Auditions for spectacle bigger than Ben Hur



WHAT'S bigger than Ben Hur? The Ben Hur auditions that were all about gladiators, sword fights and wrestling.

When the clock hit 10.30am on Saturday, 400 Ben Hur wannabes filled ANZ Stadium in the hope of being picked for one of the 15 spots in the biblical spectacular.

But out of all those who auditioned, from the chiselled model look-a-likes to the impressively dressed gladiators, only three were chosen.

Scott Simpson, 29, originally from Scotland, believes it is his destiny to be involved in a battle of epic proportions. "With Braveheart 2 not looking

likely, this could be my only shot," Mr Simpson said, Georgia Ebsary, 36, a herbalist

with her own hire car business was thrilled to be chosen, and said she couldn't wait to join the exciting production which will be narrated by Russell Crowe

The third to be chosen was Giulio Pezzutti, 75 – his daughter encouraged him to audition.

When Mr Pezzutti was a teenager in Italy in the 1950s he was an extra in the original *Ben* Hur movie when it was filmed in Rome.

Nearly 60 years later Mr Pezzutti can hardly believe that he

will again feature in one of history's greatest stories.

Successful applicants to fill the remaining 12 roles will be an-nounced soon.

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Ben Hur features a cast of 200 actors, a full-scale live chariot race, a giant Roman Galleon and a 15,000sq m performance area that will transform ANZ Stadium into the Colosseum.

Performances are on October 22 and 23. Visit benhur.com.au or call 132 849 for details.

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NOMINATE NOW DRUMMOYNE State Labor MP Angela D'Amore has called for Angela D'Amore has called for nominations for the 2010 NSW Volunteer of the Year Award. There are three categories: Volunteer of the Year with special awards for youths and seniors; Volunteer Team of the Year; and Employee (Corporate) Volunteer of the Year. Regional winners will be in the running to win NSW Volunteer of the Year, to be presented at Parliament House on December 3, For details visit volunteering.com.au.

DRAIN DUMPERS

DRAINS in the Ashfield LGA may soon have markings to convey an anti-pollution message to the community. Stormwater pollution is a significant environmental issue in highly urbanised areas. The council is looking at drain markers that have been used in Canada and the US.

ROAD SAFETY

STRATHFIELD Council is reminding drivers to slow down to prevent accidents. Speed contributes to 8 per cent of crashes in Strathfield. The Local Government Road Safety Program is funding a campaign that will target Pemberton St, Barker Rd and two sites on Wallis Ave in Strathfield until November,

SKILLS WORKSHOP

LANDING your first job can be tough so the Ashfield Youth Committee is holding a free job seeking skills workshop for people up to 24 years of age next Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm in the Cadigal Room in Ashfield Aquatic Centre, There will be free pizza and lucky door prizes. Call Camille to book a place on 9716 1843 or email camillec@ashfield.nsw.gov.au

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Jovt to decide mills' fate

Alex Ward

THE developers of the Summer Hill flour mills site have bypassed Ashfield Council and gone to the State Government for approval.

EG Funds Management has asked the Planning Department to consider the proposal a major project under part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Cr Alex Lofts notified Ashfield

Council of this at the meeting last

"EG's decision not to get rezon-ing permission via the council is disappointing," he said. "If we'd been able to keep this within council we really could've screwed them down to something acceptable and got a result for the

community. "We now have to prepare for the next stage of the battle."

EG Funds Management planning and design director Mark Syke said

the decision arose from complexities dealing with both Ashfield and Marrickville councils. the

Assnield and Martickville councils. "Both councils have different attitudes to development in this precinct and there are wider cross-boundary issues that need to be considered," he said.

"We feel that the Department of Planning is best placed to consider the area as one precinct in a more holistic and strategic manner

"It's difficult for Ashfield Coun-to deal in isolation with a cil

development proposal that is as-sociated with wider issues like the GreenWay and light rail extension and the McGill St (Lewisham Towers) redevelopment."

Mr Syke said the decision would "We have considered com-munity input in formulating our development concept for the site,'

"A Part 3A process will necessitate further community consul-tation and opportunities for the community to comment on our proposal. These will need to be considered in the finalisation of our concept plan and by the Department of Planning in its assessment and determination of the project."

