

# **COMMUNITY MILESTONES** April 18 - May 31st





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Leichhardt Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land – the Gadigal and Wangal people, who form part of the Dharug nation, and their descendants



#### **LEICHHARDT LIBRARY** Exhibition FILEF 40th ANNIVERSARY **EXHIBITION OPENING**

MIGRANTS FOR ABORIGINAL RIGHTS

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Leichhardt Library Service in partnership with FILEF presents an exhibition commemorating the longstanding efforts and milestones achieved by the FILEF group which was established in 1972. The exhibition will showcase demonstration posters, paraphernalia, photographs, newspaper articles, theatrical presentations, film and displays of significant events over the past 40 years.

| When:     | Thursday 18 April                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Where:    | 23 Norton Street, Italian Forum,   |
|           | Piazza Level, Leichhardt.          |
| Time:     | 6pm                                |
|           | Light Refreshments.                |
| Cost:     | Free Event                         |
| Bookings: | 9367 9266 (Opening Night)          |
|           | email: localhistory@lmc.nsw.gov.au |
|           | Exhibition Runs from               |
|           | 18th April – 28th May              |

#### **LEICHHARDT LIBRARY**

## **Author Talk** AUTHOR TALK WITH SIMONE BATTISON FOR HIS BOOK **"IMMIGRANTS TURNED** ACTIVISTS: ITALIANS IN 1970S **MELBOURNE.**"

This book offers a unique insight into the life trajectories of politically active Italian immigrants and their left-wing grassroots organisations. It does so in the light of fresh archival data and a string of oral accounts gathered from former and current members and collaborators of leading left-wing organisations, such as the Italian Federation of Migrant Workers and Their Families (FILEF).

| When:     | Tuesday 30 April                   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Where:    | Leichhardt Library                 |
|           | 23 Norton Street, Italian Forum,   |
|           | Piazza Level, Leichhardt           |
| Time:     | 6pm                                |
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#### **LEICHHARDT LIBRARY** Theatre FILEF THEATRE

The FILEF Theatre Group was established in the 1980s, with constant attention to social themes, workers and human rights, promotion of Italian language and culture. It soon became a multicultural mass phenomenon, still unparalleled today. One production after another, starting from 1984: New Country, Leave us in Peace, The Tree of Roses, Eight of March, The Story of a Thing, Stories in Construction, The Con Artist, Stories of the Heart. Presentation will include screening of excerpts from past plays, live music and acting, and scenes from a coming new play about the plight of asylum seekers.

| When:      | Thursday 9 May                   |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| Where:     | 23 Norton Street, Italian Forum, |
| Piazza Lev | el, Leichhardt.                  |
| Time:      | 6pm                              |
| Cost:      | Free Event                       |
| Bookings:  | 9367 9266                        |
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## **LEICHHARDT LIBRARY**

Talk Migrants for Aboriginal Rights – Solidarity with Refuge<u>es</u>

One major area of activism has been support for Aboriginal rights. It included the formation of a coalition in 1988, promoted by FILEF and involving several progressive organisations from other ethnic groups, to coincide with celebrations of the Bicentenary, or rather Invasion Day, as the Aborigines call it. Presentation will include screening of Fabio Cavadini's Film Protected (1975) about Palm Island and addresses by Aboriginal representatives.

| When:            | Thursday 16 May                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Where:           | 23 Norton Street, Italian Forum,  |
|                  | Piazza Level, Leichhardt.         |
| Time:            | 6pm                               |
| Cost:            | Free Event                        |
| <b>Bookings:</b> | 9367 9266                         |
| -                | email: localhistory@lmc.nsw.gov.a |

## **LEICHHARDT LIBRARY** Campaign for Community Languages in Schools – Vacanzascuola

A campaign was launched in the mid-1970s for the introduction of Italian and other community languages in public school curriculum. Part of a continuous area of commitment to maintain and promote community languages among the new generations. Presentation will include screening of Fusilli and skateboards bilingual educational video and performance by Vacanzascuola children.

