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## CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm, Tuesday, 22 May, 2012

The Marion Mahony Griffin Hall at Glenaeon School  
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will be speaking on

“2011 Australian Institute of Architects  
Robin Boyd Award Winning Castlecrag House”

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## WEPA Protecting Environment for 30 years



*Toasting 30 years. Photo: Lorraine Cairns*

The Willoughby Environment Protection Association (WEPA) recently celebrated its 30th year. This is a very notable achievement for one of our most prominent local groups.

WEPA, a Member Group of the NSW Nature Conservation Council, received the NCC's Award for the Most Outstanding Environmental Group in 2009.

The citation stated *"Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA) is . . . involved with environmental matters at State and National levels. WEPA organises speaker meetings on a range of topics, lobbies Local, State and Federal Politicians, comments on plans and proposals before Local Government, has representatives on Local Government committees, supports community events and runs a major bush regeneration project along Sugarloaf Creek near Middle Harbour . . . WEPA's continuous community environmental activity . . . has resulted in a strong record of successful campaigns and influence in local environmental issues."*

At the Annual General Meeting, and birthday celebration, held in the Glenaeon Hall in Castlecrag, President Gay Spies reflected on the achievements of WEPA since establishment in 1982, and the resulting environmental changes which have marked the last three decades.

These include:

- Willoughby's Urban Bushland Plan of Management;
- An ecologically-focused approach to bushfire management in Willoughby;
- Successful major campaigns to protect bushland – in the Warringah Expressway corridor, especially through Castlecrag's Northern Escarpment; in Flat Rock Gully, Naremburn, which was threatened with massive filling; and by maintenance of the Foreshore Building Line and prevention of inappropriate development;
- WEPA's Sugarloaf Bush Regeneration Project, which began in November 1985. As a result of WEPA's work, the condition of the valley has changed out of sight. (WEPA's team numbers are depleted at present, and the President said that WEPA would welcome inquiries from bush regenerators who might like to work on this beautiful site. Inquiries: telephone Gay on 9958 8569;

- The WEPA native plant stall at the Castlecrag Village Fair and the Willoughby Spring Fair where Castlecrag gardeners will always find exciting additions for their gardens.

Gay Spies said that, for the coming year, "Far and away the biggest issue remains Climate Change and its promoter, Coal Seam Gas, together with the impacts they will have/are already having on the natural environment and biodiversity conservation."

Gay praised Willoughby Council for "doing its bit to reduce carbon emissions by Council and the community, with Climate Clever talks and workshops to show how we can make our homes, gardens and workplaces more sustainable and how we can change lifestyles to lighten our impact on the environment." She added, "We have a local government election in September. Election of environmentally aware candidates is vitally important to maintain the excellent record that Willoughby Council has delivered over many years."

We congratulate WEPA on its outstanding achievements for the environment over its first three decades.

WEPA's website [www.wepa.org.au](http://www.wepa.org.au) is worth a visit.



*A presentation to WEPA's president, Gay Spies.*

*Photo: Lorraine Cairnes*

## STOP PRESS:

**Have you responded to NSW Transport's survey "Improving Safety at the intersection of Edinburgh Road and Eastern Valley Way, Castlecrag" ? Deadline extended to May 25. The CPA urges everyone to do so.**

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March 2012 meeting report

Karen Smith, Education Officer of the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO), located at 39/137-145 Sailors Bay Road Northbridge, spoke at our general meeting on 6 March 2012.

Karen opened the meeting by acknowledging country and paying respect to the Cammeraygal people, the traditional custodians of the land now known as the lower North Shore including Castlecrag. (Karen is a Darug woman of the Barooberongal clan from the Hawkesbury area, and not a member of the Cammeraygal clan and so does not perform a welcome to country on this land.)

Karen explained that the AHO is a joint initiative by eight Councils, Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Manly, North Sydney, Pittwater, City of Ryde and Warringah Councils, who care enough to protect Aboriginal heritage in their areas. Part of the work of the AHO is to monitor Aboriginal sites in these council areas on a day-to-day basis and to develop long-term management reports to ensure the preservation and protection of the sites.

