



Volunteers prepare for a busy year ahead...

Pyrmont Cares Inc.

Recycling furniture and whitegoods to those who need them most in the inner city

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Upcoming Dates:

**12 pm, 29th November
Christmas in Pyrmont
12:30pm, 5th December
BBQ at Pirrama Park**

Photo: The AGM held on the 9th September, 2015



New Website Launched at our AGM: One of PYRMONT CARES' recent successes has been a new-look website which is contemporary in its design and function, as well as being interactive for our clients and supporters. Check it out at www.pyrmontcares.org.au

An important message from Peter Devoy

Our most pressing priority is to recruit more volunteers for the 3-man teams on the truck. Ideally, there should be sufficient numbers so that no individual is rostered more than once every four weeks. Here's the challenge I throw out to all of you: **Refer just one new volunteer to PCI by February 28 to go into the draw for your chance to win a dinner-for-two valued up to \$100 at the Blue Eye Dragon Taiwanese Restaurant in Pyrmont.** Please do ask around within your immediate circle of friends, colleagues and neighbours and contact me with potential prospects.

Building a Better Community

PYRMONT CARES significantly contributes to the social capital of the Pyrmont Community with an even wider reach to the City of Sydney. Proven benefits of increasing the social capital of a community include stronger ties between neighbours, less violence & a lower crime rate, happier and healthier people, a stimulus for a higher educational standard in schools, and a higher level of cooperation and communication within the business community. ("*Social Capital & Our Community.*" *University of Minnesota 2008*) Ivor Epstein, Media Manager Pyrmont Cares

Administration Volunteers

PYRMONT CARES is not just about 40 men and a truck. Behind the scenes is a hard working group of people, which includes our new ops managers, Helen Devoy and Rosie Birch, and our new treasurer, Dave Rice. All members contribute in their different roles to the smooth functioning of PCI. However, we need more hands on deck. **We urgently need a WHS Officer, a Transport Manager and a Roster Manager.** If you can spare four hours per week, please contact either our president, Peter Devoy, our vice president, Jon Hoff, or our secretary, Jon Simpson.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party is on **Saturday 5th December, starting at 12.30pm, at Pirrama Park.** This day coincides with *International Volunteers' Day*. BBQ and drinks will be provided. If you are reading this newsletter, consider yourself invited!

NEW MATTRESS POLICY

Due to health concerns, we will no longer accept donated mattresses and bases. Instead, we will stock a limited range of refurbished and sanitised mattresses, available to agencies and recipients at cost.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

PCI will take a break between **17th December and the 1st February.** Thanks to all our volunteers for their magnificent contributions totalling an estimated 4224 number of hours. Wishing you all a very safe and happy new year.