

# 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.

## Got Your Fire Stair Key?

During the recent glitch with the lifts some residents were caught out as they hadn't picked up the new fire key some months back. If you don't have your new fire door key pick one up from Martin (or contact your estate agent) if renting. Residents get 1 fire stair key for every front door key they own.

## Visitor Parking

Visitor parking is for short-term visitor use only. The Exec Committee have approved the use of the security camera's to police for those who fail to abide by the rules.

## Next Drinks

Set aside 6pm Friday 20 January for our next ERKO neighbour drinks, generally the third Friday of the month.

Thanks to our fab social club for all their hard work.

### Got a newsy item?

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

## Snap Send Solve



Seen a problem in the hood that needs fixing? Graffiti? Something broken or leaking Council needs to know about?

Download Snap Send Solve. It's a very easy App to use. Just follow the icons. Council don't require your name or address. The GPS sets your location and is sent to Council. Normally this will generate an automatic email from Council. Try it out. Lloma



## Dispose of Xmas Rubbish Wisely

Rubbish disposal can be problematic over the Xmas period. All cardboard should be flattened before placing it in the recycle bins.

Large boxes need to go in the big recycle bins on the level 1 car park. Garbage chutes are for *small* bags of rubbish only. No heavy objects/glass etc should be put down the chute as it causes significant damage.

Bigger garbage bags need to be deposited in the garbage holding room on the level 1 Car park.

Enjoy Christmas but be mindful of neighbors with noise levels. A day you're partying they may be unwell, have a deadline or a child that needs to sleep

## Lloma's Fab Foodie Trail

### Doris & Beryl Bridge Club & Teahouse

530 King St, Newtown

A fab cocktail bar with interesting cocktails such as 'Life Support'. Craft.Beer also served. The bifold doors open on to the street. There are booths inside. No food is served but they encourage you to bring in takeaways. Average drinks \$18.00

**Open Mon – Sun from 3.30pm**



### Bake Bar Cafe

112 McEvoy St, Alexandria.

Arguably some of the best bread in Sydney! Worth the 20 minute walk! Their multigrain sourdough is amazing. They will slice it for you.

Their gluten free bread I'm told is so fab it doesn't need toasting! Their berry scones are divine and full of fruit.

A popular café with all the seating outside. Their bonus loyalty card gives you every 10th loaf free.

**Open 6am – 4pm daily**



## Sydney Park Update

Sydney City Council is about to start maintenance on the kilns so this rare historical brickworks site is preserved for the future.

Vegetation will be removed from the mortar, cracked bricks and mortar will be repaired and reinforced and the top section of chimney 4 rebuilt. The structural stability of chimney 2 will be improved. A copper sheet cap will also be placed on chimney 4 to prevent water penetration.

Just in case you weren't a resident before the Park, these pics will help you get a sense of how much has been achieved.



## Redfern to Hobart

Boxing Day 2016 is a history-making moment with the first ever Indigenous crew competing in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race.

Koori communities on the easternmost part of the coast will light controlled fires and conduct smoking ceremonies to spur on the Tribal Warrior team as it sails past.

The team budget is a modest \$48,000. You can join the crowd funding campaign at [donate.grassrootz.com/tribalwarrior/redfern-to-hobart](http://donate.grassrootz.com/tribalwarrior/redfern-to-hobart)

## Kitchen Bench Issues?

Aimee chased up some info regarding protection of the kitchen benches in our apartments, courtesy of Sareen Stone.

### Bench maintenance

Some residents only use water to clean benches and that's fine, but be aware the benches are prone to staining. Wipe spills *immediately* to prevent staining. Online information suggests you might have to live with some spots because scouring encourages more marks by removing the sealant.

Use marble and granite cleaner and sealer (preferable), or a bench top spray cleaner /PH neutral cleaner. Do not used acid based products as this will eat away at any sealer. Don't use abrasives as they remove the sealant and encourage stains.

Seal your benchtop with Bullet Proof Sealer. Apply a first coat. Allow it to dry 4-6 hours, then apply another coat of sealer which cannot be touched for 72 hours.

