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(emailed 9 June to gail.giles-gidney@willoughby.nsw.gov.au and cc to
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9 June 2020

Dear Mayor Gail,

Proposed Park to Honour Marion Mahony Griffin

I am writing to you in my capacity as the new President of the Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA). We have recently had discussions with Adrienne Kabos of the Walter Burley Griffin Society about the proposal to transform the existing carpark on the corner of Edinburgh Road and The Postern into a small park to honour Marion Mahony Griffin.

WEPA would be keen to sight and provide comment on the final concept plans for the site and would also like to ensure that there is full community consultation on the proposal before it is commenced. With these provisos in mind, we would be pleased to provide in principle support for this proposal as it would seem to provide an excellent opportunity not only to honour the environmental vision espoused by the Griffins but to provide a green space with indigenous plantings – with all the environmental benefits this brings - which can be enjoyed by the whole community.

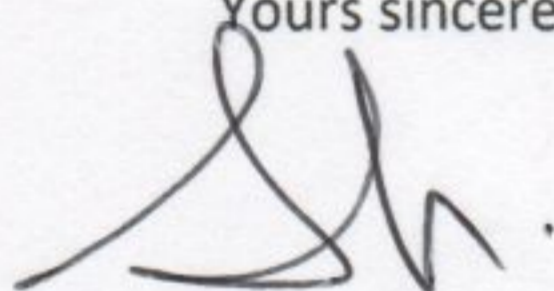
WEPA understands that the park was adopted as part of the WCC Local Centre Strategy but that the start date for its creation is in discussion. From our perspective, it seems quite appropriate to work towards the opening of a small park sometime in 2021 as that year is the centenary of the Griffins' Castlecrag and the 150th anniversary of Marion Mahony's

birth. An earlier completion of the park would also provide much-needed community open space during any work to be carried out in the future on the Quadrangle site. We note that the Society has been encouraged by the Premier to apply for a NSW Community Building Partnership grant which, if successful, would assist in defraying costs.

We would encourage you to support the early commencement of planning for the park so that the necessary community consultation, planning and park creation might be finalised during the 2021 centenary year.

As you will note, Ms Gay Spies OAM who has served WEPA as President for many decades has recently stepped down (although continuing on as a Vice-President) and I was elected at our recent Annual General Meeting to the President's position. I know that Gay has worked closely with Willoughby City Council over the years in advocating for our local environment. I look forward to carrying on this positive collaboration in my new position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Moratelli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Moratelli
President, WEPA