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Plan for homes with a heavenly address

By Robin Brampton
Administrator of the Queen Street Association

A SCHEME to convert the burned out Uniting Church building in Jersey Road into four large townhouses has been submitted to Woollahra Council for development approval.

The scheme preserves the essential fabric of the present building. However, in the rebuilding of the burned out roof, a number of small dormer windows would be added.

This would give the building something of the character of a major mid-European building of the 18th century or perhaps earlier.

The project has been designed by the distinguished architectural practice of Clive Lucas, Stapleton & Partners which specialises in sensitive restoration work.

English architect John Oultram, who was responsible for the design, kindly invited me to view and discuss the plans and provided a copy for the Association.

The four townhouses would be created at "slices" going right through the building from the east elevation fronting Moncur Street.

They would have two floors of living area and either three or four bedrooms on the upper floors, with natural light from the dormers.

John Oultram tells me an aim has been to preserve the feel and sense of the original building.

Spacious

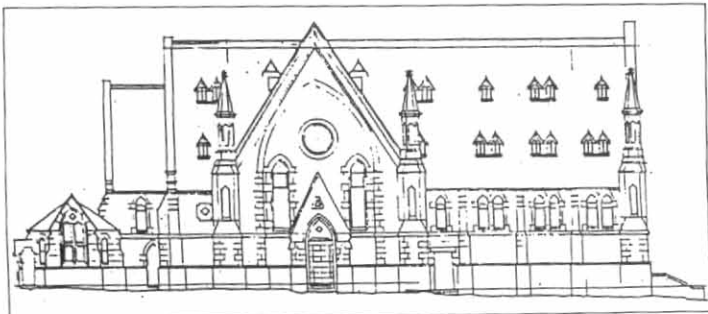
A feeling of spaciousness has been enhanced by the floors of some of the rooms forming balconies opening onto an open vertical area rather than being continued to the outer wall.

The development proposal is being made by the family company of Mr Edward Bonsor who bought the property for \$1 million at an auction in October.

Woollahra Council has yet to consider the development application and meanwhile has asked local residents and the Queen Street Association for comment.

The Association had considerable reservations about the proposal of the former owners to turn the building into a conservatorium of music and

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How the townhouse development will look from Moncur Street, with dormer windows in the roof.

Come and hear about A NEW SCHEME FOR QUEEN STREET

at the

ANNUAL MEETING of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association Ltd

TUESDAY, MAY 23rd

at 7pm

at Fred Pazotti Pty Ltd

64 Moncur Street, Woollahra

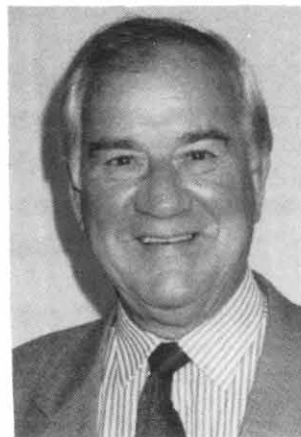
The evening will principally be devoted to the presentation of a new draft concept design for streetscape improvements in Queen Street. Together with Woollahra Council, the Association has commissioned the scheme from Diane Stevens of Stevens Wallman Associates. A distinguished landscape architect, Diane is a local resident. Principal guest of the evening will be the Mayor of Woollahra, Councillor David Leach. Local residents present will be invited to make comments and suggestions. Also Woollahra Council will make a presentation about its waste management strategy.

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Complimentary buffet and wine tasting

NOTE

The meeting is open to all local residents but only financial members of the Association for the year 1995 may take part in the formal business. Members may enrol or renew their membership on the evening of the meeting.



COUNCILLOR DAVID LEACH
Mayor of Woollahra

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Report of the President, Graham Freudenberg, AM, to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association Ltd on Tuesday, May 23:

DURING 1994-95, your Directors have been active on a wide range of issues and initiatives on behalf of the community in this special area of Sydney.

Our constant objective is to enhance its amenity and character, built up over the past century, by looking ahead to the next century.

Our major initiative for 1995, the development of a concept plan for Queen Street, expresses this sense of continuity between past and future.

As a result of discussions at our monthly meetings in September, October and November, the Directors authorised the Administrator, Robin Brampton, and myself to have preliminary discussions with the distinguished planner, Diane Stevens, of Stevens Wallman Associates.

Ms Stevens indicated her willingness to provide a basic design for Queen Street improvements, with particular ref-

erence to the area between Holdsworth Street and Victoria Avenue.

As early as the first week in January, we were in a position to discuss the project formally with the Mayor of Woollahra, Councillor David Leach, to enlist the vital support of the Council.

On the Association's behalf, Mr Brampton and I put it frankly that in recent years West Woollahra had missed out on funds provided for street improvements and landscaping in other areas of the Municipality, such as Double Bay, Rose Bay and Oxford Street, Paddington.

At the Mayor's invitation, Mr Brampton, in consultation with Ms Stevens, prepared a submission much of which was incorporated in a Council brief suggested to the Finance Committee.

I am delighted to report that, as a result, Council has granted \$4000 to the cost of Ms Stevens' work, with the Association providing the other \$1000.

Presentation of the Streetscape Improvement Study, and discussion on it, will be the principal agenda item at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 23.