Ashfield Mayor Ted Cassidy confirmed he had talked to Marrickville Mayor Sam Askandar about appealing to Roads Minister David Borger to conduct a regional traffic study.

5 Business Workshops COMING TO STRATHFIELD

1	How to Improve Sales Performance								
	Sales & Marketing Master Class	06 Sep 2010	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM						
2	Google Search Results								
	How to improve your online presence	27 Sep 2010	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM						
3	How to Test an Idea								
	Simple 'do-it-yourself' market research techniques	27 Sep 2010	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM						
4	Business Websites								
	How to create an effective web presence that will help GROW your business	28 Sep 2010	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM						
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THE City of Sydney Council has installed 850 light emitting dlode (LED) lights at the Goulburn St carpark to cut greenhouse gas emissions and energy bills. Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the lights made the bullding one of the greenest in Sydney. "The energy saved will sig-nificantly reduce the city's carbon footprint," Ms Moore said. A trial carried out last year found the lights cut power use by 62 per cent. The council is now trialling LED lights at Martin Place, Circular Quay, Darlinghurst Road and Alexandria Park.

EUROPEAN HERITAGE

THE former Newington Armament Depot and adjoining nature reserve at Sydney Olympic Park have been given the state's highest level of heritage protection. Minister for Planning Tony Kelly said the depot had been listed on the state heritage register, following a nomination from the Sydney Olympic Park Authority. Auburn State Labor MP Barbara Perry sald the site is historically significant for its preservation of evidence of European occupation along the Parramatta River.

SINGLE SONS WANTED

AN international television production company is looking for mothers keen to marry off their single sons for a new reality dating series. Potential applicants should email willyoumarrymysongmail.com.

COOLER BUSES COMING

SYDNEY'S commuters will have 150 new airconditioned buses, each with wheelchair access, by 2013. The buses will replace ageing vehicles in State Transit's fleet. Premier Kristina Keneally and Transport Minister John Robertson made the announcement at the Custom Coaches depot in Villawood, where the buses will be built

Towers plan slammed



The flour mill (inside the red border and above) adjacent to the Lewisham Towers site.





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The public exhibition period for the towers site plans closed on January 7 as part of the Part 3A process.

The development will be assessed by NSW Planning Assessment Commission, which is independent of the State Government.



We're Inviting blke riders of all levels to join the Parra Pedal for the Amy Gillett Foundation supported by the NSW Government.

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Tower plan 'conflicts' with original

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HOW BOTH DEVELOPMENTS STACK UP

The Lewisham Towers development proposed for 78-90 Old Canterbury Rd, Lewisham, is set to include 400 residentia apartments in seven buildings, from four to nine storeys high, with a supermarket and shops.

The plans for the flour mill site include: 280-300 homes/ apartment buildings (ranging in height from two to 10 storeys), 2500-2800 sq m retail space, 3500-4000 sq m com mercial space and re-use of the heritage buildings and silos. Public submissions on the proposal have not opened yet.

 If Lewisham Towers and the Summer Hill flour mill site
 separated by the proposed light rall - are both approved, there will be 700 new houses in a 47,115sq m space

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The flour mill (red border) area is adjacent to the Lewisham Towers site.



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How to win the inner west

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Sydney's inner west enters a decade of accelerated residential growth as two major apartment developments on neighbouring industrial sites will add as many as 700 dwellings to Summer Hill and Lewishan.

add as many as 700 dwellings to Summer Hill and Lewisham. Demian Constructions has plans for a \$150 million mixed-use devel-opment on its site at 78-90 Old Can-terbury Road, Lewisham A leading developer, Harry Triguboff's Meri-ton Group, is buying the site, subject to rezoning. Meriton declined to comment when contacted by The Australian Financial Review. The plans for the Lewisham project, which raised the ire of the locansultation period because of its height, its density and the potential impact on local traffic, include 400 apartments in nine buildings along with a supermarket and other retail space.

