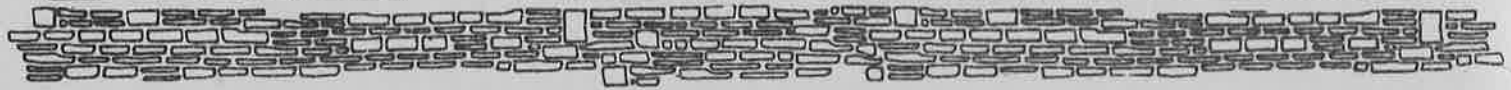


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NEXT MEETING: 8PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME!!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Eric Kaye

As I reported in the last issue of the Crag, our popular Alderman, Dianne Street, is standing down from Willoughby Council later this month. Dee has done a fine job of work in her three years as Alderman, and we plan to extend our thanks to her at our next meeting. At our August meeting I was endorsed as your next candidate for Alderman and I wish to take this opportunity to state my attitudes to some of the issues involved. Under Section 151E of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, this therefore becomes electoral matter and consequently must be authorised.

My reasons for seeking election as your Alderman

My wife and I have lived in Castlecrag for over 30 years; we have reared our family here and made many close friends. It is our home, we are proud of it and consider that within its boundaries Castlecrag embraces some of the most beautiful bays and fore-shore parkland in Sydney. My basic aim is to preserve this quiet beauty for the enjoyment of Sydney's future generations. A busy professional life has left me too little time in the past to involve myself in the amount of community activity which I would have wished. Things have eased slightly for me now, and I feel a desire and a responsibility to step up my activities.

How I shall attempt to achieve this if elected

I consider the Progress Association to be a most effective and forward-thinking group, working in our local community. From my own association with it over 30 years, and from its records which go back more than 50 years, I am convinced that its overall policies have been sound, and that it has consistently worked towards the development of a suburb in which the residents have pride and pleasure. I intend to follow the example of our recent Aldermen, John Crew and Dee Street, both of whom worked hard to support the community and to provide a good liaison between Council & the residents.

Some of my main concerns

\* Future use of the Warringah Freeway Corridor: My views on this important issue are well known to those who have been reading the Crag over the past years. The use to which this corridor will be put will be considered later this year by an inquiry headed by Mr. D.S. Kirby. Our submission to this inquiry has been compiled and edited by me from the work and suggestions of many people in our community. It is now with the printer. We expect to be called to make verbal representation early in 1981 and together with a small group of residents I shall represent you at this hearing.

\* Bushland preservation: The Conservation group of our Progress Association are active, effective and dedicated in their work in protecting and regenerating our bushland reserves. Council participation in this work has significantly increased over recent years and the emphasis given to the planting of indigenous shrubs & trees, mainly along our road fringes, is very encouraging. However, much work still remains to

be carried out and I shall seek to have effort in this regard increased.

\* High-rise flats: No development of this type has yet occurred in Middle Harbour Ward. However, other unsympathetic development has been approved and carried out. I shall work to protect the interests of residents against such development and to ensure that information on such moves is made available in adequate time for community consideration.

\* Middle Harbour National Park: On the conclusion of the Kirby Inquiry, the opportunity may exist to establish a natural bushland park along the southern shore of Sugarloaf Bay. This, with the Harold Reid Reserve, could constitute the beginning of a Middle Harbour National Park. Such a park would be of priceless value to future generations of Sydney citizens, and I shall work towards this end.

Finally

As in previous Council elections, our Progress Association is working with those of Castlecove and Middle Cove for the election of a joint team. Castlecove is supporting the Mayor, Noel Reidy, Middle Cove Ald. John Squire, and our Association myself, Eric Kaye. Of the five candidates seeking election for the three available positions, I am the only resident of Castlecrag. I believe it important that a local resident represent you and I seek your support to achieve this. Selection of the successful candidates will be by Proportional Representation (used for the first time in Council elections three years ago). Whilst this method is more democratic, it does give less value to second and lower order preferences than previously. Thus your first preference is of great importance. Consequently, the joint ticket for Castlecrag recommends:

- 1 E. KAYE
- 2 N. REIDY
- 3 J. SQUIRE
- 4 P. ABADEE
- 5 P. APPLEBAUM

*Eric Kaye (President, Castlecrag Progress Association)  
authorised by: E. Carlson, 59 Sugarloaf Crescent, East Willoughby.*

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

*by Dianne Street*

Reluctantly, I will not be available as a candidate in the next Local Government elections. However, I do offer my support to Eric Kaye as our next representative for the Middle Harbour Ward.

It is important to remember that we must support candidates who are in touch with the people and particularly familiar with the Municipality and local issues. Eric has already served Castlecrag well. He is an informed citizen involved in community activities and is concerned that we maintain maximum co-operation and results from Willoughby Council.

Recently the Local Government Conference in Albury discussed the serious effects amalgamations of councils will have on the people and suburbs similar to ours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have supported or worked with me to improve the lifestyle of this diversified Municipality. It has also been encouraging to meet so many residents, and I welcome the new families to Castlecrag.

Your support and co-operation is vital to maintaining this unique suburb -- so I urge you to care for your properties and the surrounding bushland.

*The CRAG is edited by Bob Ronai, 103 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag, 2068, and published by the Castlecrag Progress Association.*

# SYDNEY HARBOUR AND FORESHORES COMMITTEE

by Nancy Mackay



This small but active Committee meets regularly each month, at the Total Environment Centre, and the Castlecrag Progress Association is represented by Ald. Dianne Street, Garth Nicholson, and Nancy Mackay. New members would be most welcome and all are invited to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, at 7.30pm, at the Australian Museum, College Street, Sydney.

