

## State election - New MPs for Artarmon

By Geof Cameron

Those Artarmon voters living south of Broughton Rd, Hampden Rd and east of the Gore Hill Expressway, in the seat of Lane Cove, will miss the excitement of the coming battle for the seat of Willoughby at next month's State election.

The notion of Willoughby as a safe Liberal seat was last tested in 1978. In the lead-up to that election, the incumbent Liberal was 'bumped' to give endorsement to 'rising



Pat Reilly

star' Nick Greiner, so took umbrage and ran as an independent. The Liberal vote was split and sufficient of the 'bumpee's' preferences went to Labor to allow a Labor victory (one term only).

The situation in 2003 has some similarities. Liberal Party member and Willoughby mayor, Pat Reilly, resigned his membership last month and announced his candidacy as an independent. However, this time he will stand against not two other candidates but four – with the Greens, represented by Mike Steel, likely to continue their strong showing of recent times. Whether the Democrats can manage a revival of support remains to be seen. Cas



Mike Steel

Mayfield, representing the Democrats, was recently elected chair of the Chatswood Chamber of Commerce. Gladys Berejiklian is a Past President of the local Young Liberals, while Imogen Wareing for Labor owns and operates a local management consultancy. Reilly has the highest



Cas Mayfield



Gladys Berejiklian

profile among the candidates. Whether his campaign and popularity will be impacted by his resolve to retain his Mayoral duties both prior to and after the election remains to be seen. Independent candidates have had mixed success in past elections throughout the State. If the 1978 precedent were repeated, the independent would outpoll neither of the major party candidates. In that case, the distribution of independent preferences would become critical to the outcome of the seat. Both major parties can be expected to give preferences to the independent over their traditional rival and the critical question may be the guidance given by the independent to his supporters and how closely that advice is followed.

All of the above means that Willoughby voters will be presented with some real options this time around – in contrast to the historical one horse race (I can't resist a racecourse cliché ... especially when the field for this race as we go to press is comprised of three fillies, one stallion and a mayor!)

At the APA Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 25th, readers can make your own assessment of their knowledge of both broad and local issues; and of their ability to convert this knowledge into outcomes in the context of the likely political environment between March 2003 and 2007.

Those Artarmon voters outside the Willoughby seat will have their own task on March 22, as the incumbent member, Kerry Chikarovski, has also decided to step down, and we understand Anthony Roberts, ex-Mayor, is expected (at time of going to press) to win preselection for the Liberals.

So come April, Artarmon will have two new State Members.

*Postscript:* The south side of Broughton Rd is now in the seat of

Lane Cove. The former Uniting Church in Artarmon Rd was not nominated as a polling booth in the DA submitted by its new owners. So, there is some uncertainty at time of writing about



Imogen Wareing

where local Willoughby electors will vote. Enquiries to the State Electoral Office have been unhelpful. ■

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<b>Mon 17 Mar</b>	N'hood Watch evening meeting Art'mon Lib. - new Safety H'se
<b>Thu 17 Apr</b>	Gazette Copy closes
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<b>Tue 27 May</b>	Public Information Meeting Artarmon Library

# APA - Notes from the President

As we move into year 2003, many of the major issues confronting us from 2002 remain high priority. It is timely to remind ourselves that if we are to secure outcomes beneficial to our community, there can be no let-up on the effort required by the wider community, itself, to achieve our goals. Accordingly, the Association appeals, through this Gazette, to our readership for support in ensuring that our community representatives, at all levels - Local, State and Federal - are well aware of our objectives and the expectation that they should be applying themselves to working for us.

In addition to individual initiatives by residents and business people, support can be demonstrated by joining your Progress Association, which, given solid endorsement by a strong membership, carries a stronger voice with the authorities.

Readers will be aware of some of the key issues still before us where it appears we need much more pressure if our quiet enjoyment of this great district is to be protected and not degraded by otherwise beneficial developments. The State elections in March are the perfect opportunity for us to make our views known to those who are seeking to represent us at that level.

