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The Annual Dinner of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association was held at the *Hotel Centennial* on Monday 17 July. With Justin North's wonderful food, fine wine and great company it was an enjoyable and memorable evening. See full report on page 2.

Top row: Ken Gresham, Cr Katherine O'Regan, Lloyd Holder; Clay Brodie, Hayat Hamdan, Randall Kemp, Lisa Chadd, Emma Zvarova; Committee members: Giles Edmonds, Alan Smith, Ken Gresham, Susie Willmott, John Knott  
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Bottom row: Pru Reynolds and Georgia Cleary; Suzie and Phillip Mitchelhill; Robert Furley and Alan Nicholas



## President's Report

The past few months have been a busy period for your association the QSWWA.

We have had our Annual General Meeting at which Rosemary McDonald stepped down as president after a hard working and distinguished period in that position. A vote of thanks from all members was expressed for her dedication to the task. I agreed to take on the role as acting president until executive positions were settled.

Much water has flowed under the Harbour Bridge since I joined the committee in my forties. Now in my seventies I realise that the local government environment is changing.

The big surprise announcement from the NSW state government has thrown the council election on the 9th September into a more open contest. Before the merger decision was announced many existing councillors had announced that they were not running for another term. Some of those cited the uncertainty of the merger action. Now it is all over the council really does need to get its act back together. Members of the association had observed that during the merger period the council had become less focused on their job of managing the services to our community. Let us hope that the withdrawal from the battle by the NSW government will give both councillors and staff the confidence to deal with this prestigious area with the respect it deserves.

The Queen St Master Plan finally restarted with the new planters and while some are critical I think the majority see them as a major improvement. Next come the tree surround seats.

Our annual dinner on July 17th was a welcome mid-winter celebration for both residents and local business. Our thanks to John Knott and his team for organising a most enjoyable night. We also thank Chef Justin North, the management and staff of "The Centennial" for a delicious meal and warm welcome.

Your association enters its 45th year stronger than ever. Our membership has grown with both residents and local business owners. Issues for us are unchanged they are parking, garbage, street cleaning, kerbs and gutters and development controls. We are always pushing local authorities to focus on our precinct of West Woollahra that seems to be invisible to some on council and their staff. Anyhow, we continue the good fight.

*Ken Gresham  
Acting President*

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*The QSWWA is a residents and traders group in 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.*

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## 2017 Annual QSWWA Dinner

The Queen Street and West Woollahra Association Annual Dinner was held on Monday, 17 July at the Hotel Centennial, Woollahra. This was the fifth year that the association has held the dinner at Hotel Centennial and, once again, Justin North and his team made it a magnificent occasion. Over 80 members attended the dinner and, as can be seen from the photographs on the cover, everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

The evening started in the bar area with a glass of bubbles and very tasty canapes, as locals caught up with each other and new faces introduced themselves and were made welcome. This was followed by a delicious three-course meal in the dining room, as seen in the menu here. The meal was complimented by a selection of fine wines from around the globe, including a 2014 Kumeu River Pino Gris from New Zealand, a 2015 Terrazas Reserva Malbec from Argentina, and a 2014 Mitchell Noble Semillon from the Clare Valley in South Australia.



The President, Ken Gresham, spoke on the Association's activities over the past year, including the unfortunate cancellation of the Christmas Carols due to bad weather (the first time this has ever happened) and the culmination of the Association's efforts to ensure that Council funding was allocated to start implementing the Queen Street Master Plan with the recent work on upgrading the tree pits along the length of Queen Street and installing planter boxes.

Cooper Ward councillors Katherine O'Regan and Luise Elsing were able to attend the dinner, due to the Council meeting that evening only taking 45 minutes – was that a record? Other members putting together tables included Ken Gresham, Giles Edmonds, Ray White Woollahra, Bradfield Cleary Realty, Di Jones Real Estate, Dizzie and Mike Robinson, Mary Read, Rosemary McDonald, Jim Kavanagh and Bal Bahra. John Knott, Irene and Alan Smith, Victoria and Michael Greene, Suzie and Geoff Willmott and Phillip and Suzie Mitchelhill.

