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President's Report

Foreshore Building Lines (FBLs) affect the eastern foreshores of Willoughby and exist in many locations around Sydney Harbour. They were set up at various times during the last 25 years.

At its meeting of 3/4/95, Willoughby City Council determined: ***That no change be made to the FBL at this stage but that the Department of Planning be advised that Council intends to conduct a comprehensive review of the FBL as soon as possible including consultation with affected property owners and the general public.***

A consultant is to be appointed by 27th June to undertake this review and will be responsible directly to Council. Committees relating to Northbridge, Castlecrag and Castle Cove/Middle Cove have been established and have begun work to oversee the progress of the review. Observers may be present at these meetings but would be advised to confirm their intentions to attend with Alex Sarno of WCC. Each committee consists of: the three relevant Councillors, a representative of the "Reasonable Greens", a nominee of the Progress Association, two WCC Officers and one representative of the Department of Planning. It was moved and carried at the meeting held 31st May that two more residents be elected to each committee, but this decision is yet to be confirmed by the Councillors.

The consultants must consider the following relevant information:

1. An analysis of previous studies and reports and historical reference material provided by WCC;
2. An analysis of submissions received concerning the FBL during the exhibition of LEP 65 (and after);
3. Foreshore Building Line provisions in LEP 1995 (previously known as LEP65).

Council expects that the review process will take three months and the findings will be presented by early August ie. before the next Council elections. Further Committee and Public Meetings are to be held during June, July and August. Details of these will be given at the Progress Association's meeting on **27th June**.

The dedication of the **Leonard Teale Lookout** on 21st May was a memorable ceremony. The Mayor, John Squire, officiated and he, Leonard's brother Neville, Howard Rubie and Liz Teale, spoke movingly and endearingly of the man whose talents were so great and who so loved Australia. Do visit the site to appreciate the view, the bushland amenity and the beautiful plaque which was designed many years ago by Bim Hilder. WCC have done a sterling job in clearing and rejuvenating the area. This is a truly beautiful part of Middle Harbour. Thank you to everyone who came and made the occasion so enjoyable.

Elizabeth Lander

The next meeting of the Castlecrag Progress Association will be held at the Community Centre, cnr The Postern and The Rampart, on Tuesday 27th June at 8pm. All are welcome.

WEPA Speaker Meeting**Monday 10 July 1995 8pm***Artarmon Library, Elizabeth Street, Artarmon***Designing Native Gardens for Wildlife****Speaker Danie Ondinea,****bush regenerator and landscape designer****All welcome****Constitution subcommittee**

The initial meeting of this subcommittee which was established at the General Meeting of 2 May to review the Constitution of the Association, was held on 25 May and was attended by Tom Boyce, Nils Korner, Peter Meares, Ray Neale, and Gordon Shrubbs. Members of the Association are invited to forward any proposals (marked *Constitution*) to **Kate Westoby, Secretary, Box 6/77 Edinburgh Road** (can be hand-delivered to the Newsagency). The constitution can be obtained from Kate on 958 0215

Letter to the Editors

Apropos "The Crag's" 100th edition, it may be of interest to readers that an earlier Castlecrag newsletter was produced in the late 1950s by Blossom Hopkinson. It contained Crag news and it too was supported by local shopkeepers.

One of the aims was to assist Aboriginal School Children in Armidale after being informed of their needs by a former Crag resident, Florence Brereton, who had moved to Armidale. We were able to help in many different ways. The people of Castlecrag gave us their support and were able to be informed about what was being achieved through the Newsletter.

The very ancient Gestetner in those days did a sterling job until the silk screen gave up and couldn't be replaced. Ken Thomas then came to our assistance with the printing. A group of 'Castlecrag Juniors' helped us to deliver the Newsletters into letter boxes.

We wonder if any of those Newsletters have survived?

