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# Willoughby City News

## Willoughby Spring Festival 2005

Willoughby City Council launched its ninth annual Spring Festival, announcing 17 new events to the 2005 festival calendar of 42 events, August 10, in the Council's Chambers in Chatswood.

Presiding over the official launch, Willoughby Mayor Pat Reilly said the Willoughby Spring Festival was a celebration of the fantastic lifestyle enjoyed by local residents as well as a welcome to spring.

"The Spring Festival continues to grow and prosper each year as more community members become involved, celebrating a rich variety of interests and cultures through activities that cater to all ages.

"The amazing breadth of participation in this year's festival reflects a true community commitment to promote and celebrate our locality and lifestyle", said Mayor Reilly.

The first preliminary of the Giant Chess Championships in the Chatswood Mall kicked off the much-loved community festival on Thursday September 1. Willoughby's own Iron Chef "Wokathon", a wok-based culinary competition, will close the festival Thursday evening September 29, at the city's weekly Melody Markets in the Chatswood Mall.

A highlight of the NSW festival scene, the Willoughby Spring Festival is the largest on the North Shore and its sensational StreetFair, September 10, is one of the few remaining true street festivals in Australia.

*A great big thank you to the Spring Festival's sponsors: North Shore Times, ADSHEL, Westfield Chatswood, BIGPOND and MBF.*

### Festival Highlights:

**The Willoughby Art Prize** September 3-11, Willoughby Civic Centre;

**Father's Day Fun Run** September 4, Castle Cove Primary School;

**Moon Lantern Festival and Parade** September 15, Chatswood Mall;

**Funnybone 500 Comedy Short Film Festival** September 17, Willoughby Civic Centre;

**Public Art Tours** September 17 & 18 throughout Willoughby City;



*Carly Edelmuth dancers at the Spring Festival launch.*

**Giant Chess Challenge** September 1, 8, 15, 22; Jazz music series "**Swing into Spring**" at the Zenith Theatre, Chatswood, every Tuesday in September;

**Hungawi Festival** (Korean) September 13, Willoughby Civic Centre;

**Wok-a-thon** – live battle of the chefs September 29, Chatswood Mall and;

**Coffee Action** - local baristas battle it out at the StreetFair, September 10.



## CIVIC PLACE

*the heart and soul of the North Shore*

### **CIVIC PLACE Patrons Announced** **A heart and soul for the North Shore**

Willoughby City Council has announced the Hon Robert Hawke, Yvonne Kenny, Les Murray and Matthew Reilly as its Civic Place Patrons.

Civic Place, providing a heart and soul for the North Shore, is Willoughby City Council's commitment to its community and the future of its children. The project delivers 6000sqm of open space to the centre of the Chatswood CBD, state-of-the-art library, performance and cultural facilities as well as eateries, retail and a boutique hotel.

Internationally renowned lyric soprano Yvonne Kenny AM BSc (Syd) Hon. DMus(Hon)(Syd) – Soprano, now living in London, has fond memories of her childhood growing up in Northbridge and Willoughby and performing with Chatswood's Willoughby Musical Society.

Ms Kenny often returns to Sydney and is thrilled an arts and cultural centre is a focus of building a "heart and soul" for the North Shore in Chatswood.

"My journey as a singer began as a teenager performing in the old Willoughby Town Hall. Those early beginnings were the seed of an international career - my love of performing began there.

"I think it is brilliant that Willoughby Council is taking this opportunity to really invest in the future of its children.

"I look forward to performing in Civic Place myself", said Ms Kenny.

One of Australia's most successful young authors, and resident of Willoughby, Matthew Reilly researched his international bestseller, *Ice Station*, at Willoughby Library.

"For any writer, it all starts at your local library," said Matthew. "The Civic Place project offers the next generation of Willoughby-born writers an opportunity to work in a marvellous state-of-the-art facility – right on their own door step", he said.