The evening was rounded out by the presentation of the lucky door prize, Justin North's new book, Family Cooking, to Lisa Brender. In addition, there were 4 raffles prizes, including a dinner for two at the Centennial won by Mary Read, a travel bag from Classic Safari won by Jeanette Knox, a meal at Plane Tree Café won by Katherine O'Regan and a meal voucher for KukThai. In addition, courtesy of the ever generous Centennial, all attendees who hadn't already received one were able to take home a copy of the Centennial's latest book, Food + Drink + Art. Many thanks to Justin North, Carla Rae and all the staff at the Centennial for the great food, wine and service and for the pumpkin soup recipe on p7. Thanks also to John Knott and Alan Smith on the QSWWA Committee for organising the night.

## Allergy specialist moves to Queen Street

Dr Henry Glennie has recently established his allergy practice at 112 Queen Street, joining the well-known Woollahra Doctors group. He is an ear nose and throat specialist with particular expertise in the treatment of allergic conditions including hay fever, allergic asthma and allergic skin rashes. He was born in England and has worked in Australia, the United States and United Kingdom and New Zealand. His allergy program incorporates very comprehensive diagnostic testing equipment and his allergy treatment program has been used successfully for a thirty year period with 75% of hay fever sufferers able to dispense with nasal sprays and antihistamines.

About 25% of the population has some form of allergy, ranging from minor skin complaints to troublesome hay fever to life-threatening reactions. The immune system protects us from invading organisms which can cause various illnesses. An allergic reaction begins when our body's immune system mistakes an otherwise harmless substance for an invader. This substance is called an allergen. The immune system overreacts and an allergic reaction follows, producing Immunoglobulin E (IgE) as well as other chemical substances. Once a diagnosis is made as to the specific cause of the allergic response a course of desensitisation (allergy shots) can effectively overcome the symptoms, very often without the need for medication.

The treatment regime used by Dr Glennie is usually completed after a 16 week period. Usually a course of booster therapy is not required for a considerable period, which may be for several years. Sometimes a permanent cure is achieved. Side effects from the therapy are very rare. Warning signs that any such problem could eventuate are clearly evident and managed accordingly. No life-threatening side effects have been experienced over a 30 year period but it is important to discuss any possible reaction with Dr Glennie or the doctor who is administering the treatment.

## Legal Corner: What a nuisance

When courts of law speak of nuisance they are normally referring to the tort of nuisance. A tort is a legal wrong such as a trespass, an assault or commonly, negligence. Recognised in England for centuries, torts and their remedies are also part of Australian common law.

The tort of (private) nuisance is committed by an unlawful interference with a person's use or enjoyment of their land. In closely settled areas like West Woollahra, nuisance and its remedies can be important, as two examples will illustrate.

**Flow of Surface Water:** Your neighbours are not liable to you for nuisance merely because their surface water flows naturally onto your land (such as down a slope). But if it flows in a more concentrated manner due to works carried out by your neighbours, they may well be liable. For instance, where they construct a drain, or paving or guttering works, concentrating the flow.

**Tree Roots:** These can also create liability for nuisance. In one case, a neighbour's rubber tree with aggressive roots damaged the path and steps of an adjoining property. The owner of the rubber-tree had not even planted the tree, but had "adopted or continued" the nuisance as the Court put it.

While nuisance can result in damages, sometimes a mandatory injunction ("remove that tree") may be ordered. In the rubber-tree case, the neighbours were ordered to either remove the tree, or else to construct a (far more expensive) retaining wall to prevent tree-root damage, at their election.

The preference of certain Councils for street-scapes with Plane Trees, in the full knowledge of their potentially harmful root systems, may expose Councils to liability for nuisance in appropriate circumstances.