KJR

The next meeting of the **Castlecrag Conservation Society** will be held on **Wednesday 19th July 8pm** at the Community Centre, cnr The Postern and The Rampart, Castlecrag. **All welcome!**

Harold Spies, President 958 8569

WALTER BURLEY GRIFFIN FESTIVAL MARION MAHONY GRIFFIN

In 1920 **Walter Burley Griffin** founded the Greater Sydney Development Association (GSDA) to establish an urban development in harmony with the natural beauty of Middle Harbour, which he described as *the only large area of unspoiled landscape left on Port Jackson*. As a result, Castlecrag was established with its contoured roads, foreshore reserves, network of walkways and Griffin houses.

To celebrate the **75th anniversary of GSDA**, the Walter Burley Griffin Society Inc. is organising a day of festivities at Castlecrag on **Sunday 27th August**. **Six Griffin houses will be open for inspection** and guided tours will be held of reserves and walkways. There will be an **Exhibition of Max Dupain photographs** of the Griffin houses taken in 1965 and early historic photographs taken in the 1920s. The Max Dupain photos will include some of the **Johnson House** built in 1922 for Sir William Elliot Johnson, Federal member for Lang and long-serving Speaker of the House of Representatives; the **Fishwick House** with its freestanding fireplace and fascinating chimney "window", and the **Grant House** where Walter and architect wife Marion lived until Walter departed for India in 1935.

In the afternoon there will be a lecture by **Professor James Weirick** on the colourful shareholders of GSDA that included politicians, Chinese investors and people from the arts. This will be held at the open air **Haven Amphitheatre** set in beautiful bushland.

Tickets will be on sale on the day from 9.30am at the Festival marquee, corner of The Postern and Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag.

Proposed Senior Residents' Transport Service

Are you a senior resident who does not drive? Could you use a community-run car service from your home to Castlecrag or Northbridge shopping centres and return? The service would operate on a non-profit basis two to three days per week by volunteer drivers, who would also be local residents. By ringing the service co-ordinator to book a seat, you would be able to shop or attend medical appointments or meet friends for coffee and then be driven home. If unwell, you could make a list and arrange for the driver to shop for you.

*If you would like to see the Seniors' Transport Service get off the ground, please **phone 958 6034** to register interest. If there is enough expressed interest, I can then work with Willoughby Council officers to develop the service.*

Adele Barnett 958 6034

THE INDIGENOUS LOCAL FLORA OF CASTLECRAG

Part 2 Open Forest and Woodland of the Slopes and Ridgetops

In the 97th edition of *The Crag*, Part 1 of this series recorded some of the plants of the closed forest communities in the gullies of Castlecrag, as well as the vegetation on the sheltered margins. These protected environments with enriched moist soils support softer-leaved vegetation and canopies which produce a lot of cover. Further upslope there is some overlap between plants on the margins of the more protected areas and those closer to the ridges.

On these upper gully sides and exposed ridgetops the sandstone-derived soils are low in nutrients and moisture. Plants are more exposed to sunlight and to drying winds. Their tough dry leaves (hence *sclerophyll* vegetation) are an adaptation to conserve moisture. The canopy on the slopes and ridgetops is open enough to allow sunlight to nourish a dense understorey, a structure referred to as Open Forest, or Woodland, where it is more open and exposed.

Trees of the canopy: The tall canopy species include the ubiquitous *Angophora costata* (Smooth Barked Apple) and a small number of eucalypts of more restricted occurrence. The main differences between angophoras and eucalypts are the lack of a cap (operculum) on the bud, the ribbed wall on the dry fruit and the presence of opposite leaves, a feature found only in juvenile eucalypts.

More than anything else, the salmon pink trunks and twisted limbs of the angophoras epitomise Sydney's bush. They are the most easily recognised of the trees and certainly the hardiest. On better soils trunks are tall and straight. On exposed rocky hillsides their limbs are often more contorted and trunks appear to almost ooze between large boulders. Angophoras are equally at home along valley bottoms, beside creeks, on higher slopes or beside Middle Harbour.

Some of Castlecrag's most magnificent angophoras can be seen in The Scarp, opposite the Haven Amphitheatre and toward the end of The Scarp; in Edinburgh Road near The Pinnacle and continuing down toward its lower sections near the point; and on the high side of Tor Walk and in Linden Way.

