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## Community Christmas Carols

5.30pm Tuesday 6 December

Chiswick Park, Ocean Street, Woollahra

Meet your new Mayor Susan Wynne  
BBQ, Drinks, Coffee Cart,  
Santa Surprises, Face Painting,  
Jumping Castle, Silent Auction,  
Woollahra Chamber Orchestra String Trio,  
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# President's Report

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED, AS YOU READ REPORTS OF upgrades all around Woollahra Council area, why Queen St and West Woollahra misses out? Consider the upgrades and funding utilised for the infrastructure of Rose Bay, Double Bay, Paddington and Bellevue Hill and yet the area which gave it's name to the municipality gets nothing.

The dreadful mess left by the electricity upgrade is still unrepaired after over a year of begging. Even a rubbish bin promised in writing by council some 9 months ago appears to be beyond their ability.

No planning, no funding, no budget, nothing.

The accounts department is certainly still operating with an increase in rates of over 25% projected for the next 2 years.

What we need is an upgrade plan and budget for the Queen Street commercial area and for the residential areas surrounding. We have had regular meetings with incumbent mayors and council bureaucrats and much sympathy but little or no action. We are trying again! This time, a meeting with our committee representatives and the new Mayor along with our Cooper Ward Councillors. The issues are, as always, maintenance of kerbs and gutters (especially the promised post-electrical repairs), traffic calming, total infrastructure upgrade plan. I will report of our success in achieving this in the next issue.

Finally, our congratulations to the Woollahra Festival committee for a successful weekend. We are proud to be a co-sponsor of this event and look forward to this becoming a permanent fixture on the calendar.

## Congratulations to Mayor Susan Wynne



*Village Voice welcomes Mayor Susan Wynne (left), our new Mayor, who is pictured here with the outgoing Mayor Isobel Shapiro*

## LOCAL LEGAL EAGLE

VILLAGE VOICE IS PLEASED THAT QUEEN STREET NOW HAS A SECOND firm of solicitors. Commercial lawyer, Ron Osborne, a long time resident of Woollahra and former president of the QSWWA, has relocated Osborne & Associates, Lawyers from Macquarie Street City to the 1st floor of the Woollahra Post Office building. He now operates from the same level as Woollahra solicitors, Sunman & Walker. An experienced property lawyer, Ron has been involved in a number of major real estate projects. He provides advice to developers on projects ranging from serviced apartment buildings to office towers and industrial estates. His expertise also covers the sale and purchase of houses and apartments large and small, retail shop leases and sale of businesses, wills and estates including superannuation and enduring powers of attorney. Disputes involving local councils are another of his areas, with an emphasis on negotiation where litigation can be avoided; also arrangements with creditors and related insolvency issues. In future issues Ron will be happy to answer readers' queries relating to the law. Address all questions to the editor of Village Voice.

## Woollahra Festival of Art and Ideas, November 2011

THE SECOND WOOLLAHRA FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND IDEAS WAS indeed a triumph. A stimulating arts and ideas program with over 30 talks on a wide range of hot topics including politics, crime, food, wine, books. This, combined with a free outdoor performance program bringing comedy, jazz, theatre, circus, dancing, music. Story telling, a dog show and a scary huge redback spider for the little ones and a myriad of other acts and performances of exceptional standard. An amazing weekend! Congratulations to Carmel Dwyer and Ros Horin and the many volunteers who contributed to its success.



*Carmel Dwyer and Ros Horin Festival Directors*

## Holdsworth Centre's White Rabbit party

THE HOLDSWORTH CENTRE HELD A GALA FUNDRAISING party at the White Rabbit Gallery in Chippendale on November 3. There were special tours of the current exhibition, Beyond the Frame, a performance of the Mozart Flute Quartet No 1 by the Sydney Omega Ensemble, great food provided by Miss Chu, and wonderful wines by Yarra Valley winemaker, Mac Forbes. \$16 000 was raised for the Holdsworth Centre's Care Fund supporting those who care for children with disabilities or family members with dementia. The CEO of Holdsworth Centre, Michael Ryan was delighted with the support from the community and especially the local traders for goods and services for the silent auction.

A fun night in a beautiful setting contributed to a great evening and a worthwhile cause.



*Enthusiastic supporters of the Holdsworth Centre at the White Rabbit party, Chris Millington, James Kirby and Deborah Bateson*

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# Shakespeare and Me

MORE A "Q & A" THAN "CONVERSATION", JOHN BELL AND Kathryn Greiner visited familiar territory (did Shakespeare really write his works?) and not so familiar (how John Bell turned from painting to drama in his teens, with the help of Laurence Olivier).

John left his audience in no doubt that William Shakespeare wrote all works accredited to him, and gave irrefutable evidence to uphold this.

The audience would have happily spent many more hours in John Bell's company. His recently published book, "On Shakespeare" promises to answer more questions, and perhaps lead the reader to further answers.

*Annie Jones*



*Queen Street Transformed*



## Alfresco on the Village Green in Queen Street

MY WIFE JILL AND I WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO SECURE SEATS AT THE highlight of the Woollahra Festival: dinner on the green. For those of you who didn't make it, a chunk of Queen Street was laid with genuine green sward, replicating a village green in old England. The tables were interspersed around the sound stage on which we were regaled by Monica Trapaga and her cohorts in up-market renditions of songs that reminded many of us of a better time, when we had nothing to worry about; except the Cold War, Nuclear Annihilation and the conflict in Vietnam! As we used to say about the Sixties, if you really remember them, you weren't there. Against this amazing backdrop, we sat down to eat under the canopy of wonderful plane trees on what turned out to be a balmy night and thankfully, untroubled by the nocturnal trajectory of mating flying foxes. The four course menu designed by Damian Pignolet and Hugh Wennerborn was a triumph, the music nostalgic and the dancing enthusiastic. A great night had by all!

*Ian Mansell*



*Alfresco Dining*

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*Adults and children enjoy the Woollahra Festival*

## Share the Christmas Spirit in Woollahra Village

TRADERS IN WOOLLAHRA VILLAGE HAVE BANDED TOGETHER FOR THE Christmas season and on Thursday December 15 they will be open until 8pm for late night Christmas shopping.

Stroll along the streets of your village and have a glass of champagne at Reads, Ruby & Min or Attic or have a piece of cake at Michael Greene Antiques and share Christmas cheer with Robert Burton, Amanda Garrett and Vivianna at Basquesse.

Visit the gorgeous Sally Beresford Emporium or have a drink at the bar at the Woollahra Hotel and book for dinner at La Scala or The Hughenden Hotel.

For a special gift visit Tim Olsen Gallery, Anne Schofield or Isherwood Antiques or look for finds in Maison en Provence and Jacadi or for books at Lesley McKays.

A facial or massage token from our great selection of beauty and health stores would be the perfect gift. Maya Medispa, Polished Beauty Bar, Fleur de Lys, The Yoga Loft and Pure Wellbeing will inspire you..

And don't forget our fabulous providores, Queen Street Fruit Shop, Victor Churchill, Costi's Seafood and Simon Johnston.

Support your local traders and shop local. Your village is your local treasure trove for Christmas goodies.



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