

## Northbridge commemorates its fallen



At a ceremony on November 11, two new bronze plaques were unveiled on the sandstone War Memorial clock tower in Strathallen Ave, Northbridge. The plaques record the names of three servicemen from Northbridge who gave their lives in World War I and 36 who died in World War II. (No service-women from Northbridge died in either war).

The plaques were unveiled by Willoughby Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and the ceremony was attended by Sailors Bay Ward Councillors, Council officers, RSL representatives and Northbridge residents.

The plaques were donated by the Rotary Club of Northbridge. The President of the club, Noel Phelan, said that the club wanted to contribute to the commemoration of World War I and the Gallipoli landings 100 years ago.



Many sources were used by Rotarian Malcolm Lye to identify the servicemen from Northbridge who fell in those wars. They included the Australian War Museum, Department of Veteran Affairs, Australian Defence Force Academy and Willoughby Library. In particular, Malcolm thanked local churches and residents for their assistance.

The club was surprised that only three Northbridge men fell in World War I until it was realised there were only 65 houses in Northbridge in 1919. The three soldiers lived in Baringa Rd, Malacoota Rd and Strathallen Ave. Two died in France and one in Belgium. They are buried in Australian war cemeteries in those countries.

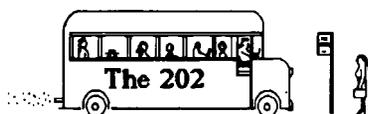
Possibly the most poignant story among the 36 Northbridge servicemen who died in World War II was that of

Winston Ide, a Japanese-Australian whose family lived in Dalkeith St. Winston won selection to the Wallabies Rugby Union team. In 1940, when he returned from the team's 1939 tour of England, he joined the army. He became a Bombardier with 2/10 Field Regiment but was captured by the Japanese in Singapore in 1941. After three years as a POW working on the Burma Railway, he and 187 other prisoners were sent to Japan on a Japanese POW ship. This ship was torpedoed and sunk in September 1944 and Winston Ide was among the many who drowned.

*Season's Greetings  
Happy New Year*



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members, volunteers, readers,  
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### MEETINGS & DEADLINES

**General meetings – 2015 :** 7.45pm for 8.00pm on Thursdays March 5, June 4, September 3, November 25 (AGM)  
**Deadlines for The 202 – 2015:** Ads and contributions: Fridays January 23, April 24, July 24, October 16

## Support your community

Please come along to the Annual General Meeting of Northbridge Progress Association at

**7.30pm for 7.45pm start – Wednesday, November 26  
at Northbridge Golf Club**

**Guest Speaker:**

**The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP**

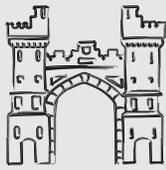
Member for Willoughby and Minister for Transport

The President and Treasurer will report on the past year.

Office bearers will be nominated and elected.

**Our Ward Councillors are invited to report on local issues.**

Visitors are welcome. Christmas refreshments will be served after the meeting.



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## 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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# President's letter



Communication and interaction have been the hallmark of the NPA in 2014. Residents now have the resources on hand to remain informed and contribute to what is happening in their suburb using the NPA website and a new free phone APP. Northbridge is at your fingertips. The e-letter enables updates to events, decisions and issues. Social media channels relay what's relevant and aim to pursue collaborative feedback. Quarterly meetings are more interactive and focus on listening to what you, the community want, and have to say. Finally, *The 202* continues to be delivered to every resident's mailbox and is also emailed to the broader municipality. Why not become a member of your NPA now and, for just \$5, be informed?

### Council Issues

Parking and traffic impact in Northbridge remain our broad concerns. NPA wrote submissions regarding the Street Parking Strategy; the Woolworths East Chatswood development and the potential development of the car park adjoining Northbridge Plaza. Traffic and the added impact of the Channel Nine and Kiah housing developments will add to future challenges.

This year the NPA has also been involved with initiating the improvements at the Northbridge Baths. (Thank you to Bruce Wilson and Council for all their hard work). NPA, in conjunction with the Department of Veteran Affairs and Council, contributed to the restoration of the War Memorial at the Suspension Bridge. More work is to be done in preparation for the Commemoration of the Centenary of Gallipoli.

### Thank you to our volunteers

Finally, as the year draws to a close, my sincere thanks go to all those who have volunteered their time and who contribute significantly to our community as a whole.

We offer our thanks to Ron Hicks who is retiring from the NPA Committee. Ron has been a pillar in the community over many years through his 20 plus years' involvement with Neighbourhood Watch and ten years representing the NPA, the last six as Vice President. He was our sound technician at General meetings, the NPA Web site administrator and as our joint delegate on the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank our Local Member for Willoughby, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Mayor Cr Gail Giles-Gidney and our three Ward Councillors John Hooper, Hugh Eriksson and Rachel Hill, for the time and commitment they devote to our broad community concerns.