The Sydney Peppermint (*Eucalyptus piperita*) has a trunk with fine fibrous grey bark and smooth upper limbs from which strips of ribbon bark dangle. It flowers in early summer. The blue-green leaves have a strong peppermint smell when crushed. Other countries now profit from extracting the oil after a fledgling Australian industry was abandoned. Peppermints are found in moist places on lower slopes above creeks or the shoreline. They are becoming less and less common. A fine specimen can be seen in Sailors Bay Park, on the bend in the road to the boatshed below Rockley Street.

Another eucalypt with smooth upper limbs, Silver Top Ash (*E. sieberi*) has dark, very rough bark, fibrous with a flaky exterior. Looking a bit like an ironbark and not very common, it grows on the upper slopes below the ridges. Some can be seen near tiny Cave Reserve on Sunnyside Crescent.

More widespread, Red Bloodwood (*E. gummifera*) is named for the red resin (kino) supposedly mistaken by Banks and Solander for "gum" - hence gum tree. Red Bloodwoods occur from part way up gully sides to the ridgetops. They are completely covered by a rough reddish brown scaly bark. Their beautiful big cream blossoms are very attractive to birds and flower from late summer to autumn.

Scribbly Gums include a number species with white to yellowish smooth bark, characterised by brownish "scribbles" produced by moth larvae. In Castlecrag where there is better soil (ie with some clay content) and more protection, the "scribbly" is *Eucalyptus racemosa*. In more exposed sites and poorer soils *E. haemastoma* is found.

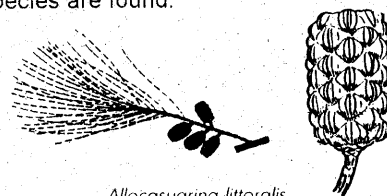
A lovely eucalypt, Grey Gum (*E. punctata*) sheds its granular, grey bark in patches, revealing smooth orange "skin" which fades gradually to deep grey. It is commonly found where there is clay influence in the sandstone. Sadly we have no koalas, as they are reputed to prize leaves of the Grey Gum above all other eucalypts. *E. punctata* can be seen along Sunnyside Crescent in gardens and in bushland near Cave Reserve, as well as along Edinburgh Road.

On the slopes above Sugarloaf Bay and Middle Harbour the Coastal Banksia (*Banksia integrifolia*) is an important canopy species. The adult leaves are dark green with a silver underside. The pale yellow flower spikes bloom mainly in winter and like all Banksias are loved by birds.

A smaller but significant contributor to the canopy is the Black She Oak (*Casuarina littoralis*) with its dark brown ridged corky bark. The flat-topped cones, loved by rosellas and lorikeets, develop from the fertilised female flowers. Male flowers, borne on separate plants, give the whole tree a rusty brown appearance at flowering time. These can be seen in the bush now and are very distinctive on a hillside.

Hardly tall enough for canopy but taller than the understorey shrubs, the native conifer or Port Jackson Pine (*Callitris rhomboidea*) is found from shore line to ridge top. Slender and dark green with graceful new growth, it produces cones with six pointed scales which are attractive to cockatoos. The main Barbet Island near The Bulwark has a good Scribbly Gum and several Callitris.

The Understorey: Where the canopy is more open - on the drier Northern Escarpment, on the Middle Harbour foreshore, as well as on the more sheltered south-facing slopes above the gullies and above Sailors Bay - a rich understorey thrives. The understorey plants are those we mostly think of as Sydney's 'bush'. On more sheltered slopes more flowering species are found.



Allocasuarina littoralis

Taller members of the understorey include species of *Banksia*, *Hakea*, *Persoonia* and *Acacia*. The fine-leaved form of *Hakea dactyloides* bears white flowers along its stems and is a delight in spring. One of the non-prickly hakeas, its grey-green leaves have three distinct veins. Treacle-coloured cones of the Heath *Banksia* (*B. ericifolia*) provide winter food for the honeyeaters. Right now their nectar is being enjoyed by Eastern Spinebills. The knobby Old Man *Banksia* (*B. serrata*) becomes gnarled and contorted with age. It is named for its serrated leaves and has thick corky bark. In late summer its cones are covered with silky grey-green flowers fought over by lorikeets. Flowering through late summer to autumn, the Pine Leaved Geebung (*Persoonia pinifolia*) has small yellow flowers in a pendulous tapering spike. A most attractive and desirable plant, like the other Geebungs it is very difficult to propagate. The typical round green fruit are also found on the very slow growing Broad Leaved Geebung (*P. levis*) which produces papery bark as it ages. On dry sites Mountain Devil (*Lambertia formosa*) can be found through nowadays it seems scarce, some think through loss of a pollinating species. Honeyeaters love its nectar-rich reddish tubular flowers which are surrounded by narrow pointed leaves.

