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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dianne STREET.

Dear Residents,

The response from the last newsletter regarding the condition and appearance of Castlecrag was informative. Many people took the trouble to telephone or write to me. Thank you.

The committee appreciate your interest and support and we shall follow up the complaints and suggestions. As to the noise problem, Willoughby Council has a standing resolution which prohibits major construction work being carried out after midday Saturday, all day Sunday and public holidays. If you have complaint: phone the ranger on 412 3333.

Following the success of the Patchwork and Quilting Exhibition held in St. James Hall, three years ago, the Progress Association has been asked to assist these talented ladies again. Arrangements are now being made to hold another exhibition during the last weekend in October and the suburb will be open to the public. Lunches, morning and afternoon teas will be served during the three days the needlework will be on display.

Naturally we shall be requiring many people to assist us as we are expecting visitors from the country districts as well as from other Sydney areas. It should be a very interesting weekend; the needlework is of the highest standard and goods on display will be for sale. Further information and details will be included in our next newsletter.

THE NEXT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE -
THE POSTERN ON 25th JUNE, 1985. AT 8P.M.

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS NEXT GENERAL MEETING AT 64 THE BULWARK
ON FRIDAY 5th JULY, 1985 AT 8P.M.



COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Local Environmental Study which has recently been on display will have widespread effects on future development in Castlecrag. The Progress Association felt that the importance of this plan required comment. To assist the Committee in preparing a submission to Council we engaged consultants to examine the Local Environmental Plan and the Study on which it is based. Copies of their report will be available and open for discussion at the meeting of 25th June.

The major recommendations of the consultants report are:-

1. The residential 2(a2) zoning should more fully cover Castlecrag, to ensure greater control over the type of dwelling erected.
2. The Foreshores Scenic Protection Area does not adequately cover the foreshore areas of the peninsula.
3. Building setback controls have been omitted.
4. The proposed solar controls are too general and would be ineffective in practice.
5. The proposed medium density zoning close to the shops has been dropped.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

ERIC KAYE.

The Willoughby Bicentennial Community Committee is working with Council on a large number of projects for this important occasion. Both the Commonwealth and the N.S.W. Governments have approved funding programs making this possible.

Whilst funds for some programs are now closed, others such as Sports & Recreation, Multicultural Events, Community Arts and Community based activities are still to be advertised. Castlecrag will be involved with Willoughby as a whole in environmental activities such as walking and cycle trails, tree plantings also the production of indigenous plants awareness brochures.

I am sure that Castlecrag, given its historical background and its fine open air theatre will play a significant role in the festivities. If you have any ideas, why not come forward with them, by contacting any one of our committee members who will refer them to the Bicentennial Community Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO W.E.P.A.

Many will now be aware that the Willoughby Environmental Protection Association has recently received funding of \$10,000 from the Australian Government under the National Estate Grants Funding Program, to carry out a project of bush regeneration and restoration along Sugarloaf Creek. This is exciting news, particularly so since funds allocated for the natural environment from this source, are small; in fact this is the first time such a grant has been made to a local group for bush regeneration.

Council has congratulated W.E.P.A. on its creditable effort in securing this grant, I would particularly complement Gay Spies and the very hard working and effective Executive of W.E.P.A. I am confident that when completed, the work will be a benchmark for other such restoration projects. Council gave its support last year to the application to restore this significant area behind the mangroves in the South Arm of Sugarloaf Bay. Aldermen and staff will visit the site with W.E.P.A. representatives at an early date.

The area is part of Willoughby's urban bushland reserve and close liaison will be maintained between W.E.P.A. and Council, particularly in respect to identification of the residential boundaries and removal of rubbish. It is part of the area "Sugarloaf Bay its Catchments and Headlands" which has been nominated for National Estate Listing. Few residents would be familiar with the series of waterfalls along Sugarloaf Creek. Sadly this once beautiful area has become degraded by weed infestation caused by the intrusion of man. The work which W.E.P.A. will carry out is aimed at restoring the area to its original charm.



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Neighbourhood watch PROGRAMME.

