

# 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.

## Render Work Complete

With the major render work on the buildings now complete the SC will book window cleaners to clean all windows inaccessible to residents.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget to set aside **6pm Tuesday 16 May** for our next ERKO Annual General Meeting at the Joseph Sergeant Centre, conveniently located at 60 Prospect St, Erskineville.

Got a newsy item?

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

## Well Done Foodcraft!



Looking for somewhere handy for your date night? Home late from work? Having friends over, but don't feel like cooking? No need to look further than Foodcraft.

Thanks to Wil, Christian and Aurck we can now dine weekdays close to home. The menu changes weekly, and you have the option of take-out meals at 10% discount if you prefer, so it's a fab a win, win for residents.

Tues – Frid 5.30pm – 9.00pm, BYO, liquor license pending



Here's some early feedback :

'Coffee @ 7pm?! HALLELUJAH 🙌🙌', Steph Wilson

'Highly delicious. Highly recommend,' Andrew Brown

'Steak is fantastic, just saying! Yum,' Al Hughan

'That pasta – divine,' Eammon Oxford

'It's good!' Alex Ramiro

# Lloma's Fab Foodie Trail

## COOH

90-96 Bourke Rd, Alexandria, opp The Grounds

One of my favourite places to eat.

This cafe/restaurant/bar/takeaway is fully licensed and has delicious organic beautifully presented Australian food. The servings are very generous so don't over order with the shared platters.

I love the indoor/ outdoor verandah area, the staff and the soft lighting and little traffic at night. My last dinner guest said it was his best steak ever!



7 - 4 pm Monday, 7- late Tuesday- Friday  
8 - late Saturday, 8 - 6pm Sunday

## AL ASEEL

42A 110-116 Burke Rd, Alexandria

Lebanese cuisine, fully licensed.

Opening last year Alaseel was recommended by neighbours and didn't disappoint. A great selection of food. Perfect place for shared plates. Mains range from \$25-\$35. All really tasty! A lovely indoor/outdoor feel. Close to Cooh. Daytime parking could be a problem so maybe best to walk.



8am -10:30 pm weekends  
11am -10:30 pm Monday-Friday

# Macdonaldtown Gasworks

From 1892 to 1958 the gasworks produced gas to light railway carriages and Eveleigh Railway Workshops by heating coal and shale.

The by-products including tar and ash remained onsite, contaminating the soil and groundwater. Remediation has been undertaken to ensure the site was cleaned up.

The gasholder was temporarily dismantled and restored offsite. The large steel bell, which used to hold the gas was cleaned, blasted and painted in situ.



Before excavation of the remnant infrastructure and contaminated soil commenced, a heritage consultant created an archival record of the elements of the former northern gasholder, the superintendent's residence and the retort house, where coal was burnt to create gas.

In consultation with residents grasses, shrubs and mature trees have been planted to ensure the site's ongoing bio-diversity.

## Stay Up-To-Date With What's On Around Town



Want to keep up to date with what's happening in the city – food, shows, what to do with the kids?

Download the free Time Out app – or subscribe to their fab weekly e-letter.

## Gardens Update



‘The extreme heat of summer has not been good for Erko gardens,’ comments executive committee member Lindy Taylor, who heads up the ERKO gardens brief.

‘External gardens were mulched and replanted in October, but suffered as a result of the heat. There will be some replanting when the weather cools off a little. Lobby gardens have been thinned out and missing plants replaced.’

‘Because of the re-rendering, there has been little work done in the podium area, but work on upgrading the podium gardens and lawn will commence as we move into autumn. This will probably include topdressing the lawn, which will mean this area will be out of action for a few weeks.’

‘City of Sydney Council has approved plans for the fenced area of Pearl St. These plans include verge gardens and retention of existing trees.’

## Origins of Macdonald Street

Did you know Macdonald Street was named after Stephen Macdonald, who owned a subdivision south of Erskineville in the early 1800s?

Stephen Macdonald went on to name surrounding streets after his children Amy, Flora, Eve, Coulson and Rochford.



## EC Member Derek Dryden

Treasurer Derek Dryden is the founder of Newtown’s iconic bookstore, Better Read than Dead. After corporate life, his ‘life in books’ included roles as President and Treasurer of the Australian Booksellers Association and a stint with the Brussel’s



based International Booksellers Federation. His love of books continues helping open new stores and mentoring young booksellers, and volunteering with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Before moving to ERKO, Derek had a brief stint in the country in a new house on 5 acres. Despite a serious downsizing he loves the ease and intimacy of ERKO, the sense of community and the proximity to the café society and transport on Erskineville Road.

## Private Art Collection Opens to the Public



The striking three-sided bronze sculpture outside No.7 Bridge St, 'A Matter of Perspective' by NZ artist Terry Stringer, is part of a much larger private collection of contemporary art now available to the public.

Visitors will be guided around approximately 300 works of sculpture, painting and ceramics by collectors Gordon Elliott and Michael Eyes.

While the majority of pieces in the Elliott Eyes Collection focus on Australian and New Zealand art, this compelling collection also includes work by German, Belgium, American, South African and English artists. Four major outdoor sculptures extend the collection outside this Victorian terrace, including their very own Pieta. Once works become part of a private collection they are often 'lost' to public view, so Gordon and Michael decided to share their collection.

**For bookings go to [www.theelliotteyescollection.com](http://www.theelliotteyescollection.com).**



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## How To Make Your Feline Friend's Day

It's often hard to tick all the boxes when you're busy working and commuting. You want to do the right thing by your dog, but only have a limited time.

Here's a few suggestions to keep your dog happy and engaged.

**New Toys:** Everyone gets bored including our dogs, so you might like to consider keeping your dog engaged with a new toy. When you introduce a new toy, take one of the old ones away for a while then reintroduce the old toys a couple of weeks/days later and note how they welcome the old toy back as if it's a new one.

**Room with a View:** Dogs love an outlook too. The chance to watch people passing, insects and birds can interest dogs for extended periods of time. Many also love to nap on the window sill to bask in the sunlight.

**Chew Toys** are always a safe bet. Your dog loves having something to chew. It's good to know it's a safe object to chew and that shoes and furniture aren't being mauled out of boredom. It's also great for their teeth.

**Dog Walker.** If you're regularly going to be leaving your pets alone for an extended period think about hiring a professional trained dog walker. Most destructive doggie behaviour occurs from boredom. If your dog is not left alone all day it's more likely to be calm and well behaved. This contact is good for their physical and mental health and you'll be less guilty about being away.

Thanks Eesa.