

## Northbridge's War Memorial Clock has a new look

At the bottom of Strathallen Avenue, in the shadow of the Suspension Bridge, is Northbridge's striking sandstone War Memorial Clock. The Memorial is located in a small Council reserve, in a prominent, highly visible position and viewed by tens of thousands of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians who pass it every day.

NPA is now seeking contributions from individuals and entities within the Northbridge community to complete the restoration of this icon in time for the celebrations of the Gallipoli landings in 2015.

### Funded by the women of Northbridge

Before World War II ended, the Northbridge community had decided to build a Memorial to the fallen and, among many alternatives, a clock tower was agreed. Money for the Memorial Clock was raised by the Northbridge Women's Comforts Fund. The Secretary, Mrs J G Lamb, was reported in *The Sydney Morning Herald* as saying she believed this was the first war memorial to be erected by a women's organisation in Sydney.

The Memorial was unveiled on May 8, 1948 by then Governor, Lt-Gen John Northcott, with local Boy Scouts forming a guard of honour. About 1,000 people attended the ceremony, among them Mr W M Hughes MP and Dame Mary Hughes. Ethel Powers, the president of the Northbridge Women's Comforts Fund, cut the tape at the opening ceremony. "This was followed by a grand parade up Strathallen Avenue," says Edna Senior, who attended the unveiling and who is still a resident of Northbridge. "It was really a gala event and there was much excitement in the community."

### Years of neglect

Unfortunately, after 65 years of neglect, the Memorial Clock was in a poor state of repair and needed urgent attention. The clock mechanism was no longer reliable, corroded internal fittings needed replacement, and the blackened exterior of the sandstone monument needed to be repaired and cleaned. The



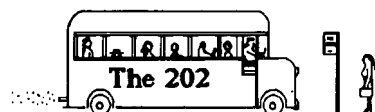
Left – The clock before its restoration and (right) after its recent spruce up (clock hands are on their way).

work was complicated by the discovery of asbestos in the mortar between the sandstone blocks.

### The restoration project

Northbridge Progress Association (NPA) suggested the restoration of the Memorial Clock as a 2013 Northbridge Centenary project. The total cost of the monument's restoration, landscaping and floodlighting was estimated by Council to be approximately \$120,000.

In July 2014, Council completed the cleaning and asbestos removal and ordered the new clock components at a cost thus far of \$74,000 of which \$10,000, including a \$4,000 grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, was contributed by NPA. Once the new hands are delivered and installed, it will be a fitting reminder of those in the community who contributed to the nation's wartime efforts.



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**General meetings:** 7.30pm for 7.45pm on Thursdays – September 4, November 27 (AGM), 2014

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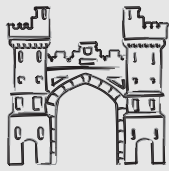
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# President's letter



What a busy couple of months we have all had.

We wish to congratulate local Northbridge resident, Rachel Hill, on her election to Council. We can confirm that Northbridge mum and part time Solicitor, Belinda Cachia, has kindly volunteered to fill the role of NPA Secretary vacated by Rachel. Thank you Belinda.

Solutions for the Northbridge Plaza car park have echoed around the internet for several months now. Thank you to all who have "had your say" and submitted your ideas and suggestions to Willoughby Council. Stay tuned for the next instalment.

Council has also been actively seeking community feedback on many other issues. Amongst those recently discussed have been the Willoughby City Parking Strategy; the Smith Street Woolworths DA; the Chatswood CBD traffic study; and the public review of the Cities Operational Plan and Budget for the next financial year. This has been, and continues to be, your chance to have a say, which you can easily do by logging on to [www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au](http://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au).

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the work done to date on the Northbridge War Memorial, located near the Suspension Bridge. Our sincere thanks go to Peter McNair for his enduring perseverance; the Department of Veteran Affairs for their grant of \$4000 and to Willoughby Council for all the work and additional funding made available to prepare the Memorial for the ANZAC Centenary in 2015.

Our condolences went out in June to the family and many friends of the late Elsie Kaye who passed away on June 1, an obituary for whom appears in this issue of *The 202*. In support of her great work, the Combined Churches of Northbridge are planning a toy collection prior to Christmas. There will be more details in the next edition but we would encourage everyone to start putting aside toys now to lend your support.