Kunzea ambigua (misleadingly referred to as Tick Bush) grows in thickets on rock ledges. Its fluffy scented white flowers bloom in late spring and attract a variety of insects. Butterfly Bush may be a more appropriate name. Our only Bottlebrush, the narrow-leaved *Callistemon linearis*, is an open shrub found in damp sites on gully sides and needs sun to flower.

The local form of Sunshine Wattle (*Acacia terminalis*) is a tall shrub with dark green divided (pinnate) leaves and large cream balls in winter. The young seed pods, elongated and reddish, form a very attractive contrast to the foliage. Forms of Sunshine Wattle with different height, leaf size and flower colour are found in other areas. Less showy are the narrow leaves and pale flowers of the slender Flax Wattle, *A. linifolia*. Its small pale cream balls can be seen at most times of the year. *Leptospermum attenuatum* is the most graceful of the Tea Trees, slow growing with pendulous habit, large white flowers and flaky bark.

There are three grevilleas. Narrow-leaved *Grevillea linearifolia* has delicate white flowers for most of the year and is much under-rated as a garden plant. Bees and other insects love its flowers while parrots are attracted to its hard seed pods. The lovely *Grevillea buxifolia* is perhaps the most typical of the spider flowers. Its large flowers borne at the ends of the branches are covered in grey-white velvety hairs. Much less common, *Grevillea speciosa* has pendulous showy red spider flowers

Smaller shrubs include the prickly *epacrids* with stiff heart-shaped leaves: the fragrant white-flowered spikes of *Woollisia pungens* (named for the sharp leaf not the perfume), the tiny-leaved white Coral Heath (*Epacris microphylla*), pendant red and white tubes of Native Fuschia (*Epacris longiflora*) straggling over rock shelves, and a bearded heath, tiny *Leucopogon microphylla*, its flowers' hairy white throats clearly visible only through a hand lens.

The peas also prefer more sheltered spots and are no longer common. The most beautiful, *Pultenaea stipularis*, is a medium shrub producing robust heads

of yellow pea flowers at the end of stems covered with soft grey-green narrow leaves. This pea is named for the bronze hairy scale-like stipules which cloak the stem. *Pultenaea daphnoides* produces similar flower heads on a stiffer more open plant, its leaves wedge-shaped and ending in a point. Even less common is the large single flower of the Golden Glory pea (*Gompholobium latifolium*). A graceful taller pea (*Pultenaea flexilis*) is only occasionally seen, but is beautiful in spring with massed small yellow flowers. One survives in the main Barbet Island. *Dillwynia retorta* with twisted fine short leaves, shows more red in its yellow pea flowers.

Small acacias include the erect, open blue-grey *Acacia suaveolens*, meaning "sweet scented", an early winter flowerer with large pale cream balls. *Acacia ulicifolia* is one of the "Prickly Moses" and holds its cream balls on fine stalks beyond the short prickly foliage. One of the loveliest of the understorey shrubs, *Phebalium squamulosum*, has a bronze scaly underside to its shiny green leaves. It is covered in spring with pale to deep cream clusters of sweet smelling flowers. The taller more open shrub *Phebalium dentatum* has tiny cream flowers and is often found in sheltered sites with *Pultenaea flexilis*. Rounded shrubs of the lacy white Slender Rice Flower (*Pimelia linifolia*) are part of the low sheltered understorey. On more exposed sites groves of Hop Bush (*Dodonaea triquetra*) often follow disturbance. Pale green three-sided papery capsules hang beneath its soft, bright green leaves. Boronias seem to have disappeared, though still present in nearby Harold Reid Reserve. In the same family, but with 5 petals instead of 4, are the lovely deep pink star shaped flowers of *Crowea saligna*. This is often in the company of Carrot Tops, *Platysace linearifolia*, which has soft fine aromatic foliage and small white flowers.

