

More than a Fair success!

By Michelle Sloane

The weather was kind to us for the second annual Artarmon Community Fair. The threatened rain did not appear and the sun shone down on all of us! Jellybean the Clown and Lily Bliss painted faces and made balloon sculptures, the many talented musicians from Artarmon Public School entertained us, along with the "very cool" dancers from Funky Dance Studio! We bought sizzled sausages, popcorn and drinks and remembered to buy a wonderful Mother's Day gift from the P&C Mothers Day Gift Stall.

Many thanks to all of you who baked cakes, prepared jams and biscuits for Noah's Ark Toy Library; who bought Mother's Day gifts from the P&C; who enjoyed a cool drink from the Sea Scouts; and enjoyed the wonderful Art 2064 Exhibition.

Many thanks to you for being there! So many community groups benefited from your attendance and support which is the aim of our Fair - to both support and celebrate our wonderful community.

We worked hard and had a great day!

The Artarmon Public School raised over \$4000 through sales at the P&C Mother's Day gift stall and raffle. **The Noah's Ark Toy Library** Cake Stall sold out by about 2.00pm and raised nearly \$1400. Catherine Christodoulou and the NATL Committee wish to extend their most sincere thanks to the Artarmon Community for the generosity they have shown in donating cakes, jams and other assorted tasty things to assist the fundraising on the day. They were quite overwhelmed by the support! Many thanks to all those who supported this most necessary and needy cause.

The Neighbourhood Watch/APA

Sausage Sizzle sold more than 40 kilos of sausages and raised \$1100.

Art 2064 was a wonderful exhibition of local artists. This exhibition organised by Lynne and Bob Greaves from Artarmon Framing & Dale Thomas Gallery brought



together a diverse collection of works highlighting the talent in our community. Proceeds from the sale of work will go to the School.

Artarmon Public School Music

The day started with a reunion of Year 6 2004 singing songs from "Never Never Ever Ever Land". This was followed by a wonderful performance by the Year 2 Choir led by Jan Cohen and Tiffany David. The String Group conducted by Lizzie Raynor performed an amazing repertoire followed by a truly outstanding performance by the Jazz Band and Concert Band 1. Matthew Walmsley conducted these talented musicians through a demanding repertoire. Listening to their performance one could only feel enormous pride in our local school and the obvious dedication of its teachers.

Again we are indebted to Michael Simmons the School Principal and his team for their willingness to support the Fair and the energy and commitment they display in so doing.

Artarmon School Art Exhibition and Competition- "Artarmon Art"

The exhibition showcased the talent of many of our local children, and featured painting, wire sculptures and representations of Artarmon. Thanks



Photos by John Peacock

to Katherine Simms who collated the outstanding entries. Judges Lynne Greaves, from Artarmon Framing & Dale Thomas Gallery and Jacky Talbot, Manager Culture and the Arts from Willoughby City Council, were impressed with the quality of all the entries and struggled to select the final winners. Prizes were awarded to children from each year as well as overall exhibition

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8pm, Artarmon Library

Editorial

Welcome to an even bigger May Gazette, in which we bring you 'all the fun of the Fair' as well as some new, and regular features.

The Fair was certainly a great success, and as I talked with all the other exhausted volunteers at the end of the day, I was reminded of Kate Lamb's column from our February issue, in which she wrote about social capital. From the comments that were made to me on the day, I think the Fair demonstrated the building of social capital as well as any community event could.

Our Fair feature allows us to thank especially the businesses who supported us on the day, some of whom are also regular Gazette advertisers, and some of whom were partnering with the Progress Association (APA) for the first time. This support is essential for the APA to be able to continue to do the work it does in the community, and also so that we can continue to publish the Gazette.

To this end, I must mention the new businesses who have advertised with us for the first time in this issue. Even though our incredible volunteers have been delivering the Gazette into the Industrial Area (AIA) for a number of years now, we have only been able to gain regular support from one or two businesses located there. Perhaps the businesses in the AIA don't see the Gazette as timely enough, or as reaching their target market? We would like to be able to continue to bring the news and views in 2064 to the business community in the AIA, but will only be able to do so with more business support.

One of our new features, beginning with this Gazette, is the first in a series of what we have called 'People of Influence' – a series of interviews with those with influence in, or on, our 2064 community. We see the series as a way of providing information to the community, and keeping you informed about issues that you tell us are important. Our first interviewee, Gladys Berejikian MP, needs no introduction. We asked Gladys to participate in the first interview because of her concerted efforts to assist the local community in many ways since being elected the State Member for Willoughby - which will hopefully be enhanced through her recent appointment to further shadow portfolios.

Our vision for these articles is that you, the readers, will tell us about those in the community you would like us to talk with – perhaps corporate or community leaders who live or work in 2064, as well as other elected representatives. We would love to hear your views and feedback.

Our regular features are here as well – and we thank those who contribute these articles each issue. We want to continue to be able to produce the Gazette in its current form, and any assistance you can give our largely volunteer workforce would be gratefully appreciated.

Anne Weinert editor@artarmonprogress.org.au

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the February 2005 Artarmon Gazette and would like to thank you for keeping us informed of the ventilation stacks. You are right it is definitely not pretty.

The information provided in both Sonia Powell's and the cover article has raised my interest in this project and its impact on Artarmon (my home) and as a resident I will now take a more active role, ie attending meetings, staying informed, etc.

Keep up the good work.

Des Galstian, Artarmon, 22 February 2005

Dear Editor,

In response to your article 'Finding a JP' (February 2005), I wish to advise that I hold the office of Justice of the Peace in and for the State of New South Wales.

I am a retired Detective Chief Superintendent of NSW Police, and live in Artarmon.

I can be contacted on 02 9412 2197.

Bruce Huggett, Artarmon, 17 March 2005

Notes from the President By Michael Dawes



Michael Dawes

A great Fair!