In large part, the Lane Cove Tunnel, a generally excellent concept, has severe downsides for us and it is imperative we continue to fight for:

- Upgrading of the Mowbray Rd / Pacific Hwy intersection and the short Pacific Hwy corridor from Mowbray Rd to the Gore Hill Freeway
- Construction of the On / Off ramps on the Gore Hill Freeway at Falcon St on a TOLL-FREE basis
- Placement of appropriate air quality measuring equipment throughout Artarmon and the Industrial Area so that residents and workers throughout postcode 2064 can be satisfied that the quality of their air has not been compromised by the impact of the otherwise welcome tunnel
- An explanation of just what is proposed by the RTA in its stated intention to "compulsorily lease part of Artarmon Reserve for a period of 4 years, 11 months, with RTA's contractor to have right of entry onto the (undefined) subject land", probably via Chelmsford Ave. We have not been informed just which part of the reserve will be involved nor the impacts, if any, on the established activities on the reserve.

For those with access to the web, I suggest you refer to the WCC web site ([www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)), and the Agenda for Council's meeting on Tuesday, 28.1.03, item 20.1, Director-General's Report of the Proposed Lane Cove Tunnel and Associated Road Improvements.

It will quickly become clear that, notwithstanding representations by your Association, the Council, Peter Collins, MP, and Clr Coppock, amongst many others, that the RTA, and behind it, the Government, is not interested in our concerns. In short, the RTA has virtually dismissed or ignored our representations.

Clearly, Willoughby City Council maintains its strong support for our cause but much more pressure and publicity is required if we are to make any impact on the authorities.

Readers will be aware of our special meeting on Tuesday, 25th February, when we encourage your attendance to meet and question candidates for the State Electorate of Willoughby on this very important issue as well as the many other matters which I am sure are of concern to our members and the wider community.

Keith Anderson

# Editor's mailbox

Dear Editor

Since the launch of [www.seos.com.au](http://www.seos.com.au) offering a service to Owners and Committee Members of Strata Units, and my letter to the August 2002 Gazette, I have had discussions with those involved in the profession. The feedback I have received from professionals and owners has instigated a restructure of the site.

There is no fee for membership. Any person is able to access the site which is under constant development. Any input, or issues which you would like to share with your peers, will be welcomed.

Jacqueline Qualtro

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# APA...what's happening in your association

...a round-up of issues the Committee is currently following on behalf of members:

## Industrial Areas

An APA representative continues to be closely involved in helping to seek an appropriate outcome to the Council's special study on planning strategies for the Artarmon Industrial Area. This involves a continuing review of the Draft DCP No. 29 for Willoughby Industrial Areas. We would like to see upgrading of permitted developments and useage, along with introduction of appropriate, quality, public transport to reduce reliance on peak hour private motor vehicle commuter traffic. Already, developments on the ABC site have set something of a precedent and we congratulate the Mayor and Council for their willingness to afford the community an excellent opportunity to have its say through this special study which includes representatives of residents and commercial / business / industrial users.

## Elizabeth Lodge

We have had a number of representations and letters from residents living nearby by the Elizabeth Lodge redevelopment on Sydney St at Mowbray Rd. Their major concerns centre around traffic safety and parking issues, as well as the potential for noise and its associated impacts. We have written to Council summarising these concerns, as a Council approval of the design need not prevent a subsequent debate on improving traffic matters.

## Kids Cottage Community Centre

The Council has now submitted a DA for operating hours for Kids Cottage Community Centre, as a result of consultation with residents living near the development, and other community input. The proposal is for the extension of the operating hours to 7.30am - 9.00pm Monday to Thursday, 7.30am - 6.30pm Friday and 9.00am - 4.00pm Saturday, to allow for community use in addition to the After School Care and other childcare activities on the site.

## Other issues we continue to monitor include:

- Chandos Link Rd - the pending, new Link Rd between Herbert St and Chandos St at St Leonards which will ease some of the bottleneck at St Leonards but which must not degrade the quality of life for residents of the adjacent high-rise developments.
- New DCP's - Various new draft Development Control Plans, including draft DCP No. 2, Off-Street Parking (both residential and business); draft DCP No. 27 for Notifications of Development Applications.
- A number of traffic issues raised by members and residents.
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# NSW State Elections-Meet the Candidates

**Tuesday 25 February 2003, 8.00pm - 10.00pm**  
**Artarmon Community Library, Elizabeth St, Artarmon**

The first APA public meeting of 2003 will cover the seat of Willoughby which will be hotly contested in the State elections. All major parties will be represented. Candidates will present their policies in relation to local issues in the seat, and field your questions.