Banjo Paterson Memorial

AS I reported last year, Council has also promised financial support for our proposal to build a memorial wall to celebrate A.B. (Banjo) Paterson's residence in, and association with, Queen Street in the early years of this century.

On August 9, some 50 enthusiastic supporters of the project attended the inaugural fund-raising dinner at the Senior Citizens Centre, Gaden Reserve, which raised \$2,050 for the project.

Highlights of the evening included an address by our Patron, Neville Wran, and a brilliant recitation of *The Man from Snowy River*, by heart and unabridged, by Mr Justice Harry Bell.

In the coming year, with the support of our Patron, we hope to enlist substantial corporate and individual donations towards the minimum of a further \$18,000 required to attract the assistance offered by Woollahra Council.

Fun Christmas Dinner

ANOTHER very successful event was our Fun Christmas Dinner, attended by more than 80 members and friends, at the Moncur Bistro, on November 21.

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TOWNHOUSES continued

the arts after throwing a huge transparent cocoon over it.

Both Woollahra Council and its Urban Conservation Advisory Committee also frowned on the scheme. The Council was concerned about the number of people who would be using the site, particularly as there would be no on-site parking.

The Conservation Advisory Committee had reservations for aesthetic reasons.

At the time of writing, the Association had not considered the new proposal. However it is obviously considerably less intensive in its use of the site, and off-street parking is included.

A model has been created and Edward Bonsor has accepted an invitation for it to be shown at the Association's annual meeting on May 23.

Architect John Oultram will be present to explain the scheme and answer questions.

The model and plans are also available for inspection at the Woollahra Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road from 8am to 4pm on weekdays. The Council officer responsible is Peter Eccleston.



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West Woollahra
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A residents' action association
covering the area bounded by Jersey
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Administrator and Editor of Village
Voice: Robin Brampton.

Village Voice is always pleased to
receive letters and contributions
commenting on matters affecting the
community. However, items published
in Village Voice do not necessarily
represent the official view of the
Association.



Last year, the Queen Street Association donated \$1000 to Holdsworth Street Community Centre. The money is being used to provide transport for four young people with intellectual disabilities to go to the centre's literacy, numeracy and cooking classes at Randwick North High School. In our picture, Jenny Broadbent from the centre is working with the cooking class. The centre's disabilities services co-ordinator, Anastasia Protey, tells us: "Without the kindness of the Queen Street Association, these young people would be unable to access this programme which is essential to their future independence in the community".

Generous support from Queen Street and other local businesses enabled us to raise \$1,570 for general funds.

I am especially grateful to Dorothy Brampton for her help in making this occasion run so smoothly – as indeed she does with all our activities, all year round.

Business Group

YOUR Directors decided during the year to investigate the possibility of reviving the business group within the Association.

This would recognise the common interest in the amenity and progress of our community, shared by business, property owners and residents alike.

Members of the task force are our Treasurer, Tim McCormick, together with David Heimann, Ursula King, Mary Read and Heather Smith.

In April, we circulated a comprehensive questionnaire to all businesses in the area, inviting their views on many possible combined initiatives.

Traffic and Development

OCEAN STREET

THE Association strongly supports OSNOF (Ocean Street Not Ocean Freeway) in its efforts to secure a better deal for Ocean Street residents.

So we congratulate the OSNOF Chairman, Nick Eddy, who is also our Secretary, on having his perseverance with the authorities concerned rewarded at long last by the installation of traffic calming measures and other safety features.

We will closely monitor the results

including, of course, the impact on adjoining streets such as John Street.

BURNED OUT CHURCH

THE Association has maintained a close watch on proposals for the burned out Uniting Church on the corner of Moncur Street and Jersey Road.

In fairness to the original purchasers, the Asia Pacific Arts Foundation, we provided them with two opportunities to explain their project to our members and other residents.

However, when the full proposal was submitted to the Council last winter, one of our Directors, Colin Brady, drew up an analysis which we submitted to Council.

Mr Brady, an architect, concluded: "The proposal has yet to demonstrate an impact this Association finds acceptable either to the building itself or to the local community".

Subsequently the foundation sold the building within which it is now proposed to create four townhouses, with the original structure kept intact.

Without prejudice, I anticipate that the development will continue to require the close scrutiny of this Association on behalf of the residents.

111 JERSEY ROAD

THERE are many favourable aspects to the Uniting Church's scheme to build five large townhouses on site of the former manse at the corner of Moncur Street and Jersey Road, opposite the burned out church.

However, the Association has continually expressed its concern that the end of the row of townhouses would abut directly onto the pavement at the corner without any setback as required by the

Building Code for the area.

Although the Uniting Church has amended the plans to reduce the width of the wall involved, we are opposed to this aspect of the proposal, as are Woollahra Council and many local residents.

When this report was prepared, the Uniting Church was taking the matter to the Land and Environment Court in a case which is likely to prove complex.

Membership and Finances

AT the end of 1994, membership stood at 214, consisting of four honorary members; 97 life members; and 113 individual, pensioner, family or corporate members. Subscription revenue increased from \$2275 to \$2687.

Our activities for the year resulted in a deficit of \$4019, due to a number of factors. These included the carryover of expenses from the previous year; and our decision to employ an administrator on an honorarium and to make grants again to local community organisations.

We have been careful to ensure that all expenses incurred at the end of 1994 have been included in the accounts. It should also be noted that the \$2050 so far received for the Banjo Paterson Memorial Fund has not been included in the general income.

