

Greenwich Community Association

General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, 46 Greenwich Road
15 June 2016

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:35pm

Present: As per the attendance book

1) Welcome

President Merri Southwood chaired the meeting and welcomed candidates contesting the Federal seat of North Sydney at the July 2 election. The attending candidates were;

- Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans of the Greens
- James Coffey of the Science Party, supported by Peter Cooper
- Sharon Martin of the Christian Democrats

Merri also welcomed Councillor Pam Palmer and all members of the Greenwich community attending.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Lizz Gill, Ian Meller, Trent Zimmerman (MP), Libby Hunter and Alan Winney.

3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the GCA General Meeting held 4 April 2016 were tabled.

Motion: The previous meeting's minutes are accepted.

Moved by Tom Gervay, seconded by John Southwood and passed.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes were discussed during the meeting.

5) Report on the Activities of the Association

a) President's Report

The President commented that it had again been a busy period, particularly with the proposed local Council merger activities, including the gathering of signatures for the petition associated

with the GCA's council merger resolution. A query remains as to whether traction is being obtained. The Treasurer's role has been filled.

b) Secretary's Report

Since the General Meeting held on 20 April 2016 the following correspondence has been received.

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Subject</i>
23 April 2016	Department of Fair Trade	Certified copy of GCA Objects and Constitution
23 May 2016	Debbie Nye	Recent changes to walking track from Gother Avenue to East Street
25 May 2016	Don Murchison	Rally, Resolutions & Delegations re: LCC amalgamation with Ryde and Hunters Hill
3 June 2016	Trent Zimmerman MP North Sydney	(email) Declining invitation to June GCA meeting, but would attend August meeting if re-elected
3 June 2016	James Coffey Science Party Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Accepted invitation to June GCA meeting
5 June 2016	Mr Peter Hayes Labor Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Accepted invitation to June GCA meeting, on behalf of a campaign team member
8 June 2016	Dr. Chestfield-Evans Greens Candidate for North Sydney	(phone) Declining invitation to June GCA meeting
15 June 2016	Sharon Martin Christian Democrat Candidate for North Sydney	(phone) Accepted invitation to June GCA meeting

The following correspondence has been sent:

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Subject</i>
21 April 2016	Margaret Campbell	GCA response to DA on 58-60 Kingslansley Rd.
4 May 2016	Minister for Local Government Hon. Paul Toole MP	Proposal for East Ward to be included in LGA incorporating St Leonard precinct and surrounding areas, including petition signatures
6 May 2016	Mr. Craig Wrightson General Manager, Lane Cove City Council	Affordable Rental Housing criteria w.r.t. DA 46/2016 for 1 Ulonga St

19 May 2016	Environment Protection Agency Acting Director, Mr Greg Sheehy	GCA response to EPA review of submissions for Licence 661; Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal, Greenwich
25 May 2016	NSW Department of Health Director, Dr. Michael Staff	GCA response to EPA review of submissions for Licence 661; Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal, Greenwich
26 May 2016	Minister for Local Government Hon. Paul Toole MP	(email) 1st Follow up of 4 May 2016 re: Proposal pursuant to Section 218E (2)(b) East Ward Lane Cove Council including additional petition signatures
1 June 2016	Minister for Local Government Hon. Paul Toole MP	(phone) 2nd Follow up of 4 May 2016 re: <i>Proposal pursuant to Section 218E (2)(b) East Ward Lane Cove Council</i>
3 June 2016	Trent Zimmerman MP North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting
3 June 2016	Mr Peter Hayes Labor Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting
3 June 2016	James Coffey Science Party Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting
3 June 2016	Sharon Martin Christian Democrat Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting
3 June 2016	Dr Arthur Chesterfield-Evans Greens Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting
6 June 2016	Lane Cove Bushcare	Golden Whistler Lane Cove Bushcare Newsletter – Autumn 2016
6 June 2016	Dr. Stephen Ruff Independent Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting
7 June 2016	Minister for Local Government Hon. Paul Toole MP	(phone) 3rd Follow up of 4 May 2016 re: <i>Proposal pursuant to Section 218E (2)(b) East Ward Lane Cove Council</i>
9 June 2016	Mr Greg Sheehy A/Direcgtor EPA cc. Jane Burgett Snr Operations Officer EPA	Thank you letter for time and consideration during meeting with GCA of 31 May
12 June 2016	Eddy Ku Family First Candidate for North Sydney	(email) Invitation to attend June GCA meeting

