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PADDO RESIDENTS THINK MORE... Tell us what you think and feel about:

- Paddington Inn's application to increase patrons/drinkers from 300 to 820 people?
- Underground parking – good idea, crazy idea, induces more cars?
- Wine bars – like them, pass, grumble?
- Energy Australia's substations on footpaths and digging up/destroying our roads?

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Over the Palisade

☞ It is sad for Paddington to have lost the old stalwart The Windsor Castle Hotel, which is being converted to a residence. But some of the colour is returning with the introduction of small bars, providing an alternative social venue. There is concern however, in William Street that associated noise is disruptive to residents in this street, a problem which existed with the Windsor Castle, and now needs to be addressed with these smaller outlets.

☞ Recent invasions of the Royal Hospital for Women Park at night up to 2:00am by a group of teenagers has led to noise, unseemly behaviour, broken bottles, an open fire, and destruction of plant material. This has occurred twice and the suggestion is that children in their early teens from Randwick are allegedly the culprits, judging by a student's bus pass found in the cleanup. Any further incidents should be reported to the Paddington Police.

☞ We anxiously await the reopening of the Imperial Hotel on Oxford Street after such a long period of renovation by the Toohey family. If the interiors are as good as the attention to detail of the facade conservation, it should be well worth a visit.

☞ What will happen to the Scottish Hospital development proposal now that Part 3A has been abolished by the new State Government?

☞ Amelia, the Holden Viva wagon, parked beside the Town Hall in Oatley Road is now available for carrying your pet. There are seven other (pets not allowed) share cars in Paddington and others within walking distance in neighbouring suburbs. www.goget.com.au

☞ Half the front garden and the main rooms in Juniper Hall are 'to let' again. We hope the National Trust finds a tenant who prefers growing grass and garden to the crop of onion weed from which the wind last summer sent seeds to Paddington's gardens and parks.

Current Issues

The City Council's draft planning documents

The Society has been disappointed by the drafts of the City of Sydney's (CoS) Local Environmental Plan and the Development Control Plan, which have just come off exhibition.

The City's policies applying to its part of Paddington are not as good as those applying to Woollahra Council's part.



Paddington roofscape.

From the beginning of the City's planning process, the Society urged that the policies of the Woollahra DCP should just be applied to the other part of Paddington. Our urgings were not accepted.

Part of the problem is that the form and much of the content of the new City controls have been dictated by the State Planning Department. Rather than contextual design that suits the place, the Department demands standard 'could be anywhere' zones and codes, presumably in the hope that everywhere will finish up being the same as everywhere else.

And, despite being a 'City of Villages', the



Dormers: Woollahra DCP

City wanted a City-wide set of controls rather than a separate set of controls for each village. It was alleged that documenting a separate plan for each place would result in too large a printing bill.

The consequence is that, unlike the Woollahra side where most of the controls are to be found in the one document, the controls that apply to you or your neighbour's land on the City side are to be found somewhere in many different

documents and parts of documents. For applicants and objectors sorting out what controls apply it is going to be a difficult and expensive task.

With a new State Government the City should renegotiate the form and content of its planning controls. It should recognise that using its excellent digital cadastral data base it could provide a digital version which provided a print-out of controls applying to each parcel and groups of parcels – places.

Not only would the system be far more efficient, it would be possible for us to have specific controls that were suitable for the place called Paddington.



Dormers: CoS DCP don't meet heritage standards

A Sound Approach

It is good to know that Woollahra Council is taking a creative approach to the RTA's demand for further traffic devices in Hargrave Street to keep vehicle speed closer to the signed speed limit of 40 km/h. Instead of incorporating more speed humps, which are opposed by Sydney Buses, Council is seeking to widen the northern footpath, thereby eliminating the wide and wasteful painted median. This is an approach which has been promoted by The Paddington Society for over 10 years, and one which has been successfully employed in Nield Avenue as part of the Cross City Tunnel improvements. The benefits will not only be reduced traffic speed and improved driver behaviour, but more pedestrian space, improved stormwater control, removal of barrier fences which currently make parking difficult because of the level change, and potential to introduce consistent street tree planting. Let's hope the RTA agrees.



