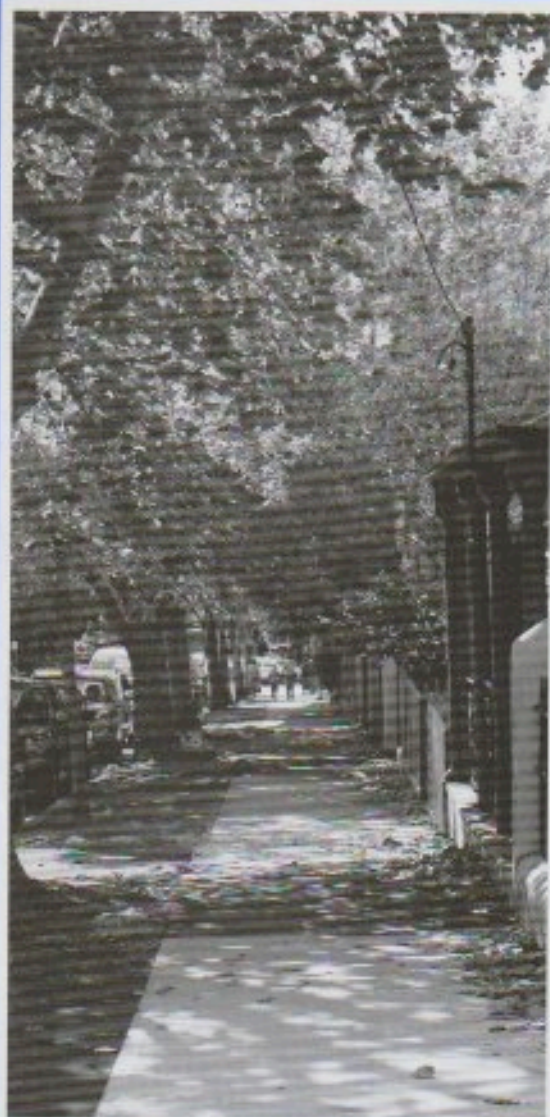


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TRAFFIC UPDATE - CROSS CITY TUNNEL

In the September 2004 edition of Village Voice we outlined the problem of increased traffic on Ocean St & the "Paddington Ratruns". At present the volume of traffic is unacceptable and it is expected to increase dramatically when the Cross City Tunnel opens. We outlined ways to divert this traffic & physically limit the amount of traffic on Ocean St.

We suggested:

1. No entry to Ocean Street from York Road. Traffic would then use the underutilised Oxford Street to the CBD & Moore Park Rd to the Eastern Distributor.
2. Access to the Cross City tunnel should be available from Moore Park and the Eastern Distributor.
3. Reduce the two turning lanes into Ocean Street to a single lane at Oxford Street and New South Head Road
4. Eastern Suburbs users traveling over the Harbour should pay equal rates on the Eastern Distributor and the Cross City Tunnel. This could be accommodated by programmed E tags.

The Minister for the Environment gave the go-ahead for the CCT in Dec 2002. An Environmental Impact Study for the CCT was done beforehand to assess the predicted increase in traffic. In his Conditions of Approval the Minister set down that the problem of induced (increased) traffic should be monitored. **He said that if it exceeded the predicted levels measures should be put in place to divert the traffic.**

Thus the Minister's Conditions of Approval for the Cross City Tunnel gives us the right to insist that the predicted level of traffic be adhered to.



Cross City Tunnel exhaust stack, upper left, at Darling Harbour

There has been some skepticism/confusion about the predicted level of traffic.

An independent Traffic Engineer dated 2/2/05 has assessed that the predicted figure for Ocean St is 25 490 in year 2016, based on the EIS & The Minister's Conditions of Approval.

Our senior legal team has also confirmed that 25 490 is the predicted level of traffic and that this level is enforceable in law.

The problem is that the predicted level of traffic has been disputed by the RTA.

It says this figure was a mistake and that real figure is 34 000 vehicles per day. **This level will mean gridlock.**

We know it is not a mistake, because under the umbrella of The Cross City Tunnel Action Group, we threatened to stop work on the tunnel with legal action, unless our demands were met.