Briefly, the main objectives of this Committee are:

- \* to form a community advancement society for the defence and protection of the natural/cultural character of Sydney Harbour, its tributaries and its foreshores for general public enjoyment;
- \* to undertake, support and encourage research into all forms of pollution;
- \* to undertake, support and encourage a study or studies of past, present and future use of Sydney Harbour;
- \* to act as a channel for public negotiations with the Federal, State and Local governments and with private interests;
- \* to undertake, support and encourage conservation and restoration of the natural and cultural environment of Sydney Harbour.

Our next fund-raising venture will be a dinner at the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator Restaurant, probably in late October or early November. Ald. Dianne Street or Nancy Mackay (95 3110) would be pleased to answer any further enquiries.

*Wanted: Responsible youngster to spend a couple of hours a week pulling weeds and other light garden jobs, near the shopping centre. Phone 95 4247*



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## IT'S ART SHOW TIME AGAIN!!

by June Raymond

The ninth Castlecrag Art Show will be held at the St. James Centre, 194 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag, on Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2.

The special highlight this year will be the works of Nova Group, ten distinguished Sydney artists presenting their annual exhibition under the patronage of the Castlecrag Art Show. All paintings will be for sale.

As usual, there will be some very fine ceramics and hand-crafted silver pieces on sale.

Morning and afternoon teas will be served in the new native plant garden on the Saturday. Native plants will also be on sale -- hopefully to encourage future interest in planting natives in our suburb.

Opening hours are 9.30am to 8.00pm on Saturday November 1, and 11.00am until 5.00pm on Sunday November 2. We hope you will come along.

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## SQUASH NEWS

by Ron Foxon

### Pennant Competition

After last season's misfortunes, Castlecrag appears even at this early stage to have several chances of winning pennants. After round 4 we have eight of our twelve teams in the top three in their grade. The Men's D12 and E1, and Ladies' C5 are leading their respective divisions.

If any readers would like to come to the courts and watch the competition games, they would be most welcome.... eight o'clock start on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Social

Starting on 14th September we have a round robin competition for graded and social players. These are run several times through the year. If you are interested, please give the courts a ring on 955891.

Are you wondering how to keep your children amused during the weekend? Send them along to the courts for a game of squash or racketball... \$3 per hour for the court any time on the weekend -- rackets and balls included.

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During second term the children in the 3-day group had a main objective in making their own decisions (with support when needed) in areas of craft, rest and social activities. Children enjoy challenge and manage extremely well.

In the 2-day group their main objective has been to move on their own accord to the various activities available.

Our Miss Sally Grieve (Director/Teacher) left at the end of second term with fond farewells from the families of the kindergarten. We wish her every good luck in her new venture.

Miss Angela Jeffries commences as our new Director/Teacher on September 8, and we all wish her well. As the children are in a secure environment, stress should be at a minimum having a new teacher in the third term.

Vandalism!

It is sad to advise that vandals have recently smashed a wooden climbing frame in the kindergarten playground, as well as leaving a hose running into the hall, badly damaging the wooden floor tiles.

If anyone has any knowledge that could assist in tracing these people, could you please contact the kindergarten or Chatswood Police.



CHATSWOOD TOASTMISTRESS CLUB

by Corralynn Organ (Publicity Officer)

It'll be an exciting time for six members of Chatswood Toastmistress Club when they are matched against one another in a debate at their next meeting on Wednesday September 10, at 10.15am, in St. James Church Hall, Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag.

The topic will be "*that the School Certificate should be re-introduced as an external examination.*"

Guest adjudicator will be Hilda Brown, who is a Past President of Lane Cove Toastmistress Club.

All visitors who wish to "listen in" will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries: Corralynn 412 1313 or Kit 95 2525.

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HISTORY OF CASTLECRAG

by Addie Saltis

Schools

Did you see the photograph of Open Day at our Infants' School in the North Shore Times recently? The children's pageant, the glorious day and the happy atmosphere prompted me to put together what I know of Primary School education in Castlecrag. Incidentally, the Infants' School now has its own banner and school song!!

This was not the first school in Castlecrag. I have been given a copy of a certificate issued to Dorothy Trinick, dated April 15, 1929, which states: "Efficient and regular instruction up to the standard of education required by the Public Instruction Act of 1880 is given to pupils attending 'Ivanhoe' Private School, Sunnyside Crescent, Willoughby. The School has therefore been declared by the Minister for Education a certified school.... for the instruction of children up to 10 years. Enrolment limited to 20."

Mr. Trinick recalls that the school started with an enrolment of five. The name "Ivanhoe" derives from a suburb in Melbourne where Dorothy lived before they were married. When it became too large, another teacher became necessary and took over responsibility.

Other local children went by bus to Northbridge, Willoughby or Roseville schools. Edgar Deans recalls.... "the pressures we (the Progress Association) put on the local member and the Education Department to secure a school site while vacant land was still available. I remember that one one occasion we paraded the children, including the baby Trinick twins, outside the shops to convince the Department official that we really had the children ready and coming on. It was shortly after this that the Department acquired the site (1947)." The Infants' School was opened in 1952.

Somewhere there is in existence a photograph of that parade outside the local shops. A copy of this, or any other photographs taken on Open Days, school functions etc. would be appreciated by the school for their historic records.

