

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

New Strata Committee

This year's AGM has elected another strong committee comprising Chair **Andrew Greuter**, Secretary **Cynthia Carr**, Treasurer **Derek Dryden**, and members **Doug Turner**, **Lindy Taylor**, **David Crawford**, **Tracy Hill**, **Rainer Fried** and **Justin O'Brien**.

MY PLACE Community Survey

City of Sydney wants your input – about how you feel about life in Erskineville and what's important to you for the future.

Everyone is invited to have their say – that means each and every adult in a household.

Go to **unsw.to/myplace** or pick up a hard copy of the survey at your local library.

Got a newsy item?
Let us know at -
contact@maggiehamilton.org

Fabulous Foodcraft



Thanks to our Foodcraft team Wil, Christian and Aurck who work tirelessly to create a strong sense of community providing wonderful food at the café and now offer evening dining and evening take-outs with regular menu changes Tuesdays to Fridays.

Always working to enhance our coffee and dining experiences, they've received planning permission for an awning on the north side of the building to allow for shade and shelter when needed.

ERKO Gardens

It's been a big year for ERKO Gardens and Grounds Group Lindy Taylor and Cynthia Carr with the replanting of Macdonald St after the installation of drains, and a post-planting watering regime.

Work on Pearl St footpath and gardens is complete thanks to the residents/Ashmore Estate campaign with the City of Sydney Council, led by Erko Strata Committee members.

Skate arrests have been installed on ramps in Macdonald St. Replanting and mulching of exterior gardens is complete, along with the replacement of unsuccessful plants in the podium and Metters and Bridge St gardens.

Lloma's Fab Food Guide

The Bach Eatery

399 King St , Newtown.
Closed Monday & Tuesday.

This would have to be one of the top restaurants in Newtown. The food is amazing with a Kiwi twist. (Bach is the name given to NZ holiday shacks). The restaurant is small so do book. Seating is high stools or communal tables. It does get noisy.



Earl's Juke Joint

407 King St, Newtown, open from 4 pm daily.

Behind Betta Meats tacky facade lies a slice of New Orleans. A terrific bar, perfect for a pre dinner cocktail, before heading to Bach just up the road.

Pino's Vino e Cucina

199 Lawrence St, Alexandria.
Closed Mondays, open from 5pm.

This local neighbourhood gem is just 7 minutes walk from Erko. A great little Italian wine bar and restaurant. I was joined by Erko residents Wendy and Tracy. The food's delicious and the staff very helpful. We will be back!



Owners Corp AGM Financial Update

SC treasurer, Derek Dryden, reported to this month's meeting that the strata's finances were in good shape.

The administrative fund has a balance of \$281,961 which reflects the fact that we have had two levy payments and just four months of expenditure. (Our financial year runs from 1st February). We have incurred no unusual expense items and all the major expense categories are well within budget.

Our outstanding levies are also tracking well, with only three owners who have not paid their levies for February. These owners can expect a knock at their door very soon.

ERKO presence in the Solomon Islands

ERKO resident Terry Liddicott has been in Honiara for 11 months working for the Ministry of Education through Australian Volunteers International (AVI), assisting school finances – not an easy project with 70% of schools with no power or computer equipment, and the rest with Excel based systems, but low levels of computer literacy.

On a lighter note Terry was guest-of-honour and speaker at a school graduation, where the Honiara City Council mayor failed to show.





How Erskineville Got Its Name

Erskineville was named after *Erskine Villa*, home of the Reverend George Erskine. After a few changes of owners the property was eventually left to the Church of England, becoming the rectory for the Holy Trinity Church at Macdonaldtown, since demolished.

Subsequently Macdonaldtown was renamed the Borough of Erskineville.

Completion of Bylaw Review

The Strata Management Act effective the end of November 2016, required all strata schemes to review their existing by-laws and submit a comprehensive by-laws list for registration. SC member Doug Turner has put in extensive time, effort and legal expertise to complete this project, providing the Owners Corporation with significant savings in legal costs for the drafting and re-writing of by-laws passed by the AGM.

The Strata Committee now has a defined grievance/complaint handling process ensuring owners/residents and their guests have an avenue to raise and respond to concerns regarding the operations and implementation of Erko by-laws. The Strata Committee is also guided by its own Code of Conduct.

For useful links, documents, FAQs and more <http://erkoapartments.com.au>

Optus Phone Tower

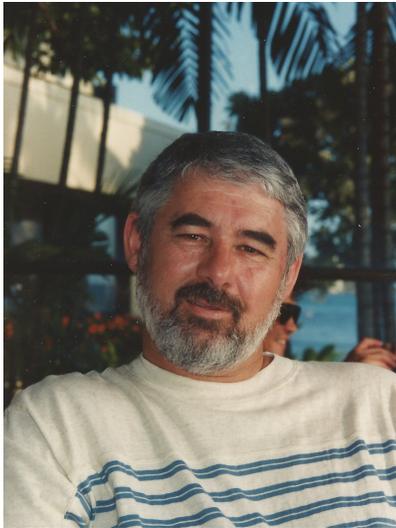
At the AGM the Owners Corporation authorised the Strata Committee to negotiate with Urbis (Optus consultants) towards the possible installation of a mobile phone tower on the common property roof of Erko, including entering into Heads of Terms for the installation. The final decision will be for all owners in a General Meeting.

Everest Base Camp

Looking for travel inspiration? The Everest Base Camp trek winds through Sagarmatha national park surrounded by breath-taking scenery. Hike to an altitude of 5,300m to Base Camp itself, before rising early the following morning to summit Kalapatthar to watch the sunrise over the mighty Mt Everest.

Strata Committee chair Andrew Greuter has just returned from the 12 day trek and loved every minute of it, and as an added bonus, comments the trek is a great way to lose weight!





Remembering Peter Clarkson

My father passed away on the 22nd April at home surrounded by his family. He lived a good life and loved nothing more than a meal, a drink and good chat.

As a Dad he was always interested in everything I did and said. He also had many friends all over the world that remember him fondly for being a good bloke, a straight-shooter and a larrikin. He often said the only thing he got right in life was marrying my mother, thus he was heart-broken when she died. Now they are re-united.

Over the last two years here at Erko we had countless family get togethers that were full of fun and laughs. He was much loved and he will be sorely missed - so RIP to my best mate and idol.

Andrew Clarkson



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George Michael in Neighbouring St Peter's

Sydney street artist Scott Marsh is back with his larger-than-life depiction of George Michael in saint mode just a few minutes away on the corner of Bray and Flora streets.

Commissioned by musos Jonny Seymour and Paul Mac, who worked with George Michael at his 2010 Sydney stadium shows, this piece honours the singer's stay, and the fact that George Michaels credits the city for reigniting his passion for music.

Jonny and Paul did some music for one of George's shows at the SCG and ended up becoming really good friends, and have found a perfect way to capture this friendship.