Unfortunately after many years of success, it would appear that the demise of Northbridge Neighbourhood Watch is nigh! Coordinators are assessing the merits of the **Neighbour Day** initiative, which should prove a better fit for Northbridge. I encourage all residents to give it the support needed.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to get involved and support **Bushcare's Major Day Out** on September 7. Tune in to **Gardening Australia** on ABC TV, September 6 which will feature our Bushcare Team at Clive Park, Northbridge. Local resident and founder of the National Bushcare movement, Don Wilson, will be one of our speakers at our next NPA meeting on September 4.

Once again – many thanks for your support!

**Rob Coote**

## JOIN THE NPA!

NPA has been active continuously for 95 years. Our basic objective is to "preserve or improve the amenity and environment of Northbridge". We are dedicated to raising the local community's awareness of important issues affecting our suburb's unique character and to providing an influential and respected voice to Council and Government. Our committee members are volunteers and NPA's newsletter *The 202* is delivered free to every household and business in Northbridge.

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**Northbridge Rotary Club** is researching the names of servicemen and women who were Northbridge residents and who died in either of the two World Wars. The club's aim is to fix a plaque on the War Memorial Clock in Strathallen Ave to commemorate their sacrifice (there is no such plaque now). If anyone has any information about any former resident who died in those wars, could you please contact Malcolm Lye (9958 7566) or Peter McNair (9929 1250).



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## Councillor's viewpoint

by Cr Rachel Hill

First of all, thank you for the support everyone showed during the election. It was overwhelming and terribly exciting to have our amazing community display such united support. I was particularly thrilled to see our children interested in why my picture was around the neighbourhood as it engaged conversation about local concerns and standing up for what we believe in, which is important to us all.

The first weeks in Council have been particularly busy with additional meetings on asset management, Willoughby strategic planning, Northbridge master planning, Talus Street, development applications and on site meetings.

I am enjoying getting to know the various Councillors and the issues they are passionate about. There is insightful consideration and genuine concern from all as to how decisions impact our community – it keeps debate time interesting!

Community consultation is important to make informed decisions that affect our Ward so please join me on [facebook/CouncillorRachelHill](https://www.facebook.com/CouncillorRachelHill) or if you prefer to receive a direct email, please email [rachel.hill@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rachel.hill@willoughby.nsw.gov.au) and type 'join' in the subject line to keep communication open. I look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime here is an interesting fact... Northbridge Baths is the only 50 metre pool in Willoughby City Council area!

*Cr Hill is the newest of our three Sailors Bay Ward Councillors, each of whom contributes regularly to The 202.*

### Willoughby Fun Run

The Willoughby Fun Run will be held on Sunday, October 19. To receive free discount vouchers register early by visiting [www.willoughbyleisure.com.au](http://www.willoughbyleisure.com.au). Run or walk – there is something for the whole family – a 1.5km Primary School Challenge, 1.5km kids fun run, 5km run/walk and 10km run/walk. Australian Olympic Modern Pentathlete, Ed Fernon, will be competing in the 10km challenge for those wanting to take on our best. Try and beat this world class Olympian! The Leisure Centre will be opening for the day and invites everyone for a free cool-down dip.

Loads of prizes, stalls and fun to be had and all money raised will go to [ReachOut.com](http://ReachOut.com), a service providing help and support for young people and their mental health. The day is proudly sponsored by Northbridge Football Club, a club committed to helping our community and supporting youth. See you all there!