14 June 2016	Minister for Local Government Hon. Paul Toole MP	(email) 4th Follow up of 4 May 2016 re: <i>Proposal pursuant to Section 218E (2)(b) East Ward Lane Cove Council</i>
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c) Treasurer's Report

Appointed Treasurer, John Southwood thanked out-going Treasurer, Dr. Patricia Quealey. The membership (subscription) are not enough to meet costs, an additional 60+ members required to break-even for 2016. An active marketing campaign (weekdays, outside IGA) was proposed, having been successful before. Further discussion on this would be held at the next Committee meeting.

The following figures were presented, as at 15 June, 2016;

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS to date for 2016

Total no. of subscriptions 135 (individuals or families – register attached)

2. CURRENT TRADING – 1.01.16 to 9.05.16

Gross Income	\$2,561.37
Total Expenses	\$2,251.95
Net Income	\$309.42

3. OPERATING FUNDS as at 19.4.2016

Bank Account Balance	\$5,664.51
Unpresented cheques	\$200 S Warden; Secretarial expenses \$55 L Walton; copying \$481.86 Snap Printing
Cash Book Balance	\$4,927.65
Term deposit rolled 19.4.16	\$12,331.28

4. BALANCE SHEET – refer attached

Total assets for GCA as at 19.4.16	\$17,258.93
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Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved by Liz Walton, seconded by Rod Tudge and passed.

6) Notified Business

a) Proposed Council Merger

Following the GCA Committee meeting held 30 March 2016 specific only to this topic, a resolution was passed by email by the Committee on 4 April 2016 stating;

1. The GCA Committee opposes the forced amalgamation of Councils and restates its support for the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of the GCA on 17 February 2016
2. The amenity of East Ward of Lane Cove, in particular the Greenwich area, is impacted negatively by the uncoordinated development of the St Leonards and adjacent precincts, an area currently controlled by Lane Cove, Willoughby and North Sydney local government areas
3. The GCA Committee considers that the inclusion of the East Ward of Lane Cove in a local government area foreshadowed by the Minister for Local Government, namely an amalgamation of Lane Cove, Hunters Hill and Ryde, offers East Ward no opportunity to have input into the development of the St Leonards precinct and adjacent areas in order to mitigate impacts on the Greenwich area and East Ward generally
4. In the light of the apparent commitment of the NSW government to proceed with the forced amalgamation outlined in 3 above, the GCA Committee seeks the inclusion of East Ward in a future local government entity that includes the St Leonards precinct and adjacent areas
5. The GCA Committee resolves to make a proposal to the Minister for Local Government under Section 218E (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 to include East Ward of Lane Cove in a future local government entity that includes the St Leonards precinct and adjacent areas
6. The GCA Committee will immediately notify the text of this resolution to the Greenwich community, Lane Cove Council, the Minister for Local Government, local community associations, delegates appointed to consult in respect of the relevant areas, local media and other parties as deemed appropriate by the Committee
7. The GCA will actively engage with the community to secure support for the proposal outlined in 5 above from the number of voters required under Section 218E (2)(b) and make the proposal to the Minister for Local Government.

This resolution was subsequently communicated to local Councilors, the Mayor and General Manager of Lane Cove Council, the relevant Council Boundary Review Delegates and the Lane Cove Community Alliance. Over 300 signatures supporting the petition were obtained from the East Ward electorate, satisfying the requirement of Section 218E (2)(b). Notice and signatures were then provided to the Minister for Local Government, Peter Toole, formally requesting his consideration. It was noted the St Leonard's precinct, prior any merger(s), sits approximately 25% in the Lane Cove Council boundary area, 25% in Willoughby and 50% in North Sydney. The Minister, despite the GCA's repeated attempts to solicit discussion on this matter, is delaying due the Council's current legal activity before the Land and Environment Court.