It is impossible to convey the wonderful sense of community spirit and bonhomie that was present at the Artarmon Community Fair in the photographs and articles of the event that feature in this edition of the Gazette. This great vibe was the result of much hard work by the general & heritage committees of APA and the stall holders; the generosity and support of the Willoughby City Council and sponsors; the fantastic entertainment provided by the kids; the attendance and generosity of the local residents; and I'm sure the great weather had a bit to do with it as well. The Fair was financially successful for our community organisations and groups such as the Artarmon Public School, Noah's Ark Toy Library, Artarmon Guides and Scouts and Neighbourhood Watch and the APA is proud to provide the event co-ordination and infrastructure that enabled this. Many thanks to all involved.

Wilkes Ave

We had hoped that the Fair would have marked the opening of the revamped Wilkes Ave. Unfortunately, due to delays in the relocation of the power poles, the Council deferred the commencement of the work until after the Fair. The Council's plans for work include a fantastic mosaic mural that will be included in the paving. The mural depicts various aspects of Artarmon and also marks out the path of the creek that used to flow through the area. The APA is pleased to announce that it has agreed to contribute \$1000 to the cost of the mural.

Lane Cove Tunnel

Following on from the APA's Public Information Meeting in February, the Mayor convened a meeting with Minister Costa and included community representatives, including the APA, from wards that are affected by the Lane Cove Tunnel (LCT). The outcomes of this meeting as per a letter received since from Minister Costa were that the RTA will:

- Liaise with Willoughby Council officers regarding the future of areas of land along the Gore Hill Freeway identified by Council as being land that should be preserved as open space.

- Meet with Council officers to explore bussing arrangements on the Gore Hill Freeway and liaise with the Ministry of Transport about bus services for commuters to and from Artarmon.

- Further consult Council regarding concerns with the integration of the Lane Cove Tunnel and the Pacific Highway off ramp, and the performance of the Mowbray Road & Pacific Highway intersection.

- In preparing a local Area Traffic Management plan for the Artarmon area, consult with Council and residents, and consider potential traffic management measures which may be implemented to improve pedestrian safety, particularly around Artarmon public school.

These were all issues that the APA has been pursuing over a number of years and whilst encouraged by the outcomes of the meeting we remain sceptical as to RTA's resolve to achieve the best outcomes.

In relation to filtration of the tunnel, the RTA's position remains that the Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources in consultation with the Department of Health and Department of Environment and Conservation has set the toughest air quality standards in the world. These standards are met with all tunnels without the use of filtration. At the meeting it was agreed that:

- The delegation should provide any scientific evidence supporting its view on the need for filtration of the Lane Cove Tunnel.

- If the Federal Government increases its offer of \$10 million for filtration to a commitment to fully fund half the cost via a special purpose grant, the Minister will direct the RTA to hold discussions with the Lane Cove Tunnel Company aimed at raising the other half.

- The RTA advises that the most recent estimate of the cost of filtering the Lane Cove Tunnel ventilation stacks is approximately \$70 million.

It is this last point over which there has been some debate in the local press. The APA had been previously advised that filtering of the stacks is not possible due to it restricting the air flow and that in-tunnel filtration is the only feasible solution. It is interesting that the Minister is now ruling out in-tunnel filtration as an option.

Further to the meeting the Mayor moved a Mayoral Minute that Council:

- Seek an update of accurate cost for the Lane Cove Tunnel Filtration.

- Request the Federal Members covering the area to seek a partnership from the Federal Government to achieve a filtration resolution as soon as possible on behalf of their electorates.

The APA has demonstrated what it can do at a local level in achieving desirable outcomes for the community in light of the Fair; however, in the case of the tunnel issues I fear we are being let down by the State Government and its departments. The studies of the Department of Health into the effects of emissions from other tunnel stacks appear to be questionable and the RTA appears to be unwilling to prevent the adverse traffic impacts on Artarmon local streets from occurring in the first place. The promise of the RTA to review the EIS traffic modeling for Artarmon has not eventuated to date.

At our next Public Information Meeting we have invited Jeff Organ from Willoughby City Council to provide us with an update of LCT issues since the meeting with Mr Costa and the Mayoral Minute. ■

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Public Information Meeting

Tuesday 31 May 2005

8.00 - 10.00pm, Artarmon Library, Elizabeth Street

Lane Cove Tunnel Project Update

Jeff Organ

Infrastructure Services Director, Willoughby City Council

Following on from the meeting with Minister Costa, Jeff Organ will give an update on Lane Cove Tunnel Project issues affecting Artarmon.

Willoughby City Strategy

Lara Dominish *Project Officer, Willoughby City Council*

A new project aiming to

- identify what the community values about our City;
- identify what trends and issues are important;
- agree on our future directions and goals; and
- develop strategies to achieve these goals.

Be informed, get involved and have your say!

People of influence: Gladys Berejiklian MP...

Gladys Berejiklian has a Master of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and a Graduate Diploma in International Studies from Sydney University. Prior to completing her Masters she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts (Major; Government) from Sydney University in 1992. Gladys was elected the Member for Willoughby in 2003 in a seat that has been held by the Liberal Party since 1981. There are 44,244 voters in the Willoughby electorate.

Q. Are you an Artarmon resident?

No, I actually live in Willoughby on Mowbray Road, but I try and walk every morning and that walk often takes me through parts of the Artarmon area. It's a good way to stay in touch. I also obviously attend many community functions and meetings in Artarmon.

Q. What are the key issues for the Artarmon area in terms of the diversity of its population?

Artarmon is a wonderful microcosm of what Sydney represents with its many diverse cultural backgrounds. I like to think that all sections of the community who have raised issues with me will have them addressed.

Q. Recently you held a street stall in Artarmon to meet the people. What were the key issues that came up, and how are you dealing with them?

I have a policy of holding a street stall in each suburb at least once a year and the type of issues brought to me in Artarmon are the same issues that the Artarmon Progress Association works on so actively.

Clearly access to Artarmon railway station is a huge issue. Traffic is another. The impact of the Lane Cove Tunnel whether it be air quality or changed traffic conditions was another. People also raised health care and mental

health care and also concerns about law and order and safety.

There is a lot of high density living in parts of Artarmon and Artarmon residents are telling me that there has been an increase in the number of break and enters recently. I have raised this with the police at the local bi-monthly community meeting.

Graffiti and general statewide issues like land tax were also raised. But public transport, the station, traffic and Lane Cove tunnel issues tended to dominate.