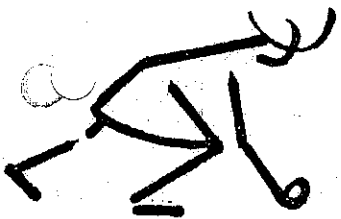
The Neighbourhood Watch Programme has commenced in Castlecrag with Peter Everett as Chairman, Geoff Verco, Assistant Chairman, and Kerry Ottoway and Sue Randle as Secretaries. Area Co-ordinators have been assigned to the various streets in Castlecrag and you shall be hearing from them shortly. Each area co-ordinator has an identification slip and information on the Neighbourhood Watch Programme. The Committee hopes that the residents of Castlecrag will participate in helping to make our Community a safer place
Sue Randle - 95 6344.

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The formation of the Castlecrag Free Public Library was approved at the Annual meeting of the Community Circle in October, 1947, two months after the opening of the Community Centre. A Committee comprising Mrs. J. Straton, Mrs. Brett Hilder, Mr. & Mrs. Walker, and Mr. Bim Hilder was appointed to investigate the matter. The basic aims were the implementation of the Free Library Act by Willoughby Council and the development of the finest possible free library at Castlecrag.

At this time the Library Act of 1939 had been adopted by N.S.W. and by Willoughby Council, but it was many years before it was implemented by our Council (late 1960's). The Act stated that "2/6 (25c) per head of population was to be spent yearly on free libraries, 25% of this returned to Council by the State". The implementation of the Act would have meant an increase in Council rates, hence the delay.

The committee regularly attended combined meetings with other local municipal libraries and shire councils, and continued to urge Willoughby Council to implement the Act. Meetings were also held with the local member Mr. G. Reid and Mr. McGreal, Secretary of the N.S.W. library board, who recommended that Castlecrag start its own library with the books that were available, rather than wait for the implementation of the Act by the Council.

The parent society in Castlecrag was the Co-operative Soc., the board of which controlled the activities of the Community Centre, and permission was granted by them to store and issue the books from portion of the "washroom". Miss Naomi Long, one of the kindergarten teachers, conducted a small library for use by the children, and Council agreed to purchase these books. With this purchase and further donations of books, the library increased in size and was moved from the "washroom" to the western end of the hall. In November, 1948 it was decided to build a new library wing, council approving a grant of 300 pounds and a loan of a further 300 pounds "to conduct another room at the Community Centre to be used for the library and for small meetings". Childrens books were purchased from a donation of 150 pounds from Council, and social functions, dances, cake stalls etc., were organised to raise money to purchase adult books.

During this time an interested group of residents was working on the preparation of the books for issue, and more donations kept coming in. Mr. Nichols, the original architect for the Community Centre agreed on the plans for the library cupboards, and also acted as Hon Architect for the new addition. Now the logistics for setting up the library began. Supplies needed included one thousand author cards, five hundred membership cards, filing box, rubber stamp, etc; it was indeed a modest beginning. Books were classified and arranged on the shelves, rules were established and volunteer librarians were co-opted.

The grand opening was on Saturday 3rd November, 1951, when the door was unlocked by the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Charles Braithwaite; the Mayor, several aldermen and a large number of residents attended. The library functioned well with an ever increasing number of subscribers. In July, 1951, a part time librarian, Mrs. Pat Case was appointed. Other librarians over the years have been Beryl Small, Rita Kaye, June Jones and Hade Spiegel. The present incumbents are Billy Hume and Anne Thomas, backed up by a stalwart team of voluntary helpers.

Castlecrag Community Library (the name was decided upon some years ago), is mainly a recreational Library, and used mostly by adults. School children use the library less these days, as school libraries have improved considerably with financial help from the Education Department.

(Anne Thomas has spent much time researching old records to compile this report and for this we thank her. Because of lack of space, we have omitted some of the detail; the full report is lodged with Willoughby Central Library and attached to the copy of the Crag sent to the N.S.W. Public Library. Ed).

NEW BOOKS ENTERED IN CASTLECRAG LIBRARY

GRAHAM, W. THE LOVING CUP
DURRELL, G. HOW TO SHOOT AN
AMATURE NATURALIST
NAIPAUL, S. BEYOND THE DRAGON'S MOUTH
SHANLEY, M. STRELA
BROOKNER, A. HOTEL DU LAC
DE SILVA, C. THE FOUNTS OF SINHALA
DIDION, J. DEMOCRACY
FAST, H. THE OUTSIDER
NORRAH, P. PRINCE RUPERT OF RHINE
LEASOR, J. SHIP OF GOLD
FORBES, C. TERMINAL
LOWENSTEIN, A. THIS PLACE
GUINNESS, J. HOUSE OF MITFORD
THOMPSON, E.W. CRY ONCE ALONE
GREENE, G. THE TENTH MAN
MacINNES, H. RIDE A PALE HORSE
BERTRELL, N. THE GREAT BETRAYAL

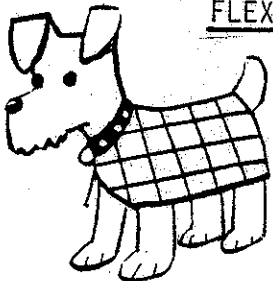
BILLIE HUME.

