

# What We've Told Artarmon –

Dec 2000

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With this issue, the *Gazette* is celebrating 10 years of informing 'Artarmon 2064' on the stories and issues that matter in our suburb.

In February 1999, Glenda Gartrell, along with her husband Richard, resurrected the *Gazette* as a local commercial publication. I say 'resurrected', as Artarmon had a *Gazette* once before – as long ago as 1929 in fact, and we have copies of this in the APA Archives, which have been recently returned to Willoughby from the State Library.

In early 2000, Glenda handed the *Gazette* over to the APA. Since then, the *Gazette* has become a regular quarterly publication, grown to 16 pages, changed logo and colours, and become a very professionally produced newsletter.

And the *Gazette* is still not-for-profit, with an amazing group of volunteers who write, edit, produce and deliver.

## Some things change... and some never do...

Issue 1 (February 1999) reported that the challenges surrounding the propose bike path had been resolved after much consultation between Council and residents – can you imagine where we walked and rode before we had this great piece of community infrastructure?

The same issue also reported that as early as 1998, the APA was concerned with the potential redevelopment of the airspace over the railway station

In September 1999, we welcomed Stuart Coppock as a newly-elected Ward Councillor – and Kate Lamb was re-elected, having been on Council since 1991.

June 2000 saw the APA successful in

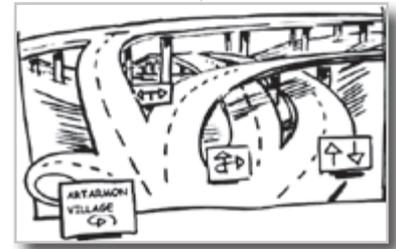


persuading the RTA to reinstate the Reserve Rd to Lane Cove link in the Gore Hill Freeway redesign – a major battle and a fabulous win for 'people power'. If only we'd been able to get those bus stops on layoffs at Reserve or Hampden Rd...

In May 2001, the APA launched its website, and Marianne Nestor reported on the first, incredibly successful Heritage Tour and Photo Exhibition. Later in 2001 (July), the ABC's planned move to Ultimo and the redevelopment of the site was discussed... how soon before we see significant developments there? (November 2009).

Airspace development over the station reared its head again in late 2001... and at the same time, Willoughby City Council (WCC) announced that it would redevelop Kids Cottage as a fully-fledged community centre. We've covered this issue many times since, including in this current issue (Artarmon @ Council, p 4). The APA has always held the view that this redevelopment was a great 'lost opportunity' for the community.

Early 2002 saw the former Uniting Church on



the corner of Tindale & Artarmon Rds sold to the Gavemer Foundation... and 2009 saw the Council purchase it for use as a new community centre and interim library – something to look forward to!

By the end of 2002 (November), Barry Thompson (not yet a Councillor) was advocating on behalf of the APA for free bus services between the Artarmon Industrial Area and the shopping village – Council has now given the community the opportunity to make this initiative work (see p1), so let's get behind them!

The May 2003 issue saw the beginning of reporting on the potential issues in relation to the Lane Cove Tunnel (LCT) – air filtration, traffic management – and also welcomed Gladys Berejiklian and Anthony Roberts as our two new state parliamentary representatives.

By May 2004, Barry Thompson was now 'Councillor', and remains so along with Kate Lamb and Stuart Coppock who were re-elected. May 2004 also saw the first Artarmon Fair, which has been getting bigger and better ever since.

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# 10 years of the Gazette By Anne Weinert

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Through 2005 and 2006, the main community issue reported on was the LCT development, and the failure of the RTA to engage constructively with the local community.

By early 2007, WCC had signed contracts for a 99-year lease over the old Council Works depot in the AIA... and you would have read recently of the impending opening of Home HQ North Shore on the site.

In May 2008, our Community Fair turned '5', and the Artarmon Library celebrated its 50th birthday.

Since then we have reported on a number of sustainability initiatives locally, such as the introduction of car sharing (November 2008) and the free shuttle bus in the AIA (May 2009 and this issue).

And then in November 2009, airspace development over the station reared its head again...

## Quiz No 16 Answers

Questions on page 6

1. The site was purchased and the foundation stone laid in October 1925. The church was dedicated and opened in March 1926.
2. Originally it was a Presbyterian Church but it became part of the Uniting Church in 1976.
3. It was transferred to the Artarmon Church from Scots Church in the city. Scots was demolished to make way for the southern approaches to the Harbour Bridge. The window was then already 100 years old. The APA will endeavour to find out where it has now been removed to.
4. On Sunday, 26 November 2000 at 9 a.m. was the final service – A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of the church over nearly 70 years. While the Uniting Church ceased holding services there, members of the Christian Assembly continued to hold services for a short while until it was sold into private hands. Willoughby Council purchased the property in 2009 and the library will re-locate there in the next few months.

Throughout these 10 years, the Gazette has also brought you some regular stories – from Mollie Shelley's informative gardening articles, to School News from Artarmon Public, columns from Sustainability St and Neighbourhood Watch, quizzes, heritage articles and local snippets in Talking 2064.

Thankyou to all of those who have been with us all this time – readers, advertisers, contributors, volunteer deliverers. Your assistance is hugely appreciated, and your input warmly welcomed!!

*I would like to express my thanks to all of you who have been associated with the Gazette and the APA in the time that I have been involved.*

*It is without doubt due to the efforts of the entire team that I proudly accepted the Cultural and Community Building Award presented at Willoughby City Council's Australia Day celebrations.*

*The award is a great honour, but one that would not have been possible without the hard work of everyone over the last c10 years.*

*The APA has a great association with this award – the inaugural winners of the award, Lynn & Bob Greaves, were APA nominees for the Citizen of the Year Award for 2005 (see the Gazette of February 2005), when the Cultural and Community Building Award was instituted as a new special category. I am humbled to be following in the footsteps of such awardees.*

*Anne Weinert*



Gladys Bereklikian and Anne Weinert at WCC Australia day celebrations. Photo by Glenda Hewitt.