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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 21st April 2010 commencing at 8pm Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

Note: Meetings start at 8.00pm and conclude at 10.00pm . Refreshments will be available during meetings.

THE ASSOCIATION'S 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Greenwich Community Association was held on 17 February.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the new committee members are

President: Merri Southwood southwood@bigpond.com.au

Vice Presidents: Liz Gill & Alan Winney

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Secretary Michael Coombs

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Nadereh Vash/Alison Bird Committee Members:

Tricia John, Helen Jones, Debbie Nye, Sally Paton.

As foreshadowed in our last newsletter, a Special Resolution was put to the February meeting to remove the obligation on the Association to maintain public liability insurance. This resolution was passed and the NSW Department of Fair Trading will be notified accordingly. The Committee still has the discretion to take out insurance if the need arises.

Public Meetings of the Association are held at the Greenwich Community Centre at 8pm. The dates for our 2010 public meetings are 21 April, 16 June, 18 August, 20 October and 8 December. This year our format will vary slightly – refreshments will be available during meetings rather than at the conclusion – this should allow for a slightly earlier finish.

ASSOCIATION 2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all residents who renewed their 2010 subscriptions following distribution of our February newsletter. For those who wish to pay their subscription this month, we enclose a payment slip which can be posted to our Treasurer at PO Box 5057 Greenwich or deposited in the box at the Greenwich Pharmacy.

WE NOW HAVE A GREENWICH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Association's February meeting was a busy one – the draft rules for the Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee were approved and the group is well and truly up and running!

The objectives of the group include increasing awareness in the community of ways to support environmental

sustainability at all levels, promoting & progressing environmental sustainability, and identifying projects, through community consultation and participation.

If you are keen to become involved with the activities of the group, please contact John May (Convenor) 9906 5106 or Liz Gill (GCA Vice President) 9436 3501.

LANE COVE'S NEW PLANNING CODES APPROVED

For a while we seemed to talk about nothing else but changes to our planning codes and then, suddenly, everything went quiet! That is because the proposed codes were caught up in the approval process of the Department of Planning. The documents have now emerged - the new Lane Cove Local Environmental Plan (LEP) was gazetted on Friday 19 February 2010 and the new Development Control Plan (DCP) took effect from 22 February 2010.

It is understood that the Department of Planning made some changes to the documents submitted by Council and our Councillors are being briefed on these changes as we go to press. It is hoped to provide a more detailed report on the final version of the codes at our April meeting.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ON THE GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WEBSITE?

Now that we have our Environmental Sustainability group operational, there will doubtless be many opportunities to share ideas and resources. A purpose built website can only enhance this process. We would love to hear from community members with ideas of what we can/should include on our current website www.greenwich.org.au.

If you would like to join a working group to explore options and how to achieve them, please contact Helen Jones<u>frodo@taralga.com</u>.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Greenwich Art Show - The 'Greenwich Group' of Greenwich artists is holding its popular bi-annual exhibition at Greenwich Sailing Club, off O'Connell Street on 1-2 May between 10.00am and 4.00pm. The opening will be on Friday 30 April between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Enquiries call John May 9906 5106 or Amanda Harrison 9439 8128.

National Trust Heritage Festival Carisbrook House Museum "Baking for Our Nation" Exhibition Wed, Thurs, Sat & Sun 11am – 4pm from 9 -24 April. Enquiries call Denis Smith 0419 321322. Lane Cove Historical Society-Annual Market Morning Fund Raiser is to be held at Lane Cove Plaza on Saturday May 15. If you have any goods or articles to donate to the stall, please notify Frank Knowles 9427 3215 by end April. **Australian Conservation Foundation Sustainability Event** – Spot-on - in Lane Cove Plaza from 9am – 1pm, Sunday 2 May. Educational workshops, entertainment, midday toy swap.

CAN YOU HELP WITH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT THIS YEAR?

Again the Greenwich community turned out in full force for a wonderful evening of music and general merry making to celebrate Christmas 2009. \$2000 was raised through the sausage sizzle and donations - a fabulous result. The money was donated to the Sir David Martin Foundation, which funds programs that provide care, counseling, training and support for homeless and disadvantaged youth.

This popular community event started in a small way in the mid 90s, when a group of carolers roamed the local streets It is now one of the highlights of the Greenwich community calendar. The small team of organisers could do with some **HELP!!** If you can do so, please contact Julia Starling (0410 490 821) or Sally Charkos (0421 634 646).