

Village Voice



Official Journal of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association • No. 74 November 2001

Queen Street & West Woollahra Association

present

Community Carols

Tuesday 4th December

in Chiswick Gardens (next to Pruniers Restaurant)

Ocean Street, Woollahra

6.30 pm

to be opened by

MAYOR JOHN COMINO

Taverner Consort Choir

and

Woollahra Public School

AUCTION

SANTA CLAUS

REFRESHMENTS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

LUCKY DIP

MAJOR SPONSORS

Pruniers Restaurant and Richardson & Wrench, Woollahra

ADMISSION FREE



DIAL-A-PAVER

Paving
Landscaping
Excavation

9327 7777

Eddy & Moloney

YOUR LOCAL SOLICITORS AND ATTORNEYS

Specialising in conveyancing, local court work and commercial litigation. Initial consultancy free.

194 Underwood Street, Paddington.
PO Box 27, Woollahra 2025.

Ph: 9327 8606
Fax: 9363 2652

◆ MICHAEL A GREENE ANTIQUES ◆

108 QUEEN STREET, WOOLLAHRA

PHONE 02 9328 1712

We are always buying good porcelain, glass, silver and jewellery.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our **Annual Dinner** on 30th August at the Light Brigade Restaurant saw a good turn out with a very lively cross-section of the community. Both residents and traders had the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours and also meet some new faces. We were fortunate to have Mr Rod McKeogh as our guest speaker accompanied by his wife Deeta Colvin. A dynamic and powerful presence, Mr McKeogh gave an excellent and very thought provoking talk. The donation of his time and contribution is much appreciated. As new residents to the area it was appropriate to present Rod with a copy of the Queen Street & West Woollahra Association book on the history of the area (for which, we will be seeking sponsorship for re-publishing and updating – something you might like to consider). We thank Rod and Deeta and hope they will feel part of the community. Auction time was full of humour, Mr Ken Gresham being our auctioneer for the evening. Our thanks to Adele Weiss, Susan Avery Floral Designs, Tim McCormick and the not-so-local Dorothy Rosewell for their auction donations which almost sold themselves.

Traders Group

As mentioned at the last Annual General Meeting, it has been the intention to involve local traders in the Association in order to promote the area whilst maintaining the ambience of our village and promoting harmony between residents and retailers - some of whom are also residents in the Queen Street & West Woollahra area.

To this end, a sub-committee has been formed to set up a Traders/Business Group. An invitation was extended to local business to discuss perceived needs such as promotion, cleanliness, community projects and so forth. The meeting held on Monday night at Zigolinis Restaurant on 22nd October, was well attended by a keen group who had lots of input and enthusiasm. The sub-committee is now assessing the ideas put forward and will develop a plan of campaign. An up-date will be included in the next edition of *Village Voice*. Thank you to Alex Nettis at Zigolinis for his hospitality in providing the venue as well as the light refreshments, which were very well received.

Membership Subscriptions Needed

The above will hopefully lead to a larger corporate membership base which will be good for the Association, adding both strength and an increase in funds. This leads to the very important issue of Membership in general. The Association needs membership subscriptions in order to defend and protect our very special area. All events, *Village Voice* magazine, liaison with Council on all matters is done by a Committee of volunteers. Funding is vital in order to keep you informed and take up issues on your behalf where appropriate. The membership fees are of course the lifeblood of any organisation but in this instance membership numbers also indicates a show of support for the hardworking and very active committee members who represent the Association. Subscription is annual so don't forget to

rejoin if your membership has lapsed. Please show your support and encouragement by completing the membership for enclosed and return it as soon as possible - many thanks.

Christmas Carols Concert

Now to some fun! The Queen Street & West Woollahra Association Community Carol Concert will be held in December as usual. The concert date is Tuesday 4th December and will be opened at 6.30 pm by the new Mayor of Woollahra. This year there is a change in venue. Previously the Carols have been held in the grounds of Ozanam Villa which has been enjoyed very much and our warm thanks go to Vivienne Ellis and the staff and residents of Ozanam Villa for their help and support. This year due to the increasing numbers wishing to attend, the Carols will be held in Chiswick Gardens (next to Pruniers Restaurant) in Ocean Street.

Our two major sponsors this year are Richardson & Wrench Real Estate Woollahra and Pruniers Restaurant. The children of Woollahra School are looking forward to singing for you, together with the Taverner Consort Choir. Santa Claus will be there to give out lucky dip gifts. There will be refreshments and a sausage sizzle, plus an auction of gifts for the festive season. All donated by our generous local retailers – fabulous! Admission is free and there will be credit card facilities available for auction items.

Come and join in!

Warmest wishes for a safe festive season.

Heather Smith, President

The Queen Street and West Woollahra Association Ltd

ABN 98 002 872 433



A residents' action group covering the area bounded by Jersey Road, Edgecliff Road, Oxford Street, West Woollahra. Affiliated with the National Trust.