The Marrickville Council also expressed concerns, given that the development was not in keeping with its master plan for the area. The developer is now required to respond to public submissions before the Department of Planning makes its decision.

decision. Planning for EG Punds Manage-ment's redevelopment of the neigh-bouring Allied Mills site, which sits across the railway line at Summer Hill, is also accelerating. The \$164.9 million venture was declared a major project and the fund man-ager is working on detailed plans for the site. The Summer Hill project includes

The Summer Hill project includes the redevelopment of six existing structures and the addition of twostructures and 11-storey buildings. Neighbouring the proposed Summer Hill light-railstation, it will have 280-300 dwellings, 2500-2800 sq m of commercial space, along with open



ar Hill flour mill redevelopment in Sydney, next to a pres The concept plan for the Se soitch licht-rall dation

space, parking and infrastructure. The mill building will be used for retail and office space, and the silos will be converted into apartments. EG Punds Management's director of planning and design, Mark Syke, said the development was probably still three years from starting, consid-ring the summable that was needed ering the approvals that were needed. About 7 km from the Sydney CBD, the infill projects are two of several

urban renewal projects for Sydney's inner city, with Frasers Property Australia undertaking a \$2 billion mixed-use redevelopment of a former Cariton & United Breweries site on Broadway and Mirvac set to rede-velop the Harold Park trotting track. The NSW government has singled out several nodes around the city for additional density development to meet major population growth. Its

Metropolitan Plan Sydney 2036 suggests the city will add 1.7 million people between 2006 and 2036, tak-ing the population to 6 million. The government aims to have 70 per cent of new housing developed in aristing urban areas. However, Opportion Leader Barry O'Tarrell has suggested the balance should be 50-50 between infill and greenfields development.



Greenfield development brings with it a whole new set of challenges, writes Ben Hurley.

Experts say NSW Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell's proposal to put a greater focus on greenfield development could mask the real issues holding back housing supply.

isues holding back housing supply. Their comments come in response to O'Farrell's statements at a western Sydney forum on Thesday that the NSW government's goal to deliver 70 per cent of housing stock in existing areas was too high, and he would seek to the soft of new houses built on the city fringe. But experts say the policy numbers are of the problem, but rather the red tage holding back delivery of land. "We need greenfield development, we need new housing

product on the fringe, we need it guidkly and it needs to be done well," says John Wynne, managing director of planning consultancy Urbis. "But just shifting the target is going to create additional land on the fringes that needs to be brought to marker." The thermann from greenfield developer Bradcorp says it takes between five and 15 years to get land holkings reaconed so they can be developed. And when growth areas are reaconed, it can be a mission convincing myriad owners to sell it. "The existing release areas for new housing on the fringe don't have a hope in hell of producing anywhere near the number of lots proclaimed," Areana asys. "All the land is already owned by vast numbers of people. If you can pull off megotiations with some of those you for the Hillary Clinton has a job for you in the Middle East."

of infrastructure delivery, and how it is funded. The predominant model is infrastructure charges of up to \$60,000 per lot levied by councils against developers, which are passed on to the home buyers. Por Joe Langley, an urban planning consultant with Sinclair Knight Merz who favours a greater

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proportion of home building in existing areas, working out an affordable infrastructure funding

anoroade infrastructure running model is a far more important issue than a debate over percentages. "It's not so much the percentage debate but how are we going to fund infrastructure development and how are we going to make it affordable to

build. The government really hasn't got its head around that so they don't have to shug home owners with development levies," he says. In the infill areas developers or and the community connection

In the infill areas developers grapple with community opposition, mistrust and fear of the detrimental effects of high density development, which can be a hard sell. Communities and councils are simmering over the NSW government's Part 3a process which takes the process out of their hands. In O'Farrel's north shore electorate the talk of the town has been the apartment towers appearing

electorate the talk of the town has been the apartment towers appearing along the Pacific Highway in a very short space of time, with some blocks rumoured to be mostly empty. But Brian Zulaikha, NSW president of the Australian Institute of Architects, points out that there are examples of dense, desirable suburbs that could be emulated elsewhere, such as Paddington,

Elizabeth Bay, Surry Hills, and Balmain. Zulaikha says density is not just about high-rise apartments.

Damain Learning says density is not just about high-rise apartments. "They are inner urban areas where densities are very high and they are very desirable," he says. He fears a greater focus on greenfield development could be a political quick fix. It could also take away the impetua needed to drive more efficient use of land, which need not be too painful for existing residents if done property. It could also mask the fact that there are big problems to address in greenfield development. Housing developers are designing smaller and more efficient houses, with some on blocks of less than 200 square metres. However, developers such as Stockland have long complained that council planning systems obstruct

council planning systems obstruct these efforts, with rules designating unnecessarily wide roads and minimum limits on block sizes.



