



**Surry Hills  
Neighbourhood Centre**



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## ***Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre applauds the community's support.***

***The 2008 Surry Hills Festival was the most successful yet, with a record number of visitors and participants!***

This year's free Surry Hills Festival was the greatest success yet, with an increased number of new musicians and designers participating, and over 90,000 local residents attending. The annual Surry Hills Festival is a major fundraiser for the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre's community services, with attendees invited to make a gold coin donation at the gate towards this great cause.

Saturday's festival goers experienced a diverse showcase of inner city culture, including artists in eight separate performance areas. Local community members wandered between stages of local indie rock, acoustic, DJ's and dance as well as the zany antics at The Lilypad, as seen at the Big Day Out.

The Festival's newest feature – the first ever Surry Hills Fashion Catwalk, was a huge success, featuring local emerging fashion designers and attracting large audiences.

Chair of the Neighbourhood Centre, Linda Scott, said, "I'd really like to give a big thanks to all the local community who came out on Saturday to support the Neighbourhood Centre at the 2008 Surry Hills Festival.

"We're so lucky to live in such a thriving creative community. I'm really proud that the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre can provide the opportunity for our great local artists and designers, all of whom donated their time on Saturday, to promote their designs or music to the broader community. And of course, all their efforts directly assist the Neighbourhood Centre's community services program.

"I'd also really love to thank our hundreds of stallholders, sponsors, and our wonderful Festival Directors – Cathy Wills and Sue Anderson. These people are the success behind the Festival, and our community is indebted to them.

"As we prepare to move into our new premises on Crown St in Surry Hills later this year, we are reviewing all our programs to better meet the needs of our community. Whether you have suggestions for our childcare services, the Surry Hills markets, or an idea for a new service, let us know", said Linda.

"The Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre would love to hear from you - please tell us what our community needs!"

**The Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre will host a Community Planning Meeting for the Neighbourhood Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. It will be held from 10:30am – 12:30pm at 320 Riley St, Surry Hills.**

For information regarding the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre visit <http://www.surryhillsneighbourhoodcentre.org.au/>. For information regarding the Surry Hills Festival visit [www.surryhillsfestival.org.au](http://www.surryhillsfestival.org.au).

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