The candidates and representatives include:

- **Gladys Berejiklian** Liberal Party of Australia
- **Graham Firth** (representing Imogen Wareing) Australian Labor Party
- **Cas Mayfield** Australian Democrats
- **Mike Steel** Greens Party
- **Pat Reilly** Independent

This will be a great opportunity to listen to the speakers 'on the eve' of the elections and to quiz them before you cast your vote in March.

In recent years, the State seat of Willoughby has been affected by State or regional decisions such as the building of the Parramatta Rail Link, the Lane Cove tunnel, possible redevelopment of the Artarmon railway station, Chatswood CBD redevelopment, the M-2 and others.

In the past, we have had to 'fight for our corner' on these issues and we will have to do so again in the future. Don't miss your chance to hear what the 'potential pollies' have to say on these and other matters and take the opportunity to let them know what you think.

# Era ends for ABC at Gore Hill

By Barry Thompson

In mid-January, Juanita Phillips indicated on air that the last ABC newscast had been presented from the Gore Hill studios. All subsequent news broadcasts would be compiled and delivered from the ABC complex in Harris St, Ultimo.

The withdrawal from Gore Hill is proceeding apace and to schedule. Willoughby Council assisted this process by agreeing to the rezoning of the site at its December 2 meeting. Rezoning allows the ABC to sell the site for redevelopment at a commercial price. Had they sold the site with its past zoning of 'Special Zone 5: Television Station', there would have been a very limited market OR the purchaser would have had to negotiate with Council over future uses for the site. Council was well aware that the Federal Government could dictate the terms of its sale of the land. Like the Council, we, the ABC's neighbours, can be comforted that they chose to consult.

In fact, the opportunities for consultation were extensive, although community responses initially appeared not to have been particularly diverse. Consultation was then directed through a Reference Group, including APA representation. The Group met on five occasions and had some success in tempering the initial proposals put forward by the ABC's consultants. Not only was the initial proposal for a bulky goods sales centre amended to a

business park for 'high technology' industry but there was general support also for Council's requests for extensive community facilities and services to be provided.

Some questioned why the whole site should not remain in public hands as open space. However, the threat of unilateral Commonwealth action tempered the tone of negotiations. The local community settled for a result that foreshadows considerable job creation without significant increases to local or regional traffic generation. That outcome is achieved by reducing the provisions for employee parking and by the subsidising of bus services that will assist employees to commute by public transport. On top of that, the sunrise-industry jobs to be created are expected to pay sufficiently well so that workers can afford to live in the new unit developments that have sprung up nearby in recent years. Reduction in the need for commuting is the sustainable answer to reducing traffic flows and congestion.

Some issues remain to be finalised between the parties and Council's resolution which has empowered the General Manager to execute its wishes. The whole site, excluding the transmission tower that remains in use, will be developed as a single entity with the scope and type of development to be in line with a Memorandum of Understanding currently being drawn up between Council and the

ABC. Council has submitted the changes in, and conditions of, zoning to various State Authorities and has obtained those Authorities' agreement.

The advertisement for the site appeared in the Australian Financial Review on 30 January, calling for Expressions of Interest by February 20th, so it seems the ABC will be able to meet its schedule for a sale by the end of 2003. It will then apply the funds received to the task of digitising its TV network – as mandated by Federal planners.

The APA will continue to follow the developments on this important site. Also, we continue to question why zoning conditions agreed for the ABC site should not also apply to other sites within Willoughby's industrial areas. But that is another story! ■

## Wilkes Ave - gains and losses

By Mollie Shelley

It was the last week in September. The Clipshop was busy. Every chair in the tiny salon was occupied: one client sat at the washbasin; a second, in front of the mirror, waited for her tint to 'take' at the roots; Kay was busily combing the long hair of a third.

'I don't call them 'clients' – they're my friends,' said Kay without interrupting her steady combing, sectioning and pinning. The three women nodded in agreement. Each one of them came from a different suburb, only one from Artarmon. The loyalty they were demonstrating reminded me of that commanded by our Artarmon librarian, Suzanne. One of the women explained - 'She knows who has arthritis, whose grand-daughter has had a baby...'. Another of Kay's 'friends' chimed in - 'People come to her because of personal recommendations. We know a good thing and we stick to it.' Kay laughed, 'You know, their families are mine.'

