

Village, lest we forget

EDITOR: Australiana Village has been threatened to be auctioned by a ruthless council. How on earth is it possible that the eight councillors have decided to sell this delightful historical little village. The fact that voting took place behind closed doors indicates that the infamous eight lacked the courage to face the public with their devastating decision.

Besides, Council meetings being scheduled for 5pm have obviously been designed to prevent working ratepayers to attend and to include extravagant stomach fillers which now appear to be part and parcel of that precariously privileged personnel. Pleas from other councils, school, citizens and especially the 200 Friends of The Australiana Village have been blatantly ignored. Whereas Judas betrayed Jesus, these thoughtless councillors have betrayed the ratepayers of Hawkesbury City.

They try to deny interested visitors and thousands of schoolchildren getting in touch with what their forefa-

thers have left them. They clearly have no respect for the past, so how can they respect the present and the future? The fact that a number of them are teachers makes one doubt their educational suitability. They're most probably the ones who suggested the introduction of pupil-free days.

Unfortunately, ignorance is bliss to those who suffer from it!

Their twisted historical perception has prevented them from seeing the difference between an authentic setting that can come to life with the help of volunteers and the few artefacts they moved from the once cosy little museum to that glass monstrosity behind the oldest building in Windsor.

They have squandered ratepayers' money to satisfy their own selfish ego. In the past, the most beautiful churches were built not really to the glory of a supreme being, but to satisfy the outrageous desires of omnipotent rulers at the expense of life and human suffering.

There is a striking similarity between the eight councillors and

those ruthless kings, emperors and dictators. There is also a striking difference, councillors are only servants! Will the proceeds from the auction allow them yet again to indulge their fantasies?

Council argues that The Friends of The Australiana Village have no business expertise to run it, despite the fact that they have done it quite successfully. Council cannot prove that willy nilly statement, they cannot even envisage that the 'Friends' may employ an accredited manager.

We would find strength if the fact that Council has blundered before: Establishing a garbage tip at Scheyville, spending an enormous amount of money for a project to build 1500 houses, the Richmond Pool disaster.

Let's make sure that the people of the Hawkesbury do make a difference as the Council's logo proudly suggests. Lest we forget!

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