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# President's Report

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to say that this has been a wonderful journey with your proactive 2009 committee. Your representatives have worked towards giving you a wonderful precinct to live and shop in.

The Queen St and West Woollahra Association appreciates your help (Woollahra Council, traders and residents) and your continuing support by membership, advertising in QSWWA Village Voice and donations for events.

Memberships have increased, our Village Voice notice board is there for you and the parks are looking fantastic.

We welcome our new Committee Member Rosemary McDonald who is looking after membership matters. Rosemary's mother Monica was an original QSWWA Committee member.

In 2010 your Association looks forward to:

- Queen Street trees installed with fairy lights
- Queen Street garden beds hedged with "heritage" garden picket fencing
- Garbage bins installed in the Woollahra Village and parks
- A ramp access to the Post Office
- Doggy Do bag dispensers in our parks
- Village Centre up grade – underground cabling, landscape hedging, safety railings etc (like Five Ways Paddington)
- Box hedging in the carpark area and in garden near the WMC Community notice board
- Parking plan to proceed as proposed plan presented by Council in October 2008
- No parking meters

I wish you, your families and your businesses all the best for this festive season. The committee is looking forward to meeting you at the annual Carols Event and at the BBQ (sausages supplied by Vic's Butcher this year) and to seeing Queen Street twinkle lights on Tuesday 8 December.

*Elizabeth Gervay*



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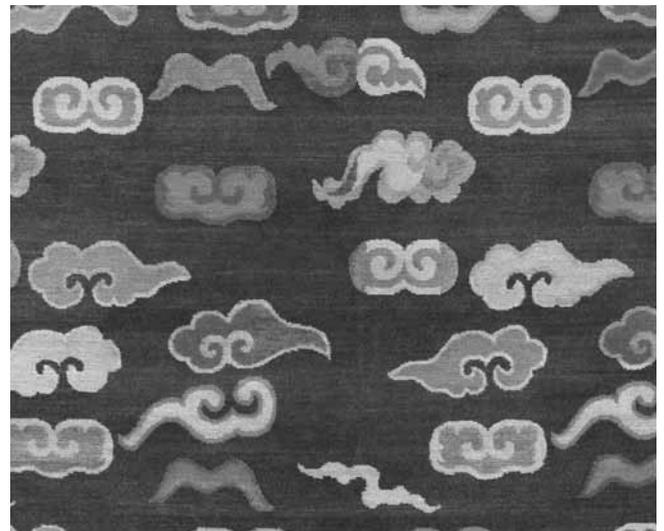
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# MEAT & GREET

## Welcome to Victor Churchill

WHO hasn't pushed the string of bronze sausages that form the door handle of the Victor Churchill meat emporium to check out the refrigerated display cabinets and the backlit wall of Himalayan salt blocks, and watch the team at work? This long-awaited and much-hyped temple of butchery opened some months ago and has proved very popular, attracting Queen Street locals and visitors alike. Some come to check out the magnificent fit-out, but most are there to buy their pound of flesh in splendid surrounds.



### Chopping block

Butcher's shops? I've seen a few, from the childhood one (Piper's Loop, Vacluse) where the sawdust-strewn floor absorbed stray drops of blood and the odd thumb, a swinging wood-framed billowing screen-door kept most flies at bay, while trays of brains, kidneys and 'lamb's fry' sat at child's eye-level next to rolled roasts, affordable cutlets, and corned beef, to Harrods' Meat Hall all pedestals and marble, less salubrious London butchers with their Best End of Neck (the wine would cost more so the guest could bring that); the street meat market in Agadez, Niger, where you rub shoulders with whole carcasses near black slabs of dried meat (on closer inspection the black was a thick layer of flies); the meat market in Sant Josep off the Ramblas in Barcelona, where girls in white lacy aprons preside over their wares, French small town Boucheries Chevalines where the meat is always redder (being horse) than in the neighbouring butchers, then uninspired decades of buying meat in supermarkets where you can choose your own piece



without pressure or panache – now, in Queen Street, at least, the Renaissance age of meat is upon us and charcuterie has come to town.

