

NEWSLETTER OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUE RANDLE
(958 6344)

DEAR RESIDENTS,

Despite a hard-fought election campaign and the support of most of the residents of Castlecrag, Eric Kaye was unsuccessful, by a narrow margin, in obtaining re-election to Willoughby Municipal Council.

Eric has been a tower of strength in representing Castlecrag on Council for the last seven years and the community is now without a resident alderman on Council to pursue local issues.

During those years Eric was ably assisted by his wife Rita, and a small but enthusiastic group of local residents, without whose support Eric's job would have been so much more demanding.

On behalf of Castlecrag Progress Association I would like to express our sincere thanks to Eric for his dedicated work for the residents and environment of Castlecrag.

Without a resident alderman on Council, we must have a strong voice to inform the Middle Harbour Ward aldermen of the issues which are important to residents of Castlecrag. It is now of great importance that people in our community join the Progress Association and unite in making our community's concerns known to Willoughby Council. Please phone me on 958 6344 to bring matters to the attention of our Progress Association, and contact the Middle Harbour Ward Aldermen as listed below:

Alderman Noel Reidy
83 Deepwater Road
Castle Cove 406 5079

Alderman Pat Reilly
2a Chaley Street
Willoughby 407 2279

Alderman John Squire
12 Glover Street
Willoughby 958 6776

Further, many inaccuracies in the electoral roll have been reported. If you were unable to vote in the election, please notify us as soon as possible.



THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, THE POSTERN, ON TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER, 8PM.

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING AT 70 THE BULWARK, 20 NOVEMBER, AT 8PM.

THE CRAG IS EDITED ON BEHALF OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION BY RITA KAYE 958 6146 AND K MCKILLOP 958 4516.

ALDERMAN'S FINAL REPORT

ERIC KAYE

To the 1158 friends and residents who gave me their primary vote in the local government elections on 26th September, to the 40 friends and members of our Progress Association who worked so hard delivering pamphlets and canvassing for me on election day, to my grandchildren and particularly to Sue Randle, my campaign director and President of our Association, Rita and I express our sincere thanks. Your loyalty, generosity and well wishes have overwhelmed us.

As you will now know, my nomination for re-election was unsuccessful, and I am very disappointed that I no longer represent you on Council. The reality of the situation is that for the first time in forty years (when Edgar Deans was elected), Castlecrag does not have an alderman resident in our suburb. This implies no suggestion that our three ward aldermen will in any way neglect the needs of the community, however I consider that Castlecrag has problems and needs unique to this area, and similar to Middle Cove.

For those interested in the statistics of the election and the subsequent allocation of preferences, I submit the following comments. Six candidates contested the three vacancies in Middle Harbour Ward, and the total primary votes cast were:

Noel Reidy	2400	John Squire	566
Pat Reilly	1162	Tony Biddle	538
Eric Kaye	1158	Eric Berry	375

The quota or minimum number of votes required for election was 1550. Noel Reidy was the only one to reach this on first preferences. He had allocated all his second preferences to John Squire and when they were transferred John Squire picked up 709 votes. I picked up 56 and Reilly 48, making the progressive total at that time:

Squire	1275
Kaye	1214
Reilly	1210, each of which was still short of the quota.

The second preferences of Berry and Biddle were then counted and transferred. These strongly favoured Reilly making the progressive total:

Squire	1351
Kaye	1285
Reilly	1983

Thus Reilly reached the quota and was elected.

Reilly's second preferences were next distributed making the final figures:

Squire	1448
Kaye	1367

Thus I lost the contest by 81 votes.

Swings against sitting members in any election are a fact of life. The last time the three candidates in our team faced the electors was seven years ago. Relative to then, in this election Noel Reidy's primary vote was reduced by approx. 22%, John Squire's by approx. 50%, and mine by approx. 16%. I consider these swings to be very high and to sound a warning for the future.

The decisions of Local Government have a direct influence on our quality of life. To me, a disappointing aspect of this election, as for the 1980 election, was that only two thirds of the residents eligible to vote, did so. I hope a greater percentage will participate in the voting in four years time. In the meantime this places on our Progress Association the responsibility to ensure that Council is kept fully informed on issues of concern to our community.

