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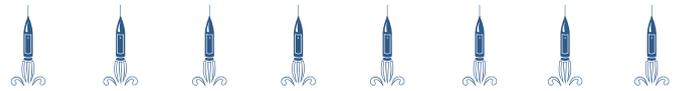



QSWWA at the Centennial Hotel: Top Row: Richard Banks and Ken Gresham; Lesley McKay and Irene Smith; Michael and Victoria Greene with Anne Schofield Second Row: Laura Tramontina; Councillor Luise Elsing and Sandra Davidson; Justin North; Sharon Burns Third Row: Gary Sands and Di Jones; Christian Dimitriadis and Rachel Da Costa; Maria Garofano and Anne Knott; Brigitte Berger Bottom row: Lia Tsimos and Fred Weissberger and Alan Smith



Annual Dinner

About 100 locals attended the QSWWA Annual Dinner at the Centennial Hotel which was a great success. The President Ken Gresham kept speeches to a minimum and the Centennial Hotel gave guests a choice from a delicious menu where the mash was the favourite. Justin North donated the lucky door prize of his *Family Cooking* in which he shares recipes he loves to cook for his family, along with his insider tips on getting the kids involved and enjoying time in the kitchen. There was talk on the night of arranging more private dinners at newly opened restaurants for QSWWA members only . . . stay tuned!



Plaque Remembers Shelling of Woollahra

On 6 June 2014 at 1 Small Street, Woollahra the Deputy Consul-General of Japan, Mr Toshiaki Kobayashi, Lieutenant Commander Christopher Hunt of HMAS Kuttabul, Woollahra Mayor and Councillors, members of the Woollahra Council Plaques Committee and the general public attended the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the bombardment of the eastern suburbs by Japanese submarines in World War II.

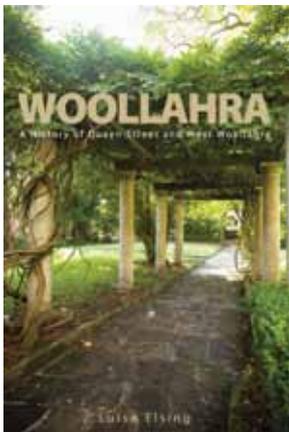
In 1942, Sydney came under attack from Japanese Navy submarines in a campaign to disrupt merchant shipping. At approximately 12:15am on 8 June 1942 a Japanese submarine launched an attack, with shells landing in the eastern suburbs. The shell at the corner of Small and Fletcher Streets exploded a few metres from the front door of the ground floor at 1 Small Street, which was then a grocery store. The impact of the shell created a small crater and shrapnel was thrown over a wide area causing damage to houses in Small Street (numbers 1 and 2) and Fletcher Street (numbers 44 to 52). Shrapnel from the blast was found in Streatfield Road, Bellevue Hill. The shelling did not create great physical damage but it did contribute to a fear of a future Japanese invasion. Once the war in the Pacific commenced, the eastern suburbs were no longer a desirable address and those that could afford to closed up their homes with many heading to the Blue Mountains.

The Woollahra Council plaque scheme was established to capture local history to better inform the community about local residents who have significantly contributed to the development of our nation and secondly to commemorate where significant historical or cultural events took place. To nominate a plaque go to: www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history/woollahra_plaque_scheme

Lee Stockley, President Rose Bay RSL; John Unicomb, Vice President Paddington-Woollahra sub branch RSL and former Woollahra Mayor, Christopher Dawson



Woollahra History Book



The *History of Queen Street and West Woollahra* written by Woollahra local, Luise Elsing recounts events relevant to local people, the economy and buildings.

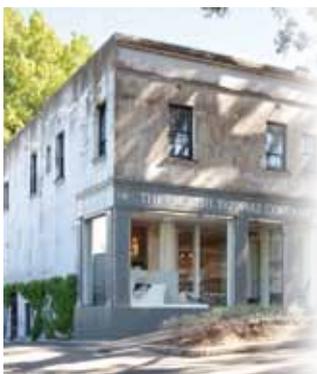
One of our most significant locals was Rose Scott who held famous soirees or as she described them "Friday nights in" at her residence of 45 years at Lynton, 294 Jersey Road (demolished). "Rose Scott (1847-1925) was a major force in the early feminist movement in Australia. Rose traveled throughout

NSW and Queensland working for social reforms, including improving the position of women and children. She was secretary of the Womenhood Suffrage League from 1891 to 1902 when its aim was realised with the granting of the vote to women in NSW. Scott's commitment to the education of women was evidenced by her active participation in establishing Women's College at Sydney University and setting up a prize for women undergraduates in law. She lived at Lynton, 294 Jersey Road from 1879 until her death."