Suddenly there was a "recalibration" of Ocean St figures "to better reflect reality, ie. the existing restrained traffic conditions".

DIPNR [Department of Industry Planning & Infrastructure] is responsible for administering the Conditions of Approval. Our job is to ensure that they enforce the Conditions. At the moment they are confused about the figures for Ocean St. & are just repeating the RTA'S figures. If necessary we will take them to court to focus their attention. But we cannot do that until after the gridlock starts. Only then will they start planning! The tunnel is scheduled to open at the end of this year, but word has it that it is ahead of schedule.

In the meantime we will continue to try to get DIPNR to adhere to the traffic figures in the Conditions of Approval, & confirmed by our experts. **And to start planning now.**

Keith Sole

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

At this year's Annual General Meeting I will be stepping down as President of the Association.

It is with some satisfaction I look back on the past two years and in particular the last year.

During the past year the core group of the Committee have worked well as a team to drive the organization to achieve much. The quiet achievers that I must thank are in no particular order.

Annette (Dizzy) Robinson ably assisted by Di Dennison has been the Editor, Columnist, Advertising and Distribution Manager of the "Village Voice" which we are proud to deliver quarterly to every home and business in the area.

Ian Angus who took over our Streetwatch program a few years ago and has resulted in us being the eyes and ears of the community on maintenance issues. The program has resulted in alerting the Woollahra Council to dangerous and poorly maintained infrastructure and has redirected much of the council's limited resources to our area.

Alan Smith a long-time local business identity has recently been invaluable in taking up the slack in

the control and compliance as acting treasurer.

Robyn Brampton continues in his role as support in many areas including this year organizing the very successful "Night with Judy Glenn" at the Hughenden, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

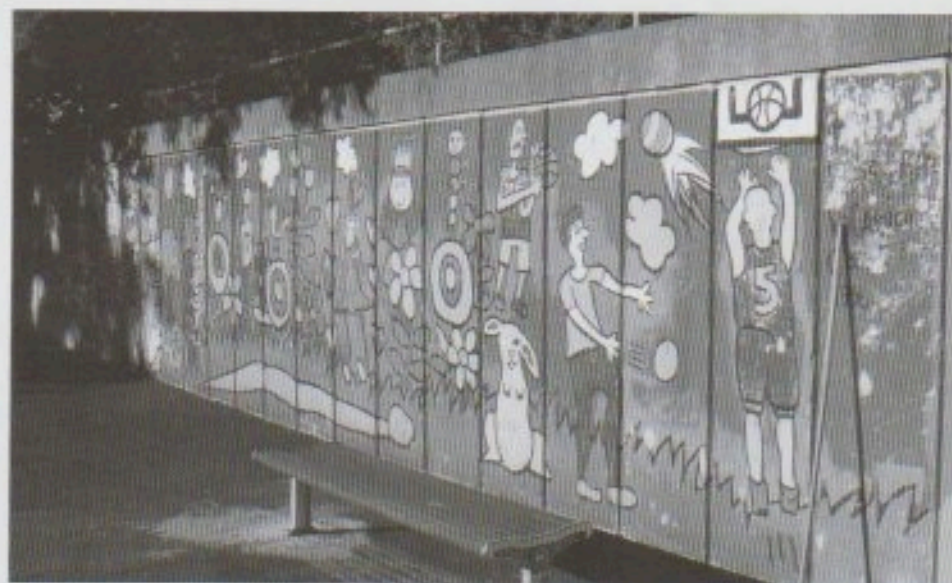
All the committee worked hard for our final function of the year, the communal carols and family night. Supported by the Committees and their

families the occasion was a resounding success, thanks to all including our hosts "Pruniers" and the nearly 500 members of our community that attended this wonderful night.

The task of leading a diverse community organization such as the QSWWA is only made worthwhile by the support and friendship of that community and the results achieved.

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Ken Gresham



Colourful artwork by the children of Holdsworth Community Centre brightens the playground wall

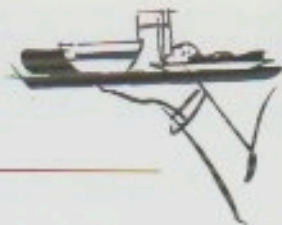
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CAFÉ CULTURE



The Queen Street locale abounds in purveyors of caffeine. You can never have too many cafés; the competition is healthy and the need is great. Some serve take-away to shoppers and mums-on-the-run, but most supply seating, food and the daily papers to those inclined to settle in.