Thank you Woollahra Council for the Paddington Street realignment and landscaping. The upgrade was based on the Society's concept plan, a great success despite an unfounded negative campaign by some local residents.

Underground Parking? No Way

Councillor Medcraft is promoting the notion of establishing underground car parks for paid use by residents in streets such as Stafford Street. Whilst we like your visionary thinking Councillor Medcraft, we think this concept is way off the mark and would have a totally detrimental impact on our streets and cause damage to houses. Consider the impact of ramps, rails, ventilation shafts, lighting, stormwater, and underground flow redirection. Not to mention the more available parking, the more cars on the road, the more congestion. The current limitations of carparking works reasonably well, let's not put the cart before the horse.



Neighbours using their back lanes.

An enthusiastic crowd turned up for a planning day held upstairs in the Royal Hotel in Five Ways. Those attending included our Councillors, which was excellent.

Out of the work done that day came a list of tasks that should be undertaken, if not by the Society, at least with the Society's urging.

Housekeeping

Apart from the considerable work involved in keeping one of Sydney's most successful heritage/community societies prospering, important policy issues were identified.

DA Processing

The Society devotes very considerable resources towards protecting the suburb's heritage and urban design as well as neighbour amenity. The main work consists of commenting on development applications that do not meet standards in the statutory controls. These controls are under pressure from applicants who attempt to fit St Ives or Bellevue Hill houses into a Paddington terrace.

There are opportunities to improve the way applications are made and dealt with so as to make the process more efficient and effective for applicants and residents. The private certifier system is not working. All Councils are suffering from this problem, none more so that the Councils responsible for a heritage suburb.

The problem is that Council only checks the DA plans. Because the detailed design of a heritage suburb is so important, applicants have to show all the details in their DA drawings. Once the building supervision moves to the private certifier the detail can go wrong. It is only after the development is complete that remedial work can be demanded and achieving a proper result can be time consuming and expensive.

Another problem is that the Department of Planning's answer to the problem of an over complex DA system was not to simplify the system but to increase the amount of development which is not subject to



Workshop in progress at the Royal Hotel, Five Ways.

discretionary design judgements – namely 'exempt and complying development'. The Society opposes this solution as being detrimental to the heritage qualities of Paddington.

The Society will be working with both Councils to improve the DA processes. The proposal of the new State Government to reconsider the planning system provides an opportunity for a rethink of a dysfunctional system.

Specific Planning Issues

Our cover story comments on the new City planning controls about which the Society has some serious concerns.

The planning workshop noted that the new small bars, although welcome in the right places, did raise issues about noise.

There was the inevitable concern about the narrow range of shops along Oxford Street, with the comment that one cannot expect the crowds to flock when you only cater for a proportion of the population. The issue of the clearway was also discussed.

Concerns were expressed about the general state of maintenance, the quality of the landscaping and the cleanliness of streets on the Woollahra side. The higher quality of the City side was noted.

Projects Put Forward:

Public Domain Masterplan: This was top of the list as so many issues can be dealt with by such an exercise, including urban design, traffic, trees, parking policy, shared pedestrian zones, etc.

Sustainable design/solar panels/water retention: While the terrace house design

Did You Know?

It is of interest to reflect upon the tram service which served Paddington from 1909 with the last service running in 1960. The service provided a link between Circular Quay and Bondi, along Oxford Street with an internal route along Glenmore Road and Hargrave Street to Queen Street/Bellevue Hill. This was quite an engineering feat requiring the construction of the bridge over Boundary Street (to become the Cutler Footway) and the resumption of properties at Liverpool Street, Brown Street, and Gurner Street to allow access and alignment.