My sincere thanks go to chartered accountant Michael Ball, the Association's honorary auditor. I would especially like to thank Peter McLachlan who recently resigned as our Public Officer due to other professional and personal commitments. Peter's tireless work over the years is greatly appreciated and has earned him the respect and admiration of everyone involved in the Association. Our newly appointed Public Officer is committee member and solicitor Simon Craddock. We are fortunate to have such well-qualified and community-minded people ensuring the NPA's continued good governance.

Thank you to everyone who made our Association successful – our 430 members; guest speakers; newsletter advertisers; volunteer walkers who deliver *The 202* and especially our resourceful 202 Editorial team and regular contributors. Last but not least, I would like to thank each member of the NPA Committee for their dedication and valuable contribution throughout this year.

With the end of year upon us, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable festive season and look forward to your continuing support and involvement in 2015.

**Rob Coote**



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## Councillor's viewpoint

by Cr John Hooper

### A philosophical approach

Some friends have asked me, "What is your secret of a wonderful, loving marriage?" This made me think for a moment, as married life and relationships do not always run smoothly. My answer was, "Romance comes and goes, but I make a decision to be in love."

This may sound strange to some, but I believe that happiness is a decision. To be happy, to be in love (long term) you need to have made the decision to be so. For me, neighbours and community are the same. It is my decision to be friends with my neighbour. That makes it so.

When you make such decisions, it allows you to look past the faults and see the good. This too applies to Council. During the past year we have had a lot of change. We have lost our Mayor, Pat, we have a new Mayor, our GM has resigned, our Director for Planning has resigned and the State Government is talking about amalgamating all the Councils on the Lower North Shore into one. Some may see the negative but I see the positive.

I have made a decision that this is good. It is a time of renewal and an opportunity to make our city better. It is not to say that the past was not wonderful, but as change is inevitable, we all need to make the decision to embrace change to make our community better. When we decide the future is positive, our attitude will make it so. Let's all make the decision for a better future for our community. I have. So, let's work together and see the good rather than the bad.

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

### Drive Safer – Drive Longer

Free workshop for older drivers keen to maintain their driving skills. Workshop includes practical, low-risk driving tips, information on the over-85 driving test and a refresher on road rules.

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### Elsie's good deeds live on

The Combined Christian Churches of Northbridge wish to carry on Elsie Kaye's wonderful tradition of collecting and distributing new and pre-loved toys to needy children, in less privileged areas, at Christmas time.

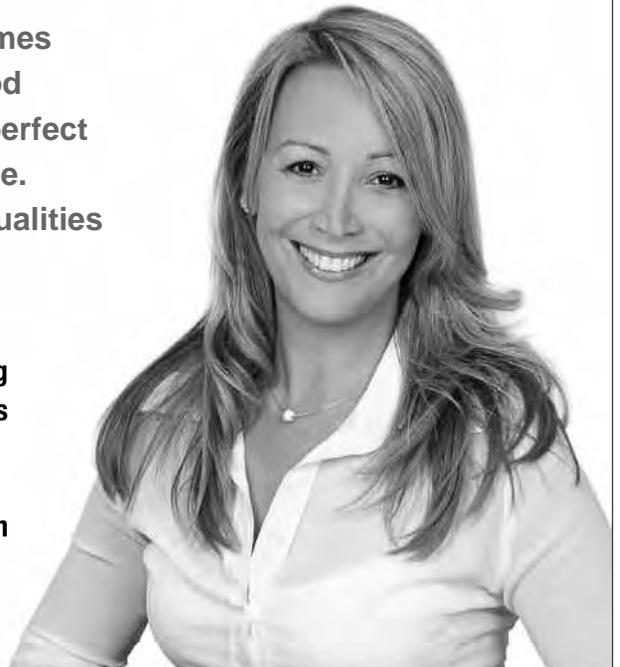
The **Joy through Toys** initiative will also present a useful way to dispose of toys your children no longer need or use. It can be a very satisfying activity for children to clean and prepare their used toys to donate to someone else who will be delighted to receive a gift at Christmas. New or used toys and games are welcome. Please ensure they are complete and in good condition as there is no facility to repair broken toys. Soft toys should be washed and dried and hard surfaces wiped with disinfectant.

**Toys can be left on the porch of St Marks Hall, Malacoota Rd, Northbridge. There will be a large box on the porch with a sign. Collection ends on Sunday December 7.**

You can give joy to a less fortunate child this Christmas through your toy donation!

Some of the most outstanding real estate outcomes for vendors occur when they experience the good fortune of finding an agent who possesses the perfect combination of professionalism and genuine care. Seems simple enough but this combination of qualities is often sought and seldom found.