Rita and I will continue to be involved in community work, but intend to take a holiday before getting started again.

Finally, I shall borrow from the writings of an empire which knew more about the government of locals than even Willoughby Council, 'Sic Transit Gloria Mundi'.



A LETTER TO OUR ASSOCIATION FROM CASTLECRAG INFANTS SCHOOL

Dear Mrs Randle,

I write on behalf of the Castlecrag Infants' School P&C Association regarding a matter of road safety.

The pedestrian crossing in Edinburgh Road outside the Infants' School is used by children of all ages. Recently a concerned neighbour reported the number plate of a motorist travelling fast and failing to give way to three of our small pupils in the crossing.

Speeding and driving on the wrong side of our narrow roads is very dangerous. By drawing the attention of residents to these matters and seeking their co-operation it is hoped that our suburb will be a safer place for both pedestrians and motorists.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Edwards (Hon. Secretary).

A note from the Editor

Rita Kaye

I have written in The Crag a number of times drawing the attention of residents to this dangerous situation. Some years ago when we had our grandchildren living with us, I was on a roster of mothers supervising the crossing and accompanying the children across. I found this a harrowing experience, cars travelled so fast around the corner that I feared some small child would be hit. The school has made several attempts to have the location of the crossing moved further from the corner, thus giving drivers approaching the crossing from Eastern Valley Way, more time to see the children. We have not been successful in having this change made. These crossings are the responsibility of the Road Traffic Committee, a body comprising the DMR, the police, UTA, the Local Member, and Willoughby Council.

Our narrow winding roads are very picturesque, however they too can be very dangerous for children walking to and from school; great care needs to be taken when driving along them. I urge you to discuss these problems with your family, your neighbours and your friends, in an effort to impress upon all that responsibility for the road safety of our children is in our hands.

PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS FORM AND SEND WITH YOUR \$4 MEMBERSHIP FEE TO:
CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION c/o The Treasurer, Diana Jones
72 Linden Way.

I wish to renew/apply for membership of the Progress Association:

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

CENTRE ART SPACE - VESTIBULE OF TOWN HALL, VICTORIA AVENUE, CHATSWOOD

- 12-17 October 'Elouera': annual exhibition of paintings, prints, photographs and drawings.
- 19-24 October John Pinto: original oils, landscapes, still life and seascapes.
- 26 Oct-6 Nov. Northbridge Art Group: annual exhibition.
- 9-14 November Willoughby Municipal Art Prize and exhibition in the Main Hall and Centre Art Space at Willoughby Civic Centre. Categories include: traditional/modern, photography, drawings, prints, North Shore Heritage, Bicentennial Theme. This exhibition is open from 10am-9pm. Entry forms available at Council Chambers or telephone 412 9108.
- 16-21 November Stuart Brown School of Painting: 'The North Shore-Then and Now'.
- 23 Nov-5 Dec Viola Windler, Joyce Mills and Irma Serle: an exhibition of works by these three award-winning and popular artists.
- 7-9 Dec Small is Beautiful: a Christmas craft exhibition including Ernie Knuth's marvellous painted eggs.

Note: Bookings are now open for 1988. The Centre Art Space is a low cost gallery run by the voluntary Arts Advisory Council and Willoughby Council's Community Arts Officer. Exhibitors set up, publicise and supervise their own exhibitions. The Council provide panels, hooks, chains and advice. Further enquiries: Ann Hinchliffe 412 9109.

WILLOUGHBY FAMILY FUN FAIR

Rita Kaye

The committee would like to thank our residents for their generous response to our request for goods to stock our stall at the fair. We were amazed when, at the end of the day, we had raised \$940. As mentioned in The Crag, 25% of this will go to the Conservation Society and the balance will be used towards the cost of printing The Crag and to other projects in our suburb. We would also like to thank Marcella and Kate who did the organising, and all those residents who helped on the day.