Alternative routes considered would have eaten far more properties and may have seen the line running through Norfolk and Windsor Streets.

The Oxford Street route was typical of many serving inner area suburbs with frequent stops, backed up by burgeoning shopping. Looking back at the old rolling stock, often the familiar toast-rack style, they really were a good model for jump-on, jump-off public transport, although the impact of overhead wiring and the noise of the old rattlers may today cause concern.

Here, following the precedent set in America, under pressure from the oil and car lobby, this extraordinary and complete

provides excellent sustainability, modern alterations with large expanses of glass can reduce effectiveness. The problems of locating solar panels on heritage buildings need further work, as do issues of water retention.

Tourist Wayfinding

The importance of Paddington to the tourism industry is not recognised by Government. For example, there are no tourist way finding stands, yet the suburb is noted in every tourist guide as a must do walking experience.

Community

The workshop noted the big increase in the number of young families and the absence of facilities for them. The lack of involvement in community affairs of the recent residents was a matter of concern.

Suggestions were made for more community gardens, given the success of the Society supported garden at Trumper Park.

The future roles of the EJ Ward Centre and White City was raised. (See separate article.)

Governance

There was considerable discussion about the governance of the suburb.

The split jurisdiction between the City and Woollahra was raised, especially as it affected the governance of Oxford Street. There was discussion of the possible amalgamation of the two sides under the City's control. Comment was made about the physical evidence of the lack of money for infrastructure and maintenance the Woollahra side compared to the City side.

There was some discussion about whether the Society should consider encouraging Woollahra Council to propose a Special Rate allocated to a transparent list of works for Paddington.

There was again a call for a Paddington Place Manager to be appointed, preferably by both Councils so as to encourage more integrated planning and management.

network of public transport was dismantled despite the investment over a 50 year period in a system that worked, in favour of the free growth of private mobility for those who were privileged enough to own a motor car. Now we are swamped by cars and parking and by an authority which sees its mandate as keeping the cars moving, no matter the cost, no matter the impact on the old suburbs.

With today's interest in the introduction of light rail, one wonders if an Oxford Street line to the east may not still be a good thing.

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Why a Place Manager?

Managing a complex project such as Paddington would never be attempted in the private sector without a responsible Project Manager. Just because governments run Paddington, why can't there be one full time person whose sole job it is to take responsibility?

The problem with local Councils (and State Governments for that matter) is they are a collection of specialist 'guild' organisations. These types of organisations don't enable anyone to take responsibility for particular complex outcomes.

Back when Paddington was first being built, the Council would have had a Town Clerk to collect the rates and keep the accounts, a Council Engineer to look after the roads and a Health and Building Inspector, a comparatively new position, reflecting the Victorian's new understanding that public health had something to do with housing design and drainage.

The organisation structure of the modern Council is essentially unchanged since those days, the main difference being that the Town Planners have usurped the Health Inspectors as the controllers of building design and, in most Councils, the 'Town Clerk' has been rebadged as the 'General Manager'.

The problem with guild silos is that each guild is responsible for certain inputs and outputs. They protect their patches and they don't go outside them. The Town Planners don't attend the Engineers' Traffic Committee, as one guild is responsible for the building design and the other the road design and operation.

But Paddington is a complex outcome - a combination of the work of both guilds along with the decisions of many different actors, some in government and some not.

We want a Place Manager for Paddington so as there will be in the government closest to the community a single person who is responsible full time for this important heritage suburb.

We want someone who will not say, "it's not my job", and pass the file on. We want someone who will anticipate issues and have them resolved before they become problems. We want someone who can take responsibility for getting things done about the many issues that fall between the silos, or that require the silos to be program managed so as their skills are integrated.

There is a long list of initiatives for such a person to take. It is not about spending more money, it is about finding resources from elsewhere, getting groups to work together, sorting out other levels of government, building community and being on the lookout for grants and other assistance.