Annual Membership Subscription Rates:

Individual:	\$25.00
Household:	\$40.00
Pensioners:	\$10.00
Corporate:	\$100.00

Patron: Neville Wran

President: Heather Smith

V/President: Graham Freudenberg

Secretary-Treasurer: Philip Johns

Committee: Ian Angus, Lyndall Crisp, Graham Freudenberg, Ken Gresham, Philip Johns, Alex Nettis, Drew Robertson, Annette Robinson, Alan Smith, Lin Turnbull

Village Voice is published by the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association

Editor: Annette Robinson

Advertising: Philip Johns

All correspondence to Box 16 P.O.
Woollahra 2025

Ph: 9328 1154 Fax: 9328 1157

PARKING NEWS

More resident parking in Jersey Road

Woollahra Council has installed seven residential parking spaces on the eastern (Woollahra) side of Jersey Road. Two hour parking for non-residents will be available between 8am and 11pm.

New drop-off zones for Woollahra Public School

'No standing' zones in Forth Street will be converted to 'no parking' 8-9.30 am and 2.30-4pm to allow more spaces for the school rush hour. Osborne Lane will be a 'no stopping' area from the intersection between Edgecliff Road and Chiswick Lane and the remaining 'no standing' signs will be changed to 'no parking'. These changes have been made at the request of the school, concerned for the safety of the children. It is hoped that parents will now use the increased drop-off zones available in Forth Street rather than the narrow and dangerous Osborne Lane.

Council parking responsibility delayed

The handover of responsibility for parking from the Police Department to local councils has been delayed as the police have realised this will result in a significant loss of revenue. Meanwhile, Woollahra Council has employed four more parking officers.

Angle parking in Wallis Street?

We have written to the Council to ask it to consider the introduction of angle parking on the northern side of Wallis Street between Moncur and Ocean Street. This would seem far safer than the illegal and dangerous double parking that occurs at the moment and will give our area more parking spaces. A submission to Council was made on this very issue in 1989 and was knocked back. It might be time to reconsider.

COMMUNITY CAROLS SPONSORS

Major Sponsors

*Pruniers
Richardson & Wrench
Woollahra*

General Sponsors

*Susan Avery Floral Designs
Hughenden Hotel • Bistro Moncur
Zigolini's • Istral Gallery
Reads • Jones the Grocer
Industry Hairdressing • Kidstuff
Lesley McKay's Bookshop
Nostimo • Agostini's
Queens Court Business Centre
Lord Dudley Hotel
Arte Flowers • Maison de Provence
Summers Floral
Mr & Mrs R. Brampton
SOS Communications (Sound)*

TRAFFIC HIT LIST

Hooray Hooray!

Parking police were spotted two days running in Queen Street, booking huge range rovers parked illegally on the corners of Queen and Holdsworth Streets.

One solution to this ongoing problem would be to plant a small garden in the road around both corners. Then parking would be impossible. This has been done with great success in Stanley Street, Surry Hills. The same solution might be viable for the corner of Queen and Moncur Streets where larger buses simply can't safely turn left into Queen Street when cars are parked right up to the corner.

Spicer Street one-way?

Ever tried to back into a parking space in Spicer Street when you have an impatient driver waiting to get through and facing in the opposite direction? Its hard enough to negotiate into the space without hitting the cars parked on the opposite side of the road, let alone be hurried.

If you park the wrong way, which many cars do out of sheer exasperation, you are at risk of being booked. Its happened to *Chatstreet*. The same problem applies to Halls Lane, further up Queen Street.

If Spicer Street was one-way it would be far safer. What do you think? We welcome your comments.



Zigolini's Cafe Restaurant Fine Foods/Coffee

Zigolini's restaurant now has a new chef and a new menu. Come in and experience the quality of our food which remains reasonably priced. We would like to extend our gratitude to all our local customers who contribute to making Zigolini's a unique cafe.

Complete a la carte menu day and night

FULLY LICENSED.

Open 7 days

Breakfast and Lunch

From 7 am, Monday to Friday,

8am, Saturday and Sunday

Breakfast to 2.30 pm every day

Dinner Tuesday to Saturday. (Please Book.)

107 Queen Street, Woollahra

Ph 9326 2337

GARBAGE BY COLOUR

The introduction of multicoloured garbage crates and wheelies has provided a garish touch of colour to our streets. Specially as some bin or other has to be put out nearly every night. Red top one or two days a week depending on size, black and blue crate one day a week, green crate or wheelie bin on another day. One almost needs a computer to remember the correct timetable. Some residents have given up and put out every bin for every garbage collection, making walking in narrow streets quite a colourful hazard. No doubt we'll get used to it. And to the fact that there is no longer room for anything else but bins and crates in our tiny front yards or terrace porches.

I checked for the serial numbers of my 3 bins to record them (as instructed) in the event of theft. Nothing. Bad luck if you've recently bought a plain wheelie bin. Only those who bought one in the month before October 22 will be refunded half the cost. No collections will be made from these redundant bins, and plastic bags of rubbish will not be

collected. If you can't cut back on your rubbish and need more than your allocated bins call the Council's waste service on 1800 444 470. You can have an extra new bin for \$180 per annum.

