

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

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WHAT COULD BROOKLYN BE?

If you have ever been for a Sunday afternoon sojourn down the cliff face steps of the Hawkesbury River station across the fishbone ferned footpaths to the Anglers Rest then weaved around parked cars back between the palms and down to the sandy beached baths you may have avoided being struck by an on-coming vehicle for long enough to wonder whether there is (or ever has been) a guiding hand of design at work in planning our village?

You may have holidayed in quaint charming villages on the south coast or southern highlands and marvelled at how beautiful and user friendly these towns were. How they catered for the pedestrian, the pick-nicker and the happily wandering tourist. You would surely have noted that none of these places had the natural environmental beauty of our riverside community yet you may well have been dumbfounded as to how those places that were blessed with less could have so much more.

If these notions have ever crossed your mind or if you have heard that Brooklyn is getting a Master Plan and would like to know what this means for you and your community please attend our next BCA meeting. You will be in for a presentation that will open eyes, hearts and minds...

Brooklyn Community Association is proud to announce guest speakers for our association meeting on the 11th October: Steven Liaros and Nilmini De Silva. Steven Liaros has qualifications in civil engineering, building surveying, town planning and environmental law. He is currently undertaking a research project at Griffith University's Urban Research Program. This research has led him to clearly articulate his ideas, now published in "Rethinking the City."

Steven has over 20 years of experience in local government and as a consultant. His experience with local government and achieving quality and quantity of public spaces and community places will be invaluable for our audience. Nilmini has over 25 years' experience in water related projects and local government management in Sri Lanka, California and Australia.

At Fairfield City Council Nilmini led a staff of 20 to advocate for greening the city by integrating the natural environment into its built systems. She is recognised as an industry leader in flood risk management. Her experience includes managing multi-disciplinary teams that engage with the community to deliver award-winning projects.

Steven and Nilmini are very widely travelled and will bring to their presentation contemporary solutions from across the globe that address the problems confronting planning for our community. They will provide strategies and methodologies to empower our community with a decision making voice in the Brooklyn Master Plan.

A Q&A session will conclude their presentation. Please bring your questions and hopes.

**Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting
to be held Saturday, October 11th, 10am - noon, Baden Powell Hall
Baden Powell Ave, adjacent to Brooklyn Oval**

Guest Speakers: Steven Liaros and Nilmini De Silva
Rethinking the City

**Brooklyn Community Association AGM 2014
Saturday, 6th December , Baden Powell Hall, 10am to noon**



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Theatre in the Park

On Saturday 8 November Brooklyn Community Theatre will present its annual Theatre in the Park production. Gates open and great food from 6pm. Curtain up 8.30pm. Please check out our new look web-site at: www.theatreinthepark.com.au. Tickets are now available on-line, www.theatreinthepark.com.au, and will be available to purchase from Hawkesbury River Real Estate (5 Bridge Street, Brooklyn). Adult and family tickets purchased in advance are discounted:

Ticket Prices, Advance, On the gate

Adult, \$15, \$20

Child (under 16), \$10, \$10

Concession, \$10, \$10, \$10

Family (two adults and up to three children) - \$35, \$40

Courtesy buses will run to Rest Park (Pacific Highway, Brooklyn) starting at 6pm, from the Anglers Rest Hotel (Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn) and the Mooney Mooney Club (Kowan Road, Mooney Mooney) and can be flagged anywhere along Brooklyn Road. The last return bus will leave the park at 11pm. There is no parking available at Rest Park.

Please send an email on to family and friends so that they can join the Brooklyn community in picturesque Rest Park, overlooking the beautiful Hawkesbury River, for another magical evening of family entertainment under the stars.

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Exhibition Opening :Encore - Berowra Artists. Friday, 31st October.

Jazz @ redfish:15th Nov. Bookings essential
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Sue Woolfe Creativity Workshop Nov. TBA

Photographic Exhibition *Fate or Destiny* by Nilmini De Silva , 2 Jan -13 Feb 2015

**ALL AT RED FISH GALLERY
212 BROOKLYN RD, BROOKLYN**

Become a Member of the Brooklyn Community Association

The BCA invites local residents, businesses and people who work in Brooklyn to become members of our local Association. The BCA has been successful in interfacing with Hornsby Council and the NSW Government, and achieving improvements for the town. By joining the BCA, you can influence actions in Brooklyn and maybe fix those things that irritate you.

Membership is \$5 per individual or family per year. You can pay at our meeting March 29th or make a direct deposit to the BCA at the Bendigo Bank Berowra **BSB: 633-000 Account: 12935718.**

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