



# GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## FORTHCOMING GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012\* commencing at 7:30pm  
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

Refreshments will be available during the meeting.

\* Please note that there will be **no** general meeting in April.

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### GCA COMMITTEE FOR 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Greenwich Community Association was held on Wednesday 15 February. Our Committee for the forthcoming year is:

Merri Southwood	President
Helen Jones	Vice President
Gary Draffin	Vice President
Alan Winney	Secretary
Peter Walton	Treasurer

Committee Members:- Alison Bird, Michael Coombs, Liz Gill, Patricia Quealey and Haluk Seven.

Debbie Nye and Tom Lawson have stepped down from the Committee. They both provided valuable local knowledge and active support – we thank them for their great contribution to the Association.

### COUNCIL MAKES MAJOR CHANGES TO MEETING SCHEDULE AND DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Significant and unheralded changes were made to key aspects of Council procedures at the 5 March Council meeting. The changes were not

canvassed within the community prior to the Council vote and will result in dramatic diminution of the rights of community members to express their views to their elected Councillors. In essence the changes are:-

- halving of the number of Council meetings to one per month
- disbanding of the Planning and Building Committee and the Services and Resources Committee
- creation of an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel with authority delegated by the General Manager to assess all development applications that were previously decided by Councillors in open Council. The concept of a Panel is not unknown in other municipalities but other Panels function as advisory bodies to Councils. The Lane Cove Panel model functions as a **substitute** for Council. Decisions about key developments in Lane Cove will be made by people appointed by the General Manager, NOT our elected representatives

- the Panel will include only one community member (and no Councillors)
- the draft Charter of the Panel requires submissions to be limited to one A4 page, oral submissions to last a maximum of 3 minutes and a power to require the appointment of a single spokesperson for people with a “common interest”
- decisions of the Panel are to be made in closed session.

The Council website homepage makes no reference to the very significant changes in development assessment – this was left to the North Shore Times! The Agenda for our May meeting will include discussion of these major changes.

Details of the Council decisions can be viewed on the following link  
[http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bps/Open/2012/CNL\\_05032012\\_AGN\\_WEB.HTM](http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bps/Open/2012/CNL_05032012_AGN_WEB.HTM)

**SHELL GORE BAY TERMINAL CHANGES**

Shell has lodged an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Report with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure. The purpose of this report is to seek direction from the Director General as to the issues that must be addressed in a final EIS.

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The Director General has responded with a list of requirements which can be accessed on  
[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=5148](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=5148)

The Shell Gore Bay Reference Group continues to meet and minutes of meetings can be accessed on both the Association website and the Lane Cove Council website  
<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Living%20in%20the%20Area/Current%20Issues/CurrentIssues.htm#Shell>

**SHOPPING PRECINCT UPGRADE**

Stage 2 of the upgrade will start on April 10 with a resurfacing of the footpath on the school side of Greenwich Road, followed a week later by work on the other side. This work marks the end of the current project. We await Council’s decision as to proposed alterations to parking in Wardrop Street.

**ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES**

Please put the following dates in your diary:-16 May, 11 July.  
 This is a local government election year so we hope to make our August meeting a “Meet the Candidates Night” prior to the 8 September election day

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