Copies of the book are available by completing form on line at qswwa.com.au or from local shops.

INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?

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the week. **Lesley Mackay** has been persuaded to keep her bookshop's doors open and has her best shop ever in Spicer Street! Love the new signage. **Zigolini's** has revamped the exterior and we adore the bold red geraniums. Great new matching signage for **Awaken Your Health** on level 1 at 101 Queen Street above **Summers Florist**. *Awaken Your Health's* Tabitha provides practical and sensible advice on health issues. She has a Bachelor of Medical Science with post-graduate studies in Naturopathy, Herbal Medicine, Nutritional, & Environmental Medicine. Tabitha integrates Naturopathic Healing Principles with the latest scientific research, educating her clients towards the diet and lifestyle that best suits their needs. Sadly **Eva Breuer** has left Woollahra. The **Spicer Street Café** application for a restaurant with opening hours of 7am to 10pm Monday to Sunday is still a work in progress, with no decision been made. We are ecstatic that Lia the **Moss & Spy** owner and designer has chosen Queen Street to open her *Moss and Spy* flagship store, design headquarters and head office. Lia's style is comfortable yet glamorous, and she invokes a French expression- "*Je suis bien dans ma peau*" which means "*I feel good in my skin*". Locals tip . . .if you buy anything from **Simon Johnson** they give you a wonderful coffee to drink there or take away. . . loving it! **Go West Young Man!** . . . Andrew Dinnie the self-proclaimed *Sheriff of Holdsworth Street* has moved back to his home state of Western Australia, but we have it on good authority that he expects express delivery of *Village Voice* to keep in touch with his old stomping ground.



The Queen Street West Woollahra Association presents its members only annual traders drinks and canapes get together to be held on Tuesday 23rd September 2014 from 6pm to 8pm.

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HARBOURVIEW PARK

Harbourview Park is a small bushland park with a steep sided gully just north of Edgecliff Road and west of Bathurst Street. Harbourview Park is mostly hidden behind residential properties with one major street frontage to Bathurst Street and access points from end of Russell Street (off Edward Street) at Magney Street and Robinson Lane (off Edgecliff Road) and via a former night oil lane leading from Bathurst Street. Local residents enjoy the open space as a thoroughfare to Bondi Junction, informal recreational activities and occasional special events. The lower end of the park contains a playground, picnic table, basketball hoop, goat track and a maintenance shed. The park is traversed by several footpaths and two natural watercourses.

The Harbourview Park Volunteer Bush Regeneration Crew has maintained the bushland with guided assistance from Council staff.

In October 2013 Woollahra Council exhibited a draft plan of management for the park outlining proposals to include a boardwalk, children's cycle track, observation platforms and community gardens, removal of Camphor Laurels as they inhibit native bushland regeneration with the final plan of management adopted in March 2014.



BiLi Jiang Clarke
Soloist, Violin

Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra

WPO performed at St Columba on Saturday 21 June and it was magnificent. The Church has been lovingly restored to its true magnificence and the orchestra projects a monumental sound which lifts its audience and radiates musicality. Mark your diary for Saturday 6 September 2014 at 5.30pm at St Columba

corner of Forth Street and Ocean Street and Sunday 7 September 2014 at 2.30pm at St Francis, Oxford Street for Toys and Typewriters, especially for children. For tickets go to <http://www.wpo.org.au/upcoming-concerts.html>

Dr Joyce and Professor Bruce Conolly

Dr Joyce and Professor Bruce Conolly hosted drinks in June for the winners of the 2014 Woollahra Council citizen of the year with the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer and Councillors Andrew Petrie, Anthony Marano and Luise Elsing in attendance.

