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### CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm, Tuesday, 6 March, 2012

The Marion Mahony Griffin Hall at Glenaeon School  
121 Edinburgh Road Castlecrag

Our speaker will be Karen Smith, Education Officer,  
Aboriginal Heritage Office in Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge.

She will speak about  
"Aboriginal Culture and Heritage on the North Shore".

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## A splendid night of carols



The 2011 Christmas Carols at The Haven Amphitheatre was a night to remember.

The evening was a perfectly calm summer's night. The Committee had yet again beautifully lit the venue, displaying its unique bush features that surely make it one of Australia's most special performance places. The audience trickled in from quite early until the amphitheatre was packed to capacity, with standing room only. It seems that this event never diminishes in its popularity, it being a virtual institution in the Castlecrag community.

This year's carols featured a small tight knit group of performers consisting of Marlene Vaughan, Kath Cannings and Paul Chan on piano and vocals.

The selection of carols included all the favourites, and mirrored earlier years, with

much loved Australian classics such as *Orana*, *Carol of the Birds* and *I Still call Australia Home*, raising the voices of Castlecrag and beyond to dizzying heights.

This year there was a new addition to the carol program. My sister, Evie Hamilton, who is 10 years old, and myself, Lara, 13 years, are local girls from The Bulwark. We were thrilled to sing a duet called 'Do You Hear What I Hear' by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform and were grateful for the warm reception we received. Marlene, the Event Producer, had instructed us to dress formally for the evening. I was thankful that this gave me the opportunity to obtain my first high heels for the occasion. Evie will have to wait a few more years!

The sound and lighting was expertly

organised by Jack Metcalfe and Richard Newton, who also recorded the event and a DVD of the night will be available as a wonderful memento of the evening—for info see: <http://www.thehaven.biz>.

As the sun set and evening fell, the children waited eagerly for Santa and his fairy helper to appear. The excitement rippled through the audience as the sound of Santa's sleigh approached. The children were delighted to receive candy canes as a Christmas treat.

This year the audience was requested to donate to a fund that will be used to assist in the maintenance of the amphitheatre. Thanks to all for your generous donations.

Even though there was a large number of people who attended the annual carolling event, arrivals and departures from the amphitheatre ran smoothly as always. My grandparents were delighted with the friendliness and efficiency of the shuttle bus service and all the helpers who assisted them into the venue.

Overall the Christmas Carols at the Haven amphitheatre was truly a 'Splendid Night of Carols'.

**Lara Hamilton**

*Photos courtesy Richard Newton*



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## November 2011 meeting report

### Deputy Mayor Councillor Wendy Norton addresses CPA November 2011 General Meeting

WCC Deputy Mayor Councillor Wendy  
Norton spoke at our end of year  
November meeting in place of advertised  
speaker Mayor Councillor Pat Reilly who  
was unable to attend due to illness.

This was our third meeting in the new  
Marion Mahony Griffin Hall at Glenaeon  
School and the combination of an  
interesting speaker, a wonderful venue  
and good refreshments was a fitting  
ending to the year.

Cr Norton is a Middle Harbour Ward  
Councillor living at Castle Cove. She  
noted that although Castle Cove and  
Castlecrag are different suburbs they  
have a lot in common, particularly as  
at present both suburbs suffer from the  
poisoning of trees and Ausgrid has been  
working in both.

Cr Norton discussed the breadth and  
depth of Council's activities and  
achievements including the September  
opening of The Concourse complex and  
the large number of awards won by  
Council in 2011. This culminated in the  
winning of the A.R. Bluett Memorial  
Award 2011/2012. Cr Norton with Cr  
Hooper's assistance answered a number  
of questions from the audience on  
aspects of Council's activities.

CPA president James Fitzpatrick thanked  
Councillor Norton for stepping in at late  
notice to speak so engagingly on WCC's  
many and varied activities and its  
achievements in 2011.

He then thanked Margaret Chambers,  
the retiring editor of *The Crag*, for her  
excellent work over the past year and  
as assistant editor to Bob McKillop  
prior to this. He said that *The Crag* had  
gone from strength to strength for  
which the CPA and the community was  
very grateful.

Many stayed on after the presentation  
discussing community issues and  
generally enjoying the ambience of a  
summer evening, eating, drinking and  
chatting with friends and acquaintances.

