

MINUTES OF GCA GENERAL MEETING 17 APRIL 2019

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm in the Hub room under the Community Hall, as our normal venue was not available.

Apologies: Caroline Jones, Liz Gill, Sue King.

Confirmation of Minutes:

General Meeting of 5 December 2018 – Moved Alan Winney, Seconded John Southwood.

Minutes of AGM 20 February 2019, to be confirmed next AGM (February 2020)

Matters arising

To be dealt with as per Agenda.

Correspondence:

As circulated and attached to these Minutes.

Matters arising from Correspondence: as per Agenda.

REPORTS

President:

Merri Southwood reported matters are becoming more complicated and issues seem to be coming at us from all directions. The main topics are:

- St Leonards South (SLS) two Planning Proposals and three Concept DAs from developers are running in tandem with the existing Lane Cove Council (LCC) plan,
- the 2036 St Leonards and Crows Nest Plan,
- Lane Cove Council proposed revision of public forum procedure at council meetings.

It is now more important than ever to get the message out quickly as it changes from day to day, so the GCA needs to look at how to do that.

Information from LCC appears to be either contradictory or insufficient, so the GCA has had to resort to GIPAs to source information.

Treasurer:

See report attached.

John Southwood advised that the GCA now has 137 members (130 at 6 March, date of Report's preparation and 30 extra in the period 30 March to 17 April). The optimum number is 250, so a membership drive will probably be needed. The main expense is printing of the newsletter, and that is also an ongoing topic for discussion.

Sub Committees

Greenwich Baths:

Alan Winney advised that there is nothing of note to report, only that the closure of Lane Cove's outdoor pool has not affected attendance or usage at GB.

Gore Bay Terminal:

Lisa Perry reported that Viva Energy has been fined \$100,000 for the oil spill in December 2016.

As part of the penalty Viva was ordered by the Land and Environment Court to place an advertisement in Sydney metropolitan and local newspapers to say the leak was the result of Viva's failure to maintain the leaking pipe in proper condition, and that Viva was unaware of any inspection testing or maintenance having been carried out on the pipeline between its installation in the 1990s and the date of the spill.

While acknowledging our relief that the matter has been dealt with, the GCA thinks the fine was too low for the gravity of the situation, and notes that some of the advertisements which GCA members noticed in the press did not carry the company logo or any other distinguishing marks, and were in fine, faint print, so unlikely to attract much attention from the general public.

Further, we have noticed a lot of activity in the Terminal and in Shell Park. A comment was made also, that the number of Viva's meeting with its fence line neighbours has been reduced to twice a year.

Active Transport:

Don Murchison reported on the River Rd footpath / cliff section.

Despite expressed concerns of residents, the GCA, Greenwich Public School P & C and School Council, there has been no further progress from Council and Council officers did not follow through with requests to reapply for the Active Transport Grant. Safety issues will need to be addressed by widening the cliff section of the footpath to a SUP if or before residential retirement dwellings are allowed to proceed at Greenwich Hospital, which is a potential safety matter.

Bike Plan Revision

Council officers have outsourced, with specific guidelines, the Bike Plan Review. This is expected to be presented to the May Council meeting and then made public for comments.

Meet the Candidates, North Sydney, Federal election

Don Murchison is looking to organise a similar forum to the NSW elections. He is awaiting a response from Trent Zimmerman with regards to the availability of dates. This will be held in the Greenwich Community Centre, as a GCA event.

Councillors' Reports

Frances Vissel: See attached.

- Rosenthal project temporary parking now available.
- Anzac Day ceremony at 7.25 am.
- Tender approved for the LC Pool.
- More than 700 azaleas in Epping Rd being cultivated to re-establish beds.
- Greenwich Public School basketball and netball courts, upgrading costs.
- LCC has FB page with 2066 followers.

It is noted that Councillor Zbik attended the meeting.

Notified Business

Greenwich Hospital

Question raised by community member John Gelagin as to what the SSD submitted by HammondCare is really about.

Main objections are:

- residential development conflated with development of the hospital in order to get the former passed;
- more than 100 mature trees to be demolished with no re-plantings
- negative impacts on neighbours and bushland.

160 objections have been lodged in addition to the submission/objection by Lane Cove Council.

Meet the Candidates

State (held on 14 March) and Federal (to be held 9 May)

Both events organised by Don Murchison and supported by GCA. The first one was well attended with only one candidate (Anthony Roberts) not able to attend.

The second one will be held along similar lines and all candidates to be invited to participate.

