

Lamb and Coppock re-elected to Council. Thompson beats Chin by 2 votes.

By John Peacock

The Local Government elections on Saturday 27 March 2004 saw the re-election of two incumbent City of Willoughby – Naremburn Ward, Councillors - Kate Lamb and Stuart Coppock. The third position went to Barry Thompson by a tiny margin over the Unity Party candidate, Kevin Chin. Thompson will replace outgoing Councillor Lesley Stephens who did not stand again after her one term as Councillor.

In the Mayoral election for the City of Willoughby, Mayor Pat Reilly defeated challenger Judith Rutherford by 11,874 votes to 7059 votes. In the referendum on the proposed Civic Place project, the "yes" case was successful with 59% of the vote in favour. Even on such a simple ballot paper, 5% of the total votes were informal. In addition, a large percentage of those eligible to vote did not do so.

In Naremburn Ward, 7,416 ballots were cast, with 725 of these, or 9.7% being informal. In a complicated system, Kate Lamb and Stuart Coppock were declared elected after the initial count as they had reached the "quota" of 1673 votes.

- Kate Lamb received 201 "below-the-line" first preference votes plus 1871 "Group votes", totalling 2072
- Stuart Coppock received 213 "below-the-line" first preference votes plus 1638 "Group votes", totalling 1851.

Count 2 saw Kate Lamb's 399 "surplus to quota" votes redistributed, with 378 going to Susan Biggs (the second candidate on Kate Lamb's ticket), 11 going to Barry Thompson, 2 to Kevin Chin and the other 8 votes being shared by six different candidates.

Count 3 saw Stuart Coppock's 178 "surplus to quota" votes redistributed, with 166 going to Sarah Davison (the second candidate on Stuart Coppock's ticket), 3 going to Barry Thompson, 1 to Kevin Chin and the other 8 votes being shared by five



Councillor Coppock, APA President Keith Anderson, Councillors Lamb and Thompson.

different candidates.

With Lamb and Coppock elected and their surplus to quota votes being redistributed, Counts 4 to 17 were the elimination of the candidates with the least votes and their preferences were transferred to the remaining candidates.

The order of candidates eliminated and their respective votes transferred was Shuang Cui (0), Ian Dellit (3), Ayesha Dellit (5), Ron Sinclair (5), Yun Lu (9), David Waters (12), Michelle Sloane-Slomczynski (14), Jan Smith (25), David Mathlin (33), Sal Crino (40), Sarah Davison (234), Simon Fuller (320), Susan Biggs (462), and Joe Ciantar (559).

Kevin Chin started his claim to the third Council position with a lead of 106 votes. From the second to the fifteenth count, Chin's position was consistent, although his lead was cut somewhat to 88 votes. However, the allocation of votes from Susan Biggs saw Thompson leapfrog Chin to lead by 47 votes. The votes for the second last candidate to be eliminated, former Councillor, Joe Ciantar, went 99 to Chin and 59 to Thompson.

The result was a cliffhanger - 1123 votes to Thompson and 1116 votes to Chin, with Thompson elected. A subsequent recount

reduced the margin to just 2 votes.

The APA President, Keith Anderson, congratulates those elected and thanks the unsuccessful candidates for standing for the City of Willoughby Council. ■

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APA-Notes from the President

By Keith Anderson

This Gazette marks the beginning of our 6th year of publication. Our thanks go to those who published the first issue in February 1999, and all who have given their time and assistance since. Quite a feat, given that a 'Gazette' was also published by the Progress Association in 1929 and lasted one issue!

Since our last Gazette, we have a new Council with a number of new Councillors including Artarmon's own Barry Thompson, to whom we offer our congratulations.

Artarmon Progress Association looks forward to working with re-elected Mayor, Pat Reilly and all Naremburn Ward Councillors - Kate Lamb, Stuart Coppock and Barry Thompson. We also thank the retiring Councillor, Lesley Stevens, who did not stand for re-election.

The election in Naremburn Ward was keenly contested by a large group of quality candidates, all wishing to contribute to and improve the management of the many key issues which impact our community, both locally and in the wider City of Willoughby, especially the vibrant city centre of Chatswood. For those unsuccessful candidates who are residents, property owners or have businesses in 'Artarmon 2064', APA invites them to consider offering their contribution towards local affairs through membership of and participation in the activities of your Association.

