

## Bringing Hope to Glebe Community this Easter Season

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Living in community is what our work at Glebe is all about; making contacts as we shop, go visiting, and just live alongside our Glebe neighbours. While the church continues to be a hub of activity, it is the *HaveAChat Cafe* and *Op Shop* that provide most of our contacts and opportunities to work and interact with the Glebe community.

Out of these community interactions new activities are blossoming. One of these new connection points, the monthly *Friday Forum* in the Cafe, involves people in dialogue on important local interest topics like health, community, and special days and weeks throughout the year. Alongside this has been an increase in the opportunities for the local people to enjoy the art and craft sessions conducted by Bec, our Community Development Worker.

**"Living in community is what our work in Glebe is all about".**

HopeStreet also provides hope for local people through opportunities to volunteer. Pre-employment experience and training in work and life skills is conducted, while at the same time allowing people to fulfill community service hours and conditions for various pension support allowances.

One of the highlights of our year in Glebe is the *Good Friday Procession of Witness* conducted by the combined churches. The procession begins at St James' Catholic Church and leads people through a walk of the Glebe streets and community sites. The procession stops at important locations to hear readings, pray and sing. These sites include the park, the fire station, the police station, the shops and community centres. Finally the procession finishes with Hot Cross Buns and morning tea at the Uniting Church building in St John's Road. The *Good Friday Procession of Witness* begins at 11am, and the wider public is welcome to come and join in this insightful connection with our neighbourhood and the people who live here.

*The Glebe fellowship and Community Development workers are supported through the kind donations of HopeStreet supporters. Thank you for your kind support, and please consider giving to this vital work this Easter as we seek to bring hope to the streets of Glebe.*



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#### Homeless persons program

- Long-term semi-supported accommodation
- Support and assistance for homeless people

#### Employment training program

- Cleaning service
- Job placement

#### Community development

- Direct benevolent assistance and food relief
- Op shops, drop-ins and community centres
- Aboriginal community work

#### Safe house for women sex workers

- Outreach, drop-in, support and counselling

#### Inner city gambling counselling

- Individual counselling support groups
- Deaf and NESB access

#### Church planting

- Glebe community church
- Relationship and individual counselling
- Woolloomooloo Baptist fellowship
- Street church and breakfast
- 2010 church plant

# Ride To The Top 2007



On Saturday 10th March ten brave cyclists set off for an epic ride from Sydney to the top of Mount Kosciusko. The group cycled south along the country roads, with nightly stops at Bowral, Goulburn, Canberra, Cooma and Jindabyne. On Thursday 15th March, they endured a hard slog up through the national park and ski-fields to Charlottes Pass, which is the highest point reachable on a road-going bicycle. Traditionally, Friday is 'walk to the top' day. This year however, the weather looked treacherous so they decided to avoid being caught on Mount Kosciusko.

**"Ride To The Top is an annual 625km fundraising bicycle ride from Sydney to Mount Kosciusko".**

The annual *Ride To The Top* has been running since 1995, with funds raised being directed towards the programs of HopeStreet for the past 4 years. The ride is entirely self-funded by the riders and support staff, with accommodation provided in church halls and lodges.

HopeStreet applauds the enormous effort that goes into *Ride To The Top*, and would like to thank the riders and support staff for their amazing efforts. In particular, we appreciate the support provided to HopeStreet which allows the sustaining of vital programs that assist many of the inner city's most marginalized people.

*If you would like to pledge a donation in support of the 2007 Ride To The Top please use the form below. Please mark RTTT somewhere on the form.*

*Diary with pictures from this years ride will be online soon at <http://members.optusnet.com.au/~dog2dog/ride2007>*

## Coming Up in 2007

### April

15th - Urban Orientation  
21st - Woolloomooloo Festival

### May

5th and 6th - Xpose at 2010  
20th - Urban Orientation

### June

**22nd - Annual Celebration**

### July

1st till 6th - Ngage  
22nd - Urban Orientation  
28th and 29th - Xpose Woolloomooloo

### August

**5th - HopeStreet Fun Run/Walk**

19th - Urban Orientation

### September

16th - Urban Orientation

### October

21st - Urban Orientation  
27th and 28th - Xpose Glebe

### November

18th - Urban Orientation

### March 2008

**2nd - HopeStreet Sunday**



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