Now I understood what people had been telling me. I was here talking to Kay (and her 'friends') because over the back fence, in the street, by e-mail, a number of people had said - 'You know Kay's leaving us. You must do an article. She's listened to all our stories all these years. She's going to be sadly missed.'

Kay Tracy bought her hairdressing business in November 1980. Wilkes Ave was still a cul-de-sac and the shop next door was a milkbar. Then, she lived in North Ryde. She moved to the Central Coast in 1988, and would catch the 5.38am train from Woy Woy, to arrive in Artarmon before her first client at 7am. As for the future Kay told me she and her husband were planning a six-week camping trip to the Flinders Ranges. After that it would be time to decide what she will do next.

In September, Del's Pizzeria was already empty, the building obviously under renovation. Kay told me that a man had fallen through the ceiling a week earlier.

Gil Davis, of Managing Agents, Richardson and Wrench, told me that the north side of Wilkes Ave consists of three separate buildings. They had been owned by the one person since they were built in the 1920's and little or no work had been done on them until they came up for sale about three years ago. The new owner planned to progressively renovate all three. The building fronting Elizabeth Street was upgraded first. 5 to 7 Wilkes Ave, the building closest to the railway station, had a residence above two shops which had only been separated by a partition. The Council declared

that the pizza shop didn't meet fire regulations, and the residence above was condemned as uninhabitable. When Kay decided she wanted to close her hairdressing salon the new owner felt the time was opportune to do renovation work on that building. Both shop tenants were given short term leases while plans were submitted and approved by Council.

Now, in February, the shops have new large front windows and the upstairs renovations have been finished. At the time I spoke with Gil Davis he told me the upstairs would probably be let as offices. I, for one, am hoping that we might yet see the end of those glazed maroon tiles on the front of the shops (please!) and the removal of the graffiti disfiguring the end brick wall. While many may have been sad to see Kay leave, I'm sure we'll all appreciate the upgrading of Wilkes Ave as a result. ■

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By Michelle Sloane, Open House Tour Committee

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A number of homes that are wonderful examples of the Federation and California Bungalow architecture of our area will be included on this self-guided tour, along with homes that have experienced a garden "seachange."

Information covering the history, significant architectural features including heritage and renovation highlights, as well as landscape and garden features of each home, will be available on the tour.

The Open House Tour is endorsed by the National Trust, and the Artarmon Progress Association will be assisted and supported in the running of the Tour by Artarmon Neighbourhood Watch and the City of Willoughby.

### Bookings are essential

Be quick and book early as the Open House Tour has limited numbers. The cost is \$10 per person (including GST) or \$5 per person if you are a member of the Artarmon Progress Association. ALL TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED IN

ADVANCE. The Tour runs from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and departs from the Artarmon Library, 2 Elizabeth St, Artarmon. Good walking shoes, a hat plus sunscreen are recommended.

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The Tour has been greatly assisted by the generous support and encouragement of our sponsors, specifically Richardson & Wrench, Artarmon.

We are sincerely grateful to the homeowners for their generosity in making their homes available for this event. Without their support the tour would not be possible.

Over the last few years, the Open House Tour has received exceptional support from local residents and has proved to be a wonderful way to showcase our suburb's history. Please do come along and join in this celebration of our heritage and our suburb.

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# Meet Ralph and Shirley Doughty

Ralph and Shirley Doughty, from Doughty Family Butcher in Hampden Road, have been in business in Artarmon a long time: 20 years. And they've been in the meat business for 40 years, previously owning a larger business in Canberra. As for the age of the butchery through various owners, it is estimated to be nearly 80 years old - one of the oldest shops in Artarmon.

"Artarmon is an outstanding place" says Ralph. "It is a really nice area, with an interesting mixture of always-friendly people." Shirley also loves the area and is proud to service it with high quality meat at good

prices. "The quality of our meat has a great reputation. We even have a regular customer from Windsor."