Indeed, APA renews its invitation to all residents to join APA and work with us in striving to protect and enhance the quality of the environment, both natural and built, and the ambience in which we enjoy living and working in this special part of the lower North Shore.

Following the great success of the Community Fair held on 1st May, I would like to personally thank APA's Michelle Sloane who was our chief event organiser and manager. Major contributors included Willoughby City Council, Artarmon Primary School, Gil Davis of Home Traders Gil Davis & Associates, our stall holders and sponsors, as well as our many other helpers to whom we extend our appreciation for their invaluable support on what was a great day for the whole community.

We have no good news yet on efforts to divert future Lane Cove Tunnel traffic from Artarmon residential streets but we continue to work on this.

The new Council will soon be presenting its 2004/5 Management Plan and Budget. In our next Gazette we hope to report on the outcome for Artarmon, 2064. ■

APA PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday 25 May 2004, 8.00-10.00pm

Artarmon Community Library, Elizabeth Street

Speaker: Greg Foster, Sustainable Environment Manager, WCC

WASTE MANAGEMENT, E-RESTORE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Environmental matters continue to feature prominently in WCC's program of activities. The current 'Willoughby City News' discusses the e-restore program, water conservation, rainwater tanks, waterway restoration and wildlife discoveries.

Last year, the Council introduced a new waste management program involving new waste/recycling bins, new contractors and other changes. Greg Foster will report on the results of these successful changes and discuss ways to further improve our recycling and waste management practices.

Also, last year the e-restore program received new funding and is continuing its valuable work in the Willoughby area. Research and monitoring is providing more answers on the state of our environment and waterways and this information is guiding new and ongoing programs. Greg will provide and update on these programs.

We have also asked Greg to discuss other Willoughby environmental issues or strategies, such as rainwater tanks, a topic which remains very relevant to all of us as the State government contemplates tighter long-term water restrictions.

It's your environment and you should care. Come and listen to Greg's information and ask your questions.

APA...what's happening in your Association

Lane Cove Tunnel – Community Liaison representative



Sonia Powell, Artarmon CCLG3 representative.

Have you seen your copy of the Lane Cove Tunnel News yet? During April, the first edition of this newsletter was delivered to 60,000 residents and businesses in suburbs surrounding the tunnel. Thiess

John Holland, the consortium designing and constructing the tunnel, will be distributing this newsletter every two months to help keep the community up to date.

Kitchener Road resident Sonia Powell, a school parent and APA member, has been reading up on a lot of the details behind the newsletter. Sonia is one of Artarmon's residential representatives on Thiess John Holland's consultation forum, Construction Community Liaison Group 3. CCLG3's focus is construction works around the Pacific Highway-Gore Hill Freeway interchange, including Reserve Road and the Artarmon industrial area, through to the Naremburn shops on Willoughby Road.

As a CCLG member, Sonia attends monthly meetings held at Artarmon Public School. The members review and comment on a range of detailed project documents, such as construction method statements and urban design plans, and raise issues that affect the local community.

Sonia decided to get more involved because of her concerns about the potential impact of the tunnel, especially on local families. These

include traffic management during and after construction; pedestrian access and safety; landscaping and aesthetics; and construction impacts such as noise, vibration, hours of work, and parking for tunnel workers. Sonia says, "I am hoping to minimise the tunnel's negative impacts – on my own young family, of course, but also on the local schoolchildren and the wider local community. I also want to help realise any potential opportunities to benefit our area."

What are the CCLGs?

There will eventually be four Construction Community Liaison Groups, one for each major area of construction work. Three CCLGs were established in February: one for the Pacific Highway-Gore Hill Freeway area; one for Mowbray Park and Epping Road West; and one for Epping Road Lane Cove to the Pacific Highway. The fourth liaison group will focus on construction of the Falcon Street ramps.

Each Construction Community Liaison Group includes community representatives who are local residents (like Sonia) and business operators; representatives of local councils; representatives of the RTA; an independent Environmental Management Representative; and members of the TJH project team.