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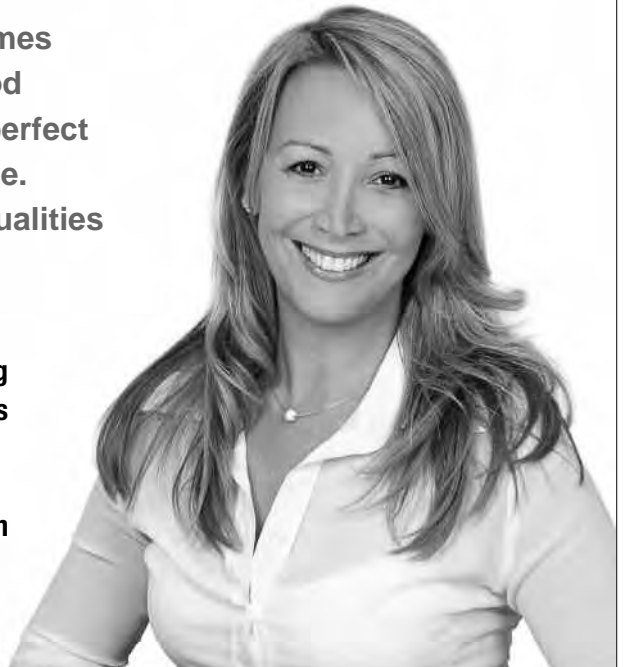
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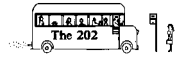


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## Council matters

### Northbridge Plaza car park

Much public consultation has taken place in the last few months with regards to this ongoing community issue.

Some feedback can be viewed at [www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au](http://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au). No conclusion has yet been reached, but Council will collate all the input received and come back to the community for further consultation.

### Parking strategy

Willoughby Council's On-street Parking Strategy planners are looking at ways to ensure suitable parking is available for public, residents and workers in the Willoughby municipality. In Northbridge, it is looking at introducing resident parking permits and restricted parking in streets around the Plaza, Northbridge Oval and Shore Oval as a means of alleviating local problems; as well as policing more rigidly, the 2 hour parking limit at the Plaza. Council is still seeking feedback before the final policy is determined.

Many surrounding residents and users of Tunks Park are concerned with boat trailers being parked along Lower Cliff Avenue for extended periods of time. On weekends, when many of the fields are used for sport, parking spaces are in short supply and the narrow road space has been the cause of many near misses. After recommendations by the Traffic Committee, Council has instigated, on



54-56 Strathallen Avenue

a 12 month trial basis, a 12 hour parking limit for the lower section of the road and a 72 hour limit for the upper section.

### 54-56 Strathallen Avenue

Council has received a development application for these two properties together. 54 Strathallen has been the subject of two DAs over the past two years, one of which was approved in February. NPA had previously written to Council requesting any DA be deferred until both 54 & 56 could be developed together. This new application incorporates both properties, and the proposal is for a 4-storey mixed-use development comprising commercial premises on the ground level, ten residential units on the upper three levels and ten parking spaces.

### Anytime Fitness

Council is currently assessing an application by Anytime Fitness to permanently continue the 24 hour operation of the gym following the conclusion of the 12 month trial. Once the assessment is concluded the results will be taken to a full Council meeting for a decision, possibly in September.



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# Baths improvements update

Driving down the newly cleared Widgiewa Road into the Baths car park, you'll see positive signs that Council is starting to deliver on the 35 point plan developed in March. New bitumen extensions and stormwater channels, repaired railings, a small litter bin at the head of the stairs, and repaired steps complement the bushcare weeding and litter-free surrounds. New traffic signs warn unwary drivers of the sharp steep left turn to the boatshed. Further structural works will improve safety for pedestrians and vehicles on this corner.

The old timber signs and corroded fencing have been removed. The new galvanised railing and tree lopping opens the splendid vista to Sailors Bay. Beneath our feet, the stormwater pipe has been cleared and new concrete plates installed. In the grassed area, spring will see some top dressing and levelling of the raised rear area as well as garden improvements. On the concrete forecourt and eastern walkways, removal of trip hazards and smoothing of rough areas is underway.

Ladders are being improved, and the stormwater pipe end-tray will be straightened to ensure all piped water falls outside the floating boom. Oyster shells will be removed from high risk areas like stairways and ladders by December. The vigorous growth of the oysters shows how healthy Sailors Bay water has become over the last decade!

Inside the changing rooms, a thorough "spring clean" is planned. An unexpected requirement by RMS for a DA for the new floating pontoons is being energetically addressed by Council managers, who are striving to have the pontoons installed in time for Swimming Club's October 18 Opening Day.