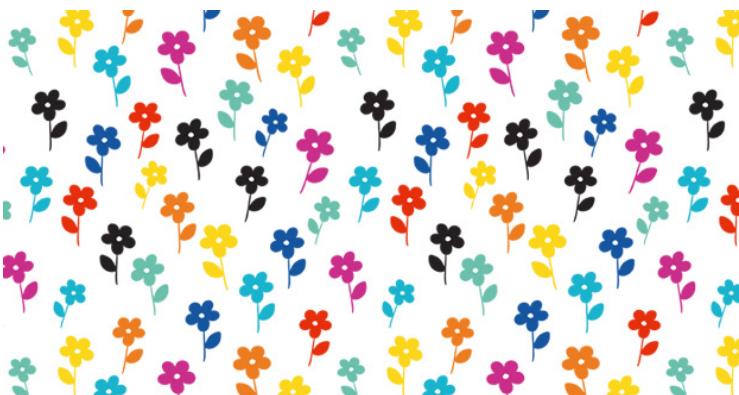
**Sareen Stone, tel 9666 9222**

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## Love Local Theatre?

Have you checked out Theatre 505 yet? Based at 5 Eliza St in the heart of Newtown it's a short walk from ERKO and a great venue.

This performance space offers six nights a week local, interstate and international music and theatre shows.



24 January – 5 February the Freshworks Program, now in its fourth year, will showcase fresh Australian writers and theatre-makers.

See - [www.old505theatre.com](http://www.old505theatre.com)

## EC Member Richard O'Connor

I moved to ERKO as soon as it opened in early 2015 and enjoy being part of the ERKO community. This year was a big year for my wife and I, as we got married in Italy, then took a honeymoon in Croatia.



It's also the year I joined the ERKO exec! My background is in IT consultancy having worked for tech companies in the UK and more recently the University of Sydney. This proved useful in helping the ERKO exec team build the ERKO website which we've now got up and running with lots of useful info for everyone.

Check it out at [erkoapartments.com.au](http://erkoapartments.com.au) – you can also access the ERKO facebook page here too.

## Helping Indigenous Literacy

Was great fun for everyone who came, in spite of the wind. What is it with weather and events on Level 2??

We raised \$140 for indigenous literacy and, watch this space as we plan to do so again. It's a great way to recycle those fab reads!



## EC Member Elske Morley



Elske is currently working for Westfield as a Retail Leasing Executive, negotiating commercials and ensuring retail mixes are best positioned for retailer, landlord and customer experiences.

Prior to Westfield Elske worked for residential development company Payce, where she was involved in the development and opening of East Village in Zetland, leasing the retail component of the centre to ensure the mix and offering was accurate for the local demographic.

Elske bought her ERKO apartment off the plan in 2013 and has been living in the complex since February 2015. After traveling four hours a day to work for three years, living close to work is an 'absolute joy', as are all of the local bars and retail offerings. She can't think of a better place to live as she enjoys international travel, food & wine, 4WD'ing, fishing, scuba diving and being outdoors.



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### Wondering What To Plant on Your Balcony?

Ten minutes' walk away is the very friendly **Newtown Garden Market** at 538 King St near the corner of Alice St. Why not ask their advice or take a snapshot of your balcony before you visit?

**Hot, sunny balcony?** How about Bougainvillea, agaves, cordylines (reddish bronze ones or yellow-green striped ones), ornamental grasses, cacti, succulents; geraniums/pelargoniums, erigeron, white or purple alyssum, daisies, rosemary, lavender, sage, calendula, petunia, gazania, tomatoes, marigolds or even tiny Golden Nugget pumpkins or golden zucchini.

**Shady balcony?** Try palms such kentias (almost indestructible), zygocactus with stunning winter blooms, hellebores, succulents such as houseleek and cordylines. If you're happy to water regularly you could have impatiens, pansies, ferns, fuchsias, polyanthus, Cape gooseberries and honeysuckle.

**Keep your plants moist and clean the leaves regularly.** Try water-retaining crystals when you plant, then every Spring. You can also soak pots in a bucket of water if they're not too big. Do you only water the base of your pot plants? This increases the risk of mite problems. Water the whole plant, not just the base. Use a pump water sprayer or hose, so you can spray UNDER the leaves where mites like to hide.

Do you have mites? Look at the leaves. If you see tiny 'tracks' or spots it's where mites have sucked the sap. That's why your plants are shrinking and fading. Try to 'wash' the leaves each week.

No plant can survive with zero care. They need a *little* maintenance. Bigger pots are better as they retain more water. Use mulch to stop evaporation. Feed your plants nutrients to keep them strong. Watch for bugs!

Good luck! Wendy Showyn