The Treasurer will report separately on the financial situation.

Village Voice

DURING the year, we produced three issues of our newsletter, *Village Voice*, delivered to every address in the Association's area. This is the vital communications link between the Association and local residents.

Costs are largely covered by advertising revenue, and I would like to thank local businesses for their vital support in this area of our activities.

Directors

FINALLY I place on record my appreciation of the work of all my fellow Directors.

The only resignation during the year was that of Lynda Hayden. Before her departure to live in London, she kindly made her Harlequin Trim premises in Jersey Road available for our meetings.

We all continue to be indebted to our Administrator Robin Brampton who, as I said publicly at the Christmas dinner, disproves the old adage that no person is indispensable.

How a business can combat the criminal

THE Queen Street and West Woollahra Association has recently been expressing concern to the police about the amount of crime involving property and even violence in the Queen Street area.

We believe nothing is as effective in deterring crime as a regular police presence.

Last year, Assistant Commissioner Peate, our regional commander, told us every endeavour would be made to ensure beat police would patrol Queen Street more frequently.

Concerned that this apparently had not happened, we wrote to him again in February. In his reply, he said:

"Sergeant Thompson, of Paddington Patrol, informs me that records on hand indicate a decreasing trend in crime in the Queen Street and West Woollahra area which is pleasing to see.

"I am informed that the beat police personnel have been instructed to carry out regular foot patrols in the area and, in fact, are doing so when staff is available."

The Association plans to hold discussions with Sergeant Thompson who is head of beat police in the area.

However the phrase, *when staff are available*, goes to the heart of the question. Frequently they are not.

Numbers down

In February we were told that although the Paddington Patrol, extending from the edge of the city to Bellevue Hill, should have 40 police, numbers then were down to 28.

And at that time, the vital beat force, responsible for foot patrols and other direct contact, consisted of only six officers instead of the establishment of eight.

Numbers can be diminished even more when beat patrol officers are diverted to other duties, such as controlling the huge demonstrations against the third runway at Sydney Airport.

Of course, security is not only a police responsibility. In the present situation, it pays for shopkeepers to step up their own efforts to combat crime.

Here is some advice garnered from Paddington police and other sources:

Attacks: Never resist an attack, or threat of attack, made to get money or goods. It's better to lose money than risk your life.

However, it can be useful to have your takings in two places, with a till for a small amount of change in the customer area, and the rest well hidden away.

Strong grille

Break-ins: The police advise the use of the strongest possible steel grille protection when premises are unoccupied. At least three Queen Street retailers, Rialda, Lisa Ho and School's Out!, have protected themselves in this way.

The trouble with burglar alarms is that they are so often set off accidentally — by temperature changes, insects and vibration — that people in the vicinity may not take them seriously when there is a real break-in.

And do not imagine you are safe from break-in because your premises are in a well-lit street with plenty of traffic and even surrounding homes.

In the dead of night, around 3am-4am, things are so quiet that the villains can often work undetected. A brazen raid in which valuable pictures were taken from the Savill Galleries in Hargrave Street occurred in this way.

Shoplifting: Unfortunately, shoplifters are becoming ever more cunning. For instance, they are now using bags lined with silver foil to steal clothing with security tags. The foil prevents the tags tripping the alarm system as the shoplifter leaves.

Professional shoplifters often work in pairs or even groups. One will distract the staff by some ruse, such as trying on a number of garments, while the others get to work.

A shopkeeper who suspects this is happening can make their suspicions known, without offending genuine shoppers, by saying something like, "Are you togeth-

Local History — can you help?

ARCHITECT John Oultram, who designed the townhouse development for the burned-out church in Jersey Road (see page 1), would like to obtain photographs of the interior of the church before the fire. He can be reached at Clive Lucas Stapelton & Partners, 357 4811.

Also, Donna Lee Brien is writing a biography of the Australian expatriate artist and philanthropist John Joseph Wardell Power (1881-1943) whose family lived at Midhurst in Nelson Street from 1900 to 1904. She would like more information about the mansion, including a floorplan, and about life in the area at the time.

Her address is 4/81 Oakley Road, North Bondi 2026. Ph 365 6709.

er?", or "I'll be with you in a minute".

Particular behaviour to be suspicious of is people wearing bulky clothes out of season (to hide shoplifted articles underneath) or placing bags on the floor next to merchandise which they might easily tip in.

It is a useful habit for the shopkeeper to greet every person entering the shop, even if they are "Just looking, thank you".

A genuine shopper/browser will not resent this. If they are not genuine, they have been put on notice that they are being watched.

Above all, remember that appearances can be deceptive. A shoplifter is just as likely to be an elegant woman with a Harrods bag as a teenager in jeans.

Accomplices

Stealing cash: As with shoplifting, accomplices often work together to steal cash from shops, one distracting the owner while the other robs the cashbox or till.

The police suggest always keeping a till closed and perhaps having some device which makes a noise when it is opened.

Also make sure the handbags of staff members are kept well away from the sales area, preferably under lock and key.

One unfortunate fashion store manager in Queen Street lost her bag to a thief who took nothing from the shop itself.

Another possible area of loss for a business is the con trick.

Beware the heartbroken mother with a young child who says she is homeless and needs to borrow money until

the banks open for the bond on a flat.