Caffe Agostinis in Queen's Court could be regarded as a full-blown restaurant, were it not for the name and the informal demeanor of the place. (No reservations, no tablecloths, no stemware: just Duralex glasses for your BYO). Margie Agostini has been feeding locals food of a consistently high standard for over a decade. Get there early to avoid a wait in the evening, but if there is a delay you can always cross the road to pick up a bottle and have a pre-dinner drink at the Woollahra. Excellent too for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with perhaps a slice of her signature orange cake, which the infamous Martha Stewart was brought to Woollahra specifically to try.

Nearby, **Pan D'Arte** with its multi-coloured bread window beneath Michael Carr's gallery, serves paper-thin pizza, cakes and Di

(but not much custard in spite of the name). **Zigolini's** is really a restaurant, but does café impressions along the window benches and at the small tables on the footpath, catering to the caffeine-hungry crowd with their own blend of Allpress coffee. Almost adjacent, **Nostimo**, run by Arthur (son of Queen St Deli's erstwhile owner, Jim) serves breakfast and light meals with a Greek slant, (faki, pastitsio), wine, Grinders coffee and dinner on Thursdays through Sunday. Takeaway special: coffee & bacon-&-egg s/w; \$5.

Back up past the pub, **Arte Flowers** seems to sell everything from soap to scarves, lamps, cushions, furniture, fake flowers, jewelry and gifts, but hidden behind all these goodies is an unsung café with an interesting menu (try their signature tomato tart) and di Manfredi coffee.

toast for \$4 and coffee with a bacon-&-egg roll for \$6.

Slightly off the main drag, in Spicer St, is newly-named **Jaffa's**, (better known as **Adam's**), which changed hands late last year. This cosy café has a coterie of customers who come regularly to meet and enjoy a hit of La Casa del Caffé coffee plus maybe breakfast or a light lunch (great homemade soup and more substantial offerings). Around in Moncur Street, and handy for Di Jones employees, **Jones the grocer** still offers the best deal in town for takeaways during their happy hour: (8:30-9:30am Mon-Fri); \$1.45 for a regular-size, \$1.95 for a large Grinders coffee. There are also \$5 coffee and muffin deals (eat in or takeaway). This large deli is well worth a visit for their ambrosial cheese room alone, notwithstanding their



Lorenzo coffee, in the shadow of the ATM. Across the street next to Summers Floral, the mainly al fresco **Crème Anglaise** catches the sun all day in winter and serves a good range of light meals with their Toby's coffee



King of the takeaway merchants must be the local branch of the **Pasta Pantry**, recently awarded the Best Coffee in Sydney award by listeners to 2WS, whom we are surprised to learn hang out in Woollahra. Their baristas do a roaring trade pumping out Aroma coffee to the assembled crowd next to the newsagent. Popular with the police and workmen from the many neighbourhood building sites is the local sandwich shop; mysteriously called **Twins** (there's no sign of a sign!) This is a true early-opener (5:30am) which offers value for money with their Aurora coffee & raisin

range of bread, salads, sausages, cookbooks, chocolates and batterie de cuisine.

Down Jersey Road opposite the Dudley is **Flat White**, neat and steely clean, well away from the Queen St bustle. Famous for homemade cakes and chicken finger sandwiches. Legendary barista, Chris Cowan, (ex Jones the grocer) has been pulling Grinders coffee here since its opening nearly two years ago. Pooch-friendly, there is a bowl of water for your dog and a pole to tether her to while you enjoy the fare.

Diana Dennison

street watch

Since we submitted reports to Council in May 2004 highlighting areas we considered to be dangerous to pedestrians using pavements in the Queen Street and West Woollahra area, Council's Works and Services team have been quite active and considerable improvements have been noted during our recent audit review. The pavements in the key thoroughfares of Ocean Street, Jersey Road and Queen Street are now in the main trouble-free for pedestrian traffic.

