

Strong resident action on local hotel changes

AN application by the Woolahra Hotel in Queen Street to extend its licensing hours from midnight to 1.30 am three nights a week is being resisted by local residents.

Several are expected to give evidence at the Liquor Administration Board hearing on Friday, October 27.

This follows the concerted action of a group of people living near the Phoenix Hotel in Wallis Street against the noise and hooliganism which have erupted since it reopened this year.

Some 20 households have contributed to a \$12,000 "fighting fund" to pay the legal costs when the owners of the Phoenix were before the licensing authorities.

A member of the group, Pam McDonald, said that as a

result of recent Liquor Administration Board hearings, the licensee of the Phoenix had had various firm conditions placed on the licence.

Reduced hours

These included that the hotel must close at 11 pm, whereas it originally opened until midnight, and then 11.30 pm.

It is also a condition that the number of people in the hotel at any one time must be limited to 180, and that the licensee must use his best endeavours to ensure their orderly conduct on leaving.

The hotel is also alleged to have breached the conditions

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of its development approval by operating a full scale restaurant on the first floor.

This matter has been before the Land and Environment Court which has granted an interlocutory injunction.

Pam McDonald said the behaviour of patrons leaving the hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights had been "really dreadful".

She had lived in the area for 15 years and had had no cause for complaint until the recent re-opening of the hotel after its extensive restoration, reputed to have cost \$3 million.

Local residents became uneasy about what was likely to happen at the Phoenix last year when the owners presented their plans to Woollahra Council and the licensing authorities.

At that time, the Queen Street Association wrote to Woollahra Council requesting that no approval be granted which would undermine local amenities.

Plans different

In reply, Council informed all objectors that the modified plans eventually approved were substantially different from those advertised and did not include any alterations or additions to the hotel's first floor.

Despite this assurance, when the hotel re-opened the residents' worst fears were realised.

In August this year, the Association again wrote to Woollahra Council, saying we were very disturbed by the loss of residential amenity.

We looked to the Council to ensure that its conditions of development consent were fully complied with.

Our letter specifically referred to residents' complaints of:

- Noise from the premises, including the playing of loud music in what is essentially a quiet neighbourhood area.

- Illegal footpath drinking.
- Unruly and offensive behaviour by patrons of the hotel, particularly when departing at night.

In September, residents' complaints were also strongly aired at a very well attended meeting of Neighbourhood Watch attended by the licensee of the Phoenix, Mr John Ryan, and a distinguished neighbour of the hotel, Mr Neville Wran.

Restricted areas

At the Woollahra Hotel, the licensee, Mr Dennis Beuganey, is applying for an extension of hours from midnight to 1.30 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The application applies only to the restaurant and lounge bar areas.

Although the hotel is agreed to be well conducted, residents fear that the longer opening hours will lead to unruly behaviour in the early hours of the morning.

A particular concern is that patrons of the Phoenix, now compelled to shut at 11 pm, will flow down to the Woollahra to take advantage of its later opening hours.

As we went to press, local residents were being asked to sign petitions and give evidence at the Licensing Board hearing.

Rush Street residents Bridget Cook and John and Penny Peel have brought out a leaflet urging opposition to the application.

Headed "ACT NOW OR FOREVER HAVE NO PEACE", it suggests that people should contact their local member, Clover Moore (360 3053) and local Alderman John Darling (32 1006), Susan Collett (32 9420) and David Rofe (328 1647).

Residents are also asked to write letters to the Licensing Administration Board and Woollahra Council.

Bridget Cook can be contacted on 327 6569 and John and Penny Peel on 326 2243.

They say: "Your immediate action is needed if Woollahra is to remain a safe and pleasant suburb".

Association Queen Street 2000 plan under way

THE most important work the Association is currently tackling is to evolve a comprehensive scheme for the general upgrading and development of the character of Queen Street.

Because this would take several years to implement and carry Queen Street into the next century, it is being called Queen Street 2000.

Unfortunately two architects who started working on the scheme voluntarily found their other workload so great that they could not continue.

The Association committee has therefore accepted an offer from Duane Norris Garden Designers to prepare a plan on a "cost only" basis.

A photographic record has

been made of Queen Street and a survey and plans obtained from Woollahra Council.

It is hoped well before the end of the year to have design aspects of the scheme ready. And hopefully the next issue of *Village Voice* can be a special Queen Street 2000 issue in which we start to show details of the scheme.

Before work started, committee members were invited to submit their own ideas, an offer which the Association had earlier extended to the community generally.

Duane Norris, who is our President, reports that work is proceeding steadily.

