

# NEWSLETTER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Residents,

In November, the Castlecrag Progress Association will be celebrating sixty years of service to the community. It really is an achievement, mainly due to residents who have responded with help and money for one cause or another as the suburb has grown over the years. We would like to highlight the occasion in some way, and we would welcome any good ideas. To date the committee has considered having an open weekend in November, perhaps either arranging an arts show, silver and handicrafts exhibition, or possibly opening a few interesting houses to the public. A party has been suggested and we are looking for a co-ordinator and workers, as committee members are already doing their fair share of work. Please contact our secretary with your suggestions.

During the past few years various committees have discussed the need to distribute a letter to long established and new residents informing them about the Progress Association, and why we work and support it. Briefly, it is a group of residents prepared to be elected to represent their neighbours on community and local government issues. Most of us have put a lot of time and money into Castlecrag. We are here to maintain a life style we respect and enjoy and do not go looking for problems! However, most of the time we get plenty.

The suburb is not looking as clean or attractive as it could be. The streets and shoppingcentre are usually untidy, and complaints are constantly coming in about shop signs and footpaths. How do you feel about all that?

We would like with your support to clean up the entire peninsula, and ensure that Council is doing its fair share of the work too! It is unfortunately a fact that residents are responsible for the care of footpaths in front of their homes and many are in an appalling condition. Just take a walk around - have a look! Noise pollution from mowers and electrical machinery is causing bad feeling among neighbours. We are aware of certain residents who continue to cut down or prune trees without a permit, and who dump rubbish in the reserves and others who drive dangerously around our narrow streets. Please show respect for the suburb or we shall be forced to ensure prosecution.

To all the families who attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting thank you for your support. Soon we shall all be able to feel much safer living in Castlecrag.

Dianne Street.

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE - THE POSTERN ON APRIL, 30th 1985. AT 8P.M.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASTLECRAG CONSERVATION SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE - THE POSTERN ON FRIDAY MAY 10th AT 8P.M. ALL WELCOME.

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FROM BAMBOO TO BANKSIA

An enlightening evening about "THE BUSH".

SPEAKERS: Gay Spies & P. Murray. on "Willoughby Bushland" illustrated by superb slides. T. McKay on "Bush Regeneration" Admission;- \$2 (To Castlecrag Kindergarten Bicentennial Bush Regeneration Project".

TIME 8p.m. on Monday 22nd April,

PLACE: Community centre The Postern Castlecrag.

Local Native Plants on display. Supper will be served.



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NEW COMMITTEE FOR 1985

We would like to thank the outgoing committee for the time and effort spent in managing the Progress Association so effectively in 1984. Our special thanks go to the executive, Dianne Street, President; Ian Fraser, Secretary; and Dorothy Fraser, Treasurer.

We welcome the new committee, elected in February, and hope they will have your full support:-

President: Dianne Street 95 9683  
Secretary: Kate Westoby 95 0215  
Treasurer: Dorothy Fraser 95 5851

Vice President Ian Fraser 95 5851  
Eric Kaye 95 6146  
(ex officio)

Committee John Llewelyn 955518  
Ted Bowen 951322  
Bev Blacklock 95 6994  
Tim Trumbull 955669  
Marcella Stevens 956936  
John Lee 951961

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TO CELEBRATE HER 1ST. BIRTHDAY  
MARY BOGNAR OFFERS LARGE  
REDUCTIONS IN MANY LINES  
INCLUDING PERFUMES.  
FROM 1ST. WEEK IN MAY.

THE GORE HILL FREEWAY & THE WARRINGAH FREEWAY.

It is less than two years since Mr. David S. Kirby presented his report to the State Government on the Warringah Freeway. This stated in part:-

- \*The Inquiry recommends against reinstatement of the former Warringah Freeway Corridor.
- \*The inquiry recognises that there is merit in a proposal for a link road connecting Warringah Freeway with the Eastern Valley Way. This corridor should be no wider than is necessary to accommodate an arterial road.
- \*The massive interchange proposed at the confluence of the Warringah Freeway, The Gore Hill Freeway and the former extension of the Warringah Freeway to Seaforth should be abandoned. A more modest intersection preferably at ground level and intruding as little as possible into Hallstrom Park should be designed.