Our thanks to Northbridge Progress Association and Northbridge Swimming Club for helping invigorate this project to assure Northbridge Baths' future as a low cost, low key, family friendly recreational facility.

**Bruce Wilson**  
Coordinator, FONB

## Northbridge Art Prizes 2014

The annual Northbridge Children's Art Prize and Northbridge Art Prize will be awarded in September as part of the Willoughby Spring Festival. Competition closing date for children's entries is August 26 and the exhibition will run from August 29 – September 7.

Adults and Youth competition closing date is September 9, with the exhibition opening September 12 for 2 weeks. We are searching for local talent and this is a great opportunity for local artists to showcase their work. The exhibitions are free for all art lovers to view and all Art Prize works are for sale.

Enquiries: Judy Voltz 99581298 or [www.nsva.com.au](http://www.nsva.com.au).

## New bus shelters



You may have noticed new bus shelters appearing in Northbridge over the last few months. All our bus shelters will be replaced during 2014. The safety and functionality of the existing street furniture will be assessed during this process, with improvements made where required. Council will use this opportunity to upgrade adjoining footpaths within the vicinity of the new shelters where needed. Shelters will feature tactile paving to ensure the site is safe and accessible and in compliance with Australian Standards. Many of the shelters also contain advertising panels, which generate additional revenue for Council. All materials from the existing shelters will be recycled where possible. Once installed, the new shelters will be cleaned with recycled water.

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## Well done, NPA!

Isn't it great to see the sandstone War Memorial Clock in Strathallen Ave restored to its original golden glow!

We should all congratulate Northbridge Progress Association on its efforts over the past two years in persuading Council to restore the impressive memorial, which was funded by Northbridge women in 1948. In particular, NPA President Rob Coote and past President Peter McNair have worked hard with Council officers to plan and fund work on the memorial. We should also commend NPA for contributing \$6,000 of its own funds and \$4,000 from a Federal DVA Grant towards Council's costs on the work so far.

To its credit, Council has hired contractors to clean the blackened sandstone, remove asbestos from the tower and floodlight the memorial. The old and unreliable clock mechanism has been removed.

But more work and funds are required. The clock mechanism needs replacement and the surrounding reserve has been neglected. As much as possible should be done before the Gallipoli anniversary in 2015.

Let's all support NPA and Council in completing this long-overdue project in our beautiful suburb.

**Malcolm Lye**

## Closure of the Commonwealth Bank

It is a very sad thing that the Commonwealth Bank has closed its face to face banking in Northbridge. The fact that they now expect everyone to make deposits and withdrawals by machines recently placed in Northbridge Plaza ignores many of their clients' ability to do so, as well as ignoring the need for many other banking services that are no longer available.

Becoming au fait with the use of the new machines, my bookkeeper who is very tech savvy, found the whole process very time consuming. Depositing cheques and cash has resulted in inaccurate transactions by the machines which means that each transaction, if not correct, has to be cancelled and re-done.

On two occasions the bank staff member who was there had to shut down the machines to retrieve cash that had been counted incorrectly. What happens if an inaccurate deposit is not discovered until later? It must be difficult for those in our community who are not able to comprehend this new way of banking and I despair at how hard it is for those who have mobility and sight issues.

Particularly from a business point of view, making a deposit with a teller took say 5 minutes, now the same deposit takes up to 20 minutes. This is all done in plain view of people in the Plaza. You are standing there with your cash deposit for all to see and the same would apply for cash withdrawals. No security at all! I believe the bank is duty bound to offer personal service for those of us who do not wish to be swallowed up in the impersonal world of mechanical devices, be reduced to PINs and unable to speak to a person for help.

**Rosemary Macey**

*[We are aware there has been a mixed response, some positive, to the new banking facility and the above letter is just one view – Editor]*



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## Northbridge Rotary invests new President



Willoughby Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney with new President Noel Phelan, State Member for Willoughby Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, and past President John Bolton.

At a special Changeover Dinner held in Northbridge on July 1, Noel Phelan was invested as President of Northbridge Rotary for 2014/15. The State Member for Willoughby, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, and Willoughby Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney attended the event and spoke to about 60 Rotarians and guests. "I admire the amazing role Rotary plays locally and internationally," the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP said. "It is wonderful to be with the club on such an important occasion." Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney said that Rotary has an outstanding reputation in the community. "I thank all those who contribute to local and overseas charities," she said.