Slow progress at Waimea

ANOTHER hiatus seems to have occurred in the restoration of Waimea House.

Although encouraging progress was made earlier in the year with the installation of the roofing timber, by mid October work had ground to a halt for some weeks.

The Association has always taken a deep interest in the building since 1973 when the Royal Blind Society's attempt to demolish it was thwarted in the nick of time by local resident and union outrage.

Since 1977, the site has been owned by Parks Development and when restoration finally began in February, 1988, the builders

expected to have it completed in a year.

However, we understand that new delays have been partly caused by Dr Bill Kelly, of Parks Development, asking for changes in construction and materials.

Also Tony Millar, who is supervising the restoration for his family building firm, has been away in England since July and is not expected back until November.

We hope that his return will see a speedy resumption of the work so that Parks Development - and our district - will at last have a magnificent restoration and not an architectural cot case.

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Opposition may kill off unpopular parking plan

RESIDENTS are hoping that the strength of local opposition will lead Woollahra Council to drop its controversial plan to make owners install hardstanding areas behind their properties in Queen Street.

The object of the scheme is to reduce the Queen Street parking problem by creating areas behind commercial premises where trucks could unload.

It applies to properties from numbers 28 to 150 Queen Street which back onto Smith Street or Peaker Lane.

An owner would only be required to install the hard-standing area, at least six metres deep, if he put in a development application for the property which would generate more traffic or require on-site loading facilities.

After affected owners expressed their strong disapproval at a public meeting in April, a deputation met Greg Woodhams, the Council's chief town planner, and Andrew Biacci of the planning department.

However, the Council apparently still sees merit in the proposal which was again before the Council's Environmental Planning Committee on Monday, October 16.

The Association was represented at this meeting and its secretary, Robin Brampton, attended to outline our objections to the scheme.

Earlier, in a letter to the Council, the association said the proposal was unacceptable because although its effect in solving Queen Street's parking problems would be miniscule and long delayed, it would place a great burden on the owners of the affected properties.

Illegal parking

Among objections to the scheme voiced at the Environmental Planning meeting were:

- Although any hardstanding areas created were intended only for the use of the customers, employees and residents of that particular property, there would be no way of policing this.

- The creation of hardstanding areas would in some case involve the demolition of useful buildings, including garages, and sometimes gardens.

- The open hardstanding areas would encourage both illegal parking and the dumping of rubbish. This would be an annoyance to the owner who would have to arrange for its disposal.

- Although they were open to the street, the hardstanding areas would be part of the owner's private property and he might be legally responsible for any accident which might occur. This could have an effect on his liability insurance costs.

Queen Street Association director Jenny Dickerson was a member of the deputation to Woollahra Council along with Queen Street dentist Tony Cruikshank.

She reports that Mr Woodhams told them that the Environmental Planning Committee had recommended that the plan be



Engaged at enormous expense . . .

Queen Street Association took to the stage in July with the highly successful Queen Street Music Hall which we put on jointly with Woollahra Senior Citizens Association.

The show was devised and produced by Queen Street Association secretary Robin Brampton and Senior Citizens' chairman Cec Monkhouse who once worked in English music halls.

In true old time music hall fashion, Robin acted as chairman to introduce the various "artistes", among them Cec as comedian and singer.

Also on the bill were a group of singing senior citi-

zens called the Gay Gadens; English musical comedy star Betty Walker whose sparkling voice belied her 77 years; and Australian international singer Helen Lorraine.

A particular popular item was the melodrama, *The Dastardly Villain of Queen Street* who gets his come-uppance and then goes off to develop Double Bay!

Including dinner, the entertainment packed out the Senior Citizens hall on Gaden Reserve two nights running and made a useful profit for the association.

It is planned to make Queen Street Music Hall a regular mid-winter event.

abandoned.

However, because the Council still saw merit in the plan, it had asked him to continue taking submissions.

On the question of cars which might become illegally parked on the hardstanding areas, Mr Woodhams said the property owner would have the right to tow them away - but obviously at their own expense.

Mr Woodhams himself put his finger on a weakness of the scheme by pointing out that for it to be workable, Smith Street and Peaker Lane would need to be free of parked cars. Otherwise trucks would not be able to

turn into the hardstanding areas.

However, the Traffic Committee had rejected the idea of "No Parking" signs along Smith Street as they cannot police the area.

One of the Association's major concerns about the scheme is that by adopting such a small token gesture - which would have no effect for many many years - Council might consider it has done all it needs to solve the parking problems.