As Education Officer, Karen's role at the AHO, which involves working with schools and communities, gives her the opportunity

to teach upcoming generations about their Aboriginal cultural heritage, to tell stories of their local environment and the Aboriginal people that lived there, and to explain the importance of the heritage sites. She believes that through education she can plant the seed, and understanding will grow of the important Aboriginal heritage of this country.

Karen told us of fish traps or early swimming pools that have been excavated in Castlecrag and emphasised that in Willoughby we are placed between two very important Aboriginal heritage areas, namely the beautiful waterways of Middle Cove and the Lane Cove River. The wealth of Aboriginal heritage that has survived in these urban areas is astonishing. The current generations have a responsibility to look after what has survived and to care for their heritage. Once Aboriginal heritage sites are gone, they are lost forever.

We thank Karen for her interesting and informative presentation accompanied by excellent illustrations.

Councillors Gail Giles-Gidney and John Hooper attended the meeting and spoke of current local issues and answered questions.

Internationally acclaimed architect to speak in Castlecrag

The Castlecrag Progress Association is pleased to announce that Rachel Neeson of Neeson Murcutt architects will be speaking on Tuesday 22 May 2012 at 8pm in the Marion Mahony Hall, Glenaeon School at 121 Edinburgh Road Castlecrag.

Rachel will be speaking about the 2011 Australian Institute of Architects Robin Boyd Award winning Castlecrag House.

All are welcome to the first of this new and exciting series of talks "architects, clients and homes in Castlecrag".

Rachel will be joined by her clients, Jo Nolan and Luke Hastings in what promises to be an open and frank discussion on how this innovative and exciting project developed, perhaps even partially demystifying the architect-client relationship.

The Castlecrag House is a substantial alteration and addition to an existing



Photo: Brett Boardman

house that was designed and built for Luke's grandparents, Eric and Rita Kaye. Rachel, Jo and Luke will take the audience through the many threads of narrative of this project. Rachel described the project as being a truly collaborative process: 'Jo and Luke were integral to the design team.' Neeson Murcutt Architects was formed as a studio practice in 2004. Based in Sydney, they work in urban, suburban, rural and outback settings across Australia, on a range of project types from bespoke houses to housing prototypes, commercial and public commissions.

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## Castlecrag Notes

### Castlecrag Winners in 2012 Willoughby Heritage Awards

Three Castlecrag properties won awards in the recent 2012 Willoughby Heritage Awards.

#### Alterations and Additions Award

7 The Barquette, Castlecrag  
Architect: Weir Phillips P/L

#### Infill/Adaptive Reuse Award

325 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag  
Architect: Neeson Murcutt Architects

#### Restoration Award

Waterfront cottage, 217 B Edinburgh Rd  
Richard Blacklock

Of particular interest to many in the Castlecrag community is this year's Restoration Award. Conservation of the historic Castlecrag waterfront cottages has been a long process. Two waterfront cottages in Sugarloaf Bay, owned by Willoughby Council are relics of very early waterfront industry located there. In 2005, following a long campaign by the Castlecrag community, Council offered the cottages for long-term lease in return for the successful applicants undertaking restoration to conserve the buildings.

Richard Blacklock was successful in his application to lease one of the cottages, which includes original 1883 stone walls. These are amongst the oldest surviving structures in Willoughby. Richard's meticulous restoration and the example of sustainable living that he and his two sons have achieved there were recognised by the Award citation. In a later *Crag* we



Richard Blacklock receives his award from the Mayor, Pat Reilly.

Photo: WCC

will publish a little more history about the waterfront community which thrived along the southern shoreline of Sugarloaf Bay in the late 1800s.

We congratulate each of these Castlecrag winners on their achievements in the 2012 Willoughby Heritage Awards.

#### A good time to visit Canberra

The winning entry in the international competition to design Australia's National Capital was formally announced on 23 May 1912.

This is a significant historical landmark from the Walter Burley Griffin Society's perspective and several events are scheduled to celebrate this centenary. Professor James Weirick will be giving the Utzon 2012 Lecture at UNSW on Wednesday 23 May on this theme, while the Society's Marion Mahony Griffin Lecture will be held at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra on Thursday 30 August at 6pm.

