

NEWSLETTER OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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COUNCIL PROCEEDS WITH SLOW BURN

Tim Trumbull

To the horror of the Castlecrag Progress Association, Willoughby Council in its unique wisdom has decided to disregard advice from environmentalists and proceed with slow burning of selected areas of public reserves throughout the Municipality.

It has been rumoured that slow burns keep the fire brigade employees occupied during the winter to justify their mammoth budget --- Willoughby Council's annual Fire Board Levy is some \$250,000! The Association would dearly love to see the same employees (the impossible dream!) cleaning the undergrowth by the Bradley method and hence preserving our public reserves whilst ensuring the protection from bush fires of the houses adjacent to these reserves.

The Executive of the Association resolved at its meeting on 27 July 1982 to give full support, including financial assistance, to the Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA), to ensure that slow burns of public reserve throughout the Municipality be stopped and replaced by cleaning by the Bradley method.

BUSH DANCE -- SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1982

Following the outstanding success of the Bush Dance last December, the Castlecrag Progress Association advises that the Second Great Bush Dance will be held at the Castlecrag Community Centre on Saturday, 4 December. Please enter this date in your diary now. The organiser is Tim Trumbull (phone 95 5669) who is looking for country-type males to help out with the tent, stables and the bar.

NEXT MEETING of the CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be on Tuesday 31 August, 1982, at 8pm, in the Castlecrag Community Centre, off the Postern, Castlecrag, ALL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.

WILLOUGHBY FAMILY FUN FAIR

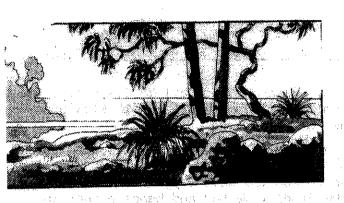
SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1982, 10am to 4pm WILLDUGHBY PARK

Castlectag Progress Association needs your help in making this day a success to our Community.

We are having a Junk Stall to raise money for our Progress Association. Could you please start looking through your cupboards for that junk you don't really need or want.

Clothes, crockery, toys, linen, furniture, etc., may be dropped in to 329 Edinburgh Road, or phone 95 5103 or 95 6936.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ann Korner

Since our last newsletter, Warringah Expressway Enquiry Commissioner Mr. David Kirby, the Crown Solicitor assisting the Enquiry Mr. Sheridan, representatives from the D.M.R., Professor Blunden, Milo Dunphy, representatives from the Total Environment Centre, Tony Howard from the Sydney Harbour Foreshores Committee, Judy Messer, members of our Progress Association and our Alderman Eric Kaye, all took a walk through the corridor along the northern escarpment finishing up at 325 Edinburgh Road. Everything went smoothly without accidents, though we had our first aid kit and splints at the ready!! Mr. Kirby and his colleagues could not but have been impressed by the tranquility and beauty of the bushland and foreshore scenery (and hopefully the need to preserve it!).

The next Progress Association meeting on August 31 will discuss the proposed bikeway. Residents on the northern side of Edinburgh Road will be affected and should come and voice their opinions. Details of the bikeway plan are elsewhere in this issue.

I would like to remind all the residents of Castlecrag how hard our Alderman, Eric Kaye, works for us at Willoughby Council meetings. Sometimes he is a lone voice and I know it is a fairly thankless job. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank him for his efforts at Council and also for his ever-ready availability to all with never a complaint -good work Eric, we do sincerely appreciate you!

BRAN FRUIT CAKE - a good healthy recipe without butter or eggs

- Loral James

Mix and soak for 2 hours: 1 cup unprocessed Bran

1 cup unprocessed Bran ½ cup raw sugar 1 cup mixed fruit 1½ cups milk

Add 1/2 cups Self-Raising Wheatmeal flour and bake in loaf tin at 350°F (180°C) Do not cut for 48 hows. Mmmmm. delicious!!

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ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Ald. Eric Kaye

THE WARRINGAH FREEWAY CORRIDOR ENQUIRY

This is proceeding well and the calling of witnesses by Mr. Kirby is expected to close by the end of September. Our Castlecrag Progress Association will be making its final appearance on Thursday 2 September, and the Castlecrag Conservation Society will also appear again. I am very pleased indeed at the impact which our speakers are having on those who support the construction of a freeway.

So many of our residents, including former Aldermen Dianne Street and John Crew, plus Ken Thomas, Garth Nicholson and many others have given support to our cause. A combination of these, together with the powerful submission by the Total Environment Centre are making significant inroads into the opposition's arguments.

The walk through the bush from Sunnyside Crescent has been covered by Ann Korner in her report and was an outstanding success.

OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT POLICY

On 26 July Willoughby Council adopted a draft Open Space Management Policy document prepared by its Recreation Sub-Committee. This will be placed on public exhibition for three months for comment and suggestions. It will be available at all libraries and Progress Associations.

It is a very important forward planning initiative and one to which I hope many of our residents will make contributions.

Many local groups throughout the Municipality have requested such a plan -- the Municipality of Willoughby has 312 hectares of open space, more than half of this being located in Middle Harbour Ward.

I think that the late President John F. Kennedy's words have a powerful message here for us..."One of the things that will have the most lasting impact on our society will be the way that we come to grips with the environmental problems of this century and beyond."