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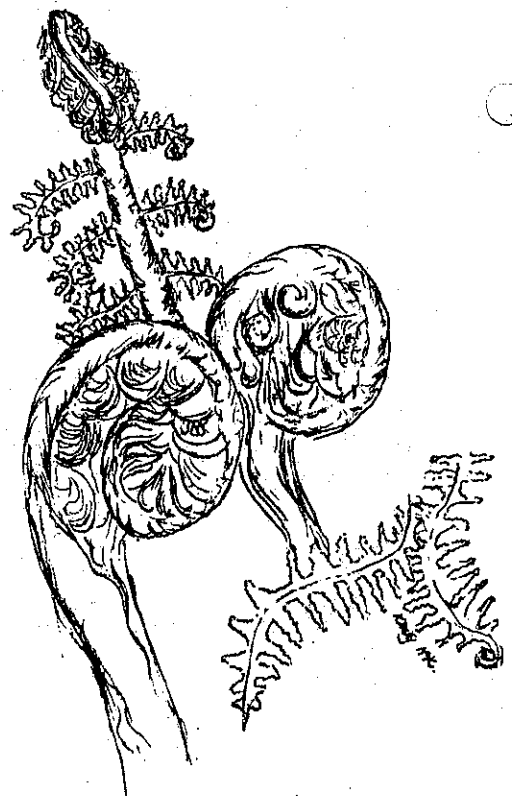
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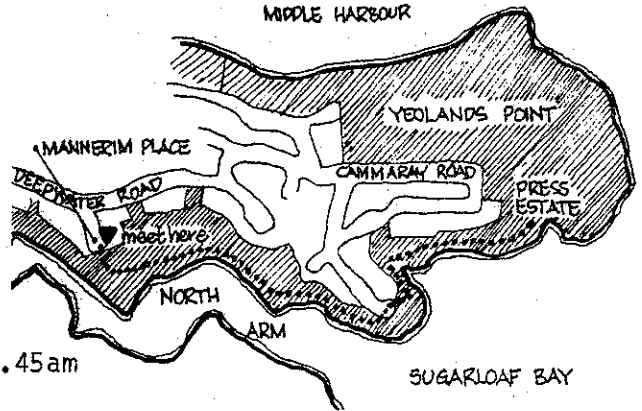


SPRING WALK

WILLOUGHBY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SOCIETY

NORTH ARM, CASTLECOVE, SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 1987

Walk this section of Willoughby's developing walking trail network. This track promises to be one of the richest in the Municipality. Views of Harold Reid Reserve across North Arm and out to Sugarloaf Bay, Middle Harbour and across to Seaforth as we move along the foreshores bushland to the historic Press Estate.



- . NO DOGS PLEASE.
- . Meet at Mannerim Place, Castle Cove, 9.45am
- . Bring a packed lunch
- . Walk approx. 3 hours
- . Children welcome in the care of a responsible adult.

This is the last of three walks that WEPA have organised this Spring. Anyone interested should contact Rita Kaye for pamphlets showing the routes followed.

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SATURDAYS 10AM-NOON

NEW BOOKS LIST:

Potter, Beatrix	Autobiography
Moffit, Ian	Blue Angels
Rutherford, E	Sarum
West, Rebecca	Glendinning, V (autobiography)
Longford, E	The Pebbled Shore
Morgan, Sally	My Place
McCoy, Alfred	Drug Traffic, Narcotics
Mosco, Maisie	Images
Tryon, Tom	All that Glitters
Thomas, Craig	Winter Hawk
Fast, Howard	The Dinner Party
Wallace, Irving	The Celestial Bed
Wentworth, P	Girl in the Cellar
	Pilgrim's Rest
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH has been advised that during August houses were broken into in Rutland Avenue, Edinburgh Road, The Postern and Eastern Valley Way. Household goods were lost in one case, and money in another. There was also an attempted theft of a motor vehicle in Edinburgh Road.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH warns against offers of security equipment being sold door-to-door. One company infers that it has the support of Neighbourhood Watch - this is not so. We do not endorse any commercial product. Buy your security equipment from established, reputable businesses.

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS.....JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.....PHONE 958 6963



In this issue we have included contributions of art works from young people living in Castlecrag, as requested in the last Crag. We hope they will encourage others to send us their work (anonymously, if preferred).