The Conolly's won the *Contribution to International Community* prize for their voluntary work in developing countries since 1971. They teach doctors, nurses and therapists the principles of treating patients with injuries and disorders of their hands and upper limbs. They also work in basic health, education in childbirth, child health, nutrition and depression. They also founded the Myanmar Australia Conolly Foundation for Health. The Conolly's have lived all over the world and love living in Woollahra most because no matter where you walk "there is always something interesting to look at, a park, an art gallery or a café". Mr Conolly also believes that the people of Woollahra are very warm, respectful and kind! For more information on the Foundation go to <http://macf.net.au>

The 2014 Citizen of the Year, Mr Wesley Browne enthralled the group with details of his 54 years as a Legatee. The winner of the *Contribution to the Environment* prize, Vicki Joyner entertained gardening enthusiasts with the challenges of managing the Paddington Community Garden where she oversees administration, new members and propagating seeds. She has arranged with local organic greengrocers to supply green waste. The evening offered a delightful opportunity to hear from Martin Cohen, President of the winner of the *Highly Commended Most Innovative Cultural/Arts Initiative*: Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra performs regularly and contributes to the cultural life of residents. For tickets go to <http://www.wpo.org.au>.



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The Importance of Window Dressing

To compete with online vendors, successful bricks and mortar retailers understand the value of experiential shopping which starts at the shop front. Online choices are made from two-dimensional images, which provide a competitive opportunity for retailers offering real-life, three-dimensional displays.

The window expresses a subliminal message of products and lifestyle to satisfy shoppers' deepest desires and aspirations, guaranteeing happiness. The thrill begins at first glance where impressions and expectations are set, the invitation to experience an offering is made. Egos are stroked, to attract and reinforce the aficionado status of the retailer and to deliver the experience of acquiring of the best available unique products with access to a desirable lifestyle.

Window dressing is judged by its ability to draw people into the shop and entice them to buy. The English Tapware Company and Habitus have teamed up to launch a creative space project in the window display at 170 Queen Street and invite designers to submit a proposal which presents products and informs, delights and arouses curiosity. The product range at English Tapware does not change seasonally so the context in which they are displayed needs to be refreshing and engaging. In the current English Tapware display, Habitus have taken a botanic museum approach to presenting products aiming to inform and delight.

The challenge for window dressing is to get the balance right between on the one hand the distinctive, reassuring look of the shop and on the other hand - interesting, emerging trends and innovation. Is it sufficient to only display products or do retailers need to express a theme, create a narrative that is consummated with consumption?

Quincy's owner Shahrzad focuses on keeping the window at 76 Queen Street dynamic changing the display every 2 to 3 weeks. Shahrzad says that *"It is hard coming up with new ideas all the time, however our shoes often tell a story themselves, so using the shoes often gives us a starting point for a window story."* Shahrzad would like to explore opportunities to be collaborative with other Queen Street shops, perhaps a boot in the butcher! Or espadrilles in Smiths Organic Markets!

Victor Churchill fills its window space with fresh innovative new ideas every 6 weeks inspired by seasons, events or products. Churchills take enormous pride in their window dressings, *"We love watching people stop to admire the window - and then ideally come into the store - that is when you know you have achieved what you set out to"* says Churchill's Jordan Leef.

Queen Street's traders offer a walkable experience showcasing a vibrant streetscape with memorable offerings. The arrangement of merchandise and decoration exterior to the shop which sensitively interacts with the public realm creates a destination context which ensures that Queen Street continues to be explorable, exciting and enticing!

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QUEEN STREET DELICATESSEN

News of the century is that there has been a change of ownership at Queen Street Delicatessen! Steve is out and Melinda is in!! Devout customers need not be nervous... Melinda has been a chef at the Deli for over 4 years so she knows what loyal customers want . . . her popular home made soups Detox, Minestrone, Chicken and Barley, Spicy Chicken and Sweet corn are safe. Meals including Melinda's secret recipes for Beef Bolognese, Coq Au Vi, Lamb and Spinach Curry, Chili Con Carne and Persian Lamb Stew will all still be available. Be warned that upgraded traditional delicatessen products will now be introduced. New curated cheeses and patés! New health focused products building on Melinda's training as a nutritionist. New European focused foods involving more strudels, I hope!

As for the décor...what has happened in a week is amazing with Manager, Nick Ingham and his team working away at night painting shelves black to showcase merchandise, dumping convenience store type products and making the space sharper, cleaner and freshening up what had become a cramped and tired environment . . . Melinda is inspired by New York delicatessens and a total rebranding and renewed concept positioning is proposed! Delightfully positioned between the fishmonger and the butchery the Delicatessen is the perfect inspiration for the family cook's evening meal, the entertainer in event preparation mode or the visitor looking for a unique, quality contribution to festivities. Combining culinary expertise with traditional delicatessen style the Queen Street Delicatessen is focused on assuring its loyal customers that the quality products and services they adore will continue to be provided at the same time exciting new customers and introducing new premium products which showcase the Deli's unique style and authentic local shopping experience.