The role of the CCLGs is defined by the Minister's Conditions of Approval for the tunnel project. Each CCLG is a local community forum for information exchange, with an emphasis on TJH understanding community concerns, providing information to the community, and minimizing construction impacts.

Want more information?

To find out more about the tunnel project, you can:

- visit the website, www.lanecovetunnelproject.com.au;

- visit the Lane Cove Tunnel Project Community Information Centre (due to open in April 2004) on the ground level of the Corinthian Building, 401 Pacific Highway Artarmon. This overlooks the main eastern construction and ventilation site in Marden Street, Artarmon;

- phone the Lane Cove Tunnel Community Contact Line on 1800 009 280 with concerns or problems, or to request further information.

If you have specific concerns you would like Sonia to raise through the Community Liaison Group, you can send these by email to lctgroup@artarmonprogress.org.au. ■

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Artarmon Public School news

By Katrina Weir

Students Gather Inspiration from Olympian

Olympic gold medallist, Kate Hooper OAM, gave Artarmon students a source of inspiration when she spoke recently to each year about determination and achieving your personal best.

Having won a gold medal playing water polo for Australia in the Sydney 2000 Olympic games, Kate now travels around Australia running workshops for students teaching them to set and achieve goals, build self-esteem and be successful leaders.

"Being an elite athlete, motivation and achieving personal goals have been integral parts of my everyday life. These skills are invaluable for athletes and students alike as they assist us in accomplishing our personal goals in our day-to-day life. They help us to study, plan and contribute more effectively and with purpose," Kate explained to the students.

It is clear that Kate's speech had an impact on many of the students as the following comments demonstrate.

"From Kate's speech, I learnt how significant it is to believe in ourselves and always try our best" - Emma Markos, 6K.

"Kate Hooper was a very inspirational person that I am glad to have met. She showed me that with your strength and support from your family, you could do anything. I hope that everybody has got the same amount of inspiration that I got from her" - Stephen Ke, 6W.

"Kate Hooper...helped me understand that I need to set small goals to achieve my dream and I have been doing so since she came" Katie Trevor, 6H.



Kate Hooper OAM shares her experiences with Artarmon students.

New Vision/Mission Statement Sets Direction for Artarmon School

Throughout last year, Principal Michael Simmons surveyed staff, students and parents to get their feedback on various aspects of school life including their thoughts on a suitable vision/mission statement that could lay the foundation for the school in the coming years.

After much consultation and hard work, the school has adopted the theme "Bringing out the best in each child" as its vision. There are



A large mural painted by many of 2003's Artarmon students captures the school's spirit.

three elements to the new vision/mission statement -: Harmony (Safety and happiness), Synergy (School spirit) and Excellence (Personal best).

Mr Simmons said that the school has clear goals to achieve in each of these areas. "One of our first goals is to improve the school's harmony by encouraging good social behaviour and reducing bullying. Jan Cohen (Deputy Principal) and her team have been working on an anti-bullying policy which is soon to be launched to the school community, including the parents. As part of the policy, we aim to empower students to be more self-confident and resilient."

School prefect Sarah Krust says, "I believe the Artarmon Public School vision encompasses the essential elements in ensuring a safe, happy school in which a strong sense of school spirit is both encouraged and valued, enabling all students to perform their personal best.

"Each of the three components of the vision are evident in our sporting, musical and academic pursuits".

Fellow prefect Monica Siddall says, "We need the whole school to have harmony, synergy and excellence to make it a place where people can have fun and learn."

Award Winning Children's Author

John Heffernan is an award-winning Australian children's author who lives with his wife, eight dogs, three cats and numerous

horses on a sheep and cattle property in northern New South Wales. He spends much of his time touring schools and talking to students and teachers. Earlier this year, he came to Artarmon Public School and captivated the students with his hilarious tales of life on the land, the escapades of his many animals and the inspiration for his writing.

John spoke for almost an hour to years 3-6 who clapped and cheered when he finished. He read excerpts from several of his books and shared many stories of his childhood and life

as a farmer.

'I always hoped that living on the land would allow me to write. What I didn't expect though was that it would give me something to write about. The place is full of stories that are being ignored in our increasingly urbanised and technology-driven society. I want to tell some of those tales,' John explained.