Or the well-dressed man who has been accidentally locked out of his flat round the corner and needs a loan for a few minutes to pay the locksmith to let him in again.

The golden rule is: Never part with money from the till except to give change.

Antiques and Pictures:

Unfortunately, some very skilled criminals are now working in the antiques trade, of which Queen Street is a national centre.

One trick is to steal a valuable antique print and replace it with either a reproduction of similar print of far less value. The owner sometimes does not discover the loss for weeks.

This sort of thing can best be overcome by dealers being aware of the problem and exchanging information which might lead to catching the thieves red handed.

If you become a victim: Dial 000! This is the quickest and most effective way of contacting the police.

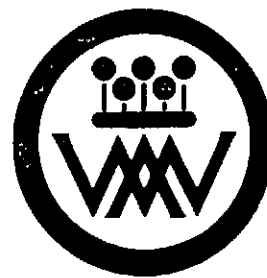
If somebody has robbed or attacked you and got away in a vehicle, if possible make a note of its colour, type and registration number.

Keep calm and when the police arrive, give them the best description you can of those responsible, particularly noting anything unusual about their appearance such as tattoos, unusual scars, unusual hair colouring or hair style.

Such individual characteristics can be more help in identifying a criminal than noting the clothing they were wearing at the time.

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GOODWIN VILLAGE JUBILEE

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A haven for older folk is 25 years old

GOODWIN Village in Jersey Road, Woollahra, which has enabled hundreds of older people to live inexpensively in modern comfort, is 25 years old.

It was officially opened on May 1, 1970, by the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh.

The village provides accommodation for some 221 people in a warm and friendly atmosphere without any institutional feeling.

Village life is based on Christian values and the mission of care is extended to everyone, regardless of creed.

Because Goodwin Village is on an escarpment, with most units facing west, many residents get a stunning view of the city by day and night, like that of a millionaire's penthouse.

It was designed by Clarke Gazzard and Partners, the practice of the distinguished local architect Don Gazzard, and named after Archdeacon Clive Goodwin, Rector of St Marks, Darling Point.

Three buildings

As executive chairman of Church of England (now Anglican) Retirement Villages, Archdeacon Goodwin had been involved in every stage of planning and construction.

Built at what today seems the surprisingly low cost of \$1.5 million, Goodwin Village consists of three main buildings:

- Bourke House, a terraced building named after NSW Governor Sir Richard Bourke (in office 1832-37), with 61 units.

- Gipps House, also terraced, named after NSW



Carefully tended gardens are a feature of Goodwin Village . . . Original resident Anne Darlington with manager Katrina Gould.

Governor Sir George Gipps (in office 1832-46), with 48 units.

- Macquarie Towers, a seven-storey high rise, named after Governor Lachlan Macquarie (in office 1810-21), with 91 units.

In 1979, Anglican Retirement

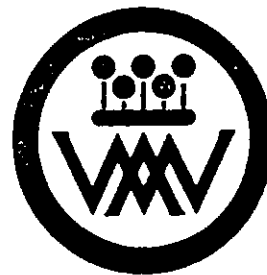
Villages acquired the former police watch house on a site bordering Goodwin Village. This was extended to provide three units and named Taber Cottage.

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A stunning view of the city . . . Goodwin Village with Bourke and Gipps Houses on the left and Macquarie Towers on the right.



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GOODWIN VILLAGE JUBILEE

Community thrives on its friendly spirit

"WE'RE very happy here, very contented, and we're all friends," explains Anne Darlington whose studio unit at Goodwin Village has a stunning view from its terrace to the city.

And Judith Reading, who has just celebrated her 90th birthday, agrees. "I'm very lucky to be here," she says.

Anne, who asks you not to mention her age but admits to being in her eighties, emigrated from Scotland when she was 16 and married an Australian who died in 1947.

On her shelves are pictures of some of her family — three sons, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Judith led the single life and has fascinating memories of keeping a library and gift shop in Darlinghurst Road when Kings Cross was healthily cosmopolitan rather than degenerate and sleazy.

Typical

The two ladies are typical of the inhabitants of Goodwin Village. And both are among the select group of six who have been there since it opened in 1970.

In fact Anne Darlington remembers that when she attended the official opening by the Queen on May 1, 1970,

her unit was still unfinished. She had to go back to her original home for another week.

Other original residents are Wyn Bennett, Alice Main and a charming Darby and Joan couple, David and Madge Gibson.

Legend

Surprisingly healthy and vigorous for his 89 years, David is something of a legend at Goodwin Village for his enterprise in making the residents' lives more pleasant.

Having spent a lifetime in the wholesale and retail fruit and vegetable industry, he started providing shopping facilities in the community in 1971, the year after his arrival.

First came a fruit and vegetable store, then a more general shop which he ran for 18 years.

This still provides residents with on-the-spot facilities to buy bread and groceries at supermarket prices without going outside Goodwin Village.

David was also first secretary and then for 10 years president of the Village Council, the 14 members of which are elected annually by the residents.

This acts as contact point



between residents and Anglican Retirement Villages, making recommendations which reflect their wishes.

The council also helps to organise the many social and other activities which keep the residents active in mind and body.

Recognition

These include church services; gentle exercise to music; bingo, video and games evenings; discussion and walking groups; and theatre parties.

