

New Mayor for Willoughby

In a very close contest, Sailors Bay Ward Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney won the Mayoral by-election held on April 12. After a distribution of preferences, Cr Giles-Gidney won followed by Cr Coppock and Cr Mustaca. There were seven other candidates in the Mayoral race.

Gail is a Castlecrag resident who has lived in Willoughby for 18 years and has been a Councillor for five years. Since the death of Mayor Pat Reilly, Gail has been Acting Mayor. Her platform for the election included easing traffic and parking congestion; improving services for youth, aged and multicultural; enhancing local shopping and promoting the Chatswood CBD; optimising sport and recreation facilities; maximising use of The Concourse; and protecting our natural and built heritage.

By-election needed for Sailors Bay Ward

As Mayor Giles-Gidney was a Councillor for Sailors Bay Ward, a by-election will be held on June 14 to elect a new Ward Councillor. The Ward includes Northbridge, Castlecrag and part of Willoughby. Two polling booths will be open in Northbridge and voting will be compulsory.

Northbridge voted for Gail

At the Willoughby Mayoral Election, Northbridge residents overwhelmingly voted for Sailors Bay Ward Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney. She recorded 1088 primary votes at the two Northbridge polling booths compared with her nearest rivals, Cr Stuart Coppock (594) and Cr Tony Mustaca (525). Former Council General Manager John C. Owen recorded 447 primary votes. The other six candidates in the election collected a total of only 473 votes out of the total of 3127 cast at the two booths.

New deputy Mayor

Cr Stuart Coppock was elected unopposed as deputy Mayor by Councillors at a Council meeting held on April 28.

From our new Mayor

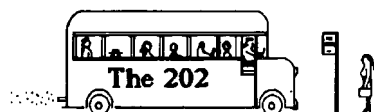
It is a pleasure to write to you as the Mayor of the City of Willoughby. I am incredibly excited to be elected to this position, and very passionate about delivering positive outcomes for our City. I was very pleased and grateful for the support I received from residents of Sailors Bay Ward and I look forward to continuing to serve local residents.

During the election campaign, many people raised their concerns about increasing traffic congestion and parking demands, as well as the need for a resolution for the Northbridge Plaza Council car park. I remain committed to delivering a positive outcome for these issues.

With 27 per cent of Northbridge residents under 16 years of age, it is not surprising that voters are also concerned about suitable playground, sporting and recreational facilities. Council is currently working to provide services for our community to make sure all members can be engaged in a healthy lifestyle. In addition, we need to provide for our elderly residents who love Northbridge and want to remain in the area.

As Mayor, I will be working with all other Councillors to guide strategic planning to address the key issues affecting our City.

We are fortunate in Northbridge to have so many active community members who are willing to be involved in local matters. The Northbridge Progress Association, other community groups and individuals provide vital feedback to Council on the future direction of our City. I encourage you to let me know what is important to you. If you have any issue you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9777 1001 or Gail.Giles-Gidney@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au.



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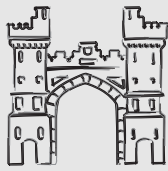
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Please come along to the next General Meeting of Northbridge Progress Association at
7.30pm for 7.45pm start – Thursday, June 5
at Northbridge Golf Club

Guest speaker:
Cr Gail Giles-Gidney
New Willoughby City Mayor

Candidates standing for the upcoming Ward by-election have been invited to address the meeting and meet the residents.

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President's letter



We wish to congratulate Sailors Bay Ward Cr Gail Giles-Gidney on recently being elected Mayor of Willoughby. Gail has represented Sailors Bay Ward as a Councillor for the past 5 years and we look forward to continuing to work with her in her new official role.

Congratulations also to Cr Stuart Coppock who was elected as deputy Mayor by the Councillors at the subsequent Council meeting. A by-election will be held on June 14 to elect a new Northbridge Ward Councillor. All residents should be aware that voting is compulsory.

