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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUE RANDLE

Dear Residents,

I would like to welcome Diana Jones to our committee. Diana has agreed to take the position of treasurer. Anyone wishing to forward a cheque for their dues should now post it to her, at 72 Linden Way. I hope you will enjoy working with our Association, Diana.

On Sunday 21st September, the Royal Australian Historical Society will be conducting a walking tour of Griffin's Castlecrag. Would you please help to make these people welcome.



Willoughby Family Fun Fair

THE WILLOUGHBY FUN FAIR will be held in Willoughby Park cnr. McClelland St. & Warren Rd., on Saturday, 20th September from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOC. will be running a TRASH & TREASURE STALL and we would like to receive items such as China, Glassware, Kitchenware, books, toys, records or sheet music, clothes, in fact anything that you feel we can sell. Funds raised will go towards the printing of The Crag (we need a further \$400 for this), and to other community projects. 25% of the proceeds will go to the Conservation Society for their work. We look forward to your support in this.

Goods can be left in the garages of any of the following homes: McKillops, 10A The Bulwark; Young, 345 Edinburgh Road, Kaye, 325 Edinburgh Road. For items to be collected, please phone 956936 (Marcella) or 95 6059, Ann Korner.

The theme of this year's fair is "The International Year of Peace" and there will be performances of multicultural music and dancing by local groups. Other organised features include:-

* A large Leggo area for young children * Craft Tent. *Banner project and workshop.
* International food stalls *Our famous Willoughby Band, etc. Something of interest will be going on all day.

This is always a fun day; I urge you to come along and join in. Don't let bad weather deter you, the committee have prepared for rain or shine.

THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD on 26th AUGUST at 8.00 p.m. at THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE RAMPART, CASTLECRAG.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER at 70 THE BULWARK.

As part of Willoughby Council's concern for the youth of our community, the Mayor Ald. Noel Reidy opened a new Centre on the 19th July last, situated at the corner of Albert Ave. and Archer St., Chatswood. The building now called the Youth Resource Centre was previously one of the fine old homes of Chatswood and was purchased by Council late last year. It brings together under one roof a number of youth organisations (such as Woodies Inn), which have been closed as a consequence of the present building activity in Chatswood.

Willoughby Council provided \$10,000 towards the cost of repair and renovation, this was matched by a similar donation from the Rotary Club of Chatswood who also managed and carried out, using voluntary labour, a large amount of construction work. The project won them a well earned Rotary Award.

The centre is staffed from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. each week day and the coffee shop on Tuesday from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m. A broad outline of the Groups which are based at the Centre is as follows:-

STREETWORK Christian Youth Workers which offer care and support, mainly on the streets of Chatswood, but who make this their base.

CHATSWOOD COFFEE SHOP Sponsored by the N.S.W. Dept. of Youth & Community Services, provides a drop in meeting place for intellectually handicapped adults promoting independence and social awareness. Tel. 419 3551.

HELPMATES A Youth Volunteer Scheme aimed at providing disabled children, teens and young adults the opportunity to integrate into Community activities also provides extremely worthwhile community service through volunteering.

C.Y.S.S. The Community Youth Support Scheme assists young unemployed people to develop their capacity for obtaining and retaining employment, through friendship and information. Here too one can enrol in a large number of courses such as typing, word processing, computer skills, absailing, arts & crafts, cooking etc., Tel. 412 3792.

YOUTH ACCOMMODATION SERVICE. This acts as a referral source for crisis refugees and gives information on Housing Commission Flats, Private rental and shared accommodation etc.

Finally, ROBIN HOOD, WILLOUGHBY COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, AND TO assist and support existing local Youth organisations, give careers advice and stimulate and assist young people. Tel. 412 9108

I consider this to be a very worthwhile community activity. Why not call into the Y.R.C. at 61 Archer Street, Chatswood, view the facilities and pick up a brochure giving further details!

CASTLECRAG CELLARS

122 EDINBURGH ROAD, CASTLECRAG PHONE 95 2682 or 958 1507

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SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

R. Kaye.

I would like to thank all those who helped in the Red Shield Appeal, particularly Dorothy and Malcolm MacDonald, on behalf of the Salvation Army Appeal Committee, and on my own behalf. The team of 29 collectors raised \$3100 in Castlecrag. This was very pleasing, particularly as it was a warm sunny day and many residents were not at home. Should anyone who missed us still like to make a donation, please phone me on 95 6146, or deliver it to my home. I will pass it on.