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## Council matters

Nick Tobin has resigned as General Manager of Willoughby City Council after 16 years. Greg Woodhams, currently the Environmental Services Manager, will act as General Manager until a permanent replacement is appointed.

### Northbridge Plaza ongoing

Council Officers are still conferring with AMP about the options for improving the Council car park adjoining Northbridge Plaza. The feedback on the report summarising the community consultation on the options is being reviewed as part of the examination of alternatives. A report is expected to go back to Council early in the new year.

### Infrastructure Levy

Two public meetings have been held on Council's proposed Infrastructure Levy to assist with the funding of asset management works for the next 7 years and residents have been asked to submit feedback. Submissions will be reviewed prior to a report going before Council in November.

### Proposed new units development

A development application has been submitted to Council for 147-151 Sailors Bay Road, the former Commonwealth Bank site at the top of Strathallen Avenue. The development, called "Orana", will consist of five levels and include 24 units, 7 commercial spaces and 2 basement car



park levels. NPA has sent a submission to Council raising areas of concern with respect to traffic impacts, specific development details, town planning aspects and operational aspects during construction and after completion.

### New landscaping at Northbridge Oval



*New landscaped area on the site of the recently demolished Norman Landers library at Northbridge Oval*

Many residents will have noticed that the former Northbridge library building next to the Oval has been demolished and the area landscaped as per the Northbridge Park North Master Plan. The removal of the library has opened the vista from Sailors Bay Rd to the city. The next stage of works at the Pavilion is an accessible toilet and internal refurbishment.



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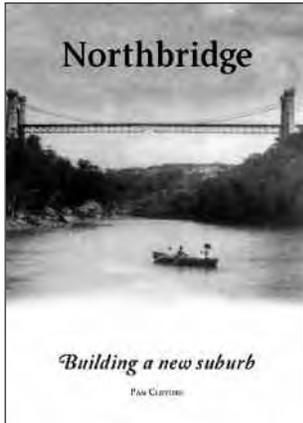
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Pam Clifford's book, **Northbridge - Building a new suburb** will be ready in time for Christmas.

For many years Pam's stories about the development of Northbridge have been published in *The 202*. Now she has included these stories, and many more, into an entertaining history of our suburb.

The book traces the development of the small village which in 1913 had 112 residents in 24 houses, to today's thriving suburb of Northbridge with more than 2500 dwellings and over 6000 residents.

Pam has sourced archival materials and interviewed many former and present residents, whose stories give an insight into the personal side of the suburb's development. With 240 pages and more than 200 photographs, many from family albums, this is a

comprehensive history of Northbridge. It includes glossaries listing the streets, laneways, parks etc. and gives a brief explanation of how each was named.

**Northbridge – Building a new suburb** can be purchased for \$35.00.

For more details contact Pam: 9958 0529 or: [pamc@cliffordmarine.com.au](mailto:pamc@cliffordmarine.com.au)

## Living with snakes workshop

Love them or hate them, snakes are around in our neighbourhood. Learn about the elusive species that share our local area, how to avoid them or create habitat for them in your yard and what to do if you come across them. Andrew Melrose from The Australian Herpetological Society will be presenting a free workshop in Northbridge. He will have a number of local snakes and lizards for you to meet. The workshop is on November 29, 9:30am-12pm, address provided on booking. Contact Liz Powell: 9777 7871 or [liz.powell@willoughby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liz.powell@willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

## From our State MP



As you may be aware, I recently held a community morning tea at Northbridge Golf Club to hear your views and seek feedback on various issues affecting our local area.

I was pleased so many Northbridge residents were able to attend and contribute to the discussions on issues including traffic, transport, education, health and environment.

Some of the specific issues raised included feedback on the proposed Woolworths development in Smith Street Chatswood, Government's policy on bushfire protection in urban areas, and traffic hotspots along Eastern Valley Way.

If you were unable to attend but would like to raise an issue with me, please feel free to write, email or call my office to make an appointment for a face-to-face meeting at a mutually convenient time.

**Gladys Berejiklian MP**

Member for Willoughby

Minister for Transport

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**Cartoons:** Our thanks to student Jack Schmidt and a professional illustrator (DC) who are both Northbridge residents and generously draw cartoons for *The 202* on a pro bono basis.



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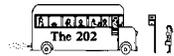
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## Northbridge Swimming Club

Northbridge Amateur Swimming Club has commenced its 2014/15 season and invites you to come down to Northbridge Baths, one of the treasures of our area, and enjoy a great start to a Sydney weekend – Saturday morning races. All of our races are conducted on a handicap system, and whatever your ability level, there will be a race in which you and your kids can compete – from the 15 metre junior events to the more competitive but still fun senior events. If you are looking for a great way to start the weekend that includes your whole family then look no further. The club offers a fun, family friendly way to be part of your local community, get some exercise with some healthy competition thrown in.

