

**GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
February 15, 2012**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The GCA started 2102 in a flurry of anticipation as the Shopping Precinct upgrade was imminent. By May, Stage One of the works had been completed and the consensus appears to be that the Council did a great job. We look forward to the commencement and completion of Stage Two, which we understand will take place this financial year. We are also keen to hear of Council's decision in respect of the GCA's plans to increase parking capacity in Wardrop Street. Our particular thanks to John May and Peter Walton for their professionalism and persistence.

April marked the inaugural event of our Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee. Thanks in large part to a generous grant from Lane Cove Council, the ESS was able to promote the Expo throughout the municipality. An excellent presentation in the Council Offices was followed by a steady stream of people visiting the displays of solar technology experts. The ESS obviously impressed Council with its professionalism as it has now received a grant to develop a bag share pilot scheme at the local shops.

The latter part of this year has been occupied with conducting a community information program to allow residents to understand more fully the plans that Shell has on the table for the Gore Bay Terminal. The GCA has not seen its role as being a mouthpiece for a "community position" but has provided a forum for community members and Shell personnel to exchange questions and information about the details of the proposed operations. Some of our members are also members of the Reference Group formed by Shell and we thank them for their willingness to represent the community and to report back to GCA meetings on matters discussed at Reference Group meetings. We note with pleasure that Council has also ensured representation at a senior level.

A particular highlight of this year has been the kickstart to our website by the introduction of an email mailing list. John Taylor has done an outstanding job to keep the site current and eye-catching. If I send something through to him at 2am it is up on the site by 8am. We cannot thank him enough.

Thank you to all members of the committee for their amazing support this year. To those who are leaving the Committee, we thank you for your energy and involvement – we know you are off to continue community involvement in another context. I cannot let this moment go without acknowledging the amazing energy and professionalism of Peter Walton who wears so many hats so well – thank you.

Best wishes to the incoming committee for the year to come.

Merri Southwood