CENTRE ART SPACE - CIVIC CENTRE, 409 Victoria Ave., CHATSWOOD

The following is a list of exhibitions to be held in Willoughby Council's Civic Centre in the coming weeks:-

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| August 18th - 30th | History of Housing in Willoughby |
| September 2nd - 30th | Willoughby Bicentennial Banner Project - Exhibition and Workshop |
| September 8th - 13th | Australia Images - Paul Wyld |
| September 15th - 20th | Eloura Art Group - Paintings |
| September 22nd - 29th | Monday Painters - Diana Robertson |
| September 29th - 11th Oct. | Robert Jackson - Paintings and Drawings. |



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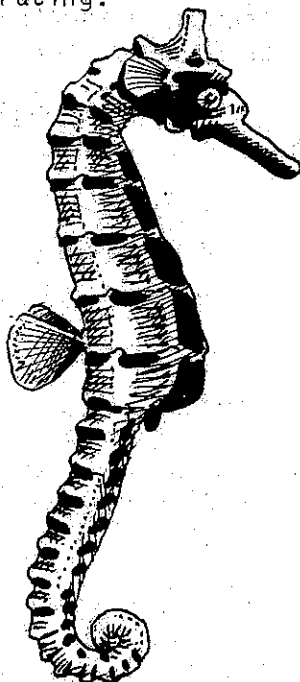
The Committee.

We are sad to hear that Mrs. Lorna Shields is being transferred to another district. Lorna has been with us for the last nine years, and has been a great help whenever we needed some postal information, to send off a parcel or to pay that bill that was almost overdue. Thank you, Lorna for your friendly service, and our best wishes to you in your new appointment.

THE CRAG is edited on behalf of THE CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION by Rita Kaye & Ann Korner.

OUR LIST OF ARTISTS

We were delighted at the interest shown in our list of Artists included in our last copy of The Crag. We received numerous phone calls and letters, often from friends and neighbours, giving us the names of residents they felt should be on our list. We have even more artists, actors, etc., than we thought. We still welcome further contributions and will include an amended list at some future date. Thank you all for co-operating.



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TENNANT, Kylie
FORBES, Colin
RUSSELL, Anna

AMBASSADOR'S WOMEN
RAIN IN THE DISTANCE
MEMOIRS OF MANY IN LOVE
ANGEL AT MY TABLE
A PERFECT SPY
THE MISSING HEIR
COVER STORY
I'M NOT MAKING THIS
UP YOU KNOW
I'LL TAKE MANHATTAN
THE BOURNE SUPREMACY
LIE DOWN WITH LIONS
POWER OF THE SWORD
HOT BREATH
CASSIDY
CYCLOPS
VOICE OF AUSTRALIA
FALL FROM GRACE
THE MOTH
OUT IN MIDDAY SUN
THE GOLDEN LION

KRANTZ, Judith
LUDLUM, Robert
FOLLETT, Ken
SMITH, Wilbur
HARRISON, Sarah
WEST, Morris
CUSSLER, Clive
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Kit Parkes, who lived in Castlecrag for the last forty years, died on Thursday, 17th July last, having suffered cancer for a number of years. After the Funeral service I was asked to include in this copy of The Crag the Eulogy given by Lady Phillips. Space does not allow this to be done in full, and the following are excerpts from her talk.

"Kit had a real genius for friendship, extending warmth to a wide range of people of all ages. Her's was a great generosity of spirit..... I refer to her early difficulties as a child of migrant parents, of being an artists' model, of knowing Norman Lindsay and many other artists, and of being involved in some of the first film-making in Australia.....

.... Kit was involved in working towards a library in Castlecrag, a theatre, and community kindergarten. Her support for social issues never flagged, nor did her unfailing help for any friend in time of trouble.

.... Then there was her courage through various and many crises she had an enjoyment of life that supported her and helped others too, during her last sad moments."

We have lost a good friend and a good neighbour. We extend our sympathy to her family, all of whom will miss her sadly.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - We are informed by the Police that during May and June attempts were made to break into two cars in the shopping centre car park, one involving minor assault. Residents of Sunnyside Crescent and Edinburgh Road suffered theft and malicious injury.

Isn't it time we all pulled together to stop these incidents?

JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH RIGHT NOW..... RING 95 6963 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

W.E.P.A. started field work on the restoration of Sugarloaf Creek in November 1985, Stage 1 of their 3-stage proposal to restore the catchment of the South Arm of Sugarloaf Bay, Castlecrag.