John's books reflect his love for life on the land. For example, his first book, Spud, was about his own blue heeler and is told from her

perspective, and Rachael's Forest takes up the theme of the rural recession and a family's fight to save their farm.

One of the Artarmon students who enjoyed John's talk was Joseph Eisinger who had the following to say: "Last week, Award-Winning Australian author John Heffernan came to our school to make a speech for an hour, in



Students enjoy John Heffernan's company during Book Week.

response to the school's Book Week. During his time talking to us we heard him tell us about some of his recent publications, such as CBD and GBH for older readers and books such as Two Summers for younger readers. He told us about how he owned his own farm north of Sydney, and how incidents he had witnessed on the farm influenced most of his books. For example, a series of books, Spud, Chips and Pup, were about farm dogs he owned. He thought about their playful character, and to make the book interesting, put the dogs with a cruel master.

"He told us what life was like being a farmer and talked about the most memorable moments in his life. Most moments he recounted were very funny and made the children laugh. He was a very entertaining man. Everyone was very well behaved, having their ears and eyes open the whole time and minds focused".

After that, it was the children's turn to ask questions, and the session ended with huge applause from the audience. ■

Ralph & Shirley Doughty

By Toni McKay

Well-known Artarmon couple Shirley and Ralph Doughty, of Doughty Family Butchery, have reluctantly retired after 20 years in their Hampden Road business. Although Ralph has owned many shops he is a self-taught butcher. Qualifications from his home town of Goulburn took him from a job in an auto-electrical shop obtained for him through the Salvation Army orphanage in which he was brought up, to an executive position in the E S & A bank, at a time when to be employed, one had to lodge a £500 bond and produce a birth certificate. Ralph had neither, but head office in London made an exception in his case. He later obtained a Bachelor of Business CPA from the Ku-ring-gai CAE.

Now married to Shirley, a Goulburn girl, descendant of Scottish settlers, and with a growing family, Ralph felt the need for a career change so accepted an offer to help with the running of his cousin's butcher shop back home. Although employed to do the books, he learned the butchery business and went on to own three shops in Canberra, employing 15 - 20 people.

After selling up in the ACT, Ralph went on contract to the Middle East as a troubleshooter for the meat industry. This involved flying around to the various Persian Gulf states resolving disputes as well as promoting Australian exports.

They arrived in Artarmon in 1974 at a time when the area was changing and high-rise buildings were going up. From talking to Shirley and Ralph it is obvious that they have enjoyed their years here and they leave with great sadness. Retirement at the moment is enjoying leisure time in their lovely home in St Leonards. Shirley plans to do voluntary work in a number of capacities and Ralph is much

involved in the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care to which he has presented a twenty-eight page submission. He is also considering doing a Masters in Law at UTS. Also on the agenda is keeping up with their multitude of friends in Artarmon where their cheerful, happy presence is much missed. ■



We would like to thank the people of Artarmon for their loyal support over the 20 years we have been in business in Hampden Road. Over this time we have been pleased to see the development of the wonderful multi-cultural community that exists today.

We cherish the memories of meeting the babies and seeing them grow; of the young children who came by to see us after school and of conversations with the young people, with their parents and with all our customers.

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Shirley & Ralph Doughty

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Artarmon Community Fair

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The railway track work being undertaken on the day did not deter the attendance or enjoyment of all those who participated.

Thanks to Sophie and Peter from Coffee Express for providing refreshments to those setting up on Saturday morning.

What a Success!

Artarmon Public School raised over \$2500 through sales at the Mother's Day gift stall and raffle. The Noah's Ark Toy Library Cake Stall sold out by about 2.00pm!

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. Catherine and the Committee were quite overwhelmed by the support! NATL made over \$1200 on the day with other donations still to be accounted for!! Thank you so much to all those who supported this most necessary and needy cause.

The Neighbourhood Watch/APA Sausage Sizzle sold over 40 kilos of sausages and also sold out on the day!!

Art 2064 was a wonderful exhibition of local artists including Prudence Crabbe, Jan Cumming, Bronwen Kretz, Christina Talacko, Colin Husband, Jo Jo Fuller, Trevor Berry and Malcolm Chesney. Organised by Lynn Greaves from Artarmon Framing & Dale Thomas gallery, it brought together a diverse collection of works highlighting the talent in our

community. Art 2064 was supported by an exhibition and sale of work by Barbara Bryan, our well known local photographer. Proceeds from the sale of work will go to the School.