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Cars Ablaze in Woollahra



Around 3.00am on Sunday May 18th, residents of Woollahra were woken by blasts and the sound of shattering glass. Billowing smoke followed. Pyjama clad neighbours ran out to see what was happening. Help was offered to the brave young man attempting to douse the

increasing flames engulfing the car before him. Triple zero was called, and the NSW Fire Service arrived quickly. Concerned neighbours retreated when it was clear that no-one had been injured.

The blaze persisted, unfortunately destroying valued personal effects. On Queen Street a white Lexus was burnt and the flames damaged a silver ford utility parked behind it. Around the corner in Moncur Street a similar scene was unfolding where two cars had been the targets of arson; a black BMW and a Nissan Xtrail. Lights, sirens and car alarms rang out into the early hours of Sunday morning. The police forensics team was called and a police investigation commenced. In daylight the sight of the burnt cars was a reminder and neighbours were relieved that no one was hurt, but sympathetic with the owners' losses. Police are appealing to anyone with any information to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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QUARRY STREET

On 11 April 2014 the Acting Premier Andrew Stoner ordered a review into the transfer of the lease for Paddington Bowling Club in 2009. The Secretary of NSW Trade & Investment, Mark Paterson AO, has established an independent review into the "serious allegations of misconduct" regarding the transfer of this lease of Crown Land to a private developer for 50 years. Woollahra Council decided to defer making a decision regarding the childcare centre in Quarry Street on part of this Crown Land on grounds including that adequate enforcement of remedies is in the public interest, which is a consideration under Section 79C of the Environmental Protection Act.

The terms of reference of the review were announced on 16 June 2014 and include: consideration of whether there was any corrupt behaviour, in relation to the decisions to change the use of the land to "Community and Sporting Club Facilities, Tourist Facilities and Services" and reserve Lot 3 in DP1156846 (the car park) for the additional purpose of access; the decision to convert the lease to a 50 year commercial lease and to transfer of the lease from the Paddington Bowling Club to CSKS Holdings Pty Ltd (CSKS), reportedly at a rent of \$52,000 a year and the decision of the NSW Government to consent to the Development Application to Woollahra Council being made by CSKS.

For further information go to <https://www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/publication/14037>. To get involved contact Friends of Quarry Street at quarrystfriends@gmail.com

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Women Helping Women: A Transcultural Event

The National Council for Jewish Women has exceeded its expectations in fundraising raising over \$3,000 for birthing kits that improve conditions for expectant women in developing countries. The kits contain basic materials that help women give birth under sanitary conditions. The NCJW NSW is hosting an event - a birthing kit packing day to which everyone is welcome to come along and help pack 1000 Birthing kits (\$3 per kit). Please RSVP by telephone to 9363 0257 or email to admin@ncjwnsw.org.

The Birthing Kit Foundation messaged the NCJW NSW regarding the 2013 assembly day saying, "Your kits were forwarded to Nsanje, Malawi where they were delivered in the local area in conjunction with a traditional birth attendant and midwifery training. Currently Malawi is one of the areas we are targeting as their maternal and infantile mortality and injury rates are one of the highest in the world."

Shadows over Woollahra

Residents have been warned that Waverley Council is considering facilitating a 120 metre (30 storey) high residential flat building on Oxford Street at the current site of Discount Car Rentals to the corner with Sid Einfeld drive. Possible implications could include allowing similar height developments along Oxford Street to Leswell Street and that these height buildings may cast significant shadows over Wallis Street, Woods Avenue and Nelson Street. Community consultation is welcome so please visit Waverley Council website for further information www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/current_projects/west_oxford_street_precinct_plan

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President's Report

A Game of Thrones - episode 10



Photographer: Naomi Hamilton

So let me tell you of the story so far. The QSWWA started a campaign to replace the old and inappropriate street furniture on Queen Street more than a decade ago.

The "thrones" are constructed with a concrete material that resisted cleaning and blocked the busy footpath. Also, generally the area was untouched for many years. After a decade of discussion Woollahra Council employed a specialist architectural service to submit plans for upgrade to seating, bins, paving, trees and landscaping.