The Hon Robert JL Hawke AC, Australian Prime Minister from March 1983 until December 1991 and local Willoughby resident, said encouraging the growth of centres around Sydney through the arts and learning was a cause to be passionate about.

"As Patron for this ambitious project, I believe the new Civic Place will be a catalyst for supporting a vibrant commercial centre for Sydney while also fostering a stronger sense of local community.

Les Murray, internationally acknowledged as Australia's leading poet, has been a prolific local voice for more than forty years.

A Willoughby City resident for 14 years and long-time Willoughby City Library patron, Mr Murray said he was honoured to serve as a patron for Civic Place.

"As a supporter and user of the Willoughby Library, I am greatly impressed by the increased size of the new library and the breadth and quality of the additional arts and cultural facilities", said Mr. Murray.

"Listening to descriptions of private study rooms, meeting rooms, state-of-the-art IT facilities and lovely sunny and shaded spaces for quiet reading sounds to me as though the new library will be great match for the many enthusiastic visitors it receives", he said.

Civic Place is:

- 1000 seat concert hall
- 500 seat theatre
- 600sqm exhibition hall
- 5000sqm public library
- visual arts exhibition space
- 450sqm rehearsal space
- 6000sqm open space
- cafes and restaurants
- 120 room boutique hotel

The \$129m Civic Place project is currently in phase three of its design stage with construction planned to start in 2007. Civic Place will open in 2010.

Contact Civic Place Project Manager Linda Cardew on 9777 1015, [civic.place@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:civic.place@willoughby.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.civicplace.com.au](http://www.civicplace.com.au) for further information.

# Willoughby Recycles

Willoughby residents and business are becoming renowned as great recyclers, diverting close to 50 per cent of all waste from landfill every year for the past five years. This year we improved again.

From June 2004 to July 2005, 49.21% of waste was diverted from landfill, in the city of Willoughby, an improvement on 48.56% diverted June 2003 to July 2004.

## What does this mean?

Trees saved	68,028
Barrels of oil saved	13,082
kWh of electricity saved	12,455,091
Cubic metres of landfill saved	20,932
Green house gas savings	895 Tonnes

## e-waste

Willoughby became the second NSW council to establish a free computer waste recycling service July 30, when it launched its e-waste recycling campaign. The open days on July 30, August 6 and 7 at Willoughby's Artarmon Depot, Reserve Road, resulted in an incredibly successful **seven tonnes of e-waste recycled**. At present only four per cent of e-waste is currently recycled in Australia with 1.6 million computers ending up in landfill every year. Willoughby City Council is determined to change this trend.

**237 Willoughby residents** recycled monitors, computer cables, modems, laptops, note books, hard drives and other computer parts like circuit boards, scanners, mobile phones, small printers and keyboards. This waste has been transported to Sims E-Recycling Facility in Melbourne. The monitors have been sent to Europe.



An estimated 11.4 million computers are used in Australia today, which includes 5.3 million printers and 2.1 million scanners.

Every computer contains valuable materials that can be reused and recycled. A computer contains between two and four kilograms of lead. Other materials include copper, aluminium, gold, silver, tin and three different types of plastic. When disposed of through landfills these substances can leech into the environment causing significant damage.

# THE MAYOR'S COLUMN



**Mayor - Pat Reilly**

It's Spring Festival time again and I am pleased to announce the 2005 calendar boasts a fantastically diverse and exciting program once again. Activities that celebrate our community with its rich history, architecture, schools, arts, nature, sports, entertainment and multiculturalism will be held over 42 events this September. There is most certainly an event to suit each and every resident, so I look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks.

As well as the great many businesses that contribute to our annual spring festivities, this year every shop in Chatswood is being urged to dress its shop front with an interpretation of 'celebrating spring'. The best window display is set to win a \$1000 Westfield voucher.



