

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## NOTICE

of the Paddington Society Incorporated

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 21 February 2008 6.30 pm

Paddington Town Hall

Further details, nomination and proxy forms enclosed

**Committee nominations to Secretary, by Tuesday 13 February 2008**

*Season's Greetings and best wishes for a happy holiday season.*

We had a very happy gathering in the garden of Juniper Hall for our party on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Michael Wilson invited a Spanish guitarist to play, Josephine Revai organized delicious food while Graham Stewart and Suzy Rea provided refreshments at the bar. Geoff Rundle, Mayor of Woollahra spoke a few words after President, John Mant greeted members and guests and gave a quick overview of the current concerns and achievements of the Committee.

While in this festive season, Michael Wilson has researched special advice for gentlemen and the etiquette to be observed for calling on ladies over New Year.

### NEW YEAR'S CALL

*Australian Etiquette of the Rules and Usages of the Best Society*  
published by the People's Publishing Company, Melbourne. 1885

*The custom of New Year's calling is prevalent in some cities, and most villages in the country and so agreeable a custom is it, that it is becoming more in favour every year. This is the day when gentlemen keep up their acquaintanceship with ladies and families, some of whom they are unable to see, probably, during the whole year.*

*Gentlemen call either singly, in couples, by threes or fours and sometimes even more, in carriages or on foot, as they choose. Calls commence about ten o'clock in the morning, and continue until about nine in the evening. When the gentlemen go in parties, they call upon the lady friends of each, and if all are not acquainted, those who are, introduce the others. The length of a call is usually from five to fifteen minutes, but it is often governed by circumstances, and may be prolonged to even an hour.*

*Refreshments are usually provided for the callers, and should always be offered, but it is not necessary that they should be accepted. If not accepted, an apology should be tendered, with thanks for the offer. The refreshments may consist of cold meats, salads, fruit, cakes, sandwiches, etc, and hot tea and coffee.*

*When callers are shown into the reception-room, they are met by the ladies, when introductions are given, and the callers are invited to remove their overcoats, but it is optional with them whether they do or not. It is also optional with them whether they remove their gloves. When gentlemen are introduced to ladies in making New-Year's calls, they are not thereby warranted in calling again upon any of these ladies, unless especially invited to do so. It is the lady's pleasure whether the acquaintance shall be maintained.*

*In making New-Year's calls, a gentleman leaves one card, whatever may be the number of ladies receiving with the hostess. If there is a basket at the door, he leaves a card for each of the ladies*

*at the house, including lady guests of the family, provided there are any. The New-Year's card should not differ from an ordinary calling card. It should be plain, with the name engraved, or printed in neat script. It is not considered in good taste to have "Happy New Year" or other words upon it, unless it may be the residence of the gentleman, which may be printed or written in the right hand corner, if deemed desirable. A gentleman does not make calls the first New-Year after his marriage, but receives at home with his wife.*

### **President's Report**

All the best for the Season from all of the Committee of the Paddington Society.

I hope you will be able to attend the Annual General Meeting details of which are contained in this Bulletin.

My Annual Report will contain details of the various activities of the Society for the year, a number of which activities seem to be occurring as I write this. They include the completion of Five Ways at last, negotiations with both Paddington Councils about the controls applying to the area and continuous battles with people who want to live in Paddington as they used to live in more expansive suburbs. In this respect we were very heartened by the following remarks of John Roseth, the Senior Commissioner on the Court:

#### **Land & Environment Proceedings no 10897 of 2007, Re: 31 Bent St, Paddington. Dr John Roseth Senior Commissioner**

"The scale of a conservation area in Paddington originating in the early 1900's (sic) is smaller than that of new suburbs on Sydney's outskirts. Those who choose to live in such a conservation area do so in order to enjoy the benefits of location and character. Living in a conservation area, however, involves not only enjoyment, but also the obligation to preserve the character that is the source of the enjoyment. The obligation means accepting the more modest scale and character of housing of earlier times and eschewing the current tendency towards large houses that dominate their site.

