

Bloomsbury Conservatives

## Rebecca Hossack

Bloomsbury ward member

Camden Council

Surgery times

First Wednesday of each month at  
Marchmont Community Centre,  
62 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AB

Last Friday of each month at:

Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Centre  
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## Aussies Gallery's 20th Anniversary

In March 2008 the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery will be twenty years old. The occasion will be marked by an opening-party for the gallery's new exhibition space: at 2a Conway Street, just off Fitzroy Square.

Rebecca Hossack opened her first art gallery in April 1988, and a second three years later. The gallery has been a great champion of Non-Western artistic traditions. It was the first art gallery in Europe to exhibit Australian aboriginal painting, and continues to promote it through its regular *Songlines* seasons. Rebecca Hossack has also curated exhibitions of work by the African Bushmen, from Papua New Guinea, and from tribal India. Rebecca was born in Melbourne, she came to England in the early Eighties to study law, which she soon abandoned for a career in Art. Having studied at Christies and worked at the Guggenheim in Venice, she set up her first gallery - in Windmill Street, - in



April 1988. (She signed the lease on the premises in October 1987, only three days before the great stock-market crash on 'Black Monday'.)

The gallery, despite the economic climate, not only survived, but thrived. It gained a reputation both for exhibiting contempo-

rary 'Western' artists of rare individual vision as well championing the Aboriginal and Non Western Art. The gallery's ongoing success is a vindication of Rebecca's energy and commitment.

Hossack opened a second space in 1991, and a sculpture garden at St James's, Piccadilly the following year. She moved the main gallery to a new three-storey building at 2a Conway Street, off Fitzroy Square, while keeping a second space at 28 Charlotte Street.

Between 1993 and 1997 Rebecca Hossack served as the Australian cultural attaché in London. (Her



'unworthy predecessor' Sir Les Patterson saluted her as 'a beaut sheila'.) She is a dedicated campaigner on environmental issues. In 2006 she was elected as Councillor for the Bloomsbury Ward in Camden. Last year she ran in the New York Marathon, raising over £20,000 to plant trees in Central London.

