-saturday)

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

**Clean Up Pyrmont** - Sunday 5 March 9am - meet at Union Square

**Knit for Wrap with Love** - Saturday 18 February, Saturday 1 April, Saturday 3 June, Saturday 15 July, Saturday 26 August, Saturday 29 October 9am: @ JL Station. Contact Mary 0410 679 204

**History talk** - Sunday 19 February 5pm: Defending Sydney during World War II - beyond the midget submarines @ JL Station. Enquiries Donald [djndenoon@gmail.com](mailto:djndenoon@gmail.com). More talks are planned on the third Sunday of the month - visit the website: [pyrmonthistory.squarespace.com/sunday-talks](http://pyrmonthistory.squarespace.com/sunday-talks). Suggestions for speakers are invited - Donald 0429 679 204

**Pyrmont Supports** - Saturday 18 March 9.30am - Brunch, Zebra Lounge.

Speakers TBA - Saturday 17 June, Saturday 19 August, Saturday 18 November 9am @ JL Station

**Sydney Streets, Harris Street** - Saturday 25 March 11am-10pm

**Pyrmont Food and Wine Festival** - Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 May 11am-5pm: @ Pirrama Park

**Celebrate NAIDOC Week** - 2-9 July

**Trivia Night** - Wednesday 19 July 7pm, fundraiser for Christmas in Pyrmont - \$30, individuals/teams. Contact Carol 0447 631 113, [cal06@ymail.com](mailto:cal06@ymail.com)

**National Tree Day** - Sunday 30 July 9am-12pm

**Christmas in Pyrmont** - Sunday 26 November

**Carols and Live Nativity** - Friday 8 December 6.30 for 7pm: - Quarry Green, Bulwara Road Ultimo

**Community Carols** - Friday 15 December 6pm

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