Ralph is not as impressed with the impact of the state government regulation on butcher shops. "The regulation that is imposed on us goes too far. They seem to have an agenda for the closure of the small retail butcher and to force everyone to buy their meat in supermarkets", says Ralph.

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# My time at Artarmon Public

By Christopher Downes

It was Wednesday, 31st January 1996, 10.30am – a new chapter in my life was about to begin. After numerous photographs in the backyard, I finally arrived at Artarmon School. I was 5 years old, my first day of school and it all seemed **SO BIG** – big school yard, big classrooms – just big.

Now it's Friday 20th December 2002, 2.55pm – the school bell rings for the last time. I have finished my Primary School years and I am leaving Artarmon School. I am 12 years old and about to start another chapter in my life – High School.

I can't believe it. One minute I'm in Kindergarten and the next I'm in Year 6. Mum is always saying how quickly time goes, and she is right (did I really say that my Mum was right!) The strange thing is that I didn't notice the time going. I was too busy having fun learning about words, numbers, playing music, singing, playing sport and making friends.

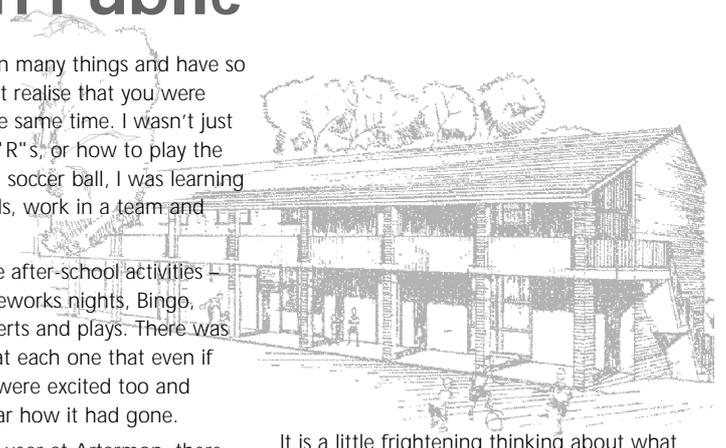
That's the best thing about Artarmon School – the opportunities offered to you. Teachers and parents gave so much of their time to make sure that all the children had the best education possible. I tried just about everything I could fit in – the choir, band, chess club, soccer team, tennis and many more. You were

able to participate in many things and have so much fun you didn't realise that you were really learning at the same time. I wasn't just learning the Three "R"s, or how to play the trombone, or kick a soccer ball, I was learning how to make friends, work in a team and solve problems.

Then there were the after-school activities – the class picnics, fireworks nights, Bingo, Trivia, dances, concerts and plays. There was always excitement at each one that even if you didn't go, you were excited too and couldn't wait to hear how it had gone.

Throughout my last year at Artarmon, there were many highlights. The main one for me was the Year 6 Play. My class, 6M and another class, 6H devoted Term 4 to preparing for our final fling – "Oliver with a Twist" and I played a witch. Everyone put so much effort into the scenery, songs, costumes and music. It was great to see how proud all of our parents looked when they watched us perform.

Just when you thought it couldn't get better, Year 5 hosted a spectacular farewell. It was Friday the 13th December and the theme was "Spooky". It was such a great night – food, music and dancing. You suddenly realise that this is it. It's all over. You and your friends are moving on and there is nothing you can do about it.



It is a little frightening thinking about what High School will be like. I think it will be like being 5 years old all over again – everything is going to seem **SO BIG**. I will need to learn new rules and have many different teachers each day, but I will also be able to try new things and make new friends – I like that part the most.

The memories and friends I have made at Artarmon School will be with me forever. I remember the school motto, "Learn To Live", and I realise that for 6 years I have been a part of an extraordinary team – teachers, pupils, friends and parents who have always been there for me – teaching me to live.

What a life I have had so far – I'll keep you posted on the next chapter. ■

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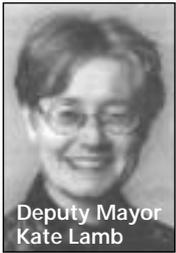
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# Councillors' feedback...feedback...feedback



Deputy Mayor  
Kate Lamb

A happy and peaceful 2003 to all Gazette readers!

As someone who likes to use the principle of "think globally, act locally" I have to admit the international signs are not looking good.