Artarmon School Music

The day started with an excellent guitar performance from the School followed by 50 children singing to the very large assembled crowd. To support the continuation of the musical tradition of our School the APA presented a flute to Michael Simmons, the Principal.

School Art - "Images of Artarmon"

The School Art Exhibition showcased the talent of many of our local children, featuring painting, wire sculptures and representations of Artarmon's past. Judges Lynne Greaves (Artarmon Framing and Dale Thomas gallery) and Jacky Talbot, Arts and Cultural Manager 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 winners. Certificates and book vouchers, given by Gil Davis & Associates, were awarded to Julia Federico, Christopher Lim, Karina Zheng, Emma Roger, Sarah Alihos, Dasol Kim and Tim Kwan.

The major prizes went to:

- 3rd Prize - Year 5 for The Bugs
- 2nd Prize - Layla Toocaram, Louise Finch-Penninger and Jing Feng for Costume of the 1920s
- 1st Prize - Classes 6K and 5/6LW for "Synergy".

The Renovation Challenge Launch

The 'Renovation Challenge' brochure was launched by Mayor Pat Reilly, who spoke of the diversity of Artarmon and the importance of preserving the heritage of our built environment. He applauded the work of the Artarmon Progress Association in raising the profile of our architectural heritage and commended the work of Marianne Nestor and Glenda Gartrell in developing the brochure.

Our other Heritage activities included a heritage street walk - organised and conducted by Glenda Gartrell, the original developer of our heritage house program. The walk was held twice departing from the Library at 11.30 and then again at 1.00pm.

A Heritage Photographic Exhibition - compiled and organised by Marianne Nestor, the original curator of this exhibit, and held as part of our celebration of the Centenary of Federation in 2001, was on display in the Library.

The Fair was truly a great community event which only happened due to the extraordinary energy of the men and women of Artarmon, Willoughby City Council and our generous local businesses. It will be an annual event so watch the Gazette for regular updates concerning our plans for 2005! ■



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Councillors' feedback...feedback...feedback



Kate Lamb

Is anyone in doubt that democracy is alive and well in Willoughby City? I hope not! When I first stood for Council in 1991 there were three candidates for Nareburn Ward – on

March 27th there were 15! What to make of this? Well at the very least, it means that we had the opportunity to make a choice and that can't be bad! Personally, I am really happy that Susan Biggs, David Mathlin and I not only topped the poll, but also that all three of us entered the competition having a genuine interest in being elected. A big thankyou to those people who supported us and whilst I am sorry that we were not all elected, I aim to work with both Barry and Stuart – in the interests of all people in the Ward.

The campaign period provides a great opportunity to get out and listen to people speak about life in our suburb and the city. Although I never anticipate 'door knocking' with much relish (it feels like imposing on people's time and privacy), I have to say that I usually enjoy it once I get going! It is good to meet people, to be reminded how much goodwill there is out there and to get a handle

on what 'the issues' really are. Certainly there are huge concerns about traffic and development however there is also a lot of support for the Council activities which aim to manage their adverse impacts. Programs such as bush regeneration, conservation and heritage controls and public transport advocacy are valued by thoughtful people who understand the constraints the State government imposes on us.

I was impressed by the weight of public concern about two issues in particular – the inadequacy of current child care services and of accessible, local transport services. I promise to do whatever I can to address these needs – on the understanding that in both cases, it is other levels of government who make the policy and who hold the purse strings! I would also ask that those of you who have ideas about the opportunities local government has to make a difference, please to contact me to discuss them. I value that kind of assistance, and like to think that having listened in the past is the reason why I have been effective in contributing to some of our Council's achievements to date.

And how about the Civic Place Poll?! What a wonderful result for the future of our City! As a Council which prides itself on its patronage of the arts, I have always thought it strange

that we should think it proper for our wonderful Willoughby City Orchestra and choir for example, to perform in sub standard conditions! Now we can do something about it so let's all stay involved with the process- as there is much to be ironed out over the current Council term.

