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Dianne Street.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*****INVITATION*****

The Progress Association is delighted to invite you and your family to "Penhallow", to view the garden and sculptures of Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Crebbin, 16 Linden Way Castlecrag, on Sunday 28th October, from 2-4.30pm. Tickets & Enquires from Mrs. D. Street 95 5683 or Mrs. A. Korner 95 6059. \$5 per person, pensioners \$3.

It was most encouraging that so many people attended the meeting on 27th September, and to hear the police and residents' views on dealing with crime and burglary in Castlecrag. We welcomed friends from Chatswood, Willoughby, Middlecove and Northbridge who are interested to set up a similar Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in their areas.

Most information we received following the meeting was positive, although a few people said the evening was interesting, but nothing was resolved! It was a preliminary meeting to gauge your concern and gather ideas and information, the discussion has resulted in the following suggestions:-

- A. Should you require the police either during the day or night and you do not the service you expect, or there is an unusual delay contact Chief Inspector Garrard (or this Association in writing).
- B. Several parents are now establishing "Safe Houses" around Castlecrag for the children attending the Kindergarten and the local schools.
- C. Residents wanting to know more about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme including those people who gave me their names on 27th Sept, are invited to attend our Associations next meeting on Tuesday 23rd October, 1984.
- D. At the commencement of that meeting we shall set up a sub-committee and or appoint a co-ordinator to start implementing the scheme, the success of the

Neighbourhood Watch' project depends entirely on the support and active involvement of residents who want to be reassured that their home or property are safe. The only way to achieve this is to give a little of your time. Pass on to your neighbours or the police any information you may have regarding suspicious or unusual activities in or around your suburb

Following the meeting at St. James Hall, the Sydney Morning Herald contacted me for further information. The reporter is preparing an article relating to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and will be using Castlecrag and Castlecove as examples where residents are prepared to help themselves.

The police Public relations Dept. appreciated the residents' participation in such a well attended meeting, highlighting for them the concern we feel for our safety and invasion of privacy, and the need for more police in the suburbs.

THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON ~~THE~~
23 October, 1984, at 8 PM. at the COMMUNITY CENTRE - THE RAMPART CASTLECRAG.

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS GENERAL MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
THE RAMPART on 2 NOVEMBER, 1984 at 8PM.

SEWERAGE IN CASTLECRAG

The Water Board has at last provided a sewerage line in the footpath outside the last 100 houses in Castlecrag previously without main sewerage. The section covering those houses on the northern side of Edinburgh Road, from Sunnyside Cres., to the Pinnacle (36 properties) has been gazetted and in accordance with Council's requirements under section 281 (2) (a) of the local Government Act these residents have been advised that they must take steps to connect to the Board sewer. Similar notices will soon be issued to residents on Edinburgh Rd, below the Pinnacle and along Tor Walk. Because of the topography of the area, the main for almost all residences is higher than the floor of the house, consequently in almost all cases residents will be obliged to provide a pump and holding tank. Although this is more costly than the conventional gravity system, it is offset to some extent by the fact that the Board allows a 50% reduction in sewerage rates where a pump is required. Our average sewerage rate is in excess of \$500 p.a. thus those requiring a pump can expect a saving of \$250 p.a. I estimate the cost of a pump-out system to be approximately \$2500 more than a conventional system, thus it will be 10 years before such people "break even" with their more fortunate neighbours. Beyond this, their reduction of 50% will continue.

CASTLECRAG COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE.

As most will know, the Community Hall was built by residents in the 1940's on land dedicated by Walter Burley Griffin for this purpose. It was financed by them, supported on a 50/50 basis by Council. By 1965 the cost of maintenance had become excessive and the hall was handed over to Willoughby Council. Under Section 530A of the Local Government Act Council set up a committee of residents (known as the 530A Committee) responsible to them for the management of the hall. Such a committee has operated since 1966, however, recent lack of participation requires that a new committee be formed. On 13th August Council resolved:-

- (A) That the Castlecrag Community Committee be reconstituted with a membership of seven, the function of the Committee being the care, control and management of the Community Hall.
- (B) That the membership of the Committee be left in the hands of the Mayor and Town Clerk with the nomination of appropriate Members being made by the Ward Alderman.

A number of people have already approached me on this matter, however should others wish to be considered by the Mayor and Town Clerk, would you please contact either the Town Clerk or me.

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PESTICIDES USED UNNECESSARILY

By A. Kabos.

The hazardous, long lasting organochlorine pesticides are often used unnecessarily. These pesticides include Chlordane, Heptachlor, Aldrin and Dieldrin and are commonly used against subterranean termites (white ants) and spiders.

