

# Greenwich Community Association General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road  
18 June 2014

## Minutes of Meeting

**The meeting opened at 7:35pm**

**Present:** As per the attendance book

### 1) Welcome

President Tom Gervay welcomed all those attending. Councillor Pam Palmer joined the meeting part way through at the completion of the earlier Council meeting.

### 2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Patricia Quealey, Todd McHardy, Jill Pain, Liz Gill, Mayor David Brooks-Horn (conflicting Council commitments), Councillor David Karpin (on leave).

### 3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous GCA Annual General Meeting held 7 May 2014 were tabled.

Item 7(f) from the minutes was discussed. It was agreed that the first paragraph be amended to read:

*There has been little recent activity of the subcommittee as the Convenor is overseas. Some grave concerns were expressed that people who had nominated for the subcommittee had received no feedback and were unaware of any progress. It was proposed that the membership of the subcommittee should represent a wide range of views. The relatively low level of funding for bicycle infrastructure allocated by Council was noted. Councillor David Karpin suggested that one reason that no funds had been allocated to Greenwich bicycle infrastructure by Council might be that the GCA had put no proposals to it.*

**Motion:** The minutes are accepted as amended.

Moved by Liz Walton, seconded by John Southwood and passed.

### 4) Matters arising from the Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes were discussed later in the meeting.

### 5) Correspondence

Rob Hunter, Secretary reported that since the last meeting the GCA has received the following correspondence:

- From The Hon Anthony Roberts MP acknowledging receipt of the GCA letter to him on the transfer of funding for rehabilitation beds at Greenwich Hospital and advising that he had passed on to the Health Minister.
- From Lane Cove Council in response to the GCA letter on the Shell Gore Bay Proposal – Pipeline Connecting Clyde and Gore Bay advising that Council had forwarded the GCA's concerns to NSW Planning and Infrastructure as the designated authority and requested that they reply to Council and the GCA.
- From Lane Cove Council in response to the GCA letter on Emergency Management Plans for Shell Gore Bay Terminal advising that the issues raised will be discussed at the Emergency Management Committee Meeting in July and a draft of the community information pamphlet will be discussed at that meeting.
- From Lane Cove Council requesting submissions on the Draft DCP Part R: traffic, Transport and Parking. The Traffic and Access Sub Committee will prepare the GCA response.
- From The Hon Joe Hockey MP calling for nominations for the North Sydney Community Awards.
- From The Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health responding to the GCA letter on transfer of funding for public rehabilitation beds from Greenwich Hospital to the Graythwaite Centre at Ryde Hospital. The Minister notes that rehabilitation services to Northern Sydney are being further considered in the current planning tasks at the Royal North Shore and Mona Vale sites.

Since the last meeting the GCA has sent the following correspondence:

- To The Hon Anthony Roberts MP and The Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health on the transfer of funding for rehabilitation beds at Greenwich Hospital.
- To the Sydney Ports Corporation on the Shell Gore Bay Terminal Emergency Management Plans.
- To Lane Cove Council on the Shell Gore Bay Terminal Emergency Management Plans requesting further responses.
- To Lane Cove Council on Shell Gore Bay Terminal Information Session that Council has undertaken to hold.

## **6) Treasurer's Report**

### **a) Report**

The Treasurer, Patricia Quealey prepared the report, which was presented to the meeting in her absence:

As at 30 May, we have \$5,863 in our operating account plus the term deposit of \$11,749.

To date, \$1,665 has been received in subscriptions, representing 165 people and approximately 140 households. At the 7 May 2014 public meeting, we had 82 households so the number has almost doubled since then. The number is down on last year, when 211 households were signed up by September.

When people are paying by EFT, about a third are not giving address, only their name, so we need to remind people to provide address.

In the past month, about 28 people paid using the renewal slip and 14 via EFT.

There have been no major debits during the last month, only small sums for Internet and email providers.

Current projection for the year is that newsletter costs will utilise more than subscription income by approximately \$300, assuming small stream of further subscriptions.

