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+ CASTLECRAG INFANTS SCHOOL

The children from CIS are busily working on the production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" to be performed at St. James Church Hall on August 20, at 2pm. Entrance by donation, and the proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Education Day falls on August 14 with songs and dancing starting at 11.30am to 12.30pm. As this is the Year of the Child, the children are also holding an Art Show with proceeds to go to the Multi-Cultural Educational Language Resource Centre at Willoughby.

These two functions are a marvelous opportunity for parents with children starting at CIS next year to come along and see the children's work.

Chris Monch  
 President - P & C

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+ HISTORY OF CASTLECRAG - SAILORS BAY

Another of James William Bligh's land grants was about 60 acres on the southern side of Edinburgh Road, roughly from the Tower Reserve to Linden Way and down to Sailors Bay. (Bligh also owned practically all the Northbridge side of Sailors Bay.)

After his death the grant was subdivided, changed hands and was re-subdivided several times. I won't bore you with details, but by the 1920's there were four clearly defined areas :-

- .. Sailors Bay Park at the end of Rockley Street, part of it leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust to Robert Carr for the boatshed;
- .. A three acre block belonging to Orlando Taylor on the southern side of Rockley Street from The Bastion to Sailors Bay Park. A thorn in Walter Burley Griffin's side I would say, since he couldn't buy it and it cut into his Castlecrag Estate and his plan for a nature reserve and scenic drive around the foreshores of the bay;
- .. 29 acres owned by F. & D. Mackay. This was eventually purchased by Griffin and became the Haven Estate;
- .. 25 acres which had belonged to R. Harnett (same one who owned the Torquay Estate and, incidentally, another Mayor of Willoughby). It was divided into 23 lots in 1920 and called the Sailors Bay Subdivision. This is the area which now includes Knight Place and the private roads off The Bulwark and The Scarp. Several houses and 'rooms' had been built here by 1925. Addie Saltis

As we advised in the May 79 issue of the Crag, the Minister for Transport, Mr. Peter Cox, announced that the State Government had appointed Mr. David S. Kirby as Commissioner, to conduct a public enquiry... "to enquire --- and make recommendations relating to possible future and alternative uses of the Warringah Freeway Corridor reservation ---".

It is anticipated that this will take place late this year or early 1980.

Mr. Kirby is presently investigating the proposals for a new main road linking Kyeemagh on Botany Bay to Chullora. Some 900 residents in that area have made submissions relating to the proposal. It is hoped that affected residents of Castlecrag will make personal submissions in addition to that being made by this Association. In this regard, Mr. K. Hardy, Secretary of the Enquiry, has advised that written submissions from interested parties will be welcome when called for by public advertisement. He also stated that the enquiry will be of a non-adversary nature, ie, the proceedings will be informal with no cross-examination as such.

The Northside councils of Willoughby, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney and Warringah consider that the corridor land must be held until the expressway can be continued. Their spokesman has stated "none of the councils want the land used for any other purposes."

They have engaged professional consultants to prepare their submission, and each is prepared to contribute \$7500 (or more if necessary) towards this.

Our attitude to the Freeway is basically the same as in 1974/75, however the oil crisis and the rapidly increasing fuel costs since then require us to bring our study up to date. It is our conviction that the answer to the transport problem in the Manly/Warringah area is a modern public transport system. The high cost of the Freeway, if constructed, would doom forever the introduction of such a public transport system.

The case against inner-city radial freeways is so strong that we consider a small amount of money spent by us on the preparation of our submission now, will produce a convincing argument to present to Mr. Kirby.

We want to discuss our proposals with you. Please come to our next meeting on 7th August, and assist by voicing your opinions and suggestions on the future use of the freeway corridor land. We seek your advice, help, and monetary assistance.

Eric Kaye

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+ ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Council has agreed to hold open Council meetings on the last Saturday of each month, at the Council Chambers, from 10am to noon. Residents are invited to attend meetings to meet their Aldermen and discuss any problems they may have at Council level or local government.

Ald. D. Street

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+ NEXT MEETING: 8pm, TUESDAY AUGUST 7, CASTLECRAG COMMUNITY CENTRE

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## JUNE BAZAAR

Hi there folks! Here we are informing you of the success of your June Bazaar - wasn't it Great? We hope you all had a wonderful time - there were lots of terrific bargains available. Your contributions of cakes, chocolates, books, jams, and white elephant "junk" brought the Progress Association a total of \$947.50, enabling us to repay debts to the solicitors, as well as a small proportion of what is still owing to members of the Progress Association, re. the corner development case. The Salvation Jane Honey was so popular that we are responding to requests to have a constant supply available in the Crag - please contact Meg : 956249. Mr. Kiss was the lucky winner of the Guess The Doll's Name competition, and a North Sydney couple visiting the Bazaar won the raffle basket, which consisted of donations from the shopkeepers - Beef Bullion, Wine Cellars, Hardware, Chemist, Newsagent, Ruffles, and Charlie's Veges. We were delighted by the response to Beverly's Native Plant Stall - if you would like to learn about bush regeneration, preserving the integrity of your natural environment, or landscaping your garden with Native Plants, a course has been organized to be held at Beverly's home - 8 Tor Walk, Castlecrag - Pam Hum will be the tutor. The course, which costs \$21 and runs for six weeks (Monday nights, 7.30 - 9.30), begins on Monday 16th July at 7.30pm - enquiries : 956994 or 9082348.

To those of you who weren't involved in our June Bazaar but who would like to take part in community projects in the future, or if you have any suggestions regarding fund raising activities, we'd be happy to hear from you - please free to ring any of the following members of the Fund Raising Committee :

Jenny Kerr 953525  
Meg Nicholson 956249  
Addi Saltis 956409  
Beverly Blacklock 956994  
Marcella Cerna 956936

We thank you for your participation and look forward to working with you in the near future.

Cheers, Marcella.