*Chatswood Blood Donor Centre staff and Willoughby Mayor Pat Reilly.*

I am pleased to announce the Chatswood Blood Donor Centre became a permanent donor facility at 1 Spring Street, Chatswood last month. As a blood donor recipient myself last year, I certainly appreciate the necessity for this life-saving service. According to the Red Cross one in three Australians will need blood during their lifetime, but only one in 30 donate. With Blood Donor Awareness Week beginning September 12, I urge all able donors to visit the new Chatswood centre, either as a regularly returning donor or for an inaugural visit.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate all Willoughby City Council 'genies' for their great support again this year of Jeans for Genes Day. The Council staff raised \$522.15 for scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute to prevent, or develop better treatments, for children with diseases such as leukaemia, muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis.

# Cycling Proficiency Training

Willoughby City Council, the Health Promotion Unit of Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Service and Bike North will run a series of Cycling Proficiency Training (CPT) courses throughout September and November.

Aimed at encouraging people to increase their physical activity, all three organisations hope that participants will cycle more frequently, and possibly even replace short car trips by cycling.

The two courses are designed for adults who would like to improve their cycling skills and confidence.

**Back on Your Bike** courses are designed for people who have seldom cycled, lack the confidence and skills for cycling, and would like to mainly ride on bike paths.

- Mondays, September, 12, 19 & 26  
4-6pm at Bicentennial Reserve;
- Sundays, November, 13 & 20,  
9am - 12noon at Artarmon Oval.

**Commute by Bike** courses are targeted at people with cycling experience but lacking confidence and skills riding on the road and negotiating traffic. These people are encouraged to use their bike as a form of transport.

- Thursdays, September, 15, 22 & 29  
4-6pm at Bicentennial Reserve;
- Sundays, November, 13 & 20  
1 - 4pm at Artarmon Oval.

All courses include a bike safety check, how to use gears and brakes, managing hills, cornering, managing road hazards, road rules, and supervised bike rides.

Courses are six hours in total. Weekday courses comprise three x two hour sessions. Weekend courses comprise two x three hours sessions. Each course is \$20 (\$10 for concession card holders).

Contact Willoughby's Road Safety Officer on 9777 7723 for more information or 8877 5300 to make a booking.



After very successful community and business consultations, the Willoughby City Strategy, a new plan to determine Willoughby city's future for the next 15 to 20 years, is well underway.

- A community survey, distributed through Council's website, local schools, churches, shopping centres, child care centres, local markets and fairs, and community groups has been translated into key multicultural languages, alongside a specific youth survey;
- Local year 4 students have drawn their city of the future;
- The Willoughby Community Forum, a Forum for key stakeholders, a staff workshop, and a Youth Forum have been held;
- Two "Vox Pop" videos (community and youth) have been filmed, detailing community thoughts and concerns on the future directions for Willoughby City.



*Mayor Pat Reilly with students from the Youth Forum.*

## Consultation outcomes

Key issues identified as important for the future of Willoughby are:

- Environment and sustainability issues;
- Transport, traffic and public transport;
- Community spirit and cohesion, and diversity;
- Access to services and facilities;
- Housing diversity and choice;
- Nightlife/ entertainment/ restaurants; and
- Development issues.

These issues will be addressed as part of the strategy.

## How can I get involved?

- Visit our stall at the Spring Festival StreetFair
- Stay informed by checking Council's website
- Register to participate in the September/October community forums.

For registration bookings or questions phone our Strategic Planning team on 9777 1000 or email [citystrategy@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:citystrategy@willoughby.nsw.gov.au).

# Environment in Focus

Over 100 outstanding, creative and picturesque entries were received in the 2005 environmental photography competition, Environment in Focus. All entrants were asked to respond to the theme: *Trees for Life, take a breath in your local reserve*, resulting in a gallery of beautiful bushland images.

Mayor Pat Reilly announced the competition winners at the exhibition launch July 28. \$2,000 (in cash and prizes) was awarded across the Open and Student categories.