When I first joined Council in 1991, I remember being roundly criticised for raising any issues which were not confined to our geographical boundaries – thank goodness this is no longer the predominant view! As an independent councillor, it was clear to me that this kind of thinking had the effect of silencing criticism of government at other levels.

If communities have views on issues such as war in Iraq, the treatment of refugees, tree clearing, salination and global warming, is it not proper that local government be involved in giving voice to them?

For the first time since I've been living here, we are facing the prospect of an interesting election for the State seat of Willoughby. Our Mayor, Independent Candidate Pat Reilly, has announced his intention to take this community's issues up a level since he believes that the party political representation has not served us well. Whilst the major political parties are responsible for putting it about that Independents are powerless, you may recall that we would have had no inquiry into corruption in the NSW police force without John Hatton. Also, that in two terms here on the North Shore, Ted Mack's integrity did more to lift the image and quality of political representation than all the years of political party hacks slipping into their safe seats.

So what are the issues? If Pat were to ask me, I'd have to put traffic and transport right up there! In Willoughby and Artarmon in particular, we are in for a battering with the construction of two major infrastructure projects - the Lane Cove Tunnel and the Parramatta-Chatswood Rail Link. Since they serve pretty much the same route - shame on the NSW government for prioritising road transport - we get the road by 2006, and half the rail link may be constructed by 2008! It never ceases to amaze me how much easier it seems to be to get a piece of freeway than a piece of rail! Both create jobs in their construction, yet roads leave us with the legacy of tolls and continuing environmental degradation. The reasons being, I guess, that the market economy and party political expediency ignore or discount social effects, equity considerations, and long term effects on future generations, as well as impact on natural systems. When they were building the Gore Hill Freeway, I remember Ted referring to the RTA as "daleks intent on paving the planet" – well,

not much has changed. Only their waste and appalling absence of forward planning has become more evident (fancy having to demolish and retro-fit that which they built less than 8 years ago!).

Oh well, at least local advocates are on the job! Air quality monitoring and local traffic impacts are being taken up by the Progress Association, and local Bike and Pedestrian groups are making sure that a system of shared pathways are constructed as part of the LCT. I look forward to being able to support these and other shared, local interests in 2003 because for me, they are all part of the bigger picture!

Kate.Lamb@willoughby.nsw.gov.au



Lesley Stephens

2003 has arrived with the world firmly in our faces. As I write there seems to be no escape from an Iraqi war. The possible use of nuclear weapons and a deepening gulf between nations and religions overshadows us all. You don't have to be an overly sensitive person to be feeling a mite depressed right now.

As I was wallowing around in my own

personal slough of despair, I spent an evening with friends who hold dramatically divergent views on almost any subject you care to name. The topic this night was regime change. We travelled in our conversation through Afghanistan, Iraq, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and back to Australia.

While argument raged all night, there was a remarkable convergence of views on the need for a United Nations-led response. Despite the very real problems and hiccups that beset the UN, no-one had given up on the concept of a world governing body. No-one had given up on a transparent and democratic path for the future of this planet. Apparently the battered concept has not passed its use-by date after all. I came away strangely heartened.

The next morning I read that France and Germany were discussing dual citizenship and a single voice in world forums. This was astonishing news given their recent history but geographically so sane. I was positively cheery for the rest of the day.

Then Willoughby Council announced the Willoughby Citizen of the Year Awards on Australia Day. Five wonderful Willoughby people were honoured including Artarmon's own Toni Richards. Passionate about the community, school and education in Artarmon



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# Councillors' feedback...feedback...feedback

Toni has been a model parent supporting and leading many school and community initiatives and activities.

The common thread in these three seemingly disparate events was the sense of a healthy functioning community of friends or neighbours who in this moment of crisis revealed their commitment to shared ideals and aspirations. There are some very positive things about this world and for me, 'community' is top of the list. As always I welcome your views and comments. You can contact me on 9979 9477 or email me at [lesley.stevens@prismpix.com](mailto:lesley.stevens@prismpix.com) ■



## Local Traffic Issues and the Bigger Picture

The EIS for the Lane Cove Tunnel has once again highlighted what has been one of the continuing traffic issues for Artarmon - the functionality of the intersection of Mowbray Rd and the Pacific Highway.