### A.R. Bluett Memorial Award 2010/2011

Each year the Local Government and  
Shires Association of NSW presents the  
A.R. Bluett Memorial Award to the  
Council that, in the opinion of the  
Trustees, has made the greatest relative  
progress. It is considered to be the  
highest accolade to which a Council  
can aspire. The award has been made  
annually since 1945 and this year 21  
councils competed for the title. John  
Flannery PSM, Chairperson of the A.R.  
Bluett Memorial Trust, said the Trustees  
'were very impressed with the high  
standard of the entries received'.

Willoughby City Council took the Local  
Government Award. Tweed Shire Council  
took the Shire Association Award.

Mr Flannery, PSM presented the award to  
WCC on Wednesday 21 December 2011  
on the steps of the Concourse attended  
by Council staff, other invited guests  
(including members of the CPA) and  
dignitaries including the Governor of  
NSW, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO.

Mr Flannery read the citation  
accompanying the award, an extract of  
which is as follows:

*'Willoughby City Council is a well-managed  
and innovative local government authority  
located in the Sydney metropolitan area and  
has a strong focus on the establishment and  
maintenance of sustainable physical infra-  
structure and improving public safety and  
amenity while meeting the needs of its  
residents. The Council has been very strategic  
and responsible in managing and conserving  
its resources, master planning public works  
and engaging with the community. Within  
the period under review, the Council has  
completed an impressive range of community  
infrastructure projects almost entirely from its  
own resources.'*

View WCC's submission and the full  
citation at [http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/  
html/101-ar-bluett-memorial-award.asp](http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/101-ar-bluett-memorial-award.asp).

Mosman Council, in a posting on its  
website on 10 November 2011  
congratulated Willoughby City on its  
success, noting that it too had entered  
this years A.R. Bluett Memorial Award but  
was 'up against some stiff competition.'

## Castlecrag Progress Association Inc. Membership Form

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# Patricia Le Sheldon 1933-2011

## Passionate Supporter of Castlecrag and the Haven Amphitheatre

Castlecrag lost one of its most committed residents with the death of Patricia on 29 November 2011.

Patricia had always wanted to live in Castlecrag. After marrying Robert and returning home from a working honeymoon overseas, her wish was fulfilled. They bought land in The Bulwark and Robert designed their home, which they built in 1969.

With two small children, Patricia quickly joined a group of mothers. She helped with tree planting at the school, was on the committee of the kindergarten and a member of the tennis club before embarking, at the request of Beverley Blacklock, on her major project, the Haven Theatre. Beverley and her committee had been reviving the landscape of Castlecrag and wanted to rebuild the open-air theatre in the gully that they had just uncovered in 1975.

As reported in *The Crag* (No.172, p1), Patricia, a keen drama teacher and actress, was the inspiration and driving force behind her architect husband Robert Sheldon's involvement in the design and construction of Castlecrag's Haven Amphitheatre, in time to stage Oscar Wilde's *Salome* in early 1976 during the Heritage Festival and the centenary of Griffin's birth. The Festival was successful. The nine performances of *Salome*, in which Patricia playing the lead role, were enjoyed by all, with no one suspecting

(including Patricia) that she had broken her leg on opening night!

Patricia was a keen supporter over the years of events at the Haven Amphitheatre and she organised the Carols by Candlelight for more than 20 years.

As also reported in *The Crag* (No.178, p4) she was honoured at Willoughby City Council's Australia Day 2011 celebrations sharing the Cultural and Community Building Award for her dedication over 28 years to the Castlecrag community.

In her professional life Patricia has been a primary school teacher, a model and an actress, working in Sydney, London and Toronto. She was a Licentiate in speech and drama from Trinity College London and on her return to Castlecrag taught local children in her home before opening a studio in Mosman where she taught until her illness in 2004.

Patricia also served for many years on the Lady Mayoress' Relief Fund and the Black and White Committee, organising fund-raising functions.

Patricia's passing is a loss to Castlecrag and her dedication to the Castlecrag community will not be forgotten. We also admire her for her strength and grace during her illness and her family for their loving care of her.

We extend our sympathy to Robert, Kirk and Petrina.

## New Editor for *The Crag*

The CPA Committee is delighted that Deidre Pope has agreed to be our new Editor of *The Crag* and wishes to thank her for taking on this role. We have been well served by Bob McKillop and Margaret Chambers, and it is great to have another person so well considered in our community to continue on in the role. We look forward to working with her.

