

# CASTLECRAG

## NEWSLETTER OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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NEW COMMITTEE ELECTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 22nd. FEBRUARY, 1983.

President	Con Saltis	Committee Members	
Vice Pres.	Dee Street	Bev. Blacklock	Howard Ruby
	Eric Kaye	Rita Kaye (Assist. Editor)	John Lee
Secretary	Tim Trumbull	Ann Korner	Tony Taussig
Treasurer	Dorothy Frazer	John Llewellyn	Addie Saltis
Crag. Editor	Bruce Cramond	Marcella Stephens	Gavin Thomas

### REPORT ON MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING.

We present the following recommendations for your consideration, and hope that you will attend the meeting on April 26th, to express your opinions.

BUS SHELTER It was recommended that we hold a competition to allow all Castlecrag Residents the opportunity of suggesting a design for the long awaited bus shelter to be located at the terminus at the corner of Edinburgh Road and Linden Way. This is the collecting area for all the school children from the point, and some shelter should be provided for rainy days. It has been proposed for some years, and we now have some money in hand from our fund raising activities. We expect to obtain a grant from the Council to augment this fund. The shelter needs to be large enough to be adequate and at the same time to be in keeping with the tradition of Walter Burley Griffin. Do put your thinking caps on, and see what you would like.

MID YEAR BARBECUE. The bush dance held last December was a great success and we have had numerous requests for another. We decided that a mid year barbecue might prove as popular. These functions require a big team of helpers and we ask for your help. Decisions on time, place, and form of entertainment will be made at our next meeting. If you can't come along on Tuesday night, and are prepared to help, please phone a member of the committee with your offer. Lets make it another "family affair" and bring along the whole family.

SLOW BURNS. There is much concern in our community at the Council decision to go ahead with SLOW BURNS. This will be fully discussed at our next meeting.

NORTHBRIDGE MARINA. A decision was made to object to the Maritime Services Board regarding the proposed increase of boat anchorage in Sailors Bay, with its resulting pollution and traffic problems. This had to be presented before our next meeting and Mr. Saltis agreed to prepare the objection; he will discuss the matter on Tuesday night (26th April, 1983).

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NEXT MEETING OF CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 26th APRIL, at 8P.M. IN THE CASTLECRAG COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF THE POSTERN, CASTLECRAG.  
ALL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS VERY WELCOME.

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COMMITTEE REPORT continued.

BANTRY BAY. The future use of Bantry Bay is under consideration. Christene Rosten has prepared a submission on our behalf, and the Secretary has forwarded this to the Department of Planning and Environment.

ATTENTION TEENAGERS.

We have made efforts at various times to initiate group activities for teenagers in the community, and the committee now feel that it is time to try again. We now issue an invitation to all young people, and their parents, who may feel this need to discuss the situation, and decide whether something should be done about it. This will be talked out at our meeting on Tuesday 26th April, 1983.

Sue Alvarez, the Willoughby Council Arts Officer, has been invited to the April meeting. Miss Alvarez is interested to establish a Youth Theatre in the Municipality. She is also interested in any other areas of youth concern in the Arts generally.

The Dougherty Community Centre is now open, and Sue has promised to speak of the interesting things that are been planned there. Please make every effort to come and meet her.

I would also suggest to everyone, when next visiting Chatswood, to call into the Dougherty Community Centre, and inspect this fine building. (Victor Street, Chatswood)

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ALDERMAN'S REPORT.

Eric Kaye.

Management of Open Space.

Willoughby is fortunate in having over 300 hectares of open space, much of this is in our foreshore reserves. Castlecrag accounts for 43 hectares of the total, a factor which provides our attractive bushland character, but which brings with it management problems. I wrote on these matters for the Jan./Feb. copy of the Crag, which for reasons beyond our control was not published. I urged residents to attend a Symposium called by the Council; this has since been held and covered the following topics:

The Ecology of Urban Bushland	Weed Control of Urban Bushland
Methods of Hazard Reduction (fire)	Impact of Passive Recreation
Fire Ecology	Harbour Foreshores Management
Hazard Reductions - Hand Clearing	Community Involvement
Present Problems of Use & Abuse	Authorities & Their Responsibility.

The Chairman was Dr. L. Johnson, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens. The speakers were (in order of speaking):

G. Spies	W.E.P.A.	P. Fletcher	Nat. Parks & Wildlife
P. Murray	"	R. Parsonson	Willoughby Council
Dr. S. Clark	Macquarie Univ.	P. Wicking	"
E. Hickey	National Trust.	M. Kelly	Warringah Shire Council
D. Cooper	Board Fire Comm.	Judy Messer	Lane Cove Con. Soc.
H. Petersen	S.T.E.P.	A. Howard	Syd. Harb Foreshores
R. Good	Nat. Parks & Wildlife	G. Sheather	Kuringa-gai Adult Ed.

