

## Have your say in the future of Castlecrag

### THE 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



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The NSW Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 8 September 2012. There will be two elections in Willoughby City, one for Mayor and the other for twelve Councillors. Three Councillors are elected for each ward. Castlecrag (together with Northbridge and South Willoughby) is in Sailors Bay Ward.

You will therefore be voting for the Mayor and three Sailors Bay Ward Councillors.

As nominations close after *The Crag* has gone to press on 8 August we are not previewing candidates in this issue.

Castlecrag Progress Association jointly with Northbridge and Willoughby South Progress Associations is hosting a public meeting to meet the Sailors Bay Ward and Mayoral candidates, who will speak about what is important to them, and will answer your questions. This is to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 August at the Marion Mahony Hall, Glenaeon School, Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag.

Councils are the arm of government that most affect our day to day lives. The Council does much more than collect our garbage and pave our streets.

The twelve new Councillors including the Mayor will determine Council's policy from September of this year.

Council policy determines:

- management and conservation of our beautiful bushland and the wildlife in it, and Castlecrag's built heritage;
- through its planning controls, the LEP (Local Environmental Plan) and DCP (Development Control Plan), the type of uses in Castlecrag which will be permissible and where high density or medium density development might be permitted;
- whether your neighbour's proposed development will impact adversely on views, overshadow living areas or result in a loss of trees that are a part of our local landscape;
- establishment and management of parks and sporting facilities;
- fostering and promotion of the arts and cultural life of Willoughby City and other aspects which nurture community life;
- opportunities for public participation and strategies to ensure transparency in the decision making process.

The current council has achieved much, and its performance has been widely recognised, with Willoughby City Council being the Local Government Association winner of the coveted AR Bluett Memorial Award 2010/2011 (as reported in *The Crag* No. 182, page 2). It was described as being 'well-managed and innovative'. Through Council's environmental achievements, made possible through the e.restore levy, WCC has become a recognised leader in environment and sustainability. The Concourse, the beautiful performing arts centre and library located in the heart of Chatswood, has also brought additional life, learning and cultural events to Willoughby City.

The public meeting on August 29 is a great opportunity for you to understand what each candidate stands for and why they are standing. Check out their views and credentials on issues such as: the environment; urban sustainability; pollution and waste management; planning and development, and public participation and accountability.

**MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS ON 8 SEPTEMBER!**

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Your choice of Mayor and three Sailors Bay Ward Councillors in the 8 September election will be important to the future of your suburb

COME AND HEAR THE CANDIDATES SPEAK ABOUT THEIR CREDENTIALS AND THEIR POSITIONS ON LOCAL ISSUES, AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

7:30pm  
Wednesday 29  
August, 2012  
Marion Mahony  
Hall  
Glenaeon School  
121 Edinburgh Road  
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This Public Meeting has been organised by the three Progress Associations within Sailors Bay Ward

Castlecrag Progress Association  
Northbridge Progress Association  
Willoughby South Progress Association

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## STOP PRESS:

On 14 July 2012, the NSW Government released *A New Planning System for New South Wales – Green Paper*. The closing date for submissions is Friday 14 September 2012. For further information visit: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/a-new-planning-system-for-nsw](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/a-new-planning-system-for-nsw)

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**CPA Annual General Meeting – May 2012**

Over 100 people attended the AGM at  
the Marion Mahony Hall, Glenaeon School.  
Our guest speakers, Rachel Neeson of  
Neeson Murcutt Architects and her clients  
Luke Hastings and Jo Nolan, spoke about  
the Castlecrag House, winner of the Robin  
Boyd Award for Residential Architecture  
at the 2011 National Architecture  
Awards. (See page 5 for a report of the  
presentation).

**2012-2013 CPA COMMITTEE**

The 2012-2013 committee was elected  
with Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney as  
returning officer.

We welcome two new committee  
members, Matthew Keighery and Richard  
Wyllie. A short profile of each is below.

The 2012-2013 Executive Committee  
members were elected: President: James  
Fitzpatrick; Vice-Presidents: David Harrop  
and Kate Westoby; Treasurer: Diana Jones,  
and Secretary: Jill Newton.

Five serving committee members were re-  
elected: Joe Christie, Warwick Lynch, Gay  
Spies OAM, Dr John Steel and Phil Walsh.