Scott Meynert won first prize and \$1,000 for his photo *Twin Canopy*, precisely responding to the competition theme with a breathtaking photo of two tree canopies seemingly symbolising the delicate network of lungs.



First Place: *Twin Canopy* by Scott Meynert

David Randle was awarded second place and \$500 for his photo *Solitude Forest North Arm Track*, a delicate mangrove shot featuring a sole mangrove in the foreground on a backdrop of lace-like mangroves.

Liam Guthrie-Lyons, from Castle Cove Public School, won the student category with *The Graceful Tree in Harold Reid*. Liam was awarded a \$100 cash prize and photographic equipment valued at \$400 for his school.

A panel of photography professionals comprising Chrissie Goldrick, Photo editor at Australian Geographic, Bob Humphreys from The Photographers Creative in Chatswood and professional photographer Michael Cheltham from Michael Cheltham Photography, judged the entries on artistic merit, technical skill and how well the photographer responded to the theme.

# Willoughby Park Turns 60

This year Willoughby Park Art and Recreation Centre celebrates 60 years of service to Willoughby and surrounding communities.

To mark the occasion, a series of events will be held over the first weekend in November. The weekend will commemorate and celebrate the many achievements of Willoughby Park Centre and of all those who have enjoyed the facility over the past 60 years.



Willoughby Park Centre Pottery student at work.

An exhibition on the history of the centre and a student/teacher Art Exhibition will run all weekend. On Saturday November 5, a themed dinner and dance will follow a Fair Day with entertainment, community stalls and Cow Bingo. On November 6, a Family Picnic Day will take place.

The historical focus of the weekend will capture the vibrant spirit of Willoughby Park Centre and allow past and present students to reflect on their time spent at the centre.

Willoughby Park Centre has grown remarkably since its inception as a Youth Centre in 1945. Today, it provides courses for people of all ages, from young children through to the elderly. It delivers a record number of courses including Pilates, yoga, belly dancing, beaded jewellery, painting and pottery for adults.

Children's programs include gymnastics, Kindergym, art & craft and music & movement. Willoughby Park Centre also offers a very popular School Holiday Program consisting of short workshops in craft, beaded jewellery, drama, gymnastics, kids belly dancing, kite making, wood modeling, lawn bowls and pottery.

You too can assist event organisers if you have, or know of any, photographs of previous courses and events at Willoughby Park Centre from the period of 1945-1980. Any film or photographs lent to Willoughby Council will be recorded, catalogued and returned on completion of the project. Call the Centre on 9967 2917.

# CUSTOMER RELATIONS

## YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

If you know of, see or have something within your street or area that you would like improved or repaired (street trees, signage, footpaths, parks) please contact us on 9777 1000. One of our customer service officers will take the details and arrange for an inspection to be carried out.

Working together to maintain and improve our suburbs will ensure that the Willoughby City area remains an enjoyable and pleasant place to live, work and visit.

## RATES

The first instalment on the 2005/2006 years rates was due on Wednesday August 31, 2005, if you have not paid or it has slipped your mind, don't forget that payments can be made at any Commonwealth Bank branch, Australia Post Office or by telephoning 13 18 16 and using your credit card as well as paying at Council offices.

## MAGPIES & MINERS

With the arrival of Spring & Summer just around the corner, the annual Magpie/Miner diving season has commenced. This display by the birds is not an unusual habit and at this time of year the birds are preparing their nests and defending young against perceived predators. The diving will not continue for too long, so be prepared if you have a nesting couple living near you.

Please do not provoke or agitate these birds as they are only acting in a way that is completely natural and avoid areas that you know to be favoured by Magpies & Miners.

We trust the above is of some assistance, but please if you are in doubt or have any questions call us on 9777 1000. We will always endeavour to help.

