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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A month ago, following the stepping down of our President Elizabeth Gervay I was asked by the Board to take her place. Elizabeth has been President for the last four years and has used her office to serve our community of residents and traders with great distinction. Elizabeth has agreed to remain a Board Member and for this she has our thanks.

The challenges for the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association are to represent our members by protecting our unique heritage environment, to demand proper maintenance of our infrastructure and to encourage local business.

The threats to our area are many.

There have recently been attempts by the NSW State Government to impose planning rules which require Council to find 'greenfield sites' for development. This has resulted in a series of threats to change existing zonings, floor space ratios and height restrictions in our area. The QSWWA was speedy in representing the interests of our members by protesting to both Council and State Governments. The threat now appears to have abated but we must remain vigilant.

The projected increase in population will continue to press governments to find more housing. The adoption of a 'broadbrush' approach of categorizing all areas as equal is a worry. Densely populated heritage areas such as ours are particularly vulnerable. Inappropriate development is another problem.

Repair and maintenance of our roads, footpaths, kerbs and gutters, street cleaning and rubbish removal remain high on our watch list. Our Streetwatch program which reports urgent street maintenance issues to Council continues with mixed success. The recent installation of new sub-mains boxes by Energy Australia, while carried out efficiently, has left a mess that we were advised would be fixed upon completion of the work. Street paving, kerbs, gutters, wheel slopes and pathways have been slashed through and filled with bitumen leaving ugly and dangerous scars on our environment. This is unacceptable.

Our traders group led by Mary Read continues to promote local businesses through the Woollahra Village website and it is pleasing to see new high-profile shops and restaurants serving our community in a vibrant local shopping centre.

My thanks to the Committee for their ongoing work.

I wish you all the Greetings of the Season.

Do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Committee via our website or write to P O Box 16 Woollahra 1350.

*Ken Gresham*

### The Queen Street And West Woollahra Association Ltd

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## A WEEKEND OF WONDER!

### *What a success!*

From 12 to 14 November in perfect summer weather Woollahra Village was transformed into a 3 –day festival of stimulating talks, music, comedy and entertainment.

The Woollahra Festival grew from a desire among members of the Queen Street community to celebrate this unique precinct as a creative and intellectual hub, and to draw on the immense talent among its residents and those living nearby.

Talks programs included a Q&A style discussion on communities and the newer technologies with speakers Malcolm Turnbull, Ian Hickie, Kay Wilhelm and Sam McLean compared by Caroline Baum. She later spoke with David Malouf. Gene Sherman talked of her special take on fashion, chefs Lucio and Armendo amused the crowds with tall tales of Italian cuisine. International relations, books, films, art, food, were also discussed and the lure of crime writing led to animated audience discussion with Kate MClymont, Gabrielle Lord and John Dale.

The inclusion of topics such as climate change, Gen Y and Tracy Emin show the diversity that made the first Woollahra Festival so amazing. Outdoor performances entertained the crowd throughout the festival with singing, jazz, circus acts and dancing.

Congratulations to Festival Director Carmel Dwyer and Artistic Director Ros Horin. We are sure that this festival will become a much anticipated annual event.

## PINK WEEK IN QUEEN STREET

Woollahra's Queen Street was tickled pink from 10 to 17 October to support and raise awareness for breast cancer. Businesses dressed their shops in pink balloons, silhouettes and ribbons. Locals and visitors alike sported amazing pink outfits. Wentworth member, Malcolm Turnbull in a gorgeous soft pink shirt and jumper opened the proceedings on Pink Sunday 17 October and new Mayor Isobel Shapiro and local identities Susan Gervay and Cyndii Freiman spoke about their battles with the disease.

Organised by the Jewish Women's Breast Cancer Network there were prizes for the best dressed shop window which was won by Kidstuff, second was Axel and Mano and third was Oroton store.

'There was a fantastic atmosphere, everyone really got into the act,' enthused organiser Dahlia Sinclair, President of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia.

## EARTH, FLOWER, WATER

This photographic exhibition in the Superintendent's Residence, Centennial Park (just opposite the top of Queen Street) is open on weekends. It features the work of Sally Mayman, Charles McKean, Tim Hixson, Steven Godbee and Philip Quirk, as well as the illuminated night landscapes of Peter Solness - many of which he created in the park. This is a rare opportunity to visit the Residence as well as to view a very interesting group exhibition. (11-6 Sat-Sun only, until the end of January 2011).

## CHRISTMAS FARE

Queen Street retailers are stocked up with goodies to make your Christmas shopping a breeze. Starting near the top, **The Bay Tree** is overflowing with the useful and fanciful, Monopol champagne stoppers, nutcrackers, and cherry pippers, plus Christmas pudding basins and preserving jars for the home cook. You'll find the perfect teacup, and for a special gift – hand-painted porcelain by Chin Chin. There's free-trade angels and mangers and Christmas decorations from Africa made from recycled cans. You can buy lovely cards and wrapping paper, but there is also a free wrapping service.

Check out **Simon Johnson** – always good for gastronomic gifts, while for the bookworm, **Lesley Mackay's** Christmas catalogue is available in store, and there's plenty to appeal to young and old.

The **Queen Street Deli** once again has Claudia's mince pies, as well as Schlunder marzipan stollen (which always sells out). The Pudding Lady's puddings come in sizes from 500g to 3k (\$27.90 - \$94.90). There's also Nanna's Galway Fruit cake and Burrawang Fruit Cake, available in two flavours: Brandy & Almond, and Rum & Walnut. Not to mention the amazing array of jams, oils and chutneys. There's Rocky Road Trees, Gingerbread Houses and Philippa's shortbread wheels and Gingerbread Pipsqueaks.

**Jones the Grocer** offers its signature hampers with hams, puds, and 'all the naughty sauces', a special macaroon hamper, plus their Single Origin Willies chocolates (as seen on Masterchef).

Remember that around the corner from **Robyn Cosgrove's** magic carpet shop, there's the Ocean Street group with more gift ideas. If you still can't decide, choose a gift voucher from the recipient's favourite shop – anything from millinery to pampering to bubbly!

*Di Dennison*



## Robin Brampton, founder of Village Voice

Robin Brampton OAM and his wife, Dorothy are both now in the aged care facility attached to St Luke's Hospital. Elizabeth Bay. Dorothy can no longer walk, due to a nervous injury to her right leg. Robin, who will be eighty this month, has gone in principally to support her.

Robin's strong association with the Queen Street Association goes right back to its foundation in 1972. Over the years he has served as its president, vice president and secretary. He was also chairman of the Queen Street Fair Committee and the founder and for many years editor of *Village Voice*.

We will miss Robin and his valuable contribution to the Association over so many years and we wish him and Dorothy the very best.