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CASTLECRAG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

OUR NEXT MEETING

7.30pm for 8pm, Tuesday, 22 February 2011

The Castlecrag Community Centre, The Rampart
(down laneway near intersection with The Postern)

**Speaker: Jacky Talbot,
Arts & Cultural Manager, Community Services, WCC**

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Willoughby Incinerator



From 1930s. Photo courtesy of Local studies Unit, Willoughby City Library

Jackie Talbot will talk about the history of the Incinerator and the restoration process conducted by WCC whereby the building has been adapted for reuse as the Incinerator Art Space and café.

Designed by Walter Burley Griffin in association with Eric Milton Nicholls, it opened in May 1934 as the Municipality of Willoughby Reverberatory Refuse Incinerator, closing in 1967. In 1980 it was converted to a restaurant, then to office space in 1989; in 1996 it was damaged by fire.

Willoughby City Council's extensive restoration work was assisted by a grant through the Australian Government's National Heritage Investment Initiative.

The building, situated at 2 Small Street, will officially reopen in March 2011 with a café at street level, artist studios in the middle level and art space on the bottom level. The first exhibition, 'Melting Moments' by regional artist Janet Taverner, will be held 2-27 March, 2011.

Prestigious Awards for Castlecrag Florist

Congratulations to Jodie McGregor and staff on their continuing business success story with their latest awards of Local Business, and Florist of the Year at the 2010 North Shore Times Business Achiever Awards presented at a gala dinner held in November 2010.

This is the latest in a long series of awards made to Jodie and her team. In addition to the North Shore Times award, in 2010 they were once again Australian Small Business Champion Florist and won the Sydney Flower Market Award of Excellence, as they have done every year since 2003. In 2010, Jodie was also recognised as

Business Person of the year in the Inner West Local Business Awards. Over the past 10 years since establishing their business at Annandale and Castlecrag, Jodie and her team have received a plethora of prestigious awards since her role as Official Florist at the Olympic Arts Festival in 2000.

Jodie's husband Stu White, part-owner of the business, commented that they opened at Castlecrag due to the close proximity to the city and wonderful village feel where locals support the community and the local businesses. He said 'We have been thrilled with the support we have had since opening at Castlecrag. ... We've already

seen people shop and order with us following the win and hope it also helps bring more people to the Castlecrag village. We'll be continuing to source unique and interesting flowers that our Castlecrag customers have really demanded from us. We love focusing on new and interesting blooms for people to show off in their homes.'

Jodie continues to share her time between the two stores and her three children Pirra 8, Remi 5 and Carter 3. She is clearly a woman of exceptional talent and we salute her on her great success and contribution to the Castlecrag community.