

## **Councillors join activists In West End Festival**

This year's West End Festival brings enjoyable activities and vibrant discussion to many places in and around West End.

West End Community House will host three open air forums in the early evenings of the last week in October at the much loved People's Parklet in Boundary Street.

Places for People, a debate on how we create and use public spaces in our crowded suburb, will include contributions from former Councillor Helen Abrahams, Indigenous residents, and local award-winning landscape architects who propose a wealth of new small open spaces throughout the suburb. These could include closing Russell Street to create a much needed public square. This discussion will run from 6.00- 7.30 pm on Monday, October 24,

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Councillor Jonathon Sri will chair a discussion on the crucial issue of affordable housing. Speakers, including residents, boarding house tenants and university academics, will highlight the challenges and opportunities confronting this socially inclusive, mixed and much sought after suburb.

Bringing together Indigenous and Muslim groups, Community Development Worker Christel Palmer will chair a forum on social inclusion, from 6.30m- 8.00 pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, to explore the kind of place we want West End to be, and what we can do to achieve it.

It won't be all talk and speeches: music, displays and open discussion will be part of the mix which is intended to produce resolutions about actions to make life in the inner suburb fairer, friendlier and more inclusive for everyone. Everyone is welcome.

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