Vines in the Understorey: Scrambling vigorously through the understorey, Sarsparilla (*Smilax glycyphylla*) with its pink new leaves forms vine thicket havens for small birds. Its leaves were once brewed for tea. Unlike the vigorous cultivated "Happy Wanderer" the bush form of False Sarsparilla (*Hardenbergia violacea*) is an inconspicuous gentle twiner with a spring display of small purple pea flowers. Yellow-fruited Wombat Berry (*Eustrephus latifolia*) is a light twiner, like Apple Berry or Dumpings (*Billardiera scandens*) with pretty pale green bells and later, oval pendant fruit. Wonga Wonga Vine (*Pandorea pandorana*), vigorous in the gullies, is common in sheltered sites.

At Ground Level: Among the numerous native grasses sprawls the ground cover *Podocarpus spinulosus* or Plum Pine, which bears male and female organs on different plants. The scrambling tiny white Lesser Fiannel Flower (*Actinotus minor*) covers large areas. Its larger and better-known relative, *Actinotus helianthi*, is found in more exposed sites on ridges and rock outcrops. Small herbaceous species include clumps of Blackeyed Susan (*Tetiatheca spp*), its delicate pinky-mauve flowers facing the ground, little white Milkmaids, (*Burchardia umbellata*) and small blue *Dampiera stricta*. Various species of *Hibbertia*, the bright yellow Guinea Flower, include low clumps, trailing and scrambling forms. Depending on the season, a single leaf (erect or flat and heart-shaped) may indicate the presence of ground orchids, or their parts may be totally hidden underground.



Tufts: Strap-leaved plants include the Lily Family's *Dianella caerulea* which bears long spikes of bright blue flowers followed by a vivid blue berry. The lovely mauve Native Iris (*Patersonia glabrata* or *P. sericea*) flowers and fades in a day. Bright green tufts of Trigger Plant (*Stylidium spp*) forms mats from which pink flower spikes arise. Its trigger mechanism is a means of ensuring insects transfer pollen to other flowers. Stiff clumps of dull green *Lomandria longifolia*, Mat Rush, are hardy and common. An aroma of banana passionfruit draws attention to its prickly flower spike sheltered among the sharp jagged-ended leaves. Several other species of *Lomandra* are found, all smaller and more insignificant than this species.

And not least, the magnificent Grass Trees (*Xanthorrhoea spp*) with their tall flower spikes embedded with tiny starlike flowers, a magnet for insects and honeyeaters. Most common on dry rocky hillsides, Grass Trees and the fluid pink angophora trunks, are the symbols of the bush.

Remnants on the Ridgetops: Ridgetop vegetation is very threatened in sandstone areas across Sydney. In Castlecrag it was harvested for firewood in the early days or cut down for development. While some has regenerated naturally, neither the structure nor diversity remains. Also most street and garden plantings have not used locally indigenous species.

What little remains of our original low woodland on the ridgetop can be found in Tower Reserve, Linden Way Reserve and The Casement. All are suffering from weed invasion and other pressures but the kunzeas and some eucalypts survive. *Banksia oblongifolia* can still be found in Linden Way and Tower Reserves. There is a good patch of *Kunzea ambigua* remaining in the top corner of the school grounds. The top of the weathered rock, the Crag, in Tower Reserve, supports a sparse but lovely heath remnant. *Banksia ericifolia*, *Kunzea ambigua*, prickly *Hakea teretifolia*, *Epacris longiflora*, prickly fragrant *Woolisia pungens* and sweet-smelling *Acacia suaveolens* are among the plants still surviving, even thriving, there.

Threats to the Bush: Plant communities change gradually over time. However, urbanisation brings more rapid changes which threaten our native bush - fragmentation, soil disturbance, changed drainage patterns, increased moisture and nutrients from stormwater and garden run-off and restriction of fire. So we see more soft-leaved (mesic) shrubs and trees eg *Pittosporum undulatum*, and species once common have disappeared or are very sparse eg the peas, boronias, waratahs, Christmas Bells. Although eucalypts seem common there is little regeneration. And all the changes affect the fauna. So our bush is precious.

