

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2006 at Greenwich Memorial Community Centre 46 Greenwich Road

Present: as per Attendance Register
Apologies: John Gebler, Rob Starling, Clr Rick D'Amico, John Dowey

1. Opening

The meeting commenced at 8.05pm. Apologies were received. The meeting welcomed Stephanie Bashford, Manager of Strategic Planning, Lane Cove Council.

The President tabled a letter of resignation from Vice-President Rob Starling. Rob was recently appointed to President of the GMCCA committee and felt he was unable to continue with both roles. His resignation was accepted, with regret.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The last meeting held on 19 April 2006 were distributed and accepted (moved P Palmer; seconded Peter Walton).

There were no matters arising except that the approved PA system was not purchased yet.

3. Correspondence

In

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| Joe Hockey, Member for Nth Sydney | Notice of grants to volunteer groups, up to \$3000 |
| Lane Cove Council | Good governance seminar for community groups |
| LCC Development Applications | Various |
| Lane Cove Council | Seeking submissions re Heritage Review |
| Resident | Copy of DA objection re 19 Ronald Ave |
| Longueville Residents Association | Proposed amendment to LEP re covenants |

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| Lane Cove Council | DA objection re 12 George St |
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4. Treasurer's Report

The latest Financial Report was tabled by the Treasurer (as attached).

He thanked those who had responded to our membership renewal reminder letters.

5. Community Hall

Annabelle Burley, the new Hall Manager, was welcomed. Unfortunately, the Management Plan to be presented to the meeting was not quite ready but good progress was being made along the aims outlined at the last meeting.

6. Committee Reports

Marjorie Propsting Memorial Library Working Party

Library painting was complete.

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Letter sent to Council expressing concern that procedures for Closed Committee meetings do not comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act. In particular, the way in which matters are described on the agenda and the range of matters nominated to be dealt with in Closed Committee.

Shell Community Consultative Committee

Wharf 6 officially opened.

East Ward Traffic Consultative Forum

Name change from “working party” to “consultative forum” to better reflect its role which was to bring matters to the attention of the Traffic Committee (if warranted) but not to attempt to fix traffic problems.

Other changes included removal of an elected Chairperson – this role will go instead to Council’s traffic officer – and less frequent meetings – now quarterly rather than monthly.

Ron Gornall questioned when members of the community would be informed of the changes. Pam noted that the Council resolution of 1 May included notification to committee members and it was surprising that this had not yet been done.

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As above

Lane Cove Tunnel Action Group

Parliamentary inquiry held last week.

7. Guest Speaker – Stephanie Bashford: *Heritage Conservation Review*

The GCA will arrange for a copy of the study to be available at Greenwich Library.

In March 2005, Lane Cove Council resolved to “undertake Stage 1 of a Heritage Review, to assess potential areas for listing as conservation areas, conduct public consultation about those areas and if appropriate prepare a Draft Conservation Development Control Plan.”

In September 2005, following an Expressions of Interest process, Godden Mackay Logan was selected to undertake a Conservation Study.

The decision to undertake such a study had been made in response to a petition received from Northwood residents requesting that Northwood be identified as a conservation area. The preparation of the study included approximately four months of research and fieldwork.

The Study’s recommendations include that:

- The Conservation Areas Study be placed on public exhibition to provide a basis for community submissions on development controls for the existing Greenwich Conservation Area.
- All properties affected by the Draft study area to be notified of the exhibition and invited to make a submission.
- Council adopt the NSW Heritage Council’s Infill Guidelines in relation to Greenwich. This would assist owners/applicants/Council and staff.
- Council prepare a Heritage Development Control Plan relating to the existing Greenwich Conservation Area.

It was noted that the GCA has already made a preliminary submission to Council. The GCA supports the new classification of “contributory” items and has suggested a further category of “uncharacteristic” rather than simply “neutral” for an item’s contribution to the heritage area.

8. Community Pathways Project

Local resident Don Murchison, convener of the Community Pathways Project, addressed the meeting on the progress of the proposed off-road shared pathway

from the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre to Greenwich Ferry. Don described the route and benefits for Greenwich residents, along with proposed links to the Willoughby pathways network.

On Saturday 26th August everyone is encouraged to walk this route, commencing Noon, at the Lane Cove Plaza, as part of the Cameraygal Festival. Friends of Greenwich School (FOGS) will host a BBQ at the ferry wharf.

However, it appears that the RTA requires such pathways to be hard-surfaced and 3m wide. Therefore, in many areas, the site would not be wide enough to cater for the path and it would be very destructive to the narrow strips of bushland which characterize Lane Cove.

The meeting commended Don for his concept and enthusiasm but believed the path was not practical in terms of financial cost and destruction of bushland.

9. Tesrol/Billy Blue

The DA will probably be included on Council's Planning and Building Committee agenda for 17 July. This is a formality only because Council has agreed to hold an Inspection Committee on 5 August.

It was suggested that the applicant be asked to put peg markers for the subdivision on the site.

10. Waterbrook

Alan Winney highlighted continuing safety concerns for surrounding residents about trucks and the crane on site.

11. Australand/Duntroon Ave

This DA was unanimously approved by Council on 19 June, with conditions.

12. Councillors' Reports

Clr Rod Tudge brought to residents' attention the proposed LEP changes regarding covenants.

Clr Tom Lawson raised concerns about the DA for the Mercure Hotel (cnr Bellevue Ave and Pacific Hwy). The proposal is to convert to (serviced) apartments with units being sold to Singapore residents on 10-year leases.

13. Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.30pm.