Three issues have been produced to date at the old cost of \$660 + three remaining issues for 2014 at new Snap Printing cost at \$1,350 = \$2,010. As the Newsletter is the major product of the GCA, this was considered appropriate.

Additionally, we have not yet received invoice for Hub survey questionnaire (approx \$300) though it is possible this will be covered by LCC grant.

## **b) Discussion**

The Executive Committee has been discussing the matter of the cost of the newsletter for some time recognising that the increasing production costs are not covered by the income received from subscriptions at present and will not be in the future. The Committee is considering increasing the annual subscription amount to address this and notes that the current annual subscription membership fee was fixed in 1988.

## **c) Notice of Special Resolution**

Notice is given that the Executive Committee intends to propose a special resolution to a future General Meeting to change the rules of the Greenwich Community Association to increase current the Annual Subscription Membership Fees, specifically section 8(2). The special resolution will address the matters discussed in 6(b) above and will be put to a future General Meeting. Future meetings in 2014 are scheduled for Wednesday 27 August, Wednesday 15 October and Wednesday 17 December 2014.

## **7) Report of Subcommittees**

### **a) Shell Gore Bay Subcommittee – Merri Southwood, Convenor**

The Convenor's report was presented and is attached at the end of these minutes.

#### **Emergency Management:**

Emergency Management for Shell Gore Bay needs to recognize the unique nature of the site and requires a specific plan for the precinct (as Botany Bay has at present) to augment the existing LGA plans and the water based incident plans.

Many different authorities have responsibilities for their specific areas but responsibility for ensuring an overall precinct plan is developed should rest with the Premier.

**Motion:**

1. That in recognition of the fact that the Shell Gore Bay Terminal:

- is located in close proximity to dwellings
- is located in or adjacent to districts covered by separate land based emergency management plans
- involves the movement and berthing of tankers in a harbour in which emergency management is regulated by a range of government authorities

the GCA write to the Premier requesting that the NSW Government take control of the emergency plan process and that copies of the letter be sent to Mayors and General Managers of Lane Cove, North Sydney and Leichhardt Council and relevant state and federal members.

2. That the GCA prepares a petition in or to the effect of the attached draft.

3. That the petition be circulated through Lane Cove, North Sydney and Leichhardt local government areas for signature and delivery by a member to the NSW Legislative Assembly.

Moved by Rod Tudge, seconded by Tom Gervay and passed.

**Gore Bay SSD:**

John May briefed the meeting on the scope of the current projects. The ten proposals that are specified in Shell's Scoping Report submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure plus two additional proposals announced subsequently would be of benefit both to Shell and the community in that they address terminal efficiency, noise, odour, emissions and safety issues. We will not know what the final proposals are until the SSD and associated EIS are put on public exhibition.

The assessment of the SSD and EIS also provides the community with a golden opportunity for increased regulation of Shell's activities at Gore Bay terminal.

**Vitol Engagement:**

The current Shell team has advised that they now represent Vitol and that nothing will change. Shell Australia will change its name to Viva Energy Australia trading as Viva Energy. The SCBSC will seek to contact senior people in Vitol/Viva Energy.

**Motion:** That the GCA write to the Treasurer, the Hon Joe Hockey MP, seeking his assurance that he will approve the Vitol share acquisition only after he has taken all necessary steps to ensure that Vitol has the technical competence, financial resources and code of corporate responsibility to operate the Gore Bay terminal consistent with world's best practice.

Moved by Rod Tudge, seconded by Dion Weston and passed.

**Assessment of Clyde SSD by PAC**

The community consultation for the Clyde SSD was virtually non-existent, however 31 objections were submitted. In spite of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure Guidelines, which require an assessment by the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to be carried out if 25 or more objections are received, Department officers will assess the SSD.

This may set a precedent for the Gore Bay SSD.

**Motion:** That the GCA writes to the NSW Minister for Planning requesting clarification as to why the Clyde SSD, which attracted over 25 objections, is to be determined by Departmental officers. It is to be noted that this decision is inconsistent with the information about delegated decisions on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website. The Minister to be requested to confirm that this will not set a precedent for the Shell Gore Bay SSD.

