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## DARLING POINT SOCIETY

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending the annual afternoon tea at historic Lindesay manor at Darling Point. Lindesay is the oldest surviving residence in Darling Point, dating from 1834. For a period it was occupied by Sir Thomas Mitchell, the Surveyor-General.

The event was organised by the Darling Point Society, and is one of the most popular of their year. We were joined on the day by music from Ascham Strings and by several Woollahra councillors.

The Darling Point Society does a first-rate job in consistently advocating for residents on issues in the area and bringing the community together for regular social events. The society's stated mission is to ensure that the concerted voice of residents is heard. It has earned a respected opinion at council. It expects accountability and demands transparency. It aims to save what is iconic and what is valuable in one of the most densely populated, oldest and most historic areas of Sydney.

The society is ably served by its president, Charlotte Feldman, and its committee members: Gary Newton, Robert Pompei, Harry Rich, Jillian Blackall, Rowena Hamilton, Jasmine Steele, Nerida Alyott, Jean-Marc Feldman, Luisa Skene, Karen Olah and Lorraine Jones.

Our community is lucky to have a number of active and dedicated residents associations.

The Darling Point Society is among those who go above and beyond.