Our annual Open Day will be held on Saturday December 6 and will include our normal race day program, some fun races and will be followed by a free sausage sizzle. So come along to see what is on offer and experience first-hand what the swimming club offers for the whole family.

Our season officially commenced October 18. Entry details and further information can be found on our website [www.northbridgeswimming.com](http://www.northbridgeswimming.com). You don't have to wait for the Open Day – come on down and become part of the Northbridge Amateur Swimming Club

**Simon Thwaites**  
President

## Baths Update

With a warmer than usual three months forecast ahead, Northbridge Baths is being prepared for swimmers and picnickers. Lots of small but significant repairs are being completed for your enjoyment. The chiselling of oysters from the main steps lifted some concrete chunks which were quickly repaired when the tide and weather permitted. One hiccup has been the postponement of the new starting blocks to May 2015. Fortunately, the old ones will last one more season and have been scrubbed off and anti-fouled ready for the lap swimmers.

The October long weekend saw enthusiastic swimmers and splashers enjoying the sunshine and sparkling clean water, with some of our most photogenic youngsters jumping into the water for the television cameras. Northbridge Amateur Swimming Club restarted on October 18, keen to extend its reputation as the best club in Sydney for "fun racing" for all ages and abilities.

Of course, we all need to keep an eye out for everyone's safety in and around water. Please take a moment to refresh your memory about First Aid on the posters displayed. And say "hello", not just to the regulars, but also to new people coming to share our wonderful bathing facility.

**Bruce Wilson**  
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*Historic photo taken April 6 1938 of Northbridge Baths (Courtesy of Willoughby Museum from the David Warner collection)*

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## Honours awarded to Northbridge residents in 2014



**Dr Brian Morton** was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours in January, for his significant service to medicine as a general practitioner and to a range of professional medical organisations. A GP since 1976, Dr Morton has served as AMA NSW President from 2008-2010 and is currently the Chair of the AMA Council of General Practice.



**Matthew Levy** was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to sport as a Gold Medallist at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. He has competed in swimming in three Paralympic games, winning gold, silver and bronze in the 2008 and 2012 games as well as competing in four World Championships. Matt, born 15 weeks premature which resulted in his cerebral palsy and vision impairment, has been swimming competitively since he was 12 years old. Between various national and international competitions and his intensive daily training regime, Matt works as a Change Analyst with Westpac Bank.



**Dr Terence Percival** of Northbridge was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June. Dr Percival received his award for significant service to science and technology through landmark developments in broadband and wireless communications, including the co-invention of Wi-Fi. A tireless advocate for the benefit of broadband to people in all communities, he was responsible for developing one of the first Australian telehealth applications to enable medical experts to assist less experienced doctors working in remote areas in emergency situations.



**Keith Clarke** was presented with a Community Services award for his involvement in the Northbridge Sea Scouts for over 10 years. He is a registered Scout Leader, is on the maintenance team keeping the scout hall in good order, and is also on the sailing instruction team, teaching youngsters to sail J24 yachts for competitive and leisure sailing. Keith was presented with his award by Joe Hockey on August 15.

### 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.

## Bringing light to Fiji villages



Hand-held solar-charged lights are bringing light to remote villages in Fiji which have little or no electricity. David Robertson, a Northbridge Rotary Club member and Castlecrag resident, has made many trips to Fiji to help villagers in remote areas. He recognised that these inexpensive lights could change the lives of many people.

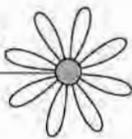
David's main aim was to help the village children. "Many children travel hours each day to and from school, often in the dark," David said. On a recent visit to Fiji, David took with him 240 lights purchased by the Rotary Club of Northbridge at a total cost, including freight, of almost \$3000. The lights were distributed by David to two village schools.

"The lights are used by the children in their classrooms and to do their homework at night in huts with no electricity," he said. They are also useful for chores such as cooking inside a dark hut, especially during the monsoon season, and for avoiding accidents and injuries when walking at night.

"It was a joy to see the people in the villages welcome light to their homes and schools," David said. "Most of the villages have only one central generator of electricity and often it is not working because of running costs or breakdown. These lights are such a simple and effective solution to so many of their inconveniences."

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The 10 Northbridge JP's who commenced this community service on October 17 2013, have made available to the public, free of charge, a full range of JP services, including witnessing statutory declarations and affidavits and certifying document copies.

The JP desk has been manned for 106 hours and has dealt with 1,020 documents for the public.

This valuable service is available every Thursday night from 6-8pm and has proven to be very popular with the local community.



Librarian Jane Cozens with the JP's.