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Barry Thompson

What an anxious way to start life as a councillor! After all the activity of the campaign, I was disappointed on election night by the news that I was behind by about 150 votes. However the likely flow of preferences

caused me not to lose hope of winning. Nonetheless, I figured that the final result would be very close – and it was. After distribution of preferences, I had a lead of seven votes. A recount of votes was requested. After the recount, the margin fell to just 2 votes!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me, especially my companions on the ticket. Each of you has my permission to regard your vote as one of those last vital two!

My condolences go to Kevin Chin of the Unity

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Gauze Bandage 5cm	3	1	1
Gauze Bandage 10cm	3	1	
Gloves Disposable	10	4	2
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Safety Pins packets	1	1	1
Scissors Blunt 12.5cm	1	1	
Splinter Forceps	1	1	
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Councillors' feedback...feedback...feedback

Party. I hope he will continue to work for the benefit of his constituents and be a voice in our community.

At time of publication, we new councillors have had our initial briefings from Council staff and our first Council meetings. All councillors have also chosen which of the fifty or so committees that surround the Council we wish to serve on. Everyone tells me my life is about to change and that any expectations I have of that change will be well short of the mark. It seems I have four and a half years to adjust because the next election has already been slated for September 2008.

While I have resigned my positions on the Artarmon Progress Association and the Federation of Progress Associations, I hope I will find time to attend meetings of both groups and to maintain flows of information in all directions. I urge you to support the APA committee and to bring your community concerns to their attention. It seems to me that a letter from a Progress Association will have greater impact at Council than one from an individual, especially if the issue can be shown to have broad application. If I can be of help in these or other circumstances, please feel free to contact me by email at Barry.Thompson@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au or by phoning 9412 1596. ■



Stuart Coppock

I would like to thank the people of Artarmon for their vote of confidence in the work I have been undertaking as a Councillor since 1999 and to acknowledge the contribution of Sarah

Davison and Jan Smith as members of my Group to the success of our campaign. Like working for the community, campaigning

always takes a team effort. I hope they will both think again of running as candidates as they would contribute much to the community. I look forward to working for all the Community during the next term of Council. There are, as always, plenty of challenges.

Truck Noise in Artarmon after hours

Simon Fuller, one of our candidates in the Ward at the last campaign, gave some profile to truck noise – delivery truck and garbage truck noise early in the morning – in Elizabeth St. The same issue also exists on the other side of the railway line. Whilst it has been suggested that the garbage trucks are Council contracted trucks this is not the case. In all cases investigated so far, the offenders appear to be privately owned vehicles.

Council's Compliance Unit is able to take action with noise abatement. However, to do so, evidence of the offending noise needs to be provided. If residents have a problem in this regard it would be a good idea to keep a record of when and where the noise was made. Armed with this evidence, Council Officers can then seek to enforce noise regulations. If you collect such records, please contact me on the email address below so I can get your records to the appropriate Council Officer.

Polling Day Traffic Petition

The Traffic Petition to the NSW State Parliament had about one-third of the voters at the Artarmon School Polling Booth signed up and calling for action for a regional traffic plan, and for attention to be given to improving traffic flow at the intersection of Mowbray Rd and Pacific Highway, keeping inter-regional traffic on arterial roads – 'traffic speak' for keeping Lane Cove Tunnel traffic off Artarmon streets. Thank you to all those who

signed the petition.

Access to Artarmon Railway Station

During the last campaign it was once again brought to my attention that access for the elderly and disabled to Artarmon Railway Station is a real issue for our community. It is of some continued concern that the State Member for Willoughby, Glades Berejikian, has had the NSW State Government confirm again there are no plans to improve access to Artarmon Station. The issue is that many people in Artarmon travel by train to Chatswood to shop. There is no public or private bus service on offer.

It would seem to be a reasonable expectation that with the construction of the new Chatswood Railway Station and the Chatswood-Epping Railway, disabled access would be an important part of the jigsaw for the overall upgrading of regional public transport.

The potential frequency of trains on the Chatswood to Sydney line after the Epping Chatswood Railway is opened will be equal to the current City circle service. All regional bus services and routes are current under review. It is my understanding that the routes will be altered to utilise the new bus terminus to be constructed at Chatswood.