LCC Draft Code of Meeting Practice

General feeling is 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it'. This is supported by the fact that the proposed changes are not mandatory. Principal objections are:

- unfair to ask people to register by 5 pm as many people are on their way home from work and other commitments at that time
- if they come late to the meeting then they wouldn't be permitted to have their say
- not all speakers are either 'for' or 'against' a motion, but simply want to comment
- if a topic under discussion is heavily weighted either for or against then having four speakers only to speak on both sides will not reflect true community feelings on the issue
- it is not appropriate having the general manager decide who is to speak as he/she is not an elected official.

There was also a proposal (not a motion) that we ask council to allow a town hall type meeting at least every quarter to permit open engagement with councillors.

Albert Jubian offered to write to the Minister of Local Government expressing our concerns.

The following motion was passed:-

“The meeting express its concern that Council is proposing to change its public forum procedures.

The meeting requests Council to retain its current public forum procedures.

That the GCA committee be authorised to make a submission to Council in respect of the proposed public forum procedures in its draft Code of Meeting Practice in the terms as outlined above.”

St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 submissions

At the time of the meeting the submissions made in respect of the 2036 Plan had not been uploaded to the Department of Planning website.

It is important for the public to see these submissions, not only in terms of what may be said about 2036 generally, but in order to determine what has been said about the St Leonards South Plan.

We are unaware of the total number of submissions.

The Independent Planning Commission (IPC) does not have access to the submissions.

The Department of Planning has advised that the submissions will be uploaded but we have no detail as to when this will happen.

St Leonards South

The proposal is to re-zone the land for R4 but it is still zoned R2.

3rd deadline for the LEP finalisation is 2 June this year.

Lane Cove Council is waiting for the IPC review, which should be around mid May.

The IPC is not the body responsible for a determination on the future of SLS. It is required to advise the Minister if SLS is consistent with the 2036 Plan.

Developers are getting toey and have already put in their own planning proposals for parts of the area.

The GCA is to put together a plan to attend the IPC hearing and rally the community to attend and speak. If not available to attend the hearing, community members will be asked to make their own submissions. For this the GCA will make up a template to help people make their submissions. Best plan is to prove that SLS is **not** consistent.

The following motion was passed:

“That GCA representatives seek an urgent meeting with the Planning Minister for the reasons previously mentioned and to address the issues re the total lack of infrastructure and the proposed total overdevelopment of the area.” Proposed Lisa Perry, Seconded Alan Winney

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE 17/04/2019**SENT**

Date	To	Subject
12/02/19	IPC	SLS Review considerations
22/02/19	A Harvey Gateway Dept of Planning	New PPs for SLS – information sought
24/02/19	Brett Whitworth, Dept of Planning	Meeting re Planning Proposals
25/02/19	C McNally Sec Dept of Planning	Extension of time submissions Greenwich Hospital
26/02/19	M McDonald Dept of Planning	Concerns re LCC 2036 submission
13/03/19	IPC	update
22/03/19	LCC	GIPA SLS Planning Proposals
22/03/19	LCC	GIPA DAs for SLS
01/04/19	GCA to Dept of Planning	Objection to Greenwich Hospital SSD
01/04/19	LCC	GIPA Top Spring Meetings
01/04/19	LCC	GIPA Design Review Workshop
01/04/19	M McDonald Dept of Planning	Upload 2036 submissions
08/04/19	A Roberts MP	Submission release
08/04/19	B Whitworth/A Harvey DoP	Meeting re PPs
09/04/19	LCC	Query ack above GIPAs lodged 1/4/19
09/04/19	IPC	Meeting request info re hearing
09/04/19	IPC	Further detail request
12/04/19	IPC	Upload letter of 12/2/19
15/04/19	Councillors	Request for urgent motion PP moratorium etc

RECEIVED

Date	From	Subject
13/02/19	IPC	Ack GCA letter 12/2/19
03/03/19	E Klaic Dept of Planning	Ack GCA letter 26/2/19
01/03/19	K Harragon Dept of Planning	Refusal of ext of time for Greenwich Hospital
01/03/19	B Whitworth et al	Info re PPs
13/03/19	K Harragon Dept of Planning	Extension for submissions Greenwich Hospital
13/03/19	P Hallett Hammond Care	Greenwich Hospital Update
13/03/19	IPC	Ack GCA email 13/3/19

26/03/19	LCC	Ack DA GIPA
26/03/19	LCC	Ack Planning Proposals GIPA
01/04/19	Dept of Planning	Ack of Receipt objection Hospital SSD
01/04/19	The Village Observer	Article re Viva Spill
03/04/19	M McDonald Dept of Planning	Submission upload timing
09/04/19	IPC	Hearing details
09/04/19	A Roberts MP	Referral to Minister for Planning
11/04/19	LCC	GIPA delay apology
09/04/19	LCC	Ack Design Workshop GIPA
09/04/19	LCC	Ack Top Spring GIPA
10/04/19	IPC	Hearing details