Regeneration work to date has been confined to the upper limits of Sugarloaf Creek, before it cascades over the falls to the lower level. Parts of the area are dominated by introduced species which has required removal of woody stemmed plants such as Lantana camara and Ligustrum sinense, and ground covers and climbers such as Tradescantia albiflora (Wandering Jew) and Anredera cordifolia (lamb's tails). To protect the soil, these areas have been mulched with those parts of the removed weeds that pose least threat of regrowing. Native seeds and vegetative material have been collected for propagation from the adjacent bush and planted out in these clearings to create a suitable environment for natural regeneration to take place.

The balance of the site worked to date has excellent canopy comprising rainforest elements, Ceratopetalum apetalum (Coachwood), Lomatis myricoides and Pittosporum undulatum, and has required minimal disturbance to remove the Tradescantia and Ligustrum seedlings which dominated the understorey.

The rubbish removed has not been confined to vegetation. Piles of household rubbish and building materials have been found under the large stands of Lantana and we are in the process of removing this from the site.

Aldermen and staff of Willoughby Council inspected the site in March 1986. They will be invited to make a further inspection at the completion of the grant.

WANTED URGENTLY!!!

Willoughby Council urgently require DRIVERS & HELPERS for MEALS ON WHEELS. This would require one day each month, between 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. If you can spare the time, do consider becoming involved. Drivers receive a petrol subsidy and usually lunch with other helpers when the job is finished. For further information, please phone the Meals on Wheels co-ordinator, Mrs. Cheng on 419 8050.

THREE SPRING WALKS

WILLOUGHBY ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ASSOC.

W.E.P.A. will be holding three spring walks to show people the bushland in our Municipality. They are as follows:

1. YEOLAND PT. Sunday, 24th October, meet 10.00 a.m. opposite Nos. 40 & 44 CAMMARAY ROAD, CASTLE COVE
2. FLAT ROCK VALLEY Sunday, 14th September: meet at 10.00 a.m. MAIN SMALL STREET, CAR PARK NEXT TO FLAT ROCK DRIVE UNDER PASS.
3. HAROLD REID RESERVE Sunday, 5th October: meet at 10.00 a.m. at the FAR END OF SUGARLOAF CRESCENT.



Children are welcome, but must be the responsibility of an adult at all times. As dogs are not allowed in reserves, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOG AT HOME. For more information, phone 95 2569.

PICNIC MORNING TEA

CASTLECRAG CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We will be holding a picnic at MILLS PT. OPPOSITE ST. JAMES CHURCH, EDINBURGH ROAD, at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 7th September. Do join us, and bring your morning tea.

The generation of noise is one of the more serious environmental problems in modern society, particularly for urban communities. One of the most appealing features of the Castlecrag peninsula is its isolation from the excessive noise levels experienced in other suburbs, and many residents have chosen to live in the suburb because of its peace and quiet. The noise generated by freeway traffic was a major concern of Castlecrag residents in their opposition to extension of the Warringah Freeway over the years. The Progress Association's submission to the Commission of Inquiry into the Warringah Transport Corridor in 1981, highlighted the expected impact of excessive traffic noise on the lifestyle of the suburb.

The expressway did not eventuate and we have been spared the noise pollution of heavy traffic. However, the peace and quiet of the suburb is again under threat from a new noise source: the burglar alarm. Increasingly the piercing bells of alarms shatter our peace, sometimes for hours on end. The natural configuration of many parts of our suburb plays its part in aggravating the problem, as the noise resounds in the amphitheatre-like valleys and is reflected off the water.

Often the alarms seem to have been activated by as little as the wind. A call to the police by neighbours is of little help when their house is also guarded by a huge dog. We beg all Castlecrag residents to have any existing alarms checked regularly in order to anticipate faults and to have timers fitted to old-fashioned alarms to control the duration of the sound. The growing success of Neighbourhood watch in raising community consciousness about security, hopefully will mean that we will rely less and less on fickle mechanical devices to ensure the protection of our individual homes within the community.

Northbridge Women's Bowling Club

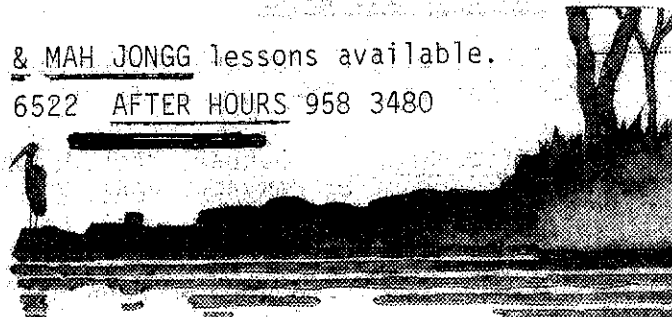
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