In recognition of all David has done for the residents, the main communal hall has been named the David Gibson Terrace Room.

Both David Gibson and Anne Darlington have a great admiration for Victoria Smith, the first warden. Although sometimes acerbic, she did much to develop the spirit of Goodwin Village.

"She was a lovely lady," said Anne Darlington. "They would never have got this place going without her."

Her successor today, known as the manager, is Katrina Gould who combines nursing experience with a friendly nature and a talent for administration.

Goodwin is one of a number of retirement villages operated by Anglican Retirement Villages and somewhat unusual in being so near the city.

Many residents have lived in the area all their lives and would find it disruptive to move to the outer city areas

where most of the other villages are located.

Katrina tells you that the popularity of Goodwin Village means that it takes between four and six years to get to the top of the waiting list.

Only about 12 units become vacant each year and the number has been reduced with the amalgamation of smaller studio units when they become available to create larger one-bedroom units.

To be placed on the waiting list, an applicant must be at least 55 so that they will be of pensionable age when a unit is available.

Lodge for care

They must also be able to do their own cooking, shopping and housekeeping, and to manage their own affairs within the structure of the village.

If a resident gets to the stage of needing care, they move to Elizabeth Lodge, also operated by Anglican Retirement Villages, freeing

Thank you!

Goodwin Village would like to thank various companies who have sponsored this feature. Their announcements appear on these pages.

their unit for an applicant on the waiting list.

Some of the units are offered on a low rental basis, leaving the tenant plenty of their pension or other income for other living costs.

Others move in on a temporary ownership scheme, paying \$25,000 which is returned to the resident or their estate, plus a contribution of between \$75,000 and \$95,000.

If the occupancy proves short, part of the contribution is returned on a pro-rata basis for the number of years.

Among other things, this scheme ensures that residents take a great pride in what is,

for their lifetime, their own home.

In the terraced buildings, pride of ownership is reflected in the beautiful gardens created by residents facing Jersey Road; and the carefully tended tubs and pots on the roomy terraces overlooking the city.

"I love this place," says Anne Darlington. "I wouldn't live anywhere else."

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Continued

In addition to providing homes for permanent residents, the village offers temporary accommodation for their visitors who have come from as far away as the United Kingdom and the United States.

Goodwin Village is continually being improved and renovated, with constant attention to such detail as decoration and tiling.

When possible, smaller studio units are being amalgamated to provide larger one-bedroom units for married couples.

Also to avert any possibility of a major tragedy, fire protection at Macquarie Towers is being upgraded at a cost of up to \$750,000.

After 25 years, Goodwin Village is serving the community better than ever.

LEFT: At the opening of Goodwin Village in May, 1970, the Queen was introduced to some of the residents by Archbishop Marcus Loane, Archbishop of Sydney. CENTRE: A somewhat apprehensive Sally Anne Jones, granddaughter of Archdeacon Goodwin, presented a posy to the Queen. RIGHT: How Goodwin Village appeared immediately after construction. The trees have now grown up to give the village a very leafy appearance.



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A Message from the Queen

Buckingham Palace

17th March, 1995

I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey her sincere thanks to the members of the Goodwin Retirement Village at Woollahra for their kind letter of 13th March, sent on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of your Village. Her Majesty was pleased to receive this message and sends her good wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely

Simon Grimson

Mrs Katrina Gould

Pages in the history of Jersey Road

by Robin Brampton

GOODWIN Village stands on an extensive sloping site in Jersey Road, between Quarry Street and Thorne Street, in an historic part of Woollahra.

Originally Jersey Road was called Point Piper Road because it formed the only route from Old South Head Road to Point Piper.

At Point Piper was Henrietta Villa, home of Captain John Piper, the profligate Scotsman who in the 1820s owned vast tracks of land in the present Woollahra area, later to lose them.

Point Piper Road became Jersey Road in 1900 when it was renamed after the Earl of Jersey, Governor of New South Wales from 1890 to 1893.

It has been suggested that the re-naming was not so much in honour of the noble earl but a tongue-in-cheek recognition of

the fact that he kept a mistress in a large sandstone residence at the end of the street!

But the official story is that the names of both Point Piper Road and Piper Street (now Queen Street) were changed to avoid confusion with other local streets and areas named after John Piper.

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GOODWIN Village is on land which formed part of the St James Glebe, a land grant made in 1842 to the Parish of St James in the city.

The area of some 29 acres formed a triangular site now bounded by Ocean Street, New South Head Road, Glenmore Road, the northern boundary of Trumper Park, and Jersey Road.

Through a system of leases and sub-leases, much of the area was turned into small

building sites for terraced and other homes.

A Mr George Thorne leased nine allotments in the area below Goodwin Village, no doubt giving his name to Thorne Street.

Quarry Street gets its name from the large quarry which once existed in the Trumper Park area to supply stone for local homebuilding.

The Glebe area developed strongly from the 1880s to the early 1900s, being well served by public transport.

First were horse buses, then a steam tram which actually ran down Jersey Road. This was supplanted by the cable tram to Edgecliff which developed into the electric tram service to Watsons Bay.

An opportunity for wholesale redevelopment of the Glebe came in 1964 when the old leases expired. A massive rebuilding programme was proposed with high rise towers.

Partly as a result of the outrage of the residents, this never took place and the heritage value of the Glebe area has largely been maintained.