After a three year process of "consultation with the community" a final plan was agreed and costed at approximately \$2,500,000. Problem is Woollahra Council had no funds available to commence. After much lobbying an agreement was made thanks to the intervention of Mayor Toni Zeltzer and supporting Councillors to at least make a start by replacing the seats. Latest reports indicate installation by the end of September 2014. In the next episode we should see some action or is it all mythology?

The annual dinner of the Association at the rebirthed Centennial Hotel celebrated the 42nd year of our organisation. The nearly 100 people who attended enjoyed a wonderful night. Local residents and businesses had the opportunity to network with their neighbours in the beautiful new restaurant. Keeping formalities to a minimum a pleasant buzz was constant with a short welcome from myself and the Executive Chef Justin North spoke briefly about his cuisine. The food was delicious and the service excellent. Many thanks to the Centennial management and staff.

Any comments or issues on anything West Woollahra please email me on ken@greshamworld.com

Ken Gresham

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The QSWWA is a residents and traders group covering the area bounded by Jersey Road, Ocean Street between Jersey Road and Edgecliff Road, Edgecliff Road between Ocean Street and Leswell Street, Leswell Street and Oxford Street between Leswell Street and Jersey Road.

President: Ken Gresham

Vice President: Ian Mansell (Residents)

Committee: Richard Banks, John Knott, Jane Nutter, Phillip Mitchelhill,

Rosemary McDonald, Alan Smith and Jeanette Knox

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Licence Creep

The Woollahra Hotel lodged an application with Council during April 2013 for works including the establishment of an outdoor gaming room and smokers area in the south eastern corner of the ground floor with an opening to the proposed smokers area to the Moncur Lane elevation and two new windows to the pantry preparation area on the first floor within the Moncur Lane elevation.

Council received numerous objections to the proposal including impacts on surrounding neighbours and refused the application. The Hotel appealed the decision to the Land and Environment Court and the parties entered into negotiations sanctioned by the Court concerning closure of the smokers area from 9pm (as recommended by NSW Police) and installation of CCTV. The negotiations continue...

Your Association was one of the numerous objectors to the application by Vintage Cellars for a bottle shop at 109 Queen Street (the old Wholefoods House site). The basis for the Association's objection was that the delivery trucks would cause havoc for both pedestrian and vehicle users of the public carpark and Dorhauer Lane (the application indicated several deliveries would be made per day). Local residents also raised issues including the noise from the cooling devices and the proximity of another alcohol outlet to existing Moncur Cellars and the Woollahra Liquor Store at 41 Ocean Street.

The Centennial Hotel at 88 Oxford Street was successful in its application for early trading and serving of alcohol. So far so good and there have been no complaints from neighbours about raucous breakfasts . . . In fact, au contraire, each Monday and Tuesday night, the Centennial Hotel is offering a 2 for 1 dinner at the High Table for readers of the Village Voice. See front cover for coupon.

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Making Woollahra a Dementia Friendly Community



There is a woman, who appears to be around eighty, in Queen Street looking lost and unsure of where she is. She goes into a shop, checks out a few items and wanders out, hesitating on the footpath before going back in. Her coat is buttoned incorrectly and her hair is unbrushed. Is she lost? Is she homeless? Does she need help? In fact she could be your mother or grandmother. She could be suffering from dementia or some other form of memory loss. How can you assist her?

Dementia is a broad term used to describe the symptoms associated with the progressive decline in a person's functioning. This degenerative disease can affect memory, language, comprehension, judgement, spatial orientation, physical functioning, emotional control, personality, intellect, calculation and learning capacity – everything that makes a person uniquely who they are. An important and growing issue is how families manage when a loved one suffers from memory loss. We can all play our part in supporting those who have dementia and also the families who are caring for them. With determination and a common goal to provide support for our community, Woollahra could be a Dementia Friendly Community.

We can come across people with dementia any day – in the street, in our shops or in our families. A sustainable, whole of community approach can help us to:

- develop an understanding of dementia
- identify it when it is encountered
- combat negative attitudes
- reduce the stigma and social isolation
- support carers
- help those with dementia to age in their own communities.