We at *Village Voice* realize that it is imperative that landfill waste be reduced and that we must recycle as much as possible. So we beg our readers to consider the benefits to the environment (leaving aside the visual pollution!) and hang in there until our own programming changes from the entrenched Sunday and Wednesday garbo nights.

Annette Robinson

Land & Environment Court

The working party set up to review the power of the Land and Environment to hear appeals has concluded that no changes are necessary. The government - appointed chairman of the working party was a retired judge of the L&E Court. Did we mention Caesar judging Caesar?

UPDATE ON DCPS

Development Control Plan revision

After extensive community and industry consultation the 1999 DCP and Local Environmental Plan (LEP) have been revised to make their planning and development requirements clearer. Amendments include changes to requirements for landscaping and open space, height controls, floor space ratios, building allotment and street frontage sizes. Both revisions are available from the Council.

DCP for Woollahra and West Woollahra Conservation Area

The draft of this heritage DCP prepared by architects Allen Jack and Cottier is being reviewed for presentation to Council. It will then be open for public comment, some time next year.

Di Jones
REAL ESTATE

village in the city

When buying or selling in Sydney's 'village' districts, it's best to deal with a team that specialise in your area. Di Jones - in Woollahra.

innovative boutique style

Discover why the name Di Jones, like those of exclusive boutiques, is synonymous with quality, style and discriminating choice.

virtual touring

Sampling the best and most practical technology in real estate today. Virtual tours using QuickTime™ 360° imaging with state-of-the-art web design. Go to www.dijones.com.au

dijones.com.au

45A Moncur Street Woollahra

web walking

Visit what is arguably one of the world's most innovative property websites ... dijones.com.au

the gavel goes down

The dust settles ... the excitement dissipates ... it becomes clear ... our auctioneer makes all the difference.

authenticity search

Anyone familiar with the process of selling your home will know just how reassuring it is to be working with an agent who really does have your best interests at heart. Find what you are looking for at Di Jones real estate.



Christmas Shopping in West Woollahra



Stuck for ideas on what to give everyone for Christmas this year, well don't worry, the shops in and around Queen Street and west Woollahra have a range of unique gifts to suit all tastes and occasions.

Whether you are looking for something for the Christmas stocking or the Christmas table, **The Bay Tree** in Holdsworth Street is well worth a visit. Amongst the assorted pots and pans of copper and steel, there are linen tea towels, hand painted bowls, mother of pearl spoons, glasses for indoor and outdoor use and the delightful range of William Yeoward crystal for that special occasion. To dress the table, there are Xmas decorations, napkins, cards, even carving boards and knives to do the turkey.

For those little things to fill the stocking and please any girl, go to **Treats of Woollahra** in Ocean Street. This is chocolate heaven. Gift boxes and baskets of different chocolates, fudges, and candies are delightfully packaged in boxes, tins and heart shapes and tied with ribbon that will tempt one and all.

The new kid on the block is **arte flowers** in Queen Street and if we had to lose the bank this is a fine alternative. Graham, Michel and staff give new meaning to the term 'customer service' by leading you through their mini-department store which is influenced by all things French. Try L'Artisan perfumes and beauty products, Le Prince Jarde garden products, Hoglund art glass, Musee des Arts Decoratifs items, and finish in the tea room for that soothing cup of tea.

Cambodia House in Queens Court presents exotic furnishings and homewares from hand-loomed silk in the Angkor tradition. These beautiful fabrics are transformed into

contemporary pieces including cushions, throws, bedspreads and prayer mats. Designs transgress into unique Christmas decorations, shopping bags and stone carvings.

Looking for something to set you apart, then **Richard Banks Optometrist** will be the place to shop. The latest range of those special and very smart sunglasses are available. Brands include Gucci, Armani, Silhouette and La Font. Gift vouchers are available if you cannot choose.

Something for the kids? **Kidstuff** in Queen Street is the only place to go. This is Santa's playroom with toys, games, puzzles and books filled to overflowing. Rush Hour, music blocks, Harry Potter dolls, magic tricks and science games are the popular choice this year and don't forget the big kid (Dad) with the Planetarium to play with.

Want to spoil that special lady in your life, then a visit to **Reads** in Queen Street is a must. The latest fashion designs are there from the casual Saba, George, and Diesel pants and T-shirts to the elegant dresses and skirts from Eastern & Pearson.

Now if your tastes go to the traditional, a look in at **G. L. Auchinachie Antiques** in Queen Street and you will be assured of finding what you need. A large oak gate-leg table to seat ten, champagne flutes, blue and white transfer ware ceramics, candlesticks and large meat platters to serve the turkey. Add an array of jewellery boxes for gifts and copper jelly moulds for the kids and Xmas day is set.

While on antiques, a visit to **I & B Perryman Oriental Carpets** in Queen Street reveals a store full of old, antique and decorative rugs, carpets and textiles. They also have cushions

made of antique rugs and textiles, woven reed baskets and grain bags.