We sadly farewelled one of our longest  
serving committee members, Elizabeth  
Lander. We are delighted that at the AGM  
she was made a life member of the CPA.

**NEW CPA LIFE MEMBER**

Lifetime Castlecrag resident **Elizabeth  
Lander** has left Castlecrag to live in New  
Zealand for a short while to be closer to  
her daughter and grandchildren. At the  
CPA AGM in May 2012, Vice-President,  
Kate Westoby, nominated Elizabeth as  
a life member of CPA, and spoke of  
her contributions and achievements in  
Castlecrag.

Elizabeth served on the CPA committee  
for over twenty years and during that  
time held the positions of President,  
Vice-President and Secretary. She worked  
tirelessly in each of these roles and actively  
participated in the major campaigns to  
save the Castlecrag Public School and to  
prevent the freeway along the Castlecrag  
peninsula.

Elizabeth always provided wise counsel to  
the committee. She kept the committee  
in line, with her extensive knowledge  
of the CPA constitution and conduct of  
meetings. She has been a member of  
Council committees, worked tirelessly for  
our fairs, made delicious sandwiches for us  
at every opportunity and with her extensive  
knowledge of the history of Castlecrag and  
its residents, helped the various committees  
enormously. Elizabeth has lived all of her  
life (apart from a period at boarding school)  
in Castlecrag. She is passionate about  
Castlecrag and, as Ken Thomas' daughter,  
became steeped in an understanding of  
the history and politics of Castlecrag at an  
early age. We will miss Elizabeth while she  
is away but hope she returns to Castlecrag  
soon. We expect and hope that we will see  
her at future meetings!

**NEW CPA COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Matthew Keighery** and his family moved  
to Castlecrag from North Sydney ten years  
ago to be closer to bushland. He is (mostly)  
a keen bushcarer and since coming to  
Castlecrag has gained a Bush Regeneration  
Certificate, a Diploma of Conservation  
and Land Management and is about to  
complete a Bachelor of Science degree,  
majoring in Plant Ecology. Matthew is on  
the Griffin Reserves Advisory Committee,  
is Secretary of the Castlecrag Conservation  
Society, and a committee member of  
Bushcare's Major Day Out.

Professionally, Matthew produces video  
and multimedia content, predominately  
for corporate clients. He is excited by the  
opportunities that new media technologies  
provide to engage the Castlecrag  
community.

**Richard Wyllie** is a Chartered Accountant  
and has been a resident of Castlecrag  
for 16 years. He likes the sense of  
community, natural bushland setting,  
native wildlife and scenic waterways, all  
of which make Castlecrag a unique and  
special place. Richard has a strong interest  
in sustainability and in preserving both  
the sensitive natural and architectural  
heritage of Castlecrag for future  
generations to enjoy.

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## Castlecrag Notes



Stone Steps near the Haven Amphitheatre, by local artist Antoinette Mc Sharry.

### Footpath Master Plan for Castlecrag?

Council has exhibited the first stage of a footpath 'masterplan' for Castlecrag. The CPA was notified of the draft plan and it was exhibited on the WCC website. However Castlecrag residents were not otherwise notified.

The proposal under the first stage of this 'masterplan' is to pave footpaths in a number of streets. Due to the effect the proposed footpaths will have on the bush

suburb of Castlecrag, including street trees and more rapid stormwater runoff, the CPA is researching alternative solutions and will draft a detailed submission to Council as soon as possible.

We are disappointed that Council did not consult residents much earlier in the process to establish principles to guide the proposed plan. The closing date for submissions was extended to 3 August 2012, but the CPA will be applying for a further extension.

For those who did not know about this masterplan you may wish to write to Council on [email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au) and ask for a copy of the plan as well as time to comment.

### Valda Wilson

Castlecrag's Haven Amphitheatre has nurtured many local talents at its annual Christmas Carols and other performances. One of these is soprano Valda Wilson who has been performing at the famous Semperoper in Dresden for the past two years. During July-August she will be a member of the Salzburg Festival's Young Singers Project.