Front Row L to R:  
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Rhonda Voysey,  
Mary Johnston,  
Trish May

Back Row L to R:  
Bob Miles,  
Geoff West,  
Jane Cozens,  
Ron Erratt,  
Mike Dureau

Absent:  
Sonia Sattout,  
Mike Blazic

## Willoughby Sustainability

The Willoughby Sustainable Reference Committee meets 4 times a year. The purpose of the Committee is to consult with the community about sustainable matters and obtain relevant feedback from residents so Council can develop a new action plan. They will review water, gas and energy usage, transport, Loop bus and renewable energy output.

At present, 58% of Willoughby's potable water is used on sports ovals. Council has started a water harvesting program at Artarmon oval and will eventually upgrade all the ovals in the City.

The sustainable transport group is looking at adding more bike crossings

along Victoria Ave, a crossing refuge on Alpha Road and connecting the Kiah development with the bike path along Eastern Valley Way. Council runs a cab service for residents that only costs only \$5 per trip (pre booked) for transport, door to door, within the Willoughby area.

The food policy is looking at healthy, local food and waste. Work is being done on this through the Better Business Program (BBP). The Committee suggested they explore buying local produce in bulk, directly from the farmers.

Gas and energy usage in Willoughby businesses has fallen 23% from 2008 figures, whilst residential figures are equally impressive with a drop of 21%. Street lighting has fallen from 37% to 19.9%, partly as a result of the Council owned solar farm on top of Westfield car park. They hope to achieve a further reduction and reach their own target of 20% by 2020. Residential solar provides 21% of the power being sent to the grid which is a great result.

We will also be reviewing Council's Climate Change Adaptation report which will cover storms, heat waves, droughts and bush fires.

**Janet France**

Willoughby Sustainable Reference Committee

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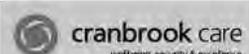
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# Northbridge proudly promotes Neighbour Day

A proactive group of residents in Northbridge has joined together with the aim of building support for Neighbour Day, an initiative from Relationships Australia which would help to replace the Neighbourhood Watch concept that has been disbanded.

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door or across the street for a beer, a barbie or just a cuppa. In 2015 it will be held on March 29, or before if groups decide on another date, such as a regular street party.

There are five principal aims which shape Neighbour Day: to strengthen communities by building relationships with neighbours; create a safer, more vibrant suburb; promote tolerance, respect and understanding; break down community barriers and to protect the elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged.

As a focus for the day, we are asking streets to consider a neighbourly activity to undertake on their day. Some ideas are:

- Verge street planting – create a street vegetable patch.
- Garden for an elderly resident in your street or area.
- Create a walking bus with your neighbours to get your children safely to school
- Stroll patrol. Take regular walks around Northbridge and keep an eye out for graffiti or anything else which may detract from the suburb.
- Northbridge promenade. Download our historical site map from the NPA website – <http://tinyurl.com/historical-map> – and head off for a walk past places of interest, perhaps ending up at the gelato bar at one of our pizza restaurants.
- Raise money for a charity at your gathering or collect and donate some clothes to a charity.
- Volunteer with a local bush care group for the day, babysit for a tired parent.
- Develop a safe street project, such as working on the roundabout at Woonona Road.

We already have over ten streets signed up so have a look on the NPA web site to see if your street is involved and if not, why not join up? It's simple and fun. To make this a success we need your support, input and your innovative ideas. We are seeking someone from each street to get the conversation going amongst their fellow neighbours.

Contact Janet France to register your interest at [neighbourday@northbridgepa.com.au](mailto:neighbourday@northbridgepa.com.au) or to post a photo of your activity on the NPA website. For more information about Neighbor Day visit: <http://www.neighbourday.org>.

**Janet France**



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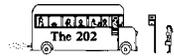
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## Rain dampens Bushcare's Major Day Out in September

There were 9 wonderful Willoughby staff, 1 bush regeneration contractor and 2 trusty volunteers lined up to offer a smorgasbord of activities on September 7. Asparagus and fishbone fern removal from otherwise excellent patches of bushland; 2 separate, interesting habitat construction activities; a planting activity over on the North Sydney side of Tunks Park, and an accessible, but beautiful bush walk through Northbridge Park's bushland were planned for the day.

However it was not to be. The heavy rain on the previous night meant the sites where we were to work were totally waterlogged. We had hoped the rain might not have had such an impact but it did. All access tracks into our work sites were under water and even if we had managed to get in, it would have been quite miserable working in the soggy conditions (which is not the idea of BMDO at all). Also large numbers of people working in such wet conditions would have been quite damaging to the bush, with compaction being the major issue.

So after much discussion we reluctantly decided to cancel the event around 8am.

BMDO organisers would like to thank their volunteers for their understanding and for being such an enthusiastic support for BMDO! There were over 240 different groups across Australia celebrating BMDO this year.

**Mandy Wilson**  
BMDO



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If you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact Karen Pearson, Artarmon District Manager: 0414 682 879 or email [kptwo@hotmail.com](mailto:kptwo@hotmail.com) or visit the website at [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au).