# News from Willoughby City Library

## Borrow DVDs in Chatswood

Willoughby City Library's large and growing lending selection of DVDs allows library members to borrow up to four DVDs at a time. With a loan period of three weeks (same as books) you can return borrowed DVDs with other loans.

Find collections of the television series *Monarch of the Glen*, *The Office*, *Red Dwarf*, *As Time Goes By*, documentaries *Monarchy and Elvis by the Presleys*, film classics *Casablanca*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's* or *The birds*.

Foreign film titles include the magnificent *Amelie*, *Life is beautiful*, *Cinema Paradiso* and *The Seven Samurai*. As well as entertaining DVDs, you'll find exercise classes on Tai Chi and aerobics and a great many interest subjects such as gardening, history and sports.

## Child Safety Online

Willoughby City Library and other public libraries across Australia are assisting the Commonwealth Government to spread the word about some important Australian Government websites. The NetAlert websites aim to inform people, particularly families, about how to keep safe online.

As in the physical world, parents need to be aware of where their children are in the online world. To help keep kids safe, the following websites have plenty of practical advice.

### [www.netalert.net.au](http://www.netalert.net.au)

Practical advice on Internet safety, parental control and Internet filters for the protection of children, students and families. Features instant help for Internet safety (phone 1800 880 176, email [enquiries@netalert.net.au](mailto:enquiries@netalert.net.au) or go to [www.netalert.net.au/help](http://www.netalert.net.au/help)).

### [www.cyberquoll.com.au](http://www.cyberquoll.com.au)

An Internet safety education site for primary schools.

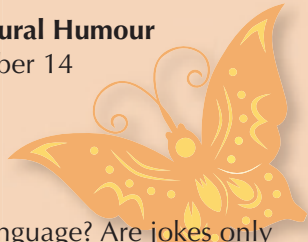
### [www.nettysworld.com.au](http://www.nettysworld.com.au)

A fun site for children to learn about online safety with an informative Parent's Guide on the site.

# Spring Festival

## **An Evening About Cross Cultural Humour**

6.30pm, Wednesday, September 14  
Council Chambers  
31 Victor Street, Chatswood  
A FREE Spring Festival Event



Is humour an international language? Are jokes only appreciated at a national or ethnic level? What is a sense of humour? Do Australians have a distinct sense of humour? What are the ties or similarities between Australian and Asian humour?

These are some of the questions to be explored by three key speakers in a night of quips and cultural discoveries.

Dr Jessica Milner Davis, a past president of the International Society for Humour Studies, will share the meaning of a sense of humour and humour distinct to Australians.

Former diplomat, the first Cultural Consul to China, Prof. Jocelyn Chey will discuss a very relevant topic to Sydney's highly multicultural society, humour and diplomacy.

Dr Shirley Chan, Department of Asian Languages lecturer at Macquarie University, will explicate Confucian humour.  
Booking are essential phone 9777 1000.

## **Funnybone500 Comedy Film Festival Grand Finals**

Saturday, September 17  
2pm School Entrants Finalists Show  
8pm Adult Finalists Show  
Willoughby Civic Centre,  
409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

A fun show for all the family, the School Entrants Finalists Show presents the hilarious compilation of school entry finalists mixed with an afternoon of G-rated entertainment.

The Adult Finalists show, hosted by comedian Pommy Johnson, delivers a side-splitting evening of great comedy films by amateur and professional film-makers.

Live stand up shows by Sydney's comedy darling Gary Eck and sensation of the 2005 Melbourne Comedy Festival, the Bedroom Philosopher.

For ticketing phone MCA ticketing on 1300 306 776 or [www.mca-tix.com](http://www.mca-tix.com). School Finalist Show tickets \$6. Adult Finalist Show tickets \$25, students \$22. Supported by The Spring Festival 2005 Grant Program.

## **Swing Into Spring**

Join jazz fans from near and far at Swing into Spring, a series of four concerts promoting some of Australia's finest jazz talents at the Zenith Theatre in Chatswood.