At the request of Richard Bonyng, Valda returns to Sydney later this year to sing the title role in Handel's opera *Rodelinda* at the City Recital Hall, Angel Place on 20th October. This Australian premier concert performance of the 18th Century masterpiece will be conducted by Maestro Bonyng to raise funds for the Joan Sutherland & Richard Bonyng Opera Foundation. Other singers in the all star Australian cast will be Fiona Janes and Liane Keegan, two of Australia's

most internationally experienced mezzo sopranos; last year's Bel Canto Award winner, tenor John Longmuir; popular soprano Lorina Gore; and the acclaimed international baritone, Michael Lewis.

Valda tells us that *Rodelinda* is filled with glorious arias and duets and is a story of love, revenge, power and finding freedom. She is very excited to be singing in what promises to be an historic evening for all opera lovers and also very happy to have a chance to spend time in Castlecrag, walk the bush tracks again and chat with friends over coffee at the shops.

### Nancy Mackay Fleming 1918-2012

Nancy Fleming died recently aged 94, having lived life to the full. For over sixty years she lived in Castlecrag overlooking the waters of Sugarloaf Bay. Her home was open to everyone and as her daughter says "the kettle was always ready, the wine and whisky cabinet always on standby."

Nancy's interests were numerous. Her professional background in social work ranged from helping children at Barnardos to being on the board of management of the Alzheimer's Association. Opera became one of her last passions, which over her time included most of life's pleasures, travel, sport, and discussions with friends.

In the words of her daughter, "She was a very special, loyal and gracious gem to all her many friends. Nancy was always there for everyone. Her beauty, insight, sympathy, grace, humanity, comfort and care will live on in those she has touched."

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### Phill Mitchell, Castlecrag Meats

Further to our news of change in ownership of Castlecrag Meats, we are pleased to provide a short summary of the career in butchery of its new proprietor, Phill Mitchell.

Phill's career began with an apprenticeship at Rochester St Quality Meats Homebush where he worked for several years after qualifying as a Butcher in 2001. Following a period in London, working at Dove's Meats, London, UK, he worked for several years as a butcher at Hudson Meats, Surry Hills, before becoming co-owner and manager of Hudson Meats at Cammeray and later co-owner of Hudson Meats Lane Cove.

From 2010 Phill has been an Instructor of Butchery in the cooking classes at Accoutrement Mosman, Essential Ingredient Rozelle, and Quarter 21 Sydney. For the past year he was Head Butcher at Becasse Restaurant & Quarter 21 Restaurant in Sydney.

Phill is now owner and manager of Castlecrag Meats, Castlecrag. We welcome Phill, his wife Kathleen and their family to Castlecrag. It is clear that Castlecrag Meats continues to be in good hands!

### New IGA Supermarket

We extend a warm welcome to Andrew and Suzanne Bray, the new proprietors of the IGA [Independent Grocers of Australia] supermarket in Castlecrag which opened for business in the Quadrangle

in May 2012. Andrew and Suzanne have completely refurbished and upgraded the store, adding nearly 1500 products to their range.

Their aim is to work with the community, and they encourage residents to suggest items to be included on the shelves. Emphasis is on local employment and supporting local activities such as through a Community Chest program whereby 1cent from certain listed items is contributed to a Community Chest fund.

Andrew and Suzanne have considerable previous experience in managing supermarkets, and at present also manage stores at Allambie Heights and Collaroy Beach.

We wish them every success in this venture.

### Canberra Centenary Celebrations

The official launch of the programme of events for 2013 celebrating Canberra's centenary will take place on Tuesday 4 September. There will be plenty to interest Castlecrag residents, including an exhibition at the National Archives of Australia.

This will be a major exhibition, opening on 28 February 2013 and running for six months, which will feature the original Griffin drawings and perspectives, and will also include material from other entrants in the competition of 1911-12.

The original drawings are part of NAA's collection and were painstakingly restored by their conservators ten years ago after being pasted to chipboard in the 1960s. Recently, hi-tech research has been undertaken by NAA curators on the drawings regarding conservation and future display.

### 'The Griffins and Castlecrag: A walk of exploration.'

Local historian Bob McKillop will be leading a walk to explore the Griffin Conservation Area that will highlight the planning principles behind the landscape plan, the relationship of the buildings to the environment and the sense of community that was forged in the 1920s and sustained into the present day.

The walk is on Sunday 16 September, commencing at 10am, and will take 2-2½ hours. It will include walking tracks of medium difficulty.

