

THE CRAG

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NEWSLETTER OF THE
CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION,

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Progress is very evident on the new Shopping Development. Landmarks of Castlecrag, here longer than most people can remember have ceased to exist in a matter of days.

Backed by the overwhelming rejection of the development by 85% of Castlecrag residents, the Castlecrag Progress Association went in to bat for the residents to try and prevent the building.

Of course this is now just one more chapter in the unique history of Castlecrag --- the building is going ahead, but the comparison of what is going up to that which was first planned is somewhat akin to comparing the Opera House to the Hordern Pavilion.

Through our long battle, The Local Government Appeals Tribunal finally laid down 28 conditions on their consent. Every item raised by us on behalf of Castlecrag's residents in a five page recommendation to Willoughby Council who in turn embodied them in their report to the Tribunal, was contained in those 28 conditions.

As the building goes ahead, we still have to raise funds in the order of thousands of dollars to pay our legal representatives. Our first function, the Auction, of some months ago, was very successful. Now we plan to hold quite a few more functions in the future, not only to raise money, but to create a stronger Castlecrag Community Spirit too. They promise to be fun events, with our first one being our Monster Barbecue on Sunday, December 3, at the Castlecrag Community Centre. Entry will be by ticket only, purchased in advance through either the Castlecrag Newsagency or Castlecrag Meats, so that we can keep our catering to accurate numbers.

While on Community matters, we understand from our representative on Willoughby Council, Alderman Dianne Street, that the Council's management and operations have been re-structured along commercial lines, with the Town Clerk now being virtually the General Manager. We hope to have a more detailed report in next issue of the Crag.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 8pm, AT THE CASTLECRAG COMMUNITY CENTRE
(The building used by the Kindergarten, off the Postern.)

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TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF CASTLECRAG
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 1979!!

Have you ever wondered where and when the first house in Castlecrag was built? It was "Maintop", built in 1905 by J. J. Stanford on the Yachtsville Estate.

The first of the land grants on our peninsular to be subdivided into building blocks were on the north side of Edinburgh Road, roughly from opposite the Tower Reserve down to Linden Way. They were the grants made to Brown (9 acres) Stephen (9 acres) and Hunter (7 acres). If you have a copy of the "Castlecrag" book you will find them on the map on page 6. They were subdivided independently between 1904 and 1908 into 30 waterfront blocks and marketed as "Yachtsville."

Yachtsville was well out, "in the bush." There were one or two houses near Windsor Road and High Street on a bush road known as Mowbray Road that which led to the estate. The road was renamed Edinburgh Road in 1906, and one day I will find out why.

Access to Yachtsville was easiest by water, and a number of boatsheds, humpies, and several cottages were built, mainly on the waterfront. "Maintop", though greatly altered, is still there on Edinburgh Road as are two or three cottages down by the water, but, as far as I am concerned, they are still practically inaccessible from Edinburgh Road.

Addie Saltis

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CASTLECRAG COMMUNITY NEWS
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The latest happenings from Castlecrag Infants School...

Mrs Fabia Claridge-Chang has involved all the children at the School in the establishment and upkeep of a vegetable garden.

New playground equipment -- a two storey log cubby house and a log climbing net -- has been installed in the Edith St. area of the School.

The Children recently visited the Castlecrag Private Hospital and sang to the patients, who were delighted by the performance.

News from St. James Church of England, Castlecrag...

Once again the Art Show was most successful, with many people from Castlecrag and surrounding areas coming along. Proceeds of the door entry charge as usual were donated to the Handicapped Childrens Home at Kingsdene.

With the Christmas season almost upon us, we'd like to remind you of the Family Carol Service at 9.30am, Sunday, December 10.

The big feature is the Community Carol Singing at the Castlecrag Amphitheatre, on Friday evening, December 22 (about 7.30pm onwards.) Candles and songsheets will be available, and singing will be led by the choirs from St. James, Castlecrag, St. John's Church of England, Willoughby, and St. Thomas' Catholic Church, Willoughby. Everyone is most welcome.

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MONSTER CHRISTMAS BARBECUE -- The Castlecrag Progress Association invites all Castlecrag families and friends along on December 3, Sunday, starting at midday, in the Castlecrag Community Centre. Tickets are available at the Castlecrag Newsagency and Castlecrag Meats, at \$7.50 per adult, \$4.00 per kid under 15, or the whole family at \$20.00. Everything supplied

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family even if you have six kids, for \$20.00. Everything supplied,
meat, sausages, salads, wines, cordials etc., and we've even given
a complimentary ticket to Santa who will drop in for a while.

This will be a fun Community Event -- see you there !!