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ALTHOUGH Goodwin Village is a modern complex, it has one architectural link with the past in Taber Cottage at 238 Jersey Road.

This was added to Goodwin Village in 1979 and extended back from Jersey Road with the construction of other single-storey units sympathetic in style with the original building.

Taber Cottage was originally called the Watch

House, built in 1871 for police use with a cell block at the rear.

Its administrative use ended in 1888 when the imposing new court house and police station were built at the other end of Jersey Road.

In 1911 it became a police residence which it remained until 1961.

Taber Cottage is named after Mrs Adda Taber (nee Pepper) who died in 1967, a considerable benefactor of the Church of England Retirement Villages.

A fine slate-roofed cottage in early Victorian style, it is one of the few remaining sandstone police stations buildings, particularly in the Sydney area.

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ONE of the houses swept away to build Goodwin Village was Lynton at 294 Jersey Road where Rose Scott, a major force in Australia's early feminist movement, lived from 1879 until her death in 1925.

A strong advocate of legislation to improve the lot of women and children, she was secretary of the Womenhood Suffrage League from 1891 until 1902 when its aims were realised with the granting of votes to women in New South Wales.

Rose Scott was involved in many other issues such as the children's court, old age pensions, shopping hours and animal protection.

Although never married, she loved home pursuits, listing housekeeping and gardening among her recreations. And she called her Jersey Road home "the dearest place on earth".



"The dearest place on earth" . . . Feminist Rose Scott walking in front of a companion in the garden of her Jersey Road home which was demolished to make way for Goodwin Village.



ABOVE: Jersey Road, then known as Point Piper Road, in 1860. The road to the left is probably Moncur Street. BELOW: Taber Cottage, built in 1871 as a police watch house and now part of Goodwin Village.



Rabbit plague a problem

• *Warwick Mayne-Wilson, the West Woollahra representative on the Centennial Park & Moore Park Community Consultative Committee, contributes the following report on recent events:*

FOLLOWING good rains since January, the fields of Centennial Park have greened again, providing better grass for both sports players and rabbits.

The rabbits have continued to multiply and, because they now have a wider range of plants to feed on, are taking less of a toll on the park's new plantings of young trees and shrubs.

However, the best means of disposing of the rabbits is still being argued over.

The park's managers have reservations about the RSPCA's suggestion of using ferrets. Not only is it very labour intensive but many rabbits do not actually live in burrows. Therefore such a control method would be ineffective.

While not many observers have sided with the animal rights lobbyists – because most Australians have supported country-wide attempts to reduce the rabbit plague for over a century – those who oppose the laying of poisoned carrots for the rabbits have other grounds for concern.

They are afraid that such rabbits may be picked up by other animals or birds that we want to keep; or dropped elsewhere (either inside or outside the park) and picked up by young children or domestic pets.

These concerns were shared by the park's management. So with the assistance of various experts, a range of other measures will be implemented.

The issue has attracted

debate Australia wide, perhaps because it is the first case of an extensive extermination programme being required in a high-profile urban park that is also a heritage conservation area.

McDonald's

The other controversial topic is the proposed refurbishment of the tennis centre which includes a McDonald's family restaurant to serve tennis and netball courts, and the playing fields at Moore Park.

For some the issue is whether McDonald's is an appropriate style of restaurant; for others it is whether there should be such a restaurant on this site at all.

While some can accommodate both proposals, they oppose the placing of any restaurant at the very portals of the original Grand Drive.

It is understood there will be no advertising signs, and that the proposed building must harmonise with the Federation period architecture in and around the park.

Extensive landscaping requirements and other conditions have been imposed by the Park Trust.

The Trust found, after calling for tenders, that McDonald's were also able to offer a known, reliable standard of management and service.

The Trust has therefore supported the lodging of a development application with South Sydney City Council, and the community will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal when it is put on display.

Meanwhile, the Trust is awaiting an expert report on the complex problems that beset the park's various ponds.

These include the collapse of their banks, algal blooms, the spread of water hyacinth, and pollution arising from excessive numbers of bird life, dog droppings and storm water deposits.

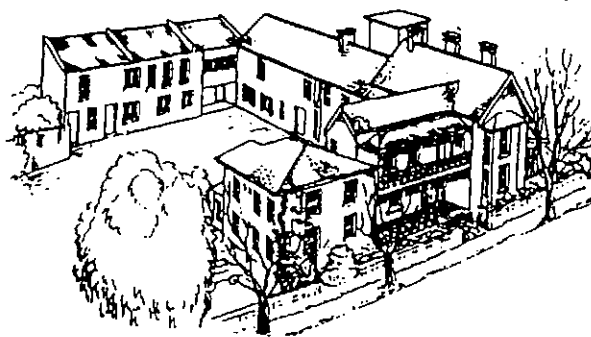
Action is being taken to harvest the hyacinth mechanically. It is hoped this will end the problem of it appearing further downstream in the Botany wetlands.

(Warwick Mayne-Wilson welcomes comments and input about the two parks from local residents. His phone number is 327 1872, and fax 327 2183.)