The Society is also producing a web video, drawing on the Griffin vision for Australia's national capital, its big ideas and the beautiful drawings and perspectives created by the Griffins for the original competition. This web video will go live

on the Society's website and YouTube on Monday 28 May.

Further events will be published in next issue of *The Crag*.

#### Castlecrag's newest creative talent

With our weather cooling down, promising local actress Kitty Hopwood has her sights set on the US summer to further her studies.

Kitty has been actively involved with Castlecrag's Haven Amphitheatre from a young age, and hopes to continue in the proud tradition of creativity and the arts for which the suburb is known. "Castlecrag has this wonderful creative history, from Marion Mahony and Walter Burley Griffin who built the Haven Amphitheatre, right up to now when we have this great melting pot of creative people all living in the same place. Growing up here, it's impossible not to be a part of that."

Kitty graduated from The Actors Studio Australia in 2011, with two awards under her belt – the Eagle Eye Award for best feedback given in class, and the Studio's coveted Best Actor Award. Since graduating she has appeared in an independent production of Joe Hortua's 'Between Us', Fox Sports' 2012 Fantasy NRL TV promo, several short films for the International Film School Sydney, and of course the annual Christmas Carols at the Haven. She is applying for 2012 summer courses at major institutions in the US.

Should you wish to support Kitty in her endeavours she can be contacted at [hopwood\\_k@hotmail.com](mailto:hopwood_k@hotmail.com).




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## Castlecrag Notes *continued*

### Goodbye Graham!



Phil Mitchell  
(left) farewells  
Graham Bulger at  
Castlecrag Meats.

Photo:  
Trevor Henderson

Castlecrag meat-lovers bid a fond farewell to Graham Bulger of Castlecrag Meats after 36 years of delighting our taste buds with his splendid array of choice cuts, and our ears with his warm and witty repartee. Graham always made time to listen to his customers, share local news or the latest joke, make up special orders and generally provide good old-fashioned service. He was always ready to support local events with poster displays in his window, generous donations towards raffles and hampers and last, but by no means least, his wonderful sausages for our Community Fair sausage sizzle.

Of recent years he has specialized in gourmet and organic meats beyond the traditional fare, and is highly regarded by experts in the meat industry and the discerning chef and diner.

The CPA wishes Graham and his wife Helen all the very best for the next phase of their lives and would like to thank Graham for his ready support to our Association and the Castlecrag community over the years. He will be greatly missed. We look forward to meeting the new owners Phil and Kathleen Mitchell at Castlecrag Meats.

### Community Transport Clarification

Following considerable interest in the item on 'Community Transport' by Jennifer Kerr (*The Crag* No 182), Willoughby City Council (WCC) has provided the following updated information:

#### WCC CouncilCab service

Operating times: 10am to 3.30pm Tuesday to Friday.

Area covered: Willoughby City Council area.

Cost: \$25 per book of 5 vouchers, i.e. \$5 per trip, purchased from Council's Customer Service Centre, the Dougherty Community Centre or CouncilCab drivers.

Bookings: by phone 9777 1000 by 4pm the previous day.

#### Lower North Shore Community Transport

Service information is unchanged:

Operating times: 8am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday

Area covered: Lower North Shore including Willoughby, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Mosman and neighbouring suburbs.

Cost: \$12 return, payable to the driver.

Bookings: by phone: 9490 9554; advisable to book as early as possible as the service is heavily utilised.

**Editor**

### IGA opens in Castlecrag

From May 9, Castlecrag will have the supermarket in the Quadrangle managed by Independent Grocers' Association.

### Farewell Diana

Diana Dupain, mother of Rex and Danina, was a resident of The Scarp, Castlecrag for many years and passed away in her 90th year this March. To quote from her obituary, "she lived a rich and varied life and was a friend to many." Although she had moved from the family home some time ago, one often met her at Northbridge shopping centre, to be greeted by her warm and gracious smile.

### Jessie Noel Shaw 1916–2012

We were sad to hear of the death of Jessie Noel (known as Noel) Shaw on 7 March after more than 50 years' living in Castlecrag.