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## A Treasure Trove at 86 Queen Street



Michael and Victoria Greene are two of the nicest people one could hope to meet. They have traded in antiques, estate jewellery, fine porcelain, and glassware for almost forty years. Queen Street, Woollahra has been lucky enough to have them as traders for over thirty of those years. This article is by way of a thank you from their many valued customers: those who have adorned their person with fine jewellery, their homes with rare antiques and purchased unique gifts for friends over the years.

Michael Greene was born at Hampstead, London in 1961. His father is Australian and worked as a Marine Engineer, his Mother is Spanish and traded in antiques. At the age of seventeen, after completing schooling at a Catholic comprehensive school, Michael joined his mother in business as an antiques dealer in Camden Passage, London. He attended country sales and antiques fairs across Southern England, learning to identify the rare and the valuable.

Victoria was born at Dymchurch, Kent in 1962. Her father was English and her mother was Scottish and, like Michael's mother, was an antiques dealer. Victoria attended a Church of England comprehensive school in Sussex. This was followed up with studies at University College, London studying French and Art History. Her mother had opened an antiques business in Horsham, Sussex and Victoria would often assist in the shop when visiting from London. On completing university, she followed her parents to Australia where they had moved in 1980.

During the time Victoria was studying, Michael had migrated to Australia. On a return trip to England to purchase antiques, Michael was asked by Victoria's mother to deliver a turquoise ring to her. Her mother and a close friend had agreed that Michael and Victoria would make a splendid couple. He was to deliver the ring to the Charbonnel et Walker handmade chocolate shop in London where Victoria worked. The meeting took place and a love affair bloomed, culminating in their marriage in 1988 at St Johns College, Sydney University. It has been a long and joyous road since that time all dominated by their love of antiques.

Michael commenced business at the Woollahra Antiques Centre, located at 160 Oxford Street, Woollahra in 1981. By 1991 there were 37 registered antiques and art dealers

in Queen Street. Now there are only three, the Greenses, Anne Schofield, specialising in fine antique jewellery and I & B Perryman specialising in antique oriental carpets.

Together, the Greenses opened their first stand-alone shop where Riada Boutique is now situated, on the corner of Queen and Moncur Streets. After four years they had to leave unexpectedly and so relocated to 108 Queen Street. That shop had for many, many years been the home to Fred Weissberger's tailoring business (The world's best tailor) and is now occupied by Moss and Spy boutique. The Greenses ran their antiques business in that shop for twenty years before purchasing their current premises in 2013.

Michael is a keen tennis player and can be seen firing top spins to his opponents every Thursday evening at Trumper Park Tennis Courts. His other love, outside of Victoria, antiques and tennis, is cooking. As Victoria laughingly says "You don't mince words with Michael when he's in the kitchen, with his chef's hat on, he's the boss". This is of course countered by Michael who insists that "Victoria is the boss at all other times".

Victoria is more academically oriented, being a past President and current member of the Ceramics Collectors Society and editor of their newsletters. Her involvements also include being a fellow of the Gemmological Society of Australia, diamond grader and valuer; member of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society; member of the Art Gallery of NSW and frequent attendee to talks on all aspects of Decorative Arts.

Michael and Victoria Greene have two children, a daughter Penelope working in the corporate world and a son Charles studying Communications at UTS. The property at 86 Queen Street was totally refurbished converting the upstairs area to luxury accommodation for their family. They have now resided in the area for over 30 years and often frequent our local eateries.

The Greenses are regarded highly by their diverse and discerning clientele. The variety of offerings is continually changing. Their personable and friendly manner comes as a rare commodity these days and their knowledge of all things antique is inestimable. They buy and sell and restore antiques and objets d'art privately and through the shop and can be found each year manning a stall at the Sydney Antiques Fair.

*A series of articles on local people of note by John Knott*



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# It pays to plan in advance for your transfer to the NBN

As many locals will have realised from the advertising materials in their mail boxes, the National Broadband Network (NBN) is now available in Woollahra. NBN access provides both internet and fixed line telephone services and residents have 18 months to transfer to having these both provided through the NBN. After this time, the current cable and ADSL broadband services, and the current fixed line telephone service, will no longer be supported.