Q. Given no person can solve everything, what do you see as their main things you can influence?

In the near future I want to have an impact in the construction and post-construction phase of the Lane Cove Tunnel. Artarmon residents will be bearing the brunt of both phases and I want to make sure we get the best outcomes.

Access at Artarmon railway station is important. If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, or a bit older or if you are pushing a pram, there is no way you can negotiate the stairs at Artarmon station. The number of train services available is another issue. A number of commuters have told me that they have been stranded because the train does not stop at a scheduled station, or a train has been cancelled. I don't think it's acceptable that people get stranded on the railway station or that weekend services are cut. It does not make sense to discourage people from using public transport!

Q. Filtration for the Lane Cove Tunnel is causing a concern. What is your view?

The most important thing is to get accurate information and there is a lot of confusion. Essentially however we need good information about air quality and I don't think the State Government is facilitating that. I've raised concerns about how the community is



going to get this information and been told that average toxicity levels for the day will be provided. This is ridiculous because the amount of toxicity in the air at 4am will be completely different to the toxicity at peak hours! The community should be given the information they need to make an educated contribution to the debate.

I would however like to put on the record that my party has promised to filter the tunnel. That is an election promise and clearly something I will support.

Q. Phyllis Bourke Court is not in your State Electorate, but it does fall under your shadow responsibilities for mental health. What do you see as the key issues?

Phyllis Bourke Court gets caught up in some of the bigger issues impacting the state. Unfortunately the state government is closing down many of the community based mental

Lane Cove Tunnel Project community liaison update

By Sonia Powell

The Lane Cove Tunnel project, due for completion in 2007, consists of new traffic ramps at Falcon Street North Sydney, transit lanes on the Gore Hill Freeway, twin 3.6km tunnels linking the Freeway with the M2, and a continuous cycleway between Naremburn and North Ryde.

Current local construction activities include:

In the school

- A community based air quality monitoring station is now operational above the amenities block in the playground.

Along the Gore Hill Freeway

- Water quality ponds are being built at Artarmon Reserve and Punch Street.
- Construction of the two new Freeway transit lanes requires new retaining walls along both sides of the freeway and widening of the Railway bridge abutments.
- Piling for the eastern tunnel portal is under way. Near Broughton Road, the temporary detour on the Pacific Highway southbound

on-ramp to the Freeway will remain in place until at least June 2005.

- For cyclists and pedestrians, under construction are: the zig zag ramp linking the Freeway with the Highway; the path between the Highway and Reserve Road; and the tunnel across the Freeway beneath the Reserve Road bridge.

At Reserve Road

- The Reserve Road bridge and ramps are being reconfigured to allow space for the extra Freeway transit lanes and the tunnel portal entrance lanes.
- Pedestrian paths across the Reserve Road bridge have been temporarily re-routed.

In the industrial area

- From the main Marden Street worksite, road headers are excavating the tunnel. Site establishment for the stack has commenced.
- Night-time project work in Lane Cove West is generating overnight concrete production at the Readymix Artarmon concrete plant.

- A Pacific Hwy bus stop has been closed due to accidents after lane narrowing.

Things that go bump in the night

Whenever the project is causing you grief, please keep contacting **1800 009 280**, the 24 hour toll free line provided by Theiss John Holland (TJH), the design and construct contractor.

Seven residents complained about the same noise problem one recent night, leading to a change in TJH's activity method at that site.

For more information...

Visit TJH's display centre at Suite 7, 401 Pacific Highway, Artarmon, open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm (public holidays excepted). Or contact me by email at lctgroup@artarmonprogress.org.au.

Sonia Powell is representing Artarmon residents on the Construction Community Liaison Group.



■■■ with Glenda Hewitt for the Gazette

health facilities, which means there are limited places to seek support for people in the community who are suffering from mental illness.

Last October the government closed the Chatswood Mental Health clinic which resulted in 300 people who used that service being told to go to North Shore Hospital for treatment. However that's the worst thing that could happen for people with mental illness, because hospitals are generally associated with the worst episodes of their health problems – often reminding them of being locked up, of being sedated – in fact, bringing back their worst memories.

Q. What do you see as the solution?

While there is a policy of closing down community based mental health care facilities, the pressure on public housing, homeless shelters and also, unfortunately, our prison system will increase. This impacts the person who is ill, their families and also the community. The solution is more funding and more focus on community based facilities.

Every time the state government makes an announcement about mental health it is only ever about hospital beds. While I agree there is a shortage of hospital beds (for the mentally ill as well as the broader population), compared to other states, NSW is out of line with the way it treats the mentally ill. On every state-by-state comparison of the amount of funding and services provided, NSW is currently either last or second last for

spending on mental health care facilities.

Q. The last word?

While I have an interest in fighting for the larger issues as a state politician with broad shadow portfolio responsibilities, my interest in, and responsibilities to, the local community do not change. I've been in this job now for two years and I'd like my community to know that I will continue to be very accessible. The street stalls are one way of doing that, but if Artarmon residents want to talk to me, they can email or phone or visit my office. Of course I am always too happy to come to them!

I must add my personal congratulations to the APA for a very successful fair on April 30. Last year's Inaugural Fair was a huge success and this year's was even bigger. The Artarmon Fair is now a well established event on the community calendar. ■

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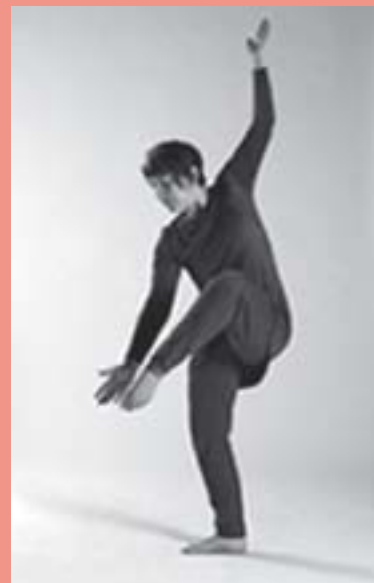
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Artarmon Public School News By Katrina Weir

Music for all at Artarmon Primary School

Music is a pillar of the education program at Artarmon Primary School. Aside from the training band, jazz band and two concert bands available to the students in years four, five and six, students in all grades have exposure to music via the skills and experience of Gregg Shaw.