Moved by Rod Tudge, seconded by Dion Weston and passed.

**b) Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee – Helen Smith, Convenor**

No report.

**c) Better Planning Network – John May**

No report – John May advised that it is possible that the founder of the BPN might be resigning as it is understood that she has resigned as President of the Lane Cove Bushland Society to travel for some time with her young family. This would be a great loss if this were to be the case.

**d) Newsletter Publication and Delivery – Convenor, Liz Walton**

The current major issue of the production costs has been addressed in the Treasurer's Report. It is intended that the remaining 3 issues of the Newsletter for 2014 will be in the current format. Any changes decided upon will be implemented in 2015.

**a) Bicycle Subcommittee – Convenor, Rod Tudge**

The Convenor apologised for his recent absence while overseas and noted that he had received four nominations for Sub Committee members. The nominations received do not include all the skills that were being targeted. At the first meeting a Chairman will be elected and the rules will be agreed before submitting them for the approval at the next General Meeting.

Some people who have volunteered to be on the Sub Committee again expressed their grave concerns about the lack of progress.

The Interim Convenor, Helen Smith, appointed by the Executive Committee at its last meeting called a meeting of interested parties who subsequently drafted rules for consideration by the GCA. Copies of these were distributed.

**Motion:** That the Executive Committee review and finalise the Rules of the Bicycle Sub Committee as drafted within one week of this meeting. That a request for further nominations/volunteers for the Sub Committee outlining the skill sets sought is to be emailed to all people on the GCA's email list. Rod Tudge is to review the nominations and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee

on the Sub Committee membership within two weeks. The Sub Committee is then to be formed immediately.

Moved: Merri Southwood, seconded John May and passed.

**b) Greenwich HUB Steering Committee – John May, Convenor**

The Convenor's report was presented and is attached at the end of these minutes.

**Motion:** That a copy of the HUB Survey results be passed on to Lane Cove Council with a request that Council discuss with the Senior Citizens Group how the needs that are identified in the survey results will be met in the community.

Moved by Tom Gervay, seconded by Peter Walton and passed.

**c) Transport and Access – Convenor, John Southwood**

The Sub Committee is looking for members to volunteer. There are many issues to be considered. Council has sent to the GCA a letter requesting comments on the Draft DCP Part R: Traffic, Transport and Parking by 27 June 2014. The Sub Committee will address this and draft a response.

The rules of the Sub Committee are to come.

**8) Reports from Representatives on Community Organisations**

**a) Lane Cove Alliance**

No report.

**b) Greenwich Library**

No report.

**c) GMCCA**

No report

**d) Gore Bay Community Liaison Group**

No report

**9) General Business**

**a) Greenwich Infants School**

The Greenwich Infants School building is heritage listed. It is currently undergoing extensive restoration, which will take approximately 12 months to complete. Because the school is continuing to operate working hours are restricted.

**b) Pathway Greenwich Sailing Club to Greenwich Baths**

The construction of this pathway is underway at the instigation of Lane Cove Council. Six trees have been removed without any significant public concern being expressed. The path will improve access to the Baths and encourage the relocation parking from the surrounding streets to the Sailing Club carpark. Council has an obligation to provide good access to its facilities. Councillor Palmer will follow up on the budget for the project and advise the Executive Committee.

## 10) Councillor's Reports

### a) Councillor Pam Palmer

In Greenwich:

- A new pathway is being constructed between Greenwich Sailing Club and Greenwich Baths. The path will provide a more level way to access the Baths. It should also encourage off- street parking, especially at busy times like Sunday morning Nippers. New seating along the pathway will provide a pleasant spot to rest, with a great harbour view.
- Meanwhile, new seating and picnic tables have been installed at the Baths.
- You may have seen work occurring above the roadway to Bob Campbell Oval at Gore Creek. Council received a grant to improve stormwater drainage.
- Council has received a petition from 500 people to create a skatepark in Greenwich. A working party has been formed to look at possible sites and how a skatepark could be funded. Interested community members will shortly be invited to apply to join the working party. Please contact me if you are interested.
- Greenwich Hospital – I have asked Council to write to the Minister requesting that publicly- funded rehab beds remain at Greenwich Hospital.
- Last year Council resolved to build a bus bay on Kingslanglely Rd, to the east of the school. Feedback I've received is that it's been a great success at easing traffic congestion during the afternoon school pickup. We'll also be looking at the bottleneck just to the west of the school and may need to introduce parking restrictions on one side of the street, just at pick- up times. In any case, the street has stopped being the nightmare it was in the afternoons.
- Quotations have been sought for permanent shade structures at Greenwich shops.