The Willoughby City Council Spring Festival event takes place 8pm each Tuesday in September in the local jazz venue, complete with cosy seating and a licensed bar.

Tickets: Individual tickets \$25/\$20 concession. Series tickets for all four concerts are \$80/\$70 conc. Individual concert tickets are \$25/\$20 conc. For more information call the Zenith Theatre on 9411-7704. Free parking for each ticket purchased.

## **Carl Dewhurst Quartet**

8pm Tuesday, September 6  
Supreme jazz and blues guitarist Carl Dewhurst leads keyboard player Stu Hunter, bassist Cameron Undy and drummer Warren Trout through an evening of warm and swingin' jazz through to crying blues.

## **The Sound of Ray Charles Big Band**

8pm Tuesday, September 13  
If you enjoyed Ray the movie, you'll be thrilled with this sensational 20-piece big band led by Tim Oram and featuring the "Aussie Raelets". You'll be dancing in your seat, and maybe rocking down the aisles, as a host of special guests perform Ray Charles hits in a breath-taking show featuring the 'cream' of Australian and international jazz musicians.

## **The Idea of North**

8pm Tuesday, September 20  
The Idea of North is regarded by peers and critics alike as a world class musical act. Their superb musicianship and outstanding arrangements embrace jazz, soul and gospel music, together with their own award-winning originals, traditional and contemporary songs, has marked them as an act not to be missed.  
The Idea of North is Trish Delaney-Brown (soprano), Naomi Crellin (alto), Nick Begbie (tenor) and Andrew Piper (bass).

## **Wanderlust**

8pm Tuesday, September 27  
Wanderlust brings together the talents of six of Australia's best jazz instrumentalists. Together they have developed a unique sound through highly original compositions, superb ensemble work and imaginative improvisation and interplay. Skillfully blending global beats with jazz improvisation, the emphasis is on composition, texture and mood, rather than display of individual virtuosity. Led by Miroslav Bukovsky, long recognised as one of Australia's best trumpeters and composers, Wanderlust have established a profile as an exciting and innovative jazz group.



### **Willoughby Art Prize 2005 Exhibition**

10am - 5pm, September 3 - 11,  
Willoughby Civic Centre,  
409 Victoria Ave Chatswood

*Free*

The Willoughby Art Prize exhibition is a free event and one of the highlights of the Spring Festival. It provides the opportunity to see innovative contemporary Australian art in the heart of Chatswood.

Most of the art is for sale at affordable prices and includes painting, drawing, photography and mixed media.

There will be a special display of artworks made by local school children participating in workshops during the exhibition, or join a free, guided tour of the winning works.



*Local students artworks, created in the Willoughby Art Prize Public Programs workshops.*

# Arts &

### **Willoughby Art Prize Public Programs**

Mon - Fri, September 5 - 9

Guided exhibition tour for community groups and the public. An opportunity to gain some background to the prize process and the works exhibited.

### **Buds and Shoots exhibition**

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm, September 19 - October 6,  
Foyer Exhibition Space,  
31 Victor Street, Chatswood

*Free*

Highlights of over 45 Spring Festival community events and celebrations in Willoughby.

To make bookings or for more information on these events contact 9777 7972.

*The Art Prize is proudly donated by Willoughby Council and local businesses: Chatswood Chase, Eckersley's Arts, Craft and Imagination, Daylight International, Sheads First National Real Estate, Chatswood Toyota, Permanent Press, Framing Now and friends and family of Jamie Silk (Winner 2002).*



### **Wilkes Plaza Refurbishment and Artwork Launch**

Sunday, 12pm,  
September 18  
Wilkes Plaza, Elizabeth Street Artarmon  
Join the Mayor of Willoughby and the Artarmon Progress Association to launch the exciting new work in this heritage Plaza. Then join a free public art tour around Willoughby from 1pm.