This needs to be tackled in a much more immediate and wholesale manner to achieve results.

Got something to sell?

ALTHOUGH bookings for stalls at our Super Garage Sale on Saturday October 28 (see page 1) are very heavy, there were still one or two available when we went to press. The fee for a trestle stall is only \$20. If you would like one, contact Duane or Sylvia Norris, at Duane Norris Garden Design, Queens Court, or ring 326 2160.



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Action group led Clover Moore into political life

IN a lively address to the Association's annual meeting in May, our local State member, Clover Moore, showed how a grassroots organisation such as ours can inspire a political career.

Confined to her home and suburb, looking after her two children, she began to take a critical notice of her living environment.

"The playgrounds were dustbowls surrounded by chainwire fences and had unsafe play equipment," she recalled. "Through traffic had access to every street. What trees there were, were regularly massacred by the Council and there were few community facilities.

"My local Council didn't want to know. They wouldn't see me. They lost letters, files and petitions and when I persisted, I was labelled a troublemaker.

"My reaction, was to talk to local people and see if they had the same concerns.

"I formed a community group which is still going. As well as providing a broader base for approaches to Council, it was also a forum for ideas and a focus for activities.

"We embarked upon a programme of self help.

"We built an adventure playground for local kids on land lent by the Parish Church, using money donated by the Lions and design and building by the Sydney University architecture students.

"We also got the Creative Leisure Movement into the area.

Hooked on action

"From then on, I was hooked on community action and when the same old crew stood for the next local Council elections, I put myself forward. With a good

campaign and community backing, I managed to scrape in."

Clover went on to become a member of Sydney City Council where as well as continuing working for her own community, she developed an interest in the city.

"I made sure that the facilities for the users of the city were given a similar priority to those who wanted to develop and make money out of the city," she said.

Daunting debut

The subject of Clover's address was *A New Girl in Macquarie Street* and she told how daunting it was, on the seventh day of her first Parliamentary session, to make her maiden speech in an amphitheatre of grey suits, red ties and blue socks.

"As a woman it is hard to blend in. Though some of us find it a handy plot to wear bright clothes, so we can be noticed by the Speaker!"

Clover told us that her electorate is the most diverse in Australia, both geographically (stretching from Woolloomooloo to Double Bay) and for its population mix.

It has a large aged population, a big Chinese community in West Surry Hills and more gay people than in any other Australian electorate.

This all leads to a very busy parliamentary life and Clover told us she is also a committed environmentalist, opposing indiscriminate logging of forests and promoting conservation of parks, foreshores and built heritage.

She also sees it as important to be active and visible in the community... "I have a horror of politicians who only appear at election time."

Clover was thanked by Association secretary Robin Brampton who complimented



State member Clover Moore speaking at the Association's annual meeting.

ed her on her interest in local issues and recalled what a valuable role independents had once played in the British Parliament.

At the annual meeting a travelling clock and other items were presented to Monica McDonald who was retiring after nine years on the committee, having served as both secretary and membership secretary.

Said Monica: "I did it because I love Queen Street. It's where I live and hope to die."

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For your diary . . .

THE Queen Street Association's last event of the year, the traditional Concert of Christmas Carols and Songs will take place in Queens Court on Tuesday, December 12, at 6.30 pm.

Admission is free and, as usual, the Taverner Consort will be along with some familiar and not so familiar songs. Afterwards we will invite everyone to join us for wine and Christmas cake.

Dee Dorgan becomes our vice-president

ALTHOUGH the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association has always had a male president, for the first time it now has a woman vice-president.

She is film producer Dee Dorgan who was elected at the annual meeting in May.

Garden designer Duane Norris continues as president, as does publisher-journalist Robin Brampton as secretary.

Solicitor Ron Osborne has again become treasurer and architects Alex and Lynette de la Vega, who own Zigolini's Restaurant, remain on the committee after having been co-opted in the previous year.

There are also four newcomers:

- Jenny Dickerson, art expert and journalist, who lives in Queen Street with her well known artist husband Bob.

- Cynthia Gregory-Roberts, a social worker who lives with her family in Jersey Road.

- John Haymes, the Queen Street bookseller who also has a background in engineering.

- Virginia Rose of The House of Edward Bear children's wear shop who lives in Ocean Street.

This year's committee is strong not only on enthusiasm but also on professional knowledge of great use to the association as it pushes forward with a number of projects.

Farewell Tom

A word of thanks and best wishes to Tom Wilhelm who did not seek re-election after a long stint on the committee during which he held the offices of president, vice-president and treasurer.

Tom has left the district to live interstate, but we hope to see him back from time to time.