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|           | Piazza Level, Leichhardt.        |
| Time:     | 6pm                              |
| Cost:     | Free Event                       |
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|           | email: localhistory@lmc.nsw.gov  |

**BALMAIN LIBRARY** Presentation ENJOY BALMAIN'S COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE

The Balmain Association and Red Ant Media are proud to present a new Balmain Walks website. Red Ant will demonstrate the first walk, which features Balmain buildings from 1840-1860. The new website provides a free, printable walking guide, with maps, illustrations and information about twenty-one of Balmain's colonial buildings. Initially designed for computers and tablets, a smartphone version is also in production.

| When:     | Tuesday 30 April                  |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Where:    | Balmain Town Hall Meeting Room    |
|           | 370 Darling Street, Balmain.      |
| Time:     | 6pm                               |
|           | Light Refreshments.               |
| Cost:     | Free Event                        |
| Bookings: | 9367 9211                         |
|           | email: localhistory@lmc.nsw.gov.a |
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## **BALMAIN ASSOCIATION** Walking Tour - Balmain's Early Colonial Architecture

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To celebrate the launch of the Balmain Association's new Balmain Walks website, we are offering a guided walking tour following route of the first walk, Humble to Handsome, Balmain Buildings 1840-1860. The route is hilly and covers Approximately 3km. Please book early as numbers are limited.

| Date:    | Saturday 4 May               |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Meet:    | Balmain East Wharf:          |
|          | ferry departs Circular Quay  |
|          | at 10.20am and 442 bus       |
|          | from Queen Victoria Building |
|          | Stand B at 10.10am.          |
| Time:    | 10.45am for approximately    |
|          | one and a half hours.        |
| Cost:    | \$10 to pay when booking,    |
|          | details will be given.       |
| Booking  | and further information.     |
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#### BALMAIN **Exhibition Balmain Association Community Milestones of** Balmain Peninsula

An exhibition of important achievements from April 1800 when 550 acres of land was granted to Dr William Balmain. The exhibition will highlight the roles played by the community, in particular the more recent role of the Balmain Association formed in 1965.

| When:            | Saturdays 6, 13, 20 April    |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Where:           | Balmain Watch House,         |
|                  | 179 Darling St, Balmain      |
| Time:            | 11.30 to 4pm.                |
| Cost:            | Free Event                   |
| <b>Bookings:</b> | phone 9818 4954 or 98106885. |
|                  | email: khamey@tpg.com.au     |

## ANNANDALE

## Walking Tour BEALE'S PIANO FACTORY - WALKING TOUR WITH **BEATRICE SCHEEPERS**

Beale's Piano Factory was historically renowned as the Largest Piano Factory in the British Empire. Come and walk the historic streets of Annandale and discover the unique history of the Piano Factory which produced some of Australia's finest pianos prior to World War 2.

Wednesday 24 April Meet at Cafe on Johnston Start with coffee and cake When: Where: at Cafe on Johnston. 63 Johnston St Annandale NSW 2038 10am -12pm Time: Cost: Free Event Bookings: 9367 9266 email:localhistorv@lmc.nsw.gov.au

# ANNANDALE **Open Day**

at the Hunter Baillie Church The Hunter Baillie Church's sandstone spire has tow-ered over Sydney's Inner West since 1889.

Visit the historic Blacket Brothers neo-gothic Church and enjoy free recitals at 1, 2 and 3 pm by Ralph Lane OAM on the 1891 Hill and Son Organ. The Church and Annandale's history will be on display in the 1886 Arts and Crafts brick school hall.

2 pm Guided walk of Annandale's War Memorials by local author, Marghanita da Cruz (bookings essential)

| hen:     | Sunday 21 April             |
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| me:      | 12 noon to 4 pm             |
| here:    | Hunter Baillie Memorial     |
|          | Presbyterian Church,        |
|          | Cnr. Johnston               |
|          | and Collins Streets,        |
|          | Annandale.                  |
| ost:     | Inspection of church,       |
|          | historical display,         |
|          | talks, organ recital        |
|          | free Afternoon tea \$5      |
|          | Guided walk \$25. including |
|          | afternoon tea               |
|          | All proceeds are for the    |
|          | conservation of the church  |
|          |                             |
| iquines: | 9969 8071                   |
|          | mhbever@bigpond.net.au      |

#### **ANNANDALE**

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Concert Piano Recital by Australian National Treasure ROGER WOODWARD AC OM (Pol) OBE

One of Australia's foremost performing musicians returns to Annandale to give an all-Debussy recital in the Church to raise funds for the conservation of the historic 1891 Hill & Son organ

| nen:   | Sunday 26 May                         |
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| ne:    | 3 pm                                  |
| nere:  | Hunter Baillie Memorial               |
|        | Presbyterian                          |
|        | Church, Cnr Johnston and Collins      |
|        | Streets, Annandale                    |
| st:    | \$60 (individual) \$50 (pensioners    |
|        | and seniors) \$25 (children under     |
|        | 18 Years and students)                |
|        | Pre-concert                           |
|        | refreshments are included in          |
|        | the ticket price                      |
| ntact: | concerts@hunterbaillie.org.au         |
|        | or phone 9554 7885                    |
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