To avoid a last minute rush in 2018, residents should consider moving to NBN sooner rather than later, and planning exactly what they need, to ensure they get the most effective installation. Firstly, some basic information on the NBN.

1. Broadband and fixed line telephone services will now involve two companies: the NBN, who provide the cabling to the premises and the NBN connection box to connect to the NBN service, and; your Retail Service Provider (RSP), such as Telstra, Optus, iiNet, TPG, iPrimus etc, with whom you have your contract and who provides the router to connect to the NBN connection box, which enables the wireless and Ethernet cable broadband in your premises, and the connection in the router into which you plug your phone.
2. You won't deal with the NBN directly. Whichever RSP you chose will arrange for an NBN technician to visit your premises, install any cabling required to provide NBN into the premises and install the NBN connection box. The RSP will then either send its own technician to install the router or, if you prefer, send you a self-install kit with the router and connecting cables.
3. The RSP router will have both a wireless capability and several LAN Ethernet ports to connect to a fixed network in your premises, if you have one.
4. With the NBN, fixed line telephone services move to Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP). You can still keep the same number but there is no longer a fixed line to the old telephone exchange. Your phone system needs to plug into the router provided by your RSP and your telephone calls becomes another stream of bits and bytes transferred across the NBN. (This means that, unless you have a battery back-up, your fixed line phone will not work in a black out).
5. Most NBN services in Woollahra will be delivered via Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) cable, the former Telstra Broadband/Foxtel cable which was bought by the NBN (Foxtel will still be carried on the HFC cable). If you already have a Foxtel or Telstra Broadband cable installed, NBN will not need to lay a new line to the premises but will simply connect their connection box to this cable. If you don't have an existing line, they made need to cut a trench in the pavement and into your property for the new cable, install an NBN utility box on the outside of your wall and drill a hole through your wall for the NBN cable to enter into your dwelling.

This may all sound simple, but there are a few major issues you should consider and plan for, before you move across to NBN:

- a) Identifying where in your house you want the NBN connection box and RSP router to be. They need to be

accessible and they both will need power points. But that's not all.

- b) The NBN connection box will need to connect to the NBN HFC cable, so will need to be close to an existing Foxtel/Telstra outlet, or you'll need to plan to have one installed in your location of preference. If it's a new cable to the house, plan where you want the NBN utility box to be located and where the cable from it should enter your house so that it will be close to where you want it.
- c) Your phone line now needs to be plugged into the router. If your premises are already wired for a fixed line, with one or more sockets in the wall for the telephone, you will need to rewire this system so that what was the connection to the telephone exchange can now plug into the back of the router instead. Alternatively, if you only have one fixed phone, is it convenient for it to be located close to the router, or do you need to install a line to where you do want it?
- d) If you are only planning to use the wireless connection to access broadband, is the location optimum to reach all rooms, or will you need to add additional wireless repeaters?
- e) If you already have an Ethernet cable network, do you need additional wiring to connect this to the RSP router?

How much of this re-cabling will be done by the NBN and RSP technicians is a grey area and it is highly advisable to work out what you want, discuss it with your RSP first, and, if need be, have an electrician install the wiring you want, where you want it. If not, you risk having to live with whatever the technicians give you. Some are very helpful and will do their utmost to meet your requirements, but others may not be and will only do the minimum required to get the service operational, potentially leaving you with unsightly and exposed cabling and a suboptimal location of the NBN utility box and the internal NBN and RSP equipment. Hopefully some forward planning and discussions with your RSP will avoid these pitfalls. *Good luck!*



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## Woollahra Council Elections – Amalgamation Uncertainty Removed

With the NSW State Government deciding to call off the forced amalgamation of Sydney Councils, the Woollahra council elections being held on September 9 will now precede with the certainty that councillors elected will be able to remain in office for the next five years. This is likely to cause a flurry of last minute entrants for the deadline for registration of candidates on August 9. After all, with so much previous uncertainty, doubts on whether it would be worth running must have been uppermost in the minds of many potential candidates, who now may be much more inclined so put themselves in the public spotlight.

