

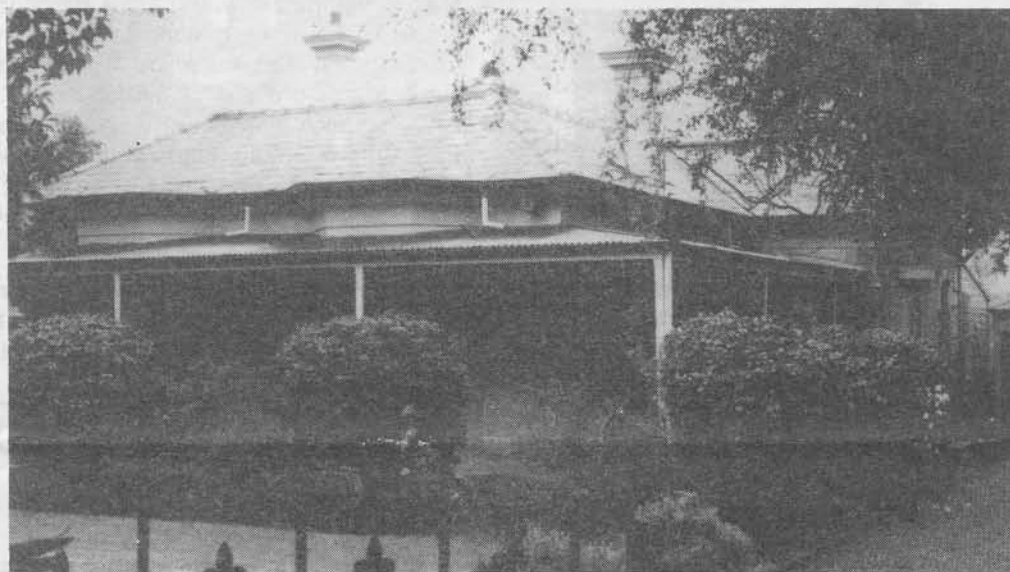


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WYBALENA, 22 Woolwich Road, was built in 1895 by Charles Edward Jeanneret, and remained in the Jeanneret family until 1941. The stained glass which surrounds WYBALENA'S entrance is illustrated in a new book by Beverley Sherry and Douglass Baglin. The book includes other examples of domestic and church stained glass in Hunter's Hill.

NEW BOOK BY BEVERLEY SHERRY AND DOUGLASS BAGLIN TO COINCIDE WITH NATIONAL TRUST EXHIBITION ON STAINED GLASS

Australia's rich heritage of stained glass is the subject of a dazzling new exhibition to be held at the National Trust's S. H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, from 26 July to 25 August. It is aptly entitled *Kaleidoscope: A Celebration of Australia's Stained Glass*, and brings together for the first time examples of stained glass from every State, from both rural and urban areas, and from all kinds of buildings.

The exhibition is based on the pioneering research of Dr. Beverley Sherry, and features a striking display of Douglass Baglin's photographs. Ninety-four transparencies have been enlarged, mounted in boxes and back-lit in order to simulate the effect of stained glass. Most of the examples are from buildings not generally accessible to the public, notably private residences built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Some fine examples come from Hunter's Hill.

In addition to this photographic kaleidoscope of colour and light, a range of original materials has been lent by practising artists, libraries, and churches – work by Leonard French, Klaus Zimmer, Cedar Prest, and Cherry Phillips, panels of historic glass from St Andrew's Cathedral Sydney and Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle, as well as watercolour designs from the Mitchell Library and private collections.

The exhibition will travel to Tamworth, and then to Bathurst later in the year. The concept of a travelling exhibition was first proposed by Howard Tanner, a conservation architect involved with work in Newcastle after the earthquake of December 1989. Events there sparked a realisation of the value, and the precariousness, of Australia's stained glass treasures. The purpose of the exhibition is to foster an appreciation of that heritage and an understanding of the need to protect it.

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THE THIRD RUNWAY: COST MISREPRESENTATION AND SECRET GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION

COUNCILS' REPRESENTATIVE "EXPLODES 3RD RUNWAY MYTHS"

The Airport Co-ordinating Taskforce (ACT) has claimed that building an international runway at Badgerys Creek would cost hundreds of millions of dollars less than the proposed third runway at Kingsford Smith Airport (KSA). By developing Badgerys Creek now, the ACT argues, we avoid the crippling environmental problems and legal hassles of the third runway proposal.

The Airport Co-ordinating Taskforce was set up to represent local government organisations opposed to development of a third runway at Kingsford Smith Airport. It represents eighteen councils, including Hunter's Hill Council and Lane Cove Council.

The ACT argues that Government had made its decision on the third runway at KSA in the misguided belief that it would be \$1.5-billion cheaper than phased development at Badgerys Creek. However these costings failed to take into account a number of costs associated with the third runway, including:

- the need to spend at least \$300 million at KSA if downgrading the east-west runway isn't realistic, as seems to be the case;
- the need to spend at least \$100 million to satisfy the Civil Aviation Authority call for land reclamation, to avoid the greatly increased risk of bird-strike causing aircraft crashes;

- the need to compensate people for relocating their homes, or soundproofing them against aircraft noise.