Holdsworth Street, previously labeled "The worst street in the area", has had part of the pavement on the east side extensively repaired and it is hoped that this quality of work can be extended all the way to Queen Street. We commend Council for their attention in addressing our concerns and the positive results which are much appreciated by local residents and the Association.

The remaining streets in the west side area have obviously been inspected by Council as there are areas that have been "blue marked", no doubt awaiting repair, but at this point of time action still needed and we have commented accordingly in our follow-up report. The Streets east of Ocean Street are now being examined and will be reported to Council shortly.

After representation to Council, requesting some action be taken to stop the dangerous practice of cars parking right on the corners of Queen and Holdsworth Streets (totally ignoring the "no stopping" signs erected



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there), it is pleasing indeed to see two "corner blisters" now installed, which hopefully will now allow motorists to have clear vision when turning into and out of Holdsworth. We do feel however that adjacent "blisters" should have been installed in Holdsworth Street to prevent drivers with more money than sense parking on the "no stopping" zones. Hopefully this is still in the pipeline.

Corner "blisters" should also be put on the corner of Moncur and Queen Street (opposite the pub) to prevent cars parking there. A nasty accident occurred recently when a turning bus swiped an illegally parked car. Traffic was disrupted for two hours.

Ian Angus

A HISTORY MOMENT 19th Century Coach & Buggy Works



This picture, dating from c. 1890-1895 shows the street frontage of the Espular and Millar Coach and Buggy Works, which stood on Oxford Street between the top of Queen Street and Victoria Avenue, opposite Centennial Park. In the late nineteenth century, horse transport, whether privately or publicly owned, played a large part in people's lives. Hereabouts were the terminuses of

various horse bus routes. The more affluent travelled to the city in horse cabs from a rank in Queen Street. Interestingly, a horse cab can be seen reflected in the window to the right where the little girl is standing. (Picture kindly supplied by Mrs K. Wilkerson, a former local resident who lives in Western Australia.

Robin Brampton

chat street

Pasta Pantry Woollahra has been voted to have the best coffee in Sydney by the listeners of Western Sydney radio station WSFM (101.7), and they have a gold cup to prove it. No wonder we have parking problems in Queen Street if they drive all the way over here for their coffee!

Pasta Pantry has lodged a DA to move into The Bay Street Patisserie. Do they intend to keep their present premises as well?

The Association is considering awarding an **asbestos spoon** to the takeaway in Queen Street that has the most rubbish on the footpath outside its establishment. Come on fellers, you make the dosh from your patrons - clean up their rubbish. We'd like to see each takeaway sweeping its little bit of pavement each morning, as they do in France.

What a fiasco it was during the closure of the train station at Bondi. Buses taking commuters from Edgecliff to Bondi drove far too fast down quiet suburban streets where no buses had ever gone before. The RTA arrangements were a disgrace.

The Holdsworth Community Centre needs volunteers. This is an ideal way of getting to know your community. All ages are welcome. Phone Melissa on 9302 3671.

The Centre has recently received funding for the care of dementia patients through the Department of Aging, Disability & Home Care.

They also will have a counsellor to support carers of the disabled and frail aged.

Well known medical identity **Doctor David Walker** has retired from **Woollahra General Practice** at 16 Oxford Street. **Doctor Anne Murray** has bought the practice which employs six other general practitioners.

Fascinating characters abound in West Woollahra and for **Seniors Week Contest in March**, people over 60 were invited to write about "my favourite older person".

Among the winners in the Woollahra Council competition was **Alma Coulter** of Goodwin Village whose subject was a gentleman well known in our area until recently. She called him the **Man in the Bowler Hat**.

Says Alma, he was "extremely conspicuous in his elegant Saville Row style of tailored suit which was further complemented by a bowler hat and cane which he twirled continuously, with the utmost dexterity". Many people also remember that he had a cheeky little Chihuahua dog.

The gentleman was, in fact, a distinguished retired surgeon with an international reputation who pioneered an exacting spinal nerve operation.

