

# ERKO News

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## Your News

*ERKO News* is designed to deliver a mix of useful and entertaining quarterly updates on ERKO and our wider community.

There will be special offers from time to time, so keep a look out for them.

## ERKO Website

Executive Committee members have been working for months to set up an Erko Apartments website. The project is well advanced, and we'll alert you when it goes live in the near future.

The website will further enhance our communications, enabling residents to access information on a wide range of Erko-related topics, including helpful contacts, equipment warranty manuals and the like.

## Animals On Level 2

We're still getting complaints about the misuse of Level 2. Pet owners *please* be considerate of other residents, and clean up after your pets.

This area is for all residents and their children to enjoy, not just for exercising animals. It's proposed we have a dog dispenser installed in the area, to assist you dispose of doggie poo.

Got a newsy item?

Let us know at -  
[contact@maggiehamilton.org](mailto:contact@maggiehamilton.org)

## A Piece of Erko Makes It To Rio

After a special visit by three Olympic athletes kids at Erskineville Public School created a special painting, which James Edwards, Director of Athletes Services, took to the Games along with our iconic boxing kangaroo.

Containing the fingerprints of all of Erskineville Public's students, the artwork was installed at our Olympic Village headquarters, and has been the backdrop for a number of TV interviews with athletes.

## Security Camera Update



The Executive Committee has been most concerned about security issues, working hard to reduce the number of security incidents and their impact on residents. Security cameras are now installed and on line, with warning notices in public view. Whilst the cameras may not solve all issues, we are hopeful it will reduce such incidents. We ask residents to remain security conscious in and around the buildings, and to report promptly any issues.

Rules approved by the Executive Committee around the use of cameras and footage, will be put to owners at the next AGM for approval as by-laws, but relied on in the meantime. They seek to balance the safety and security of residents with their privacy.

In summary footage will be used for safety and security purposes only, except in the case of potential serious or repetitive by-law breaches. Surveillance will not include areas of private property, except storage areas. Access to footage will be strictly controlled and live feeds permitted only for security, and the safety or amenity of residents. Authorised footage will be held securely under the control of the Building Manager.

## Lloma's Fab Foodie Trail

### Luyu & Yum Yum

196 King St, near 7 Eleven, Ph: 9519 9888

This licensed Newtown Chinese restaurant has a variety of delicious dishes. Perfect for sharing. Their dumplings are mini artworks! There's no shop front on King St. Just wander up a flight of stairs into a large, interesting venue. It's a good idea to book, as it's a very popular restaurant.

**Open Tues – Sun for lunch and dinner**

### Continental Deli Bar Bistro

210 Australia St, Newtown. Ph 8624 3131

**Downstairs** you can sit at the bar for a cocktail, wine or beer. Order cheese or charcuterie from their large selection. Really helpful staff. This bar has a sophisticated, European feel.

**Upstairs** is an a la Carte Bistro with a Mediterranean influence. Slightly expensive, but worth it. A wonderful addition to the Newtown food scene.

**Open daily from 10am, Bistro from 6pm.**



### Acre Farm & Eatery

31A Mallet St, Camperdown Ph 9194 3100.  
25 minute walk from ERKO.

Order at the bar and sit outside to enjoy delicious healthy food. Fresh produce. Great sharing plates. There's an a la Carte menu if you prefer inside. Lovely decor with large bi-fold windows.

This licensed eatery is surrounded by a large vegetable garden, and was the former home of the Camperdown Bowling Club. Do book for lunch and dinner. Weekends are busy.

**Open for brekkie at weekends - no bookings**

## Update On Ashmore Estate



Remarkably planning for Ashmore's urban renewal began nineteen years ago. When Ashmore is complete, it will deliver 3,295 homes and around 6,000 new residents. There'll be a 7,400 square metre park on the former McPherson Bolt Works site, a new pedestrian and cycling link, creating easier access to Sydney Park.

There'll also be improved footpaths and drainage, an 80-place City-operated childcare centre, two additional childcare centres provided by Ashmore developers, a new supermarket and additional retail services.

If you want to keep up-to-date with these and other Ashmore developments you can sign up to [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ashmore](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ashmore)

## Changes To Strata By-Laws

A new act comes into force on 30<sup>th</sup> November, bringing changes to the laws and procedures affecting strata units. One requirement is that the by-laws be reviewed and changes align with this new act and regulations.

This work has already commenced, which means our by-laws are being reviewed thoroughly. The result will be presented to all owners at the next Annual General Meeting.