Noel and her husband Stan moved to Sydney in 1960 after Stan's appointment as second Professor of Engineering at the University of New South Wales. Noel continued living in their Edinburgh Road house after Stan's death in 1982. Her schooling was in Adelaide, followed by studies at the University of Western Australia where she met Stan, at Oxford and the University of Melbourne. Her professional specialty was as a social worker assisting disadvantaged children.

Noel was an intrepid traveller, particularly interested in remote cultures. Her last adventure was to Afghanistan where a week later her hotel was bombed. She served as secretary and president of the Artarmon Bowling Club, belonged to Probus and was interested in music, drama and literature. She was a generous and independent person and will be missed by her many friends and neighbours in Castlecrag.

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## The Houses of Castlecrag

Everyone entering castlecrag via The Bastion drives past and notices this house, with its circular tower around which the road seems to curl. Ben Gerstel tells in this article some of its fascinating stories. 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.

### Camelot, 3 The Bastion Castlecrag

This wonderful, heritage-listed house is situated in a commanding position with views towards Sailors Bay. Once these views captured the sparkling water and the boats of the bay, and now they are glimpsed through the trees.

This house, now called Camelot (i), was originally named Pangloss, after a character of eternal optimism in Voltaire's satire, *Candide*. It is believed it was given the name Pangloss by the original owners of the house, Betty Roland and her partner Guido Baracchi. Baracchi was a member of the Australian Communist Party and a dedicated Marxist scholar (ii). They selected the block of land with the help of Eric Nicholls, a partner of Walter Burley Griffin, and the house was built between 1938 and 1939 (iii). By this time, Griffin had left Australia for India where he died in 1937.

Betty Roland (1903–1996) was an Australian writer of plays, screenplays, and novels as well as children's books and comics. Her best known play, *The Touch of Silk* was hailed at its premiere as the first Australian play written by a real dramatist. Her first screenplay, *The Spur of the Moment*, was claimed to be the first Australian talkie in 1932 (iv).

Roland came across the plans of a circular house, known as the J. L. Symington Residence which was designed by Walter Burley Griffin in 1929. It was originally to be built in The Rampart but this did not happen. Roland liked the design because the circular room could be used as a theatre where her plays could be performed. This room opened onto a terrace where the audience would sit. Eric Nicholls added two symmetrical wings to increase the size of the house. It is built of stone and brick and has a flat roof.

Some of the features of the house are its stone work, in combination with the use of pale sandy yellow calsil bricks (these bricks are made from calcium silicate). There is decorative concrete brickwork in front of the windows. Another interesting detail of the house is the narrow, cantilevered stone steps, embedded into the external wall of the circular room, which rise around the curved wall to the roof for an amazing view. There is no balustrade on these steps.

The main fireplace is located in the circular room and becomes a focal point of this space. It is built from stone with magnificent curved stone seats to either side of the fireplace aperture. Another



Photo: Ben Gerstel

room has a smaller fireplace designed on a quarter of a circle. This fireplace did not draw properly and smoked out the room. The owner at the time went back to Nicholls to come and look, which it is said he did, but nothing was done except he suggested calling it the Smoke Room.

The house has not changed greatly over time. When the current owners moved in 40 years ago, they found all the walls were covered with Florence Broadhurst wallpaper which they removed. They engaged heritage architect Robert Moore to make some additions as well as to rework an existing annex into a bedroom, bathroom, laundry and storage.

The owners love the house, with its memories of the colourful people who lived in the house before them and all its fascinating history.

**Ben Gerstel**  
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## ENVIRONMENT NEWS • environment news • ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Tiny Ticks - Big Problem

Until a few years ago team members on WEPA's Sugarloaf Bush Regeneration Project never got ticks, but it's a different story now.

But you don't work in the bush, don't bushwalk, so, no worries? Not so! An infestation of tick larvae or nymphs can be acquired just from raking up leaves in the garden.

But, why worry? You only develop an annoying itch. Again, not so. Ticks are carriers of a number of serious diseases, the nastiest of which is Lyme disease

A tick will suck the blood of a reservoir organism, in Australia that's most native animals, and then if a human is to be its next blood meal, it will pass on the causative organism. This is a bacterium called *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato*. Whether this organism is endemic in Australian ticks is controversial, but if Lyme disease is diagnosed early, it is easily treated with antibiotics.

