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Inner Sydney Regional Council AGM

Inner Sydney Regional Council will be holding its 2009 Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday December 8th** from 11.30am to 3.00pm at Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden St, Alexandria. Following the AGM, there will be an End of Year/Christmas Lunch – plus some “entertainment” to farewell 2009.

Tenancy Reform Proposals – Information Session

Inner Sydney Regional Council's Tenant Participation Resource Service (TPRS) is holding a free information session for social housing tenants and other interested people on the proposed changes to the Residential Tenancies Act. Grant Arbutnot, principal solicitor with the Tenants Union will talk about the changes and what effect they may have for tenants. The session will be held on **Thursday 10th December at 10am in the Northcott Community Centre**, Ward Park, Surry Hills.

Principles of Tenant Participation – One Year On

Housing NSW's Central Sydney Services Division will be holding a *ONE YEAR ON* Principles of Tenant Participation Workshop following on from last year's Principles and Values workshop. The workshop will be held at the Salvation Army headquarters, 140 Elizabeth St, Sydney on **Thursday December 3rd from 9.30am – 4pm**.

Participants will hear from tenants who have been involved in new initiatives, as well other initiatives within the Division. The day will be used to identify priorities associated with participation for 2010. Please RSVP to Peter Usher on 9268 3545 if you are interested in attending.

Invitations are being sent to tenant groups, the members of the Divisional Tenant Forum, the Tenant Resource Services, the Housing Communities Programs, the Divisional University Partners and Divisional Housing NSW staff.

SAVE – Sleep Apnoea Cardiovascular Study

A leading group of Australian medical research institutes are looking for volunteers aged 45-75, who snore loudly and have had a heart attack or stroke, proven angina, coronary stents or bypass surgery to partake in a Sleep Apnoea study to help understand how sleep treatments may reduce risk of stroke and heart attack. Contact study coordinator at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital – Joe Levitt on 9515 7604 or joseph.levitt@ email.cs.nsw.gov.au

SENC part time Child & Family Worker position

The South East Neighbourhood Centre is seeking to employ a part time Child & Family Worker with experience and knowledge of family and children's services, programs and issues. For more information about this position contact John Gilbert on john.gilbert@senc.org.au or 8338 8506.

HACC Workforce Development Project – Volunteer Census 2009

The 2009 HACC Volunteer Census is part of the NSW HACC Workforce Development Project. This project is gathering information that will build a picture of volunteers and paid staff working in Home and Community Care (HACC) funded services and of the agency's experiences in attracting and supporting a skilled workforce.

This survey can be completed on-line by going to <https://www.tribaltoolkit.com/ask/46-2471> or on paper. Completed surveys on paper can be returned to the agency where you do your volunteer work for sending back to the Project Team. If you prefer, you can post your survey to Tribe Research, Reply Paid 81104, L2 SE 202, 364–372 Sussex St, Sydney NSW, 2002 by Friday 18th December. There is no need to put a stamp on the envelope. We will pay for postage.

Waterloo's Summer on the Green

The Factory is hosting it's annual event, Summer on the Green on the Waterloo Green **Friday 4th from 2pm-5pm**. Summer on the Green is a free event for the whole community to come together and enjoy music, fun, food and other activities. There's loads of stuff for the kids and adults too.

Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby – Same-Sex Marriage

The Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (NSW) is extremely disappointed with the failure of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee ('Committee') to endorse the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009. Following a lengthy inquiry, the Committee has recommended that the Bill to allow same-sex couples the right to marry should not be passed. The GLRL is disappointed that the Committee ignored thousands of voices that were in support of marriage equality.

The *Marriage Act 1961* defines 'marriage' as the 'union between a man and a woman' and disallows same-sex couples from marrying. "It is concerning when the Federal Government commits to equality for same-sex couples, but then discriminates against them in marriage which is a civil institution", said Kellie McDonald, GLRL Co-Convenor.

KEVIN Rudd will move to overturn legislation passed by the ACT government allowing gay couples to hold public, legally binding ceremonies as they form civil unions despite a 2009 Galaxy Poll, conducted by Australian Marriage Equality, found that 60% of Australians support giving same-sex couples the right to marry.



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