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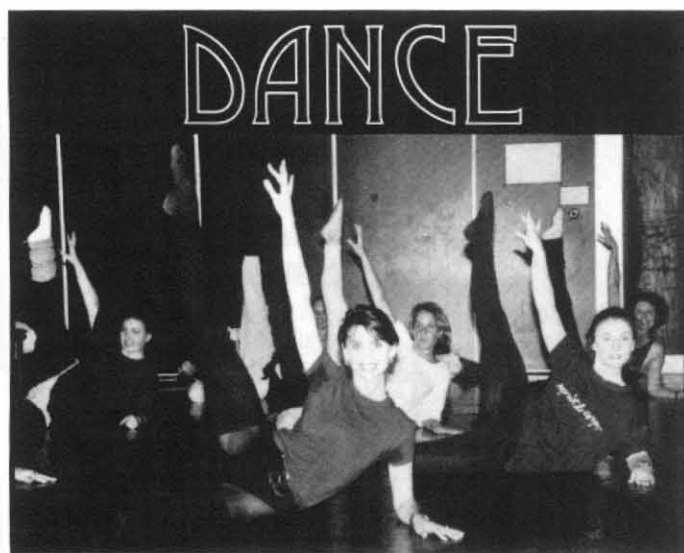
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LOCAL TABLES

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THE tree-shrouded former
rectory in Oxford Street,
opposite the top of Queen
Street, holds fascinating mem-
ories.

It was the first of Leo
Schofield's stylish local restor-
ations, becoming the home of
his advertising agency in the
mid 1970s and prompting the
jibe, "What are you going to
do in a rectory, Leo, pray for
business?"

Here Leo and I evolved
Sydney's first real restaurant
guide which I persuaded Avis
to sponsor in the belief it
would give them the sort of
cachet Michelin enjoys in
France.

Then the rectory became a
restaurant under the sure-fire
direction of Gay and Tony
Bilson before they went their
separate ways.

In their time, I remember a
memorable evening when the
conversation of our group of
people with earthmoving
interests so intrigued film
director Fred Schepisi at the
next table that he chimed in to
suggest it could inspire a film
script.

More recently, the restau-
rant acquired the curious
name of Oasis Seros and a
reputation of culinary excel-
lence which I could never
understand on my one experi-
ence of dining there.

Modern cuisine

Now another metamorphosis
— the eden of Paddington
(their lower case "e") which
reflects the modern trend of
stark decor and elaborate
accompaniments to basic
dishes.

Last month we took our
gregarious accountant and his
charming wife along for what
proved an evening of lively
conversation and food ranging
from the reasonably compe-
tent to excellent.

The front of house trio —
owner Andrew Stevenson,
Glyn and Sebastian — were
attentive and affable, though I
was surprised to be given a
dessert spoon to quaff my
soup.

This was a personal
favourite, Prawn Bisque,
served with prawn wontons
that were a touch too spicy for

my delicate taste, and squid
ink linguini (\$7.50).

My main course of
Steamed King George
Whiting Fillets was so bland it
needed the delicious accom-
paniments of fried polenta
cake topped with oyster mush-
rooms, sundried tomatoes and
light mustard dill sauce (\$18).

Dessert was a palate-tin-
gling Selection of Ice Creams
with Winter Fruits (\$8). Hard
to go wrong there.

Enthusiastic

Although critical of the
ambience which she felt need-
ed some softening touches,
Mrs B was enthusiastic about
the food.

Her choices were the
unusual Watercress Custards
with sauteed sea scallops,
cucumber and ginger
("Delicious") (\$11); Duck
Confit on a Pecan Nut
Pancake with baby boc choy
and plum jus ("Very tender")
(\$9); and a superb looking and
tasting Terrine of Licorice and
Coconut Ice Creams, Fruit
Coulis and Glass Biscuits
(\$8.50).

Our guests were less
impressed by their entrees of
Smoked Salmon and Tuna
Tartar (\$12.50) and Gravalet
of Ocean Trout (\$12) than the
main courses.

Mr Tax Avoidance pro-
nounced as "lovely" the
Panfried Atlantic Salmon with
vegetable and wild rice risotto
and champagne butter sauce
(\$18.50); while Mrs T.A. also
enjoyed the whiting and
shared our desserts.

From the eden's well cho-
sen wine list, strong on small-
er vineyards, we selected a
Cape Mentelle Semillon
Sauvignon from Margaret
River (\$27) and a Briar Ridge
Traditional Semillon from the
Hunter (\$24.50). Sound
wines, well kept.

A couple of nice touches at
the eden — complimentary
bread made on the premises,
tinged pink with sundried
tomato; and the way chef
Peter Litynski comes round in
food-stained apron late in the
evening to meet the customers.

Oh, yes, and the bistro has
a spacious and gracious
upstairs lounge for pre-dinner
drinks, furnished in a style
more in tune with the rectory's
Victorian origins.

R.B.

APART from the sensational success of Marg Agostini's new Queens Court bistro, movements in Queen Street have been more outwards than inwards in recent months.

And after the rather disturbing way real estate agents were taking over so many local shops in the 1980s, two have actually moved out.

John Bence has gone from 32 Queen Street to the Royal Arcade in Double Bay and S.J. Laing has left 40 Ocean Street to throw its lot in with Raine and Horne, Bondi Junction.

Other closures have been of what is probably Queen Street's oldest shop, the "open all hours" mixed business at the corner of Ocean Street; James Morland's splendid interior design shop at 146;

Leslie Shields' lively Queen Street Pet Supplies at 101-103.