In their excellent book on Sydney's bushland, **Taken for Granted**, Doug Benson and Jocelyn Howell of the Royal Botanic Gardens, refer to Walter Burley Griffin's recognition of the maintenance-free nature of our bushland, which is described as:

the cleanest most delicate and varied native ligneous evergreen perpetually blooming flora extant ... For these reasons no vegetation could be better to live with, free as it is of rank growths, brambles, nettles, burrs, weeds or plants seasonally untidy. Moreover it will persist through drought

without watering and recover from abuse without help provided the peculiar nature of the soil is respected and manure without exotic seed is kept out.

Our bushland is scarce. It has diminished markedly since European settlement. As Benson and Howell point out *there is no more being made*. They conclude:

To protect and maintain our bushland requires the actions of governments and the vigilance of individuals. The role of bushland in enriching our lives and enhancing our suburbs, as well as for its own intrinsic value, is beginning to be generally appreciated. History shows that if our bushland is taken for granted, it will be quietly taken from us.

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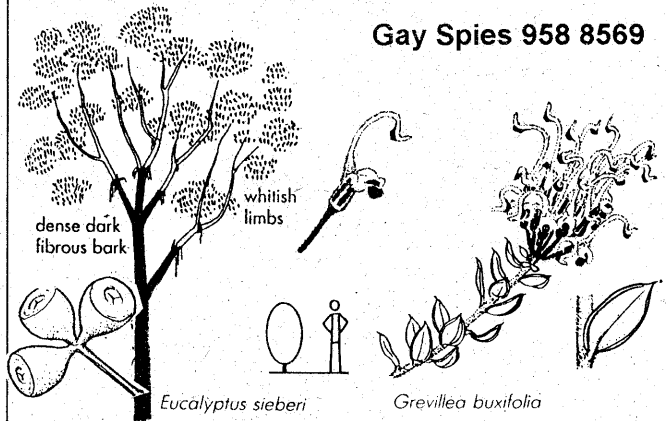
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Those titles marked with* have good clear photographs. Copies of Part 1 can be obtained from the editors.

Gay Spies 958 8569



Bush Regeneration

Work has been proceeding to regenerate Mills Point Lookout, the small bush park between 169 and 171 Edinburgh Road, for over one year now. We need more volunteers, however. Experience not necessary. Support and training provided by Willoughby Council. We meet on the last Sunday of each month from 9am to 12md. Come regularly or occasionally. We will be glad to see you. For more information phone Fiona 958 2012 or Michael Easton, Willoughby Council's Bushland Supervisor on 777 7756. We need you!!!

Letter to the Editors

In the April/May issue of *The Crag* an article, **Planning Controls and Castlecrag's Future**, written by Mr Bob McKillop, noted that some disaffected Willoughby residents, including many from Castlecrag, have formed the Reasonable Green Group. As a founding member, I wish to correct some of Mr McKillop's misinformation before it becomes part of our local mythology. We call ourselves the Reasonable Greens in order to counter the view that we are pro-development philistines with little empathy for the natural environment. That is the way Mr McKillop's article sought to portray us by suggesting that we wanted the elimination of the Foreshore Building Line (FBL) from the Local Environment Plan (LEP) 65 "on the grounds that it restricts their opportunity to develop dual occupancies and cluster housing on their blocks"

The facts are:

1. The Reasonable Green Group was formed because members became aware that minority groups were using the Castlecrag Progress Association to influence Willoughby Council in ways that were not supported by the majority of local residents they purported to represent. A flagrant example of this involves the current controversy over the FBL in which these groups have attempted to gag reasonable debate and pressed to have the FBL adopted within LEP 65 when there exists (sic) (and this has been accepted by Council) blatant inconsistencies and inequities in relation to the way the FBL is applied throughout Castlecrag, Castlecove and Northbridge.
2. The Reasonable Green Group is proud to be called "green" and is committed to the preservation of the natural environment - after all, it's one of the reasons why we live in this area.
3. The Reasonable Green Group doesn't oppose the FBL. We are simply seeking a review of its positioning and application as required in the Environmental Protection and Assessment Act (1979).