The tour is limited to 25 participants and bookings are essential. Please call 9410 3203 for bookings or email [willoughbydistrict@bigpond.com](mailto:willoughbydistrict@bigpond.com).

The cost is \$20 per head (\$15 for WDHS members).

### Northbridge Primary School Reunion: Class of 1962

On 17 November 2012, the "Class of 1962" will be gathering to celebrate 50 years since completion of school at Northbridge Primary. A get-together is planned at the School, then a dinner at the Golf Club. An extended family picnic lunch is planned for Sunday 18th.

We also would like to get in contact with our school friends who would have been in the year above and below us (ie 1961 and 1963).

If you were in any of those classes, or know someone who was, could you please send contact details to Bruce Wilson, [bythwilson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bythwilson@optusnet.com.au).



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## Robin Boyd award-winning Castlecrag house featured at Castlecrag Progress Association AGM

The first of a new series of talks 'architects, clients and homes in Castlecrag' was held at our AGM in May. Rachel Neeson of Neeson Murcutt Architects and her clients Luke Hastings and Jo Nolan spoke about the Castlecrag House, which won the Robin Boyd Award for Residential Architecture at the 2011 National Architecture Awards.

The Castlecrag House is a substantial alteration and addition to an existing house originally owned by Luke's grandparents, Eric and Rita Kaye. Eric was a much loved and respected president of the Castlecrag Progress Association, an alderman and deputy mayor of Willoughby. Eric and Rita had an abiding love for Castlecrag and were passionate advocates for the natural environment.

It is fitting therefore that the house, designed around a sandstone outcrop, an angophora forest and views of Middle Harbour, preserves the memory of the original house by subtle references to the scale of spaces in the original house, the recycling of its bricks and even the presence of a fish tank. Luke said 'preserving memory was a big part of our brief'. As Rachel emphasised, the architectural significance of the site in a spectacular part of Griffin's Castlecrag dictated that the house respected and blended into the natural environment. A little piece of Griffin memorabilia, part of a Knitlock block from the facade of Griffin's Pyrmont

Incinerator, salvaged by a neighbour during its demolition, is embedded in the house.

It was an inspirational night. Clearly, Castlecrag has gained a further architectural icon. To use the Jury's words:

*'The project has poignancy and depth, created through threads of materiality and narrative that reveal an exemplary working of house as home.'*

We congratulate and thank Rachel, Jo and Luke.

### Professor James Weirick receives prestigious award

Professor James Weirick (MLA Harvard) – University of New South Wales and President of The Walter Burley Griffin Society – received the 2012 President's Prize from Matthew Pullinger, president of the Australian Institute of Architects NSW Chapter, at the Australian Institute of Architects 2012 NSW Architecture Awards. In making this award the president said:

*'I applaud James as an academic who contributes to public debate. I have long admired his ability to encapsulate the essence of subtle and complex issues with great intellect, sharp wit and an occasional hint of mischief. James has been a dedicated educator, writer, commentator and advocate for cities. Through the prism of landscape architecture, he has been a strong ally of the architect and defender of the public realm and its profoundly civilising effects. I feel very privileged and proud to award the 2012 President's Prize to Professor James Weirick.'*

The President referred to James' interest, extending over 30 years, in the life work of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin while noting that his interest was initiated by his uncle, Colin C Day, who worked as Walter Burley Griffin's last articulated pupil and who lived with the Griffins in Castlecrag in the 1930s.

### Architecture award for The Concourse

Willoughby's Concourse and its architects, Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (fjmt) has received a Public Architecture Award at the Australian Institute of Architects 2012 NSW Architecture Awards. The Jury, chaired by Philip Vivian (Bates Smart), said of The Concourse:

*'Stratification of uses is the most remarkable aspect of the project. Concert and performance halls are suspended over the tiered civic plaza – which forms a podium that contains the public library, community spaces and retail and which connects directly to street frontages. These strata not only resolve the difficult functional relationships but also symbolise a hierarchy of public architecture, where community and commercial uses form a foundation that supports cultural uses. This project exemplifies a maturing and sophistication of traditional municipal architecture. It demonstrates the potential for well-conceived civic design to transform suburban to urban and express local values, identity and culture.'*

Ben Gerstal's 'Houses of Castlecrag' is replaced only in this issue, and his interesting series will continue in November.



