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CASTLECRAIG COMMUNITY CENTRE, 101 THE FOSTERS
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TO: ALL RESIDENTS
FROM: ALDERMAN D. STREET

V A N D A L I S M

There are vandals in Castlecrag. I draw your attention to the fact that public property (which we all pay for) is regularly defaced. As we show no apparent concern about that, private property is now being threatened.

Many of you may not be aware that the shopping centre, particularly the new development, is continually being damaged.

Safety signs are deliberately torn down, tacks strewn around the car parks. The telephone booth (a life-line for anyone in trouble) and bus shelter are a disgrace. Graffiti with local phone numbers is displayed on the walls.

But even more disheartening is the fact that many trees and shrubs that have recently been planted throughout Castlecrag are trodden on, broken or stolen.

As residents, we have a responsibility to respect and uphold the law of the State. While we continue to show no interest or concern for the suburb we live in, we will not get the assistance we expect from Council or the Police.

Councils generally are prone to become the whipping post for everyone's problems.

Yet the Willoughby Council staff are aware that much of the vandalism in Castlecrag is done by a few selfish or thoughtless residents every day of the year. So is it any wonder the Council's outdoor staff don't get any job satisfaction or have pride in their work in our suburb.

Trees are ringbarked or chopped down so that people might have a better view, garbage and rubbish is dumped on private vacant land, especially the bush reserves, and dogs are allowed wander unattended around the shopping centre. Signs are nailed onto the trees. The list is endless.

If for no other reason than to preserve the value of your property, we all have a duty to set an example and maintain the goodwill and quality of Castlecrag.

On behalf of all our friends and neighbours who do a marvellous job in a voluntary capacity to make this a vibrant, interesting community, I ask for your co-operation.

Ald. Dianne Street J.P.