*Artists Christina Macaulay and Steven Vella installing mosaic pavement inserts in historic Wilkes Plaza Artarmon.*

# Culture



2004 Willoughby Art Prize Entry.

## Art on Wheels - Willoughby Public Art Bus Tours

1pm - 4pm, September 17 and 18  
Saturday depart Chatswood CBD,  
Sunday depart Artarmon  
*Free*

Learn the history and stories of Willoughby's Public Art. For bookings and further information contact 9777 7994.

## 'Dreamlands' by Rhonda Thwaite

9am - 5pm, October 10 - 27  
Foyer Exhibition Space,  
Ground Floor, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood  
*Free*

Local artist Rhonda will showcase her latest photographic work for the first time in Willoughby. Her large format canvases document Swallow House and the passage of time. Funding assistance through Willoughby Council Cultural Grants Program.  
Contact: 9777 7972



Shinmi Park design.

## Art to Wear From Korea

9am - 5pm, Mon - Fri,  
November 21 - December 8  
Foyer Exhibition Space,  
Ground Floor,  
31 Victor Street,  
Chatswood  
*Free*

Korean fashion stylist and designer Shinmi Park creates exquisite garments that transform through zippers, from

sleek designs to ornate and decorative ready-to-wear fashion. Shinmi has exhibited and been published widely in Korea and is showcasing her amazing work to the Willoughby community.

## Artists of Willoughby Exhibition Series

9am - 5pm, Mon - Fri, October 31 - November 17,  
Foyer Exhibition Space,  
Ground Floor, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood  
*Free*

A close look and commemoration of the important role that the Workshop Art Centre has, and continues to have, in the development of artists in the Willoughby area and across Sydney. The first in a series of exhibitions showcasing artists who have impacted the local arts. Contact: 9777 7972



11am - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday, November 26 & 27. Now in its fourth year, the Willoughby Artists Weekend allows residents to discover local galleries, private studios, artist workshops and community art spaces.

Get to know your neighbourhood in this excellent and interactive opportunity for community members to meet the many talented artists living and working in Willoughby. You'll be treated to a diverse range of painting, sculpture and crafts all locally created.

A free bus tour will leave at noon each day. Seats are limited and booking essential. A site map will be available online from late October.

For further information please contact Willoughby City Council's Arts & Cultural Manager Jacky Talbot 9777 7994.



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*improving our environment*

### Competition Nest Box

In Willoughby, tree hollows are in short supply and can take 150 years to form in a tree. This poses a very serious threat for the long-term survival of our local hollow-nesting animals such as owls, Micro Bats, gliders and possums. If these animals aren't able to find a place to roost they risk becoming endangered or extinct.

Help provide nesting areas for these animals by entering competition Nestbox. To enter, produce a functional nestbox for a native animal found in Willoughby. Entries close on October 28, visit [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au) for further information or an entry form.



*Nestbox in Beauchamp Park, Chatswood.*

### Creek Art

Creek art will be held on Saturday, October 30, at Ferndale park from 11am – 3pm.

Celebrate Water Week in a fun, relaxing and cultural way at Ferndale Park. Bring the family and a picnic to discover the magic of Willoughby's local waterways through the minds of local artists.

Willoughby's 'Street to Creeks' has teamed up with the Dare2 sculpture group from the Workshop Art Centre to present artworks in nature.

Phone 9777 7873 for further information.

### Youth Lead

November 4 - 6, 2005, Naamaroo Conference Centre, Lane Cove.

Do you want to make a difference in your community but aren't sure how or where to start? Youth Lead is an innovative environmental action and leadership training programme designed to give young people the skills, motivation and opportunities to lead the way to a sustainable future.

Participants between 15-25 can participate in a three - day workshop involving training in:

- Ecological footprint assessment and lifestyle analysis;
- Strategic questioning and critical thinking;
- Creative thinking, values and visioning;
- Goal setting and action planning for lifestyle changes and projects.