The Minister for Public Works, Mr Laurie Brereton announced recently that the Gore Hill Freeway would go ahead late in 1986. At meeting of Willoughby Council on Monday 25th March last, officers of the D.M.R. addressed Council on details of the plan. Whilst I support extension of the existing F2 Freeway to Pacific Highway and Epping Road, to overcome the completely inadequate termination at Willoughby Road, I do have misgivings at some aspects of the D.M.R. proposals. In particular the configuration of the two carriageways to be constructed, with considerable separation (66m.) and at different levels (approx. 10m.) so that should a future intersection be required at this point this could be easily constructed. I questioned Mr Dunstan on the need for this separation and reminded him that in giving evidence at the Kirby Inquiry the D.M.R. had stated that the Warringah Freeway "would be unlikely to be given priority for funding before the century and even after," and in a further statement they said "The Department of Main Roads does not envisage building the Freeway in the corridor this century".

I also pointed out the large number of houses (and rateable properties) which would be needlessly lost for the whole of this century in the crescent shaped strip of land 800m. long between the carriageways, for a freeway which might never be built. Mr. Dunstan in reply agreed and made these points that I feel our residents should heed:-

"The Government has not yet accepted the Kirby report, and even if they do, a future Government could have a different policy."

Willoughby Council resolved to place the plans and a model of the proposed interchange on public display and to hold a public meeting within 3 months, before forming any decisions on these matters. Invitations will be extended to the Minister, the Local Member and the D.M.R.

I strongly urge Castlecrag residents to inspect and study the exhibition and to attend the meeting. I shall speak further on this matter at the Progress Association meeting on 30th April, 1985.

NEW DIRECTOR FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN.

The Progress Association would like to welcome Marthe Munten, the new director of the Castlecrag Kindergarten, to our area, and extend our best wishes to her.

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KAYE, M.M.	Death in Cyprus
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PLAIN, Delva	Crescent City
DEIGHTON Len	Mexico Set.
HODGE, Jane	Private world of G. Heyer.
HAWKES, Jacqetta	Agatha Christie Mallowan - Come tell me how you live
BOYDE William	Stars & Bars
BROGAN Arthur	Life of Arther Ranscombe.
HYDE -CHAMBERS	Lama
COLLIER & HOROWITZ	The Kennedys
BENNETT Daphne	Margot, Countess of Asquith
BARBER Noel	Women of Cairo
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WALLACE, Irving	The Miracle.

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Location - Community Centre  
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Times. Tuesday ; 3.30pm - 4.30p.m.  
Thursday; 12.30p.m. - 3p.m.  
Saturday; 10a.m. - 12noon.

It is with regret that we advise you of the death of Hade Spiegall last month. Hade worked as a librarian in our library for a number of years, and will be remembered and sadly missed by all our borrowers.

You will be interested to know that as from January, 1984, copies of all CRAG newsletters are submitted to the State Library of N.S.W. where they will be kept permanently as part of their comprehensive documentary record.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAMME

Editor.

We were gratified by the number of people who attended the inaugural meeting of the Castlecrag Neighbourhood Watch Programme (over 100 residents and visitors from adjacent suburbs). An excellent presentation was made by a team of five Police Officers, led by Chief Superintendent Laurie Poulten, who referred to those who participate in the scheme as the "eyes and ears of the police". The discussion indicated that the optimum size of a group was 600/800 homes. Over 30 residents volunteered to take part in the implementation of the scheme and they will meet at the Community Hall on Thursday 11th April, for their initial briefing.

A further meeting will be held in St. James Hall on Monday 29th April, when information on all aspects of crime prevention will be discussed. It is hoped that this will be well attended.