"This proposal fails because it proposes to cover the entire rear part of the allotment with building, creating as it were a two storey rear yard, The fact that it cannot fit into a FSR of 1:1 (a generous standard for density, usually applied to residential flat building zones) demonstrates just how much of a misfit it would be in a conservation zone"

*We couldn't have put it better and we are ensuring the widest circulation of the comment.*

### **John Mant President**

#### **Committee Notes for the end of the year.**

It is pleasing that Linda Gosling has been able to get a peppercorn rent to enable the Society to hold the AGM in the Paddington Town Hall. We will be in the area upstairs opposite main hall. After the meeting we will go through a connecting door to the Chauvel Theatre where drinks and refreshments will be served.

**Pat Thompson Park-** The verge area next to Holdsworth Street has been named after founding member of the Society, Pat Thompson. The Paddington Society and those who value and enjoy the Victorian heritage of Paddington are indebted to her for the energy that that first group of resident activists invested to show the planners it was worth keeping. *The Story of Paddington*, by Patricia Thompson, copyright 1980 The Paddington Society, is well researched and a well written little book. The first you would want to read to find out the history of this old and fascinating suburb – from its beginning, its glory days and the inglorious to its revival and restoration as a heritage listed suburb.

Both Jack and Peter Thompson were at the opening of the park on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Go-kit car plan.** Five dedicated parking places for this car-share project, have gone to tender for management.

**Juniper hall garden.** The small front garden of Juniper has been looking rather neglected. The National Trust has appointed a gardener with horticulturist qualifications to spend half a day a month to look after it. Committee member, Michael Wilson has undertaken to keep it watered during the unrestricted hours of Wednesdays and Sundays and other members have taken an interest in replanting some of the empty areas. Josephine Revai was there the week before the party, adding some colour to the borders.

**WMC Floodplain Risk Management Committee** The last meeting of the year was held at WMC on 8 November. For the Rushcutters Bay precinct, three recommendations were passed, namely:

1. that Council commence the Rushcutters Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan with available funds;
2. that WebbMcKeown & Associates P/L be commissioned to complete the Rushcutters Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and
3. that Council continue to pursue funding from the NSW State and/or the Commonwealth governments for this project.

The Study and Plan will take about 18 months to complete; the draft document will be exhibited for public consultation before completion.

A further recommendation was passed, namely that Council requests that current members of the Committee continue to be in the Floodplain Risk Management Committee

There were the two Paddington residents' concerns which I reported at the meeting, regarding possible effects on Floodplain risk management. Glenview Street and Hargrave Lane residents have observed in the recent heavy rain, gutters and stormwater drain blocked and RTA plantings washed away

Whilst this is not a FPM responsibility as there is no documented flooding in Neild Avenue so that it may not be a contributory factor, Council advised that it wishes to be notified of any other spots so that each can be addressed. The option of residents speaking directly to WMC is preferable as it is *direct* communication and most importantly residents can monitor Council response. Please contact Myl Senthilvasan, Asset Management Engineer-Drainage, WMC Phone: 9391 7131; Fax: 9391 7044 Email: [Myl.Senthilvasan@Woollahra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Myl.Senthilvasan@Woollahra.nsw.gov.au)

In need, please contact NM or another committee member. By way of note, the Double Bay Catchment Flood Study Draft has been completed and the community representative was very impressed by the quality of the report. The next meeting will be held in February 2008.

*Nina Mistilis*

**Second Hand Saturday** This was held for clean up Zone 2, Paddington on Saturday 6 October, prior to Council's clean-up collection on Monday 7; it was again a great success with about 23 households participating and reported very good sales ranging from books and jewellery to white goods and appliances. It appeared to achieve aims of recycle, reuse and also build community relations. However, as Saturday did not generate any better quantity of sales, the general feeling is that it will return to Sunday next year.

A free BBQ lunch provided by WMC with drinks provided by the Society was held on the Windsor/Elizabeth Street verge for members of participating households. All enjoyed chatting afterwards and swapping success stories of the day.

This year we had a table at Fiveways from early morning with committee volunteers distributing the most up to date maps of participating households to potential buyers. We took the opportunity to showcase the Society's work and distribute our Bulletin to the passers by – a great success too. In fact we did better than the alongside election campaign party volunteers!

Many thanks to WMC who continue to be splendid partners in this event and also to the many Committee members who helped make the date a success.

Second Hand Sunday : Dates for 2008 are zone 1 Sunday March 30, zone 2 Sunday 20 July ( hope it is not a cold wet winter day). Note that Zone 2 falls on the Sunday before a public holiday Monday 5th October so it was not an option.