Most doctors are unaware of the symptoms, which imitate other conditions and patients may receive incorrect diagnoses. The blood tests carried out in Australia are not sensitive enough to give a positive diagnosis so symptomatic individuals have to resort to expensive overseas testing. If not recognised and treated promptly, Lyme disease can cause chronic debilitating illness.

Ticks can act as carriers for other bacteria, viruses and protozoa capable of causing serious disease. The most common co-infection in Australia is by *Rickettsia* species,

causing Spotted Fevers, and by *Babesia*, causing a disease which was not supposed to exist in Australia, until a fatal case was diagnosed recently at Canberra hospital.

Ticks are mostly found in vegetation less than 1m high. Larvae, the smallest stage of the life cycle, are found in moist leaf litter and are the size of a pin-prick. Nymphs and the larger adults are found on low grasses and bushes from where they latch on to clothing. Wet humid weather seems to favour them.

#### How to protect yourself against ticks

Spray your skin and clothing with a personal insect repellent. Those containing DEET (eg Aerogard, Rid, Bushman) are commonly recommended. On the Sugarloaf Project we use Mosi-guard, which is less toxic but protects against ticks for 4 hours.

Wear suitable protective clothing: long pants tucked into socks, a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants with its collar turned up, and a wide-brimmed hat. Ticks may survive the washing machine cycle but should be killed in 10 minutes in a hot dryer.

#### How to deal with ticks

If you are covered with the larval and/or nymph stages, soak in a bath in water deep enough to cover the hips and to which 1 cup of Bicarb Soda has been added. For lesser infestations, apply Lyclear, a scabies ointment, and apply again after 1 minute. We find dabbing on some Mosi-guard as effective as Lyclear. Leave until the tick/s drop off.

This article is largely based on *The Tick Edition*, the March 2012 Newsletter, No 112, of the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators NSW. It is available as a free download from <[www.aabr.org.au](http://www.aabr.org.au)> Readers of *The Crag* are strongly urged to read it for fuller information.

### Diamond Pythons are really Treasures!

A large Diamond Python has taken up residence in a garden in Edinburgh Road Castlecrag, much to the delight of the owners.

These large snakes are non-venomous although they can still bite (like most wild animals), so if you see one in the wild do not try to handle it. They are very beautiful with a patterned skin in a dark brown to black in colour with cream to yellow irregular spots that sometimes take the shape of diamonds. They are yellow to cream underneath.

This species, *Morelia spilota*, is native to the east coast of NSW, and is quite common around bushland areas; however, they often go undetected because of their nocturnal, slow-moving habits. During the day, they may be seen basking in trees.

Diamond pythons can grow to 3-4 metres; they live on small reptiles and mammals such as mice and rats, and even birds. Like all pythons, the Diamond Python kills its prey by wrapping itself around its victim and suffocating it.

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# Neighbourhood Watch

(Castlecrag and Middle Cove)

Crime statistics were available up to end of February only.

However recently there was a report in the local press of an indecent assault in Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag. This news was also on the public Facebook page 'Project Eye Watch', an initiative of North Shore Local Area Command.

### Teenager charged with assault of jogger in Castlecrag

• 16 Apr 12 @ 09:01am by AAP

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with the indecent assault of a female jogger on

Sydney's north shore on Sunday afternoon. Police said the 42-year-old woman was tackled to the ground and briefly indecently assaulted.

She had been jogging along Edinburgh Road at Castlecrag when she was approached from behind by the teenager.

"The woman screamed and the teenager ran from the scene into nearby bushland," NSW Police said in a statement.

Police from North Shore Local Area Command went to the location and arrested a 15-year-old in the vicinity.

They also recovered a backpack containing clothes which police will allege had been dumped into a garbage bin in front of a home in The Citadel.

Police have charged the boy from Chatswood with one count of indecent assault.

He has been granted conditional bail to appear at Hornsby Children's Court on May 10, 2012

The next two Community Police Briefings will be on 12 June and 14 August, 6:30 pm at Chatswood Police Station.