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Grounds for Mill meet anger

ALEX WARD

CONCERNED residents were turned away as consultation sessions on the Flour Mills pro-pocal reached capacity last week. Residents turned out in droves to hear what developers had to say about the Summer Hill Action the area. Summer Hill Action Group (SHAQ) spokeswoman Susan Terravechia said the consul-tation sessions were a sham. "The developers turned people away at the door from participat-ing in the open "community consultation". How is that consultation" is that consultation." Alow is that consultation." How is that consultation is that consul-

constitution? the Summer (iii) resident said. Mark Syke of the developer KG Funds Management said extra sessions would be held in June/ July for those who missed out.

session "rought be held in tune" July for those who missed ou: "At the sessions) there were many different views, some posi-concerns," be said. "Traffic was the most signifi-cant concern." Ashifed that along with the slopest levisham Towers pro-posal, Summer Hill would no longer be avillage. "Boo dwallings may be what the grout, but it's at the expense of developer would like to con-munity's voice," Sablene Heindl trom SHAG said. Mr Sylce said the consultation more the avillage the consultation stroces was not over yet. "We will consider the con-ments and submissions and how we best address the issues raised." Mr Sylce said.



WHERE'S THE PROPOSAL AT?

Recent changes to Part 3A mean the Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC) will determine the application rather than the Minister for Planning The formal public exhibition of the application by the NSW Planning and Infrastructure Department is expected to commence in June.

The developer must then respond to submissions before the department undertakes its assessment and the PAC makes its final decision.

THE SITE'S PROPOSAL RESIDENTS' MAIN CONCERNS

- At the intersection of the watern railway line, the proposed light rail and Green Way control between Summer Hill and Lewisham. The heritage buildings and concrete sitos to be reused.
- Three new streets Up to 300 dwellings ranging in height from two to 10 storeys.
- 2500sq m of retail space.
- 4000sq m of commercial space.
- Will exocerbate already constrained traffic problems on surrounding roads.
- Lock of collaboration with other major, adjacent developments the McGill St site and Lewisham Towers.
- United open space and no plans for park or other amenities, such as childcare and schools.
- The scale of the proposal is not consistent with current heritage and village nature of the area.



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Planning law changes welcome

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The Allied Flour Mill site at Summer Hill

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WHAT'S COMING BACK

Canada Bay Council

Residential and natual development at the former Five Dock Bowling Club, 186 Great North Rd, Five Dock.
 Strathlight Triangle, Parramolto Rd, Strathlight.

Strainword. Demolition of existing Powerhouse Building and construction of six hyposto buildings at Breakfast Point.

- Point McDonold College redevelopment, 17 George St, North Strahileid. Residential development containing affordable housing, 27 Leeds St, Riodes.
- Stratisfield Council
- Residential and commercial develop 330 Parramatic Rd, Homebush West Decisions to be made by independent Flanning Asses Corruntation
- Canada Bay Seashores Precinal residential development at Breakfast Paint.
- residential development at Precinct Majors Bay residential development, Hilly Si, Northcote SI, Bennet SI, Edwin SI, Mortdan.
- Project application for five buildings, 40 Walker St, Rhodes.
- Columbia Precinet, 2:20 Parramente Rd and 11-13 Columbia Lane, Parramente. Former Allied Mills Site, 2-32 Smith St, Summer Hill

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Council plan for Rhodes commended

PLANNING and design that went into developing Rhodes has won a national commendation.

Canada Bay Council has been pplauded by Planning Institute f Australia for its Renewing Rhodes project.

The council was awarded a commendation in the Australia Award for Urban Design.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas went to Canberra to accept the award on behalf of the council.

"This is an outstanding nchicvement and recognises the commitment and depth of talent we have in council," he said.

"I think this has shown every one that dedication and belief in your work reaps rewards in the end.

The award recognises the council's efforts in developing an area which has a strong local identity as well as a dynamic community with active recreation spaces.

School size concern

LAUREN MURADA

HUNDREDS of millions of dollars have been poured into schools around OPERATION the country under the Building the Schools Revolution program. This initiative las been great for inner West schools, with many receiv-ing new classrooms and upgrades.

