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Dear Monica

**BELLEVUE VILLA, BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK GLEBE**

The Society is pleased to hear that a lease will shortly be signed for the renewed operation of this important Heritage Item. When it previously operated as a cafe it was heavily patronised, especially by those using the Waterfront Walk. Both the Walk and the restoration of the villa must count as the most popular works undertaken by Council in Glebe, among a competitive field.

The remote location of Bellevue and its weather-dependence as a venue created problems for the previous lessee, especially because the conditions of operation imposed on the use of the venue were severe.

Council should note that none of the problems anticipated by the objector at the time of the approval of the DA have come to pass, and the Society believes the time has come to relax those conditions to allow the venue to operate for longer hours, and also to take bookings. It may be possible to relax others as well, at least for a trial period.

The Society notes that in other areas, such as Middle Head, venues such as those at Chowder Bay also operate with similar problems, but under more generous conditions, and are consequently successful. In that case Mosman Council has actively pursued the involvement of businesses in the core area of Mosman, Military Road, to counteract the problem of remoteness and staffing difficulties.

Yours faithfully,



Allan Hogan  
President