We would like to congratulate our State MP, Gladys Berejiklian, on her appointment as Deputy Leader of the NSW Liberal Party and new Minister for the Hunter in addition to her role as Minister for Transport.

Northbridge Plaza & Car Park

Willoughby Council has started discussions on the Northbridge Plaza Council car park options. It is hoped that all Northbridge residents and shop owners will attend the presentations and contribute their feedback as and when required. You can read full details of the options for consideration on page 4 under Council Matters.

Northbridge Baths

In March a group met to put in place a year round action plan that will ensure our Northbridge Baths remain, what some have called, "one of the jewels of the lower North Shore".

Our sincere appreciation goes to local resident, Bruce Wilson, who has been instrumental in initiating the improvements, and also to Council General Manager Nick Tobin and his team, who have rallied behind the cause. A lot of work still needs to be done and we encourage all involved with the Baths to assist where possible.

Bonds Corner Playground

The recently formed Playground subcommittee seem to be having a positive impact. Reports are that the team has been liaising well with Council Officers in drawing up conceptual plans for the new Bonds Corner Playground. A great initiative – our thanks go to Rachel Hill, Sandra Bridgewater Dunn, Seryn Ryan and Joanne Thorniley for getting involved and helping with this project.

Northbridge War Memorial Clock Tower

Council resolved earlier this year that, subject to a contribution by the NPA (including a Federal Grant received from the Department of Veterans' Affairs), it would carry out repairs to the Memorial and replace the clock. We understand that work is scheduled to commence early in June.

Rob Coote

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Councillor's viewpoint

by Cr Hugh Eriksson

I trust 2014 has been productive and enjoyable so far for Northbridge residents. It has certainly been very busy in Council.

Firstly, I would like to pass on my condolences to the Reilly family. As the City's longest serving Mayor, Pat and his wife Beth contributed enormously to Willoughby. His devotion to the community was second to none. On a personal note, I grew up with Pat being my Mayor and as a new Councillor, he was very

much a mentor assisting and advising me in my new role. I wish his family all the very best for the future.

The recent by-election for the position of Mayor was a tightly fought contest. The campaign was long and I congratulate all ten candidates who stood, especially my fellow Sailors Bay Ward Cr Gail Giles-Gidney on being elected by 288 votes. I wish her all the very best in her new post as Mayor.

As mentioned, the year has been very busy to date. The main issue for the Northbridge community as I see it, for the remainder of the current term of this Council, is the Northbridge Plaza car park. This issue has been ongoing for many years, and my personal belief is that, one way or another, we need to come to a resolution on what direction to take.

It is my understanding that Council staff are currently preparing for a period of community consultation on the options. I encourage all residents to take the time to send in their feedback. I believe we can make progress on this matter if we all work together for an outcome that best suits all the interested parties. I am positive we can have a plan to move this forward during this term.

Please feel free to contact me any time.

I wish you all well for the coming winter months.

Cr Eriksson is one of our Sailors Bay Ward Councillors, each of whom contributes regularly to The 202.

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Voter turnout low at Mayoral by-election

Only 68.75% of 45,377 enrolled electors voted at the Willoughby Mayoral by-election. This is a remarkably low number compared with State or Federal elections, probably due to residents not knowing that voting was compulsory.

The penalty for failing to vote at a Local Government election is \$55.

Another by-election

A by-election for Sailors Bay Ward will be held on June 14.

The candidates standing for Willoughby Council are Rachel Hill of Northbridge, Vache Kahramanian of Willoughby East and Robert Manning of Naremburn.

All candidates have been invited to briefly address the NPA general meeting on June 5.

All residents are reminded that voting is compulsory.