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC
TREASURER'S REPORT
General Meeting 17 April 2019

Membership - Individuals or families registered

107 at 6 March 2019

200 as at 31 Dec 2018

234 at 31st December 2017

183 at 31st December 2016

276 at 31st December 2015

Accounts as at 6 March 2019

Trading for Financial Year to Date

1 January 2019 to 6 March 2019

(Profit and loss attached)	FY 2019
Gross Income:	\$1,990.00
Total Expense	\$972.50
<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>	\$1,017.50
Cash Book balance	\$5,549.46
Bank Statement balance	\$6,521.96
Less Cheques not yet presented	
M Southwood	\$362.50
Australia Post	\$130.00
Print Force Pty Ltd	\$480.00
Total	\$972.50
Revised Bank Balance	\$5,549.46
Term Deposit	\$12,779.12

Comments

Since preparation 6 March 30 more memberships paid.

After recent Newsletter and subs slip we will re-assess. A membership drive will probably be necessary.

Bank balance at 17th April, including \$70 be banked **\$6,089.46**

John Southwood
Hon Treasurer

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR FRANCES VISSEL – 17 APRIL 2019

Temporary Car Park Open

From Friday 12 April, a temporary public car park with 45 spaces opened on the corner of Rosenthal Lane and Birdwood Lane. Entry to the carpark is via Birdwood Lane. It is conveniently located close to the Plaza and provides access to local shops along Birdwood and Rosenthal Laneways and surrounding arcades.

The temporary car park will provide 2 hours free parking, 8:00am – 6:00pm. You must enter your licence plate number into the ticket machine to retrieve your free ticket to display on your dashboard.

In late 2019 the Birdwood Lane temporary car park will be relocated and access will be provided to around 100 spaces in the lower basement levels of the permanent car park. Entry will be via Rosenthal Avenue. The existing temporary car park will not be relocated until access to this new section of car park is available.

Market Square Car Park

New Payment Option

The largest Council car park in Lane Cove, Market Square Car Park has been the focus of a number of recent improvements by Council.

From April 2019, customers using the Market Square Car Park will now have the option to pay for their parking online through Council's new Payment Portal at www.lanecoveparking.com.au.

Parking is free under three hours. If your visit is over three hours and you forgot to pay on exit via the pay lane, please visit the Payment Portal and pay online. You have three days to make a payment, or fines apply.

When visiting the Payment Portal, customers will be prompted to enter their vehicle licence plate and any outstanding payments will appear.

Market Square Car Park Upgrade

New signage is in place to help remind customers to check the duration of their stay at the pay machines located on P1 and P2. Together with improved licence plate technology, the twin lane exit will help improve the operation of this popular car park.

There are still 300 spaces available and it will remain free to enter after 6:00pm each day. Plus, seven additional motorcycle bays have been added.

Why have the changes been made?

The community and Council have experienced frustrations with the delays caused when issues have occurred with the single-exit boom-gate. Delays at this boom-gate have been further compounded at peak times and due to the high turnover of the car park.

Given that close to 90% of the people using the car park stay under 3 hours, Council has now provided a twin lane exit to provide an Express Lane option as well as a Pay Lane option. There are no boom-gates at the exit, the exits will use licence plate recognition systems to recognise those who do not pay before exiting.

ANZAC Day

Thursday 25 April, 7:25am, Lane Cove Plaza

Commemorative service is held in conjunction with Lane Cove RSL Sub Branch.

Update on 50m Outdoor Pool Replacement in Lane Cove

At the Council Meeting on Monday 15 April 2019, Council accepted the tender from Crystal Pools Pty. Ltd. to rebuild the 50 metre outdoor pool.

A tender specification was prepared in March detailing the schedule and hours of work, safety requirements and reporting requirements. The specification outlined that the tender submissions were assessed based on experience, project personnel, design and construct contracts and price. Tenderers also had to complete Council's Sustainability and Environment Assessment.

The new pool will include eight lanes (the original pool had seven lanes) and a boom in the middle will allow for the pool to be separated into two 25m pools.

A timetable will be made available within the next two weeks.

Federal Government Grant

Federal Member for North Sydney, Trent Zimmerman has announced the federal government will provide \$2 million towards the construction of the new pool. Earlier this month, Mr Zimmerman organised a petition and campaign for the federal government to provide \$1 million towards the construction of the new pool. The response to this petition was so strong that \$2 million has been provided.

