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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Our meeting on Tuesday, 26th February will be the 1980 Annual General Meeting and the election of Office Bearers for the following year. We cordially welcome all residents and friends to attend and assist us in our efforts to make Castlecrag a more pleasant and beautiful area in which to live.

The agenda for the meeting will include the following items:

- 1. Discussion of the present state of preparation of our submission to Mr. D.S. Kirby QC, who will conduct the enquiry into the future use of the Warringah Freeway Corridor. This enquiry is now expected to commence during June this year.
- 2. An address and discussion by a senior officer of the Chatswood Branch of the NSW Police. The decision to invite this guest speaker was taken at our last Committee meeting, as Committee members are concerned at the increasing number of reports of vandalism in our suburb. Whilst we sadly have to accept the fact that the incidence of vandalism is on the increase throughout most of Australia, we are resolved to attempt to reduce it in our own community.
- 3. Alderman D. Street will report on recent business of the Willoughby Council.
- 4. Our normal reports from our various committees (a) Conservation
 - (b) Safety
 - (c) Foreshores

.....Eric Kaye

QUADRANGLE

The Quadrangle portion of our Castlecrag Shopping Centre has now been operating for some months, with it would seem, a mixture of success and teething problems.

Nearly everybody would agree that the building is quite attractive, with its open courtyard, lack of garish signs, wide access ramp to the car park, plentiful greenery in pleasant garden beds.

Imagine how it would have looked as a brick and concrete blockhouse, with large non-uniform signs everywhere, narrow dangerous car park ramp, concrete footpaths, just like so many other shopping developments in this and other municipalities. High street is a good example of what it could have been.

So why is it that the Quadrangle is different? Well, it wasn't going to be, until a large number of our suburb's residents stood up to be heard, not only the two hundred who attended a Willoughby Council meeting, not only on radio TV and the newspapers, but in the Local Government Appeals Tribunal where our case cost us, the residents, about \$6000.

Since then, our suburb's residents have rallied together and raised those funds, continuing what must surely be a rare example of community spirit. Fortunately, this is not the first time we have displayed this spirit, nor will it be the last.

To be a resident of Castlecrag is a matter of pride and exclusivity, not because of the value in dollars of our homes, but because of the value of our determination and community spirit. Lets keep it that way, & join our Association.

...Bob Ronai - Editor, The Crag

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St. James' Church of England has, since 1947, been an integral part of the Crag, many locals being actively involved. Castlecrag was, and still is, part of the Church of England parish of East Willoughby, the mother church being St. Johns, on the corner of Warrane Road and McClelland Street.

In 1947 it was decided to commence separate work at the Crag and in July of that year, church services were commenced at the home of Mr & Mrs Jack O'Connor in Edith Street and continued every Sunday for the next seven years. A C of E Sunday School was commenced a little earlier at the home of Mr & Mrs A. Hill, at 159

A fund was opened immediately, and later land was purchased at 184/186 Edinburgh Road, with a view to erecting a church building. (You'll never build a church on that rocky site! said some.) Architect John Brindley designed and supervised, and the two lower storeys of the present church were opened by Archbishop Mowll on 24th July, 1954, and church and sunday school activities transferred to this building.

Four years later, the top storey, the present church, was built and Archbishop Loane opened it on 29th November, 1958. The mural in the porch is by Bim Hilder. The hall at the rear was built, and opened by Bishop Hulme on 1st November, 1969.

The Rector of the parish during all of the above activities has been Rev. C.E.A. Reynolds.

... Tack O'Connor

The Christmas Fair was a great success, making \$1371. Thanks to all residents who put so much time and effort into making the morning so enjoyable.

My personal thanks to the ladies who organised stalls. Firstly, Marcella with her experience and expertise, also Cathy Rosenmier, Audrey Luusema, Jenny Wright, Penny Fischer, Dorothy Frazer, Meg Nicholson, Addy Saltis, Laura Crewe, Rita Kaye and Bev Blacklock, plus all their helpers, and to the men and boys who helped on the day, moving tables, etc., many thanks.

The raffle was a great success, due to the marvellously generous response of the shopkeepers: Castlecrag Newsagency, Mrs Francis of Ruffles Boutique, Beef Bullion, Castlecrag Pharmacy, Allfoods, Castlecrag Hardware, Castlecrag Cellars, Castlecrag Meats, Castlecrag Fruitologist (Charlie), Brenda Harrison - Quadrangle, Eastern Court Tea Garden, Castlecrag Fruits (Frank & Beverley), Quadrangle Jewellery, La Princiere, Hannan's Butchery, The Chicken Shop, Lukulu's, The Bathroom & Kitchen Shop, Tara Decor, Quadrangle Gourmet Deli, Toy World, Chem-mart, and Quadrangle Fruit & Veg

All prizes except one were won by people in the area (Marcella winning the lovely necklace, and Charlie winning his own lovely fruit, which he then auctioned.)

Again, to everyone our most sincere thanks, and we hope 1980will be a successful vear for Castlecrag. Wishing you all a happy & prosperous 1980.

Anne Korner -Fund Raising Committee chairwoman

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CREATIVE MOVEMENT & FOLK DANCE CLASSES IN CASTLECRAG

for boys and girls from 3-1/2 to 12 years of age. This is not a formal dance class. The children are encouraged to be creative and develop a joy in Dance. For further information, please phone Mrs Val Wojtulewicz on 90-3873.

Thursdays 4pm

Place: St. James Church Hall, Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag

\$15 per term Fees:

CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ELECTIONS, AND GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY EVENING, 8pm, 26th FEBRUARY, 1980, AT THE CASTLECRAG COMMUNITY CENTRE, off The Postern

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EVERYONE WELCOME....

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TO: ALL RESIDENTS

FROM: ALDERMAN D. STREET

VANDALISM

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.