Woollahra Council has 11 councillors in total, representing five areas or wards. Cooper Ward, the ward representing Village Voice readers, has three councillors, compared with two each for Paddington, Double Bay, Bellevue Hill and Vaucluse Wards. The current councillors are Katherine O'Regan and Anthony Marano (Liberal) and Luise Elsing (Residents First). As we go to press, it is not clear who will be re-standing, but doubtless all will be revealed by August 9.



Now, after several years of uncertainty, the Council can finally focus its energies entirely on Woollahra. The QSWWA will continue to work closely with whoever is elected to promote the interests of its members and residents. No excuses now for not implementing the rest of the Queen Street Master Plan!

*Giles Edmonds QSWWA*

The views expressed in this publication are those of the writers and not necessarily those of The Queen Street and West Woollahra Association Ltd

## Pumpkin soup, poached egg & winter truffle

There is nothing more satisfying than a hearty warming soup on a chilly winter's day. This recipe uses pumpkins from the Hotel Centennial Family Farm in the Hunter Valley. Makes 6 generous portions

### For the stock

1 large pumpkin  
1 bulb garlic – cut in half  
½ bunch thyme  
3 bay leaves  
2 litres water

For the soup  
Flesh from the pumpkin above

60g unsalted butter  
1 large onion – peeled and finely sliced  
8 cloves garlic – peeled and finely sliced  
Good pinch of salt flakes  
1 litre pumpkin stock from above

### To garnish

Poached egg – 1 per portion  
Sliced winter truffle  
A handful of crunchy golden croutons  
A few green leaves watercress or similar to garnish

### To make the stock

With a large sharp knife cut the pumpkin in half, scoop out the seeds and membrane, set aside in a stock pot. Cut the skin from the pumpkin and place in the saucepan with the seeds, add the garlic, thyme, bay leaf and cover with the water. Keep the main flesh of the pumpkin for the soup. Bring to a boil, turn the heat down to a simmer and cook gently for 30 minutes, strain through a fine sieve.

### To make the soup

Chop the reserved pumpkin flesh into small pieces. Place the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat and allow to melt. Add the sliced onions and garlic, cook gently in the butter for about 10 minutes until soft and aromatic. Add the pumpkin and continue to cook for a few minutes, season well with salt add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes until the pumpkin is tender.

Blitz the soup in a blender until velvet smooth.

### To serve

Serve the soup hot, in warm soup bowls with the poached egg, sliced truffle, croutons and garnish with the watercress.



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# What are your rights when someone takes a photograph of you or your children?

Much fewer than you may think!

In New South Wales, if you or your children are in a public place, which is generally defined as publicly owned land freely accessible to everyone, such as a street, park or beach, anyone can legally take a photograph of you and your children. They can then freely load it on Instagram, Facebook etc, or publish it in a newspaper, magazine, or even the Village Voice. In fact, even if you are on private property and the photographer is on public property, the same rights apply to the photographer. There are some exceptions, but these are certainly not extensive:

1. A photograph cannot be used for commercial purposes without the written permission of people in them. Commercial purposes doesn't mean the sale of the picture, but its use to endorse a product or service, or entice others to buy it. This explains why you don't see those shots of celebrities in compromising positions on the front cover of magazines. That would be using the photograph for commercial purposes, as its trying to entice people to buy the magazine. However, inside the magazine, they are fine. If your photograph is appearing in an advertisement, your signed permission is needed by the advertiser. If they don't have it, they are in breach of the Trade Practices Act and you should contact the ACCC, who will take the matter forward.
2. Photographs cannot be taken if you have a "reasonable expectation of privacy" eg. the fact you may have left the bathroom window open doesn't automatically let someone take photographs of you as you get in the shower. Trying to photograph up women's skirts and similar activities are deemed obscene and are very definitely illegal. However, if you are sunbathing topless on Bondi Beach, this doesn't apply, as there is generally no reasonable expectation of privacy on a public beach.