Incident Category	Details	Address	Premise	Date	Start Time
Stealing	Other steal	Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Thurs 6 Nov	8pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Rembrandt Dr Middle Cove	Residential	Wed 19 Nov	7.45am
Sexual offence-other	Act of indecency	Sortie Port & The Battlement Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Thurs 20 Nov	4.30pm
Sexual offence-other	Act of indecency	The Postern & Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Thurs 20 Nov	4.50pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Morotai Cres Castlecrag	Residential	Fri 28 Nov	10pm
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Morotai Cres Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Fri 28 Nov	10pm
Stealing	Steal from marine vessel	Rockley St & The Bulwark Castlecrag	Marine transport	Sun 23 Nov	5pm
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Carpark	Wed 2 Nov	9am
Stealing	Steal from dwelling	The Bulwark Castlecrag	Residential	Fri 21 Nov	9.30pm
Stealing	Steal from marine vessel	Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Sat 15 Nov	10am
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	The Lee Middle Cove	Residential	Tue 6 Dec	3pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Rembrandt Dr Middle Cove	Residential	Fri 23 Dec	11am
Stealing	Other steal	Glenroy Ave Middle Cove	Residential	Wed 7 Dec	2.30pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Sugarloaf Cres Castlecrag	Residential	Mon 19 Dec	10am
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	The Postern Castlecrag	Residential	Tue 27 Dec	4pm
Stealing	Steal from marine vessel	The Bartizan	Residential	15 Nov-13 Jan	-
Stealing	Other steal	Sugarloaf Cres Castlecrag	Residential	Fri 6 Jan	3am
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Residential	Thurs 19 Jan	5.45pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Glenroy Ave Middle Cove	Residential	Mon 23 Jan	4pm
Stealing	Steal from marine vessel	Sortie Port Castlecrag	Residential	Sat 4 Feb	7pm
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Sortie Port Castlecrag	Residential	Sat 4 Feb	7pm

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- **Tuesday 15 May, 8pm**

Willoughby Environment Protection Association (WEPA)  
Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road,  
Castlecrag. Guest Speaker: Meg Covey, WCC Bushfire Officer  
See [www.wepa.org.au](http://www.wepa.org.au) for information.

- **Tuesday 22 May, 8pm**

Castlecrag Progress Association (CPA) Inc  
Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road,  
Castlecrag Speaker: Rachel Neeson of Neeson Murcutt Architects.  
All welcome. For further information: [info@castlecrag.org.au](mailto:info@castlecrag.org.au)

- **Thursday 24 May, 8pm**

Castlecrag Conservation Society (CCS)  
Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road,  
Castlecrag  
Enquiries: Matthew Keighery, 9967 2688

- **Saturday 2 June, 2pm**

Sydney Opera Society  
Recital by Opera Diploma Students of Sydney Conservatorium of Music.  
Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Laurel and High Streets, Willoughby  
Enquiries: Shirley Robertson, 02 9605 5851

- **Friday 29 June, 8pm and Sunday 1 July, 2pm**

Willoughby Symphony Orchestra  
Classic Spain is this concert's inspiration with Slava Grigoryan, guitarist.  
Enquiries: 9777 7639; Bookings: 9020 6968

- **Tuesday 12 June, 6.30pm. Also Tuesday 14, August.**

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

### 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; 9.00 - 12.00; contact Lorraine Cairnes 9958 1213 or Jill Newton 9967 4933

##### Third Saturday of the month

- Rockley Street; 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; 9.00am -12.00 noon; contact Mandy Wilson 9777 7875 or Rob Gibson 0409 035 614

#### Castlecrag Community Library

Support your local library. Opening hours: Tuesday 3-4.30pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Saturday 10am-12noon.

Phone: 9958 8395

#### The Castlecrag Creative Circle

Sunday 27 May, 3-6pm, at the Community Centre, down the driveway in The Postern. You are invited to come and share what connects you creatively to Castlecrag at the first gathering of this new group being lead by our young writers, actors, poets, musicians, artists, dancers & photographers.

RSVP 25 May: Kitty Hopwood [hopwood\\_k@hotmail.com](mailto:hopwood_k@hotmail.com) 0415 458 407 or Terese Hayward [terese@teresehayward.com](mailto:terese@teresehayward.com) 0405 363 776

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Please contact: [editors@castlecrag.org.au](mailto:editors@castlecrag.org.au) with details of forthcoming events and activities for inclusion.

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