Deidre grew up in Sydney. She graduated in biological sciences, later becoming a Montessori preschool teacher, which she says brought her great joy. The Pope family have lived here in Castlecrag on and off for 27 years, having two periods away overseas during this time. While Deidre's children have now moved away to set up their own lives, they are always so happy to revisit this special place.

Deidre is passionate about preserving the bush environment of Castlecrag, as it is one of the unique places in Sydney. While we can still see traces of Griffin's vision, she feels we should do whatever we can to enhance it. 'As her small contribution' she belongs to The Retreat bushcare group, after the one in The Scarp that she belonged to was discontinued.

Her other interests include music of all types, theatre, travel and bush walking. She feels that taking on this new role will be most interesting and she wishes to thank retiring editor Margaret Chambers and members of the CPA committee for their help and support.

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# Castlecrag Notes

## Newsagency Returns

Residents will be delighted to hear that after a number of years we again have a local newsagency. John the friendly face at the Castlecrag Post Office (122 Edinburgh Road) has extended the PO premises. This means that in addition to the existing full postal service, newspapers, magazines, school and office stationery, gifts and greeting cards, a full range of bus passes and tickets, and lottery facilities will be available at the same shop.

The new services will be particularly welcomed by residents travelling by bus as they will again be able to buy newspapers and bus tickets en route.

Operating hours for the newsagency are:

Monday–Friday: 7am to 6pm

Saturday: 7am–1pm

Sunday: 8am–11am

Post Office Opening hours are the same as at present.

The Castlecrag Progress Association encourages residents to support John and his staff and wishes them every success.

## Farewell Frank

Frank Milner, foundation Convenor of the Beverley Blacklock (Cheyne Walk) Reserve Bushcare Group, has resigned from this role as he and Linda are moving from Castlecrag. The group, which comprises around ten members, is supported by a professional Bushcare Trainer from Council. The Reserve is a particularly important piece of bushland, with a long boundary to Cheyne Walk, and a foreshore boundary

to Middle Harbour. It provides habitat connectivity between the Northern Escarpment and the bushland reserves around Sailors Bay. The group, which meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9am–12 noon, has been in operation for two years, and works to a Reserve Action Plan which was developed by Council in consultation with neighbours. We wish Frank well in his move to Pittwater and thank him for his leadership in establishing the group. New members for the Bushcare Group are welcome and should contact Frances Davis at Council.

## Community Transport

Last year my mother who has never driven a car came to live with us in Castlecrag from her home in Cremorne. The one concern we had about her making this move was that our suburb has almost no public transport and we worried that she might feel isolated after living with shops, cinema and good public transport always available.

Once we learnt about the Willoughby City CouncilCab and the Lower North Shore Community transport, however, we realised that accessible transport is available in this area to people over 65 years and younger people with disabilities and their carers.

The Willoughby CouncilCab provides a transport from home to chosen destination within the Willoughby City Council area Monday to Saturday. This service may be used for personal/medical appointments, shopping or social outings. There is a fee

paid for by vouchers to the driver. The vouchers can be purchased in books of 5 for \$20 from the Council Customer Service Centre and bookings need to be made the day before or up to one week in advance by phoning 02 8332 8338.

The Lower North Shore Community Transport offers a similar home to destination service for social, medical or shopping outings from Monday to Friday and they cover a wider area. This service provides transport throughout Willoughby, Lane Cove, North Sydney and Mosman and may even be able to travel outside this area if required. The small fee of \$12 return is payable to the driver and bookings must be made by phone to 9490 9554.

My mother used both of these services for social and personal appointments during the last three months of 2011. We have been very impressed by the efficient and courteous service which has been provided. Half an hour before the pick-up time from home the driver phones to reconfirm his (we haven't had any female drivers) arrival. The driver ensures that he parks in a place to provide easy access to the car and to the venue. The drivers have all made the journey enjoyable by their obvious interest in their work and the booking people have also been very kind and helpful.

We recommend this service to any eligible residents of Castlecrag who feel housebound due to the lack of public transport.

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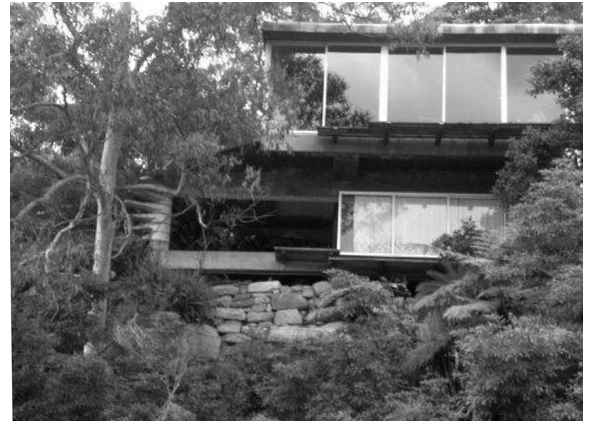


# The Houses of Castlecrag

Another article in Ben Gerstel's series featuring some interesting and historic houses in Castlecrag.