Last week. Concord West Public School officially opened two new classrooms which replaced two demountables.

demountables. But it's not enough to cater for the influx of students when the Rhodes development is finished. Principal Cathy Brennan said they're looking at relocating the childcore centre on school grounds to make room for new students

grounds students

"The Department of Education and Communities is looking at what can be done but it's quite difficult," she said. "It comes back to what the responsibilities of developers, and the department now has quite a battle on their hands. hands.



"There are many thoughts on how we can accommodate on this site.

P and C president Geoff Mallin said the lack of space for new students is quite worrying for parents.

"We are very worried of having space for our kids and not just buildings everywhere," he sold. "They need space to run around, we can't just jam people into new facilities."

Reid Federal Labor MP John

principal C a t h y Brennan.

Murphy agreed that something needs to be done to cater for the growing population. "There's no doubt there's a need for another school." he said.

To join the Operation Rhodes Scholar Campaign and help get a new school for the people of Rhodes, sign our petition online at ctitiononline.com/iwc01/ petition.



Plans outlined

BURWOOD: Outgoing Burwood Rotary Club president Jack Yuen recently presented Tim O'Connor with the obains of office at with the onams or once at Burwood RSL As incoming president, Mr O'Connor outlined his plans for the coming year, including establishing the Burwood Rotary Business Award The alub welcome a distinct to the y Business Awards. nes visitors to ils Burwood Rote The club welc: meetings at 6.15pm on Mondava.

Seniors' complex

BREAKFAST POINT: Another seniors' real dential complex is about to sprout up in the Inner West. Property developer Rose has put a seniors living site, located in the Breakfast Point manage charged computing at master-planned community, on the market. The planning department granted approval for the 1.9 ha concept plan last year.

Traffic study call

SUMMER HILL Marrickville Council will ask the RTA to commission an independent study into the traffic impacts of the developments on the Lewisham Estate and Summer Hill Flour Mill site. Letters will also be sent to ministers about traffic conc



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THE PLAN

If it is approved, the development would combine six existing buildings and new buildings ronging from two to 11 storeys in height: II 300 dwellings II 2800sq m retail space II 4000sq m commercial space II 4000sq m open space

What Mark Syke had to say on: TRAFTIC: "We're providing solit-light on the corner of Edward St and Old Canterbury Rd which will make it existe for people to get in and out of the site." But the intersection of Roliway Terrace and Old Canterbury Rd "is a very constrained intersection, there's not a lot you can do with it owtical."

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component." HERITAGE: "I'm confident with the they'll come up with something the modern but sympothetic to the choracter of Summer Hill."

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Developer says the Flour Mill makeover 'good for everyone'



The flour mill site at Summer HillPickes: PHL BLATCH.,

But not everyone agrees

AMY RATHBONE

HANNAH PARKES

the council.

THE proposed Summer Hill Flour Mill Project would benefit the Inner West, and Sydney, through its transport-friendiy location if it is given the go-ahead, according to the site's developer. Submissions regarding the con-troversial development closed last Friday. Residents and the developer EG Funds Management now await a

ASHFIELD Mayor Ted Cassidy is still holding out hope the Summer Hill Flour Mill site can be bought by the state government and looked after by

Plans to turn the former

Planning and design director of EQ Funds Management Mark Syke said he hoped a decision would be made before early next year.

"It is located in an existing residential area, it's a classic transport-oriented development site within walking distance of two major passenger-rail stations and right on the doorstep of the

industrial site into a mixed

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residential and commercial development are still on the table with the month-long call for public submissions ending last

But Cr Cassidy suggested the council lobby the state government to buy the site. If successful, he then would like to

Mills should go to the council: Cassidy

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decision from the Planning As-sesament Commission. The devalopment has attracted proposed light rail," Mr Syke sold. The development has attracted criticism from residents, with con-cerns about increased traffic, scale and insensitivity to the heri-tage value of the site.

But, Mr Syke said the develop-ment has a lot to offer locals.

He said the development would play host to cafes, bakeries and specially bookshops, in keeping Summer Hill's character, and says their project should not be con-

see the site placed under council

Care. At the last council meeting he compared the Müls campaign to those who fought for the Ballast PI Caltes site at Birchgrove and Rozelle's Callan Park.

Both sites were bought by the

Callan Park was placed under

state government.

fused with the adjacent Lewisham Towers proposal which includes a supermarket.

He also said that redeveloping the former Allied Mills site "is vital, if we want a sustainable future."