*Nina Mistilis*

**Community Garden Proposal needs Support** The 29th November meeting of the Woollahra Council's Community and Environment Committee approved a report from Paul Fraser, Parks and Recreation Co-ordinator, on a proposed Community Garden Policy and details of a proposed Trumper Park community garden.

Comments from the public were invited in the November 7th Wentworth Courier.

Full details of the draft policy and site plans for Trumper Park garden can be seen on the Council's website [www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au](http://www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au).

**If you are interested in supporting this exciting local initiative, please write or e-mail your comments to:**

Woollahra Municipal Council,

PO Box 61, Double Bay NSW NSW 1360 e-mail: [records@woollahra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:records@woollahra.nsw.gov.au)

(Enquiries: Paul Fraser telephone 9391 7142)

Positive expressions of interest from Society members will greatly assist in securing this valuable community recreational asset.

*Rob and Vicki Joyner*

### **A Periodic Peek at Paddington's Past (5) By Ron Johnson Street Names in Paddington**

We all like to hear and recount stories and treasure memories of our life and family but we seldom bother with the memories entrenched by the passage of time in our surroundings. The public domain tells us a great deal about whom we are because it is the setting for our lives.

Street names add a great deal to our understanding of our past and Paddington is especially privileged in this respect.

A great number of street names date from the early settlement. Sutherland was named after "honest" John Sutherland, a Scottish stone-mason employed in building the Barracks. He later became the first member for the Hamlet of Paddington in the NSW Parliament. He also developed coal mines in the Hunter Valley. Shadforth was an officer at Victoria Barracks and Brodie a building contractor working on the Barracks and building the artisan cottages opposite the site. The West family lived at Barcom Glen and were prosperous farmers who built and worked a water mill, which ground corn for Governor Macquarie. The Gordon family worked a windmill for many years in Stewart Street. The Campbells were early local residents who lived in their house, Hopewell. A spring ran through their property and they were well respected because they allowed other residents to use the water. McGarvie was the minister in charge of St John's Presbyterian Church in Oxford Street. Lawson Street is named after the well-known explorer who held land in the suburb. Alfred Street commemorates Alfred House where WT Cape had his school. His pupils included three future premiers, endless judges and TA Browne who is better known as Rolf Boldrewood. Heeley Street was named after Frederick Augustus Hely [sic], who was granted the land when he became Superintendent of Convicts. He employed John Verge to design Engehurst in Ormond Street but died before it was completed. He is better known on the central coast where he is honoured as a pioneer. Glenmore Road was the original bullock track from the Glenmore Distillery to South Head Road (Oxford Street) and is of Scottish origin. Did Forbes, a Scotsman, and one of the partners who set up the Distillery name it?

A further clutch of names bears witness to the activities of the Rushcutter Bay gentry. Begg, Broughton, Gurner are names that spring to mind. Their estate names include Olive Bank Villa (Olive Street), Bradley Hall, Glen Ayr, Alfred, and Duxford. When these estates were subdivided in the mid 1880s, Paddington began to assume the Victorian look we see today. Fiveways was originally at the point where several estates met Glenmore Road. In those days owners were required to provide a road on their estates.

There are other groups of names. Once the Paddington Council was created, Councillors Perry, MacDonald, Mclean, Vialoux, Oatley, Taylor, Brown, Gosbell, Dillon, Taylor and Neild, the local MLA for Paddington, graciously allowed their names to be honoured in street names! Governors were acknowledged...Jersey, Hopetoun, and Hampden and the occasional General, Napier. Royal names give a Victorian glow to the suburb eg. Royal, Queen, Albert, Regent, Victoria. The use of military reminders like Alma and Soudain [sic] indicate the obsessive regard for Empire.

There are of course names like Boundary, Spring, Prospect, Bellevue and Cascade, which are descriptive.

Finally Paddington. First mentioned around 1835, the name clearly refers to Paddington in London. When Underwood returned to England he lived in Paddington House. Paddington means "thieves' town". Footpads were pickpockets and muggers on the streets of the "ton", old English for town.

**Obituary – G.A. (Don) Harrison AM**  
**3-11-1931 – 10-10-2007**

Paddington Society members will be saddened to hear of the death in October of longstanding member, Don Harrison, after a short illness.

