

Pyrmont Cares Inc. Recycling furniture and whitegoods to those who need them most in the inner city

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The Star – Black Bar and Grill

Pyrmont Cares with the sponsorship of The Star will host a dinner at the world renowned **Black Bar and Grill** at "The Star" 80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont, on Monday 17 July commencing at 7.00pm. Tickets will become available by invitation.

Black Bar and Grill presents the finest steakhouse cuisine inspired by contemporary Australia and its seasonal produce.

With stylish décor and stunning views of Sydney Harbour and the City backdrops, you will enjoy an entirely novel dining experience.

CLASSIC GRILL MENU 3 courses | cost to be advised



A stunning meal and beverages plus a live band in a convivial environment...incredible value and an extremely worthwhile cause.

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SecondHand Saturday is back on 3rd June 2017 from 9am to 1pm at Quarry Green

Ultimo. SecondHand Saturday is a community garage sale event promoting reusing, recycling and caring for the environment. If you or anyone is interested in having a space, there are still spaces available. So much to see, so much to do!

Come along and if you want a space go to THE HARRIS CENTRE and book your space at UNITING HARRIS COMMUNITY CENTRE-97 QUARRY ST ULTIMO 02 9552,

1140-HARRISCENTRE@UNITING.ORG. There is a \$25 booking fee. Do you want to know all that is available on SecondHand Saturday ? Click on <u>https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/se</u> condhand-saturday

UPtown Festival

The Pyrmont Ultimo Network of Services (PUNS) is bringing the festival back.

It will be held on Saturday, Oct 28, 2017 from 11-5pm The festival will have performances from a variety of tal ented artists. Including local choirs &bands, Aboriginal performances, a Flamenco performance, a DJ, and ban ds on the main stage, as well as performances for children on the kid's stage. There will be over 35 stalls for food, shopping and more. The organisers are expecting 1500 people on the day.

Do you want to get involved?

Lots of opportunities: There is a need for performers, artists and workshop facilitators to get involved and shar e their talent with the community. Also, if you are a a stallholder please apply. Perhaps you just want to help with the operations of the day...you are needed, please apply.

For more information about any of these roles or to let the organisers know of your interest contact them on : <u>uptownfestival17@gmail.com</u>

Also for more information try the following: Facebook @uptownfestival https://www.facebook.com/u ptownfestival/

Click attending on their

Facebook event and invite your friends to join too. https://www.facebook.com/events/285450761914387/

The New Beginnings: Refugee Arts & Culture Festival is a celebration of the artistic talents and cultural expressions of people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. The festival has been a free public celebration of the diverse and rich creativity and talents of refugees, migrants and people seeking asylum, since it started in 2015. At the New Beginnings: Refugee Arts & Culture Festival 2017, exiled artists and craftspeople will have the opportunity to showcase the diverse cultural and artistic contributions they make to Australia through a series of events:

To find out more about how you or your organisations can get involved, head to website. https://www.newbeginningsfestival.com.au/



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Homeless Connect. The event is on 27 June at the Sydney Town Hall from 10.00am to 3.00pm and PCI will have an information table at the event.

Pyrmont Cares looking to expand.

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For the last two years PCI has been investigating ways to increase our social impact by extending our service. So over the last year we have embarked upon a personal development program which matches business mentors to charity leaders, visited the best example of charity franchising we could find in the UK and we have had two groups from the Commonwealth Bank working on franchising PCI. All this effort has been provided free of charge but we hope is now starting to show some results, watch this space!

More furniture

PCI's major sponsor is Morton's. Morton's has a substantial property management portfolio and we are working out ways in which we might be able to reduce refuse removal costs for Morton's properties under management, reduce landfill and increase the supply of furniture to PCI by collecting from strata development garbage rooms. A triple win!

PCI a Very Small Charity

The Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) has released its report on "Very Small Charities (VSC)", those with a revenue of less than \$50,000 a year, PCI qualifies as one of almost 19,000 charities in this category. Like 80% of Very Small Charities PCI has no staff but unlike other VSCs, PCI has twice as many volunteers as others operating in the social services category and three times as many volunteers as the norm for all VSCs. VSC's represent 37% of the 51,000 registered charities in Australia.

Help! Help! Help!

we need 2/3 seater sofas, small 2/3 seat tables (cafe tables), TV, Microwaves, Kettles, Vacuum cleaners smaller pots and pans

We have some excellent larger items that are hard to place with our usual clients and would be great in a share home or an hostel. These include: 2 large buffets - drawers and cupboard 2 large dining tables 6-8 setting (round with extensions) 4 large shelving units. New members of the Operations Team are most welcome. We are operating fortnightly shifts. Computer skills needed(e.g. Google Drive and email). Attendance at the Depot at regular intervals on a Tuesday morning is really useful (to see in the incoming stock and see out the loading of the orders).

Rosie

Volunteering in 2017

We are always in need for volunteers.

Pyrmont Cares is urgently seeking volunteers. We can use men and women of pretty much any age, some roles require basic computer skills; we train all our volunteers. Heavy lifting is not required, as the truck has a lifting tail gate and we don't do stairs. You will be joining a great team of 50+ other volunteers. We collect Tuesday mornings and deliver Wednesday mornings.

All you have to do is commit approximately 4 hours a month and fill in the application at <u>www.pyrmontcares.org.au/volunteer</u>

To help our drive to engage and retain volunteers Holly Duncan, a new member of PCI will focus on the recruitment of volunteers. Expressions of interest can be made through <u>http://www.pyrmontcares.org.au/volunteer</u>

Holly will be at the Star Farmers Market with a PCI stall recruiting volunteers and accepting small electrical goods for recycling, i.e. Kettles, microwaves, irons lamps etc.