Noel has been a Rotarian for five years, having been a member at Rotary Club of Lindfield before joining Northbridge in 2012. At his investiture, Noel spoke to the theme "Light up Rotary" and summarised the way he saw the club responding to the theme in the coming year. At Northbridge Rotary, Noel has been deeply involved in the club's strategic planning, fund-raising and Sailability programs. He was the organiser of the Northbridge Fireworks display in 2014 which raised \$29,000 for local and overseas charities.

## Rotary and architects support youth refuge

The Rotary Club of Northbridge has joined with SPUN, a North Shore network of architects, to donate \$7,500 to Taldumande Youth Services, a community-based, not-for-profit charity based in Neutral Bay. The funds will be used to pave and re-landscape the gardens at the facility, including replacement of an existing inadequate pergola. The gardens are used by Taldumande for its clients to rest and relax as well as for functions held at the refuge.


Rotarian Noel Phelan said the club expects that Alex Christiakoff, one of SPUN's architects, will help with the design of the new work and that Willoughby Men's Shed and Northbridge Rotary club members would help to carry it out. "With a hands-on approach, we should be able to maximise the use of the funds available," Noel said.

Taldumande CEO Katrina Richardson said that the donation was very welcome. "The garden is an integral part of life at the refuge, year round. The current pergola is old and needs repair and we also need bench tops, seating and privacy screening for the area." Taldumande Youth Services' aim is to help prevent youth homelessness. The charity provides support and accommodation for homeless youths. The refuge is the only one of its kind on the North Shore and it is manned around the clock. "The success rate in terms of young people returning to the family home is over 80%," Katrina said.

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Second: Rowan Lord – *Too Many Choices*

### Over 15 years

First: Narelle Tasker – *Father and Son together*

Second: Sara Carey – *A Journey is all about the perspective you have*

Third: David Robertson – *End of the Road*

### Highly Commended

Rodney Campbell – *A Higher View*

Yangrae Son – *Light at the end of the road*

Elizabeth Fitzsimons – *Mum leads girls to the destination, Northern Jakarta*

**People's Choice** Jackson Dunneen – *Bridge of Size*

The Annual Northbridge Uniting Church Photographic Award and Exhibition is a free community based event that encourages amateur and professional photographers to enter their original work in the competition. Winning entries can be seen on our website: [www.northbridgecastlecraguca.org.au](http://www.northbridgecastlecraguca.org.au).

## Garden has a new name

The Dairy Garden, formerly Warners Park Community Garden, has a new name and a great new website for residents to see what is happening:

[www.thedairygarden.weebly.com](http://www.thedairygarden.weebly.com).

The garden is currently in winter mode and we have a good crop of kale, broccoli, pak choy, snow peas and spinach – all growing well. New big pots have been utilised for above ground gardening to help our backs and we hope to keep installing more raised beds.

We are planning free spring workshops and hope to get some guest gardeners to come along. Join us and be part of our free **Spring Breakfast** cook-up: Saturday, September 6 at 9am. Register on the website.

Groups work in the garden every second Wednesday and on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the month from 9:00-11am. New gardeners are always welcome. Bring a cup, vegetable scraps for the compost and some morning tea to share. Contact Janet France: [janetfrance@optusnet.com.au](mailto:janetfrance@optusnet.com.au)



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# Bushcare's Major Day Out



*Filming a segment on BMDO at Clive Park, for Gardening Australia*

BMDO is a celebration of the good work carried out by volunteer bushcare groups all over Australia. Thousands of these groups are scattered all around the Australia, 45 in Willoughby City alone. Our council, along with many others, supports the initiative and supplies trainers and all the tools. BMDO was created 6 years ago, by local resident Don Wilson, at a degraded site near the Northbridge Men's Shed. Due to the efforts of a committee of 10 Willoughby volunteers, it has grown every year, and last year 134 groups took part. This year, over 170 are expected to participate.