A Place Manager would increase
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White City's Future



Representatives of the Society's Committee met with the President of the Hakoah Club recently, to discuss the Club's proposals for the future White City.

The Club is keen to make White City a place for the local community as well as its members, from suburbs closer to Bondi. Hakoah do not want the Club to be a white elephant and are looking to Paddington residents as an important target market.

The Club will provide a range of sporting facilities including indoor and outdoor swimming and gym. Bowls, but not the barefoot version, may be included along with tennis. We can expect that the dining will be competitive in quality and price.

Importantly, there will be spaces for community meetings, functions, child care and even after school care. Certainly there should be opportunities for kids to attend coaching and training sessions after school. This is important given the rapid increase in children in Paddington's population and the sale of the PCYC at 1 Underwood Street.

The Society emphasised the importance of any new development complying with the site's Development Control Plan that was a product of much excellent work by Council staff and supported by the community. As always, there will be difficult issues regarding traffic and parking to resolve. The Society will be urging solutions other than encouraging the use of cars.

The Club has commenced community consultation on site in Alma Street and residents who attended raised issues which were discussed and of which the Club is now aware and hopefully can be resolved for the benefit of the whole community.

Why I live here



Martin Hadley
*Media Executive and
Army Reserve Captain,
Victoria Barracks*

For a family, Paddington offers so much more than the suburban ¼ acre block. Having two boys under six, the convenience of walking to a range of activities without loading and unloading the car cannot be understated. Where else can you have a choice of schools and preschools a short stroll away? Here, kids can discover hidden parks, a maze, a library and explore car free laneways on scooters. It's why so many young families are again choosing to make Paddo home.

Renovation Tips

At the request of a friend downsizing from a larger, more easterly home, I attended an inspection of a terrace house in Ormond Street. What a gem!

The story goes that it was owned by a 93 year old, and judging by its condition, indeed was for all those years. There cannot be many of these left in Paddington and to walk through raises the spirits about Paddington as a place, what it used to be, the lives and experiences, and the potential at hand. The house included many rare and unusual features like rotted floorboards, derelict window frames, diagonal wall cracks running from floor to ceiling, rising damp and falling plaster. The kitchen was virtually non-existent and a bathroom not to be seen, but for the traditional toilet at the end of the garden. Although, it did have a laundry which had been renovated with one of those post-war double concrete tubs, and nothing more.

The agent suggested the 'opportunity' could be ours for around \$850,000 although to my reckoning, once these places get to auction, anything can happen. I noted on the plans 'no responsibility taken for accuracy' etc a couple of things, like not showing the fireplace in the front first-floor bedroom – presumably because it would suggest heritage, and at the same time make the room look smaller. Typical of many houses of the period, one common wall appeared to belong to this house whilst the opposite wall, appeared to belong to the neighbouring property – a condition which suggests you hang on to all those coats of paint.

I must say I felt more than a little uneasy about the builder types closely inspecting this terrace seemingly with an eye to ripping everything out and modernising it for quick profit. Looking carefully there were many features which could (and should) be retained and reused to good effect to tell the story of this unique house and place. I speak of the downstairs fireplaces linked by an unusual arch form (and, without which the walls would have no stability), the stair with winders and very special hand-rail curving to the stringer without newell post, and even the timber partition wall between entry door and front room, which could easily be retained whilst opening up the living rooms.

Undoubtedly the house requires major reconstruction but done with an eye to its place in the heritage of Paddington, it represents an exciting opportunity to re-create a unique dwelling.

Let's hope it's gone to the right people.

Ron the Renovator

...Why a Place Manager?

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efficiency and effectiveness. In addition to the positive things that need doing, there have been instances lately where had there been a Place Manager things would not have gone wrong and cost big money – the issue about the laneway through to Five Ways, which had to wait for a solution until a DA was lodged; the crude pedestrian protection works outside Lucio's which had to be redone.

The Ward Councillors would no doubt stake a claim to being the place managers and being responsible.