More generally in the municipality:

- The State Government has expanded the list of what can be built without Council approval (also known as "Exempt Development") and what can be done under fast-tracked 10-day approval (or "Complying Development"). Certain commercial and industrial developments have been included for the first time. Note that none of these developments can usually occur in the Greenwich Heritage Conservation Area – you would probably need a standard development approval – but relaxing of heritage restrictions have been included in this update from the Government.
- On 26 May a gas main leak was ignited in the Plaza causing a serious blaze and one worker received burns to his forearm, which required hospitalisation and a skin graft. He is now recovering well. It should be noted that the gas line had been located and identified before the incident. Excavation works were happening nearby, but at a regulatory safe distance away. The explosion occurred within the construction zone so the public was clear of the area at the time. A Workcover report is being prepared.

- Work continues on the Plaza refurbishment and is expected to be completed by early October. Budget is \$5mill.
- The Rosenthal Ave carpark at the rear of the Lane Cove shops is to be redeveloped with below ground 4500 sq metres of retail space and parking for 500 cars. The retail space is likely to include a supermarket and a mini-major retail operator. A new "Town Square" is proposed at street level. At the northern end of the site, a multi-storey development is proposed. A design competition for the Town Square will be launched next month.
- Alterations and rectification works continue at the Aquatic Centre. Works should be completed in time for next summer.
- You may have noticed the colourful painted traffic signal box at the Greenwich Rd/River Rd intersection. This is a Public Art project – 3 boxes have been painted so far and Stage 2 will be rolled out shortly.
- Two new synthetic sport fields are being constructed at Blackman Park at a cost of over \$6mill. Almost half the slabs have now been poured.

#### **11)Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 7:30pm at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road.

#### **12)Close**

The meeting closed at 10:00pm



## Attachments

### Subcommittee Reports:

#### Shell Gore Bay Subcommittee Greenwich HUB Steering Committee

#### **GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPORT TO GENERAL MEETING 18 June 2014 GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SHELL GORE BAY SUB- COMMITTEE**

#### **Sub-committee membership**

The subcommittee membership is as follows:

- Karen Coleman
- Jenny Bowen
- Garry Draffin (Joint Deputy Chairperson)
- Tom Lawson
- Penny Mabbutt (Minute Secretary)
- John May (Joint Deputy Chairperson)
- Ian Meller
- Stuart Warden
- Han Xiao
- Merri Southwood (Chairperson)

Other community members have subsequently indicated that they wish to be involved. These people will be asked to be involved in focus areas of the sub-committee as their skills and interest dictate.

#### **Meetings of the sub-committee**

The sub-committee has met twice since the last GCA general meeting:-

- 4 June 2014 (draft Minutes attached – date of 4 June meeting to be added)
- 17 June 2014.

#### **Objectives**

The sub-committee has identified three key areas of focus in the short term:-

Emergency Management Team: (EMT) to engage LCC and other relevant authorities associated with safety and risk matters pertaining to the hazards associated with the petrochemical operation for the development of a single Gore Bay Emergency Management Plan.  
(Karen Coleman, Garry Draffin and Han Xiao)

Gore Bay SSD Team: (SSD) to identify and mobilise resources with the necessary capability and contacts to examine and draft a response to the imminent SSD 5148.

(Tom Lawson, Penny Mabbutt, John May)

Vitol Engagement Team: (VET) to represent the GCA and establish a connection and communication channel with the new management of Vitol in partnership with LCC.

