

## MEDIA RELEASE LOCAL POLLIES "STIR" UP THINGS IN SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS

Local politicians, Mr Jason Clare, Federal Member for Blaxland, and Mr Tony Stewart, Member for Bankstown, rolled up their sleeves this week to work in the kitchen of 'La Piazza' Restaurant at Bankstown Sports Club as part of the NSW Business Chambers annual 'Pollies for Small Business' Program.

Both MP's were shown the basic working ropes in La Piazza's busy kitchen by co owners Mario and Gary along with head chef Farouque Shafiul, who gave their thumbs up to "Jason's spaghetti sauce" cooking skills while he was ably assisted by Tony with some secret ingredients.

After working in the kitchen, Jason and Tony then sat down with La Piazza staff and management to discuss issues of concern relating to operating and working in a small business environment. Both Jason and Tony said that their work experience at La Piazza was very beneficial to their understanding of small business needs in our local community. "Working at La Piazza and talking to the restaurant staff and management has given me an excellent insight to the issues and needs faced by small businesses," Jason Clare said. Bankstown MP, Tony Stewart said that he had also learnt a lot through his brief work experience encounter at Bankstown's La Piazza Restaurant.

"Small Businesses accounts for over 60% of all local employment so its very important that local MP's like Jason Clare and myself tangibly understand the needs and concerns of small businesses so that they can be effectively represented at both state and federal government levels."

"Both Jason and myself thank the management and staff at La Piazza Restaurant for giving us a work experience insight to the issues affecting small business and the importance of small business contribution to our local community," Mr Tony Stewart said.

*The Hon. Tony Stewart B.A., Dip.Ed., M.P.  
Deputy Speaker Member for Bankstown*

# 2008 ICE Seminar Series

The next instalment in the 2008 ICE Seminar Series is just around the corner....

Arts, Communities, Enterprise: The present and future of support for the arts and culture will focus on the changing policy and support landscape for arts and cultural projects. Government support is critical for Australian arts and culture, but the mix of support is shifting with the growth and diversification of philanthropy and a new emphasis on 'social enterprise'. This seminar looks at these shifts, and the opportunities and challenges they pose – both for artists and the 'third sector' (or non-profit sector) in the arts.

The 'third sector' encompasses a wide range of non-profit and community activity – neither government/public nor commercial/private. It is a crucial economy for Australian arts and culture (both in terms of employment, as well as the institutions and resources that enable Australian participation in the arts).

'Social enterprise' is a new term for a kind of entity or business that has long been in existence – an entity that derives income from trading and business activities, but has social and community outcomes, and reinvests its 'profits' in the community.

Date: Thursday 28 August, 6-8pm  
Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Auburn Council (Level 1, Auburn Library), 1 Susan Street, Auburn  
Chair: Brooke Endycott, Community Development Officer – Research and Programs, Auburn Council  
Speakers:  
Joanne McNeill, Community Capacity Building Officer - Social Enterprise, Parramatta City Council  
Frank Panucci, Director - Strategic Development, Community Partnerships and Market Development, Australia Council for the Arts Victoria Keighery, CEO, Community Cultural Development NSW  
Lena Nahlous, Director, ICE and Switch  
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### Media release

# Migrant English innovation wins national award

An innovative migrant English teaching product from the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) youth learning series Get Wise has won an Australian Publishers Association award for excellence in educational publishing.

"The Your Money package uses interactive multimedia to inform AMEP clients learning English about

managing money in Australia," the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services, Laurie Ferguson, said.

"The award recognises work by the National Centre for English Language Teaching and Research [NCELTR], authors Maureen Hague and Clare Harris, and the AMEP Research Centre located at

Macquarie University in Sydney.

"I congratulate them on gaining this recognition for their development of an invaluable learning resource.

"The Get Wise series includes six modules which help AMEP students build English skills while learning practical lessons about looking after themselves in Australia.

"These will help young migrants with information about work and study, health and diet, leisure time and relationships. "The series is an innovation that shows the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's [DIAC] focus on administering an English-language program that teaches skills that enable new migrants to participate in our community and workforce."

The Australian Publishers Association Excellence in Educational Publishing Awards were established in 1994 to recognise writing clarity, educational value, illustrations, special features, subject matter, innovation and flair.

The award for Your Money was announced at the association's award ceremony in Sydney August 7.

*Laurie Ferguson MP Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services*

## 'Letters of Love' – An exhibition of works by mothers & daughters

Auburn Community Development Network Inc. (ACDN), Auburn Migrant Resource Centre (AMRC) and Auburn Council will be holding an exhibition showcasing handmade textile works and letters of love by mothers and daughters as part of ACDN's community cultural programs. The Handicraft Project is an intergenerational social enterprise project bringing together women from a diversity of cultural backgrounds interested in creating textile products to be exhibited at the Auburn Council Exhibition Gallery. The participants have made some very beautiful and creative hand and shoulder bags that would not be out of place at an arts or crafts market.

"The project aimed to encourage the development of textile skills and promote economic and social independence among the culturally and linguistically diverse female populations in the Auburn LGA, which is very important in building a stronger community and I encourage everyone to come and see the exhibition," said Omeima Sukkarieh, Manager of the Auburn Community Development

Network. Earlier this year, skills development workshops were held as part of the project with 14 women from 7 to 55 yrs of age to make different kinds of decorative items. The workshops, facilitated by a local artist, resulted in each participant designing and producing their own bags. The group also participated in a creative writing workshop where they were encouraged to write 'letters of love' to their mothers and/or daughters, expressing feelings often left unsaid. "The workshops gave me the opportunity to bond and spend quality time with my daughter and to see her interact in a different environment," said one participant.

The next phase of the project will continue in the workshops with a focus on small business skill training with the aim of guiding participants to promote and sell their products in local markets. The training is planned to start later this year in October. The Exhibition of Letters of Love will be held on Wednesday 13 August 2008, 10.30 AM – 3.30 PM at Auburn Council Exhibition Gallery, 1 Susan St, Auburn.