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ONE of Queen Street's oldest shops, at the corner of Queen Street and Victoria Avenue, is to be the new home of Appley Hoare Antiques which is moving from Mosman.

The delightfully named Appley specialises in European and Australian farm and country furniture.

The premises were originally restored for use as an antique shop by Rosalind Palmer and have more recently been occupied by Peter Code, the *For Love or Money* panellist who has now moved to Queensland.

Appley is currently having the shop completely rebuilt with a second storey, although retaining the building's original simple lines.

She is also taking an interest in the history of the building whose commercial origins are briefly mentioned in the Association's book, *Queen Street and District - a History and Guide*.

As we recorded, in 1888 Janet Fleming was granted a council licence to carry out the business of dairymaid on the premises.

Appley has found that it was subsequently occupied by Augustus Wilson, a saddler, from 1910; Leo Pura, a tailor, from 1914; J. Morrison, a fruiterer, from 1915; and a fishmonger from 1916 to 1933.

We welcome Appley to Queen Street and trust that when the rebuilding is complete she will restore the large railway clock which Rosalind Palmer made such a feature of the outside of the shop.

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THE growing importance of Queen Street as an antiques centre is shown by the arrival at Queens Court of one of the world's leading firms of fine art auctioneers.

Established in London in 1796, Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers have 20 salesrooms throughout Great Britain and a network of offices around the globe.



The fascinating ironwork veranda has disappeared, but essentially the building remains the same. This picture of 43 Queen Street was taken about 1930 when it was a hotel called the Queen's.

In charge of the new Sydney office in Queens Court is Alison Harper who has had a broad experience of art auctioneering and was until recently based at Phillips' main saleroom in London.

She is in daily contact with Phillips' specialists throughout the world and would be very interested to chat with anybody who needs professional help in either buying or selling fine art, antiques and collectibles.

Alison's telephone number is 328 1343.

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ANOTHER newcomer to Queens Court is medical herbalist, homoeopath and nutritionalist David Keysecker who has become a member of the Association.

David trained as a surgical and medical nurse and he tells us his solid medical background is reflected in his approach to treatments.

All diagnosis is carried out medically and professionally with a naturopathic touch.

"Herbal medication substi-

tutes the use of synthetic medication, thereby achieving the same end result without the unwanted side effects," he says.

With a colleague he is also involved in phytochemical research to establish the biochemical and chemical basis for the therapeutic use of herbs.

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THE Victorian garden fountain installed on Davies Reserve in 1987 through the joint efforts of the Association and Woollahra Council has firmly established itself as a distinctive feature of Queen Street.

It is also proving a boom to enterprising youngsters who earn extra pocket money in the school holidays by washing the windows of cars held up by traffic lights at the corner of Queen Street and Oxford Street.

The pool surrounding the fountain is a constant source of the buckets of water they need for their task... a civic amenity which was never originally contemplated!

When Queen St had two hotels

THE Association is ever on the lookout for pictures and recollections of Queen Street in bygone years.

John Haymes of Haymes & Sons Booksellers at No 43 was recently contacted by Bill Moseley of Bondi Junction who is doing some research on Sydney hotels.

No 43 was originally a licensed hostelry, known as The Queen's Hotel, until it was delicensed in 1941 and the licence moved to Bondi Junction.

From the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University, Mr Moseley obtained for John the picture on this page of the hotel as it appeared in about 1930.

From this it can be seen that the building then had a marvellous corrugated iron veranda with ironwork incorporating the name "QUEEN'S HOTEL".

Apparently the hotel also had a splendid wooden panelled bar, rather like an English pub.

Tooths Brewery acquired the hotel when they took over the Resch's company in 1929 and continued to own it until 1944.

After it was delicensed, Tooths leased it for a nominal one shilling a year to the Red Cross who set it up as a wartime first aid post.

Toilet blocks at the rear of the building were demolished so that an ambulance could get in from James Street.

Happily, the building was never needed to succour bombing victims in Sydney and in 1944 it was sold to a Mrs I.H. McNamee to be turned into bachelor apartments.

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IT was a pleasure at a recent art gallery opening in Moss Vale to meet again Frances Stafford, one of the great pioneers of the commercial rejuvenation of Queen Street in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Her Frangipani store selling bikinis and casual gear flourished first at Number 134 (now the House of Edward Bear) and then at number 136 (now Reads).

Frances now has an antiques shop specialising in bric a brac, small prints and furniture in Wingecarribee Street, Bowral, where she would naturally be pleased to see old Queen Street "regulars".



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