Bushcare's Major Day Out

The date for the Willoughby BMDO is Sunday September 7, 9am-12pm. If you would like to participate, even new recruits, in weeding the local bushland and helping celebrate the work bushcarers do, then contact Stuart Hall at Willoughby Council: 9777 7942 or email stuart.hall@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

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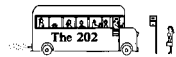
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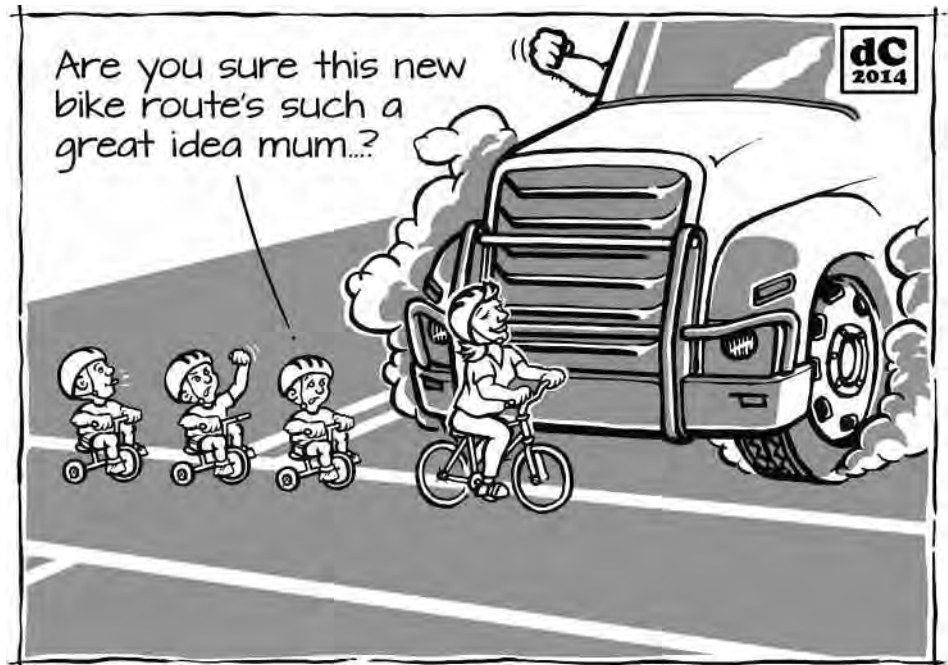
New bike route planned

Residents will have noticed the construction taking place of new traffic lights on Eastern Valley Way between Sailors Bay & Edinburgh Roads. As well as giving safe access across Sailors Bay Road to residents in the new Kiah Willoughby site, it will allow Council to introduce a bike route along Eastern Valley Way, Tenilba and Kameruka Roads through to Clive Park. The route will connect with the existing bike route on Frenchs Road via Kiah Willoughby and Alpha Road.

The on-road bike route along Kameruka and Tenilba Roads will consist of directional signs as well as bike logos marked on the road at regular intervals. Whilst Council noted the concerns raised by NPA with regard to the use of these roads as a bike route, it noted that there are a number of similar situations elsewhere within the Local Government Area that operate satisfactorily. We can only hope!

Alpha Road no right turn

The Council Traffic Committee has been reviewing the afternoon No Right Turn from Frenchs Road into Alpha Road. Accidents are still occurring and consideration is now being given to extending the right turn ban to apply from 7.30am-9.00pm Mon-Fri. The other option being considered is the introduction of traffic lights at the intersection. Council will consult with residents to work out a satisfactory solution.



Plaza car park

A number of community consultations will commence in late May in relation to the ongoing issue of the Plaza car park. The three options under consideration are:

- Retain the basic car park but bring it up to compliance level at a cost of \$1.3m with the loss of some car spaces.
- Level the car park with a terrace option, giving two levels of entry – one level from Eastern Valley Way and the other level entering from Harden Ave, with a ramp between levels. This option would result in a loss of about 30 spaces and will cost \$3-4m.
- Build two levels of car park at neutral cost to Council, to be funded by the building of seniors' living apartments along Eastern Valley Way. This option would involve a 10% expansion of the Plaza, incorporate a new early childhood centre, small shops and outdoor café space, some internal upgrade work within the Plaza and a new pedestrian access to Kings Park.