Councillor Pam Palmer addressed the meeting providing an update on the proposed merger and on-going legal challenge(s) from the Lane Cove Council's perspective;

- Strathfield had success in having the NSW Government recognise fault(s) due to technical aspects of its merger proposal. The State Government has committed to fixing those issues. Strathfield Council has further actions before the Court.
- LCC obtained copy of a KPMG document from July 2015, as part of Court orders. Access to other documents that were requested is being blocked, being marked 'Cabinet in Confidence'. Orders have been made for other documents to be released by June 20.
- LCC has brought a case, based on information to hand, suggesting that views of the electors that needed to be sought by State Government, prior to any merger proposal, were pre-determined. The case is due to be heard next week, noting there had been administrative delays.
- Same judge is to hear all Council merger matters.
- Many councils are sharing the same legal team
- Delegates report suggests boundary tweaking may occur after council merger.

- Local Government is currently suspended. State Government is making relevant appointments to new entities.
- LCC is yet to be proclaimed. No new proposals or developments are being heard.

Don Murchison addressed the meeting next, providing a summary of the Lane Cove resident's 'No Amalgamation' rally held 27 May.

- This rally was brought about quickly, following similar action in Hunters Hill.
- Speakers were from all walks of life and were well received
- 3 resolutions were made and supporting signatures obtained;
 - i.) no Council amalgamation
 - ii.) referendum held before any further action
 - iii.) constitutional recognition be given to the Local Government Act
- A small party then proceeded to the offices of both NSW MP Anthony Roberts and Federal MP Trent Zimmerman.
- MP Roberts since provided a letter to the rally delegation, passing over any further response to both Minister Toole and Premier Baird
- MP Zimmerman accepted a 30 minute meeting during which he claimed awareness and understanding of the issues. Premier Baird has no interest in engaging on this topic.

b) Gore Bay Terminal Sub-committee report

Sub-committee convenor Stuart Warden advised the meeting of the;

- EPA's comments during the meeting of 31 May with several sub-committee members. This meeting was encouraging from the GCA's perspective with numerous amendments to conditions within Licence 661 being foreshadowed.
- subsequent sub-committee meeting of 13 June, including a couple of sub-committee membership items.
- delay in review of the Human Health Risk Assessment report. Alternative resources are being sought to provide this review, prior release to the community.
- Postponement of any further political engagement, due the upcoming Federal election.

Full report attached.

c) Candidates for Federal NSW Seat of North Sydney – brief address by each

Candidates contesting the seat of North Sydney addressed the meeting. Representing their parties were;

- Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans of the Greens
- James Coffey of the Science Party, supported by Peter Cooper
- Sharon Martin of the Christian Democrats

Each provided context of their political journey and bias(es), followed by a short question time.

The Greenwich Community Association appreciated the time taken by the candidates, it being a very informative session.

d) Printing of history of GCA

Jill Pain addressed the meeting and advised that proof reading of the copy has been completed. The final task, prior to printing, is to select a cover. Input from local librarian and historian Naomi has been sought. Merri advised Celia May that per prior agreement \$500 of GCA funds were available for printing costs, once the cover arrangements have been finalised.

e) Meet the North Sydney Candidates Forum – Friday 24 June

Don Murchison advised that this forum has been arranged, commencing 7.30pm at the Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road.

There are 6 of 8 candidates that plan to attend, including those of the major parties. The format will be a 5 minute general address by each, explaining the party's key policies, desires and proposed changes. Community members will then have an opportunity to respond including questions to one or more candidates. Don will moderate the session, which is anticipated to go for approx. 2 hours.

Any assistance in helping set-up the hall with chairs would be greatly appreciated.