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DOGS & DOG CATCHERS

Rita Kaye

Everyone, or almost everyone, loves a dog, particularly a large dog. They offer not only companionship, but also protection against the odd prowler.

Castlecrag over the last few years has acquired many large dogs. But with them comes an increase of problems, such as overturned rubbish bins and streets left messy on a Monday and Thursday night, when the bins are put out for collection.

Now here is our request... If you own a dog, would you please see that, at least on Monday and Thursday nights, he/she/it is not allowed to roam loose, for it is a problem to people who have to next morning pick up rubbish and clean up their front lawn.

Also, it is unfair to those people who do keep their dog in at night and find that he/she/it has been arrested by the Dog Catcher, along with the guilty dogs.

This co-operation on your part will help keep Castlecrag looking as we would all like it to look, a beautiful suburb.

Similar problems relate to doggy messes. If you always drive and never happen to walk along our footpaths, you will not be aware of this. If you do see your dog bespoiling the footpaths, would you please somehow take care of it.



Castlecrag Squash Centre

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TUESDAY
9.30am to
12 noon

95 5891



KEEP FIT - PLAY SQUASH

A bikeway, running the full length of Edinburgh Road linking Castlecrag with Willoughby, is proposed in the recently released Regional Bike Plan. This realises a long-term aspiration of Castlecrag residents and the Castlecrag Progress Association to provide the children and youth of Castlecrag with a safe route to the school and community facilities at the shopping centre.

As most people are aware, over the years two children have been killed on Edinburgh Road by motor vehicles, but there have been no serious accidents on the rest of Castlecrag's roads.

For a bikeway on Edinburgh Road to be safe for children, it should be separated from vehicular through traffic. There are a number of possible ways to achieve this objective, the simplest being that shown on the diagram below.

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A bikeway can be accommodated on the existing road reservation using the unused space between parked cars and the edge of the central concrete roadway. A minimum bikeway width is 2.0 metres and should be separated by some distance from moving traffic in order to prevent falls off bikes on to the roadway. Separation can be achieved by a single log barrier and a defined parking reservation between the bikeway and road traffic.

This arrangement would leave the same width of road for through traffic as presently exists on the central concrete strip -- 6.0 metres. The bikeway and log divide could form the basis of a future plan to improve the appearance of Edinburgh Road by formalising parking bays with planter boxes.

These proposals will be discussed at the next Castlecrag Progress Association meeting on Tuesday, 31 August, 1982, and suggestions are invited. Interested people should either attend the meeting or write to the President of the Castlecrag Progress Association at 351 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag 2068.

CASTLECRAG CELLARS

122 EDINBURGH ROAD, CASTLECRAG PHONE 95 2682 or 958 1507

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TUESDAY:

3.30pm to 4.30pm

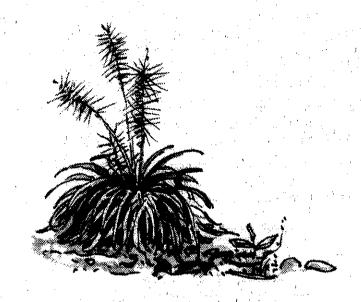
THURSDAY:

12.30pm to 3.00pm

SATURDAY:

10.00am to 12.00noon

When you drive to the Shopping Centre, please DO NOT DOUBLE PARK, DO NOT PARK CONTRARY TO NO STANDING SIGNS, AND DO NOT PARK IN DRIVEWAYS. Please consider your fellow residents of Castlecrag.



PUBLIC SEWERAGE MEETING

Dr. Nils Korner

A gathering of the "unsewered" took place on August 1, 1982, at the Recreation Reserve, Edinburgh Road. The meeting was held in the hope of hearing the result of the sewerage feasibility study promised by the M.W.S.& D.B. for mid-1982, but regretfully there has been a delay of "a few months" in the release of the report.

A petition to the Minister for Energy & Water Resources, Mr. Paul Landa, asking him to direct the M.W.S.& D.Board to give top priority to the provision of sewerage facilities for the unsewered areas of Willoughby Municipality was commenced, and unanimous resolutions were passed asking Willoughby Council to go with the residents to the Minister and the Water Board, urging a priority position for the sewerage project.

Residents also asked Council to suspend all threats of action until the issue has been resolved, and reminded those affected that a satisfactory solution would only be achieved if they stood firm for a collective sewerage scheme, and refused to accept separate patchwork remedies.

Our thanks to Mr. Peter Collins, M.L.A. for Willoughby, to Alderman Eric Kaye, and to Mr. P. Yates, Principal Engineer, Water Waste & Chemicals from the State Pollution Control Commission for addressing the meeting.

Finally, a point of reassurance -- Dr. T.F. Rennie, of the Health Commission of N.S.W., writes that he is "not aware of any case or outbreak of infectious disease following the recreational use of water in the Middle Harbour which could be related to human pollution."

THE CRAG is edited on behalf of the Castlecrag Progress Association by Bob Ronai, 103 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag, 2068, phone 958 2124. Articles of local interest and information are always welcome. Closing date for contributions to next issue is September 30.

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