PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008/9

QSWWA continues to be our community voice with membership numbers growing..

2008 is marked by the invaluable renewal of the relationship between traders and residents. It has been my aim as President that the QSWWA should continue to represent the community and to be a voice for both residents and traders. Throughout 2008 the Committee of the QSWWA has held relevant meetings with the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers who acknowledge the unique heritage of our area and the need to maintain its special character.

This year as president I must acknowledge your elected committee who give their personal time freely to be a voice for you. Years of local knowledge is brought by Ken Gresham (Vice President), Robin Brampton (Editor of *The Original Village Voice* & founding member of QSWWA), Annette Robinson (Street Watchers Programme)

QSWWA Treasurer Alan Smith provides this non-profit organisation a solid platform to continue. Richard Banks long term trader member brings a welcomed balance and new view to issues at hand. Further thanks go to committee members Diane Dennison, Jennifer Rose & Philip Mitchelhill . QSWWA elected committee hold an unpaid position.

Please do visit www.qswwa.com.au and take the opportunity to make a difference.

Like any community it is natural to grow, and some changes are inevitable. Members –both residents and traders are our priority. QSWWA tries to find the middle road with issues such as Parking Meters, Parking Zone Times, DA house/business extensions, garbage collection, a dedicated community notice board , revival of a Woollahra Festival . Our community is made up of traders and residents ……. I would be unhappy to miss out on a *good coffee* at Ziggolini's , *browse* in Queen St , Jersey Rd, Moncur St or *have dinner & a drink* just near work or home. The flavour and unique nature of the area is brought and maintained by the residents with their patronage and love of the area. Together traders and residents make our community.

QSWWA community events continue to be a great success

Mid Year Charity Event raised over $2000 for Diabetes Australia NSW. On Wednesday 29th July at the Hughenden Boutique Hotel a Musical Soiree will be supporting Downs Syndrome NSW

The Annual Christmas Event officially opened by Mayor Petrie was enjoyed by over 400 people with carol choristers from the Gay & Lesbian, Woollahra Senior Citizens & Woollahra Pre-School CHOIRS. Kidstuff provided the gifts with QSWWA BBQ running out of sausages! Do pencil in 8th December & come early with your picnic

blankets. Traders and residents turned on the fairy lights with year with Susan Avary winning the best display award with her silver and white theme.

I would like to thank the major sponsors ~ WMC, Cosgrove Rugs & Hughenden Boutique Hotel.

QSWWA continues to hold meetings with the Mayor, WMC General Manager and Councillors and Council Officers all who care and support the unique heritage of our area. Issues addressed this past year included on-street drinking clients, Hall's Reserve signage, Parklands upkeep and Parking Zones. QSWWA continues to advocate pedestrian safety with 40kph zones, Ocean Street traffic measures, safety barriers at main junctions, maintenance of facilities –gardens and parklands, bins, debris, fairy lights, graffiti & signage for Woollahra Village and it's historic buildings.

Looking forward to hearing from you and maintaining our Woollahra Village.

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