St Leonards now has disabled access. Chatswood will have it but Artarmon will miss out. The extraordinary thing is that the money for the upgrade across Sydney is Federal money; the State does not pay a cent for this \$300M program.

Along with the APA, I hope my fellow Councillors will join with me on this issue of disabled access in the context of regional transport upgrading. Tel 9958 0483 email: stuartcoppock@optushome.com.au ■

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Plants for shady gardens 2

By Mollie Shelley

In thinking about exotic plants for shady gardens I found myself with more plants than could possibly be covered in so short an article. Remember the basic principles: determine the amount of sun your site receives in summer and in winter and at what time of day. Attend to your soil's fertility.

Many plants will thrive with three or four hours of morning sun and good light for the remainder of the day. In this category are fuchsias, gardenias, hydrangeas, daphne, brunfelsia, balsams, some of the begonia family and many camellias (but not sasanquas for optimum flowering). I propose to concentrate on plants for woodland or similar conditions – short periods of sun at intervals during the day or flecked sun/shade for much of the day.

Shrubs for fence height to approximately three metres include: *Justicia (Jacobinea) carnea*, dark-leaved with pink pineapple flowers; and *Pieris ryukyuensis* 'Temple Bells' with larger flowers than the smaller *Pieris japonica* and *formosa*. The pieris family are unusual in that they like some afternoon sun. *Nandina domestica* is a good screening plant that grows well with little or no sun but does not produce quite as many berries in shade. There are some

Camellia japonica varieties that will flower in shady conditions; amongst these is "Mrs. D.W. Davis" which has large pale pink water-lily flowers with long yellow stamens. Frost-tender *Mackaya bella* thrives in shade in our climate; it grows to three metres, has dark glossy leaves and a display of open blue-mauve bell flowers.

Smaller plants include some sold as indoor plants. One such is *Pachystachys lutea* Golden Candles which grows to about a metre and, in protected shade, flowers for the greater part of the year. The *Plectranthus* family is useful for shady conditions. *Plectranthus ecklonii* has either pink or violet panicles of tubular flowers and grows to about two metres; *P. ciliatus* is a useful ground cover with purple stems and leaf back and sprays of mauve flowers in autumn. *Abutilon megapotamicum*, and *A.x hybridum* 'Golden Fleece' will grow and flower in part shade as will some of the other *Abutilon* hybrids. Dark-leaved *Strobilanthes anisophyllus* (Goldfussia) grows to about a metre and smothers itself with lilac bells in late winter and spring in lightly shaded or woodland conditions. Prune it well after flowering to maintain its shape. I also have some cane begonias, particularly the white B. 'Passing Cloud' growing in day-long dappled shade. Mine is almost a woodland garden and



Cartoon by Wendy Bishop

nearly all the begonias do well in it.

There are many small plants that will thrive in shady conditions. Here are some: cliveas (I now have four different kinds); *Thalictrum aquilegifolium* has soft fern-like foliage and sprays of pink flowers; *Liriope muscari* a good border and spot plant with sprays of purple flowers in February/March; *Zephyranthes candida* or Storm Lily, tiny bulbs with a marvelous show of white flowers in late summer/early autumn, and the less common pink form *Z.grandiflora*.

Next issue I'll continue with plants for shady areas concentrating on ground covers, hanging baskets and plants for deeper shade. ■

PERMACULTURE NORTH meets 3rd Monday evening each month in Lindfield.
Info: Wendy Bishop, 9420 4884.

Phyllis Burke Court

By Willie Atkinson

Phyllis Burke Court in Barton Rd was opened in 1968. It had been built as a 'showcase' by the Housing Commission, and was named



Aerial view: Phyllis Burke Court

Facts and figures:

Phyllis Burke Court – 15 & 17 Barton Road.
Property of the NSW Departm't of Housing.
Designed by Walter Bunning, who also designed the National Library.
Reinforced concrete egg-crate core, faced externally with a curtain of non-load bearing brickwork.

after the daughter of one of the Commission's founding fathers. She had succeeded him on the Board.

Unique in shape and size, the positioning of the two buildings takes the slope into



Willie Atkinson

account. A lot of space – playgrounds, car parks.

The location was well chosen – hospital, school, transport, Post Office, shops, medical centre, chemist – a host of other facilities.