Enter the Fleischermeister, Victor Puharich and his inspired son, Anthony. Add Romeo (of charcuterie) Baudouin and you have Victor Churchill, an experience less intimidating than one might expect. The greet-and-meat team are friendly; the lamb shanks and sausages are affordable. You will pay whisperable prices for Wagyu, but there is a market for such quality, and the display of terrines, rillettes, patés and confit de canard, transports you straight to Europe.

The changing window displays are of variable note: the large drums in a recent display had a couple of chicken legs (drumsticks, get it?) lost atop them: the joke seemed to demand at least turkey or even emu-sized legs, and it is hard to make a raw chicken leg look appetising, but never mind. At other times, less is more, and aged marbled Wagyu hangs in the balance, a far cry from the crammed displays of other butchers where chops and steak are separated by rows of serrated and frilled green and yellow plastic.

Overall Victor's is victorious and we welcome them. Their enthusiasm and excellence enrich Queen Street.

*Diana Dennison*

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# WOOLLAHRA AND THE POINT



*Rose Bay Cottage*

ALL of us know where Point Piper is and many of us are aware that it was named after Captain John Piper. Point Piper Road (now Jersey Road) led from South Head Road (now Oxford Street) towards Piper's estate and the beautiful Henrietta Villa where Piper and his wife lived from 1822 – 1827.

Piper's severe financial problems led to the taking over of Henrietta Villa and what came to be known as the Point Piper Estate by the emancipist merchants, Daniel Cooper and Solomon Levey. The Point Piper Estate ran from the waters of Double Bay up Ocean Avenue and Ocean Street, along Jersey Road to Oxford Street, along Oxford Street and Old South Head Road to Fernleigh Avenue and down to the waters of Rose Bay. We are all living in what was the Point Piper Estate.

Daniel Cooper was probably living at Henrietta Villa before he left the colony to return to London in 1831; Solomon Levey had returned to London five years before to obtain capital for the partnership and attract new business. Cooper acquired Levey's interest in the Estate in 1847.

Daniel Cooper had no children and his nephew, also Daniel, who had come to the colony as a young child became his principal heir. After attending school in England he returned to the colony in 1843 when he was 22 and by 1852 was controlling Cooper Bros. the largest mercantile business in the colony. At this time he was living at Rose Bay Cottage (Lodge) which is located at 1-7 Salisbury Road, Rose Bay and hidden from New South Head Road by a block of flats.

Rose Bay Cottage was designed by John Verge for James Holt,

a partner in Cooper & Levey, in 1834. It is the oldest surviving house in the Point Piper Estate and is open for inspection from time to time.

Daniel Cooper II (the nephew) was a member of the Legislative Council and the first Speaker of the N.S.W. Legislative Assembly. He was knighted by patent in 1857 and later became the first Baronet of Woollahra, a title which still exists in England. Daniel II planned to demolish Henrietta Villa and build a much larger house to be called Woollahra House. He organized Governor Denison to lay the foundation stone in 1856 but did not proceed with his plans and remained living at Rose Bay Cottage until he and his family returned to England in 1861.

Henrietta Villa was built on the block of land which is now surrounded by Wunulla Road and Longworth Avenue and Woollahra House was eventually built on this same block in 1883 by William Cooper, Sir Daniel's second son. It was demolished in 1929. Woollahra House's stables were incorporated into Wyuna Court on Longworth Avenue and Woollahra House's gatehouse is now the Rose Bay Police Station on the corner of New South Head and Wunulla Roads.

Recognition of Captain Piper was once strong in Woollahra. Queen Street was once Piper Street and Jersey was once Point Piper Road but Piper's memory still remains in Point Piper Lane which runs from Caledonia Street through to Sutherland Street.



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The first sale of Point Piper Estate land in this area was not registered until 1853 when John Alexander purchased 5 acres on Queen Street and Old South Head Road . Then in January 1854 William Wallis and C. Scott purchased two triangles of land, one formed by Wallis, Nelson and Oxford Streets and the other formed by Moncur & Oxford Streets and Jersey Road. The transformation of Woollahra bushland had begun.

