



**Graffiti Action Day**

Sunday 15 May is Graffiti Action Day. Council is planning a morning workshop down at DJ Gardens, Summer Hill where residents can help transform the Franklins wall that runs behind the tennis courts, by painting over the graffiti. There will be a free BBQ for those who join in.

**Grants Commission**

Patrick will attend a meeting on 31 March with the Grants Commission, who administer \$1.3 million of grants each year.

**Opening of New Library**

The new Ashfield Library will be open in mid-May by Richard Glover. It will be twice the size of the old library. There are plans to run events and activities in the new library including a band night and Sydney Writers Festival events.

**PRESENTATION: Australian Red Cross by Jo Page**

The Red Cross is an international organisation that provides emergency relief for people in times of conflict and natural disasters. The Red Cross is independent from Government and is a signatory of the Geneva Convention. It relies heavily on volunteers and has over 60,000 people volunteering across Australia.

As well as its emergency relief work, the Red Cross also runs community programs. These include First Aid training and service, Telecross, tracing family members lost through conflict and war, Blood Bank (separate service).

They also run programs for young people.

- Save a Mate (SAM) – trains young people to look after themselves and their friends when it comes to safe partying.
- Goodstart Breakfast Club – volunteers serve breakfast to school children.
- Y Challenge – Support, including funding, advice and mentoring, for young people to run their own community projects.
- National Youth Advisory Committee – a committee of young people who provide advice to Red Cross.

**ACTION: Committee members to consider running a project through the Y Challenge program.**

**PRESENTATION: Youth Activities at DJ Gardens, Jorge Gutierrez, Summer Hill Community Centre**

Summer Hill Community Centre (SHCC) has identified the need for more youth-focused activities. Jorge presented three ideas to the Committee for their feedback:

- 1) Girls Only Zone – Run a 10-week program of craft activities for young girls. Example candle making, beading, cake decorating.
- 2) Sports Arvo – Run a weekly sports afternoon each Friday, for young women and men at DJ Gardens. Example: Austag, cricket, tennis, basketball.

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- 3) Youth Festival – Run a youth festival 1-4 times per year. Example: skate competition, band competition, movies night.

Feedback from the Committee members:

- The activities for the Girls Only Zone were suitable for children under 13 years old. Young women, 12-18 years old, prefer different types of activities.
- A drop-in program would work better than a fixed 10 week program, where participants need to attend each session in order to progress. Young people have very structured lives and need less structure in their after school activities.
- The Movie Night sounds good.
- Consider running a program for a short period like 4 weeks in a row. Once-a-month programs are not frequent enough.
- Background music and atmosphere are important when running activities for young women. Have a DJ playing music.
- Consider running a Dance Competition as there are lots of dance schools in the area.

**Ashfield Youth Theatre – Aimee Falzon**

Aimee is the new Theatre Director for Ashfield Youth Theatre. The Youth Theatre runs theatre projects throughout the year. Each project has a different focus. The 2011 program includes activities for playwrights, dancers, actors, and sounds and lighting and design.

Their current project is Flash Mob Crew. A flash mob is where a group of people meet at a public place and perform an unusual synchronised act, usually a dance or a freeze pose, and then disperse, leaving the public dazzled and confused. The group are meeting weekly to devise their dance and locations for the Flash Mob, which will be performed during Youth Week, 1-10 April 2011.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday 4 April 2011.  
Ashfield Town Hall  
5.30pm-6.30pm

**PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 6:30PM**

Chairperson of the meeting of Ashfield Youth Committee  
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date