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Castlecrag Community Fair

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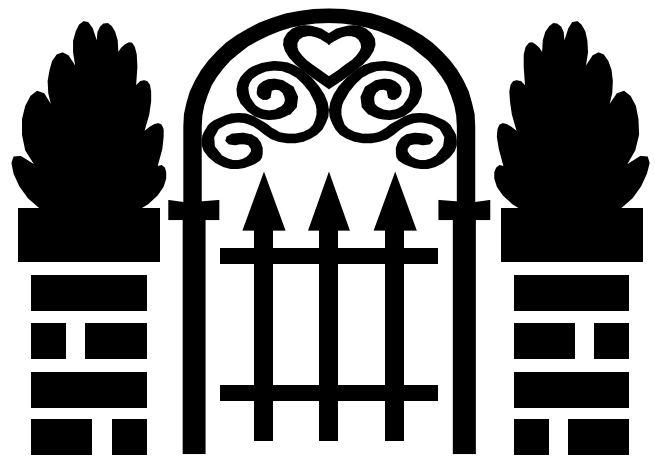
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We did it! Thanks to the efforts of many hard-working volunteers, the Castlecrag Community Fair on 4 June was an outstanding success.

Our community motto – *Together We Grow* – proved apt as the local community and business came together to make a great day for all.

Kate Westoby came up with the idea of a Community Fair last year and many meetings have been held to bring the whole day together. Andrew Kirk came on board with his organisational skills, and together Kate and Andrew brought together the whole range of individuals, community groups and businesses necessary for a successful Fair.

The day got under way with a special community service at St James Church. Four long-standing members of the community gave personal accounts



Mayor Pat Reilly and CPA President Bob McKillop at the Castlecrag Community Fair

of what makes Castlecrag special for them.

The Fair featured stalls by 14 community groups, two from Willoughby Council, wine tasting and several food outlets. Many of our local businesses also traded for the day. Mayor Pat Reilly opened the Fair and three bands from Castle Cove

school did a wonderful job entertaining the crowd, while David Harrop and Howard Rubie conducted three auctions of items donated by local business houses.

Another Community Fair there will surely be, for the day was judged to be a great success — people had fun and all the com-

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**Progress Association Meeting
Castlecrag Community Centre
27 June 2000,**

Behind the Scenes

There are sighs of relief within the Progress Association following the success of the Castlecrag Community Fair. In addition to the many hours of voluntary effort organising the event, the CPA was exposed to high costs for the event.

Our costs included the hire of kiosks, tables and a stage, advertising and publicity costs (including banners) and insur-

ance. Thanks to the generosity of local business houses (practically all of whom contributed to the auctions), we managed to cover our costs and make a small surplus. This will be kept in a special account for future activities, such as a 2001 Fair.

Special thanks are expressed to Castlecrag Cellars and the five wine companies, and to LJ Hooker Moran Realty, and

Richardson & Wrench for their sponsorship and general support. We are aware that our local business community is finding it tough without a local supermarket and one aim of the Fair was to bring residents and commerce together. We trust that the Fair succeeded in this and we look forward to similar events in future.

Bob McKillop

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What Castlecrag Means to Me

Four local residents made moving statements on "what Castlecrag means to me" at the St Johns Church Community Service on 4 June. Joan McRuvie's statement is presented here as she has left us after 33 years in The Crag. We hope to bring you other statements in future issues.

When asked to express what Castlecrag means to me, the word that immediately comes to mind is "beauty". Here the loveliness of our native flora has been preserved and regenerated and encouraged to co-exist with urban living in a way which is said to be almost unique anywhere in the world.

I love the graceful gum trees, the mysterious banksias, the timid wattles and their ilk. I love their subtle colours, their perfume, their gentle swaying in the breeze. I love the birds they shelter and the lizards that scurry beneath them. It is almost unbelievable that only 10 minutes away from this pure air and this calm is the roar of one of the world's

great cities.

But the beauty of Castlecrag is more than just physical. There is also a beauty of spirit. People in Castlecrag talk to each other. They like each other. They are kind to each other. And for the most part they are kind to their environment too. I feel a great gratitude to the people, both past and present, who have laboured to preserve our natural heritage for us and for the generations to follow. And now it is great to that see many young people, including new residents, have been inspired by their example and are joining Bush Care classes, prepared to make their own contribution to what makes this place so special.

This beauty of spirit, this kindness, this feeling of Community is especially evident here in this lovely Church of St James. Here again we thank God for the lives and the example of those who have gone before. They have endowed this place with beauty for us.

We may all have differing views on many matters – and that's healthy – but what joins us together is our passionate belief that the love of God is for all men, not just Church-goers, not just for the believers, but for absolutely everyone.

I have lived in Castlecrag for 33 years and in three weeks I shall be gone. As the time to leave grows closer there is a great ache in my heart, but also immense gratitude for what I've had. For 33 years I've been awakened by the birds, at breakfast I have sometimes been almost blinded by the sparkle of the sun on the native plants, and I have spent long hours marvelling at the beauty and diversity of the skyscape at different times of day. Above all, I've been accepted, encouraged, comforted and loved by wonderful people, especially this congregation. How could I not be grateful?

Letters

Dear Editor,

A comment on the article about invasive bamboo by Harold Spies in the March/April issue of *The Crag* newsletter.

This company (*Mr Bamboo*) has successfully eradicated running bamboo for Willoughby Council using the cut and paint method. After years of trying various methods of eradication of invasive bamboo, it was largely from discussions with Castlecrag residents that we arrived at the method we

now use successfully. The method is illustrated on our website: www.mrbamboo.com.au

Timing is everything. One person is required to cut the culms, another to paint Roundup onto the cut surface. The whole grove should be treated in one operation. To enable the herbicide to be effectively located to the rhizome, the plant should be growing vigorously at the time of treatment. There will be minor regrowth and this is treated in the same way.

Rather than hiding the neighbour with running bamboos, urban gardeners could consider clumping on non-invasive species. There are many small and medium-sized clumping bamboos suited for urban landscaping.

Greg Braun

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My Street!

What is the impact of individual developments or "improvements" on the streetscape? Are Council's existing development controls adequate to protect the character of our suburb? What can I do to preserve the character of my street?

These are some of the issues that emerge from concerns expressed by Castlecrag residents to the Progress Association. These concerns include:

- erection of high and obtrusive fences that are out of character
- large dwellings with height, bulk, massing and proportion that dominate the streetscape
- garages that dominate the street and obstruct public views
- destruction of significant trees
- use of materials and col-

ours not compatible with the bushland setting

Willoughby Council has enacted a Heritage & Conservation Development Control Plan (DCP) to guide the future development of conservation areas, including the Griffin Conservation Area. Most of the remainder of Castlecrag is designated a scenic protection area under the Local Environment Plan (LEP). The controls of the DCP cover the scale of buildings, their setting, landscaping, carparking and fencing.

Despite these controls, obtrusive and out-of-character structures continue to be built. The present controls are inadequate, non-conforming developments are being approved or both are occurring.

Willoughby Council is seeking to address these concerns. A revised fencing policy is shortly to go on

public exhibition and other issues are being examined.

The June meeting of the Castlecrag Progress Association will provide a public forum for residents to discuss these concerns and to contribute their ideas on the desired character of our streets and suburb. Please come along.

Bob McKillop



Will a future Castlecrag look like this?

CPA General Meeting

Tuesday, 27 June

8pm at the Community Centre

Workshop on **Conserving our Streetscape.**

All Welcome