3. Employees at work cannot be filmed in their workplace without their prior consent.
4. Photographs cannot be taken if a person's identity is protected by a court order eg. witness protection, child custody etc.

If you don't want your photograph taken or published, let the photographer know. Unless you are a celebrity snapped in an interesting position, most are likely to oblige, but remember, there is no law compelling them to, and you have no rights to force anyone to delete a picture. As ever, it pays to be polite.

The law regarding taking photographs on private property is different. Private property includes public land which is not freely accessible for everyone, such as schools and council-owned facilities. These are part of a special exemption for certain publicly owned spaces, including nursing homes, schools, public libraries, childcare facilities and hospitals, as these are deemed "prescribed premises" under NSW legislation, and have the same rights as private property. Similarly, taking photographs on board NSW trains requires permission from metro trains. So, a school can ban you taking photographs of your children or other children on the school premises, but, if they are playing sport in Centennial Park, it's a public park and anyone can take photographs. Although accessible by everyone, shopping malls such as Westfield Bondi Junction, and markets such as Paddy's Market and Paddington Market, are on privately owned property, so can apply whatever policy they like regarding photographs.

So, next time someone takes a snap of you in a public place, smile and ask them to take your best side. There's not much more you can do.

*This article is based on research conducted when the Association wanted to understand its position regarding taking photographs for the Village Voice at the annual Christmas Carols event, and is based on Andrew Nemeth's NSW Photography Rights and Legal Issues web site and summary.*

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# Woollahra by Numbers

The 2016 Census data is out for the Woollahra postcode, with some of it shown in the graphs below.

Did you know that in Woollahra

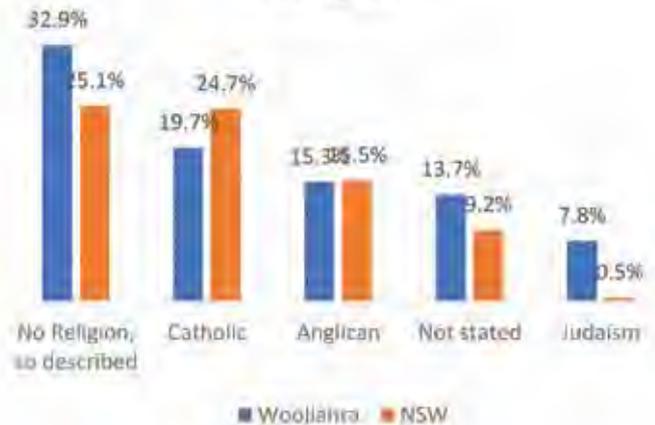
- 45% of the population is male and 55% female
- You are less likely to be currently married and more likely to have never married than the averages for NSW
- Those earning, take home around twice the average weekly income for NSW
- Nearly a third of the population describe themselves as not having a religion, compared to a quarter for NSW
- 50% of dwellings in Woollahra are flats or apartments, compared with 20% average in NSW, and only 15% of dwellings are separate houses.
- 45% of families are couples without children, compared to 36% average for NSW

So there you have it. If there is such a person as an “average” Woollahra resident, she is female, unmarried, high earning, non-religious and living in a flat or apartment.