Not far from many industries, meaning work close to home for young people. And near the TAFE college.

The building comprises 152 units, with 22 communal laundries, and waste disposal chutes on every level. A community room opened in 1994.

There are three families who have lived in the building since it opened in 1968. In their twilight years, they have fond memories of the halcyon days, when the building was well-managed and maintained. More importantly, there was peace and harmony.

Once the showcase of the Department, now an eyesore. Years of neglect; no preventative maintenance. In today's real estate values, worth millions of dollars. A building for its time, maybe running out of time.

What now – restoration or the bulldozer? God only knows and HE won't tell. Rest in peace Phyllis Burke. ■

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Girl Guides are climbing the walls

By Sonia Powell

Conquering any fear of heights, twenty Artarmon Guides aged 7-14 visited the ClimbFit indoor rock climbing centre in March.

"Wall climbing is a fantastic, healthy activity for the girls to develop confidence and new abilities", said Belinda Szalinski, who co-leads the Junior group on Tuesday evenings. Michael Swinsburg, one of the parents helping with safety belaying, agreed. "As a dad, I'm pleased that Guides gives our daughters good opportunities to grow friendships, have some energetic fun, and put something back into the community." According to the girls, climbing was fun, a bit scary, and hard work – and they want to come back for more!



Raveena and Zoe enjoying ClimbFit.

During Term 1, the girls also had leadership training, went bushwalking, and enjoyed plenty of games and creative activities in the Guide Hall. ■

Talking 2064

23 Feb 2004 was the 20th anniversary of Australia's first heart transplant under the program pioneered by the late Dr Vincent Chang. It was a significant event for Bob & Lynn Greaves of artarmon framing & the dale thomas gallery. Bob received a heart transplant in July 1994 - he was the 388th recipient at St Vincents Hospital. Bob and Lynn are both active members of the Australian Heart-Lung Transplant Association, with Bob being a

former President. Lynn's late husband, Dale Thomas, was also the recipient of a transplant.

A WCC officer recently confirmed that the ABC site has been sold. A report in the Financial Review of March 12 speculated that the purchaser was 'interests associated with developer John Goubran' and the sale price \$35m. The Officer reminded us that one of the clauses of the rezoning was that 600m2 of floor space would be provided by the purchaser for community activities. ■

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Sunday 20th June
10.00am Service
Lunch to follow

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Patronal Festival.

But as old as St Basil's is, we are not just about the past. St Basil's is about the present and future as well, with God and with Christ. We would love you to join us for:

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1.00pm A Korean language service conducted by the New Directions Church of Christ. Please phone Pastor Han for details on 9636 1422.

6.00pm St Basil's@6. An informal

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Time is the proven way of making money in real estate. However, there are ways to speed up the clock if you know what you are doing.

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If you hold on to any piece of the property for long enough, you are going to make money, no matter what "expert" predictions of falling prices you may hear. Some people though, either as a hobby or by profession, actually make a lot of money quickly in real estate. Like any trading, the key to it is what it takes to create differential between buying and selling.

An obvious example beyond the reach of most is redevelopment – building a block of units for instance, where only a few houses existed before. However, an investor can achieve substantial premium by buying a property that has the right zoning to permit redevelopment. All it may take is site amalgamation (ie: getting the neighbours holding other similarly zoned properties to agree) and then selling the lot to a developer.

Unit or townhouse owners often achieve a small but very quick profit by renovation. Provided the complex is appealing and well located, rundown places can be readily transformed without structural change.

Bigger profits are to be made with houses but more skill and cost control is required. After all, a lot of money can be spent on a renovation that no-one really likes. The KISS rule is all important (Keep It Simple, Silly). The architecture must take into account aesthetic appeal, room function, relationship to other rooms and spaces, light and outlook. The design must demonstrate flair but also be relatively inexpensive to construct. Finishes and colour can provide the magic touches.

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Regards

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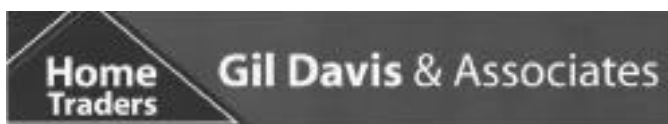
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