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# Rotary Club honours locals

Five local residents received prestigious awards at Northbridge Rotary Club's annual Pride of Workmanship dinner on October 28. The awards were presented by Willoughby State Member and NSW Transport Minister, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP. Ms Berejiklian who said she was honoured to again present the awards, which celebrated people in the local community who excelled at their work or as volunteers.

**Allyson Peters** received a Pride of Workmanship award. Allyson has owned and run a hairdressing salon in Northbridge for 30 years. "She is one of the rarer types of hairdresser who can turn her hand to anything in the hairdressing field and do it well and with pride," the citation said. She has a special affinity with children and takes the time to care for many of her elderly clients by taking them to chemotherapy, doing their grocery shopping, visiting them when they are sick and often doing their hair in their home.

Northbridge wine retailer **Julian Todd** received his Pride of Workmanship award for his success with Back Vintage Wines, a new concept in 2003 which took advantage of the oversupply of quality wines and the growth of internet-based selling. Thanks to Julian's innovation and marketing skills, the company has grown to a medium-sized winery selling 10,000 cases of wine a year to clients throughout Australia.

Northbridge resident **Linden Gulson** was given a Community Service award for using his accounting expertise and experience over many years. He has assisted St Marks Kindergarten, Northbridge Scouts, NPS Tennis Committee and is the Treasurer of Northbridge Progress Association. For 6 years he was on the board of Northbridge Golf Club, the last 4 years as president. He has also volunteered the last 12 years with The Shore Foundation. The citation says: "Linden has brought professional and management capacity to community organisations and helped them to grow and prosper."

**Rob Coote** was presented with a Community Service award for his contributions to two Northbridge community groups. He was Area Coordinator of Northbridge Neighbourhood Watch for four years where he encouraged greater vigilance and reporting of crime. For the past two years, Rob has been President of Northbridge



L-R: Valda Andrews, organiser of the presentation, Bruce Wilson, Julian Todd, Allyson Peters, Rob Coote, Linden Gulson, Rotary President Noel Phelan and The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP.

Progress Association. He pioneered social media as a means of obtaining comment from the community and encouraged new residents to be involved in the NPA.

A Community Service award was given to Castlecrag resident **Bruce Wilson**, who has long been involved with community affairs. He has been President of Castlecrag Progress Association and Castlecrag P&C. He has been closely involved with the management and conservation of the Haven Amphitheatre in Castlecrag. Bruce has been a supporter of Northbridge Amateur Swimming Club for almost 60 years and he recently formed the Friends of Northbridge Baths, who are working to ensure the Baths will be preserved for future generations.

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## The Commonwealth Bank has moved

It was sad to see the Commonwealth Bank move from the building it occupied for nearly 60 years. This bank, through its predecessor the Government Savings Bank, was the first to commence operations in Northbridge and has operated continuously ever since.

The Government Savings Bank opened a savings bank agency at 136 Sailors Bay Road by 1920, and purchased a vacant block of prime land at 151 Sailors Bay Road, at the top of Strathallen Avenue, that same year. In 1927 the Commonwealth Bank opened an agency in the Northbridge Post Office and in 1931 it merged with the Government Savings Bank, to be known as the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. It also acquired the vacant land in Sailors Bay Road.

A savings-only branch was opened in 1938 in leased premises and the popular school savings accounts from Northbridge School were transferred to this new branch, open Monday to Saturday and Friday evenings. Saturday morning banking ceased in NSW in 1962.

The first Manager was Northbridge resident Mr AR Penprase, and in the first week, 207 accounts were opened.

As the population of Northbridge grew, the Bank moved to larger premises. A shop at 177 Sailors Bay Road was leased in 1943, next door to the post office where LJ Hooker and a beauty salon are now situated.

### The War delays building plans

The Bank moved again in 1946 to emergency prefabricated premises erected on its land in Sailors Bay Road. Construction of a new branch building had been well-nigh impossible because of the war, the absence of many staff on active service and an acute shortage of building materials.

The prefabricated building was later moved to land owned by the Postmaster General's Department in Strathallen Avenue. The Bank's magazine noted the staff were pleased their temporary



*The small white building, at left, is the pre-fabricated Bank building in Strathallen Avenue. (Courtesy Westpac Historical Services)*

premises survived the tornadoes which had been thrashing Sydney, and that when a new Chubb safe was being installed, it took more than 3 hours to move it from the footpath to its permanent position inside the bank.

Finally, in 1955 the Commonwealth Bank settled into its own purpose-built building on its own land at 151 Sailors Bay Road. The bank magazine *Currency* enthused that the building was of ultra-modern design with a "portico in gleaming glass and aluminium" and that "potted succulents and cacti inside the doorway create the illusion that the garden plot extends into the banking chamber". The building was completed at a cost of £23,913/10/4d and featured a mosaic tile mural in the foyer, designed and constructed by Aboriginal artist Byram Mansell. The prefabricated building in Strathallen Avenue was sold to the PMG for £500, and for many years the post office operated from these premises.