I have been seeking to raise the profile of this intersection and its problems, as well as that at Fullers Rd and the Highway (a solution for one might be a solution for the other). I have spoken to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Planning and am seeking a February appointment with the Deputy Prime Minister, Federal Minister for Transport.

I spoke with Paul Forward, CEO of the RTA who advised he saw the benefit in establishing a working party to look at options for short term and long term solutions to improve the movement of Sydney and local traffic on the Pacific Highway from the Freeway to Roseville. He was to look into establishing some computer modelling on the Mowbray intersection.

The Tunnel project looks at one side of the regional traffic triangle. It fails on the two sides of the network being Fullers Rd, Mowbray Rd and the Pacific Highway through the Chatswood CBD.

This is not just a local issue, but a community-wide issue affecting Sydney to the Central Coast. The challenge is to get the NSW Government authorities to share this view and build solutions into the Public Works agenda. Please contact me so that we can together help to cause serious consideration to be given to finding long term solutions to increase the functionality of those intersections.

## DA's with local interest

There are two DA's on notification, with comments due by 3 February, which may be of interest to Artarmon residents.

**61 Sydney St, Willoughby** - proposal for demolition of the existing dwelling and pool and construction of a two-storey extension to an aged care nursing facility (Elizabeth Lodge) with under-cover carparking. DA-2002/1936, currently in the Notification period. If members of the community need longer than this, application should be made to the Council Officer, Francis Cook.

**Kids Cottage Community Centre** - the proposal is for the alteration of operating hours of the Community Centre -DA-2003/1. If members of the community need longer than this, application should be made to WCC.

For all DA's on notification, details can be inspected at the Help and Service Counter from 8.30am - 5.00pm weekdays, or viewed at the main Chatswood Library during normal Library hours.

A Development Planning Officer or Building Surveyor is available between 8.30am and 10.00am, Monday to Friday, to discuss the proposal, or by appointment at other times. A Duty Planning Officer and Duty Building

Surveyor are also available from 1.00pm to 4.30pm weekdays to assist with any inquiries on DA's out on notification.

As a Councillor, I am also available to assist should any of the above not provide the information you might seek. Contact details are : [stuart.coppock@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stuart.coppock@willoughby.nsw.gov.au), 9958 0483. ■

## 'Yellow House' scheme to make Artarmon safer

By Toni Richards

It is an important part of a community to have designated, authorised 'safe' houses where people, particularly children, can go if they are concerned for their safety in the streets. Over the last few years, the Safety House scheme in the area has lost its momentum, largely due to red tape. However, efforts over the last year have seen the bureaucratic issues addressed, and the scheme will now be re-invigorated locally, and again become a going concern in the area. A designated 'Safety House' must fit and comply with specific criteria, and houses are regularly monitored throughout the year. Residents of the houses who are aged over 16 years are required to have a police check prior to the house being made a 'Yellow House'. Other criteria include: not owning a dog, having your front door visible to the street, and usually being home before and after school hours.

Artarmon Public School will be running a Yellow Day in 1st Term to promote awareness of the scheme and hopefully enlist many new houses. If you are interested in becoming a 'Yellow House' and would like further information about the scheme, please contact Jane Dawes on 9411 4428 or Toni Richards on 9958 0707. ■

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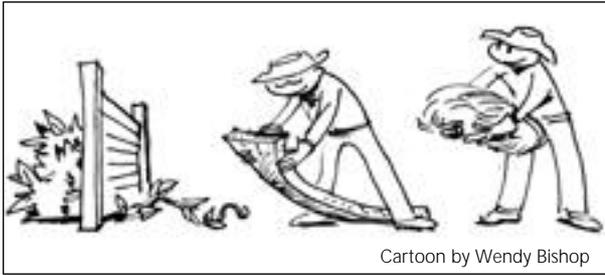


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# Weeds, weeds, weeds By Mollie Shelley



Cartoon by Wendy Bishop

Or look at a solution like that used in the garden near the entrance to Artarmon Station, which uses live plantings to cover the soil. Gazanias form a dense mat. Erigeron, which can be invasive in mild climates, is an excellent solution where the going is really tough. Think also of

Throughout this extraordinarily hot, dry summer, weeds have survived in parched gardens where other plants are stressed. They are opportunists, casting their seed ready for even a small break in the weather. How to cope with them without resorting to sprays is a challenge. In this article, I've looked at three different situations:

- a garden in reasonable condition which you hand weed then want to protect from new infestation;
- a weedy, perhaps neglected, garden where you are able to remove the source of the infestation but seed or bulbets remain in the soil; and
- a weed infested garden where, even if you succeed in dealing with the current crop, a source of re-infestation remains out of your control.