While the role of Councillors is important, one does not expect a board director to be responsible for a complex project in the private sector. One should not expect Councillors to be project officers in a Council. Their roles should be to deal with issues of policy and ensure the accountability and efficiency of the organisation, not rush around trying to patch up particular things that fall through the cracks or bounce around between the silos.

Given that the Place Manager effectively reflects the role the General Manager should be taking in managing the Council's operations, such a position should be directly responsible to the GM. It would completely defeat the purpose to have the position attached to one of the guilds.

The Place Manager can be a middle ranking officer. He or she would gain their effectiveness by having clear outcome objectives amongst as sea of output and input officers and by having access to the GM, Councillors and community members and groups.

The Paddington Society is presently doing some work on Woollahra Council's organisation structure to demonstrate that the position could be funded from productivity gains. Once the Council agrees to the creation of the position a deal could be struck with the City to part fund the role. Expressions of interest for the position should first be sought from staff of both Councils.

Put this in your diary:
ANNUAL DINNER
25 August 2011
The Sergeants Mess
VICTORIA BARRACKS
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for Bookings.

Coming up...come along

• Get in early and book for the **Annual Dinner** to again be held in the Sergeants Mess at **Victoria Barracks**, on Thursday 25 August 2011. Last year was a sell out. Further details including guest speaker, will be announced.

Sunday Concert

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The Committee

We welcome John Mant as the incoming President for 2011. John served as President between 2003 and 2008 and we are fortunate to have him back again. Thank you to Robyn Attuell who has stepped down from the Presidency after also serving a



second term over the past three years, and providing us with her exemplary leadership and attention to every detail. We also farewell Michael Wilson, Penny Johnston and

Josephine Revai from the Committee and welcome new members Minty Smyth and Leonie Fuber. We also welcome John Richardson and Will Mrongovius to their new role as Vice President.

The Paddington Society 2011 Committee

John Mant	President
John Richardson	Vice President
Will Mrongovius	Vice President
Francis Walsh	Treasurer
Minty Smyth	Secretary
Robyn Attuell	Committee
Bill Fraser	Committee
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Annual General Meeting of The Paddington Society, Paddington Town Hall 10th February, 2011

The 45th Annual General meeting of the Paddington Society was held at Paddington Town Hall followed by wine and light refreshments in the mezzanine of the Chauvel Theatre. Reports were received from the President Robyn Attuell and Treasurer Francis Walsh. Robyn gratefully handed over the presidency to John Mant and committee for 2011 was welcomed. A brief Special General Meeting was held to ratify the revised Constitution as required by the new Association Act and Regulations designed to modernise the law. The changes were minor and the Special Resolutions accepted.

Kate Clarke the Executive Director, Historic Houses Trust was welcomed as guest speaker. Kate spoke of her vast experience from studying archaeology at Cambridge University to various positions in industrial and landscape archaeology, at museums, historic houses and now to the ongoing challenges to provide a living history for the community in the expanding portfolio of carefully restored buildings.

President's Report (edited)

A brief update on current developments:

Paddington is cited by international, urban planners as a highly successful world-class example of dense urban living and a model which would do well to be perpetuated in other less dense areas. Living here, we know how well our community and environment works. Yet with urban intensification there is pressure from government for additional housing in Paddington. Our population of 11,600 with 38 dwellings per hectare compares very well, with say Bellevue Hill, which has less than 18 dwellings per hectare.

CoFA – after resident action and lengthy negotiations opposing construction traffic through residential streets, a compromise was reached and works have commenced.

White City has new owners, the Hakoah Club, and is to be developed we understand, into a community sports centre – there is an existing Development Control Plan for the site.

The Paddington Markets carpark DA, known as Newcombe St is rather disturbing. Proposed is a Harris Farm store, with over 10 trucks delivering produce daily through residential streets; opening hours from 7am to 10pm every day; 78 car spaces below and 15 residential units above the store and 10m-12m of excavation across the site.