Gregg joined Artarmon Primary School in 1997 having worked as a tutor at SCEGGS and Sydney Girls High School and as a teacher of music, drama and Italian at Concord High School for four years.

An accomplished cellist himself, Gregg's main responsibility at Artarmon Primary is to teach music to children from kindergarten to year six, and to train the school's award-winning choirs, a role he says he loves.

Music has been an important part of Gregg's life since he was a child when his innate ear for pitch was detected and fostered by the Sunday school choirmaster. He started formal music lessons shortly thereafter, and since then his passion for the area has continued to grow.

"I believe if you have a love and a skill for something, it's a natural process to want to pass it on and help others with that similar interest," Gregg explains.

As an education medium, Gregg believes involvement in music can assist the development of certain brain functions such as spatial awareness, rhythm, coordination, flexibility, balance and oral/aural skills.

He also suggests that music allows for the expression and experience of a wide range of feelings and that it facilitates the development of children's awareness of the emotions of others. As well, music provides opportunities for the development of social and personal skills such as sensitivity, self-discipline, respect, tolerance, cooperation and the appreciation of cultural traditions.

Michael Simmons, Principal, believes that Gregg's professional experience and personal passion for music is a winning combination. "We are extremely fortunate to have a music teacher like Gregg Shaw at our school. His commitment is undying and his enthusiasm for music contagious.

"I strongly believe that under Gregg's tutelage, the children develop a love of music and a set of skills in their early years that they then build on during the remainder of their time at Artarmon Primary School," he said.

Physical Fitness: A Priority for 2005

Artarmon Primary School has determined that FITNESS is one of the priority target areas for 2005. This is partly in response to the decline in childhood levels of physical activity reported in the media. It is also in an effort to positively influence the children's attitude to fitness, and the personal health choices they make, both now and in the future.

The school's fitness program is under the direction of Mr David Coon who came to Artarmon Primary School in 2004 having taught in a school in western Sydney for five years. David is passionate about sport and

fitness having participated at a state-level in many sports including hockey, tennis, cricket and soccer.

Last year, David trialled a pilot fitness program with the whole of Year 4. This involved daily fitness activities plus education about nutrition and the mechanics of the body. The Year 4 program was extremely successful with teachers reporting that the students had greater resilience and more energy throughout the day, particularly after lunch. This led to the children being able to concentrate for longer and ultimately, improved productivity and learning.

In fact, the Year 4 program was considered so successful that the school executive decided to expand it so that all Artarmon Primary School students could have access to and benefit from David's experience and passion.

David is now working with all year levels throughout the school, from kindergarten to Year 6. For most year levels, fitness is scheduled three times each week. "My philosophy on fitness is to focus on each child achieving his/her personal best. This program is not about being the fastest or strongest; it's about the children taking responsibility for their progress by trying hard and working at their own level," David explained.

David also believes that physical activity should be balanced with information on healthy eating and an understanding of how the body works. "I also spend time with the children discussing nutrition, basic anatomy and correct technique for various activities so that the children develop a greater understanding



Gregg Shaw takes a break from K-6 music

of their bodies. Ultimately this will arm them with the knowledge they need to participate in a wide range of sports with less risk of injury," he continued.

The aims of the fitness program for 2005 are to:

- Increase each student's level of physical fitness and activity
- Increase each student's basic strength
- Arm students with knowledge to make personal health choices
- Positively influence each child's lifestyle with respect to activity and food choices.



Year 3 children enjoy regular fitness classes

'On Track'

compiled by Glenda Hewitt, Community Representative, Chatswood South Community Liaison Group, Chatswood to Epping Rail Link

The Rail line closedowns for the second half of 2005 on the North Shore Line are listed below. If any of these scheduled dates change, updates will be provided by the appropriate authorities via letter box drops.

Rail closure dates change if there is a large public event scheduled. Hence the most up to date list for the North Shore line at the beginning of May is:

- 11-13 June 2005
- 16-17 July 2005
- 30-31 July 2005
- 29-30 October 2005
- 26-31 December 2005

Some night work has been scheduled for May and June for the maintenance of the rail line. If nightworks are to occur, notifications will be issued in advance of works commencing. This will take place north of Mowbray Road. All civil works (but not track work) for the Epping to Chatswood Rail Line, between Mowbray Road and Albert Avenue, will be finished by the end of September/early October (subject to weather and other unpredictable events). As at 3 May, 16 days work has been lost. The Frank Channon walkway is scheduled to re-open in late August/early September 2005.

A Long-time Resident's Memories of Artarmon

By Toni McKay

Eighty-three years is a long time to spend in one house. Hoddie Butler has done just that. And even now he hasn't had to change his only phone number with his move last December to Mowbray Road to a retirement unit in Windsor Gardens.

Arthur Horace Rigby Butler was born in Gordon in November 1916. His mother Emily Stevenson was a widow, his father dying on the Somme in August 1916. Hoddie moved to 11 Cameron Avenue with his mother and widowed grandmother to the 9-year old house purchased for nine hundred pounds. Most of the houses in the street were there or built during his early years. Roads were of dirt in those days so kerbing, guttering and hard surfacing was much welcomed by the locals when it finally arrived.

It happened before his time but Hoddie heard of the lowering of Cameron Avenue to its present site to put the houses on the southern side at street level. The foundation for the road, he was told, was sandstone from the quarry at the end of Burra Road where the Bowling Club now stands.

He well remembers the closing over of the creek which crossed Cameron Avenue and ran through Bridge Street - now the 3-hour car park. A large sausage-like balloon placed along the length of the creek was inflated. This was covered over and a flat surface formed. The balloon was then deflated and removed, to the great interest of the young Hoddie.

Between the wars the local Artarmon residents had little reason to leave the suburb which supplied most of their shopping and medical needs and social activities, with tennis courts, a cinema, and sporting groups.