It's proposed a draft of the new by-laws be uploaded to the new website when available, so all owners and interested residents can take ownership of the rules which govern us all, and put forward suggestions and comments.

## Want To Know More Of Erko's Past?



Visit [Erskineville Public School](#) for a free trip through time from convict labour and the depression, to local Indigenous history and how the natural landscape has shaped Erko's past and present. There'll be free films, history walking tours, blacksmithing demonstrations, family fun and lots to eat and do.

**10:00am-3:00pm Saturday 3 September 2016.**



Imagine not being able to read a newspaper, road sign or directions on a bottle of medication? Sadly this is a reality faced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in remote communities. Since 2009 the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's [Book Supply](#) program has delivered more than 150,000 new books to over 250 communities. But they need our help to continue these efforts.

So we have our very own ERKO Fundraiser **The Great Book Swap** coming up. Just bring along one or more books you no longer need, and feel free to buy other books for a gold coin donation. If your books don't find a new home and you don't want them back, they'll be donated to Lifeline for their big book fairs.

**10 – 12noon, Saturday 5 November, Podium Lvl 2**

## EC Member Lindy Taylor

I am delighted to be living in Erko and a part of this friendly, vibrant, diverse community. After 12 months searching the Inner West Maralyn and I found our fabulous apartment on the day Block C was launched.. We love the accessibility to the city and the Erko Village and Newtown eateries and pubs. Here at Erko we have the added advantage of Sydney Park and great urban planning on Ashmore Estate.



Previously I was principal of a large Eastern Suburbs secondary school and later a leadership consultant and executive coach. Now my passions include music, travel and learning. I'm a member of the grounds and gardens subcommittee, after nominating for the EC to help maintain and enhance this fabulous complex.

## ERKO Building & Equipment Subcommittee

It has been a busy year for the ERKO Building and Equipment Subcommittee. The CCTV and Signage is finally installed, and the system is fully operational and under budget.

The building group has also explored and implemented a number of additional security features in the building to increase resident safety and peace of mind. The to-do list for the building group spans over one and a half pages, with many projects underway to improve our home.

**Exterior window washing** for the building is also being planned once our abseilers have finished the interior render work. If you have a suggestion on how to improve our building, the building group would love to hear from you.

## EC Member Andrew Greuter



Andrew joined the ERKO EC last year and has lived in the building since it was first built. He holds a Masters of Business Administration and a Masters of Aviation Management degree, and has been working as an International Airline Pilot for the last 8 years in a Management and Flying role.

As part of the ERKO Building and Equipment Subcommittee, Andrew has been assisting in working through the building defects (close to 600 defects to rectify), as well as embarking on projects to improve building security and liveability. Andrew loves Erskineville with its endless cafés and restaurants. Close to public transport, Newtown, Sydney Park and the City what's not to love?



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## Meet Medical Researcher, Snow Li

My partner and I were one of the first residents to move into ERKO. We'd been waiting for our new home for more than 2 years, which we bought off the plan. We've lived in several different Sydney suburbs, but Erskineville has it all - a unique community, a family friendly place that offers diversity. People are not judged.

I'm currently a fulltime Ph.D. candidate at school of Psychiatry UNSW, and have been working in a community mental health program, researching the disparities in care in individuals with complex support needs, working closely with families of people with disability and mental illness, which I enjoy. When your work makes you a better person and helps people in need, it's a pretty perfect job. However, the frustration of wanting to break the vicious cycle for many clients is challenging. I started my Ph.D. to advocate for systematic changes for disadvantaged families.

In June we launched a new program, *Community Circle*, as people with multiple needs often fall through the gaps. *Community Circle* helps individuals and their community by providing information and resources on Aged Care, Disability (NDIS), Mental Health and Carer Services, taking a holistic person-centred approach. Our goal is to simplify complex services through easy-to-understand resources, help people build social connections, and deliver unique monthly workshops on topics relevant to a community.

My passion for advocating for people with complex needs made me realise the importance of equity and the role of social determinates. Life expectancy can vary up to 10 years between a wealthy and poor suburb in the same city. Marginalized populations are more likely to have mental illness, chronic disease and poor quality of life. A sense of empowerment can change the rates of premature births, level of impairment of an illness or disability, and the contribution a person can make back to the community. I don't know what is next but hopefully, my understanding of life and a passion for equity will lead me to a role that's helping people live their best lives. That's the day when work is not work for me anymore.

