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Wine Library

The wine choice is amazing and the food is linked with Buzo, so excellent in that department. The premises layout and the attention of staff make the Wine Library a fantastic place on your own or with friends. There is no Siberia in the Wine Library. All seating is comfortable with its own unique advantages. The bar near the front door is a cosy back against the wall situation, good for surveillance of the street and the venue. Also good for quick entry and exit. Table opposite the door seats three comfortably or four at a pinch and is probably the roomiest spot.

Anywhere along the bar is pleasant, you don't slip of the stool and there are places to put your handbag. Least favourite place is bench around the food preparation area because can result in smell of melted cheese which is not always helpful. Cozy seated tables in rear area are lovely and private with tables for 2 and 4. You can whisk in and walk the length of the venue and whisk out without feeling that all eyes are upon you because the seating is such that most eyes are directed away from the runway. A delightful, comfortable and charming place to meet people.

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'axel mano,

Once upon a time in a bar in Martinique, Graham met Susie. Little did they know then that they would live and work in Woollahra for 14 years spending every moment together as *axel mano* (hand made in Italian) making unique hand bags, hats and clothing.

axel mano handbags are made from a signature webbing fabric similar to the material used in seat belts, which is then woven into a stylized geometric design.

The fabric is light, dynamic and dramatic and incorporates latest trends by using a wide range of colours and designs. Susie and Graham continue to travel extensively and release an inspired new range of bags each year.

Seventy per cent of *axel mano* products are sold from their Woollahra shops at 46 Ocean Street and at 46 Queen Street. An important component of their success, particularly to tourists or overseas markets, is that all their products are hand made in Woollahra.

Graham and Susie adore living and working in Woollahra. They love the magnificent trees and the friendly people. They are not so keen on the increasing amount of traffic. Their favourite haunts include Spicer Street Café at 128 Queen Street (enter from Spicer Street) and Pizza Moncur at 101 Queen Street. (enter from Moncur Street).

www.axelmano.com



Susie Meekin and Graham Clarke of *axel mano*



Ian Mansell and Dr Danny Beran at Diogenes



Laura Tramontina

RIADA

Laura Tramontina's fashion career began working in boutiques in Italy and in 2007 she worked as Manager at RIADA. Early in 2011 Laura bought RIADA and in September 2012, she acquired Attic which she has renamed "RIADA Concept". Laura's vision is to expand the brand into other Australian markets.

Laura's commitment to Queen's Court is based on her belief that it is a wonderful location at the heart of a "very European" Queen Street.

Laura supports fashion in Queen Street noting that "many new high quality boutiques and designers have opened over the last few years and Queen Street has become a fashion destination in its own right". Naturally, Laura's favourite place for lunch is Bills because of the great atmosphere.

Laura believes the key to style is the composition of shapes and colours to suit individual aesthetics and RIADA's unique customers experience friendly staff with the ability to personally style clients.

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QSWWA Annual Carols

Congratulations to the community for participating in enjoyable Christmas Carols at Chiswick Gardens on 11 December 2012. Over 200 children, their families and friends attended the event with local traders generously contributing to the silent auction.

Woollahra Municipal Council and Chiswick sponsored the event and the Mayor, Andrew Petrie joined in the fun, sharing a sausage with QSWWA President, Ken Gresham. The evening included captivating performances from Woollahra Pre-School Choir, Holdsworth *Rhythm of Life* Choir and the soloist Lynelle Rivers.

A special thanks to over thirtysix businesses, photographer Naomi Hamilton and Association members Alan and Irene Smith, Mary Read, Jeannette Knox, Rosemary McDonald and Phillip Mitchelhill for their enormous contribution of time, effort and support and Santa (George Price).



Photo: Naomi Hamilton Photography

Woollahra Citizen of the Year

The *Citizen of the Year* award was shared by Jessica Brown and Monsignor Tony Doherty. Congratulations also to Carmel Dwyer and Ros Horin for *Most Innovative Community Project*, Woollahra Festival and to the NCJW for the *Contribution to the Community* prize for their *Mum2Mum* project. William McQuaid won the *Senior's Award* and Adam Schwartz, the *Young Citizens Award*.



Mayor Andrew Petrie with William McQuaid

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Susanne Gervay OAM from The Hughenden at 14 Queen Street is a children's book author and head of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators. Susanne has written the I AM JACK series of children's books which are endorsed by Life Education Australia, Alannah & Madeline Foundation, Room to Read and other anti bullying organisations. The series has been adapted into an acclaimed play. (www.monkeybaa.com.au)

The exciting news is that a feature film of the I AM JACK series is underway with Susanne as scriptwriter and Nadia Tass as director. Fellow Woollahra residents, David Whealy of Bran Nue Dae fame (Executive Producer) and Deborra-Lee Furness (Film Star) are also involved. More exciting news is that Susanne has just released her latest book "*Gracie and Josh*" with illustrator Serena Geddes. The highly acclaimed book is currently being promoted in Australia and the USA.