Close by, ownership of **St John's** has changed hands and some modifications to the last DA are with Council; hopefully these can be resolved satisfactorily and the significant heritage buildings on this site, the Old Manse, Church and New Manse can be restored and adapted for use.

Our concerns over the **Barangaroo** development included the process, impact into Sydney Harbour, increased heights, overshadowing of the waterfront, the alienation of, and poor access to public land, removal of the cruise ship terminal and the precedent this development will set and much more.

The **Sydney Cricket Ground** takeover of the income generating Moore Park from the Centennial Park Trust - public lands for potential private use was thwarted. The \$17m+ Rugby League Central is going ahead adding more congestion to an already over-congested precinct during sporting fixtures. Parking is a big issue here. Come on light rail.

We appear to have been very busy opposing lots of developments - we have been! The problem is over-development, not development per se. We need to find a balance to maintain our social, cultural and environmental heritage - the amenity of our residential and working population. **Our small team reviews every Paddington DA** checking if each complies with Council's development control plans - we then rely on Council staff to enforce their controls.

We do have a **Plan** – In October we workshopped the Society's long term Strategic Plan for Paddington. Held at the Royal Hotel, over 36 people participated with John Mant our excellent facilitator. (See our story in this issue of the *Paddington Paper*.)

Paddington must have a Place Manager – a Council employee, preferably across both Council areas, who has a detailed knowledge of Paddington's heritage and built environment. This person is a single point of contact to co-ordinate infrastructure, planning and community issues.

Our project for the restoration of **Heritage Plaques** seen on some buildings, did not qualify for a heritage grant last year so we are looking at other avenues for funding.

More **Energy Australia's sub-stations** and service pillars have appeared on our footpaths during the past year, another one is going in Ormond Street near Juniper Hall.

The **City of Sydney Draft City Plan, LEP & DCP** is currently on public exhibition. We don't believe that heritage is adequately protected. (See our cover story.)

The restored **Comrie Fountain**, built in 1904 to satisfy the thirst of 'man and beast'

is being relocated outside the Robertson Road gates at Centennial Park.

Our **social events** kicked off the year in an environment of contemporary Aboriginal paintings and artifacts at the Thorpe's Aboriginal & Tribal Art Gallery. A group of us cycled to the harbour at McKell Park and the visit to the Lucy Osbourne-Nightingale Museum at Sydney Hospital was enjoyable. Our guided Heritage Walks were popular during History Week and we hosted over 50 National Trust members for Heritage and Architectural Walks.

The **Annual Dinner** at Victoria Barracks was packed to the rafters - a great night with Paul Sheehan as guest speaker and a successful silent auction of generously donated prizes.

The superb **Reservoir Gardens** attracted a record crowd for our Christmas Party – what a gem for Paddington, a beautiful space, admired and awarded internationally.

Finally I thank the talented committee for your commitment during the past three years of my presidency. We deal with complex and demanding issues in combating pressures brought about more and more by government. I hand over to John Mant who will use his vast knowledge and experience as an urban planner and former lawyer to implement strategies to make Paddington an even better place in which to live.

Robyn Attuell



Visit the
Hyde Park Barracks Museum,
Macquarie Street, Sydney
for a stimulating exhibition of
Australia's convict past.
8 decades ~ 840 ships ~ 166,000 convicts
Not a bad start.

What Does the State Coalition bring to Paddington?

Immediately, the 'abolition of Part 3A' of the planning legislation. This normally wouldn't mean much for Paddington as the purpose of Part 3A was to enable developers of large developments to avoid councils and to send their applications to the Minister for Planning for decision. There was the added advantage that unlike a council, the Minister did not have to comply with the statutory controls.

As it turns out the change of government is important because, by chance, the current development application for the redevelopment of the Scottish Hospital, being 50% larger than the application previously approved by Council, was said to be worth just in excess of the \$100 million test for developments that went to the Minister.