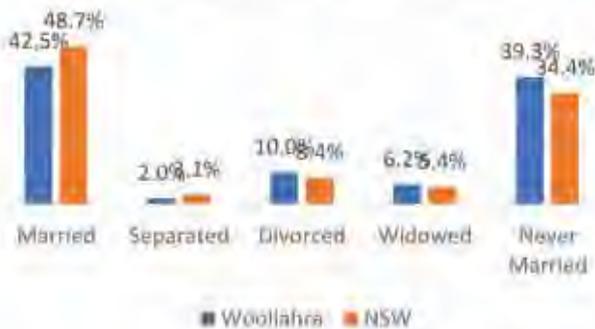
Population - Total 7,405



Religion



Marital Status - Age 15 & Over



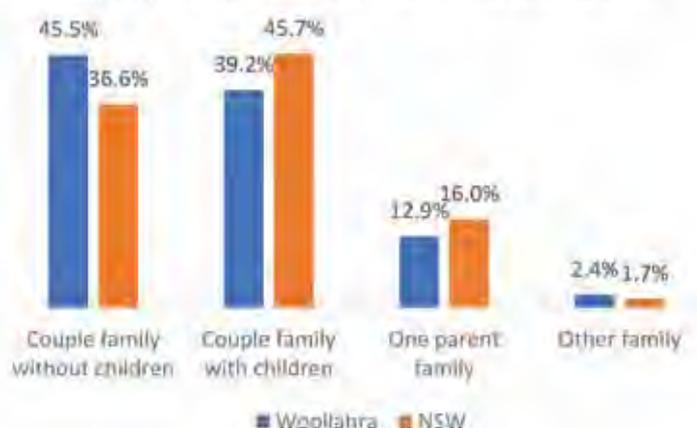
Dwelling Structure - Total 2,894



Median Weekly Incomes - Age 15 & over



Family Composition - 1800 households



## Waverley Heights

Reader may recall mention of a proposal for two large high rise blocks on Oxford Street, opposite Waverley Bus depot and across from Wallis Street and the top of Ocean Street. The development sought to more than double the height limit of 15m to 36m, resulting in a fivefold increase to the floor-space ratio and the removal the local heritage status of four terrace houses.

Following extensive community representations, and a thorough review by Waverley planning officers, Waverley Council unanimously passed a motion on 18 July opposing the development as proposed. Their reasons can be summarised as being that the proposed height and floor space ratio would result in an overdevelopment of the site, present an unacceptable built form scale, particularly to Oxford Street and has not sufficiently addressed the impacts of bulk and scale on heritage items on the subject site and in the surrounding area.

The majority of community feedback received opposed the proposal and major concerns were identified on traffic increases and unacceptable overshadowing of the public domain and Centennial Park. Woollahra residents would be impacted by the visual and possible shadowing of the towers.



(Artists impression of the proposed towers on Oxford Street)

The scale and cost of the proposal mean that it will be determined at State government level with delegated decision-making being in the hands of the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment, albeit with the Council position being one of the things to be considered. However, with a Joint Regional Planning Panel, in May last year, recommending the proposal proceed to the government's "Gateway" process, and saying it will have "public benefits", it's going to take another concerted effort by the public to persuade the Minister and Department that it shouldn't proceed. If you want to support local residents, contact Save West Bondi Junction through their Facebook page or at <http://savewestbondijunction.com/>.

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Living in Woollahra, many of you may lament the narrow hilly streets that present a navigational challenge for the best of us. However, if you then consider the many people living with a disability or dealing with the challenges of ageing that face difficulties with mobility, you can see the challenge can become insurmountable. For some people, seemingly simple tasks such as getting to a daily appointment or even getting out of the house to catch up with friends, is near impossible without accessible transport.

Transport is key to enabling access to many of the activities and services that Holdsworth Community provides, which is why Holdsworth is looking to invest \$25,000 to modify one of the smaller community transport vehicles to make it wheelchair accessible to allow people to be transported safely and with dignity. Holdsworth already has wheelchair accessible buses but having a wheelchair accessible car in the fleet will ensure that people living with mobility issues can access social support programs or to get to important medical appointments.

If you would like to support Holdsworth Community on this vital project, you can make a donation by visiting [www.holdsworth.org.au/donate](http://www.holdsworth.org.au/donate) or calling the centre on 9302 3600. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and will be provided with a tax receipt.



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