Barry Jones, Chairman of the ACT, outlined why the Taskforce was convinced that the next runway should be at Badgerys Creek:

- One runway capable of handling international flights at Badgerys Creek would provide the capacity to handle a vast increase in international tourism;
- From the day the third runway could be operational KSA would be unable to provide an acceptable level of service to the forecast increase in passenger demand. I couldn't hope to handle the traffic of an Olympic Games;
- Such development would guarantee domestic service access to KSA, by moving to Badgerys Creek those international and domestic flights that need to be closer to western Sydney markets.
- A third runway would bring KSA into direct conflict with Port Botany, taking land needed for port expansion affecting the movement of ships using the port and stifling the efforts of Australia's export industries.

Mr. Jones concluded:

An international runway at Badgerys Creek will avoid the need for the proposed third runway; a third runway at KSA will not avoid the need for Badgerys Creek.

GOVERNMENT KEEPS ITS THIRD RUNWAY ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSION SECRET.

WHAT ARE THEY AFRAID TO LET US KNOW?

The Trust received the following correspondence regarding the proposed third runway.

SIR, The deeper we get into the third runway issue, the more disturbing it gets.

In a question to Charles Hill at the recent Trust Planning Seminar, I drew attention to the fact that in relation to the runway, air quality in Sydney is an issue on which important information is being suppressed. Political expediency of the major parties is dominating the third runway. Of the major parties in both State and Federal Governments, only the NSW Opposition State Labor Party is opposed to the third runway.

The State Government did not include the full report prepared by the State Pollution Control Commission in the State Government's submission on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the third runway to the Environmental Branch of the Department of Arts, Sport, Environment, Tourism and Territories (DASETT). One can only assume there is an attempt to downplay the extent of impact the report has revealed.

CRASH (Citizens Revolt Against Sound Harassment) has previously been refused a copy of the report, and on April 18th made application under the Freedom of Information Act. This, too, has been refused. On such a vital issue as this, which should be completely public - what's the problem?

It is similar to the "Exhaustive Analysis" supposedly undertaken by the Federal Government in coming to the

decision to build the runway, refused under F.O.I. It is sickening.

A third runway would have enormous impact on our urban environment. It would impact on air quality, water quality, and a wide range of associated issues summing up to quality of life. For example, the State Pollution Control Commission report (of which I have a leaked copy) says that potential nitrogen dioxide emissions from aircraft operations "are of very great concern".

Whatever happens at the airport affects the quality of the Sydney air from coast to mountains.

To address the impact of a third runway on Sydney without a wide ranging public inquiry is a hopeless way for us to come to a decision. It's hopeless because it doesn't allow dynamic inter-action between parties or the introduction of new material. It's hopeless because political experience will dominate.

Time is running out. Involvement in mobilising demand for an inquiry is urgently needed. Repeated demands faxed to Minister for Environment The Hon Ros Kelly and letters of objection to the proposal to Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support The Hon Bob Collins from organisations and individuals are essential. More help is needed in this massive fight for our environment.

— Geoff Grace Farnell Street
Boronia Park

Geoff Grace is secretary of CRASH. He was formerly Alderman on Hunter's Hill Council.

NEW BOOK BY BEVERLEY SHERRY AND DOUGLASS BAGLIN (Continued)

Kaleidoscope coincides with the launch of the book by Beverley Sherry and Douglass Baglin, *Australia's Historic Stained Glass*. Beverley and Douglass feel that they owe much to the Hunter's Hill Trust, since it was through the Trust that they originally met in 1980, and their book *Hunter's Hill: Australia's Oldest Garden Suburb* (published 1989) came out of that meeting. Their new book on stained glass is the end product of many years' work which has led them to far corners of Australia.

Hunter's Hill Trust Members may purchase *Australia's Historic Stained Glass*, text by Beverley Sherry and all colour photographs by Douglass Baglin, at a special pre-publication price of \$64.95 plus \$7 packing and postage (retail price is \$79.95). Contact the publisher before 9 August:

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EULBERTIE, Stanley Road.

19th C PUNISHMENT BOOK ON DISPLAY IN *EULBERTIE*

"There have been many changes in education in N.S.W. since the old school house at Hunter's Hill Public School was the master's residence, with a chicken coop out the back, and the classroom attached", reflected Margaret Walker, President of the School's P. and C. Association.

Opened as a State school in 1870 by Sir Henry Parkes, the school has two important heritage buildings, this old school building and the more recently acquired *Eulbertie*.

Eulbertie was a grand twelve room house standing on 1½ acres when Dr. John Gerard J.P. occupied it in 1879. It was given its current name by Edward Marsden Betts who was living here in 1903. Betts was a grandson of Rev. Samuel Marsden and was Mayor between 1905 and 1912.

In July 1968, the Department of Education, seeking additional grounds for the adjacent school, bought *Eulbertie* (then known as *Marshall House*) and its garden in Stanley Road. The Department announced that it would demolish the old stone building and replace it with a brick "craft block".