*Author Anne Sullivan is an historical researcher and resident of Woollahra*



*Wyuna Court, formerly Woollahra House Stable*



*Rose Bay Police Station, formerly The Gatehouse*



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## Woollahra Festival 2010

The Woollahra Festival has been rescheduled to 2010. We now have our registration as a cultural organisation and will be able to offer tax deductibility to festival supporters. The Woollahra Festival will be held in the second half of 2010, most likely in the first weeks of November, and will be an exciting event for our community. We would like to encourage local community groups and businesses to be involved and encourage individuals to offer their time and energy to help build the festival.

The festival will feature interesting and topical panel discussions and talks; we will be challenged, entertained and provoked! It is about culture, food, music, art and community! The themes are Think, Talk, Relate, and Create and will appeal to all age groups. It is about us, our community members and our thoughts and ideas. This is a great opportunity for us all to meet our neighbours, invite friends to share and join with us in our community over the festival weekend and to promote the beauty and unique ambience of Woollahra. We are looking for **street angels** who would like to help. We would like to hold these little gatherings in February, March and April 2010.

If your local business would like to be involved in the festival please let us know as there are many opportunities to sponsor an event, promote your business or to hold a special activity in your store during the festival. We do expect to gain great media coverage for this event! Email us at [info@woollahrafestival.com.au](mailto:info@woollahrafestival.com.au), visit our website, [www.woollahrafestival.com.au](http://www.woollahrafestival.com.au) to read more about the festival. We need your feedback. Email [info@woollahrafestival.com.au](mailto:info@woollahrafestival.com.au), website [www.woollahrafestival.com.au](http://www.woollahrafestival.com.au)

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## Queen Street & West Woollahra Traders Group

The Traders group of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association ([www.woollahravillage.com.au](http://www.woollahravillage.com.au)) is up and running and features our local businesses. It publishes a beautiful website to promote the village and also has a regular e-newsletter that provides both our local community and others with information on businesses and their exclusive and special promotions and offers.

If you would like to receive these e-newsletters please sign up at [www.woollahravillage.com.au](http://www.woollahravillage.com.au). We are happy to support and promote any local groups' activities and let the community know of these through our e-newsletters. Let us know if you would like to feature your local event at [business@qswwa.com.au](mailto:business@qswwa.com.au). We invite all local businesses to join the website and let the community know of those unique and special features of your business. With over 1000 subscribers it is the perfect place to promote your business. Please see the business membership form on the back of this issue. Our next business group meeting will be held at Zigolini's on February 16 at 6pm 2010.

Mary Read

# Local Tables

## Zigolini's. French? No. Greek and Italian.

"Is the owner French?" asked one of my party when we recently dined at Zigolini's. It was the ultimate compliment to the cuisine. But the owner Alex Nettis, who has been running Zigolini's for 12 years, is of Greek and Italian extraction. Alex is usually much in evidence at Zigolini's, often to be seen dining with friends at one of the popular outside tables.

To provide for his wide range of clients, Alex has three menus for different times of day, all with different dishes. At breakfast, for instance, there is Bircher muesli, hazelnut, honey and natural yoghurt as well as porridges, eggs, bacon, side dishes and a variety of toasts.

Come brunch time, some of the breakfast dishes remain but now we're into smoked salmon and horseradish cream or grilled lamb fillet sandwich with tomato and fenugreek relish, rocket and tzatziki..

Evening choices include tomato bisque, risotto del mare with a selection of seafood, delicious twice cooked duck and a whopping but oh so delicious rib eye steak. Various specials run throughout the day. It must make for a nightmare in the kitchen. Prices for mains are usually \$29, salads \$17, sandwiches \$14, deserts \$10 and sides \$7.