"We can't just keep growing on the edges of Sydney, it's an inef-ficient use of land and resources," he said. "You're much better off recycling parts of the city that have no use or their former use

the care of Leichbardt Council.

"Whether it can happen here, we don't know, but at least we

can put the possibility on the table,' Cr Cassidy said.

has gone and where there is existing infrastructure and ser-vices that can support it."

A spokesman for the Summer All Action Group said: "It is far foo excessive in terms of height and density. This will compound existing traffic problems on roads that are already at capacity."

"We want sustainable sympath-etic development of the site, not the over-development which is currently on the table.".





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Right ingredients to change lives

RASHELL HABIB

SEEING women in desperate and dangerous situations helped Marrickville's Kate Boyle decide it was time to help before they were at the receiving end of a terrible situation.

Ms Boyle is now a director for the Life Changing Experiences Foundation, having started as a volunteer in its main initiative, the SISTER2sister Program.

The program helps teenage girls at risk of abuse and or neglect.

"About 10 years ago when I qualified as a lawyer I did a lot of domestic violence work and a lot of legal aid work and helping women suffering violent relationships and trying to leave," she said.

"In that experience, my single thought throughout that was 'God I wish I would have been able to speak to these women five years earlier'

She became a big sister five years ago giving support, guid-ance and advice to her little sister. 'One of the biggest lessons I have learnt is I have no idea what

She has had such a 7 rough trot but she still smiles and just gets up and keeps going. - KATE BOYLE

a bad day is, she is my reality check," Ms Boyle said.

"She has had such a rough trot,

but she still smiles and just gets up and keeps going." She said the program allows women to help people who have not been as fortunate as others.

"It teaches you resilience, com-munication and how to really be there for someone and put aside your own selfishness."

Ms Boyle has contributed to a new cookbook to raise funds for the foundation.

Cooked With Love Recipes My Mother Taught Me includes hun-dreds of recipes from various mothers and daughters, with all proceeds from the book going to the foundation.

She has submitted her mother's chicken soup recipe.

CHICKEN SOUP RECIPE

Ingredients: 1-1 5 kg chicken pieces (skin removed) 3 litres chicken stock or water, plus 3 chicken stock cubes Chicken stock cubes 2 large carrots, chopped in large chunks 2 brown onions, finely sliced 2 pieces of celery, roughly chopped 250 ml uncooked rice 2 packets chicken noodle soup

e packers chicken nodle soup 1 green apple, peeled & chopped Salt and pepper Chopped parsley to serve Method:

I Method: Use a large saucepan and make a large quantity, as it saves well in the fridge and freezer. Place stock, chicken pieces (use large whole pieces), onions, chicken noodle soup and salt and pepper on to boil. Turn down, simmer for 1-11/2 hours. Add the rice, carrots, celery and apple and cook for another 11/2 hours (depending on quantity). Watch it to ensure it reduces without burning or bailing dry. Once cooled, you can skim

boiling dry. Once cooled, you can skim off any residual fat. Kate Boyle has written a cook book to raise money for teenage girls at risk of abuse or neglect.





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Budget hard, but families benefit

RASHELL HABIB

WHAT exactly will the inner west get as part of the 2011-12 Federal Budget?

As part of the budget's employment drive, 1054 long-term unemployed people in the inner west will receive an extra \$2.7 million over 2012-15 to provide them with training and work experience.

Reid Federal Labor MP John Murphy said he always worked hard to get the best deal for the area.

"Although a tough budget in some respects, it still delivers quite a bit for our community," Mr Murphy said.

The budget focused great deal on training, education and job creation to boost skilled workers and employment across the country. In the inner west,

Inner West families have benefited with 3900 families now eligible for an extra \$4200 per child aged 16-19 under changes to the family tax benefit.

4948 apprentices will be eligible for the trade apprentice income bonus.

The bonus will be paid on top of the existing tools for trade payments, so trade apprentices are encouraged to stick with their apprenticeships.

Concord Bowling Club and Strathfield Community Centre will both get broadband seniors kiosks as part of a push to give seniors free access to the internet and greater confidence to use computers.

Mr Murphy said it was a "tough budget", but it would deliver.

he Hills Clinic

Inner West families have benefited, with 3900 families now eligible for an extra \$4200 per child aged 16-19 under changes to the family tax benefit.