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## Red Triangle Slug

This native slug (scientific name *Triboniophorus graeffei*) is one of the most spectacular slugs in Castlecrag gardens. It is Australia's largest native land slug – it can grow to 14 cm. The distinctive red triangle on its back surrounds its breathing pore.

Slugs act as Nature's garbage collectors and recyclers, consuming and further breaking down dead and decaying matter. Red Triangle Slugs are often found grazing on microscopic algae or lichen, leaving feeding tracks as they go – lines of small arc-shaped markings – on the surface of smooth-barked eucalypt trees or on paths and timber surfaces. If given the chance, they will also remove bathroom and shower-recess mould!

Land slugs stay moist by hiding under tree bark, fallen logs, and in man-made structures, such as pots. The slime trail that slugs leave allows others of the same species to identify a potential mate.

Native slugs can be differentiated from introduced slugs because they have only one pair of tentacles, while introduced slugs have two pairs. The introduced European Leopard Slug, with a dappled mantle, is common around Castlecrag. They eat detritus, and even prey on native slugs.

Because the Red Triangle Slug is an important native inhabitant of our gardens, please be careful with snail bait, to which it is quite susceptible. You can reduce or eliminate the use of snail bait by encouraging snail predators. Common Blue-tongue Lizards eat the snails and slugs

that are killed by the bait, which in turn poisons the Blue-tongues. Slugs cannot hurt you, but the bad ones will eat your strawberries, in which case, get yourself a duck, or encourage a Blue-tongue Lizard. For hints on how to do this, see *The Crag* No. 178, February 2011, at [www.castlecrag.org.au/crag/Full%20Issue/Crag%20No%20178.pdf](http://www.castlecrag.org.au/crag/Full%20Issue/Crag%20No%20178.pdf)

## Managing our Waste

*Managing our Waste: an environmental history of Flat Rock Creek and the Willoughby Incinerator 1900–2011* is the title of Bob McKillop's latest book which was launched by Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Sherington at the Willoughby District Historical Society (WDHS) Museum in June 2012.

In the book Bob, formerly editor of *The Crag* and President of the Castlecrag Progress Association and a member of the WDHS Management Committee, traces the history of rubbish disposal in the area from 1900 and the developing role of local government in waste management. The confirmed outbreak of bubonic plague in 1900 emphasised the urgency of regulated urban waste disposal, particularly with increasing settlement on the lower North Shore.

Various disposal methods were used, culminating in the 1934 construction in Small Street, Willoughby of the building designed by Walter Burley Griffin to house the Reverberatory Incinerator and Engineering Co's incinerator. Unfortunately the building fell into disrepair and after

various vicissitudes was restored recently by WCC with assistance from the Australian Government's National Heritage Investment Initiative. It is no longer used for waste disposal.

A theme developed in the book is increasing community awareness of environmental and social issues. Dumped and covered rubbish in Flat Rock Creek gully over the years provided sporting facilities, but by the 1980s dumping became unacceptable to the community and, increasingly, recycling and sustainable solutions were favoured.

The result of considerable research, the book is interesting to read, containing excellent historical photographs and reminiscences of residents who grew up in the area. Several residents recounted nostalgic tales of adventures exploring the tip, clearly a highlight of their youth!

The book costs \$22 from the Castlecrag Post Office, the WDHS or MWA International (140 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag).

## Bushcare's Major Day Out

Bushcare's Major Day Out was started in Willoughby and has now grown to be a major focus of Landcare week. Sunday 9 September is a day when we can all do our bit to help our bushland. So get along to Castle Cove, North Arm Reserve 9–12am. Tools, morning tea and expert supervision provided. Come on everyone!