The cost is between \$50 - \$200, fully subsidised places also available. Food and accommodation included. Visit Willoughby Council's web site for further information or an application form.

### Sustainability Street

12 noon, Saturday, November 12

Warners Park Community Centre, The Outpost, Northbridge

6pm, Tuesday, November 15

Willoughby City Council Chambers, 31 Victor St, Chatswood.

*Attend a free information session*

Join with others in your community to reduce your waste to landfill by 50 per cent, save up to \$500 per year through everyday energy conservation and reduce water usage by up to 60,000 litres per year.

Sustainability Street is an exciting new project that encourages local residents to take action to create a healthier, safer, more environmentally friendly neighbourhood by working together to become more environmentally sustainable. Phone 9777 7873 for further information and to RSVP.

# StreetFair 2005 Highlights

The zenith of the Willoughby Spring Festival is its StreetFair, a day of frivolity for all ages from 10am to 4pm Saturday, September 10, throughout Chatswood's CBD.

Now in its ninth year, StreetFair has attracted in excess of 100,000 people each year for the past four years and features the Willoughby community as performers, stallholders, volunteers and spectators.

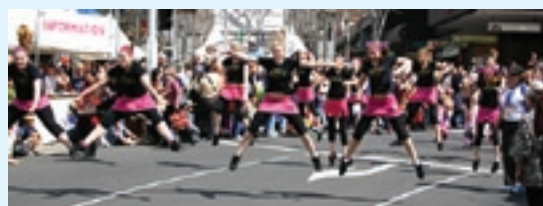


StreetFair's six zones, four of which are performance stages, are supported by a city-centre lined with 120 street stalls featuring jewellery, food, plants, fashion, home wares, wine and cheese tastings plus community organisations and sporting and recreation clubs.

See the StreetFair pocket guide for a comprehensive list of the day's events

**10.30am Sustainability Street Parade** - over 800 community members including bands, dance schools, performance and environmental groups will march to the beat of the Junk Tweet Beats Drumming Performance.

**Junk Tweet Beats** - over 200 students from three schools (Glennaeon, Chatswood Primary and Willoughby Public School) perform a native bird drumming symphony on recycled materials. Their performance will start the Street Parade.



## Zone 1: Rhythm Road Stage

- **11.00am Waiting for Guinness** – Described as Garage Cabaret, Gypsy Punk and Gangster Jazz, Waiting for Guinness take their lead from the styles of Berlin Cabaret, Mariachi, Vaudeville, Spaghetti Western and Swing- Jazz.
- **1.00pm Adrian Cunningham** has risen to become one of the most versatile and sought after musicians in Sydney. He is a talented Saxophonist, Clarinetist, Flautist and Pianist.
- **2.00pm Vince Jones** – Australia's leading jazz vocalist is a remarkable interpreter and composer of contemporary jazz and plays trumpet brilliantly.

## Zone 2: The Y(outh) Lounge

- **12noon 15 Minutes** - Battle of the Bands
- **2pm Circus Stunts** - street performers match their skills
- **3pm Breakdancing** - breakdance crews battle it out on stage

## Zone 3: Wibilly Kids Zone

- **11am Baby Cino**
- **11am - 4pm** Half hour shows by various groups include Rhythm Factory and Circus Antics

## Zone 4: Chatswood Mall

- **10am Coffee Action** - A battle of the local baristas
- **Dance Fever** - A variety of dance troupes and studios perform from 1.30pm – 4pm

## Zone 5: Green Street

- Anderson Street South will be transformed into a bush backyard with things for kids to explore and discover and information on bushcare, bushwalks and how to reduce your environmental footprint by being energy and water smart.

## Zone 6: Civic Centre

The Willoughby **Art Prize** plus **Orchid, African Violets, Bonsai** and **Bromeliads** on display on the foyer will feature demonstrations and plants for sale.

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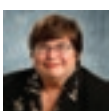


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