The first situation is by far the easiest to work with. Remove any weeds, then mulch well with material of your choice. Mulch conserves moisture, modifies soil temperature and eventually breaks down to add nutrients to the garden. Make sure it is thick enough so that new weed seed doesn't penetrate. I have managed to keep a native garden weed-free for years just by throwing fallen eucalyptus leaves and broken-up bark onto it. The mulch has now stabilized at about 20cm deep and the native plants seem to love it.

Mondo grasses, ajuga, Spanish Shawl (Heterocentrons elegans), liriopie, cliveas, agapanthus. Mulch around the plants until they grow dense enough to discourage weed.

The second situation needs more work. I have an Artarmon friend who recently took over a large, neglected garden. Apart from annual weeds there was a heavy infestation of onion weed that she at first tried to remove by hand. Now she is trying the "newspaper treatment" with considerable success. Cover the soil with newspaper – at least fifteen sheets thick. Make sure the sheets overlap so that light is completely excluded. Don't use any glossy paper. Top with your choice of mulch. Eventually the newspaper will break down and itself be added to the soil. To plant, make holes in the newspaper. Afterwards pull the mulch back close to the stem of the plant. How long will this treatment last and will the onion weed eventually reappear? Certainly there should be some years of grace. If you must spray, remember that onion weed is most vulnerable when it is in flower and drawing down nutrients to feed new bulbets.

The last scenario. It is pointless providing a lovely mulch of newspaper or similar material if there is a continuing invasion of weed from nearby. Rampant weeds such as 'wandering jew' will soon re-establish a foothold in your mulch although small rooted pieces left underneath the newspaper will, in time, be

killed off. My current solution is to lay weed mat and cover it with something that the weeds find positively discouraging. In my case this is casuarinas needles, of which I have an oversupply. Any available mulch of this kind that doesn't break down quickly will do, such as eucalypt leaves or conifer needles. ■

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## Congratulations Toni Richards



The Mayor with Toni Richards and her sons Guy and Mark, at the WCCitizen of the Year Awards (photo courtesy of WCC).

The APA was delighted to help support Toni Richards' nomination which resulted in her being honoured in the WCC Citizen of the Year Awards, announced on Australia Day. Toni's citation reads:

*'Through her inspirational leadership and exemplary personal qualities, Toni has established the Out of School Hours Centre*

*(OOSH) at Artarmon Primary School, has ongoing involvement with Willoughby City Council Children's Services, has made significant contributions to schools as Safety House Coordinator and Lighting Director, is actively involved in community groups such as the Scouts, school bands, P & C and many charities.'* ■

### Anyone for Bowls?

After 40 plus (??) years reading the news at Channel 9, Brian Henderson retired in November 2002. When asked on 25 November about his future plans by his colleague at the sports desk, Ken Sutcliffe, Brian replied "I'm going to join the Artarmon Bowling Club".

### Deputy Mayor 'Bikes on'

Congratulations to Councillor Kate Lamb, who recently won the inaugural national Bicycle Achievement award, for contribution by a politician to making Australia more bicycle-friendly. Coming up against many nominations at all levels of Government across Australia, Councillor Lamb was recognised in her capacity as Chair of WCC's Bicycle Consultative Committee. Part of Kate's work has been her unwavering commitment to the shared pathway, which you will recall was completed last year.

Contributions to 'Talking 2064' are welcome - editor@artarmonprogress.org.au ■

### Neighbourhood Watch Events

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| <b>Mon17Mar</b>  | Evening meeting Artarmon Library - "New Safety House Scheme for Artarmon", presented by Toni Richards & Jane Dawes. |
| <b>Sun18 May</b> | Middy BBQ with clown for children's entertainment at Artarmon Bowling Club.   |

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#### When and Where?

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