

# garden games

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## **Kings Cross charities are winners at Garden Games**

Garden Games, a weekly community initiative providing popular boardgames for the public to play, will present a cheque for \$1500 to three local charities supporting the homeless at 11am, Saturday 31 July 2010 at Fitzroy Gardens, Kings Cross.

Almost every Saturday since 2006, Garden Games has provided a place for people to play all their favourite board games with friends, family and other passers-by, at the Kings Cross Farmers Markets.

Founder and Chief Game-Boy Christian Carter said this donation is an opportunity to pass on the proceeds raised by all of its regular and new board game players.

"I have always wanted to give something back to the community, especially the marginalised in Kings Cross. To be able to do this by playing games means everyone wins", he said.

Garden Games has been granted support from the City of Sydney Council for the past two years, and is auspiced by the Kings Cross Partnership. Having the support of the local community allows Garden Games to give more back to the good work of St Canice's Food Kitchen, The Wayside Chapel and St John's Rough Edges.

"A good life is one that has room not just for all that comes with hard work, but one that has made time for play, rest, learning, community and health. To provide games in our local park is a major contribution toward the goodness and health of the community", The Wayside Chapel's Graham Long said.

Garden Games is entirely run by volunteers who teach and play games including Chess, Backgammon, Connect Four, Guess Who, Dominoes, Checkers and more.

Christian is looking forward to handing over this donation, which culminates the past 10 months of player's contributions.

"I'd invite everyone and anyone to come along to the cheque presentation on the 31st, but more importantly to continue visiting Garden Games so we can provide ongoing support to local charities", he said.

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