The community consultations have commenced with concerned parties – residents, local businesses and people living in surrounding areas. All residents are encouraged to attend and contribute their views to the consultation process.



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From our State MP

Gladys Berejiklian

I take this opportunity to update you on the NSW Government's plans to address school capacity issues throughout the Lower North Shore.

As you may be aware, in the NSW State Budget handed down in 2013 we committed to a \$70 million initiative which will provide brand new schools on the North Shore and extra classrooms at existing schools, including:

- A new comprehensive high school at Crows Nest,
- A new primary school for the Lower North Shore,
- A major upgrade of Mowbray Public School, and
- Extra classrooms for Chatswood, Artarmon, Harbord and Lane Cove West public schools.

These upgrades and new schools mean that Northbridge Primary can continue to thrive and provide outstanding education to local children.

New Cammeray primary school

Recently I announced that the NSW Government signed a 99-year lease with North Sydney Council to establish a new primary school on the site of the former ANZAC Memorial Club in Cammeray.

The new school, with a capacity of 1000 students from Kindergarten to Year 6, will be open in 2016. Currently in the design phase, the new school will be a 21st Century learning facility designed to be accessible to the local community for after school use. It will include 41 classrooms, a library, canteen, administration and staff facilities, a covered outdoor learning area, covered walkways and a lift.

The school will also feature a communal hall designed to include facilities for Out of School Hours Care (OSHC).

Secondary schools

I am delighted that Bradfield College at Crows Nest will be refurbished to create a new comprehensive, co-educational high school which is expected to open for Term 1, 2015.

To further address school capacity issues on the North Shore, an education model is currently being developed for a high school on the University of Technology, Ku-ring-gai campus site which is expected to commence operations in 2018.

As the Member for Willoughby, I am thrilled that this significant government investment will give our local community these critically needed new education facilities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those in our community who have worked so hard to support these outcomes.

Gladys Berejiklian MP
Member for Willoughby
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Baths improvements under way

The dry summer this year has given swimmers the best bathing conditions for over 50 years. On a sparkling day and high tide, the laughter of littlies splashing on the sandy beach, teenagers hanging out, and swimmers enjoying some relaxing laps give a wonderful example of a community facility bringing locals together to share a healthy, active lifestyle.

However, many Baths' users have been increasingly concerned that Council staff were not cleaning and maintaining the facilities day-to-day. Some swimmers feared long-term neglect could lead to eventual demolition.

In March, some sixty ratepayers decided to present these concerns to Sailors Bay Ward Crs Gail Giles-Gidney and John Hooper. They adopted the name, Friends of Northbridge Baths (FONB), suggested by Cr Hooper, with the shared aim of protecting this low key, low cost bathing facility for current and future generations. Both Councillors responded positively, with then Acting Mayor Giles-Gidney immediately convening a meeting on March 17 at the Baths with all key stakeholders: General Manager Nick Tobin, Willoughby Leisure Centre manager Kate Day, NPA representatives, Rob Coote and Marillyn Stewart, Swimming Club secretary, Tim Clarkson, and FONB spokesperson, Bruce Wilson.

The Master Plan

General Manager Tobin stated that Council wished to retain the Baths indefinitely and that they were working on a Master Plan over the next two years. Some head-beams supporting the walkway would need replacement over the next five to ten years, as may the rubber-tiled surface. He affirmed that the starting blocks would be rejuvenated this winter, and the interiors of the change-rooms repaired and thoroughly cleaned.

Also over winter, we hope to see correct angling of the ladders, top-dressing of the two grassed areas and minor re-turfing, refurbishing of the entrance, as well as selective removal of the oysters near the steps.

Twice weekly cleaning and maintenance is managed by Willoughby Leisure Centre. Council's security contractors will visit the area on a regular basis.