It was agreed that the GCA website could be used to advertise the forum but that the GCA's constitution stating an a-political stance would need to be observed.

f) Lighting at Greenwich Wharf and Community Centre

Several residents expressed concern regarding the poor lighting around the uneven stairs and paths at both areas. This includes up Mitchell Road, from Greenwich Wharf. This is not a new issue, previous attempts having been made by residents and Councillor Palmer to improve the situation. At issue at the wharf is the lack of a light post(s), however the installation of any new post(s) would be on private property and have not been agreed to.

It was agreed that the GCA would write to AusGrid to determine what solutions may exist.

7) Report of Subcommittees

a) Gore Bay Terminal Sub-Committee

This was discussed in Notified Business. Full report attached.

b) Bicycle and Active Transport Sub-Committee

Convenor Michael Ryland emphasized the broad scope of the Committee's brief noting that active transport includes pedestrian, pram, wheelchair etc access and movement as well as all forms of children, family and adult bicycle traffic. Two items were raised;

- River Road is a barrier, when wanting to cross North to South or vice versa. There is no safe way to get across River Road between the Shirley Road intersection in Wollstonecraft and the Greenwich Road intersection. Bridge(s) across River Road are wanted, with some urgency given the pending high density development(s). Opportunities exist at various points including the River Road bridge over the railway.
- In keeping with the broad scope of the concept of active transport the bike race at the Greenwich Village Games will go ahead this year, but in a modified format to that of previous years – it will be a Slow Cycle Race on the Bob Campbell Oval where the winner will be the team that rides the slowest while keeping moving at all times.

Separately, Don Murchison advised that a sum of approximately \$1 million via LCC for school safety has been thwarted. It was being proposed that such funding could see an extension of the shared use pathway along River Road, west of Greenwich Public School (primary campus). The frustration stems from a lack of approval to relocate the bus shelter which would be required. Efforts to liberate some this funding is on-going.

8) Councillor's Report

Councillor Pam Palmer reported as follows:

- Financial assistance to Community Aid Groups was passed
- Rosenthal Avenue Car Park re-development has secured both Coles and Aldi as anchor tenants. The development includes 500 under-ground car spaces. An artist's impression of project is available on the LCC website.
- Scope of Tender for Greenwich Baths Club House refurbishment are being revised. The quotations received to date has far exceeded the \$600k budget.
- No update on the 1-13 Marshall Ave (Loftex) St Leonard's development. An LEP amendment was made, proposing an increase of the height from 63m to 94m. Adjudication has been delayed by the Department of Planning due to resources.

9) General Business

a) Loss of local walking tracks

Debbie Nye commented that there has been a continual loss of walking tracks around the suburb. LCC has a map of walking tracks and unmade roads. Given the current operational stance of the LCC pending outcome of the proposed forced merger, it is considered unlikely that the Council would approve and/or erect new signage demarking the presence of such tracks. In lieu it was agreed that the GCA would write to LCC to obtain copy of the map of such tracks and unmade road and post this on the webpage. It would also be requested of Council that the current maintenance schedule for these tracks be disclosed.

10) Close

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next General Meeting 17 August 2016.

Appendix A – Treasure’s Report

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

TREASURER’S REPORT

15 June 2016

As at 15th June:

135 individuals or families registered

(Register attached)

Current Trading

1 January to 9thth May

(Profit and loss attached)

Gross Income: \$2561.37

Total Expenses \$2251.95

Net Income \$309.42

Bank account balance \$5,664.51

Unpresented Cheques \$200 – S Warden – Secretarial Out of Pockets
\$55 – L Walton – Copying
\$481.86 – Snap Printing

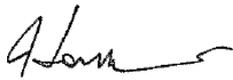
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Cash book balance \$4,927.65

Term Deposit \$12,331.28

(Copy of statement attached)

Balance Sheet Attached



John Southwood

Hon Treasurer

10:04 AM
15/06/16
Cash Basis

Greenwich Community Association Inc
Profit & Loss
January 1 through June 15, 2016