Restoration of the Iconic Epping Road/Longueville Road Garden Beds

In the 1960s Azaleas adorned the garden beds on Epping/Longueville Road, with a sloping lawn and a flowering annual display with the letters 'LANE COVE' spelled out in bedding begonias that were set into grass in the lower bed. Thirty years later, in 1992, the lower beds around the 'LANE COVE' sign were mass planted with Azaleas, creating a stunning September show that many still associate with Lane Cove.

In 2017 Lane Cove locals called for restoration of the iconic garden beds which were reconfigured as part of the above ground works for the Lane Cove Tunnel.

As many of you may know from the local papers, Minister Anthony Roberts announced State Government has provided funding of \$150,000 towards the restoration of this highly valued community icon.

Council has cultivated over 700 Azaleas seedlings which are being cared for at the Lane Cove community nursery. While they continue to grow, Council is working through the options available to restore the beds which have been significantly modified since the Lane Cove floral display was last curated. The Stronger Communities Fund will greatly assist in the restorative and preparatory works required to bring the project to life.

Council is one year into its plan for restoration and maintenance which can now be accelerated thanks to funding from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

From our April 15 Council meeting

The Draft Budget, Fees and Charges and Delivery Program and Operational Plan will be out for public consultation for a period of six weeks. It is also Available Electronically.

Following public exhibition, the 2019-2020 Draft Budget, Draft Fees and Charges and Draft Delivery Program together with any submissions received, be considered at the Council meeting to be held 17 June 2019.

Greenwich Public School - Synthetic Field

As part of their policy to provide community access to sports facilities in schools, the DoE are now offering access to the Kingslangley Campus Oval for community sport and basketball/netball court outside school hours

Facility	Estimate Cost	Cost Share (Capital and Maintenance)
Synthetic Field	\$800,000	DoE 50%, Council 50%
Lighting	\$150,000	Council 100%
Basketball / Netball Court	Incl. in School Upgrade	DoE 100%
Toilet Facilities	Incl. in School Upgrade	DoE 100%
Onsite Parking	Incl. in School Upgrade	DoE 100%

Prior to 2014, Council had a standing agreement with the DoE which allowed Council to book the sports field at the Greenwich Public School Kingslangley Campus for community sport. The field was marked out with 60m x 40m soccer field which was regularly used by the North Shore Football Association (NSFA) for junior soccer. By 2014 the field was in such a poor state that the NSFA stopped using this field due to safety concerns.

The DoE are currently in the process of upgrading Greenwich Public School, with works due for completion in early 2020. As part of their policy to provide community access to sports facilities in schools they are again offering Council access to the playing field and basketball / netball court for community use outside of school hours.

125 Year Anniversary Lane Cove Council 2020

The year 2020 will present Council with the opportunity to commemorate the 125 years of the Lane Cove local government area and encourage activities which foster the community's connection to Lane Cove and complement these with Council-led initiatives.

This will include projects which document and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Lane Cove for example photographic exhibitions, significant anniversaries and commemorative publications.

To mark the occasion of the 125th Anniversary in 2020 Council will be organising celebrations around

- Historical and cultural tours of the local area
- Creation of a commemorative Lane Cove beer or spirit
- Signature events or activities which fit a theme associated with 125 years

Council Facebook Page now active

In 2018 Council adopted its Social Media Policy to assist with the introduction of a Lane Cove Council Facebook page.

The initial response to Council's Facebook page shows an encouraging start to its role as an important engagement tool for Council's ongoing communications.

Council Facebook page can now provide residents and the wider community with the opportunity to receive the latest news and information from Council.

Council Staff are involved in identifying interesting and relevant stories to keep a broad audience of the community engaged with the page.

Within the first two (2) months Council has been able to identify the types of updates that are of most interest to the community and is pleased that in its infancy the page has already achieved more than 2066 followers - coincidentally, a milestone that reflects Lane Cove's postcode of 2066!

Although the longevity of the Council Facebook page will show the enduring nature of the followers and engagement with Council, this initial response shows an encouraging start to this new communication platform for Council. As a result, Council will continue to integrate Facebook as a tool for use in communication strategies across a range of Council areas.

The next feature Council will be introducing will be integration of the page with Council's new Customer Request Management System, to allow users to report issues from within Council's Facebook page, and receive feedback on progress.

Code of Meeting Practice

At the Public Forum at the Council meeting, some members of the community raised concerns regarding suggested changes to the Public Forum. The Code is currently out for public consultation. This is a draft, so please ensure you take the opportunity to make your comments.