



A happy event at Grain & Spice...

Pyrmont Cares Inc.

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

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Newsletter February 2016

Upcoming Key Date:
Mudgee Wine Festival
PYRMONT
16-17 May



Over 40 volunteers, friends and supporters of Pyrmont Cares were treated to an amazing selection of finger food in celebration of the Year of the Monkey. Many thanks to Muriel, Marcus and Xavier and all the staff.

Photo: Peter & Helen Devoy (left) and Muriel & Xavier Chan (right) at Grain & Spice on February 8, 2016

Our revamped Facebook Page: If you have not done so already, please "LIKE" our Facebook page, which is updated three times per week and full of news plus great photos. The site is jointly administered by PCI volunteers Brooke Twyford and Ivor Epstein along with Natasha Giannone from Morton Real Estate (our major donor). Click on this link to our Facebook page and like us now: <https://www.facebook.com/Pyrmont-Cares-464748936933778/>

A message from our President

2016 took off like a rocket for Pyrmont Cares. Thanks to our major sponsor, Morton Real Estate, we have just purchased a brand new truck (automatic) to replace our aging workhorse. We are very excited with our continued relationship with Morton's and look forward to working together during the coming years. On a less positive note, we are desperately seeking suitable off street parking because the City of Sydney has denied us street parking, with a warning that we will be booked for illegal parking in future.
Peter Devoy, *President Pyrmont Cares*

Pyrmont Cares and Social Capital

How does Social Capital help? The basic idea of social capital is that your family, friends, associates – even acquaintances – are an important asset. You can tap that asset to survive a crisis, improve your financial footing, or just enjoy life more. This is true for individuals and for groups. Communities that have a rich and diverse stock of social networks and civic associations are less vulnerable, and can easily tackle problems.
Ivor Epstein, *Media Manager Pyrmont Cares*

Our Major Sponsors



PYRMONT CARES & the ATO

Thanks to our resourceful and energetic Secretary, Jon Simpson, we have now been classified as a registered public benevolent institution by the ATO, with income tax exemption and with Deductible Gift Recipient status (which means all donations are tax deductible).

BOUNDLESS GENEROSITY

We are grateful to Ron Gattone and his company *Crescent Timber*. To date eight of the staff have been rostered during their working hours with our 3-man crews on the truck in the 1st Quarter of the year, thus helping in a big way towards our shortage of volunteers.

UNEXPECTED ASSISTANCE

The Star Casino has indicated that they will direct some staff to volunteer on the truck; provide us with temporary parking until we can secure a more permanent solution; allow us access to their event facilities for our fundraising activities and also donate quality furniture from their warehouse in Homebush to deliver to those in need.