At **Twenty Six**, the new name for the store of decorator, Louise Murray, at 26 Queen Street, is a range of exclusive hand painted cushions, photo albums, paintings, lampshades and furniture. Other finds in these rooms overflowing with silk shawls, scarves, evening bags and flowers are sterling silver bracelets, luggage labels and an exclusive jewellery range from London.

Something for that extra special person in your life? What about a beautiful piece of art from **Istral Gallery** in Queen Street. Their changing exhibitions are always colourful, light and fun and will brighten up every room in the house. A good investment too.

Any occasion is a good excuse for beautiful flowers, and **Susan Avery Floral Decorators** has that arrangement to suit everyone. Just imagine the striking colours of a bunch of bouvardia, or celosia, garden roses and stephanotis, and the amazing fragrance from gardenias and frangipanis. The tuberose and bella donna are also a treat at this time of year.

Now if cooking Christmas lunch is too painful a thought, there is the **Hughenden Hotel**. Bookings are being taken for Christmas Day lunch and for lunch and dinner during the month of December for those office parties.

No Christmas stocking would be complete without a bottle or two of something special to enjoy. **Woollahra Hotel Bottle Shop** has a great range of Australian and international wines from which to choose, along with a comprehensive range of spirits and liqueurs. A thirst-quenching array of beers are also available.

Not just glasses & eye examinations...



RICHARD BANKS

OP
TOM
ETRIST



For a Christmas gift with a difference,
we stock the latest and best in sunglasses and optical accessories






Christmas gift vouchers available,
perfect for the person who has everything!

Shop 7, Queens Court, 118 Queen Street, Woollahra Tel 9328 2842

* Christmas Shopping in West Woollahra *

flowerarte  sydney

112 queen street
woollahra nsw australia 2025
tel. +61 2 9328 0402
info@arteflowers.com
www.arteflowers.com

-  Perfume and home fragrances from Miller Harris, London
-  Teapots and accessories from Guy Degrenne, Paris
-  Vases from Christian Tortu
-  Wonderful items from Musee des Arts Decoratifs
-  Vases and lamps from Spain



I & B PERRYMAN
ORIENTAL CARPETS
100 Queen Street, Woollahra
Ph: 9327 3910

Old, antique and decorative rugs,
carpets and textiles,

We buy, sell, clean and restore.

Wishing all our clients a happy festive season.



The
Hughenden
Boutique Hotel

Accommodation ~ Licensed Restaurant



Seasons Greetings

14 Queen Street, Woollahra www.hughendenhotel.com.au



CAMBODIA HOUSE

Shop 10, Queens Court, 118 Queen Street, Woollahra 2025.
Telephone 02 9328 6110. www.cambodiahouse.com.au

* Christmas Shopping in West Woollahra *

Twenty Six

26 Queen Street,
Woollahra NSW 2025
Tel: (02) 9326 2888

Open December
Monday-Saturday 10-6
Sunday 12-4
Late Night Thursday 8pm

*Beautiful presents
Christmas Decorations
Accessories for you and your home
Gift Wrapping*

Treats OF WOOLLAHRA

- Fine chocolates and truffles
- Christmas chocolates & gift baskets
- Bonbonnières - weddings, corporate etc
- Gourmet sauces & jams including the Frank Cooper range of marmalades

Also coffee, cakes & light snacks

42 Ocean Street
Woollahra

Ph: 9362 8821 Fax: 9328 3829
www.thechocolateboutique.com.au



ISTRAL GALLERY

162 QUEEN STREET WOOLLAHRA 2025
AUSTRALIA
PH 02 9362 0648 FAX 02 9362 0651
MOBILE 0417 446 748

Paintings by contemporary
Australian artists



Limited edition bronze
figurines and sculptures
by Frank Miles



Collagraphs and etchings in limited
editions by well-known artists



Commissions by arrangement

Susan Avery

FLOWERS | EVENTS | DESIGN

4000 weddings... 13000 functions...
250000 arrangements...

How much experience do you want?

59 Jersey Road Woollahra
Ph +61 (02) 9363 1168 Fax +61 (02) 9328 7415
<http://www.susanavery.com.au>
avery@susanavery.com.au

Charles McKean - General Manager

Est.



