

NEWSLETTER OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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Seventy one years of community development

President's Report

Council Elections

Local Government elections will be held on **Saturday 9 September**. Voting is compulsory. Willoughby City Council has five wards, each with three Councillors. In conjunction with the election, a referendum will be held on this question:

Do you approve of the Mayor being elected by all electors enrolled in Willoughby City and the number of Councillors, including the Mayor, being reduced from 15 to 13?

Councillor Sue Randle, the Mayor Cllr John Squire and Cllr Pat Reilly have been the representatives of the Middle Harbour Ward for the past four years. During this time the new Local Government Act has come into effect and Council has overseen many changes including the appointment of new directors to all of its departments. We thank **Councillor Sue Randle** for her untiring efforts on Castlecrag's behalf these past four years and wish her well as she again girds her loins in her effort to represent Castlecrag and the electors of Willoughby. Thank you Sue, our indebtedness is great for the selflessness and outstanding community-mindedness you have always shown.

Trash and Treasure Stall Willoughby Community Festival

Saturday 2 September 10am - 3pm

See over for details

Foreshore Building Line (FBL)

The FBL has been the dominant topic of discussion at our meetings this year. Most of the land in Castlecrag which adjoins water is affected by an FBL. The FBL is a means of protecting development on land which is environmentally sensitive and significant not only to Willoughby but to the wider region. As you know, at a meeting last April Willoughby City Council decided to undertake a review of the FBL by employing consultants, and to set up an advisory committee to give input to the consultants.

A public meeting was held at the Willoughby Town Hall on 19 July, to elect two more representatives to each of the Committees for Northbridge, Castlecrag, Middle Cove and Castle Cove. Each committee includes the Ward Councillors, three residents, one Progress Association member, two WCC officers and one Department of Planning officer. The meeting also enabled the public to meet the consultants ERM Mitchell McCotter, whose brief is as follows:

1. To review the objectives for the establishment of the FBL in the above suburbs.
2. To carry out an analysis of the location of the FBL having regard to the objectives of (1).
3. To consult with the individuals and organisations concerned with the review of FBLs, taking into account their comments in making any recommendations.
4. To submit a report for consideration by Council in respect of
 - any amendments proposed to the FBLs
 - criteria for any future alteration on application to Council
 - any appropriate provisions to be included in any planning instrument arising out of this review.

Elizabeth Lander

The next meeting of the Castlecrag Progress Association will be held at the Community Centre, corner The Postern and The Rampart, Castlecrag, on Tuesday 22 August at 8pm. All welcome. Our meetings are lively and cover issues which affect every resident, old and new - come along if you care about the character of your unique suburb.

Death of a Community

The dense black cloud was goaded, massaged, cajoled
To its final resting place above the school
And with a sneer from the arrogant perpetrator
Was tethered to trees planted by children.

Local children who had a right to expect
Politicians to serve constituents not themselves,
Children whose differences were once left at the gate
As they experienced the warmth of community.

Children who are now bused to schools
Where they are strangers
No neighbours' smiling faces and safe houses
Just queues and rules and needless travelling.

Parents who now meet at Progress Associations.
No more cake stalls, lollipop wardens and library books
Just night after night of neighbour against neighbour
In relentless pursuit of boundary supremacy.

The same tired faces appear at the Haven working bees
The playreadings and the cottage defence
Embattled protagonists who acknowledge the need
For greater contribution than just being there.

But wasn't there a promise of something special?
Bounteous riches to flow from welcoming
The anointed victor Glenaeon to our shores?
Wouldn't Walter Griffin have spread the mat?

What then of our conquerors; what gifts do they bear?
What of their promise to provide to the good people
Of the Crag, community facilities in perpetuity?
And wasn't the promise valued in the deal?

The Valuer General assessed \$400,000;
Although cost is not our concern. Just performance
By Glenaeon for their promise to provide
Alternative accommodation for community groups.

Only then can we regenerate what was special
What made the Crag a caring suburb;
A concerted push for reopening Jewel's back door,
Oh, and thank you Helen for the bus shelter.