If you notice a problem, please phone the Leisure Centre 9958-5799. To share up-to date information with Friends of Northbridge Baths, please email: bythwilson@optusnet.com.au

Bruce Wilson
(Interim) Spokesperson, FONB

100 years young

Nancy Bryce, a resident of Northbridge for 71 years, celebrated her 100th birthday in March with more than a hundred friends and family present. The venue was the idyllic community hall at Glennifer, near Bellingen, where Nan moved in 2008 to be closer to family. At least thirty of the guests, many of whom had travelled from interstate and overseas, could boast a direct connection to Northbridge.

Born in Armidale in 1914, where her father was a builder, Nancy attended Sydney University at the height of the great depression where she studied arts and education. At a time when women were not often involved in higher education in Australia, she graduated in 1934 with a BA and a Diploma of Education. Residing in Glebe, she met her husband and life partner, Douglas. They moved to Miowera Road, Northbridge in 1937 where they raised three boys, Brock, Paul and Allen. Nan taught in a number of schools and offered private tuition to many Northbridge children. Most recently, aged 97, she taught remedial English to students at Bellingen School.



Nan Bryce with her youngest son, Allen

Helping the community

In common with other Northbridge women of her era, Nan's life has been characterised by a concern for others and energetic participation in community affairs. She was active in the Northbridge Progress Association and a foundation member of Northbridge Tennis Club. She was an enthusiastic golfer and member of the Northbridge Golf Club. Alongside others like Merle Johnson, herself an octogenarian and whose speech at Nan's birthday celebration was a highlight, Nan worked at the Norman Landers Children's Library for many years.

Nancy has a strong commitment to social justice and has been tireless in support of Amnesty International and the overseas aid group APACE. She was always politically active in a gentle way. She is believed to be the oldest member of the Greens in New South Wales and among the congratulatory letters read out at Nan's party was one from Greens leader Christine Milne.

Andrew Moore

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Northbridge Golf Club committed to saving the environment



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In 2007-2008 the Club embarked on a very ambitious stormwater harvesting project with a view to becoming self-sufficient for irrigation purposes, thus significantly reducing its use of town water. The project involved building a main storage dam with three transfer/feeder dams. The result is that the Club now saves up to 60 million litres of town water per annum by harvesting runoff from surrounding streets and Northbridge Oval. The substantial investment of over \$1.5m by the Club will be well justified by way of future savings on spending less for town water. The transformation of the golf course has been nothing short of dramatic following the unlimited supply of water.

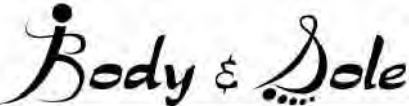
The Club's most recent undertaking is the large solar panel installation on its roof to reduce reliance on the electricity grid, along with the obvious environmental benefits. It is expected that the upfront costs will be recouped over the initial years, with substantial savings for the Club in future years. This installation is subsequent to the Club changing all its internal lighting to LED bulbs in 2013.

On the golf course itself, the Club is currently in the process of rejuvenating a large area between the 4th and 10th holes. Non-native plants and noxious weeds have been removed to be replaced with sandstone from the area together with native plantings to follow. This project forms part of the Club's commitment to bushland management and its long term aim of returning areas of Northbridge Park to their former glory. The club has a strong commitment to the environment - something that will be ongoing.

Marko Delatovic
General Manager

NPA's website

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- Make sure your whereabouts are known - let others know you're on your way and which streets you will be walking along.
- Stay with a friend - it's more fun and one of your parents may be able to drop the other one home.
- Pick safe streets and avoid dark isolated areas.
- Adult strangers should ask adults for directions not kids, don't feel you have to answer them.
- STAY AWAY FROM CARS. We all know not to get in but AVOID the car completely. Don't look into a car, or the boot, or the back of a van. Don't put an arm in the window or try to get a closer look at a cute pet or toy.
- Make a lot of noise if you are scared as it attracts attention.
- Trust your instincts. If it feels not quite right then get away quickly.
- Tell your parents or teachers about any people who try to get you into their car, or who you think may be following you. Try to take notice of what they look like so you can describe them later.

