

# Artarmon @ Council by Peter Egan

## Kids Cottage

Unless child care is of concern to you, you may not have known the location of the only current Council community services building in Artarmon west of the railway line (Jersey Rd reserve, south end of White St). As a result of changes to State Government rules regarding hiring of school buildings, Artarmon Community Church organised a petition to Willoughby City Council signed by 300 people requesting a change of permitted uses of Kids Cottage to enable church services on a Sunday. While Kids Cottage is suitable for many uses, its development approval (DA) only permitted use as a child care centre. As it is situated in a park surrounded by apartments and terraces, noise was, and remains, a major issue.

In response to the petition, Council held a public meeting at Kids Cottage on the 10th of March 2009. Few immediate neighbours,

or residents further afield, appear to have received notices of the meeting. Most (all?) attendees at the meeting were notified by community groups or saw it on the Kids Cottage noticeboard.

Neighbours spoke against a change of use at the public meeting and at the Council meeting on 27 April on the grounds of extra noise in a quiet neighbourhood. There was also concern about the apparent lack of notification, and therefore the lack of opportunity, for other residents to attend the meeting to express their views.

A representative of the Artarmon Community Church spoke at the public meeting and at the Council meeting on the quiet nature of the church services with an attendance of about 50 people. Representatives of other community groups in the Willoughby area such as the APA, its youth group ARTY, Zenith

Theatre Group and Epicentre Theatre Group, also attended the public meeting and spoke in favour of other uses outside the hours it operates as a child care centre. The primary use suggested by these other groups was meetings and theatre rehearsals without music or voice amplification.

At its meeting of 27 April, Council resolved to form a committee with the aim to advise Council on the possible terms and conditions to be include in a Development Application (DA) for extended community use of the centre.

The APA will continue to monitor and report on this issue in the next Gazette.

## Elizabeth St / Wilkes Avenue

A plan of works for **pedestrian improvements in the Elizabeth St / Wilkes Avenue precinct** has been prepared and approved through Council's Traffic Committee. Proposed works include an upgrade of the footpath across the existing traffic island, pram ramps and a median infill island to enable two-stage pedestrian crossing. Council considers that the works will provide a significant improvement in pedestrian safety and amenity at the location while minimising the impact on vehicle access and parking.

Council is in the process of consulting with the APA and local shopkeepers, and the improvements are likely to be in place in the next few months. Funding is being provided on a 50/50 basis by the RTA and Council.

## Cleland Park

The APA has made a donation to go towards a picnic setting in the newly landscaped **Cleland Park** - a plaque will be placed there recognising our donation.

## Garbage service

A resident of Mowbray Rd Artarmon, at Council's Open Forum 14 April, brought to Council's attention the rough and ready emptying of **garbage bins** in Mowbray Road by Council's contractor. Bins are not being properly emptied and returned to the kerb with their lids closed. The service is no better in Francis Rd Artarmon and likely other streets.

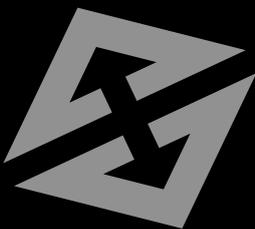
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#### Artarmon Station works

We are pleased to report that the maintenance and pavement works begun at the station on the first weekend in May are planned to be completed on the shutdown weekend in early June. Seating and new, smaller planter boxes and shrubbery will be installed.