Village Voice readers can buy Susanne Gervay books from Lesley McKay's Bookshop at Queens Court, 118 Queen Street.



Kellie Langmaid, CEO unctiontalent.com; Susanne Gervay and Eva Jaku

[LEGAL CORNER]

Let's buy a Dunny Lane!

Before sewerage systems, the dunny lane provided access for the removal of 'nightsoil' and ran along the backs of adjoining houses, as well as between them. There are two ways of acquiring a dunny lane.

1. Track down the owner

If the dunny lane is a separate land parcel perhaps owned by the original subdivider of the estate, you can offer to buy the dunny lane. However, where the original subdivider is no longer alive, or the dunny lane is owned by numerous beneficiaries of an estate, it is difficult to acquire. Council may be unaware of the identity of the current owner and the "rate meter" may have been ticking over for years.

2. Claim by possession

You can acquire a dunny lane by applying for "possessory title", under s45D of the Real Property Act 1900 if your possession is continuous for 12 years and is "open, hostile and adverse". This can be demonstrated by fencing off or incorporating the area through landscaping. A successful claim will not extinguish any rights of way and a claim cannot be made where the land is owned by the Crown, Council or a statutory authority. Claims require evidence of: current ownership and the quality of possession, a Council rate letter and a survey certificate.

A former Federal Court judge purchased a Darlinghurst 2.75 metres wide dunny lane, paying \$1 plus arrears of Council rates. He then applied for approval to build a house, estimated to fetch more than \$1.5 million.

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This article is for general interest and not the provision of legal advice.

Queen Street Masterplan



QSWWA President Ken Gresham with
Cooper Ward Councillor Anthony Marano at the community consultation

History Matters in Queen Street

Heinrich Gottfried Theodore Dorhauer (Dürnhauer) (1827-1890) and Christian Heinrich Dorhauer (1831 – 1904) were born in the small village of Kasseedorf, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany and were two of eleven children. They arrived on the "Hanover" in 1854 under the Family Colonization Loan Society Programme where they had to repay their loan after finding work.

Christian started a steam joinery business "C. Dorhauer & Sons" in Peaker Lane and a timber yard business next to his home at 58 Queen Street. He also built 64 to 74 Queen Street, which were occupied by his family. Christian had a hobby dairy in Woollahra and according to the SMH 21/2/1880 he nearly drowned during heavy flooding in the area. Christian's son, Rudolph ran a grocery store at 72 Queen Street and a descendant of Christian still owns property in Queen Street.

Heinrich also set up a timber yard in Queen Street and was a prolific builder. He built the Windsor Castle Hotel and the Solferino Hotel (formerly Humberstons Hotel) which is now the Four In Hand Hotel. He also purportedly built the original Acklands Hotel, now the Woollahra Hotel. Heinrich built a home on the corner of Moncur and Queen Streets for his first wife and a home ("Lorelei") at the site on the corner of Queen Street and Dorhauer Lane for his second wife. In 1861 Heinrich was a signatory to the petition to form the "Municipality of Woollahra" and in 1871 he nominated for alderman. "Ratepayers, are we ever going to have practical men to represent us in the Council? If so, begin at once and vote for DORHAUER, and let lawyers stick to the Law" signed, "a ratepayer" (SMH 3/7/1871).

Dorhauer Lane and Dorhauer Place (the site of the current carpark) were named after the Dorhauer family in recognition of their contribution to the community.

Interested in local history?

The QSWWA is updating the Queen Street and West Woollahra History Book and is seeking input from locals with photographs and stories. Anyone who would like to get involved please contact the editor@qswwa.com.au

As a first step in devising a Queen Street Masterplan Woollahra Council held a community consultation on 4 April 2013 with over 75 in attendance. A presentation was made by consultants Phillips Marler which focused on the unique characteristics of the area including heritage, village and trees.

The key components of the proposed master plan include improvements to paving, lighting, seating, planting, drainage and garbage bins.

The community feedback indicated that there was preference for a more holistic plan that also addressed traffic, parking, general maintenance and cleaning. Council invites comment on the Queen Street Masterplan by emailing cathy.edwards-davis@woollahra.nsw.gov.au

A second community consultation meeting is scheduled for mid-May 2013.