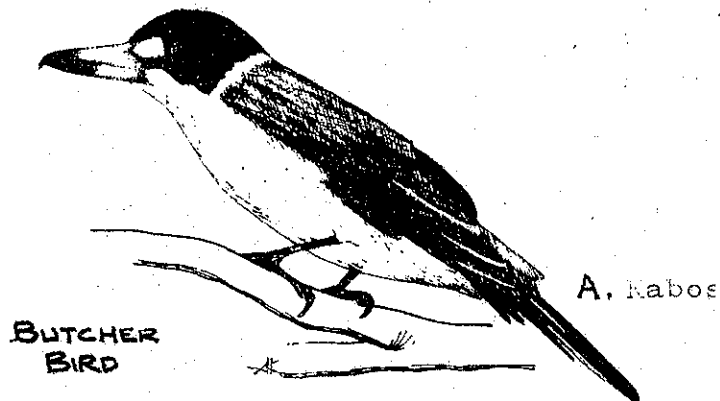
The N.S.W. Prices Commission into Pest Control in Domestic Premises reported in 1977 that "One of the main features of this class of pesticide is its long residual life; up to 25 years in the case of a properly applied termite prevention treatment. Apparently, however, it has become an accepted practice among many pest control maintenance programs. In a large majority of these cases the re-application of pesticides on an annual basis is totally unjustified and amounts to flagrant misuse of the pesticides concerned."

In regard to Funnel Web spiders Mike Gray, arachnologist at the Australian Museum, in his article "Getting to know Funnel Webs" published in Australian Natural History (1981) Vol 20, No 8 states that "there is no proven pesticide that will get rid of Funnel Web spiders in their natural habitat. Their sheltered burrows provide considerable protection from the spray and once this dries it is ineffective against spiders. In addition, the wandering habits of the male spiders make it impossible to guarantee eradication. After spraying, mildly affected spiders, both male and females, can become highly excitable and aggressive and wander randomly, increasing the chances of encounter with man. If spraying is done at all it should be concentrated only on areas known to harbour funnel webs and only short term residual sprays should be used. Blanket spraying of gardens is unnecessary and undesirable; besides their destructive effect on harmless, often useful, garden animals, the potentially deleterious effects of pesticides on domestic pets and young children should be kept in mind."

I advise you to always wear shoes and gloves when gardening, and always shake them out before use. Be particularly careful when disturbing rocks or old timbers. Funnel Web spiders live in moist ground but in heavy rain when their holes may be flooded, they tend to wander, so particular care should be taken at this time.

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Queries or idea's welcome.

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DO YOU LIKE SKETCHING?

EDITOR.

We regard our Association as a true residents' group, and our paper as the means of communication with you all. Hence, we have no hesitation in appealing to you for help when we need it. This time we are looking for someone who likes to sketch. We need a new collection of small drawings of our local native flowers, birds or animals to fill in the spaces between articles. Also, we are always seeking articles of local interest, especially historical interest, about half page in length. Anyone prepared to help, please phone me at 95.6146.

"I was now mainly busy on domestic design, setting out on units the sketch plans given me, with details of doors and windows. Griffin's unit-system gave a symmetry to his designs. For him, the house itself must be beautiful in form and not just have features here and there to suit the client's demands. Beauty and use must be combined. Griffin occasionally got into trouble with clients because supervision of his original designs was lax. At another time a client objected to a flat roof designed to avoid interference with the views of other homes.

Saturday mornings I spent cutting piles of sandwiches for picnickers to the Crag thus attracting land sales. There were canoe-trips to the beautiful upper reaches of Middle Harbour, picnics to Palm Beach and to Bulli Pass. Marion refused no guest, but the only one who was perfectly free with Marion and said what she liked was the well known eccentric character, Bea Miles.

The Griffins were non-smokers and teetotalers, and so were we all. "Waltie" loved fun though he rarely had time for it: he was the last one to leave a Crag party. With a rather unattractive touch on the piano, Marion would struggle through Beethoven sonatas "So Waltie could get to know them better!" In private, we referred to him as the little Cherub.

Marion was as volatile as Waltie was reserved, looking after him as well as she knew how, offering him constant drinks of water (have a swig!) reading to him and stitching his black neck-bows. I never knew them to be ill or to see a doctor. In fact, sickness was almost like a disgrace, the general idea being "keep fit to do the work of the Creator". (Louise became more engrossed with her dancing, and at the same time, found it harder to get along with Marion, so in 1928 she left the Griffin home and took up studying and producing ballet, with little time to visit the Crag)(Ed).