(Merri Southwood)

Other objectives (long and short term), including consideration of the long-term use of the Gore Bay site, will be areas of focus but resources of the sub-committee and the community requires the group to concentrate on a manageable number of projects of more immediate concern/interest.

### **Emergency Management Team (EMT)**

The focus of this group is to ensure that the emergency management plans for the entire Gore Bay operation (land and water based) meet standards that ensure the safety of the community and the environment.

Incidents within the Shell boundary are managed by Shell.

There appears to be fragmented management of emergency management beyond the boundary – the nature and location of an incident will determine the responsible authority.

Given the possibly unique nature of the facility ie a facility that is a licensed hazardous facility abutting residential areas and waterways and with a single access road, the community should be assured that there is a plan(s) that is(are) integrated and capable of addressing the management of incidents, both land and water based.

It is noted that there is a well-publicised and integrated emergency management plan for Port Botany and a condition of consent for Kurnell includes the same requirement.

It is also noted that measures such a 1000m exclusion zones as is the case with Port Botany are very difficult to implement in Greenwich. This makes it even more important to ensure that management plans are well integrated and current and available to the community.

The areas of concern of the sub-committee are:-

- that the nature and location of the Gore Bay Terminal warrants an integrated emergency management plan specific to the operation
- an integrated emergency plan reflects the Buncefield recommendations which are the accepted global standard for facilities and operations such as Gore Bay
- the DISPLAN that controls management of land based incidents in Greenwich has not been updated since 2007 and is not easily accessed

- the available version of DISPLAN does not contain information specific to management of incidents at Gore Bay
- the management plan for water based incidents is not accessible and it has been difficult to clarify both the status and contents of the plan
- there does not appear to be a plan that integrates emergency management for adjacent local government areas eg North Sydney, Leichhardt.

The sub-committee requests that the following motions be put to the meeting:

**1. That in recognition of the fact that the Shell Gore Bay Terminal:**

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- *involves the movement and berthing of tankers in a harbour in which emergency management is regulated by a range of government authorities*

*the GCA write to the Premier requesting that the NSW government take control of the emergency plan process and that copies of the letter be sent to Mayors and General Managers of Lane Cove, North Sydney and Leichhardt Council and relevant state and federal members.*

**2. That the GCA prepares a petition in or to the effect of the attached draft.**

**3. That the petition be circulated through Lane Cove, North Sydney and Leichhardt local government areas for signature and delivery by a member to the NSW Legislative Assembly.**

**Gore Bay SSD Team (SSD)**

It is not known when (or if) the EIS for Gore Bay will be placed on exhibition nor is it known how long the exhibition period will be.

It is not known if the scope of work in the SSD and EIS will differ from that outlined in the Scoping Report for the project. The works as outlined in the Scoping Report involve

*Modification of the Gore Bay Terminal for continued use as a finished product terminal (for the receipt, storage and transfer of finished product) would include the product re-allocation within some existing tanks with some potential refurbishment and a range of facility modifications to improve key aspects of the site and improve efficiencies and safeguarding measures (Section 3.4.1).*

It is known that Shell has engaged AECOM to assist in preparation of its EIS technical reports and that there has been near enough to two years of work to develop them. It is also expected that the volume and scope of the Gore Bay EIS will be consistent with those of Clyde and Kurnell ie at least 1000 pages.

Requests by the Friends of Gore Bay Inc to access draft documents, etc either through direct approach to Shell and Lane Cove Council or to relevant government departments through the GIPA (FOI) process have been refused and appeal processes have been almost exhausted.

Lane Cove Council has confirmed that it has not engaged experts beyond its internal resources to examine the draft EIS which they have seen, nor does it intend to do so when the EIS is released.

It is therefore up to the Greenwich community to access as much technical support as it can to ensure that the detail of the EIS is assessed competently and that the community is well placed to make submissions in respect of the EIS.

The SSD is actively seeking experts to assist across a range of skill sets. The SGBSC will use all available communication resources to do this. A PP presentation is under development to provide background information for those who have agreed to be involved but are unfamiliar with the Gore Bay operations/SSD.