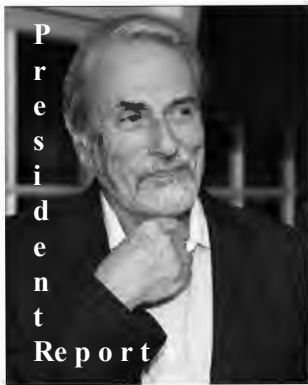
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In the history of over three decades the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association, has become involved in battles to achieve the aims of the Association including: *to foster the preservation of the individual architectural characteristics of Queen Street and West Woollahra and to seek to encourage the principle that new buildings erected in that area harmonise with existing development especially in scale and aesthetics.*

It should be noted that we are not opposed to appropriate development. It has been necessary for the Association to take a stand on a number of occasions including our most well recognised victory over the proposed demolition of "Waimea" in 1982 resulting in the historic Permanent Conservation Order of 1983 that stands to this day. It had been intended by the owner to demolish to redevelop the site and had employed some of the most powerful lawyers and QC that money could buy – and failed.

Today's challenge is the proposed redevelopment of 119 -121 Queen Street where the owner wishes to redevelop the site to senior living home units.

The plans that have been rejected by Woollahra Council are now to be considered by the Land and Environment Court {see "a new battle" in this issue}. The Association has the view that the proposal is an over-development of the site and does not "harmonise" in either scale or aesthetics.

I referred in our last issue to a new streetscape masterplan for our area and report that the first public consultation meeting was held on the 4 April 2013 with over 75 attendees (see page 5). This masterplan was initiated by the Association for an upgrade to the image and more practical street furniture and streetscape.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be on 21 May 2013 at 6pm at the NCJW at 111 Queen Street (enter from Dorhauer Lane). As you can see a great deal of important business is coming up so please attend.

I would encourage you to book early for the Annual Dinner which will be held at the Centennial Hotel at 7pm on Tuesday 4 June 2013 (Bookings 9328 1036). The Dinner was booked out last year within a week so be early or risk being disappointed.

*Ken Gresham
President QSWWA*

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A New Battle

In the December 2012 issue of Village Voice we reported the continuing problem of the proposed development at 119 - 121 Queen Street (Ozanam House site). As part of our ongoing fight for the built environment the association has been supporting Woollahra Council's refusal of the excessive nature of this proposal and the numerous issues with the impact on local residents and businesses. A potted history of the course of the proposed development will give a picture of why this is a fight we cannot afford to lose. The developer, Manderrah Pty Ltd purchased both the old "Ozanam" aged hostel and the heritage house at 119 Queen Street total site 2,442 square meters. Some members of our committee were privy to early sketch plans about a year ago, the scale of those plans was very different to the current development application.

On 1 June 2012 the application for 15 units with 33 car spaces to a height over 12 metres for a four storey development was lodged and Council indicated refusal in September 2012. The plans were slightly adjusted and re-lodged with Council in November. Forty four individual objections were made including a detailed and carefully prepared objection from the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association.

On the 7 January 2013 Manderrah Pty Ltd lodged an appeal with the Land and Environment Court. Council is opposed to this DA as is the Association on many grounds the main ones of which are, the overall height and bulk of the structure, the lack of setbacks, impact on Queen Street and the Woollahra heritage conservation area, loss of privacy to adjoining properties, excavation, groundwater and construction impacts. Eighteen residents, feeling that there were additional issues not given enough prominence in the Council's contentions, have gained leave of the court to be joined in the action to highlight traffic and groundwater issues.

The traffic issue is a potential nightmare for residents and shopkeepers alike. The construction calls for the removal of over 7,000 cubic meters of rock that, we are advised by Council, means around 1,000 heavy articulated trucks to remove the rock at about 12 a day, all entering from and exiting onto Queen Street. The other traffic issue is the tenfold increase in traffic in Morton Lane that operates at present as a shared zone of pedestrians and vehicles, surely a potentially dangerous situation.

Local residents along with the Association continue the charge against the current form of the proposed development at 119 - 121 Queen Street.

On 7 March 2013 Commissioner Tuor of the Land and Environment Court held an on site inspection to assess the impacts of the proposed development and residents threw their homes open so that loss of amenity issues could be best described to the Commissioner. Queen Street business owners lamented on the impact of the proposed development on their businesses given the extensive nature of the work and the proposed construction time of more than 2 years arguing that such disruption was not in the public interest.

The battle continues with several months before a hearing date, we will update you in our next issue.

*Ken Gresham
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Street Talk

Moving In

- ✘ Vincent to the Hughenden at 14 Queen Street (www.thehughenden.com.au)
- ✘ Brow Bar to 32 Queen Street (www.browbar.com)
- ✘ Rex Irwin Art Dealer is joined by Olsen Galleries to become Olsen Irwin at 38 Queen Street and 63 Jersey Road (www.olsenirwin.com)
- ✘ Appartamento 57 to 37 Queen Street (www.appt57.com)
- ✘ Rationale Skin Care at 83 Queen Street (www.rationale.com)
- ✘ Lotus Pod at 128 Queen Street (enter from Spicer Street) (www.lotuspod.net.au)
- ✘ 27 Moncur Street (www.27moncur.com)