The Review Panel comprised:

G. Medhurst	Nat. Parks & Wildlife	Dr. D. Fox	Herbarium
J. Weingrath	Cit. for Pres. of Sailors Bay		
J. Jewellyn	Castlecrag Conservation Soc.		
P. Prineas	Past Director Nat. Parks Assoc.		

The papers given by these eminent speakers, including scientists and conservationists, were outstanding. Fortunately the proceedings are being published and will be available at a cost of \$5 per copy from Willoughby Council, the Progress Assoc., W.E.P.A. and other conservation groups. I urge all concerned residents to purchase a copy. The next step in Councils' determination of a policy will be to hold a special meeting on Wed. 25th May, 7.00 p.m. at the Council Chambers where representatives of our Associations and Conservation Groups will discuss with Council the proceedings of the Symposium. From this meeting we hope a recommendation will go to Council proposing the setting up of an interim Bushland Management Committee to work with Council in the formulation of an Open Space policy. I again urge all who can to attend this meeting and demonstrate their concern for our environment.

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### FUND RAISING IN THE FORTIES.

Rita Kaye.

In the 40's, a favourite Sunday afternoon walk was along Edinburgh Road, then a dusty, tree lined, windy road. At this time there were very few homes beyond the hospital, there was no Linden Way, it was "all bush". When you reached the point where the road took a sharp bend at the Pinnacle and dropped down to the harbour, you could stop and refresh yourself with a cup of tea or coffee, home made scones and cakes. Whilst enjoying the rest, you could chat with the young woman who was serving the teas, and look out across the bushland to the ocean. All very pleasant, and something you resolved to do again soon.

Now this serving of teas was just another way of raising funds for the dream we had, of a community centre to house our kindergarten, our library and our various other community organisations. This we would build on land which had been set aside by Walter Burley Griffin for such a purpose.

Other fund raising schemes included several large fairs we held on the then vacant land on the corner of Edinburgh Road, and Eastern Valley Way. At a time, just after the war, when good toys were hard to buy, our stalls were stocked with bright red engines, sailing boats, and dolls strollers, all built by a group of parents who worked hard to produce good quality items. These fairs were a great success, both as fund raising events and fun events for all who participated, and this would have been a big percentage of our residents.

One other function that I cannot forget was the Arts & Crafts display, which was a weekend affair, when we were amazed to find the number of our residents who were able to produce such good work. Phyllis and Michael Stocker's home, that white weatherboard cottage near the present park in Edinburgh Road, and at that time the home of our kindergarten, was decked with all manner of items, from paintings and sculptures by Ethel Carson and the Hilders, to a great variety of choice bits of hand work by others.

It was a great day in Castlecrag, when, after four years of struggle and quiet determination, the Centre was officially opened in November, 1947, at a cost of \$2540.

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## BUSH DANCE.....Tim Trumbull

A full house of 250 people had a "Bushie Ball" early last December! It all went more or less to plan, except that the kids got stuck into some bales of hay the dance committee had placed around the Community Centre as decoration and casual seating. There was a beaut hay fight and the little girlies seemed to enjoy rolling in the hay.

To all the hard workers, and especially those who on the evening just helped out, my sincere thanks. The happy spirit with which everyone saw a need to help and then did it made the night more enjoyable for all. Thanks!!

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During the year much energy was devoted to the Progress Association's submission to the Kirby Enquiry. Our submission went on for some days starting in April, and finishing in September. During this period Mr. David Kirby plus twenty representatives from D.M.R., T.E.C., Combined Councils and Press took a walk along the Northern escarpment of Castlecrag. We did feel they were impressed by the beauty of the bushland and foreshore area. We hope a decision regarding the corridor will be forthcoming before June, 1983.

Our sewerage sub-committee was very active during the year and was successful in obtaining a meeting with Willoughby Council and then the Minister for Water Resources, Mr. Paul Landa. Mr. Landa has promised \$350,000 for a line along Edinburgh Road. Affected residents will be asked to supply their own pumping system.

A plan for a bicycle track along Edinburgh Road was presented by Dr. Garth Nicholson to the meeting in August. This was well received by the meeting and our suggestions were passed on to Council.

Most complaints received by the Progress Association during the year concerned the dumping of rubbish in reserves (causing fire hazards) and noise pollution, particularly on Sundays. These complaints were forwarded to Willoughby Council.

To stay financially solvent and to print and distribute THE CRAG, three fund raising activities were organised by the Committee:

1. A stall at Willoughby Fair.
2. A quilting exhibition by local quilters.
3. A Bush Dance.

To the Committee of '82 and to Alderman and Mrs. Kaye my most sincere thanks for all their help and assistance.

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ARTICLES OF LOCAL INTEREST AND  
INFORMATION ARE ALWAYS MOST  
WELCOME.

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