



Pymont Cares – At the end of the day its all about people!

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Pymont Volunteers having a wonderful time at the Long Kin Restaurant in Pymont, An opportunity for networking and discussing possible future PCI projects

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Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers...we need you!

Do you have a little spare time, would you like to help others in need? We have volunteering opportunities at Pymont Cares. You could help taking information from the requests we receive, sorting donations and delivery items, or join our squad of pick up and delivery 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 www.pymontcares.org.au/volunteer

Here's an opportunity ! Do you want to become a Recruitment Champion?

We are running a competition to award the individual who can refer the most new volunteers to the PCI Furniture Pick-Up/Delivery crew. To enter, the entrant completes an entry form listing all the new volunteers that they have referred. All new volunteers must also submit a completed volunteer membership form www.pymontcares.org.au/volunteer. All new volunteers must meet an existing CPI Executive member

The people who have referred the most volunteers at the end of the competition will win -

1st prize - \$400 Flight Centre Voucher. 2nd prize - 3 months Ian Thorpe Centre membership, 3rd prize - dinner for 2 at the fabulous Blue Eyed Dragon in Pymont. Competition closes on December 16.....So! Get your skates on and start recruiting.

Holly Duncan , Volunteer Manager will co-ordinate the competition, for more information please contact Holly on Holly.J.Duncan@gmail.com



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Martin Place Homeless.

I'm sure you will have seen that the Homeless community in Martin Place has been moved on. The usual practise when rehousing people is to place people in hostels and boarding houses, before moving people to permanent housing when support services are available. About 60% of rough sleepers need some form of support service. Often support services never become available and the rehoused no longer have a community to rely on and leave the temporary accommodation for rough sleeping again. Finland has been very successful in reducing its homelessness rate to almost zero by reversing the process and placing people into permanent accommodation pushing the support services keep up with demand. Sydney has adopted the Finish strategy of the 128 people rehoused from Martin Place 70 have gone into permanent accommodation and PCI has been hit by a wave of requests, The supply of furniture and electrical goods becomes critical to keeping the rehoused in their new permanent homes. PCI has responded to this by increasing our deliveries by two or three a week but we still have a backlog of 17 orders or 5-6 weeks. Agencies who might normally give us a request a month are submitting 6 requests at a time.

How can you help?

We need more furniture and more volunteers. We are fortunate to have 2 of Temple and Webster's management team help us each week for the last 5 weeks. However, this arrangement finishes on Wednesday and we are looking to increase the number of volunteers each Tuesday and Wednesday by one person to four. Can you help by increasing your volunteer hours recruiting a friend or donating furniture? Please contact Ivor to increase your hours or donations via OPS@pyrmontcares.org.au



The Star – Black Bar and Grill

Thank you to The Star for sponsoring the dinner at the world renowned **Black Bar and Grill** on Monday 17 July . The event was a great success, much fun was had by many!

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 talented artists. Including local choirs & bands, Aboriginal performances, a Flamenco performance, a DJ, and bands 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 share their talent with the community. Also, if you are 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 : uptownfestival17@gmail.com

Also for more information try the following:
Facebook @uptownfestival <https://www.facebook.com/uptownfestival/> •
Click attending on their Facebook event and invite your friends to join too. <https://www.facebook.com/events/285450761914387/>

Pyrmont Cares is specifically looking for volunteers for this event. You can help with setting up and the management of the stalls (A bit like Christmas in Pyrmont event)

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