Costa Georgiadis filmed our bushcare group in Clive Park last week for a segment on the Gardening Australia program, which will be shown on September 6, Channel 2 at 6.30pm. This year Willoughby's BMDO will be held at Tunk's Park on September 7 starting at 9am. Keen supporters, Bob Hawke, Gladys Berejiklian and Gail Giles-Gidney will be present. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the fun.

You can learn how to get rid of pesky weeds using the best weeding techniques, when and how to use poison and when not to use it. Learn about the types of native plants best suited for your garden. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water to drink. Wear sturdy shoes and work clothes (long sleeved collared shirt and long pants). Gloves and tools as well as morning tea will be provided. BYO mug. Meet at the end of Lower Cliff Ave, on the grass area next to the carpark.

For more information: [www.bushcaresmajordayout.org](http://www.bushcaresmajordayout.org).

**NPA's website**

Why not read *The 202* on your computer, tablet or smart phone? The current and past issues can be downloaded from NPA's web page [www.northbridgepa.com.au](http://www.northbridgepa.com.au). The website also has useful information on current Northbridge issues, minutes of meetings, and links to local organisations.

**Northbridge Golf Club** 

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## National Tree Day

Over 50 enthusiastic people, including Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and Councillors Rachel Hill and John Hooper, attended The Dairy Garden for National Tree Day on July 27. It was a beautiful day to be in the fresh air and new plants were planted along the corridor of the garden to form a bush tucker path and protect the vegetable beds from being walked on. Fundraisers on the day collected over \$120 which will be spent on spring seeds and mulch for the gardens.



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## Vale – Elsie Kaye, Angel of Northbridge

Elsie Kaye's personal philosophy was JOY – Jesus, Others, Yourself – and in living by that philosophy she earned the title The Angel of Northbridge due to the work she did for others in Australia and around the world.

Elsie died on June 1, aged 95, and a memorial service was held on June 15 to celebrate her life and work. About 200 people packed St Mark's Church to hear relatives and friends speak affectionately about Elsie's life and her wonderful work for others. Her grand-niece, Jane Chivers and grand-nephew, Luke Hastings, painted a wonderful picture of the best aunt who entertained and spoil her nieces and nephews and turned every visit into an adventure. Susan Peake, a neighbour, spoke of Elsie's work, which began as The Morning Group and was just a get together of local women who brought along their sewing projects to enjoy a chat and a cup of tea at Elsie's. This simple beginning developed into Elsie's enormous project which Susan described as "The greatest recycling venture ever seen in Northbridge".

Elsie's family came to Northbridge in 1930 when she was 10 and she lived in the family home in Namoi Road until she moved into a nursing home in about 2010. While working in the Australian Taxation Office, she cared first for her invalid mother and afterwards for her ageing father. When her father's eyesight began to fail, Elsie made soft toys for him to stuff, there-by giving him an interest. That was the start of Elsie's toy collection which turned into a very large endeavour. Before long, people were bringing toys, clothing, household items and even furniture for Elsie and her helpers to sort, repair and send off to various organisations and charity groups locally and far afield, including Africa, Fiji and Russia. She was much loved by the Aboriginal community of Redfern and she would visit them, travelling by public transport, to help out where she could.

Elsie was very appreciative of the people who assisted her. "My helpers are like the sands of the beach – all are treasures in their own way", Elsie was quoted saying in an article in the *North Shore Times* in 1995. "Whether gathering, making or delivering, they are all my beautiful willing slaves."

### Always involved in the community

Christmas was a busy time for Elsie and her helpers. The repaired toys would be set out for different groups to choose what they needed. She also distributed food hampers with enough goodies to make up a nice Christmas dinner for people who otherwise wouldn't have had one. Her house was quite a wonderland and each room was packed with different items – one room for the boys' toys and clothes, one for the girls'. Shortly before Christmas, the kindergarten children from St Mark's would troop to Elsie's house, each with a gift to donate. They would run through the house playing with every toy they could find and then were treated to cake and ice-cream in Elsie's back garden. This was an event enjoyed as much by Elsie as by the children.