Along with the local children, Hoddie went to Artarmon School. With his marvellous

memory he can name all his teachers, particularly Miss Ludoff because she sometimes kept the class in until 4 o'clock, and she taught the kindergarten. Although life was centred around Artarmon, high school changed all that. As he wanted to pursue a trade as an electrical fitter he decided against following his friends to North Sydney Boys High. Having passed the exam he went to the nearest technical school which at that time was Albion Street Tech High in Paddington. This meant a steam train trip, ferry to the Quay and then a tram. Whilst Hoddie loved the trip, his mother was always anxious for his safety as the Razor Gangs were a real threat there.

Making the harbour crossing in the years that

he did meant that Hoddie had a wonderful view of the building of the Bridge, but it wasn't until his final year that he was able to make the trip across it to Town Hall station and from there brave the dangers of Surry Hills on foot.

A parishioner of St Basil's since 1922, Hoddie was married there, in 1945, to a local girl Joy Smithers - one of two daughters of the local newsagent. In 1990 the Butlers extended their house and Joy's sister Ida joined them. With the sad deaths nearly two years ago of both Joy and Ida only days apart, Hoddie decided to sell up and move to his very pleasant unit at Windsor Gardens. He attends St Basil's as usual and is still, after 83 years, very much a member of the Artarmon community. ■



Hoddie Butler, enjoying the recent Artarmon Fair

True or False Quiz

Test your knowledge of Artarmon's history with these questions.

1. In the 1960s, there were three chemist shops in the Artarmon shopping area.
2. Artarmon Road has always run from Elizabeth Street to Willoughby Road.
3. In the 1930s, the trams ran into Artarmon.
4. Artarmon Reserve was dedicated as a Reserve for Public Recreation in 1888.

Answers on page 15.



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 held at the Artarmon Fair

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 - 2nd prize:** Maryann Janssen
 - 3rd prizes:** Mary Impey; Tony Coluccio
- Prizes donated by **Artarmon Newsagency**



Fair faces of Artarmon



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winners. Merit certificates were awarded to: Natalie Smith, Victoria Liu, Fern Mei Sim, Paula Geng, Damian Morris, Hannah Croston, Mark Gottlieb and Sarah Breeton. The overall winners were: 1st - 6D, 2nd - Rosie Davidson 5W and 3rd - 6K and 6L .

Heritage at the Fair

Marianne Nestor again created a magnificent heritage display, which this year was titled **"How to Trace the History of Your House"**. The exhibition was designed to show us all how to trace the history of our house using the Local History Section of Willoughby City Library. Using a wonderful example of Federation architecture in Tindale Road, Marianne prepared a pictorial "map" of each step that needs to be taken to uncover information about your house.

Many thanks to Karen and Ed Elliff for allowing us to use their house for the display, and for opening it as part of the Heritage Walking Tour also held on the day. Many thanks also to our dedicated band of local "house sitters" who helped out on the day!

Our other heritage activities included our self-guided **heritage street walk** – put together by Glenda Gartrell, the original developer of our heritage house program, and the 'Artarmon Memories' competition on the APA stall.

The Fair would not have been possible without the support of **OUR LOCAL BUSINESS HEROES**. This year we had an amazing level of support from the local business community with a significant increase in the number of Platinum sponsors.

Thanks to our Local Business Heroes 2005



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The Artarmon Community Fair is an annual event so watch the Gazette for regular updates concerning our plans for 2006!



WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL – who prepared and set up a wonderful range of exhibits and activities. Special thanks to Di Eva and her team and to Sarah Maddock and Eilis O'Beirne for again providing so much support.



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DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT – who sponsored WEPA (Willoughby Environmental Protection Association) - a very essential local organisation who set up an excellent stall selling Australian Native Plants.

Councillors' feedback...feedback...feedback



Reserve Rd Truck Movements

Following a series of complaints Council advises that Thiess John Holland (TJH) does have an approval to move oversize plant out of normal working hours. They should however have suitable escort

vehicles provided. Deliveries of pipes and other materials should not be occurring out of hours.

Council's rangers have been monitoring the area for non-compliance with load limits in general, although load limits do not apply if the vehicle has a destination in the street.

For immediate problems, contact the project hotline - 1800 009 280, 24hrs. All calls are logged and caller details are sent simultaneously to rostered community relations co-ordinators by sms and by email. The co-ordinator who receives the sms then phones the call centre to acknowledge the call using the caller event number. If this is not done within 10 minutes, the sms "rolls" on to the next rostered co-ordinator and so on until it is acknowledged. The co-ordinator then rings the caller within 2 hours. In addition, the conversation is written up in the electronic call registration system with any follow-up actions required. A written reply is also sent to the

caller in 7 days.

Night Works On Gore Hill Freeway

Night work involving noisy equipment from 9pm to 5am was approved under EPA licence associated with the Lane Cove Tunnel works with noisy work to finish by midnight. A spokesperson for TJH advises that "this type of night work allows us to do the more noisy work of removing the concrete centre median during the day. The work to place traffic barriers and line grinding requires a lane closure which the RTA would only allow at night from 9pm to 5am and not during the day."

Following contact I had with TJH after a complaint about night works, the work site have elected to postpone night work while they review work methodology. TJH will be re-issuing a notification to residents and businesses in advance of this.

The Needs Of Shiftworkers

An approach has been made to Council Officers concerning what can be done about limiting or banning early morning lawn mowers and vacuum blowers so that the sleep of shift workers is not disturbed. Apparently other Councils have done this so it is a question of what powers reside with Council and if appropriate, then examining the issue through public consultation.

Pedestrian crossings

A request has been made to Council to con-

sider measures to make the crossing at the corner of Artarmon and Tindale Rds safer. It is the major crossing for anyone walking from the station or public school to that side of Artarmon and should be as safe as possible especially since it is used by lots of school children.

A request has also been made regarding the safety of pedestrians at Hampden Rd at the roundabout near the railway underpass. Council Officers will be reporting on both matters.

Easy Access to Artarmon Station

Council moved a motion I submitted to maintain the lobbying on this matter. The resolution was that Council make strong representations to the Minister for Transport seeking the urgent commencement of planning and works to provide "Easy Access" to Artarmon Station.