Moving Out

- ✘ Jones the Grocer from 68 Moncur Street
- ✘ Dreamery from 78 Queen Street (corner of Hall Street)
- ✘ Tim O'Connor from 86 Queen Street
- ✘ Oroton from 92 Queen Street
- ✘ Becker Minty from Queen's Court

Moving Around

- ✘ Wholefoods House from 109 Queen Street to 112 Queen Street (www.wholefoodshouse.com.au)
- ✘ Classic Safari Company from 109 Queen to 124A Queen Street (www.classicsafaricompany.com.au)
- ✘ Lesley MacKay's Bookshop to Shop P4 Queen's Court (www.lesleymckay.com.au)

Moving Up

- ✘ Renovations at old orson & blake site at 85 Queen Street
- ✘ Renovations at old Dreamery site at 78 Queen (corner of Hall Street)
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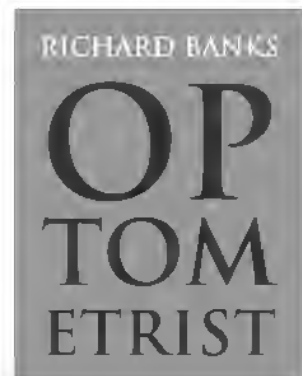
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- ✘ For Sale 37 Ocean Street (gwhiteman@nwces.com)
- ✘ Sold - 18 Queen Street for \$5m (ballardproperty.com.au)
- ✘ Sold -176 Queen Street, price withheld (mcgrath.com.au)

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NSW Police Force has developed a project empowering residents with the ability to participate in crime prevention activities. QSWWA volunteers worked with Rose Bay Police in distributing flyers to many homes in the area alerting residents of recent trends in break and enters.

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We have strengthened our streetwatch activities and advocacy role in relation to the Queen Street Masterplan streetscape proposal.

"As a new business in Woollahra, our desire is to support the local community. Being a member of QSWWA helps us to inform and stay informed, enabling us to build a strong identity." Shirley Marshall from The English Tapware Company www.englishtapware.com.au

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Your community voice!

Local Profile: Anne Schofield



Photo: Naomi Hamilton Photography

Australia's most prominent antique jewellery expert **Anne Schofield** talks to *Village Voice* about her life in Woollahra.

How did you start out in the antique industry?

In the early 1960s I lived near Portobello Road, London and became interested in antique costume and jewellery. Returning to Australia in 1965 I dealt in vintage clothing and antique jewellery and assembled a collection of over a thousand items from 1790 - 1940. The collection was exhibited in 1972 for the National Trust and was subsequently acquired by the National Gallery of Victoria.

What were your first impressions of Woollahra?

It was decrepit! The section from Hall's Lane towards Edgecliff Road was practically derelict. My family moved to 46 Queen Street (now Axel Mano) in 1968 and we spent a year restoring the property during which we lived above and behind the shop. I have lived and worked in Woollahra for over 45 years.

When and where did you open your first shop?

In 1970 I opened the first specialist antique jewellery store in Sydney at 36 Queen Street and the shop has traded continuously since then.

What aspect of your career have you enjoyed the most?

I adore contact with people and dealing with beautiful miniature works of art. I have enjoyed every aspect of my work - lecturing, television, magazines, and my work with the Powerhouse Museum as an Honorary Associate and Life Fellow. Writing my book on Australian Jewellery 19th and early 20th century with my colleague the late Kevin Fahy, was a career highlight. In 2003 I was awarded an A.M. for services to the performing and decorative arts, particularly antiques.

More recently I lent a number of important neo-classical items to the Nicholson Museum's 2010 Exhibition "Beauty and Betrayal - Ancient and Neo-Classical Jewellery" which gave me enormous pleasure. I am looking forward to working as an Honorary Consultant on the exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum "Jewellery from Antiquity to Now" due to open in December 2013.

Have you been involved in renovation of houses in Queen Street?

I was instrumental in the restoration of four properties: 495 Oxford Street (opposite Queen Street "Your Sanctuary Day Spa"), 36 - 40 Queen Street (Anne Schofield antiques), 46 Queen Street (now Axel Mano) and 117 Queen Street (St Kevin's) - all of which have been recognised for their architectural merit.

Where would I find you having lunch in Woollahra?

The Centennial Hotel, it has a pleasant atmosphere, friendly staff and it's comfortable and quiet - you can have a serious conversation!

Which is your most frequented shop?

Lesley MacKay's Bookshop and Ian Perryman's for the lovely antique carpets.

Do you feel part of Woollahra? Why?

Everything I love is here . . . my family, my friends, my dear neighbours and my property. I like that Woollahra is close to the city, beaches and cinemas. I love the tree lined streets, the parks and the village, which is just the right mixture of residences and shops.

What would you like to see improved?

I would like to see a Post Office back in Queen Street.

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