The new Liberal Party Minister is reviewing the 500 or so applications that have been lodged with a view to referring some back to councils and others to the Planning Assessment Commission. The PAC is a semi-independent body set up by Frank Sartor just before he lost his position. Although Sartor recognized the need for greater transparency, later Ministers gave the PAC little work to do.

The Paddington Society has written to the Minister urging him to refer the Scottish Hospital to Woollahra Council for decision. Council has adopted planning principles for the site and can be expected to deal properly with a development that the Society notes has a floor space ratio of 1.32:1, when the surrounding FSR control is 0.75:1.

The public only get 12 new aged care beds and a number of luxury apartment in 6 to 9 storey buildings. 70 healthy trees will be removed and there will be space for 170 cars, twice as many as in the previous approval.

Two Sydney Architects

Society members enjoyed the privilege of a talk by two of Sydney's pre-eminent architects, Ken Woolley and Malcolm Carver, at an exhibition of their sketches at the **Pinson Gallery**, 143 Edgecliff Road, Edgecliff. Ken Woolley spoke of the architect's use of sketching as a design tool and Malcolm Carver told of his interest in sketching and watercolours since early days. Thanks go to both for a stimulating Saturday afternoon, and of course to Peter Pinson for extending the invitation and hospitality. It's well worth a visit to the Pinson Gallery, currently showing 1959 - 2011: Australian Painting, Sculpture and Jewellery, 7-21 May 2011.

The Paddington Society - Objectives

Many people wonder and ask - What does The Paddington Society stand for? The following is an excerpt from the revised Constitution, required by the new Association Act and Regulations 2010. It defines our objectives for the future of Paddington and our concerns for this fragile and very finite resource.

Our objectives

1. To conserve and maintain all features of Paddington having beauty, architectural, historic and social value.
2. To conserve all significant heritage fabric, both internal and external, to ensure changes to private property do not diminish the heritage value of the area.
3. To conserve and improve all elements of the public domain including open space, parks, streets, lanes and passageways and to ensure that any changes recognise the heritage value of the place and do not inhibit public pedestrian access and movement.
4. To promote Paddington as a sustainable, compact, pedestrian neighbourhood where the pedestrian has priority over motor vehicles.
5. To promote the improved governance of Paddington as a place with special urban and heritage attributes which require appropriate care and consideration.
6. To encourage improved traffic management and reduced traffic speeds through sympathetic urban design measures which are not detrimental to the heritage environment.
7. To discourage inappropriate structures and advertising signage which have a detrimental impact on the heritage environment.
8. To enhance existing amenities and introduce additional amenities, activities and facilities which serve to develop the Paddington culture and lifestyle.
9. To identify, conserve, record and archive matters and items of significance to the social, cultural and physical fabric of Paddington and to make them available to future generations.
10. To augment the sustainable form of Paddington by encouraging the introduction of appropriate technologies which reduce energy consumption without harmful effects upon the heritage environment.
11. To promote a friendly, sociable and safe living environment for use by people and families of all ages.
12. To educate residents, potential residents and visitors as to the heritage background and significance of Paddington as a unique example of a successful inner urban village.

Another Viewpoint

Woollahra Draft Tree Policy

Council has just exhibited a draft trees policy of its area.

With harbour views worth \$s, tree growth excites some proud house owners/investors.

The draft policy has some words that appear to have been inspired by some property owners keen to see some trees in council parkland being less intrusive.

The Paddington Society has put in a submission calling for the public interest to override private interests.

The main point we make is that, given the density of the suburb and the importance of footpaths, lanes and roads, Paddington needs its own tree policy.

The Society has been calling for a specific policy for years. We are looking forward to the proposed Urban Design Plan providing the right context for a comprehensive policy for Paddington's trees.



Members Information Evening
WAGNER GALLERY PADDINGTON
July 20 2011
6.00 – 8.00pm