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Councillors' feedback...feedback...feedback

a suite of **7 Social Plans** (Children, Families, Culturally & Linguistically Diverse, Disability, Youth, Older & Gender) than **Council's Management Plan & Budget 2005-2010** is on our Agenda. This year's includes capital works in children's services facilities (including laundry & loos at Artarmon Children's Centre) and at the Dougherty Centre, as well as structural and conservation works at the Burley Griffin Incinerator. It's a balanced budget with Income and Expenditure at \$74.5M. The major expenditure is on transport and infrastructure, closely followed by environment, recreation & open space. Apart from the statutory rates increase of 3.5%, our e.restore special rate will deliver \$1.8m towards environmental restoration and sustainability programs throughout the City. The Plan, together with Fees & Charges schedule is on exhibition till late in May.

Somewhat related but taking us to a more strategic level, this year Council aims to develop the **Willoughby City Strategy**. It is a 15 year vision but incorporating some 4 year outcomes (a good governance mechanism!). Starting at the Artarmon Community Fair, we mean to include a very high degree of consultation with you in creation of the Strategy. This strategy must explicitly address our regional and metropolitan context as our future will be very much affected by developments such as the State government's **Metropolitan Strategy**. They are said to be keen on 'simplifying planning controls' and 'improving development processes' with 'a focus on strategic planning for growth', combined with 'sustainability, competitiveness and liveability' if we are to live up to our aspirations as a global city.

You may know that we do combine with our neighbouring Councils in NSROC, the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (these exist all over the state and are affectionately known as "the ROCs"). Already NSROC produces combined State of the Environment reporting, some waste management functions as well as regional supply and purchasing agreements.

The metro strategists have identified our city as part of a 'global arc' of what they see as 'higher order' (IT based) industries stretching from North Sydney out through St Leonards and onto North Ryde. With \$200K from DIPNR, we are partnering with Lane Cove and North Sydney in the **St Leonards Plan & Development Strategy**. The broad objective is to prepare a planning framework between the three councils for the 'cohesive and integrated development of St Leonards as a sub regional centre of high significance' within the Sydney Metropolitan Region.

The Councils' submission to DIPNR stressed community engagement as a key element of the project so, given that we have also just resolved to develop a **Master Plan for Gore Hill Park**, I hope nearby residents, especially those in the multiunit developments on Herbert Street will make their voices heard on matters of liveability!

STOP PRESS: Our General Manager is about to call for Expressions of Interest for a suitable

consultant "to develop options for the Depot site maximising revenue opportunities and community benefit". On the corner of Frederick St Artarmon, this precious old survivor can now have all manner of 'adaptive re-use' activities considered, so long as they are consistent with its heritage values.

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Barry Thompson

Childcare in Willoughby

One of the major concerns I heard as I spoke to people prior to last year's Council elections was the lack of childcare services in the city. I promised

to address the issue as a matter of urgency. Twelve months on and I am looking at what I have managed to achieve. I now know lots more about the issue but cannot claim to have affected substantive improvements, either now or for the future.

In the past year, Council has approved the establishment of one community preschool facility adjacent to Bales Park. It is active in encouraging and assisting community preschools; it runs two long day care centres which provide preschool programs plus extended hours care; it organises and supervises a family day care program as well as after-school care and vacation care. Running alongside these programs, which include catering for children with special needs, private enterprise provides a further 600+ places for long day care, albeit at high cost. Council has and continues to assist private operators to get their DAs and other approvals completed expeditiously.

A few weeks ago I attended the first of the

Children's Forum meetings for 2005. At the end of the formal agenda, the session was opened up to general questions or comments. I was expecting that there might be comments from parents upset at not being able to find care places for their offspring. Not so, even when I raised the issue myself. In fact there were few present who were 'just' parents, despite childcare being provided while the meeting progressed. Those who were there were almost invariably representing an existing group in the Children's Services area. That got me to wondering whether there really is a problem. True, most parents put their babies' names on waiting lists for services as soon as they are born. Council is frustrated from consolidating these lists by provisions of the privacy legislation. At recent meetings, Council officers have questioned whether the money and effort to implement (and continually update) such a system would be money well spent, even if it could be done legally. So I am left with the question of whether Willoughby really does have a problem of insufficient child-care facilities or has only the **perception** of a problem.

I am aware that some families make use of services in neighbouring municipalities. On the other hand, I am told that others from outside Willoughby drive to our facilities, drop off their child and then hop on a bus to their work in town. We must expect some 'swing and roundabout' impacts.

I would like to hear from parents about their experiences in getting their children into childcare, particularly this year but also in prior years. Please let me know your good stories as well as problems you have had. I will be particularly happy to hear about any solutions to these issues that you might have or which have been successful elsewhere.

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Artarmon, a cheap and quiet backwater

By Richard Gartrell

It is 1955. The quiet streets of Artarmon have yet to feel the impact of closer density and high rise units. On the eastern side of the railway where the red rattlers run, there is a thriving community shopping centre.

Wilkes Avenue has a Franklins, a chemist and a greengrocer. Around in Elizabeth Street there is a Jewel supermarket and a butcher across the street while up on the corner of Brand and Elizabeth Streets is a corner store. Here, locals can put their purchases 'on tick' until the next time they drop in.

Two couples, migrants from war-torn Russia, have dropped in on Mr Thomas' real estate. They were living in a flat in top Ryde, having scraped together a deposit for a house. Burwood and Strathfield were nice but too dear. Chatswood looked good but it was a bit dear too. Why not have a look at Artarmon? "It's a lot cheaper and it's very handy to the city" was the assessment.

That's how they found their house at 17 Muttama Road. The widow who owned it was anxious to sell and Mr Thomas asked for a holding deposit. This was a problem. But never mind, Mr Thomas came up with the answer – he put in the deposit for them allowing them two weeks to repay him.

The banks would not lend money easily and a woman's income was never taken into account. But, the AMP would provide mortgages on life assurance and so the deal was made – a house for five thousand pounds at 4% over 25 years. It sounds a ridiculous

price but Victor and Rima's combined income was twenty pounds a week.

So, Victor and Rima Chose, with Rima's mother Olga and her partner John, bought 17 Muttama Road and on 5 May 2005, Victor and Rima celebrated 50 years in their house.