"However I did go to see the Greek drama presented in the Crag outdoor theatre in the bushland above Sailors Bay, and lit by the headlights of our car on the road above. Nothing could be more enchanting and imaginative. Waltie himself took a tiny part. He was the head of a dragon, winding down the slope, followed by seven others who formed the body. He took a wrong turn and the dragon was untimely decapitated."

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SYDNEY HARBOUR AND FORESHORES COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON Wednesday October 17th 1984 at the AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM. Dr. Alan Rundle will speak on "MANGROVES AND MUD". ENQUIRIES 27 4714 or 981 2349 Commencing at 7.30 P.M.

WILLOUGHBY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (W.E.P.A.) SPRING WALK.

W.E.P.A. has organised three SPRING WALKS in our Municipality. Unfortunately we have missed the first two, but the third walk in Flat Rock Valley should be most interesting, and particulars of this are posted in our Notice Board in the Quadrangle. DATE 21st October, TIME 10 am. PLACE Main Small St, Carpark

CHILDREN'S WEEK PROGRAMME 20 - 28th October.

There will be a number of functions held this week in the Willoughby Municipality, and it is impossible to list them all here. However, copies of the full program will be posted in the Association's Notice Board. For further information on any item, contact Margaret Solness Willoughby Council 4123333 ext 104.

OUR ASSOCIATION'S NEW NOTICE BOARD.

Willoughby Council has provided and installed a new notice board. This has been placed above the steps in the Quadrangle, opposite Chemmart. We suggest you check this frequently and keep in touch with what is going on in our Community & Municipality.

NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS' - GIANT BOOK FAIR.

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YALLOP, David	IN GOD'S NAME
CORNWELL, B.	SHARPE'S ENEMY
MASTERTON, G.	LADY OF FORTUNE
SMITH, Wilbur.	LEOPARD HUNTS IN DARKNESS, The
SEYMOUR, G.	IN HONOUR BOUND
HOWATCH, Susan	WHEELS OF FORTUNE,
BAGLEY, Desmond.	NIGHT OF TERROR
STUART LONG, W.	THE COLONISTS (V.6)
HAIGH, Alex.	CAVEAT
VAN LUSTBADER, E.	THE MIKO
CLEARY, Jon.	THE PHOENIX TREE
ARCHER, Jef.	FIRST AMOUNG EQUALS
URIS, Leon	THE HAJ
ROSSITER, Elis	THE LEMON GARDEN
KAUFMAN, Pam.	SHIELD OF KINGS
GREEN, Evans.	ALICE TO NOWHERE
WENTWORTH, Pat.	THE BRADING COLLECTION
AMBLER, Eric	THE SCHIMLER INHERITAN
JAMES, P.	DEATH OF AN EXPERT
SCOTT, Justin	A PRIDE OF KINGS
DRAKE, Mary	THE TREES WERE GREEN
and others.	

CASTLECRAG MEATS

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PORK FILLET AVOCADO

6 pork fillets	½ cup white wine
3 avacados	1tsp. honey
Pinch dry ginger	1 cup cream.

Peel avocados & slice in wedges. Pan fry fillets in butter, when cooked drain butter & add white wine, dry ginger, honey & cream. Heat through. Remove pork fillets, place on serving plates and keep hot. Add sliced avocado to sauce and cook approx. 1 minute. Arrange avocado on pork fillets and coat with sauce.Serves 6.

FREE HOME DELIVERIES**TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS**FAMILY FUN FAIR

Thank you all for the wonderful response to our appeal for goods to stock our stall. Once again the work was efficiently organised by Marcella Stevens, and Cathy Burgess, who spent hours sorting and pricing things, and then ran the stall on the day. They were helped by a number of our members and at end of the day we had raised the fine sum of \$858. This money will be put to good use.

I feel sure that this was the best Family Fun Fair held so far. It was organised by the voluntary Family Fun Fair Committee, convened by The Community Arts Officer, Sue Alvarez, and provided so much of interest to people of all ages, especially the children. It was well advertised and attracted a good crowd. Over ninety local groups participated in this "nice way to meet your neighbours". Anyone interested in joining the committee to help with next year's Fair, phone Sue at 412 3333.

CASTLECRAG INFANTS' SCHOOL NEWS

Alison Whittle (principal)

This term started musically with the "Music of Dance" concert at the Opera House being part of the Bennelong service for the young children.

We're very proud of year 2 being chosen to sing and play recorder in the Regional Primary Schools' "Music Festival" at the Willoughby Civic Centre. This is to be held on 9th and 11th October, and is always a delightful evening.

The whole school will be performing at Chatswood Chase, 12noon - 3pm on 22nd October for Childrens' Week. Do come and listen if you can.

Kindergarten Orientation Day will be held on Monday 26th November, from 10-11.15.