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Willoughby Family Fun Fair

THE FOURTH WILLOUGHBY FUN FAIR will be held in Willoughby Park, corner McClelland Street and Warrane Road on Saturday 15th September, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HAVING A "TRASH & TREASURE" STALL. Please keep all unwanted books, records, clothes, china, just anything, we will take it.

All treasure (and trash) can be left at the Kayes' 325 Edinburgh Rd, Castlecrag. (We hear there will be a Council collection on September 5th, could we call and collect before the Council collection. Phone 95 6936 or 95 6059 for call and pick up.)

FILM NIGHT 7th JULY LAST

This evening proved a great social success, and Dee Street and the Committee are to be congratulated on the good choice of films and the very tasty supper, including the mulled wine.

When we viewed the old Griffin film, it was interesting to realise that the lady and gentleman dancing were actually Louise Lightfoot and her Russian friend, Misha Burlolkov, mentioned in Louise's memories included in this issue.

Hopefully there will be more evenings such as this one, so like those we oldies enjoyed years ago.

THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD on 28th AUGUST, at 8 P.M. at the COMMUNITY CENTRE The RAMPART CASTLECRAG.

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THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS GENERAL MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE THE RAMPART on 7th SEPTEMBER, 1984 at 8 P.M.

INAUGURAL ART PRIZE EXHIBITION

Delivery of entries to:
Centre Art Space,
Civic Centre,
409 Victoria Avenue,
CHATSWOOD

on Friday, 24th August from 9am to 4pm
and Saturday, 25th August, 9am to 4pm.

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ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Eric Kaye.

I write in this issue on the Willoughby Council's concern for the aged in our community.

Data from the 1981 census of the Willoughby Local Government Area has been analysed by consultants for the Council and is available in the form of a social atlas entitled "Willoughby Population Profile", on sale at Willoughby Library. This work demonstrates, amongst other important issues that:-

- * We have a higher percentage of aged than the national level.
- * There is a high percentage of home ownership amongst the aged.
- * A large percentage of these people are aged migrants.

Recognising the responsibility which Council has in meeting the special needs of the elderly in our community, we engaged consultants Peter Dalton Pty Ltd., to investigate this problem in greater depth and we have set up a working party of Alderman and Council staff, of which I am a member, to consider amongst other things:-

1. the need for more hostel accommodation.
2. a more co-ordinated and comprehensive delivery of domiciliary services to those aged who remain in their homes.
3. The fact that whilst we have a high percentage of home ownership there is a demonstrated need for reasonable priced rental accommodation.
4. That up to 30% of our aged population are not able to afford existing resident funded accommodation.

Concurrently Council is pressing on with a totally new and innovative approach to aged housing in the form of the Dougherty Centre Aged Housing Project. At a special meeting of Council on 2nd July, tenders from :- Housing Commission of N.S.W., Mirvac Pty Ltd., Silverton Ltd., and F.C. Zadro (construction) Pty Ltd., were considered. Although no formal determination was made, Council resolved to enter into further negotiations with the Housing Commission, who together with The Uniting Church were selected as the preferred developer. It is hoped that work on the project will start late this year and be completed by mid-1986. The proposal calls for a total of 90 self-care units (one and two bedrooms) plus 40 hostel units.

The attractive building will be integrated with the existing Dougherty Community Centre which will be expanded to bring within the one area all community support services such as :- Home care, Meals on wheels, Linen service, and Neighbourhood aid. It will also include the community radio station, and all existing leisure facilities; nearby will be the kindergarten.

I shall keep our readers informed on this matter as further details become available.



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PLEASE DON'T DUMP!!

John LEE.

Due to the consistent rainfall of recent months exotic shrubs in our gardens have produced an abundance of leggy branches and leaf growth.

If you are pruning we trust you will not dump the unwanted branches and vegetation on the nearest reserve. The result of this practice is unsightly and introduces rampant exotic species to the detriment of the beautiful bushland that makes this suburb unique.

During recent years Crag dwellers have become increasingly responsible in their respect for the reserves and islands in the suburb. Let us keep it that way.

W.E.P.A. Meets every 2nd month at the ARTARMON LIBRARY, Elizabeth Street, Artarmon (near station).
The NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 13th AUGUST, 1984 at 8P.M. with guest speakers Gay Spies and Peter Murray "BUSHLAND IN WILLOUGHBY MUNICIPALITY".
Other meetings for the year 1984 will be OCTOBER 8th and DECEMBER 10th. at 8P.M.

RIFF RAFFLE AT THE AMPHITHEATRE.

On Sunday 19th August you are invited to amble down to our Amphitheatre and participate in a performance of "RIFF RAFFLE", a production by the Death Defying Theatre. Car parking is impossible, so please leave your car at home, but do bring the whole family, kids and all.

DATE SUNDAY AUGUST, 19th.

TIME 11am to 12noon.

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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

Alison WHITTLE (Principal)

It's been a very busy and productive period.

In June we held our usual Parent-Teacher interviews, although parents are encouraged to make an appointment with the teachers at any time during the year.

In July we had a successful excursion to the N.S.W. Art Gallery. The children were very interested and contributed well.

We were privileged to have a brilliant story telling rabbit visit us as a prelude to Book Week. Dr. Barbara Anderson, librarian from the Hills Grammar School, delighted us all. Book week culminated in a Book Character Parade.