Back then

A city accountant Mr James B Taylor, built identical houses, *St Mervyns* (15) and *Nombi* (17) Muttama Road on land originally bought by Mr S.J. Simpson in 1904 for one hundred pounds per block. Number 15 changed hands in 1914 for twelve hundred and forty pounds. Addresses were originally the house name before a street numbering system was introduced.

In the 1950s, next door to Victor and Rima



Victor & Rima:
50 years at 17 Muttama Road

in number 19 Muttama Road, the owner ran a boarding house for girls, while Number 21 was accommodation for boys. In the days before civilian widow pensions it was very common for widows to take in boarders – indeed for the majority, it was their only means of getting an income.

And now

Artarmon has changed dramatically in that fifty years, but the east side fortunately remains almost the same. The one storey streetscape in Muttama Road which is the basis of its heritage classification, is almost the same although the Brush Box are now huge

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and the modern picket fences have replaced the brick or sandstone based shorter pickets from earlier times.

The shops have changed – the expansion in Chatswood made that inevitable as the big supermarkets proved attractive – and the houses west of the railway have all gone to apartments. But, life in Muttama Road for Victor and Rima is largely unchanged.

The Artarmon community congratulates Victor and Rima on their 50-year anniversary in Artarmon, and wishes them many more years at 17 Muttama Road.

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Leaves and trees in our gardens by Mollie Shelley

April to July – these are months when deciduous trees are shedding their leaves. Eucalypts drop continually but they seem to have a particularly heavy fall at the end of summer. All year my two eucalypts and a tall *Michelia champaca* cause me more work than all the rest of the garden put together. The question for me is always how to make best use of the leaves.

The *Eucalyptus scoparia*, the Willow Gum in the front garden, has become host to a virulent scale which has attacked, and is gradually killing, all the gums of this species in Sydney. My tree is striving mightily to survive, growing ever taller as it puts out new leaves after shedding masses of dead ones and small branches. In the back garden the *Eucalyptus microcorys*, a Tallowood planted by previous owners, has a waist-high girth of 3.5 metres. It's a magnificent tree, but it's beside my back terrace, lifting the paving, and barely three metres from the house itself. These two trees between them can fill a Council vegetation bin with gum leaves and sticks every couple of weeks.

Eucalyptus leaves can be composted. I remove the bigger sticks and put the leaves into an open compost bin separate from other

compost. Add blood and bone and a large dollop of patience. Gum leaves take about twelve months to break down.

Casuarina needles break down even more slowly but they are great for suppressing weeds in those odd corners and seem to deter the activities of slugs and snails.

Leaves from deciduous trees are a much easier proposition. By this time of year the thick mulch put onto gardens for summer has thinned. Leaves can replace it, maintaining soil warmth and moisture over our short winter. Broadcast blood and bone or a good general fertiliser to stop withdrawal of soil nitrogen as the leaves break down. I use either, generally whatever I have left in the shed, but I'm particularly devoted to pelleted Organic Life because of its ease of distribution.

Trees! I would like someone to do a cost/benefit analysis of mine taking into account: the time I spend raking and sweeping, the electricity the mulcher uses, the cost of getting someone once or twice a year to remove fallen branches that are too big for me to manage, also someone periodically to clear the roof of fallen leaves, sticks and branches. Against this put aesthetics and the

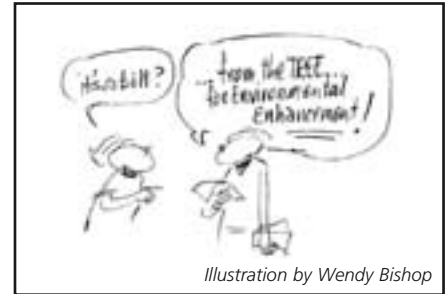


Illustration by Wendy Bishop

shade and protection the trees give the house and garden. The weighting would seem to be against the trees until I put health into the equation - the huge amounts of pollution and carbon dioxide the trees remove from the air in a suburb like Artarmon, bounded on all sides by busy main roads and downhill from car-infested Chatswood.

In the twenty years I've lived here I've seen the suburb change and become a green haven of which we can be justly proud.

PERMACULTURE NORTH meets 3rd Monday evening each month in Lindfield.

Info: Wendy Bishop, 9420 4884.

Noise Pollution – A Neighbourhood Issue by Rhoda Sexton

With the trend to higher population density, Federal, State and local governments increasingly have to deal with complaints about noise. Noise pollution can be defined as unwanted or offensive sounds that intrude unreasonably into our daily activities.

The major noise sources as published by the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) (formerly the Environmental Protection Authority), in the order of annoyance are: barking dogs, traffic, noisy neighbours, trail bikes, lawn mowers, neighbours' TV/music, noisy parties, aircraft, garbage collection and railway activity. Artarmon residents will be familiar with many of these.

Neighbourhood noise

Neighbourhood noise is a frequent cause of complaints to local councils, police and the DEC; we all cause noise and are victims of it. How we respond to particular noises depends on the type of noise and how we feel about it, and noise that is acceptable to one person may be unacceptable to another, such as when we are operating noisy appliances or equipment.

When noise annoys, we can obtain information about dealing with it from DEC, local councils, police and the NSW Law Society. The Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2000 sets out restricted times for domestic activities that could potentially be heard inside neighbouring homes (Table 1). If a person fails to comply with a warning from Police or council, an on-the-spot fine may be issued. Restrictions can also be placed by issuing prevention notices, noise control notices or noise abatement directions under the

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO).

On-the-spot penalty notices for breaching the legislation attract fines of \$200 for individuals or \$400 for corporations. Orders imposed by a court can bring fines of up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$11,000 for corporations. Breaching a court order by continuing to make offensive noise is a criminal offence, which can also lead to contempt of court charges.

What you can do

With neighbourhood noise, authorities recommend to try solving the issue amicably by talking to whoever is causing the noise. Often people do not realise that they are causing a problem, and may be happy to do what they can to help.