### **Vitol Engagement Team (VET)**

The entity operating in Gore Bay for many years has been Shell Australia (SA). The owner of the shares in SA has been Royal Dutch Shell plc. A relationship has developed over time between Greenwich community members and Shell personnel. Shell had a track record as an established brand, it provided employment at Gore Bay for people with a range of skill sets and it demonstrated a willingness to engage with the community in relation to issues arising out of the operation of the terminal at Gore Bay.

In discussions about Shell's post October 2012 operations and its proposed SSD, Shell personnel have consistently refused to place on letterhead undertakings as to operational details such as the possibility of storage of petrol on site. They have also refused to go to the EPA and other regulatory authorities to voluntarily seek variation to licence conditions to lock in restrictions on activities that they asserted that SA did not intend to undertake.

There is no guarantee that the SSD process for Gore Bay will deliver the restrictions/ protections/ commitments sought by the community because:

- the SSD may not proceed
- the assessment process may not deliver the conditions sought
- the implementation of the conditions imposed may not be activated by the relevant authorities
- the proponent may challenge conditions as being ultra vires given the narrow scope of the actual SSD works
- the proponent may choose to stage works in an order inconsistent with community expectations.

Vitol is an unknown entity on the Australian scene with little track record in SA's core downstream business. FIRB will not confirm or deny that approval has been given for the share acquisition in SA but searches of ASIC registers suggest that the transaction has not yet been completed.

It is reported that the corporate entity that will acquire the shares in SA will be GEM Energy Holding, which is owned by Vitol. The name of SA will be changed to Viva Energy Australia and the trading name will be Viva Energy. The Shell logo will be retained in the short term, presumably under licence.

There are no written undertakings that bind the SA entity in respect of the commitments sought by the community.

There has been no sign that regulatory authorities are planning to impose licence conditions etc ahead of the SSD process that address community concerns.

Key personnel employed by SA under its previous ownership have no security of tenure and will be required to respond to directives issued by the new owners. The Project Manager has retired (it is noted that he met with officers from the Department of Planning only a few weeks ago and nothing was mentioned).

The meeting between LC Council officers and Vitol was attended by the personnel who have to date been attending meetings as Shell employees but now wearing a Vitol hat ie the representation of Vitol was not at senior executive level. It is reported that as at the date of the meeting (not included in Council email) the Vitol acquisition had not been completed.

LC Council does not seem to intend to engage further with Vitol.

The community meeting that was to be organised with Vitol will be integrated into the Shell EIS information session to be organised by LC Council.

It is felt by the SGBSC that it is important to ensure that the Vitol share acquisition should not be approved until there is clear evidence that Vitol has the technical competence, financial resources and code of corporate responsibility to operate the terminal consistent with world's best practice.

The sub-committee requests that the following motion be put to the meeting:

***That the GCA write to the Treasurer, the Hon Joe Hockey MP, seeking his assurance that he will approve the Vitol share acquisition only after he has taken all necessary steps to ensure that Vitol has the technical competence, financial resources and code of corporate responsibility to operate the Gore Bay terminal consistent with world's best practice.***

## **Other Items of Business**

### **Assessment of Clyde SSD by PAC**

The EIS for Shell's Clyde works went on exhibition on 21 November 2013. The closing date for submissions was 23 December 2013. Community engagement prior to the release of the EIS was minimal. GCA lodged an objection to the EIS asking that the SSDs for Gore Bay and Clyde be assessed together. The number of objections/submissions expressing concern about the project exceeds 30.

The NSW Department of Planning Delegations Guidelines published on the Department's website state that PAC will assess applications in respect of which there are 25 or more objections.

A NSW Planning officer has advised that the Clyde SSD will not go to PAC but will be decided by Departmental officers.

The officer stated that this is the first time that this has happened and was dismayed that Shell had revealed that it had been told of the decision.

This is a dangerous precedent as the same thing may happen to the Gore Bay SSD.