MATTHEWS, C. AL JAZZAR
AMBLE, E. INTERPOL CONSPIRACY
WENTWORTH P. THE GAZEBO
HEYER, G. DUPLICATE DEATH
SAYERS, D. THE NINE TAILORS
GARDAM, J. A LONG WAY FROM VERONA.
KING, S. THE TALISMAN
TWEEDIE, J. BLISS
DUFFY, M. WOUNDS (Book 1)
" " CAPITOL (Book 2)
" " LONDONERS (Book 3)
ADAMS, S. ROCHE VERSUS ADAMS
COOKSON, C. A DINNER OF HERBS
FORSTER, E.M. PASSAGE TO INDIA
KAYE, M.M. DEATH IN KASHMIRE
MacLEAN, A. SAN ANDREAS
PUZO, M. THE SICILIAN
JONES, E. PARASCHUTES & KISSES.

THE BABYSITTING CLUB.

We currently have a few openings for families wishing to join our club which is affiliated with Castlecrag Kindergarten. If interested, please call KERRY OTTAWAY ON 95 0133.

FLEXI DOG LEASH.



We regret that we gave you the wrong number to contact Mrs. Verco about the retractable DOG LEASH. The phone number should have read 95 5753.

AFS STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME,

urgently require a "home away from home" for a 16 year old Japanese student for 6 months. He attends Chatswood High School and teaches Kendo.

For further information phone....
Ann Korner on 95 6059.

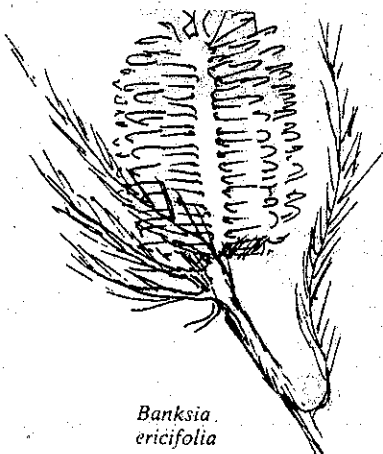
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Queries or idea's welcome.

ROAD PROBLEMS IN CASTLECRAG.

Our Road Safety Committee has not met for some time, and it has been decided to reconstitute the committee. Would anyone who feels that they could help, please phone Dorothy Fraser, 95 5851. Your cooperation would be much appreciated.

WILLOUGHBY FAIR

Each September Willoughby Council holds a Family Fair at Willoughby Park. This is always a well attended function which provides local organisations the opportunity to raise funds by running a stall of some type. We have taken part each year, and would ask you to start looking through your cupboards and sorting out anything that you no longer have use for and are prepared to give us to sell on our "TRASH & TREASURE" stall. We have found this stall a good source of income and a help towards the cost of community projects.

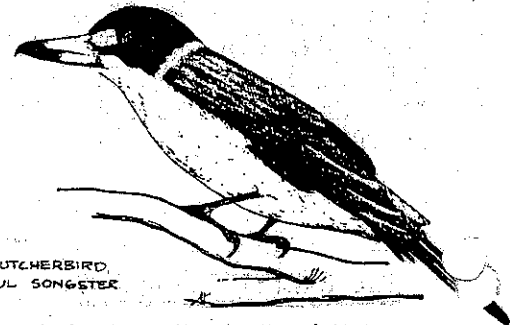
SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL.

This appeal is to be held on 7th July this year, and I am again looking for collectors. I shall need about 25 helpers so as to minimise the number of homes each helper need call upon, and keep the time to about 2 hours. This is not an onerous task, as people are generally sympathetic to this cause and receive you well. This is a worth while project, and the money raised helps the needy over the winter period. Please phone me at 95 6146 if you would like to help. Rita KAYE.

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