Because, Glenaeon, of the representations
You made to the V-G about acceptance in the Crag
(and the \$600,000 reduction those lies achieved)
How will you ever be welcome?

Andrew Frazer



Thank you to Russell Benn, Manager of the Post Office, for photocopying at no charge the materials for the time capsule for the Leonard Teale Memorial.

Trash and Treasure Stall

Each year the Progress Association runs a Trash and Treasure Stall at the Willoughby Community Festival, previously known as Willoughby Family Fun Fair. This year the fair will be held on 2 September 10 - 3pm at Willoughby Park and its theme is Our City, Many Cultures. Last year we made \$1000 from our efforts and hope to do even better this year because our finances need much improvement since the payment towards the sound system. Somebody's trash is another person's treasure and so is the opposite, but without your donations we cannot hope to run a successful stall. Please deliver all offerings to my home, 113 The Bulwark, or if you can't, give me a call on 9958 5384 and we'll pick up from you. Monetary donations are also much appreciated!!

Elizabeth Lander

Some motions passed at the last meeting of the Association 26 June 1995

1. That CPA write to WCC asking for signage indicating NO THROUGH ROAD along Edinburgh Road (T Boyce, N Korner).
2. That CPA write to the consultants reviewing the Foreshore Building Line to offer assistance and to suggest that a questionnaire could be sent to all residents of Castlecrag (D Bowen, A Robertson).
3. That the Committee of the Assoc. shall document any complaints it receives from its members regarding decisions of WCC; that a report of such complaints shall be presented to the members of the Assoc. at each General Meeting; that the desirability or need of any further action be reviewed after 6 months (N Korner, G Shrubbs).
4. That the agenda of each Assoc. meeting includes an item called: *Report on the deliberations of the CPA Committee* (G Shrubbs, C McCarthy).

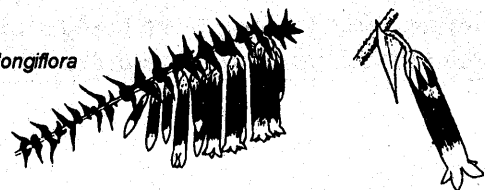
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Castlecrag Library News

Castlecrag Community Library which is funded by Willoughby City Council and administered by a small group of local volunteers, has been functioning since 1948. We regularly buy new books which are listed in most issues of The Crag, and we have a comprehensive range of fiction, non-fiction, childrens' books and reference books on a variety of subjects. If you have not already joined the Library, come for a visit and see what we have to offer. Hours are Tuesday 3.30-4pm, Thursday 1-5pm, Saturdays 10-noon. The Library is maintained by a small group of dedicated residents who work on a monthly roster. We could use extra helpers, so if you would like to assist in this worthwhile interesting community service, call in. You will receive a warm welcome.

Joyce Batterham

WEPA Speaker Meeting
Monday 11 September 8pm
Artarmon Library
Elizabeth Street, Artarmon

Guest speaker **Dr Val Attenbrow** from the Australian Museum will speak on the Aboriginal Heritage of Port Jackson and Upper Middle Harbour.

We will be holding our **Native Plant Stall** at the Willoughby Festival (2 September) once again. **Gay Spies 9958 8569** will take orders for special plants or native bouquets.

Castlecrag Sports Club Inc.
(Founded 1929, Incorporated 1988)
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ON 24 SEPTEMBER 3PM

THE MUSIC AND SONGS FOR THIS FAMILY CONCERT IS FROM MOZART, AARON COPLAND, PETER ALLEN AND OTHER FAVOURITES.
ELIZABETH CONNELL WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE WILLOWGHDY CHORAL SOCIETY AND THE CHILDREN OF CASTLECRAG.

Elizabeth Connell is a leading interpreter of the demanding dramatic soprano roles of Beethoven, Strauss and Wagner. She has received great acclaim for her performances of Isolde, Ortrud and Abigaille (Verdi's *NABUCCO*)

Remember: No parking at the amphitheatre
A bus will be available from the Castlecrag shopping centre



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