Don's links with Paddington and surrounds throughout his 75 years were very strong. He was born here, moved back here in 1986 when he married his second wife Suzanne, and finally died here in his own bed, as he had wished. He loved the Victorian heritage and the community spirit of the area and regularly indulged in skim lattes and wine tastings in the supportive environment created with his Paddington Street neighbours.

Don's extraordinary career in medicine commenced nearby at St Vincent's Hospital, when he began as a medical student in 1952. With only a few years break for overseas speciality study in anaesthetics, his career continued at St Vincent's for 50 years up until a week before he died, making him the longest serving member of the St Vincent's Hospital staff. His achievements have been gargantuan, first and foremost because in his own words, he had "an obsession with the need to relieve pain and suffering particularly in the critically ill" and a "drive to use my knowledge of the principles of education to help others". Within St Vincent's he contributed to making history by being an integral part of the pioneering heart transplant team with Dr. Harry Windsor in 1968 and 1974 and of the second phase of transplants in the 1980s with Dr. Victor Chang. He served as Director of Cardiothoracic Intensive Care until four years ago, but continued right to the end as Deputy Director of Anaesthesia. From 2003 he furthered his ground-breaking and innovative work as the inaugural architect and director of the Patient Safety Simulation Centre, recently renamed after him in his honour. Meanwhile he held the position of Conjoint Professor in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales entwining his dedication to teaching and mentoring with his clinical work having taken a Masters Degree in Health Personnel Education to further his teaching skills. He was regarded by all as an inspiring clinician and teacher, despite being afflicted with an incurable vocal disability which he doggedly overcame through managing to develop an alternative way of speaking.

Don's activities outside the hospital and university reflected his passion for improving the management and teaching of resuscitation. He was a highly committed and longstanding member of the Australian Resuscitation Council, President of the Resuscitation Research Council of NSW, Chairman of the Medical Panel of the World Life Saving Association and Medical Adviser to both the Surf Life Saving Association and the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia. Many of these organisations honoured him in some way over the years including an award named after him for the speciality of Intensive Care Medicine. He was admitted to the Order of Australia (AM) in 1992.

Don's choice of his own epitaph is beautifully fitting: "He taught". He is survived by his wife Suzanne, his three daughters Nerida, Nicole and Donna and their families. Paddington has lost a wonderful citizen, a dedicated teacher and mentor and a person totally committed to improving the quality of the lives not only of the patients he treated but of all humankind.

Jan Ritchie (Conjoint Associate Professor) – Family friend  
November 2007

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After the meeting, we will go through the connecting door to the Chauvel Theatre where

Wine and light refreshments will be served

Nomination & Proxy Forms and Agenda are enclosed

**PADDINGTON SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2007**

President: John Mant Vice Presidents: Bill Morrison, Nina Mistilis

Treasurer & Communication Secretary: Francis Walsh Secretary: Leone Morrison

Members: Robyn Attuell; Adrian Boss; Bill Fraser; Linda Gosling; Krystyna Luczak; Will Mrongovius; John Richardson; Graham Stewart; Michael Wilson.

**General Contact: Francis Ph: 9363 9572, Fax 9363 9572 or Leone 0409 361 378**

Email us on [heritage@paddingtonociety.org.au](mailto:heritage@paddingtonociety.org.au)

*If you are not already a member, would you like to join the Society?*

*Memberships fall due in August. Please check with the Treasurer if you are unsure of your financial status in time for the Annual General Meeting.*

**SUBSCRIPTION FORM**

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Enquiries: Francis Walsh 9363 9572

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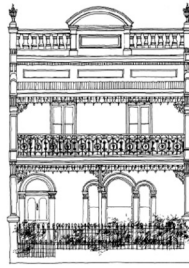
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**DO YOU HAPPEN HAVE?**

A small refrigerator that you could donate to the Society's rooms at Juniper Hall. Please contact Leone 9361 0864 or Francis 9363 9572



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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 22 February 2007.
3. To receive the President's report of the Society's activities for 2006-2007.
4. To receive the Treasurer's report for the Financial year 2006-2007.
5. Vote of thanks to Auditors.
6. Appointment of Auditor/Auditors for the Financial Year.
7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members.
8. Any other business

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