James Morland is now at 29 Albion Street, Waverley (387 8099) while Leslie has switched to other pursuits, blaming a rent increase for giving up her business.

All the premises mentioned were unoccupied when we went to press, though newcomers were expected at some.

Meanwhile, I am cheered to note that new life may come at last to the long unoccupied 48 Queen Street, a shop so down at heel that it spoils the aspect of the noble run of commercial premises including Queen Street Galleries.

After some work on the inside of the building, Number 48 is offered for lease to somebody who presumably would be prepared to give it a much needed new lick of paint, (phone 953 8310).

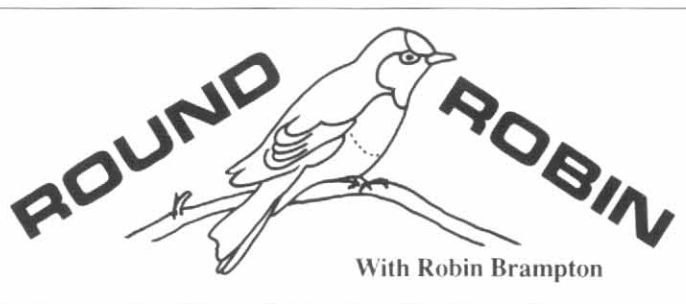
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HOWEVER, in addition to Agostini's we welcome the Istral Gallery at the former Moss and Horgan Interior decor premises at 162a Queen Street.

Its curious name has been convoluted from those of the three main partners, Alan and Irene Smith and Ilan Lemberg, with the "tr" in the middle standing for "the rest" to indicate there are others.

Currently at the gallery is an unusual exhibition, *Poetry on Canvas*, by Ilan Lemberg, an internationally exhibited artist, born in Israel of Australian parents and now resident in Killara.

Ilan says the paintings are sensitive visual responses to the ideas and emotions



expressed in the verses of, among others, Leonard Cohen, Robert Frost, Amir Gilboa, Federico Garcia Lorca and one-time Queen Street resident Banjo Paterson.

To give the observer insight into the artist's inspiration, the pictures are accompanied by the poems which inspired them.

The gallery is concentrating on modern works, and plans a monthly series of solo exhibitions.

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TAKE a bow Queen Street! No fewer than 14 shops in the area were included in the list of Sydney's 100 Best Shops, published in the *Sydney Morning Herald's* Good Living section in February.

The *Herald* explained that it was on the hunt for quality merchandise, presented in a way to make parting with our money a pleasure.

And our winners were:

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PENELOPE SACH, herbal teas and health advice, 2 Moncur Street.

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Antiques and Interiors



Sick of canine faecal desecration of the lovely tree gardens they have created outside their homes, a couple of Holdsworth Street residents have resorted to practical measures to encourage dog owners to do the right thing. The idea must be working because the bags have been in place for several months.

ANNE SCHOFIELD ANTIQUES, antique jewellery, 36 Queen Street.

THE ART OF WINE AND FOOD ("A smashing shop for the oenophile or foodie"), 92 Queen Street.

BILL BRADSHAW ("The grand old man of the antique trade"), 96 Queen Street.

CHARLES HEWITT, prints, decoration, furniture and frames, 30 Queen Street.

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FRED PAZOTTI ("The range of tiles is tasteful and you'll get sound advice"), 64 Moncur Street.

MARTYN COOK ("Top of the line antique furniture and objects d'art"), 104 Queen Street.

ROS PALMER ("She can enliven the drabest room in a matter of minutes"), 42-44 Queen Street.

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RIADA ("The Iain Halliday interior matches the subtle international and Australian labels drawn together by Liz Jones"), 118 Queen Street.

Also in the list but for its Paddington rather than Queens Court shop, is HOMEWORKS ("Affordable luxuries - damask and fine cotton sheets and pillow cases").

And I note that the Queen Street Deli is "a foodie haven even in a tasty gastro-block that includes the QUEEN STREET FRUITSHOP, PASTA ROSA and QUEEN STREET FARE".



Multi-cultural: Tibetan-born Diki Linkins served Japanese tea for customers at her April showing of jackets and coats designed by a French woman in Nepal and manufactured in Sydney. Diki and her Australian husband, Tim, own the Tibet Gallery at 22 Queen Street.

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TWO years ago, Elizabeth and Susanne Gervay fell in love with the rather run down boarding house known as Centennial Park Lodge, at the Oxford Street end of Queen Street.

After spending much more than they bargained for on painstakingly restoring the building, the sisters triumphantly re-opened it a few weeks ago as the Hughenden boutique hotel.

The transformation is magnificent, with the black marble fireplace in the hall reinstated, the ornate brass handles in the dining room gleaming anew; and the public rooms richly carpeted.

The Hughenden was built in 1876 by a prominent doctor, Frederick Harrison Quaife, using the finest craftsmen in the colony.

His initials are etched on the glass panel over the entrance door, and the beautiful original carved staircase is still an impressive feature of the building.

In the restoration, the Gervay sisters are providing 36 bedrooms, freshly decorated and all with en suite facilities. The restaurant, called Quaifes, is open every day for breakfast and for lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

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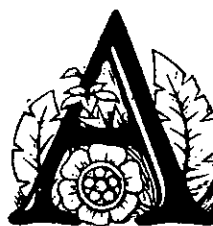
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