Ben, an architect and volunteer guide for the Australian Architectural Association ([www.architecture.org.au](http://www.architecture.org.au)), leads walking tours around Castlecrag and Middle Cove.

Photo: Ben Gerstel, Buhrich House as seen from the water



## 375 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag The Buhrich House

One of the most dramatic and famous houses in Castlecrag, designed and built by Hugh Buhrich, sits perched on the edge of Castlecrag looking out to Middle Harbour and Seaforth. It is unlike any house you have ever seen before! The NSW State Heritage Register ([http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07\\_subnav\\_04\\_2.cfm?itemid=5014144](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=5014144)) states 'The Buhrich House is considered to be one of the finest modern houses in Australia.'

The architect owner used a variety of materials and details in interesting ways to create the design: exposed concrete slabs, off-form concrete, precast concrete beams containing semi-precious stones, toughened glass, a perforated timber screen and a curved copper fascia. These materials and details add beauty and interest but were not typical for domestic architecture at the time.

The house, the second Buhrich built for his family in Castlecrag, was designed and built between 1968 to 1972. He also designed other houses in the suburb and around Sydney but chose Castlecrag for his family because of its bohemian qualities.

Hugh Buhrich, born in 1911, emigrated with his wife Eva, as refugees from Germany in 1939. Twin boys were born soon after. Hugh's qualifications were not recognised in Australia so he called himself a Planning Consultant. Eva, also an unrecognised architect, became an architectural journalist.

The house, an addition to an

undocumented Griffin weekender, is on one level. A later addition is a separate flat under the house by their architect son Clive. Located on the waterfront is a boat shed and studio. The house is simply divided into public and private spaces. The private spaces (bedrooms and bathroom) are to the left of the entry while the public spaces (living, dining and kitchen) are to the right.

At the entry you are greeted with a small foyer. The kitchen is immediately opposite the front door, and up two steps. This subtly separates the kitchen and the dining area from the lower living room. These spaces look out to Middle Harbour. The dining room, to the right of the kitchen has a fixed glass-topped dining table embedded into a wall with a window directly above the table.

Only a few steps down from the kitchen and dining area is the living room. The end walls to the dining area and the living room are internally clad in stone whilst the exterior of these walls is finished in off-form concrete. An open fire place is housed in the stone of the living room wall. A complete wall of aluminium-framed sliding doors runs along the northern side of the living room and the whole house to capture the view. These doors open onto a cantilevered timber balcony which has no balustrade. It is only for the very brave!

Some of the wonderful details include: first, the public spaces of the house sit under a skillion (one way) sloping roof, high over the kitchen and dining, low

over the living. Over the kitchen and dining area areas the ceiling is a sinusoidal curve (as expressed in the copper fascia outside) which progressively becomes a flat, raked ceiling, all clad in timber. It is a unique detail.

Secondly, there is an external concrete spiral staircase with no balustrade. The stairs link two terraces and its concrete steps are like keys threaded onto a pole. Whilst it is relatively easy to go up, it is very scary coming down.

Thirdly, the bathroom is dramatic, made from red fiberglass cast in three pieces. It adds an unexpected shot of colour and provides a wonderful contrast to the interior's natural colours. Whilst the house is modest in size, it packs a powerful architectural punch with these one-off details.

Apart from leaving us his wonderful houses, Hugh and Eva were great campaigners in trying to save Griffin's Willoughby Incinerator which is now restored and houses artists' studios, exhibition space and, soon, a café. Hugh and Eva would be pleased.

The house is one of three in Castlecrag listed under the Heritage Act 1977, the others being Griffin's Duncan House (The Barquette) and The Fishwick House (The Citadel).

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### Spanish Moss Infestations



Spanish Moss, also known as 'Old Mans Beard', (scientific name: *Tillandsia usneoides*) could become a very difficult bushland weed, as it can be spread to trees by wind and by birds using it for nesting

material. A native of southern USA, it has become a pest in other parts of the USA.