Eurella Community Service and Burwood for Aust-ralian Disability Enterprises will also get \$360,000 to boost their services.



Disabled find stigma hard to shake

WHAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVED

- New participation requirements for disability support pensioners under the age of 35 with some capacity to work.
 New rules require new disability support pension applicants to get employment assistance to try to return to work before they can apply for DSP
 More generous rules for disability pensioners to encourage them to work more hours
 Support employers to take on more disability pensioners through new financial incentives

DISCRIMINATION and the stigma associated with their condition are the biggest issues facing people with disabilities, ac-cording to Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW (MDAA) CEO Kuranda Seyit (pictured).

Mr Seyit said the systemic attitudes and processes confronting them should have been addressed in the budget.

MDAA runs the City and Inner West Disability Advocacy (CiWDA) group which covers Ashfield, Canada Bay, Leichhardt and Marrickville.

"We are all for getting people with disabilities into the workforce and it is very important to give people the support they need to empower them as much as possible," he said.



"The other area often neglected is that many people on a disability support pension (DSP) come from non English speaking backgrounds and are doubly disadvantaged and discriminated against. "There needs to be a concerted effort in

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encouraging cultural and linguistically diencouraging cuitural and inguistically di-verse communities to break free from the negative stigma that exists within ethnic communities towards people with disabilities and to be aware of their rights and the unpart chivatures that are applied and the support structures that are available." He said more funds needed to be put into reforming problems in the workplace and in government departments.

New clinic to The Hi official opening.

aid with anxiety and depression

THE new Hills Clinic in Kellyville opened its doors last weekend with NSW Governor Marie Bashir conducting the

With the help of Ashfield Mayor Ted Cassidy, it was created for patients to recover in comfort and will provide up-to-date treatment programs for anxiety, depression and addictions.

Left: John Brogden, Ashfield Mayor Ted Cassidy, Dr Ted Cassidy, Governor Marie Bashir, Dr Jason Pace and Hawkesbury MP Ray Williams at the new clinic.



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PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Gilligan Age: 10 years Breed: Silky terrier

Gilligan is such a gentle gorgeous Silky boy. gorgeous Silky Boy. He is quiet and easy going and does not ask for much. Gilligan appreciates a quiet home life and loves people around.

He really looks forward to his daily walk. He is very social with cats and dogs and is just a pleasure to be around. Gilligan is used to being left alone but certainly makes a blg fuss of you when you come home.

He weighs 5kg and is about 10 years old. His coat is low shedding and does need grooming.

He comes desexed, C5 vaccinated, heartworm free and microchipped. His adoption cost is \$350. To find out more visit DoggieRescue.com or call 9486 3133.



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Star puts faith in family

DAMIEN Leith danced his way through the grand final of Dancing With the Stars and even though he didn't win, he brought a lot of attention to his chosen charity, Barnardos

The Irish-born singer and finalist on Dancing with the Stars, lives at Petersham with his wife Eileen and three children, Jarvis, 6, Jagger, 4, and three-monthold Kikki Bo.

He said in comparison to family, fame was nothing.

"Family is the most important thing to me," Leith said. "My children and my Leith wife are more important than my singing, than Dancing with the Stars, than any success or fame that I have ever received or could ever receive.

"Through my work with Barnardos, I've really come to understand just how crucial nurturing care is for babies.

"The first two years of life are the most important time in a child's emotional devel-

8e fitter, stronger & flexible. Suits everyone. Lose aches & pains, Fast & lasting results.¹¹ Lordane Deck, Founder

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It pays to check your superannuation policy if you can't work because you could be eligible for a disability lump sum. "Many people don't know they are covered for disability benefits under

Jim (not his real name) was a labourer. He suffered a number of

disabilities over several years which eventually meant he had to

He was paid workplace compensation but his previous lawyers

didn't tell him that he was also covered for a disability lump sum

their super" said superannuation lawyer, Josh Mennen,

Have you stopped work?

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A young fan shows her support for Damien Leith.

opment. A baby who re-ceives the appropriate care and affection from their parents or caregivers has the foundation to become a well-adjusted adult."

He said as a parent he does everything he can to provide for his children, but not all children in Australia are as lucky.

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Children's charity Barnardos Australia focuses on the prevention of abuse and neglect and entry into care.



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