Finally, Mr McKillop has completely missed the point when he claims "that the grievances recently expressed by residents call for tighter controls on the one hand and more freedom for development on the other." The real issue is the failure of the Castlecrag Progress Association to advise Willoughby City Council according to consistent planning principles. Despite claims that such requests for comment are onerous, some of us won't forget how our DAs continued to be opposed when they met all local planning requirements and contained numerous compromises to appease objectors.

It is this inconsistency and lack of fair play which makes the Reasonable Greens determined to restore open, fair and responsible local government to the Castlecove, Castlecrag and Northbridge areas in Willoughby City Council.

Craig McCarthy



Vice President's response:

While the Progress Association welcomes a range of views and comment through the pages of **The Crag**, we strongly object to false allegations being put forward as "facts", as Mr McCarthy has done in his letter. Specifically, Mr McCarthy has alleged that:

1. "minority groups" have used the Progress Association to "influence Willoughby Council in ways that were not supported by the majority of local residents they purported to represent". The Progress Association simply could not survive as a minority organisation. As a volunteer community organisation, the Association is dependent on the efforts of those prepared to give their time and effort to contribute to the quality of community life. However, for over seventy years the Progress Association has enjoyed the support of the wider community. As Mr McKillop pointed out, there are some who feel we have not done enough to protect our suburb against developments which threaten our environment, while others claim the Association interferes with their individual rights. No doubt the majority lies somewhere between these two extremes.
2. Mr McCarthy also claims that the Progress Association has failed "to advise Willoughby Council according to consistent planning principles". Some simple research would clear up this misconception. Both during the Environmental Planning Study in the early 1980s and in a series of intensive workshops and meetings between 1991 and 1994, the Progress Association has responded to Council initiatives to establish improved, innovative and consistent planning principles for zoning, development approvals, heritage and conservation, transport and traffic management. These efforts are well documented in numerous submissions made to Council over the years.
3. Re Draft LEP 65, we note that the Association received **no** representation from any member re the FBL and its inclusion in LEP 65 before the closing date for submissions to Council. However, the Association in its response to LEP 65, requested a review of the FBL, and also organised a public meeting with Council on this issue, in response to concerns later expressed by certain members.

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Some motions passed at the last meeting of the Association 2nd May 1995:

1. That the CPA write to WCC's Traffic Committee re the need for a right-hand turning arrow for cars turning north from Edinburgh Road to EV Way. Also to request that a longer time be allowed for pedestrians to cross (J Batterham, F Maclurcan).
2. That traffic calming measures for Edinburgh Road be brought forward to WCC again from our 1988 submission (L Batterham, R Kendon).
3. That the CPA supports the concept of the Foreshores Building Line in Castlecrag and the review of that which WCC is undertaking (T Boyce, S Lander).
4. That a subcommittee be established to put together a discussion paper on the FBLs as they exist in Castlecrag. This review to be presented, in writing, to a CPA General Meeting for discussion and approval before being presented to WCC. Members of this subcommittee are to be the office bearers of the Association and a representative from each of the five Castlecrag precinct areas (T Boyce, H Levett). It was also moved that nominations for the FBL Subcommittee be received at the next General Meeting and that notification should be published in this newsletter (R Neal, J Syriatowicz).

Castlecrag Library

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Cnr The Postern and The Rampart

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THURSDAYS 1-5 pm

SATURDAYS 10 am-noon

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DAHL, R	My Year
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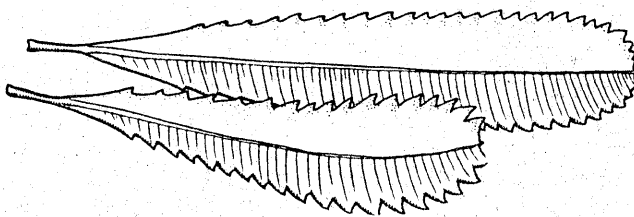
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