Children worry they are being rude or will be embarrassed if they don't answer an adult but any reasonable adult will not judge them for running away or refusing to engage in conversation.

Keep watching,
Janet France

Northbridge Swimming Club



Competition swimming in the "flag" relay

The 2013/14 season of the Northbridge Swimming Club came to a successful conclusion last month. Apart from the regular events held each Saturday morning during the season, members were treated to a family day, sausage sizzles, and races to celebrate Australia Day. Of particular fun was the annual "flag" relay in which competitors swam the distance while carrying the Australian flag.

In March, the Club successfully regained the Tidal Pools Carnival overall Club Championship, which was held this year at Narrabeen, defeating Narrabeen and The Spit. The hotly contested event saw Northbridge win the point score in the Seniors, come second in the Juniors and win on combined points to secure the overall Championship and bragging rights for the year. Next year we will be defending the Championship at Northbridge Baths and we will certainly be hoping for that home ground advantage to help the Club retain the title.

The Club's annual dinner and trophy presentation will be held on August 1. Further information regarding tickets, etc. can be found on our website Northbridgeswimming.com.

A special thanks to the committee, The Local Cafe and all the Club members and helpers who made this season so successful.

Mark Jones

William Bond's corner – a Northbridge landmark

by Pam Clifford



Bond's Corner as it used to be.

William Bond would be amazed if he could see the store he and his two sisters built at Bond's Corner between 1925 and 1927. Why? Because William and his sisters were religious people and one condition of any lease in those days was that no alcohol could be sold from the premises. If that condition were still in force, we would be without the excellent bottle shops which have occupied one half of the premises for several decades. Bond's Corner is now a much loved and significant landmark in Northbridge, occupied by the fine wine shop on one side and a popular cafe on the other, where families and friends meet to share coffee and food.

William Dobin Foreman Bond was born in 1876 in Hargraves, NSW, where he successfully mined for gold and had a stock and station agency and a store. His grandson, Peter Tierney, who still lives in the family home in Kiola Road, thinks he came to Sydney due to ill health. After he settled in Northbridge, William ran a business from a small shop which later became the fish and chip shop next door to what is now the Northbridge Hotel.

William did not have sufficient funds to build a store himself, so two of his sisters joined with him. The land was part of the 11th Northbridge Subdivision in 1920. Peter does not know if the building – two shops and a dwelling – were built for the family or whether it was 'spec' built, but they had the naming rights, and called it Bond's Corner. Nor is Peter aware if his grandfather had any training as an estate agent, however, he was told that at the time most of William's work was collecting rent, although newspapers report land sales by W D Bond in conjunction with Raine & Horne. William was on the Parish Council of St Mark's Church until his death in 1931.

1927: A mixed business and estate agency

The building first appeared in Sands Directory in 1927, when Mrs Catherine Nicholas ran a mixed business from one shop and R H Bond ran the estate agency from the other. Peter Tierney said that when he was young he used to go to the shop occasionally to help with maintenance.

As members of the family died, their shares were passed on to other family members and this became a bit of a headache according to Peter, because cheques had to be written out to each shareholder. Finally Peter's father, Harry Tierney, gathered all nine owners together and convinced them to sell the building, which they did in 1975.

The Hewitts ran the general store at Bond's Corner from 1939 to 1947, and their children, Heather and Ian, worked in the shop after school. They said sugar, flour, salt, lollies and biscuits were all delivered in bulk and had to be measured and weighed out into brown paper bags which were then closed with little piggy ears. The milk was also delivered in bulk and ladled out into the jugs brought in by customers. Orders were wrapped in newspaper, tied with string and delivered by their father. He carried them in a large basket balanced on the handlebars of his bike. During the war years, some items were rationed and sugar, flour, eggs, tea and butter could only be purchased with coupons. The shop windows were all covered with brown paper and timber boards because of the black out in force.

The shelves went to ceiling height and Heather and Ian had much fun retrieving the food from the higher shelves. They had a broomstick with a nailhead protruding from it, which they used to hook onto the lid of the can or package and then catch before it hit them on the head!

