

WAVE OF GREEN BANS AS UNION FIGHTS TO SAVE CITY'S HERITAGE

THE CFMEU IS FIGHTING TO PROTECT Sydney's heritage and taking on the NSW Government with Green Bans being placed on a number of controversial developments.

In Pyrmont the NSW Labor Government plans to demolish four terrace buildings from 1881 to make way for the \$5.2 billion Sydney to Rozelle metro.

The union believes the money earmarked for this project would be better spent on rail links in the suburbs of Sydney.

However the plans have been criticised by the community and CFMEU President Peter McClelland recently joined forces with legendary unionist Jack Munday to announce a Green Ban on the site.

The ban has won positive media coverage, but more importantly forced some concessions from the government.

"Our office has been inundated with mes-

sages of support," says McClelland.

In North Sydney, the CFMEU is part of a community campaign to keep Graythwaite Park in public hands.

The CFMEU was determined to stop home units being built on this site.

Private school, The Shore, recently won a government tender to buy the block in defiance of the wishes of the man who bequeathed the property.

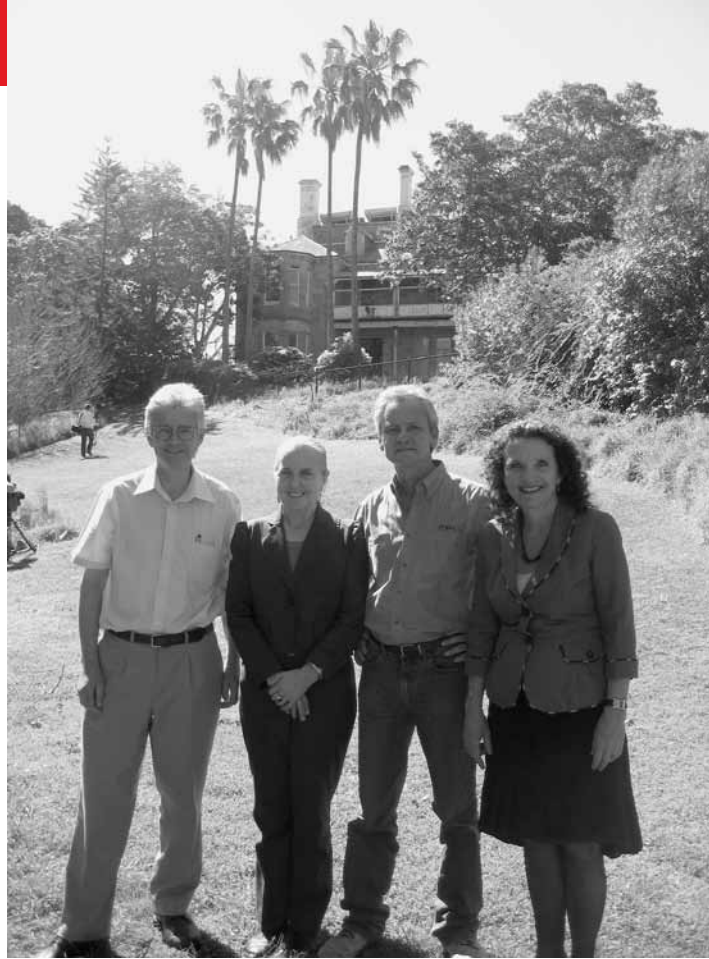
The 18th century homestead was left to the State in 1916, by the owner Thomas Dibbs following the Gallipoli tragedy.

The park and the homestead were to be used as a rehabilitation facility for returned service men and he stipulated it was not to be handed

over to the neighbouring school.

For decades locals and workers have had unrestricted access to the park.

McClelland says the CFMEU is now liaising with Shore college to ensure no inappropriate development takes place on the site.



DIRECTOR IN THE PINK AT FUNDRAISER

Keith Pike was willing to be the only man at the CFMEU's Pink Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser last month, but he couldn't quite bring himself to wear pink. The Caps Beta managing director and staff member Pamela Billing, pictured above with the CFMEU's Wendy Lark, were among the crowd at Carnarvon Golf Club in Lidcombe that helped raise more than \$5000 for breast cancer research. Not the least bit fazed by the gender imbalance, Pike urged other members of the building industry to get behind the fundraiser. And who knows next year he might bring turn up in a pink outfit.

DONATIONS TO SAMOA APPEAL

WITH THE FAMILIES OF MANY UNION MEMBERS among those killed or left homeless by the tsunami that devastated Samoa, it was natural that the NSW branch of the CFMEU would want to step in and help. On October 2 the union launched its Pacific Tsunami Appeal in conjunction with APHEDA.

Organiser Joe Ratana, who had family killed in the disaster, says there are many workers who have been affected. He knew of one former worker who had lost seven family members.

Ratana has spoken with people who have returned to Samoa, who have been distraught at the damage to their homeland. "I don't want to go there and see the devastation," he says.

Collections have been done on sites, including Hansen & Yuncken at Hurstville, and the union collected donations at the entrance to the annual NSW Maori Rugby League Competition at St Marys.

More than \$1700 was raised at the event, which will go towards reconstruction efforts.

"It is great to see communities banding together to help one another, especially when many CFMEU members in the demolition and steel fixing sectors have had such great loss," says Organiser Rebel Hanlon.