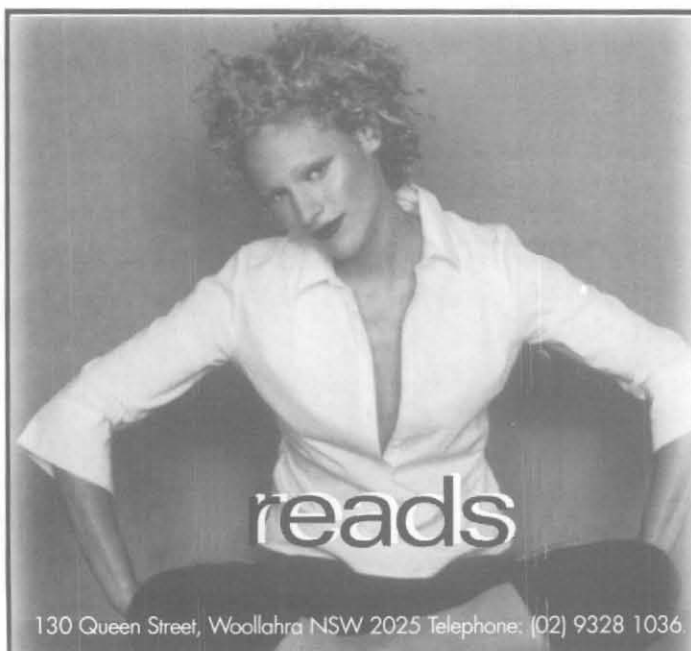
1944

G L Auchinachie & Son

43 Queen Street, Woollahra NSW 2025
Telephone (02) 9363 4033

*Specialising in 17th, 18th and
early 19th century English furniture, ceramics
& metal wares*

Member of The Australian Antique Dealers Association
Valuations for Probate



130 Queen Street, Woollahra NSW 2025 Telephone: (02) 9328 1036

VANDALISM CONTINUES

Vandalism continues unabated in Woollahra. Two significant actions by police could help reduce the problem. One: more visible policemen on the beat. Two: when under-age culprits are caught their parents should be informed and made to pay for their children's wilful damage. This would hopefully result in more parental supervision. .

Vandals caught in Holdsworth Community Centre

An impassioned plea in the form of a letterbox drop from the Holdsworth Community Centre asking residents to keep an eye out for the young perpetrators of vandalism to the Centre has paid dividends. A sharp-eyed

neighbour phoned the police on the night of August 25 and the youths were caught red-handed. They were made to clean up the toilet paper they had strewn around the Centre and then were taken to the police station where their parents were informed of their behaviour. History does not relate whether it will be proved that they were responsible for the appalling graffiti on the Centre's walls, later cleaned up by the Council. However since this incident there has been no more graffiti.

Red Paint Rampage

A rampage by vandals in Woollahra and Paddington left homes splattered with red paint, cars trashed and windows smashed by bricks. Nelson Street and Spicer Street in Woollahra were targeted and

Glenmore Road, Olive, Windsor, Duxford, Heeley, Cascade, Royston and Brougham Streets in Paddington. Woollahra Councillor Keri Huxley whose car was not immune from these malicious attacks and has asked the Police Minister to increase the number of police on the beat.

Citizen's Arrest

A lawyer made a citizen's arrest of two 14 year-old boys he spotted daubing graffiti on a wall in Glebe Street, Edgecliff. He called the police and followed the culprits until they were apprehended. The children were from Mosman and Hunters Hill.

Annette Robinson

CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE

The lengthy community consultation process of the transport, access and parking study is being overshadowed by the even longer public comment and recommendation process.

Due to the number of responses, 594 (read complaints), at the proposed changes to the cycling direction and traffic changes some necessary re-thinking is apparently going on. The pay for parking issue was not nearly as contested and is likely to go ahead in some form. A charge of \$3 a day is proposed, with relief for regular users of the park having a permit scheme and the Friends of the Park members will probably get free parking, prompting even more good reasons to sign up to this worthwhile program.

The cyclists who hunt in packs may be a thing of the past with a code of conduct being drawn up. The cyclists are finally waking up to the fact that the park is for all to use and consideration should be given to harmony amongst park users.

Philip Johns

STREETWATCH

The Streetwatch team are again patrolling the streets and checking on the state of maintenance of the footpaths and gutters, accumulated rubbish and other hazardous conditions that confront the pedestrian.

This program, that began in 1998, is highlighting the lack of attention that West Woollahra is receiving with regard to street maintenance. It is interesting to note that many trouble areas identified in 1998 and 1999 are still evident with little or no work having been done. Many members of the community have reported to us the poor state of footpaths in their street, with some suffering nasty falls from the uneven paving.

Consequently, Streetwatch will be focusing on footpaths and reporting to Council our findings to uneven, broken and unsafe footpaths.

A critical area has been the raised concrete garden borders used in the village area of Queen Street. These borders continue to be a hazard to local shoppers with many reports of trips and falls, particularly from the elderly. Although our letters on this problem to Council have been acknowledged, nothing has been done to improve the condition.

If you have a problem in your street, drop a line to Streetwatch committee at PO Box 16, Woollahra.

Neighbourhood Watch

A community safety meeting was held at Woollahra Council on November 6 to discuss establishing Neighbourhood Watch Committees. It was suggested that Neighbourhood Watch be promoted via community and resident groups. Phone Pip Parsonson at Woollahra Council on 9301 7191 for information.

Member's Night

A Member's Night will be held at The Hughendon Hotel on 4 February 2002. It will also be a farewell to our esteemed past president Graham Freudenberg who is moving to Queensland. He will be sorely missed by the Association and all Woollahra residents.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Backpackers for Queen Street

A new development planned for heritage-listed 32 Queen Street (site of Prime Reality) has residents objecting about the style of business. The applicants have asked Woollahra Council for a change of use so they can develop a hotel and cafe on the site and their stated intention is to bus clients from the airport in two minibuses. The original plan was for twelve small rooms apparently for backpackers without cars; the Council has reduced the room quota to six.