Supper was served by the committee at the end of the meeting, and the opportunity was taken by residents to discuss the scheme with the police and to meet new neighbours. The number of people who joined up as new members demonstrated strong support for our Progress Association. We would like to thank the Police for their presentation, and our committee for the time and effort spent in organising the meeting, especially our President, Dianne Street.

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The CONSERVATION SOCIETY will be including a series of articles on Bushland Management in future issues of THE CRAG. As an introduction we reprint a statement written by the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Dr. Lawrie Johnson and Assistant Directors, Dr. Barbara Briggs and Don Blaxell.

"May we appeal to those who care about the bush not to plant trees (or anything else) in it, Such planting makes it impossible to know, in the future, what is a natural occurrence and what is not. Genetic variation between localities is obscured for all time.

Forestry operations include much planting and aerial seeding. State Forests are no longer reliable as representations of tree distributions before European settlement, but little can be done about that. Other authorities have also planted native species outside their natural ranges, or from seed sources remote from the immediate vicinity. Most such plantings, for instance on roadsides, are quite unnecessary and arise mainly from a desire to be seen to be doing something.

The "Greening of Australia" campaign does include provision for encouragement of natural regeneration but much of its message has been that "trees are good, therefore it is good to plant them" anywhere irrespective of the fact that planting may entirely spoil some of our landscapes, and obscure what is left of the natural record.

Native plants, including trees, will regenerate when natural seed sources are available given a chance and some patience. If there is definitely no seed source close enough for natural re-growth, planting should be from seed gathered as close as possible to the site, and should not include species that did not grow on the site ('species enrichment' is out unless the area is intended to be non-natural').

Judicious weed removal may be necessary, as may campaigns to stop and reduce human induced eutrophication (increase of soil nutrients). Eutrophication may destroy by building up populations of attacking insects, as in the so called "die-back" - more properly "chew-back" - of eucalypts near fertilized pastureland in New England. It may be equally destructive by enabling vigorous growth of nutrient-requiring weed species, as with privet (*Ligustrum* spp.) near Sydney or the choking by weeds of sand-plain species near fertilized farmlands in Western Australia.

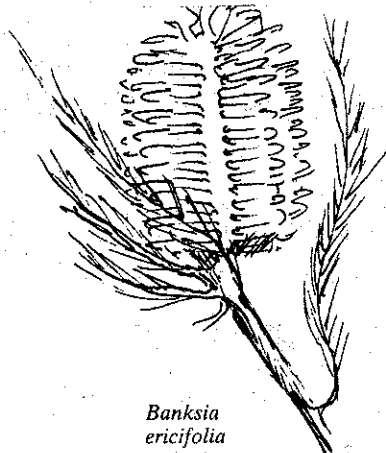
Planting will not overcome eutrophication. It is seldom necessary in any area where the aim is to retain or allow natural restoration of native vegetation.

Please think before you plant - and then, usually, DON'T. Help or simply allow natural regeneration instead - and educate councils, public authorities generally, and service organisations along these lines."

DO YOU DRIVE A CAR? DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME?

The Willoughby Community Information and Service Centre, at 81 Orchard Road, Chatswood, provides Neighbour Aid for residents in this Municipality.

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### BUSH DANCE.???

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This year we would like to hold a similar evening, as part of our 60th. birthday celebrations, but to do so must get the community's help. There is a tremendous amount of work in organising such a function, and we are now calling for volunteers to assist us, and hopefully for someone who would be prepared to take over the supervision of the project. We need to know urgently of any possible help, so that we can decide whether or not to go ahead with the night. If you are keen to be part of this, could you phone either Rita Kaye 95-6146, or Kate Westoby 95-0215.

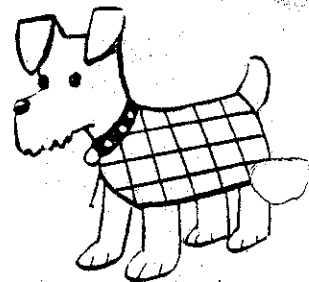
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DATE:- SATURDAY APRIL 20th. TIME:- COMMENCING 9.30 a.m.

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