The key to this approach is to normalise the disease and to provide services and facilities easily accessible to people living with dementia. By enabling them to continue to contribute to and to be a part of their community we can minimise many of the difficulties associated with the disease. We can offer a secure and understanding environment, simplify signage, language, instructions and offer friendly personalised

service to people living with the effects of the disease. If those in the wider community can develop an understanding of dementia and act appropriately if a person is lost, wandering or acting strangely in a public space it will be advantageous to everyone. Someone can easily forget what they are doing in the middle of shopping or on their way somewhere.

What you should do:

- Speak to the person in a caring and non-threatening manner
- If possible sit them in a safe and quiet environment and try to ascertain their name and address and if they have someone that you can call
- Often people with dementia are wearing an identification bracelet with an appropriate number to call or have instructions in their purse or wallet.
- If they are a member of the Safely Home program, a joint partnership between Alzheimer's Australia NSW and the Missing Persons Unit of the NSW Police Force, there will be an identification number to call on the bracelet.

By encouraging community participation we can reduce feelings of loneliness, which is also becoming more common as people live alone or become isolated from relatives and friends. This is particularly so with people with dementia and it has a profound effect on the family and carers. Holdsworth Community provides support and services for families including those living with dementia or intellectual disabilities. Its professional staff take a person-centred approach and welcome enquiries from or about anyone who needs support to live in the community.

Dementia affects the life of everyone, from the individual, to families, friends and to the wider community. It is estimated 1.2 million people in Australia are involved in the care of a person with dementia and it is our third leading cause of death for men and the second for women. To take a global perspective there are 44 million people with dementia today and it is predicted to reach 135 million by 2050. There are several types of dementia and Alzheimers disease is the most common. According to statistical information, available from Alzheimers Australia, there are approximately 1,700 people diagnosed with dementia each week, or one person every 6 minutes and this is expected to grow to 4 times that rate by 2050. There is no cure for dementia and without a medical breakthrough the number of people with dementia is expected to be almost 900,000 by 2050. Spending on dementia will therefore escalate and it is expected that it will represent 11% of aged care sector spending.

For more information contact Linda Porter at Holdsworth on 9302 3600, or Alzheimers NSW on 1800 100 500.





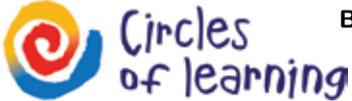

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GOODWIN VILLAGE

Many residents would be aware that Goodwin Village is proposing extensive alterations and additions to the existing independent seniors living development including internal and external upgrade throughout and a new Village Centre involving a capital investment of over \$20 million. The proposed upgrade will be undertaken in three construction stages in order to minimise disturbance to the surrounding areas and to allow as many residents as possible to remain in their apartments. Taber Cottage will be used as the site office throughout the construction.

Traffic Matters

Road Works in Ocean Street

The kerb and gutter has been disturbed in Ocean Street between Trelawney Street and Jersey Road due to a row of mature London Plain Trees. Stormwater drainage and the adjacent road pavement have been adversely affected by tree roots. To try to reduce the impact of the tree roots, work has begun to move the kerb and gutter 200mm away from the tree trunks.

No Stopping in Fletcher Street

No stopping restrictions are to be installed on the northern side of Fletcher Street, Woollahra: from the eastern side of Short Lane, for a distance of 5 metres in an easterly direction and from the western side of Short Lane for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction.

New Pedestrian Crossing in Edgecliff Road

Council proposes to install a pedestrian crossing on Edgecliff Road immediately east of Bathurst Street with modifications proposed to the splitter island at the existing roundabout on Bathurst Street, north of Edgecliff Road.

Alterations to Resident Parking in John Street

Three additional spaces are to be installed on the northern side of John Street in front of numbers 20, 22, 24 and part of 18 and 26 John Street and that 3 additional spaces be installed on the southern side of John Street in front of numbers 3 and 5 and the rear of 94 Oxford Street.

ACTIVATE OXFORD STREET

Woollahra Council commissioned a Placemaking Roadmap Report for Oxford Street, Paddington in order to reactivate Oxford Street. The project involved a series of workshops and surveys of property owners, street traders, residents and the wider community. The vision for Oxford Street developed through this process is "Oxford Street, The People's Village. A walkable iconic high street filled with "one-of-a-kind" global and local destinations. Paddington's authentic day and night meeting place. Celebrating culture, community and creativity".

Quick wins suggested include:

- creating vibrancy in vacant shops and along blank walls
- creating a new brand with improved communication tools
- creating theatre and activity on the footpath
- hosting regular and destination activities in public spaces.