In their book *The Vision and the Struggle*, Professor Reg Martin and Dr Richard Temple trace the battle to save the building, and recall that "in 1971 the Hunter's Hill Council, on the motion of an East Ward alderman, voted to buy *Eulbertie* for \$1 and to demolish it and store the stone for kerbing and guttering in the East Ward".

"As late as 1974 the Trust Committee was still endeavouring to convince the Headmaster of the School (of the importance of retaining the building), when finally the Government Architect's Department produced a plan for its restoration, which the Minister accepted. In 1977, *Eulbertie* was restored in a manner which (was) a credit to the State Government."

Loombah, on the other side of Stanley Road, was constructed by the same builder, and looked similar until *Eulbertie's* verandah was added.

On Sunday October 20th, from 10 am, Hunter's Hill Public School will be holding a Village Fete. On this day the school is opening the two old buildings for inspection, and the Hunter's Hill Trust will be organising a display in one room. Included will be a punishment book from the late 1800s, early P. and C. initiatives, and documents prepared for the school's centennial.

To make the display as comprehensive as possible, memorabilia, photographs or documents are being sought. If you have material which you think may be of interest and which you would lend for this display, would you please contact Margaret Walker 816 5492 or Ian Kelley 817 3886.

TRUST PLANNING SEMINAR

On the evening of 23 April the Trust held a public seminar in the Town Hall. The title was "Planning – have we lost our way", and a number of prominent speakers were invited to attend and give a short talk on their respective subjects, followed by discussion with questions from the floor. The seminar was chaired by Ewan Cheyne-Macpherson.

It was attended by a rather poor turn-out of about 60 people, given the extensive publicity and the fact that the issues and concerns being addressed reflected many of the concerns of the Hunter's Hill community.

The speakers were the Mayor, Alderman Ross Williams, who discoursed intelligently on the planning process in Hunter's Hill; Paul Schofield, a lawyer, who discussed the legal pitfalls in the planning processes, and how some of them could be avoided, in particular by thinking ahead; Charles Hill, the Director of Planning for the Northern Region, who appeared to have little grasp of the issues, but thought we definitely had not lost our way, a comment greeted with some derision; Jim Barrett, the Managing Director of Ipoh Gardens, the developers of the Queen Victoria Building and World Square, who discussed the difficulties developers faced in the planning jungle; Professor Lawrence Nield, architect and leading instigator of planning reform in Balmain, who argued forcefully and intelligently that, yes, we have lost our way.

Professor Nield proffered, slightly tongue-in-cheek, what he called the 'Ten Commandments' of planning for Hunter's Hill, which are reproduced below.

Ten Gentle Commandments for Hunter's Hill Planning

(1) Thou shalt understand the important character and heritage of Hunter's Hill.

Hunter's Hill's unique topography, buildings and sandstone need to be encoded in time. This does not mean building 'Noddy Land' pastiches but

understanding and re-using the information that has made Hunter's Hill important.

(2) Thou shalt take the 'green' movement seriously.

Global and local issues of energy, greenhouse etc. are important.

(3) Honour visions for a sustainable city.

City planning must do more than just project contemporary attitudes, surveys based on current perspectives of what is possible. A sustainable city is one that will not be doomed by the impending energy crisis. Density must be increased sensitively.

(4) Thou shalt not treat public transport as a marginal exercise.

Public transport can economically compete and should be encouraged. Public transport in Hunter's Hill is a variable quality.

(5) Thou shalt reject simplistic traffic plans by traffic engineers in favour of a wider and more integrated approach. Design Hunter's Hill considering public transport, bicycling and walking, as well as cars.

(6) Thou shalt institute traffic calming measures.

(7) Thou shalt not 'bitumise' the best parts of Hunter's Hill and Gladesville for car parks.

(8) Thou shalt consider waterfront access and people activities on the waterfront.

(9) Thou shalt reinforce urban 'foci' such as the Town Hall, the Hunter's Hill and the Gladesville shopping centres.

(10) Thou shalt honour the ferry wharves and make them major city shaping forces.

Ferry wharves should be transport interchange with shops and more efficient land-use.

NEW COMMITTEE

As nominations were within the number laid down by the Constitution, no election was necessary at the A.G.M. At a subsequent meeting of the new committee, the following office bearers were elected:

President:	Ian Kelley	817 3886
V. President:	Patti Mackenzie	816 2728
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	Diana Temple	817 4941
	Ann Frost	
	Robert Winter	816 3143
Co-opted:	Ewan Cheyne-MacPherson	817 1959
	Peter Pinson	817 2235
	Rob Pillans	816 2971

Sam Sheffer (a former President), Kim Crestani, Barry Swayn and Penny Daven retired from the committee, and their work for the Trust and for Hunter's Hill is greatly appreciated.

TRUST PUBLICATIONS

<i>Heritage of Hunter's Hill</i>	\$17.50
<i>The Vision and The Struggle – The Trust's first 20 years.</i> By Reg Martin and Richard Temple	\$10.00
Hunter's Hill Walk Leaflets	\$ 1.00
Trust Sweatshirts	\$30.00
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