



# GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

April 2013  
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PO Box 5057 Greenwich 2065

## Forthcoming General Meeting

**Wednesday, 24 April 2013 commencing at 7:30pm**  
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

Refreshments will be available during the meeting.

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### **GCA COMMITTEE FOR 2013**

At the Annual General Meeting held on 20 February, the following Committee Members were elected for the next 12 months:

Tom Gervay	President
Rod Tudge	Vice President
Alan Winney	Secretary
Peter Walton	Treasurer

Committee Members:- Patricia Quealey, Alison Bird, Liz Walton, Todd McHardy, John May, Tom Lawson, Rob Hunter.

In the subsequent Committee meeting and in accordance with the GCA Constitution, Rob Hunter was unanimously elected as the second Vice President.

For those Committee members that stood down during 2012, we thank them for their contribution to the Association, particularly Merri Southwood, who during her term as President, worked tirelessly to represent the residents of Greenwich and we are fortunate that she has agreed to continue as the GCA Representative on BPN and the Lane Cove Community Alliance.

### **2013 DATES FOR GCA'S GENERAL MEETINGS**

All meetings start at 7.30pm and conclude at 9.30pm. They are held at the Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road and dates are as follows:

Wednesday, **24 April**  
Wednesday, **19 June**  
Wednesday, **21 August**  
Wednesday, **23 October**  
Wednesday, **18 December**

We welcome all residents to attend and contribute to these meetings and look forward to seeing you there.

### **SHELL GORE BAY TERMINAL UPDATE**

Shell held an information evening for residents on 6 March 2013. It is understood that the EIS (for terminal modifications) is well behind schedule due to the extent of the requests made by various stakeholders in the Director General's Requirements as part of the DA. This work is specifically around the modelling required for the Human Health Risk Assessment set out by NSW Health.

Shell states that this delay will also delay its ability to alleviate the current heightened noise nuisance from increased ship berthing and pumping times.

Calls were made at the meeting for Shell to take short term action to mitigate these effects on nearby residents such as: -

- A reduction in overnight pumping
- Increasing terminal pipe capacity to reduce required pump pressure.
- Double glazing of windows
- Offers to purchase properties
- Sound-proofing of fixed assets at the terminal

A response from Shell is awaited.

GCA will continue to act as a clearing house of information on the Shell operation. Complaints numbers are: -

**Shell 8437 1238**

**EPA 13 15 55**

### **CRAZY WHIST NIGHT**

The Isabelle Heim Fund will hold another Crazy Whist Night in the Greenwich Hall from 7 pm on Saturday, 4 May. These events are always great fun and provide a wonderful way to mingle with old and new friends. Food and drinks will be provided, and tickets (\$50 each including donation to the Fund) are available from Jim and Lesley Hamilton (9438 1339) and other committee members.

### **BETTER PLANNING NETWORK (BPN) SEEKS INCLUSION IN BRIEFING ON PROPOSED PLANNING CHANGES**

The NSW Government's White Paper outlining the draft Sydney Metropolitan Strategy is expected to be released shortly. The BPN, a coalition of over 340 community groups including GCA, has been attempting, without success, to secure inclusion in industry briefings about the strategy.

There will be a period of community consultation once the draft is released, with BPN planning a community forum to review proposals in the NSW Parliament Theatre.

Keep up with developments through the BPN website -

<http://betterplanningnetwork.good.do>

### **FORGET YOUR BAG OR NEED ANOTHER ONE AT THE SHOPS?**

GCA has been successful in obtaining funding for a Bag Share Program for Greenwich as part of Lane Cove Council's Sustainability initiative. The program is due to be launched in June and involves a Bag Share box outside the IGA and Hooked. If you arrive at the shops without a bag or need another one you can borrow one of the bright yellow bags from the box and return it next time you visit.

### **GORE HILL MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

Recent changes to the management and operation of the Heritage listed historic Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery on the Pacific Highway at the top of Greenwich Road will see an accelerated implementation of the new Management Plan and permanent on site staff. The cemetery has been managed since 1987 by a voluntary Trust that despite meagre and unpredictable financial resources and with some in-kind assistance from Willoughby and Lane Cove Councils rehabilitated the cemetery

from an overgrown wilderness.

The State Government has now dissolved all metropolitan voluntary Cemetery Trusts and has created three professionally managed and properly financed Trusts for Rookwood Cemetery and the Northern and Southern Metropolitan areas.

Gore Hill Cemetery is now part of the Northern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust comprising of Gore Hill, Macquarie Park, Field of Mars and Frenchs Forest Cemeteries.

Gore Hill Cemetery has been closed for burials since 1974 however is open for ashes deposition in family graves or in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Niche Wall or in the Memorial Gardens.

Enquires relating to ashes deposition, location of graves or tours of the cemetery can be made to the NMCT on 9805 0499.

The next tour will be on Sunday, 3 November.

### **SEASON FINISH AT GREENWICH BATHS**

The Greenwich Baths will close on Tuesday, 30 April after a successful season. Highlights include the junior Nipper program, which continues to grow with almost 200 enrolments attending each Sunday morning.

The movie nights were a success this season again, as was the Open Day in September at the start of the season. After a dismal season of weather in 2011-12, hopefully this year's warmer temperatures will continue next year.

A BBQ to mark the closure will be held at the Baths from 4pm to 5pm on Tuesday, 30 April and is free to attend for your last swim.

### **REMINDER – 2013 GCA SUBSCRIPTIONS**

A friendly reminder that if you haven't paid your GCA subscriptions, these are now due.

They can be posted to:

The Treasurer, c/- PO Box 5057, Greenwich 2065 or placed in our post box located at the Greenwich Pharmacy.

### **WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

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