

THE PADDINGTON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to The Paddington Society September 2024 Newsletter.

Thank you to all members who attended our recent Annual Dinner at Cipri Italian. We've extended our warm thanks to Cipri Italian for hosting the dinner - excellent food and service, as ever - also to our organisers, and above all to wonderful guest speaker, Kate McClymont. Member tickets sold out in around four days! Due to the capacity of the venue we were unable to extend our invitation to other supporters, so we urge you to join the Society now to receive priority invitation to future events.

This year is our **60th Anniversary** and we're planning a special celebration at Victoria Barracks on Wednesday November 6th. Tickets will go on sale in the near future and we would love you to join US.

This has been an extremely busy year with a great deal happening, including the launch of our new website and Instagram pages, providing links to help keep the community informed. So much of significance has been proposed at both Local and State Government levels, including:

- 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.
- Woollahra Council's forthcoming Yes/No binding referendum to reduce Councillor numbers from 15 to 9, which may result in a reduction of Wards in the LGA from 5 to 3.

Our AGM will take place in November so if you are interested in becoming more involved and are experienced in architecture, planning and development or design and can help out please get in touch. We also need volunteers who can assist with events, marketing and social media campaigns.

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

Kind regards,

Esther Hayter President The Paddington Society Inc



VOTE: Local Government Election and Constitutional Referendum - 14 Sep

Don't forget to vote at the Local Government Election on 14 September 2024. WMC voters will also be asked to vote in a Constitutional Referendum. CoS voters will vote on two seperate ballot papers.

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Meet the Woollahra Council Candidates -All Wards

The Double Bay Residents' Association invites members to attend a forum on Thursday 5th September 2024 at 6pm - Woollahra Library, Double Bay. We understand that the majority of candidates listed as No.1 on the ticket for each party in each of Woollahra's 5 wards will attend.

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Meet the City of Sydney Candidates

The Glebe Society has also invited our members to attend a Lord Mayoral Candidates Forum on Sunday 1 September, 12 noon (after the 11am AGM). Harold Park Community Hall, Tramsheds 1 Dalal Place, Forest Lodge.



EV Charging Stations Feedback

Woollahra, Waverley and Randwick councils are seeking feedback on proposed locations for new electric vehicle (EV) chargers to be installed across the three Local Government Areas (LGAs).

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Inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility devices

An inquiry was established by NSW Parliament on 6 June 2024 to inquire into and report on the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options.

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Low And Mid Rise Housing Reforms Update

Committee members have actively participated in two recent community-led forums on this issue hosted by The Save Greater Sydney Coalition and The NSW Greens.

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Selwyn Street Boarding Houses Update

Boarding houses in Paddington are under threat of being demolished and converted into two luxury homes and stacked car parks. Paddington residents have been campaigning to protect the thirty residents at risk of eviction.

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Find out more about the Plan C proposal that was developed by The Three Saints Square Project and complements the Society's proposal of Oxford Street as a High Street, from Centennial Park through to Taylor Square.





The Village Inn Update

August 2023 saw an outpouring of over 200 written objections to Woollahra Council, accompanied by massive support for a petition to "Save the Village Inn" which gained almost 8,000 signatures.

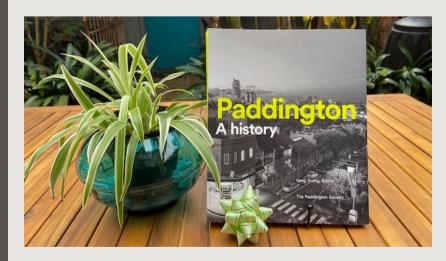
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Hakaoh White City Update

Hakaoh White City advised that they are currently engaged in a tender process to identify and appoint a new builder to replace Parkview and complete the project. An update will be provided once a new builder has been selected.

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Paddington: A history - edited by Greg Young

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



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Don't forget to follow us on Instagram as we celebrate Paddington's heritage and conservation through local images and information.

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Become a Member and attend the AGM

Our AGM is coming in November followed by refreshments and we would love to welcome you as a member. We also love volunteers that can help out with book sales, social media campaigns and those with experience in architecture, planning and design.





60th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for celebratory drinks to mark 60 years of community service at Victoria Barracks on Wednesday November 6th. Tickets on sale soon.





Strickland House Open Day

The Woollahra History and Heritage Society are holding an Open Day on Sunday 13 October 2024 at Strickland House between 10pm and 4pm. \$5 Entry Fee.

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