Boutique hotels are not uncommon, in fact Kathryn's at 24 Queen Street is a popular development, but the Council only permitted three rooms there, and the owner has to live on the premises.

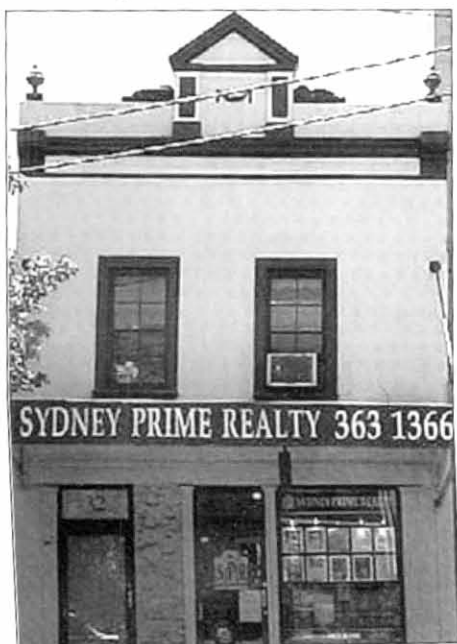
This new application requires a change from the current 2A residential zoning to permit the building of a third storey with six bedrooms and a cafe which Council has judged is only to serve hotel patrons.

Residents nearby feel this tiny site will be highly overdeveloped with an unsuitable plan. The area is an upmarket shopping area, suitable for travellers who enjoy shopping and the arts, but hardly an area that backpackers would choose. An architect who lives opposite queries the Council permitting such a 'big development' on a comparatively small site.

Local business people do not feel backpacker establishments will contribute to the amenity of the area, and residents do not welcome the transient nature of these travellers.

Jennifer Dickerson, 34 Queen Street

▼ The backpacker site.



Parking Meters in Queen Street

I read with interest your article in the *Village Voice* regarding parking meters in Queen Street. I am against their installation as I feel they will make it more bothersome to park in Queen Street. Most shoppers are not staying very long and it is very easy at present to drop in and buy what you need then go. Anything which makes it more difficult could drive people away. With Paddington and Double Bay installing meters, Queen Street will be easier to drop in to if we don't have them. I appreciate residents' concerns about parking, but for a shopping precinct to survive it must be busy. I think that most shoppers do not stay very long anyway, it's not as if they are parking here all day. In the commercial heart of Queen Street there are very few residences anyway.

I do not think that installing meters will create lots of extra parking for locals. For significant gains in parking space to be achieved there would have to be a huge drop in patrons to Queen Street, which would result in its demise as a retail and commercial area. All communities need a balance of commercial and residential to give them vitality. Let's not stifle Queen Street. Keep it an easy shopping strip to access.

Richard Banks, Optometrist, Queen St

A helpful newsagent at last

Noticed in Chatstreet a most welcome paragraph of praise for Sam and Christine Leong of the Queen Street Newsagency. In the 24 years I've lived here I have found all past proprietors anything but customer friendly. Ever notice how the sliding door started to inch its way to the shut position from around 5.30 pm on? Never open even one minute past 6pm.

And most annoying was their refusal to sell Travel Ten, weeklies, or ferry tickets. Sam responded almost immediately to this request and now all these transport tickets are on sale at the newsagency.

Could you please note in your next *Village Voice* how much we residents appreciate this service after such a drought. I go out of my way to do business with them because they respond so well to our needs.

Linda Wilhelm, Wallis Street

BARDIC
DRAMA SCHOOL



Drama for 3-18 year olds

All students perform in videos and plays, write their own projects and study scripted work by the best Australian and International writers.

Bardic has a particularly strong voice program for young performers, which includes public speaking.

Bardic is a boutique school with a strong sense of community and a comprehensive, structured program delivered by qualified teachers

