

Membership fee due

Membership renewal was due on the 1st January 2018. We respectfully request that visitors attending our meetings or receiving our West Ward Bytes become a member of the Association. Membership is \$10 a year. To join you can see the Treasurer after a meeting. Payment can either be by cash at a meeting or by direct bank transfer to 032 090 548083 with your name in the reference field. In addition, every applicant must have completed an application for membership. These are available at a meeting or on our website cwwpa.org.

Constitution

Changes to legislation last year necessitates that we update our Constitution. A draft revised constitution was distributed to members last month with notice of a special resolution to amend the constitution and Objects of the Association. A revised draft, based on feedback at the last general meeting has been prepared by the Committee and being distributed to members.

The special resolution will be put at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday night.

Transport Interchange

The Premier recently apologised that she had been misled by the Minister of Transport over the proposed sale of 1-7 Railway St, Chatswood. This site would seem to be an ideal location to integrate for the expansion of the existing overloaded transport interchange. CWWPA has long advocated such an approach. After conflicting feedback from the Minister we raised the issues with the Federation of Willoughby Progress Association who relentlessly pursue the matter. The question now is 'what is the next step?'

Crown Land Alienation

A recent court decision has instructed Willoughby Council to ensure public access to a crown land reserve that had been gazetted as being held in trust for public recreation. The wider implications of this determination are unknown.

OH Reid Memorial Park

A Master Plan is being developed. Community input being sought via Council's website. Input by Friday 23 March 2018.

9 Centennial Avenue

This stately two-storey house was built by renowned architect George Castledon. Many West Ward luminaries have previously lived in the house. There exist heritage reports that the building is deserving of a heritage listing but Willoughby Councillors have consistently balked at doing so. Recently the building was sold. Soon after, demolition started. Vigilant locals raised the issue with Council who swiftly placed an Interim Heritage Order on the building. Council officers also took move to have the site secured and the building protected from the weather.

The Interim Development Order provides time for another heritage assessment report to be completed. In a few months time the matter

AGM & Meeting

15th March 2018
7:30 PM Dougherty Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood

Public Consultation

A federal inquiry found that government agencies who ask communities for their opinion on infrastructure projects often ignore the input as they are scared of losing control. It was proposed that the power that central agencies have in deciding what infrastructure gets built should be reduced and data-sharing technology used to get citizens' input, instead of "stakeholder consultation" that was often ignored.

Girl Guides

The guides who rent premises in Anglo St Reserve from Council have recently been hit with a significant fee increase.

Tourists

New research shows that Chatswood Chase is the most popular shopping centre in Australia for Chinese travelers visiting for more than 30 days.

DAs

Councils have been set a target of 90 per cent of DAs to be determined within 40 days. Willoughby takes 90 days. Will we now see staff numbers increase?