Alterations and additions to the new building were carried out in 1983 and again in 1992 when the mural was removed or covered over.

The Commonwealth Bank archives have advised that there have been two armed robberies at the Northbridge branch, one in February 1979 and one in May 1984. No other details are available.

### Street frontage a thing of the past

The Bank sold the Sailors Bay Road premises in 1997 and then leased the premises until 2014. After operating in various locations in Sailors Bay Road for nearly 95 years, it has now moved to a smaller outlet in Northbridge Plaza. The old Bank building will be demolished along with adjacent shops, and a mixed use building will be constructed. Victor Lahoud, the developer, has advised that the Byram Mansell mural which is in his possession will be installed in Northbridge in public view when a suitable site becomes available.



*Interior of the Commonwealth Bank in 1955 in more relaxed times. (Courtesy Westpac Historical Services)*

Pam Clifford

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Northbridge – a truly good place

Some weeks ago while on a brisk walk along the south footpath on SB Road, I diverted slightly to go around some people talking. I then tripped over a small projection and found myself spreadeagled on the bitumen of Woonona Road. Somewhat dazed I gladly welcomed the help of two men (the owner of the hole-in-the-wall coffee shop and our Lollypop Man) who lifted me up and placed me in a chair kindly provided by the hairdresser from the corner shop.

Whilst I recovered, unbeknown to me, a young woman with a mobile phone called for an ambulance. The estate agent from across the road came out to offer his help. When the ambulance came I thanked the paramedics – but refused any assistance. Then I continued my walk. The consequences of that fall came home to me later that evening – and our local physiotherapists have been dealing with them since.

I wrote to Willoughby Council about the projection and received an email promising the damaging projection would be removed within two weeks. It was!

I felt truly cared for – and probably didn't properly thank those people who so cared. Truly, Northbridge is a good place to live!

David Synnott

### Let's clean up

I often wonder if anyone else in Northbridge is disappointed by the amount of rubbish left on Northbridge Oval. My husband and I often walk around the oval and we find it littered with a wide assortment of objects that could quite easily be deposited in the garbage bins placed in the above landscaped areas. Yesterday, I counted 15 water bottles, food wrappers, straws, tape from soccer boots, a deflated soccer ball, clothing and many other incidental items.

Yesterday wasn't even as bad as it gets in the height of the soccer season when we have sometimes seen enough rubbish to fill a garbage bag. I am amazed that the many users of the oval have a disregard for our environment. Perhaps the coaches and managers of the teams who play sport there, could encourage their players to take any unwanted items with them when they leave a game or a training session. This rubbish is definitely not from the school children who also use the oval. They do not eat on the oval and the rubbish is not the kind children have at school.

On a positive note, as we were leaving the oval last week, a father came down with his two sons to kick a ball. Before they began, the father suggested they pick up some empty bottles first and make a collection of them to take up to the bins when they left. We could all learn a lesson from this gesture!

Maryanne Fisk

## Willoughby lights up

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### GENERAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. To consider the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014 and the Report of the Auditor.
2. Election of Office Bearers, being President, two Vice-presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, three committee members and *The 202* Editor. Additionally, three delegates to the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations will be elected.
3. Guest Speaker – The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby.
4. Report by Northbridge Ward Councillors.
5. General Business.

All members are encouraged to nominate suitable residents as officers of the Association. Please contact the President, Rob Coote, before the meeting if you wish to nominate for any position. Only previously paid-up members of the Association will be eligible to vote at the meeting.

### Join the Committee

The NPA is looking for committee members to be elected at our upcoming AGM. We need volunteers who are available to attend Committee meetings on a regular basis (usually the first Monday evening of the month) and have skills and interests in a variety of areas including website management, engineering, architecture, landscaping, drafting submissions, marketing/PR and communication. If you are interested and wish to find out more, please contact the President, Rob Coote at [president2063@northbridgepa.com.au](mailto:president2063@northbridgepa.com.au) or phone 0417 139 884.