Woollahra Studio
Tel: **9361 6248**



Fresh flowers for all occasions
Home
Wedding
Corporate

101 QUEEN STREET
WOOLLAHRA NSW 2025
PHONE: 9328 2475
FAX: 9362 4778



PO Box 444, Woollahra NSW 2025
Telephone: 328 1161 Facsimile: 328 1157

CHAT STREET

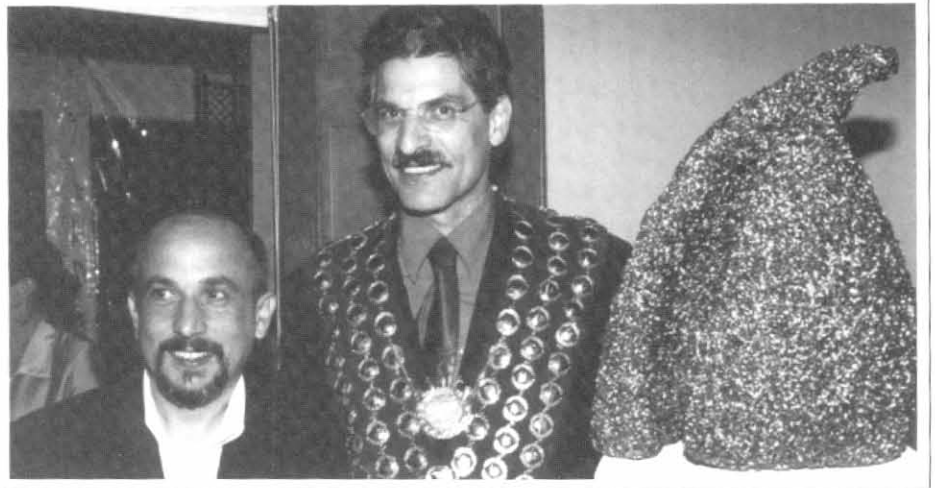
Thanks fellers. **The takeaway shops in Queen Street have certainly cleaned up their act** in the back lane since our admonishment in the last issue of VV. Rubbish is now neatly packed to await collection. Keep it up.

A **stainless steel bent pole** has been erected on the footpath in Queen Street, outside the newsagency. One presumes its there to tie up dogs while their owners shop and drink coffee.

What do we think of Woollahra Council? Results of a \$35 000 ratepayer funded survey have now been collated. Six hundred randomly selected households were interviewed by telephone to identify areas that need improvement. **Repairs and renewals to pavements, a review of residential controls for planning and development, better monitoring of new building sites, cleaner business areas and a need for better customer service** were the main gripes.

Where is the replacement tree promised by Council when it so hastily removed the camphor laurel from the corner of Moncur and Queen Streets back in August? The paving has been finished for over two months.

Lunching at **Pruniers** recently on a wet and windy day was a pleasant experience until time came to leave, and it was discovered that my umbrella was missing. A nearby table of 'ladies who lunch' had made off with it. Quick off the mark, the staff at Pruniers produced their own branded umbrella and saved the day. Hardly good manners girls!



Mayor John Comino, sculptor Sebastian Di Mauro and the winning entry.

Queensland artist, Sebastian Di Mauro was awarded the **Woollahra Council Sculpture Prize** for his work titled *Snare - Shimmer Suit* made from stainless steel pot scourers.

The **backlot at Fox** has finally been closed down. It was always far too expensive for most families. *Chatstreet* is in sympathy with Clover Moore who said it should now be given back to the people and made into parkland. Fat chance.

The **Post Office has now been sold** through agents Bradfield and Prichard. We hear that the **TAB is also up for sale** with a short-term lease.

We reported in the last *Village Voice* that the **fountain in Davies Reserve** was working again. **It stopped again after two weeks.** Has there been any work to fix the ongoing problems? NO!

Woollahra Council has lost the battle to retain the **Police Boys Youth Club**. The board of the PCYC obviously feels this prime piece of real estate is worth more than the \$2 million offered by the Council. Its value is to be tested on the open market – and that will leave developers drooling. Considering that the community paid for the Centre in the first place through public donations the attitude of the PCYC board appears greedy in the extreme. Campaigners to keep the Club as a community facility are hoping that an offer from boxer Jeff Fenech to raise funds to buy the site might mean it can be converted into a boxing academy with a gym and community centre facilities.

The **three vacant shop frontages in Queen Street are actually at 74, 76, and 78**, different to the numbers reported last time. But owner Merle Atkins would like to report that she was pleased to hear from those enquiring about her properties.

COMPUTERS - Notebooks

New PCs - second-hand PCs - Notebooks

Delivered & installed, with a training session if required.

Local support & on-site warranty.

High speed Internet (Cable/ADSL) or modem set-up, networking for file/printer sharing.

New, stylish TFT/LCD screens on display with no flicker and low emissions.

Upgrade to the new, user friendly,

Microsoft XP operating system

130 Oxford St (between Moncur & Wallis Sts), Woollahra

Telephone: **9362 0840**



Peter Lane Gallery

63 Jersey Road Woollahra 2025

ANCIENT ART
FURNITURE
PAINTINGS



Tel & Fax +61 2 9362 0115, Mobile 0412 600 558
E-mail plg1@optusnet.com.au

ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES AND RELOCATIONS

Woollahra Times Art Gallery has relocated from the Woollahra Antique Centre in Oxford Street to 14 Moncur Street. Times specialises in Twentieth Century Australian Paintings, including those by artists Coburn, Gleeson, Dickerson, Crooke and Wakelin.

Jane Hill, maker of fine wedding gowns in Melbourne for some time, has opened her second store on the corner of John and Moncur Streets. Phone 9362 3600 for an appointment.

Woollahra's newest outdoor cafe, **Creme Anglaise**, is set on the leafy corner terrace of Queen and Moncur Streets. Seated on classic Moulin Galland French folding chairs you can sip excellent coffee and watch the world go by. Creme is the dream-child of local resident Paul Herron who trained at London's Savoy Hotel. The cafe serves a wide range of quality foods including French classics such as croque monsieur and is open for breakfast, lunch and in the early evening.