Announcing the 4th annual Northbridge Photo Contest



Entries are invited for this year's competition with the theme:

Destinations.

We are so often caught up in our destination that we forget to appreciate the journey. Appreciation is a wonderful feeling, don't overlook it. Take a photo.

- Competition closes on July 1.
- Winners will be announced at Northbridge Uniting Church, at 2pm on August 10.
- There are two different age categories: 15 years and under and over 15 years.
- To enter, visit the Northbridge Uniting Church Website:
<http://tinyurl.com/photographcomp>

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Live at Lunch in Chatswood



The lunch hour concert series, Live at Lunch, returns to The Concourse in 2014 with a host of international musicians.

Artistic director, flautist Jane Rutter, and pianist, Simon Tedeschi, began the series in April with an energetic performance before an appreciative audience. The series is receiving recognition as a major musical event in Sydney.

The series of six concerts features a host of international artists including the Idea of North, Taryn Fiebig and Amelia Farrugia.

The cost for an individual performance is \$28 and subscription packages are available. You can also join Jane Rutter and her guest artists for lunch after each concert.

The remaining performances for this year are: July 2, September 11, October 16 and November 6. More information can be obtained from The Concourse Box Office on 1300 795 012.

Rotary fireworks – fun for all!

Over 3,000 people enjoyed the fireworks display at Northbridge Oval on Saturday May 10.

The evening was calm and pleasantly cool which added to the enjoyment of the spectators. Children delighted in the fun of the fair with a ferris wheel, merry-go-round and jumping rides, while picnicking families spread out across the oval. The Rural Fire Service truck proved a popular attraction for the youngsters in the crowd.

Local groups provided entertainment, including Northbridge School Band, before the 7pm fireworks erupted in a splash of colour across the sky.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for Northbridge Rotary and the organiser, Noel Phelan, said, "Approximately \$28,000 was raised and the proceeds will go to support a number of charities and youth groups in Australia and overseas".

Over 100 Rotarians, their friends and volunteers, assured the fireworks event ran smoothly.

News from Northbridge Library

There is an activity held every holidays for school aged children at the library and pre-schoolers can enjoy story time every Tuesday, 10.30-11.15am during school term.

Prehistoric Pandemonium was the theme for the April school holidays and 25 kids busily made a variety of dinosaur puppets.

We are also arranging for some workshops relating to everything "e" available through the Willoughby City Library system – e-books, e-magazines, e-resources, and more – keep an eye out in the coming months. These talks are also available to your club or local group if you are interested.

Cryptic Crosswords are coming to Northbridge Library on Thursday, July 3 and 10, 12.30-2.30pm – only \$20. Make sure you reserve a place at one of these popular courses.

My next great read or what did we read in Northbridge over summer?

Popular titles borrowed included *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion; *Bittersweet* by Colleen McCullough, *Before I Run* by Gaute Heivoll; *The Full Ridiculous* by Mark Lamprill; *The Tournament* by Matthew Reilly; *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent; and my personal favourite *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

Crime, mystery and thrillers are definitely hot especially by authors Jo Nesbo, Peter Corris, David Baldacci and John Grisham, and there are big queues for Jeffery Archer's fourth book in the *Clifton chronicles*.

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon is still popular 10 years after being published and it looks as though travel is a popular pastime in Northbridge, especially to Japan and New Zealand.

Our children's favourite authors include a mouse – Geronimo Stilton, a fairy – Daisy Meadows and old favourites Andy Griffiths, Terry Denton, Lauren Child, J K Rowling, Roald Dahl and Jeff Kinney.

Good to see so many Aussie authors in this lot! Keep reading and keep looking at our "new fiction" and "recommended" shelves.

Have you added your email address to your membership details yet?

The Library sends courtesy reminder emails one day prior to items being due back as well as sending reservation notifications via email. If you would like to add your email address just go to <http://tinyurl.com/librarynorthbridge>.