Alma was one of the few local people who visited the **Man in the Bowler Hat** at his home and met his wife, but she has no idea what has become of him lately."

letters to the editor

January 2005

When will the footpaths in Alton Street be repaired? They are in a dangerous and almost impassable state. I note that Holdsworth Street, with its relatively wide footpaths has been given the royal treatment and is now smooth walking but neighbouring Alton Street which has very narrow footpaths, has become a danger zone with coruscating bitumen due to the pressure of tree roots. Residents and pedestrians are forced to take to the road. Would Streetwatch be able to bring this to the attention of the Council?

Phil Quirk, Alton Street

December 10 2004

We enclose a copy of a letter we sent to the Council about the state of repair of James Street. A Council Staff member did contact us and some workman filled two or three holes and marked a number of others with blue paint but no further activity has happened in the last six weeks. Perhaps the Council can be persuaded to complete these jobs. An incidental matter is that James Street is not included in some street directories which causes confusion and delivery failures.

Yours sincerely

Robyn and Jim McLeod

Editor's Note

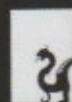
These letters have been referred to Ian Angus our Streetwatch Coordinator who will no doubt bring them to Council's attention.

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arrivals, departures and relocations

St Kevins, the stately home opposite the main drag in Queen Street is for sale. Rumour has it that there are two interested parties. "You know who you are". The last owner was **Paul Keating** who bought it from Queen Street and West Woollahra founder (and public stomach) **Leo Scofield**. Leo restored the grand residence to its present glory in the eighties when he lived there with his wife and three daughters. Keating has been said to claim "no part of the house has been changed in concession to passing infatuations with fashionable configuration". However Leo certainly modernised its kitchen and bathrooms.

Antique dealer **Auchinachie & Son** has closed. The furniture was auctioned off by Sotheby's in March and the building, so carefully restored by Graham and Gina Auchinachie has been sold to an undisclosed buyer.

Rose & Heather, the New Zealand based furniture designer has relocated to Willoughby.

Queen Street is losing its antique shops at an alarming rate and clothes boutiques are taking over. **Body** has now moved into 32 Queen Street. As the name suggests this boutique specialises in clothes that move, casual and active wear at affordable prices. Body has shops in Melbourne and is now on the move.

Element Hair at 42 Ocean Street is a relatively new addition to our area. Owners Michelle Kennedy and Geoff Cresswell specialise in cut and colour. 93273701

Richard Martin Art Gallery, formerly in Glenmore Road Paddington has relocated to 98 Holdsworth Street, on the corner of Holdsworth Street and Jersey Road. The gallery was formerly Maunsell Wicks, now moved back to Barry Stern in Glenmore Road. Richard Martin specialises in contemporary artists and those in mid-career. In June they plan a showing from recent graduates from the National Art School. 93276525

La Lavande, on the corner of Ocean and Queen Street has relocated to Bourke Street, Woolloomooloo. In its place is the intriguing **Piece de Resistance** with wonderful French and Italian old stone and wooden garden furniture, pillars, gargoyles and a huge marble bath displayed in its shopfront. Piece de Resistance is open Wednesday to Saturday 10.30 am - 5 pm. 0293655794

Ma Maison en Provence at 158 Queen Street is leaving

Queen Street and the premises is up for lease. The business has another outlet at Westfield Plaza.

Petit Moncur, the child learning centre has relocated from Moncur Street to 156 Queen Street. I suppose petite Queen is out of the question. Petit Moncur teaches French to 2-12 year-olds through creative play and art and craft...also gardening, mini golf, reflexology, social etiquette and yoga. 93631832

The **TAB** next to the pub and Bistro Moncur in Moncur Street has gone. Rumour has it that a consortium from The Bathers Pavilion at Balmoral and the Woollahra Hotel have bought it....

John Laws' mansion in Queen Street has been sold by private treaty. Eight million is the bandied-about figure. Lawsie is now a permanent resident of the Finger Wharf, Woolloomooloo.

They come and they go! **Queen Street Post Office's** friendly and efficient postal manager Emily Chenouda has departed to manage the Double Bay Post Office, though we understand this appointment is only temporary. The new manager in Queen Street is Chris Gazzola.

Another Queen Street Post Office newcomer is Jack Stein, working part-time in retirement. He previously held management posts in the Post Offices at Enmore and Eastlakes and held senior ranks in the Army Reserve.





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