We are grateful that Council has removed infestations on two of the Griffin 'triangles', at the junctions of the Bastion and Sortie Port, and Sortie Port and The Battlement. Residents are urged not to grow this plant outside, as once established in bushland, it would be almost impossible to remove.

The Castlecrag Conservation Society has written to Council requesting that that Council do all in its power to have this species added to weed schedules, and to discourage its sale by local plant retailers, and its use by local residents.

**Lorraine Cairnes**

### Pet Cat Management

The subject of pet cats is guaranteed to cause vigorous debate in Castlecrag, and in this context Willoughby City Council

(WCC) provides two useful brochures: *Cat Ownership* and *Cats: pets or pests*. Although feral cats are a problem in harming wildlife, domestic cats also pose a major threat, a fact that owners often find difficult to believe.

The brochures, issued with the support of The Cat Protection Society of NSW, RSPCA and National Parks & Wildlife Service, recommend means for cat owners to reduce these threats, in particular:

- Keep cats inside after dusk;
- Have cats desexed;
- Never dump unwanted kittens;
- Do not feed stray cats without accepting responsible ownership;
- Identify and register cats; and
- Attach a minimum of two bells to cats' collars

Cat registration forms are available from the Companion Animals website [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au). Registration enables lost cats to be returned to their owners, for example after periodic WCC cat-trapping campaigns in bushland. Under the NSW *Companion Animals Act 1998*, cats are prohibited in certain public places including gazetted wildlife protection areas. This is difficult to enforce but Council requests cat owners to ensure that their pets are kept out of these areas at all times.

Most cats are not kept indoors or in cat enclosures and unfortunately cats are by

nature skilled hunters, particularly at night. Keeping cats indoors after dusk affords some protection to wildlife, but small lizards that are active during the day are '[un]fair game'.

### 2012 Household Clean Up Service Calendar.

In a bid to further reduce paper and printing waste WCC's Household Clean Up Service and Recycling Calendar will be available to residents via the Willoughby Council website, allowing residents to access the 2012 bulk vegetation, general clean up, metals and whitegoods clean up dates. You can simply enter your address and your clean up dates for 2012 will be listed. Residents who prefer a hard copy of the calendar can contact the Help and Service Centre on 9777 1000.

### Clean Up Australia Day 2012 Volunteer to clean up Australia at the following Castlecrag sites on Sunday 4th March 2012

Ist Sailors Bay Sea Scouts meet at Rockley Street turning circle at 9.30am for registration and clean up from 10am-2pm covering the foreshore from the scouts' boatshed, Retreat Reserve and the Haven Reserve. Co-ordinator: Ed Coates ph: 9417 6112.

Cheyne Walk: Meet at the roundabout at 10.30am for registration and clean up till 1.00pm. Co-ordinator Rosemary Howard [mailbox2@inet.net.au](mailto:mailbox2@inet.net.au)

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## Neighbourhood Watch

(Castlecrag and Middle Cove)

### Willoughby City Council Investigating Tree Vandalism

WCC is currently investigating the illegal poisoning and vandalism of several native trees in The Retreat Reserve, Castlecrag and North Arm Reserve, Castle Cove.

A letter from WCC was sent to local residents in Castlecrag in response to their concerns, and a media report about the incidents was released.

A site inspection by Council staff revealed that two mature Sydney Red Gums (*Angophora costata*) in the Retreat Reserve area, below the Bulwark, have been poisoned and damaged, with drill holes found at the base of each tree. Staff have assessed that both trees are still alive at this stage, with some sections of healthy growth, and will continue to monitor them.

All vegetation growing in bushland reserves is protected by law with fines up to \$100,000 for unauthorised damage or removal. Rewards are offered for information leading to successful prosecution.

Bushland reserves are for the whole community to enjoy and protect. Trees offer environmental amenity for local wildlife and provide privacy to neighbouring properties. Acts of vandalism to trees devalues the amenity for all users.

If you have any information regarding the damage to these trees, please contact Willoughby City council on 97771000.