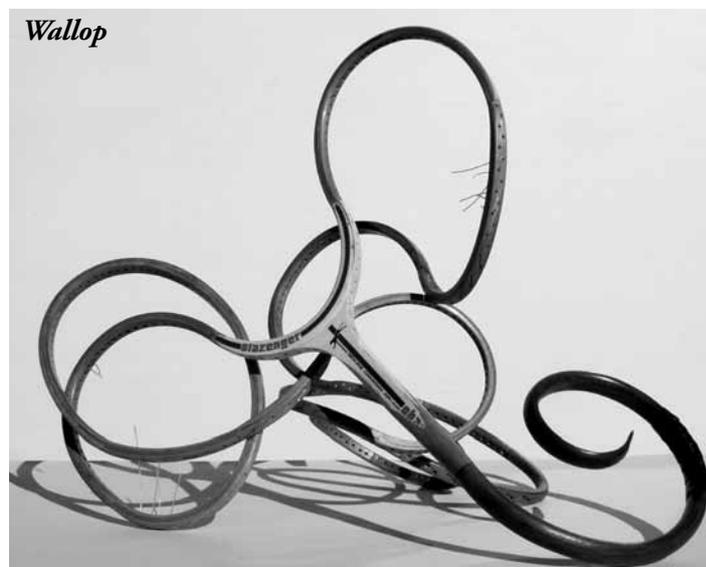
Wines are almost all from smaller Australian vineyards (hooray!), almost all available by the glass (\$7-10). And yes there is a Greek wine, sweet Muscat from the Isle of Samos.

The waiting staff are friendly and professional, The mighty Augustus was particularly helpful to a disabled member of our party. Comments of my three fellow diners (all female) were generally very complimentary. The only complaint was that the rhubarb dessert was way too sweet.

**Zigolini's** 107 Queen Street .Open daily for breakfast and lunch, Tuesday-Saturday for dinner. 93262337

*Robin Brampton*

THE Woollahra Council Small Sculpture Prize has been won by Alexander Seton for his Bianca marble "hoodie" – just wonderful. The people's choice, announced on 5 November, was the work by Anita Larkin titled "Wallop".



# DOWN YOUR STREET

The new **Queen Street and West Woollahra Notice Board** is in the car park next to Zigolini's, on the left of the Council Community Notice Board. Keep an eye on both for upcoming events and information.

Veteran Queen Street antique dealer and watch collector extraordinaire **Bill Bradshaw** has retired after 68 years in the business. **Bruce McWilliam**, Channel 7 lawyer and former Queen Street resident has bought the building at 92 Queen Street for \$2.7 million. Sadly Bill died on November 18 soon after retiring.

Why is it that the Council employees cannot collect the **green organic waste** without throwing the bins as if practising for the rugby league final? Consequently the green bins are continually broken and battered. The contractors who collect from the blue and black bins are far more gentle. The Council should replace battered bins free of charge. Insist if they refuse.

Congratulations to Council for the makeover of **Halls Reserve** on the corner of Halls Lane and Jersey Road. And it even has a garbage bin! The now exposed old brick wall backing onto the John Olsen Gallery is charming. Wouldn't the little park be greatly enhanced by the addition of a sculpture. We hear that some sculptures from the **Bondi to Bronte Walk** may need a home. It's worth pursuing.

**A brand new flagship Trelise Cooper store has opened at 82 Queen Street.** Probably Trelise Coopers's most beautiful store to date it should have the fashionistas in seventh heaven! And the sizes are so realistic - not just for skinnys but from size 6 -18. And try her new French perfume, "trelise", it's a winner.

A new medical practice, **Woollahra Doctors** has set up a shingle in Queen Street. Situated above Gary Castle Shoes at 112 Queen Street the ultra swish surgery is open six days a week and late on Thursday. Doctor Shane Wood has practised in the eastern suburbs for 25 years. 93267766

We have been contacted by **Jai Evans** of Director Events, **Mark Communications Pty Ltd** in Surry Hills. He is keen to set up high-end markets in Queen Street on Sundays. What do you think?

**Xiomara**, another shoe shop has arrived in Queen Street. Catering for the bridal, mother-in-law and bridal guest market, the shoes are just oh so Queen Street!

**Da Costi**, the fish people have put in a DA for the building next to the newsagent. We look forward to a great fish shop to complement our wonderful new butcher. We also hope that the owner will do some work on the outside of the building; the timber frame supporting the awning is rotten and potentially dangerous.

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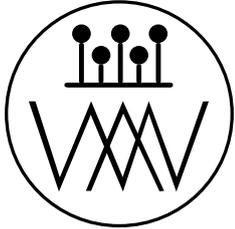
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