

# The Crag

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*Next meeting*

*Tuesday 26 February 8pm*

*at the Community Centre*

*AGENDA*

*Draft Tree Preservation Order*

*Our Public Liability Insurance*

*Castlecrag Community Fair:  
to be held on a biennial basis?  
(ideas for 2003?)*

*Refreshments will be served*

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*Membership fees for 2002*

*are now due*

*(see membership form on last page)*

## Australia Day 2002

Willoughby Civic Centre provided the perfect venue, the sky was blue, Willoughby City Band played entertainingly, the Australia Day Ambassadors Gough and Margaret Whitlam spoke inspiringly, the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards were presented, sausages and drinks were provided by Rotary and the many people who attended had an enjoyable and memorable time. Congratulations to Willoughby Council on a job well done!

The Mayor, Cr Pat Reilly, introducing the celebrations, said that there is a 'village feel' in Willoughby, generating community consciousness, and that this was very much in evidence at the gathering to celebrate Australia Day in the heart of Chatswood.

Mr Whitlam spoke of his life in Chatswood as a child in the 1920s when he attended local primary schools. He noted the tremendous changes that have



Gay and Harold Spies with Pat Reilly and her *Citizen of the Year Award*

occurred in Australian society since his schooldays, giving emphasis to the cultural diversity of today's society. He then took the opportunity to argue for fixed-term elections, commenting that New South Wales and Willoughby were trend-setters in this matter, as they are also in cultural diversity.

Mrs Whitlam spoke on citizenship and the importance of Aus-

tralia Day. She noted that a citizen owed allegiance to a government and was entitled to its protection. She reminisced about her early connections with Willoughby, having participated in the opening of the (now demolished) Roseville Baths, spent time as a new mother with her first baby at the Tresillian Home in Second Avenue, and regularly visited

## Citizen of the Year Award

This year's Australia Day celebrations at the Civic Centre had a special bonus for Castlecrag, as a Citizen of the Year Award was presented to well-known local resident Gay Spies. The criteria for the award include:

- \* a significant contribution to the well-being of the community through personal service
- \* personal effort which has made a lasting and significant

difference to the quality of life of the community

- \* an exceptional or extraordinary history of achievement in the community service.

In presenting the award, Mayor Pat Reilly said: 'Gay is an outstanding citizen and community worker with an exceptional commitment and dedication to the conservation of the natural environment. Her commitment to the

conservation of our natural heritage has led her to take on the responsibilities of officer or committee member of numerous organizations and committees as well as the coordination of the outstanding Sugarloaf Bush Regeneration Project.'

We join in congratulating Gay on the award and for her remarkable