



Prince Paul of Wy and the Serene Wycycle

On Nov 15th 2004, after 11 years of delays and extraordinary bureaucratic errors in processing a simple application for an access driveway, Mosman Council, solely citing "changed community views", refused the application and as a result cut off the property of artist **Paul Ashton Delprat** and his family from their frontage and sole road access. All legal requirements had been totally satisfied. As a result the family has seceded from the Municipality of Mosman.

Subsequently in a Ceremony in front of national media the Mayor of Mosman in full regalia graciously accepted our Decree. The Principality has seceded solely from Mosman and not from NSW nor the Commonwealth of Australia. The name of the Principality of Wy is taken from neighbouring Wyardine Point.

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The Serene Wycycle



The Serene Wycycle at The Rotunda

**The Spectacular Vehicle of The Principality of Wy
Created totally from recycled materials**

A Serene work of mobile art created by Prince Paul of Wy was exhibited for the first time as part of The 2005 Festival of Mosman.

Upon receiving an invitation from Mosman Council, Prince Paul spoke and exhibited "The Serene Wycycle" at 10.30 am Sunday 11 Sept. at Speaker's Corner near the Balmoral Rotunda.

"Spontaneously responding" says Prince Paul, "to this gesture of friendship from Mosman Council, we note with relief that they recently voted almost unanimously not to remove our sole road frontage.

We look forward hopefully to four wheeled "Wymobile" linkage to Mosman in the future." To quote the letter of invitation: "This is a chance to be part of a spectacular vehicle for impromptu free speech...."

The spectacular Wycycle is the sole means of wheeled transport in and out of the Principality proper into neighbouring Mosman, which Prince Paul likes to think of nostalgically as "Wider Wy". "It is not a Trojan Horse" he says, "I am presenting it simply as a salutation to the decent gentlefolk of Mosman. Built as it is made from wholly recycled materials, it is an ecological counterbalance to those individuals who recently accused these good people of excessive wastage."

"The Principality of Wy was chagrined to read in the press about Mosman's large Ecological Footprint. We of Wy deplore the base sniggering from the mouths of no doubt envious others. "The Principality has, by necessity, a very small footprint and we are happy to advise Mosman Council on how to lower the consumption threshold.

"A ground-breaking start could be to provide genteel bicycle tracks and to remove all driveways and all roads, preferably by planting them out with approved native plants."

The following description of "The Serene Wycycle" is republished with permission from Pr. of Wy Fine Art Journal:

"A mixed metaphor of seeing and riding, speed and stillness, significance and insouciance. Surreal juxtaposition is achieved with quirky couch/saddlery and brilliant gilt framed vernacular."