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Rotary hosts successful senior's lunch with a difference



*Left-right:
Mary Morison,
Dorothy Howison,
Mary Pulsford and
Otto Patterson
Seated:
Edna Senior and
Margaret Hill*

Over 70 enthusiastic guests attended the Northbridge Rotary Club's annual Seniors' Lunch in March. Many people came from local retirement villages, nursing homes and the Northbridge community.

The free lunch in St Marks Hall included refreshments and entertainment. This event is a highlight for many of the guests who enjoy the annual day out, renewing friendships and being waited on by about 40 Northbridge Rotarians, their partners and friends.

"The entertainer, Prada Clutch, was quite different from the lunch's previous community singers and school bands", the organizer of the function, Rotarian Fay Petrou said. "Her website says that Prada is one of Australia's most sought after live-singing drag queens. She's a multi-talented singer, performer, hostess, drag queen, showgirl and all-round entertainer."

During the lunch, Prada led the seniors in bingo games, including an entertaining commentary, and she concluded by singing several songs. The audience applauded her enthusiastically. Prizes were awarded to the lucky Bingo winners. "Everyone seemed to have a great time and Rotarians were warmly thanked for their service to the community," Fay said.

Henry Lawson's birthday bush poetry reading

The spirit of Henry Lawson lives on at Willoughby City Council's free, biannual bush poetry reading event, 2pm to 4pm, Sunday June 15, at the Henry Lawson Cave in Bicentennial Reserve, Willoughby.

Enjoy rousing bush poetry and music by the campfire to celebrate Henry's birthday. The event features Don Swonnell, Peter Carmody and Meg Covey with 'musos' Derek Davies and Greg Dimmock and bird mimic, Tim Thurston.

Audience participation is encouraged and attendees are most welcome to bring their own poem or an old favourite to read, or have read by the performers.

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Performers at Henry Lawson's cave

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Community noticeboard

Bushcare training workshops

Willoughby Council is running a four part workshop for people interested in caring for the bush. The free workshops are held at Warner's Park on the weekends of June 14 and 15 and June 21 and 22, from 9am-1pm. The course will include an introduction to local area restoration and weed removal, with techniques for bush regeneration and local fauna habitat issues. Bookings essential. For further information contact: Stuart Hall on 9777 7942 or email stuart.hall@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Community Garden

Our gardens are growing well. We have just added some worm poo and are ready to plant the winter crop. The lettuces are bursting out of their pot and are ready to eat now. The new fortnightly Wednesday gardening group is going well. It is designed for busy mums to drop off their kids at school and come along for an hour or so any time after 9am. The next meeting is Wednesday, 24 May, then fortnightly. We also garden on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the month from 9am-11am. New gardeners are always welcome. Contact Janet France: janetfrance@optusnet.com.au



Men's Shed

Anyone interested in participating in activities at the Willoughby Men's Shed in Northbridge, at Bond's Corner, is invited to drop in for a cuppa and a look around on Tuesdays, Wednesdays (ladies are also invited) or Thursdays from 10am until 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Contact Neville Warner 9403 7321 or 0408 204 805.

Blood donations

The Red Cross mobile donor van will be at Northbridge Plaza car park on the following Fridays; August 1 and November 7.

Donations of blood can be made between 9.00am and 1.00pm. It is advisable to make an appointment beforehand. Phone 13 14 95.



The Loop bus service

The free bus shuttle service, The Loop, is operated by Willoughby Council and runs through Northbridge three times a week.

For further information visit www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Seniors' Computer Club PC & Apple Macintosh

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Northbridge Masonic Centre

Lodge French's Forest United No 249 of The United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT holds regular meetings at the

Northbridge Masonic Centre, corner Sailors Bay Rd and Harden Ave, on the second Wednesday of each month. All Freemasons, whether attached to a Lodge or not and visitors from interstate or overseas, are invited to attend. Enquiries: David 0404 891 051, Sam 0408 174 410 or email sam@strykowski.com

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