	<u>Jan 1 - Jun 15, 2016</u>
Income	
Interest Received	96.37
Subscriptions	2,465.00
Total Income	<u>2,561.37</u>
Expense	
Audit Out of Pockets	89.95
Dept Fair Trading	78.00
Filing Fees	54.00
Photocopying	55.00
Post Box Fee	121.00
Printing	1,506.86
Secretarial Out of Pockets	200.00
Stationary	48.00
Web Hosting	101.84
Total Expense	<u>2,254.65</u>
Net Income	<u><u>306.72</u></u>

10:05 AM
15/06/16
Cash Basis

Greenwich Community Association Inc
Balance Sheet
As of June 15, 2016

	<u>Jun 15, 2016</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
Operating Account	4,927.65
Term Deposit	12,331.28
Total Current/Savings	<u>17,258.93</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>17,258.93</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>17,258.93</u></u>
LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>17,258.93</u></u>
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	16,952.21
Net Income	306.72
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>17,258.93</u></u>

Appendix B - Gore Bay Terminal Sub Committee Report

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO GENERAL MEETING 20 April 2016

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GORE BAY TERMINAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Sub-Committee Membership

The sub-committee membership is as follows:-

- Karen Coleman
- Garry Draffin
- Penny Mabbutt (apology)
- Ian Meller (apology)
- Merri Southwood
- Stuart Warden (Chairperson)
- Han Xiao (apology)

Contact with Han will be sought, to determine if interest continues. The Sub-Committee will also seek approval to extend an invitation to another resident(s), that are conversant with the site and its regulatory regime.

Meetings of the Sub-committee

3 sub-committee members met with the EPA 31 May 2016.

The sub-committee has met on 13 June 2016.

Review & Renewal of EPA License 661

The GCA wrote to the EPA (dated 19 May) expressing numerous and serious concerns regarding its responses to the submissions made in respect of the review of License 661 (refer attached). The EPA responded the next day and agreed to meet with Sub-committee members; Karen Coleman, Merri Southwood and Stuart Warden. A meeting was held 31 May in the city offices of King & Wood Mallesons. Attendees from the EPA were Acting Director Greg Sheehy and Snr Operations Officer Jane Burgett.

The meeting was particularly encouraging from the GCA's perspective with numerous amendments to conditions within License 661 being foreshadowed. These had stemmed from recent meetings with Viva Energy, the site operator and license holder. Without being explicit, these went into;

- permissible refined product storage arrangements
- boundary monitoring of emissions
- access to and publication of monitoring data
- site signage

Additional support will be provided by the EPA regarding an appropriate contact at the Australian Marine Safety Authority (AMSA), the agency with responsibility for pilotage vessels that berth at the terminal. Gary Draffin will investigate further.

The EPA also acknowledged that regulation of the pipeline, linking GBT and Clyde, is not clear but further support will be provided by the EPA.

Action items from the above include;

- minutes of 31 May meeting have been prepared and will be sent to the EPA for their comment. It was noted that time frames for changes discussed with the EPA were fluid and we wish to ensure that the proposed variations are implemented soon.
- a letter to be sent by the GCA acknowledging the time and consideration the EPA had provided at the 31 May meeting. It also foreshadowed invitation for the EPA to attend the GCA's August meeting.

Review of Human Health Risk Assessment

1. The Friends of Gore Bay Inc. has received copy of the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA).
2. Assistance has been sought from an Occupational Health Medical Practitioner to interpret the report, as it is technical and does not draw specific recommendations or conclusions.
3. There has been a delay in obtaining the technical summary of the HHRA. Alternative resources / qualified people will be sought to provide this review, so as an update to the community may be provided quickly.

Political Engagement

Prior the announcement of the Federal Election, it had previously been agreed that contact should be made with Trent Zimmerman (Federal member) asking him to view the terminal. This has been postponed pending the election and result for the seat of North Sydney.