Elsie was also President of CLAN, the Centre for Leisure and Activity in Northbridge, which organised classes, outings and exhibitions for almost ten years from 1983. She gathered as many people as possible into her home on Saturday evenings to enjoy a home-cooked roast dinner. If someone could not come on the night, she would deliver the meal. Elsie was named Citizen of the Year by Willoughby Council in 1986 and in 1991 the Rotary Club of Northbridge awarded her Rotary International's highest honour, a Paul Harris Fellowship. She was a finalist in the 1995 Sydney Electricity Community Spirit Award, and when the Northbridge Progress Association awarded her a Life Membership, it presented her with a wooden plaque engraved by Arthur Reed, a member of the Friendship & Craft Club, and on it was her motto – JOY.

The Combined Churches Committee of Northbridge is discussing the possibility of continuing part of Elsie's activities so her wonderful work will not be forgotten.

Pam Clifford

### Thank you from Elsie's family

I am writing to express the appreciation of Elsie Kaye's family for the wonderful support of the members of the NPA in making Elsie's recent memorial service such a success. Elsie's passing has left a hole in our lives but your kind words, loving memories and funny stories gave us much pleasure as we heard what a special person she was to so many people.

We would like to thank Anna Bolton for putting out the call for people to bring food to the afternoon tea and managing it all so calmly and efficiently. Anna was of great assistance to Elsie as she got older and we are most grateful for her kindness and attentiveness. Thank you also to Susan Peake for her moving and inspiring words at the service. She really captured the generosity and selflessness of Elsie's spirit.

And thank you to everyone who contributed to the afternoon tea – the brownies, sandwiches, fairy bread, the chocolate cakes and so much more – Elsie would have loved it. What couldn't be eaten on the day was not wasted – it was shared with lots of grateful people – just as Elsie would have wished.

Most of all we would like to express our warm appreciation to all of you – for all that you gave to Elsie, for looking out for her as she got older, and for remembering her with such love and affection. You demonstrate all that is good in a community.

On behalf of the family,  
Jane Chivers



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# Northbridge FC – goals on and off the field

Northbridge Football Club is well known for being Australia's largest Football Club. With over 2,500 current players aged from 5 to 50, the Club represents Northbridge and Willoughby, not only on the field but off the field as well.

When the teams aren't kicking goals on the field the Club looks to help in other areas. Upcoming projects include getting right behind the Willoughby Charity Fun Run, supporting visiting Aboriginal players from the John Moriarty Foundation with coaching and accommodation, collecting boots and football equipment for our sister teams in Cambodia, The Northbridge Nomads.

Another community project, which is a first for football, is an adaption of the game on a small field that makes it suitable for the over 65s to play. Yet another new program just launched is called Northbridge Bilbys which is for girls and boys aged 3-5 years. The Club is looking to make sport accessible for all ages, taking the concept of fun, fitness and friendship to all parts of the community.

On the field, Northbridge continues to succeed with both male and female teams competing in the local NSFA League plus the prestigious Football NSW League. The success of the club has been based around high quality coaching. Northbridge FC has dozens of fully licensed coaches tutoring hundreds of local kids every night down at Northbridge Oval.



Northbridge Girls, winners 2014 Under 12 State Cup

Kym Griffen



## Tree management in Willoughby

Willoughby Council is consulting with residents to develop a policy for managing trees in the community.

Trees are one of Willoughby City's great assets. The intention of the Urban Tree Management Policy is to confirm Council's commitment to protecting and maintaining this asset. The policy intends to provide a rationale for decision making and consistency in the management approach. The draft policy collates the various documents, policies and practices affecting trees in Willoughby City, into one location. The intention is that this will facilitate easy community access to the relevant information. Council would like your feedback on the Urban Tree Management Policy and Street Tree Master Plan.

If you would like to contribute your ideas, visit the Council's website: [www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au](http://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au) : Tree Management and Street Trees. Consultation concludes September 15.

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# Community noticeboard



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*Superfoods: 7 ingredients for living well*,  
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Wednesdays (ladies are also invited) or  
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9958 0529 or 0418 220 774.

## Blood donations

The Red Cross mobile donor van will  
be at Northbridge Plaza car park for the  
last time this year on Friday, 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.

## Friendship and Craft Club

The Friendship and Craft group meet in  
St Mark's Hall, Malacoota Rd Northbridge,  
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