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NORTHBRIDGE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ABN 41 733 956 702

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank – CBA	12,750	11,369
Term Deposit – CBA	25,000	30,000
Sundry Debtors	780	2,115
	<u>38,530</u>	<u>43,484</u>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>		
Centenary Dinner Deposits	-	4,469
	<u>38,530</u>	<u>39,015</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Balance as at 1 July 2013	39,015	38,194
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(485)	821
Balance as at 30 June 2014	<u>38,530</u>	<u>39,015</u>

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising - <i>The 202</i>	18,185	20,015
Centenary Functions	8,845	5,230
Membership	1,170	678
Donations	70	125
Interest - CBA	880	1,638
Grant Income - Dept of Veterans' Affairs	4,000	-
	<u>33,151</u>	<u>27,686</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing - <i>The 202</i>	9,385	17,777
Centenary Function Expenses	8,861	8,087
General Meeting Expenses	144	230
Website Expenses	4,523	265
Insurance	135	127
Fees & Subscriptions	97	96
Bad Debts	195	-
Postage	107	283
Donation—Willoughby City Council	10,000	-
General Expenses	189	-
	<u>33,636</u>	<u>26,865</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year ended 30 June 2014</b>	<u>(485)</u>	<u>821</u>

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

Northbridge Progress Association Incorporated was incorporated under the Association Incorporation Act 1984. It is classified as a Tier 2 association under that Act and its Regulations and these financial statements are prepared as special purpose accounts to satisfy the requirements of the Act, its Regulations and the Association's Constitution. It is classified as a small entity under the ACNC Act and is not required to prepare or lodge financial statements under that Act. The financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis using the historical cost convention except where stated.

#### 2. Change in Basis of Accounting

In prior years, the Association's financial statements have been prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Effective for the year ended 30 June 2014, the financial statements have been prepared using the accrual accounting basis. The 2013 figures which are included for comparative purposes have been restated to the new basis of accounting. The change in the basis of accounting resulted in an increase in the deficit for 2014 of \$1,335 (2013 – increase in the surplus of \$180), the recognition of Sundry Debtors as at 30 June 2014 of \$780 (2013 – \$2,115), and Accumulated Funds as at 30 June 2013 being restated from \$36,900 to \$39,015.

#### 3. Membership Income

The Association's membership year runs to 31 December and memberships are offered for one or five years. As there are no significant service obligations attaching to membership of the Association, membership fees are recognised as income when received.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTHBRIDGE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

I have audited the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Income and Expenditure and Notes thereon of Northbridge Progress Association Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2014 and I am of the opinion that they present a fair view of the financial position of the Association at that date and the results of its operations for that year.

**Michael Ball**  
Chartered Accountant  
2 October 2014

# Community noticeboard

## Northbridge Library

Christmas is coming and so is **Santa**. Meet him at Northbridge Library storytime on Tuesday Dec 2, 10.30am–11.15am.

Keep the kids reading over holidays with the **Summer Reading Club**. This year's theme is **ADVENTURE**. Join in our pirate craft activity on Tues Jan 20 2015, 11am–12pm, for 5–12 year olds.

Opening hours for Northbridge Library over the Christmas/New Year period are:

Tuesday Dec 23, 10am–1pm;

Tuesday Dec 30, 10am–1pm;

Friday Jan 2, 2015 2:30pm–5pm;

Normal hours from Friday 2 Jan 2015.

## The Dairy Garden

New to gardening? Not sure what is a weed or food?

Come along on our Wednesday garden group especially designed for busy mums. Straight after school drop off on 2nd/4th Wednesday of the month for an hour or so in the beautiful valley of Warner's Park.

We have trays of new seedlings on the go with tomato, basil, eggplant, capsicum and lettuce. Other beds have beetroot, corn and sunflower seeds.

Contact: Janet France 0403 868 592 or visit [www.thedairygarden.weebly.com](http://www.thedairygarden.weebly.com)

## Scout Christmas trees

Lovely, live Christmas trees will be available from 1st Northbridge Sea Scouts, (next to Northbridge Public School) on:

Friday Dec 5, 2.30pm–7pm,

Saturday Dec 6, 9am–5pm,

Friday Dec 12, 2.30pm–7pm, and

Saturday Dec 13, 9am–5pm.

Trees are cut fresh from the farm every Friday morning, so you won't get fresher! Complimentary trunk trimming (to break the seal of your trunk for the freshest start possible for your tree) and instructions on caring for your tree.

Christmas tree stands are available.

Trees range in size from 180–270cm.

For information contact: Vanessa Wong on 0416 235 657.

## the LOOP

### 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](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

### Christmas Church Services

See page 13.



On Saturday December 6, Carols@Northbridge will return to Northbridge Oval.

Everyone is invited to come with a picnic from 6pm and the carols begin at 7pm. This is a celebration of the 'true' Christmas. Join the Northbridge Carols band to sing your favourite carols, with performances from local schools, pre-schools, soloists and a presentation especially for the kids.

### Entry is free.

This event is organized by the combined Christian churches of Northbridge with the support of Willoughby City Council. Northbridge CBA will be supplying electric candles and Borruso's Pizzeria will supply pizzas for those too busy to pack their dinner.

Carols@Northbridge will also see the culmination of the **Joy Through Toys** program, introduced in honour of Elsie Kaye's famous work as the "angel of Northbridge".

For more information visit

[www.carolsatnorthbridge.com.au](http://www.carolsatnorthbridge.com.au)

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