Our hardworking P. & C. had a "Gourmet Sausage Brunch", a great success.

The children celebrated an early Bastille Day - with French style dresses and lunches.

We had a cultural-exchange afternoon at Castle Cove Primary School.

Sally Lander is with us for a work experience week and Jenny Bond will be with us before the holidays.

Education week open day will be 9 - 11 am on Thursday 16th August, all most welcome.

NORTHBRIDGE WOMENS' BOWLING CLUB.

INVITES INQUIRIES FROM LADIES INTERESTED IN PLAYING LAWN BOWLS.

Other social activities at the club include:- Yoga classes, art classes, solo & bridge lessons, card days and play readings plus dinners with entertainment. Bowls coaching classes are available for both new & experienced players. For further inquiries phone Club 95 6322 After hours 95 3480 or 95 5505.

On Marion's advice to make my own friends, I was soon mixing with a family of young people, and my happy days of boating on Middle Harbour began. We went out in a yacht in the main harbour, the yacht capsized and I had to be hauled back in by our male companions. This rather dampened my fancy for yachting, so I purchased a "skull" and rowed myself on Middle Harbour. The skull leaked badly and I was often forced to land and tip out the water.

One of my jobs at this time was to treat trees that had been ring-barked by vandals who visited the "Crag" at night. Marion prized every tree in that bushland. She showed me how to cut splints, to place them across the scar using mud to bind them and to tie the injured part around with sacking.

A little incident in the house remains in my mind. I was saying my prayers one night, at my bedside, when Marion entered my room suddenly. She started back as though she had seen a ghost (I was wearing a long white nightgown). No doors were ever closed to Marion, "Anyone needing privacy is not living right", she had declared. Now she gasped, "Oh, you don't get much privacy here, do you," and gently closed the door.

Towards the end of the year (1925) Mr. Griffin came to live at the Crag and we moved to another stone house, No.17 The Parapet. We had a fine view over the harbour from the glass doors between the several columns of the living room, "to bring the garden into the house", being the Griffin idea. With Walter, landscaping and architecture were inseparable and his office stationery claimed him to be an Architect and Landscape Architect. He loved the small flowers of the Australian bush and in no time knew the botanical names for a multitude of them. "Not a weed in the Australian forest," he said enthusiastically. He called the big cultivated garden blooms monstrocities. Many groups of people, inspired by Griffin's ideals, came to visit the house. At one such evening Marion danced around the room for her guests. I was most interested and afterwards asked her to teach me the dance, but she told me that she had only made it up as she went along.

I soon joined a class in so-called barefoot dancing at the physical culture institute. On night a most wonderful thing happened. A teacher from the Institute, also a "Cragite" introduced me to a real Russian dancer who was living in Sydney, a short thickset man, with a jolly personality. He changed into his costume of blue trousers tucked into red boots, a white shirt embroidered with red stitching and fur cap. When he performed a lively Russian dance I was thoroughly excited. Soon a group of us young people were formed into a Junior Division of the Crag Progress Society, and a Community Festival was being organised by the Russian dancer. The concert proved a great success, but as secretary, I found that our expenses amounted to more than the takings. Marion came to the rescue and paid for the costumes, which were stored in the box-couches upon which, my friend, and I slept.

CASTLECRAG CELLARS

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"CASTLECRAG QUILTERS" GROUP

We meet every Wednesday night at 7.30 pm. at ST JAMES CHURCH HALL, EDINBURGH ROAD, CASTLECRAG. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Anyone interested in patchwork, embroidery etc., will be welcome.

For further information contact:-

Susie McINTOSH 95 1689

Elizabeth THOMAS 95 6033

SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL.

Rita KAYE.

I would personally like to thank those people who helped out with the collection on 1st July, and the residents who so generously donated to this good cause. We had hoped to better our total for last year, and were most pleased when at the end of the day we had collected \$2900, The target for the Municipality was \$35,000 and so far \$36,000 has come in. Like last year, Willoughby has topped the other Municipalities in the northern area. I would also like to pass on to you the thanks from the Red Shield Appeal Committee.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS.

Castlecrag kindergartin in conjunction with The Bicentennial Celebrations are working on a project to develop the reserve behind the community centre. This reserve is incredibly beautiful and with a large amount of manpower could be developed into an area to be used by the community.

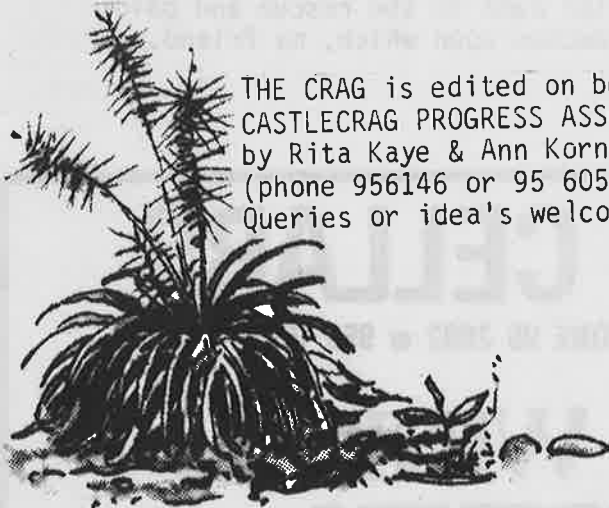


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