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## Neighbourhood Watch

(Castlecrag and Middle Cove)

Police Incident Report April–June 2012

Incident Category	Details	Address	Premise	Date	Start Time
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Residential	Sat 7th Apr	2.16pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Tower Reserve Castlecrag	Residential	Fri 20th April	10.00am
Malicious damage	Graffiti	Glenroy Ave Middle Cove	Residential	Sun 1st April	3.00pm
Malicious damage	Malicious damage to property	Rutland Ave/Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Residential	Wed 4th April	8.00am
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	The Parapet Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Fri 13th April	3.00pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	The Bastion Castlecrag	Residential	Tue 1st May	1.00pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	The Parapet Castlecrag	Residential	Wed 16th May	12.45am
Break and enter	Break/enter Intent steal	The Rampart Castlecrag	Residential	Wed 16th May	2.00am
Break and enter	Break/enter Intent steal	Sugarloaf Cres Castlecrag	Residential	Thurs 17th May	5.05pm
Break and enter	Break/enter Intent/other felony	The Bulwark Castlecrag	Residential	Wed 16th May	12.00pm
Malicious damage	Malicious damage to property	Raeburn Ave/Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Thurs 31st May	7.30pm
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	The Parapet Castlecrag	Residential	Tues 15th May	11.59pm
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Rembrandt Drive Middle Cove	Outdoor/public place	Sat 26th May	5.40pm
Break and enter	Break/enter and steal	Linden Way Castlecrag	Residential	Sat 9th June	4.00pm
Malicious damage	Malicious damage to property	Raeburn Ave/Edinburgh Rd Castlecrag	Outdoor/public place	Fri 29th June	10.46am
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	Sortie Port Castlecrag	Residential	Sat 2nd June	4.30am
Stealing	Steal from motor vehicle	The Battlement Castlecrag	Residential	Sat 16th June	9.00pm
Stealing	Steal from dwelling	The Bulwark Castlecrag	Residential	Tues 26th June	11.30pm

### KEEP THESE PHONE NUMBERS HANDY

For URGENT police assistance  
including a suspected crime  
in progress

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For routine enquiries or advice  
after an incident phone:

Chatswood Police

**9414 8499**

Lanen Cove Police

**9428 1977**

To give information about any  
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**1800 333 000**

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## Diary Dates • Diary Dates • Diary Dates

### • **Wednesday 29 August, 8pm**

Castlecrag Progress Association (CPA) Inc

Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road

Speakers: Candidates for Willoughby Council Elections

All welcome. Contact [info@castlecrag.org.au](mailto:info@castlecrag.org.au) for further information

### • **Saturday 1 September, 2pm**

Sydney Opera Society

Speaker; Dr Robert Gibson "The Ring Cycle (Part 2)"

Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Laurel and High Streets, Willoughby

Enquiries: Shirley Robertson, on 9605 5851

### • **Sunday 16 September, 10am**

Willoughby District Historical Society

Guided Walk "The Griffins and Castlecrag: A Walk of Exploration"

Bookings essential

Call 9410 3203 or email [willoughbydistrict@bigpond.com](mailto:willoughbydistrict@bigpond.com)

### • **Tuesday 18 September, 8pm**

Willoughby Environment Protection Association (WEPA)

Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road

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

### • **Thursday 27 September, 8pm**

Castlecrag Conservation Society (CCS)

Free Public Talk: Wildlife in Willoughby, an emerging and changing picture of what is and isn't living in your street as well as what's needed to support it

Marion Mahony Griffin Hall, Glenaeon School, 121 Edinburgh Road

Enquiries: Matthew Keighery, on 9967 2688

### • **Friday 5 October, 8pm and Sunday 7 October, 2pm**

Willoughby Symphony Orchestra

Symphonie Fantastique

The Concourse, Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

Enquiries: 9777 7639 Bookings; 9020 6968

## OTHER NOTICES

### Castlecrag Bushcare Groups' Meeting Dates

#### First Sunday of the month

- Cortile Reserve; 8am–11am; contact Sue Burk 9958 4295
- Northern Escarpment; 9am–12noon; contact Richard Blacklock 0417 217 937 or 9958 8468

#### Second Saturday of the month

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

#### Second Sunday of the month

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

#### Third Saturday of the month

- Rockley Street; 9am–12noon; contact Tanya Coates 0411 086 105
- Torquay Estate Reserve; 1pm–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–12noon; contact Sue Burk 9958 4295
- Oriol Reserve; 9am–12noon; contact Mandy Wilson 9777 7875 or Rob Gibson 0409 035 614

### Castlecrag Community Library

Support your local library. Opening hours: Tuesday 3pm–4.30pm;

Thursday 2pm–5pm; Saturday 10am–12noon

Phone: 9958 8395

Diary Dates is a service by the Castlecrag Progress Association.

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



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