The sub-committee requests that the following motion be put to the meeting:

***That the GCA writes to the NSW Minister for Planning requesting clarification as to why the Clyde SSD, which attracted over 25 objections, is to be assessed by Departmental officers. It is to be noted that this decision is inconsistent with the information about delegated decisions on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website.***

**GCA Shell Gore Bay Sub Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**May 2014**

**Chair & Minute Taker** M Southwood (VET)  
**In Attendance** Karen Coleman (EMT)  
Garry Draffin (EMT)  
John May (SSD)  
Tom Lawson (SSD)  
Penny Mabbutt (SSD)  
**Apologies** Jenny Bowen  
Stuart Warden  
Ian Meller

**Discussion & Resolution**

1. Following significant discussion on the purpose of the subcommittee and the areas of focus for the immediate and longer term given the expected, imminent release of the Shell EIS

2. There was resolution to form 3 committees to form different outcomes:

Emergency Management Team: (EMT) to engage LCC and other relevant authorities associated with safety and risk matters pertaining to the hazards associated with the petrochemical operation for the development of a single Gore Bay Emergency Management Plan.

Gore Bay SSD Team: (SSD) to identify and mobilise resources with the necessary capability and contacts to examine and draft a response to the imminent SSD 5148.

Vitol Engagement Team (VET) to represent the GCA and establish a connection and communication channel with the new management of Vitol in partnership with LCC.

3. The sub-committee will reconvene the night before the next GCA to review progress and agree on resolutions we may want to present and update on our progress.

## Draft Petition

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,

The Petition of the residents of Greenwich, Wollstonecraft and areas affected by the petroleum products import and storage facility at Gore Bay in the North Sydney electorate brings to the attention of the House the lack of an integrated emergency management plan covering sea and land operations in Gore Bay.

An integrated plan headed by State Government and involving local councils, emergency services, maritime services and the operator of the import and storage facility would accord with accepted global practice.

The need for such a plan has been exacerbated by the changed operations at the site since late 2012. Since then Gore Bay Terminal has been operating as an import and storage terminal for petrol, diesel, jet fuel (kerosene) and bunker fuel whereas historically it was utilised to import crude for pipeline delivery to the Clyde refinery. The impact of these changes has not been fully assessed by the Environment and Protection Authority.

The present emergency and disaster planning involve a series of nonspecific and outdated plans at council level, a confidential emergency plan covering the site only but not the neighbouring residential area and the Sydney Maritime disaster plan (MARDAP) which is not specific to Gore Bay.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to request that the relevant Ministers coordinate an integrated emergency response plan as a matter of priority and ensure that it is communicated to the local residents.

(Signatures)

(Names)

(Addresses)



## **Greenwich HUB Steering Committee – John May, Convenor**

The investigation by the HUB subcommittee of a potential Greenwich HUB continues.

HUB Information sessions were held on Friday 9th May at 7.30 pm and on Saturday 10th May at 2.00 pm

Both sessions were presented by Helen L'Orange the founder of the very successful Waverton HUB supported by other enthusiastic Waverton HUB volunteers and were excellent presentations however the very low attendance of 6 or 7 interested residents at each session was disappointing.

The HUB Survey went out as planned with the May newsletter to all dwellings in Greenwich with the option of submitting by hard copy or by completing the survey online. Many thanks are due to Councillor Pam Palmer for producing an excellent survey and for collating the results.

We received 91 responses to the survey and the results have yet to be analysed by the subcommittee

We had 70 female and 16 male respondents

The largest age bracket was 65-69 followed by 60-64

Most respondents lived in a two person household

The major issue was adequacy of public transport

Physical activities of most interest were walking groups and scheduled exercise or stretch programs

Social activity of most interest was a book club

Learning opportunity of most interest was a program of speakers on particular topics

Services considered most important was physiotherapy

18 residents indicated they were very interested in volunteering (but none for a HUB office)

To this point we have not had any response from the request in the June newsletter for volunteers necessary to run a HUB and in particular someone to manage the HUB operation.

The subcommittee will meet again shortly to decide whether to press ahead and try and form an Establishment Group following the Waverton HUB model or create a Greenwich HUB that is a subsidiary of Waverton HUB or encourage those who have expressed an interest to join the Waverton HUB as several Greenwich residents have already done.