And opposite, at 124 Queen Street **Panne D'Arte**, has finally opened after extensive renovation. This "lifestyle" store comprises a coffee shop and Italian bakery with alfresco dining for eight people.

Brunschwig & Fils have moved into 88 Queen Street which was recently vacated by Tyrone Deering. They deal in fabrics, wall papers, decorative pieces and trimmings some of which are hand printed. Stefan Tyra and Desia Wakarua will be able to assist you but unfortunately it is trade only.

Treats of Woollahra in 42 Ocean Street have a delicious range of chocolates and assorted candies, fudges and treats to tempt the most jaded palate. Julie and Kate will help with your selections. Why not call in for coffee and cake?

Natalia Safi has opened **Saffron Rose** at 49 Ocean Street recently where you can relieve the stresses of Sydney living with therapeutic massage, aromatherapy and spiritual cleansing. Certainly worth investigating.

Around in Oxford Street, next door to Bells Pharmacy is a new interior decorator's store, **The Finished Room**. This store is managed and run by interior decorators so any time you drop in you are sure to receive good advice. Michelle Arden manages the store with partner Adam, with Trish and Georgia also filling in on different days.

After six enjoyable years in Paddington, **Bardic Drama School** moved into Queen Street this year. A delighted tenant of the Woollahra Seniors Club, director Jacqueline Cosgrove said, "The growth of the School this year has been very exciting, and we are able to offer more opportunities to our students as a result." The School is currently busily preparing for its Summer Concert, including both theatrical performance and screenings of student video. Contact Jacqueline Cosgrove on 9361 6248.



The Bay Tree

*Gifts for people who
love to cook.*

- Copper pans • Glassware
- Linen and lots more

40 Holdsworth Street, Woollahra

Phone 9328 1101

Fax 9363 5841

Email baytree@thebaytree.com.au



Joe Abboud & Louise Snowden, principals of **Richardson & Wrench Woollahra**, can be contacted 24 hours on **9302 0000**.

We are a boutique agency providing a personalised and ethical service when selling your home. Our philosophy is based on the principal that *"our success will always be measured by the happiness and loyalty of all our clients"*.

We have a prominent window display of properties for sale and we welcome walk-in enquiries from buyers and sellers.

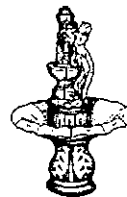
We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients a Merry Christmas & prosperous New Year and we look forward to assisting you with your enquiries in the New Year.



Richardson & Wrench
Woollahra



QUEEN STREET & WEST WOOLLAHRA SHOPPING AND SERVICES GUIDE



**IN-HOUSE
INTERIORS**

Do something different inside
your home...
Come into the world of dimensions,
colours and materials.
Houses · Apartments · Offices
Complete renovations
Kitchens and Bathrooms
Showroom
110 Boundary Street, Paddington
9361 4268 · 0438 614218

RICHARD BANKS

**OP
TOM
ETRIST**

**Comprehensive eye
examinations.**

**Fashion and designer frames,
sunglasses and contact lenses.**

QUEENS COURT, 118 QUEEN STREET, WOOLLAHRA
APPOINTMENTS MON-SAT PH 9328 2842

TIM McCORMICK
buys and sells

Rare Books – Manuscripts – Prints
Australian Paintings – Photographs
Australian

92 QUEEN STREET, WOOLLAHRA 2025
Telephone 9363 5383 Facsimile 9326 2752

Crème

Woollahra's new cafe

on the corner of Queen and Moncur.

Relax in true French style in the heart of Woollahra.

Bring this coupon for a free coffee

* Conditions apply

Pasta Rosa

- Fresh pastas and raviolis
- Delicious wood-fired bread
- Flavoursome sauces and relishes
- Home cooked dinners every night

134 QUEEN STREET, WOOLLAHRA
Open six days, 9.30am to 7.30 pm Ph 9328 6368

*Women's Clothing, Shoes
and Accessories.*

reads

130 Queen Street, Woollahra NSW 2025 Telephone: (02) 9328 1036



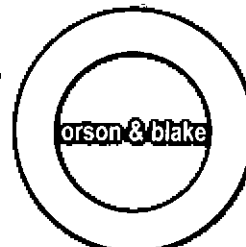
KIDSTUFF

AWARDED

*The Best Independent
Toy Retailer
IN AUSTRALIA*

126A Queen Street Woollahra
Phone (02) 9363 2838

For everything you
can't resist, fashion,
furnishings, decora-
tion and present
solutions. The best
of the latest



Open seven days a
week. Gift wrapping &
nationwide delivery.

83-85 Queen Street
Woollahra.
Phone: 9326 1155



CAMBODIA HOUSE

SHOP 10, QUEENS COURT
118 QUEEN STREET, WOOLLAHRA 2025

Susan Obery
FLOWERS | EVENTS | DESIGN

59 Jersey Road Woollahra • Tel 9363 1168 • Fax 9328 7415

*Your ad could be here too,
contact Philip Johns on 9328 1154
to discuss your requirements.*