

— Public meeting —

Speak out in solidarity with the persecuted Hickey family!

Drop all charges against the Riverstone 7!

Bring the killers of TJ Hickey to justice!

End the victimisation of deaths in custody families who resist!

Build the movement to stop Aboriginal deaths in custody.



Riverstone police brutalise Tisha after raiding her 21st birthday party.

Last September, Tisha, an Aboriginal woman living in the Western Sydney suburb of Riverstone held a party to celebrate her 21st birthday. On the pretext that the music at the party was too loud, Riverstone Police raided the family home and arrested Tisha and six of her relatives and friends and slapped them with trumped up charges of riot! They face a range of serious charges, including affray and assault of police officers. Why did this happen? NSW police have a special hatred for Tisha's family. They are Hickeys — close relatives of TJ Hickey the 17 year-old killed by racist police in February 2004 after they chased him through the streets of Redfern when he was riding his bicycle. As a result of their defiant refusal to abandon the quest for justice for their beloved TJ, the Hickeys, from Redfern to Riverstone, have faced police harassment over the seven years.

Six of those charged in Riverstone appear in the Parramatta Court on 23 March. A solidarity rally will take place outside the Court. Tisha's Mum, Patricia Hickey says, "my family and I have had a lot of harassment from the police since this thing happened to TJ. We've had enough. We want it to stop and stop now before another Hickey dies in police custody. Please help us! Enough is enough."

Speakers

- ***Emrys Nekvapil***, barrister representing Gail Hickey who lodged a complaint about the flawed investigation into the death of TJ with the UN Human Rights Committee
- ***Keith Kaulfuss***, founding member of ISJA and tenacious grass roots activist
- Chaired by ***Alison Thorne***, unionist and socialist feminist fighting to stop deaths in custody since 1983

This meeting will provide attendees an opportunity to show their solidarity

Wednesday 23 March, 7:00 pm

Solidarity Salon, 580 Sydney Road, Brunswick

Light supper served. The meeting is free and a collection will be taken to support the ongoing campaign to stop Aboriginal deaths in custody.

Hosted by the Indigenous Social Justice Association — Melbourne

For more information call 9388-0062 or e-mail alison.thorne@ozemail.com.au

*For more information about the campaign to defend the Riverstone 7, including photos and film footage exposing the extent of police brutality go to:
<http://web.aanet.com.au/tplatform/Riverstone.html>*

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