If the noise continues, a Community Justice Centre (CJC) may be contacted to facilitate mediation. This is a free process and has a 95% success rate. If the problem is still unresolved, local councils can serve notices on people under the POEO Act 1997. If the notice is not complied with, the council can prosecute and take action through a court. A person can also take action independently of the local council or other regulator and seek a noise abatement order under section 268 of the POEO Act by contacting the local council.

References:

Department of Environment & Conservation (NSW) www.epa.nsw.gov.au/noise/index.htm

The Law Society NSW www.lawsociety.com.au

NSW Police www.police.nsw.gov.au

Law for you www.law4u.com.au

Various local council websites.

Table 1: Time restrictions when noise is audible inside a neighbour's residence (contact Local Council or Police):

Noise source	Time restrictions
Power tools and equipment	8 pm – 7 am (weekdays & Saturdays) 8 pm – 8 am (Sundays & public holidays)
Musical instruments and sound equipment	12 midnight – 8 am everyday
Air conditioners	10 pm – 7 am (weekdays) 10 pm – 8 am (weekends & public holidays)
Motor vehicles (except when entering or leaving residential premises)	8 pm – 7 am (weekdays) 8 pm – 8 am (weekends & public holidays)
Refrigeration units fitted to motor vehicles	8 pm – 7 am (weekdays) 8 pm – 8 am (weekends and public holidays)

Table 2: Other common causes of noise complaints:

Noise source	Contact
Road construction Main roads Local roads	DEC, RTA Local Council
Building construction	Local Council
Animal noise	Local Council or Police
Burglar, intruder or car alarms	Local Council or Police
Garbage collection	Local Council or DEC

Talking 2064

Artarmon is getting bigger. Willoughby Council is finalising its suburb boundaries and will submit them for approval to the Geographical Names Board. The eastern boundary of Artarmon now includes the southern side of Artarmon Rd (from Sydney Street to Chelmsford Avenue) and the western side of Chelmsford Avenue. Both of these streets were previously part of Willoughby. It will be interesting to see if Australia Post alters its mail delivery areas to match the new boundaries.

Congratulations to Erica, one of our newest Committee Members, and her new fiancée, **Aaron**. We were particularly grateful for all of Aaron's assistance at the Fair – little does he know he is marrying the APA as well!

Artarmon District Guides – growing leadership

By Sonia Powell

A big welcome to Artarmon Guides' new youth leaders Nicky, Alisa and Tania – what fantastic positive role models for the girls as they join our growing leadership team.

Coming up: the annual **Artarmon Bike-a-thon** at 10am on Sunday 18 September – open to the whole community, put it in your calendar! Last year this fun local event raised thousands of dollars for autistic kids.

Want to find out more about Guides? New girls and new leaders are always welcome. Visit the Guides NSW website, email artarmon_guides@yahoo.com.au or call Leisa on 9427 7156.



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True or False Answers

Questions on page 7.

1. **True.** There was Hearne's Pharmacy in Wilkes Avenue; Hodgson's Pharmacy in Hampden Road near Francis Road and Watson's (now Nick Logan's) Pharmacy.
2. **False.** Artarmon Road originally ran from Elizabeth Street to Sydney Street. Ryan (or

Ryan's) Street ran from Willoughby Road to Chelmsford Avenue. In the 1920s, the two were joined together, the whole becoming Artarmon Road, but retaining the Ryan Street house numbers.

3. **False.** The trams from Wynyard and Taronga Zoo to Lane Cove skirted Artarmon, running along Pacific Highway and Longueville Road. A crossover allowed trams to shunt at the (then)

junction of Broughton Road, opposite the (then) Lane Cove Fire Station. Trams terminating here showed the sign 'Broughton Rd Artarmon'.

4. **True.** Artarmon Reserve was part of the Artarmon Estate of William Gore (1765-1845). Gore Hill, Gore Creek and Gore Bay are named after him.

Quiz compiled by Michael Haynes



St Basil's Anglican Church Artarmon

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ENGLISH CLASSES (ESL) HAVE RESUMED AT ST BASIL'S

EVERY SUNDAY 4.30PM - 6PM
Contact Janet Cook on 9416 1644

OTHER DATES

Bush Church Aid

Sunday 5 June
10am & 6pm
Speaker: Paul Dew

Church Missionary Society

Sunday 17 July

Korean Church Anniversary

Sunday 14 August

You are invited to

St Basil's Patronal Festival

Sunday 26 June 10am

Family Communion Service

Special Guest and Speaker: Bishop Glenn Davies

Music from the Cathedral Singers

Special luncheon to follow

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

If we can be of any other help or if you have an enquiry about the Christian faith or Church activities, please phone on 9412 1315.

Making the most out of your investment property

Clearly these are not the best of times for residential property investors but it is important to keep matters in perspective and to implement practical ways of optimising return and value.

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Investors have been hit by a slowing market coupled with increased expenses chiefly from the State Government. It is easy to look at the rate of return and be concerned but this is a bit simplistic. The return is only low because values have risen so much. Against historic cost it is actually quite good for most investors.

There is always a lag at the end of a boom before rents catch up. Already there are signs of this with lowering vacancy levels. As demand grows, rents will steadily increase ultimately setting off a new round of price increases.

Artarmon units and townhouses have maintained close to their peak value and are continuing to trade well. In fact it is interesting to note that historically they have never gone down (see the statistics on our web site www.hometraders.com.au under "Market Information").

Good management is the key to maximising return. Tenants do have a choice and need to be looked after in a friendly yet professional way. This means responding quickly and efficiently to their concerns whilst conducting regular inspections and ensuring rent is collected and distributed to owners on time.

All properties benefit by being well maintained. Repairs are generally tax deductible. Sensible improvements will lead to better tenants, higher rent and capital value as well as depreciation benefits.

We have put a great deal of effort and training into making our systems and staff first rate. Together, we can help our owner clients achieve the best for their properties.

Regards

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BEWARE

Overquoting by agents to obtain listings is rife. Why? It is a tough sales market and agents are feeling the squeeze. They happily tell vendors whatever they want to hear. However, the consequences can be dire. The properties are compromised and often end up selling for way less than they should plus the deluded vendor ends up paying the liar. It is far better to be realistic up front. Superior marketing, presentation and negotiation skills will achieve the best price.

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