



THE PADDINGTON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to The Paddington Society December 2024 Newsletter.

December marks the end of the year and the start of the festive season. We are delighted to invite you to our **celebration at Juniper Hall** on Sunday December 8th at 5pm. If you haven't already booked, tickets are available now.

We'd also like to thank all the members and supporters who attended our recent **AGM**. This was a great success and we are delighted to welcome new members to our Committee including Bob Hird and Marcus Bleasel (Treasurer).

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to other Committee members who have supported us tirelessly for many years. Sincere thanks to Krystyna Luczak, Bill Morrison and Geoff Ludowkye. Their contribution over many years to our success cannot be measured highly enough and they will be sorely missed.

Our **60th Anniversary Celebration** at Victoria Barracks was a huge success and tickets completely sold out in a few days. Many thanks to Jill and Kim at Victoria Barracks for helping to ensure that this event was a fun and memorable evening and it was certainly a privilege for us to be hosted by them at this historic venue. You may have read about the CoS proposals to redevelop part of the Victoria Barracks site. We expect more information on this proposal in the coming months.

Additional Limited Edition prints of the gorgeous painting donated by local artist and member Janet Luxton are available through the Society.

This has been another extremely busy year with a great deal happening including the continued development of our new website and Instagram page which are now allowing us to fully automate our events, payments and membership management systems.

So much of significance has happened at both Local and State Government levels, including:

- Local Government Elections and Woollahra Council's Referendum in September.
- Edgecliff Commercial Centre (ECC) Planning & Urban Design Strategy on New South Head Road.
- The Oxford Street East Cycleway and its counterpart on Oxford Street West.
- The NSW government's imminent 'reforms' to planning for low and mid-rise housing, with the potential to override local planning and heritage conservation area controls.
- Selwyn Street Boarding Houses, loss of affordable accommodation to the community.
- Paddington Public Domain Strategy in development by Woollahra Council.
- Allianz Stadium and Entertainment Quarter - increased event numbers and local impact.

Our membership continues to grow but we need *more support* to ensure we can meet the challenges to maintaining Paddington's heritage head on. If you are interested in becoming involved and are experienced in architecture, planning and development or design please **get in touch**.

Becoming a member only costs a few dollars and ensures advance and discounted invitations to events, quarterly newsletters and more. We always need volunteers who can assist with events, marketing and social media campaigns, including writing content to engage members and subscribers.

Feel free to **forward this newsletter** to friends, family, neighbours and other community members. They are very welcome to **subscribe** or **become members**.

Enjoy the festive season,
Esther Hayter
President
The Paddington Society Inc



RESULTS: Local Government Election and WMC Constitutional Referendum

The NSW Electoral Commission announced Council members for the City of Sydney and Woollahra Municipal Council for the coming term.

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You're Invited: Festive Season Celebration

- Sun 8 Dec, 5-7pm

Members, friends, and supporters are all invited to celebrate in the garden of historic Juniper Hall. Bring your family and neighbours and catch up with old and new friends while we celebrate the season.

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Have your say: Public Toilet at Gugara Park

WMC are proposing to install a public toilet at Gugara Park in Paddington and would like to know your preferred location from two possible options. The Society believes neither option is suitable; we are preparing a submission to Council.

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Alternative proposal for Moore Park Golf Course

Moore Park's 18-hole golf course would be salvaged and the fairway reworked as a "world-class" sport and recreation precinct under an alternative proposal that golfers hope will fend off plans to split it into a new public park.

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PADDINGTON CASCADE Janet Luxton Limited Edition Print

This gorgeous painting was inspired by 18 years of morning walks enjoying the many architectural styles and functions expressed in Paddington. Limited edition prints are available through the Society until sold out.

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Your say on proposed cultural strategy

2025-2035

City of Sydney are proposing a 10-year cultural strategy to shape a thriving cultural life in Sydney. Read how they plan to support Sydney's creative industries.

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Selwyn St Boarding Houses Update

More signatures are needed for the petition. Organisers want to reach 20,000 asap so that the Petition can be scheduled for debate in the NSW Parliament. Help save our neighbours.

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Better Planning Network appoints Philip Ruddock

The Better Planning Network Leadership Group has recently appointed new Committee member Philip Ruddock as their spokesperson.

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Entertainment Quarter Tender Process

The Minns Labor Government will hold an open tender process for the long-term lease at EQ, Moore Park. Proposals are being sought that will deliver more visitors and events.

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Paddington: A history - edited by Greg Young

Looking for an extra festive season present? Our award winning book is available from local bookshops or the Society. Purchase via our website and we will hand deliver anywhere in Paddington.

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Woollahra Municipal Council Events

Woollahra Council hosts hundreds of diverse events and programs every year, including our recent talk at Paddington Library by Dr Paul Irish on **Aboriginal Paddington** from the Society's book.

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Local History - Clarice Gronow

Clarice Gronow was a reluctant young worker at Lustre Hosier Mills in Boundary Street Paddington. She died tragically in 1932 at Summer Hill Railway Station. Article thanks to John Godd.

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