Longer term initiatives are to improve the quality of the streetscape and make the precinct pedestrian friendly, investigate the introduction of a place manager, establish a new governance and funding framework (a suggested proposal is Oxford Street Special Business Rate Levy, which collects funds from property owners based on floor space), employ a specialist to develop a retail vision and leasing mix plan to achieve a localised and destination mix, investigate neighbourhood intensification on Oxford Street, Paddington and improve the operation of the Paddington Markets.



The Hughenden opens the Superintendent's Residence

The Hughenden Boutique Hotel at 14 Queen Street has launched an exciting new project with The Residences Centennial Park providing boutique accommodation in the ultimate luxury of the fully refurbished original heritage residences of the Ranger and the Superintendent located in Centennial Park.

The refurbished Superintendent's Residence near the Paddington Gates is now open offering a unique self-contained short-stay accommodation experience for local, interstate and international guests of centrally located accommodation in a peaceful parklands setting.

The Superintendent's Residence is a fine example of a 19th century Victorian-style residence. Originally built in 1891 from sandstone quarried directly from the site, the Superintendent's Residence was built as the home of the senior on-site manager (Superintendent) and his family as a purpose built domestic house. For booking please contact the Hughenden at www.thehughenden.com.au

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A new cycle path to the City



A new cycle path is to be constructed along Oxford Street between the corner of York Road (Bondi Junction) and the Paddington Gates (intersection of Moore Park Road and Lang Road) as part of a broader plan to connect cycle paths from Bondi Beach to the city.

The Centennial Park section involves 800 metres of new 3.5 metre wide bi-directional cycle path and separate 1.8 metre wide pedestrian path to be built along Oxford Street and through the park at a cost of \$1.65 million funded by the State Government. Some sections of the cycle path will weave between the trees and next to the water reservoirs located within Centennial Park to minimise impact to the parklands. Some sections will be obscured by the trees or will be positioned too far to get the light spill from Oxford Street, so additional lighting will be introduced along this route. It is expected that the cycle way will be completed by the end of 2014.

The importance of this cycle way to Woollahra residents and businesses is two fold: firstly it enhances the ability of pedestrian and cyclists to commute to the city and secondly it provides an opportunity for businesses to attract commuters to have a break in Queen Street as a mid point between Bondi Beach and the city. We may need to ensure that there are sufficient bike racks and that toilet facilities are improved! Local bike riding authority BIKEast is concerned that improvements experienced in neighbouring local government areas are not being reflected in connecting paths from Woollahra local government area suburbs.

The budget to implement the Woollahra Bicycling Strategy 2009 received no increase in funding last year and only a minor increase is proposed under the Operational Plan 2014/15. The budget for 2014/15 is \$90,000, which only allows for minor projects such as directional route signage and bicycle parking.

BIKEast is of the opinion that Woollahra compares poorly with its neighbouring Councils in its funding for bicycling facilities and programs. The fact that the current budget only allows very minor projects means that meaningful grants cannot be gained from the State Government whereas adjoining Councils are proceeding with the planning of major bicycle infrastructure projects and are receiving State Government capital works funding for roads which includes funding for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. *“The Strategy being implemented far too slowly with costlier projects and parts of regional routes across and along main roads yet to be undertaken. This will result in poor cycling outcomes for Woollahra residents into the future.”* said Adrian Boss, from BIKEast.

Bins are a changing . . .

Woollahra Council is introducing new recycling bins from 30 June 2014. They are yellow-lid wheelie bins and take mixed (co-mingled) recycling - this means all paper and containers can go into the same bin - no more separating. Benefits of the co-mingled 120L yellow-lid bins include that they are more convenient and easier to use, they prevent blown litter and spillage, they keep streets and lanes cleaner, they are easier to manoeuvre, they reduce health/safety issues caused by heavy crates and involve less truck movements for collection and carbon emissions.

The new bins will replace blue and black crates and all the different coloured bins at unit blocks. Houses will receive 120L yellow-lid bins and units 240L yellow-lid bins that will be collected weekly as per usual. ZONE 1 (Monday collection zone) - Paddington/West Woollahra have been given the option to use black crates instead of wheelie bins given space restrictions associated with terrace housing. It is anticipated that delivery of new bins will happen at the end of July beginning August residents can continue to use their existing bins until they get their new one. If you have any queries please contact Pamela Mina, Woollahra Council Waste Projects Coordinator by email at:

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