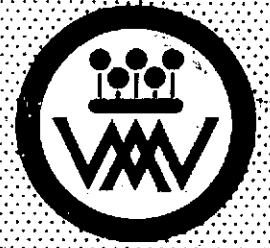


# VILLAGE VOICE



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## WE'RE HERE BECAUSE... WE'RE HERE BECAUSE...

The Queen Street and West Woollahra Association is here for a lot of good reasons. They are set out in the Constitution adopted at the first general meeting in May.

What they boil down to is the desire to make our area a satisfying, beautiful, safe and interesting place to live ... and to foster its unique commercial character, the "village high street" atmosphere of Queen Street.

You want this too? And you're not already a member? Friend, we need your support. Put \$2 in an envelope with the application form below and send it off to us today!

The more members we have, the greater our strength in speaking for residents of the area, and the more we can do for YOU.

## QUESTION TIME

The association is doing something probably unique for a residents' action group. We are organising a survey to get an accurate profile of the people who live in the area and their views on its future development.

Prepared by a market research expert, the questionnaire forms will be distributed very soon.

When you get one, please complete it fully and quickly. The information you give will be treated confidentially, but it will be invaluable in helping us to fight for the amenities and planning you want.

## join us now!

### Application for Membership

Please enrol me as a member of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association.

NAME .....  
(please state Mr, Mrs, or Miss)

ADDRESS .....

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Post, together with \$2 for first year's subscription to the Association to Box 50, P.O. Woollahra, N.S.W. 2025.

### THE VIEW FROM THE TERRACE

Work has started on the footings for the terrace along Holdsworth Street which will form part of the plan to extend the Moncur Reserve right up to Holdsworth Street and improve the Holdsworth Street Children's Playground.

The Council's engineer, Mr. Hunt, tells us that the work of building the terrace and regrading the land will take about three months. He hopes to catch as much as possible of the spring growing season for the new grass.

Before the scheme can be completed, legal procedures have to be gone through for the closing of part of Spicer Lane and a cottage in Spicer Lane will be demolished.

### BUT ONLY MAN CAN MAKE A SPORTS COMPLEX

Our association played a very active part in opposition to the Moore Park sports complex proposal. Some 500 signatures on protest petitions were collected in one Saturday morning in Queen Street.

Now the shouting has died, if not the anger. Architect Walter Bunning (of Jersey Road fame) is to investigate when submissions on the scheme close in September. The State Government has found a formula to save face -- and hopefully to save Centennial Park.

### TOWARDS A PEAKER FREEWAY ?

The Association's concern and puzzlement at a proposed 22ft 6 in building alignment from Peaker Lane for Queen Street buildings was taken up by Ald. G.A. Warnecke at a recent Woollahra Council meeting.

The Mayor promised that the matter would be discussed "when the time came for it to be discussed".

Our Association understands that the provision has been made with the idea that Peaker Lane might need widening to provide better delivery facilities for the rear of Queen Street.

We believe that such a provision is unnecessary, and that widening would spoil the character of Peaker Lane.



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### SOME THINGS IMPROVE

For too long a building at the corner of Spicer Street has been a hideous blot on the brightening communal scene in Queen Street.

Originally a shop, it has more recently been a chocolate factory --- its front doors never seen to open, its windows painted over and constantly attracting the attention of the itinerant fly poster.

Soon it will offend the eye no longer. Association member Eric Dare is imaginatively renovating the corner to provide three boutiques and 600 square feet of office space ... all in sound Queen Street character and ready in October.

The architects, Michael Standley and Associates, kindly provided the above sketch.

### SOME THINGS REMAIN DEPRESSINGLY THE SAME

Yes, it's still there, Ocean Street's own Skid Row, in all its seamy unseebliness ... harbouring drunks and vermin, its decrepit ugliness a drag on property values.

The future of Skid Row is bogged down in a series of complicated court actions which were detailed at the July Woollahra Council meeting. One developer who had an imaginative scheme for the Peaker Lane corner has given up in disgust and his successors have not yet been able to submit a fresh scheme.

The present atrophied situation is tragic. It can suit neither the developer, whose money is tied up, nor local residents who are sick of the eyesore and would like pleasant neighbourhood shops on the corner again. In the name of commonsense, can't anything be done?



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Tree Gardens, Please

A member of our committee, Miss Rowan Beckett, has prepared an extensive illustrated report with recommendations on tree planting.

Although there are very few streets in West Woollahra without trees of some kind, she concludes that a great deal can be done to improve the quality of planting and to increase the number of trees.

She believes that tree planting is handicapped by overhead wires which are protected by ugly lopping, and by the depredations of dogs and people seeking to improve their own gardens at no cost.

Miss Beckett recommends the introduction of a better form of tree guard, such as seen in the city-centre. She also pleads for more tree gardens such as those in Victoria Avenue illustrated below.



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VILLAGE VOICE will be published every two months. Letters and other contributions on local topics are invited. The editor is Robin Brampton (31.6305 day, 32.4475 evening and weekends).

COMING AND GOING

The uptown publishing dramas are nothing compared with what has been happening in Paddo. We wish success to all three successors to Paddington Journal --- PADDINGTON VOICE, PADDINGTON PAPER and TERRACE TIMES. May the best survive.

Welcome to Tony and Barbara Walker who are opening THE HOUSE OF EDWARD BEAR children's boutique in Queen St., where Frances Stafford was before she blossomed into FRANGIPANI.