### Help Stop Car Theft

- Always lock your unattended vehicle even for short durations, do not leave the key in the car, lock all doors and do not leave babies or animals in the car. Take your car parking station ticket with you.
- Consider fitting a car alarm system if not standard.
- Do not leave valuables in sight in the car.
- Park in busy well-lit areas; avoid known car theft areas (look for the glass on the ground from broken side windows). Universities, large shopping centres and narrow poorly lit lanes in inner Sydney are often hot spots.
- Using a locking device on the steering wheel or gear shift can deter theft.
- Do not leave in the car glove box personal papers that may help thieves steal your identity or assist in selling the car.
- In shopping mall car parks be careful about taking obvious valuable articles to the car, particularly at Christmas and Easter. Thieves often watch and will steal when you leave to complete your shopping;

### Driving Unregistered and Uninsured Vehicles

Some people simply forget to pay their registration and third party insurance \$1032 (\$516 + \$516). If the matter goes to court maximum fine is \$2,200 for unregistered and \$5,500 for uninsured. Ouch!

Who is responsible, the owner or driver? The user is responsible that the vehicle he/she is driving is registered. Moreover, if an owner allows someone else to drive the unregistered vehicle it attracts a \$516 fine for the owner.

However some people are driving around in unregistered vehicles because their licence and all vehicle registration in their name have been cancelled. How can this be?

Non-payment of fines, including parking and train fines, generates a reminder notice from the Office of Debt Recovery; ignore this and the RTA is instructed to suspend your licence and cancel all registration of vehicles in your name. If you are detected driving after this phase you will be charged with driving while suspended.

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# Diary Dates • Diary Dates • Diary Dates

## • Saturday 3 March, 2pm

### Sydney Opera Society

Lecture by David Garrett on *Così fan Tutte* by Mozart at Willoughby Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Laurel and High Streets, Willoughby.  
Further information: Shirley Robertson, 9605 5851.

## • Sunday 4 March

### Clean Up Australia Day

Further information: [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/) for local clean-up sites.

## • Tuesday 6 March, 8pm

### Castlecrag Progress Association (CPA) Inc. General Meeting

At the Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road. Speaker: Karen Smith from the Aboriginal Heritage Office.

All welcome. Further information: [info@castlecrag.org.au](mailto:info@castlecrag.org.au).

## • Friday 9 March, 8pm

### Willoughby Symphony Orchestra

Season commences at The Concourse with Elgar's *Enigma Variations* conducted by Dr Nicholas Milton and featuring cellist Julian Smiles.

Enquiries: 9777 7639; Bookings: 9020 6968

## • Tuesday 20 March, 8pm

### Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA)

AGM at the Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road. Shauna Chadlowe, Development Executive, Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) will speak about AWC's latest conservation projects and the results of recent programs.

See [www.wepa.org.au/](http://www.wepa.org.au/) for information.

## • Thursday 22 March, 8pm

### Castlecrag Conservation Society (CCS)

General meeting and a topical talk on an issue of community concern at the Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road. Enquiries: Matthew Keighery, 9967 2682.

## • Tuesday 10 April, 6.30pm

### Neighbourhood Watch

Briefing for North Shore Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee at Chatswood Police Station. Residents welcome.

Further information: Snr Const Matt Jewell, 9414 8499.

## • Sunday 29 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

### Walter Burley Griffin Society

A guided walking tour of Castlecrag to celebrate the centenary year of the Griffins' winning the National Capital Competition. Cost: \$20; \$15 concession. Bookings essential: phone 9958 4516 or email [info@griffinsociety.org](mailto:info@griffinsociety.org).

## OTHER NOTICES

### Castlecrag Bushcare Groups' Meeting Dates

#### First Sunday of the month

- Cortile Reserve; 8am–11am; contact Sue Burk 9958 4295
- Northern Escarpment; 9am–12 noon; contact Richard Blacklock 0417 217 937 or 9958 4682

#### Second Saturday of the month

- Gargoyle Reserve; 9am–12 noon; contact Margaret Hutchinson 9958 4230

#### Second Sunday of the month

- Keep Reserve; 9am–12.30pm; contact Matthew Keighery 9967 2682
- Retreat Reserve; 9–12 noon; contact Lorraine Cairnes 9958 1213 or Jill Newton 9967 4933

#### Third Saturday of the month

- Rockley St; 9am–12 noon; contact Tanya Coates 0411 086 105
- Torquay Estate Reserve; 1–3pm; contact Jo Nolan 9958 8237

#### Third Sunday of the month

- Beverley Blacklock Reserve/Cheyne Walk, 9am–12 noon, contact Frances Davis at WCC 9777 1000
- Casement Reserve; 9am–12 noon; contact Sue Burk 9958 4295
- Oriel Reserve; 9am–12 noon; contact Mandy Wilson 9777 7875 or Rob Gibson 0409 035 614

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