



**GREENWICH
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

February 2012

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PO Box 5057 Greenwich 2065

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 15th February 2012 commencing at 7.30pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

Refreshments will be available during the meeting.

IS THIS THE YEAR TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH THE DECISIONS THAT IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY? WE NEED YOU!

The Annual General Meeting of the Greenwich Community Association will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Greenwich Community Centre. All positions on the 10 -12 person Committee will be declared vacant. The Association urges residents-to become involved in some of the issues that will affect our community during the year ahead.

The first stage of the upgrade of the Greenwich Shopping Precinct in April and May last year provided clear evidence of the merits of community consultation through the Greenwich Community Association. In the latter part of the year the Association has been a forum for clarification of the plans that Shell has for Gore Bay Terminal once the refinery capacity at Clyde has been shut down and of the emergency management plans for the Greenwich area. This role will continue throughout 2012.

The Environmental Sustainability Sub-committee hosted a successful Solar Expo in April 2011 and funding has been approved by Lane Cove Council for the Association to operate

a pilot bag-share program at Greenwich shops.

Please take a look at our website www.greenwich.org.au for more detail of the Association's activity.

If you are interested in being involved with the Association either as a committee member or in another capacity please contact us through our website or call one of the committee members named at the end of this newsletter.

AND IF YOU CANNOT BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED BUT JUST WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING ...

why not subscribe to our website? Our subscriber base is growing and plans are afoot to increase use of the site to publish information about important local issues between our bimonthly newsletters

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NOTES ON OUR DECEMBER MEETING ABOUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE SHELL SITE

The December 2011 meeting of the Association was attended by approximately 40 people who were keen to hear from emergency services personnel and Shell

representatives about emergency management plans associated with Shell's Gore Bay operation.

The meeting provided an opportunity to clarify the chain of command in an emergency situation. It was clearly articulated at the meeting that the community would like more specific information about emergency responses. Shell is proposing to conduct an emergency drill in the first quarter this year which is intended to provide the community with more insight into emergency procedures.

Shell confirmed that plans are still in place to shut down its refinery at Clyde and to offload product including gasoline at Gore Bay. However, no decision has yet been reached about storage of gasoline in tanks at the terminal.

The Gore Bay Reference Group convened by Shell is now up and running. The group is not a sub-committee of the Greenwich Community Association. However, members of the public may submit questions for the group through the Greenwich Community Association website. Shell has agreed to provide responses to these questions and questions and responses will be published on both the Association and Lane Cove Council websites.

THANK YOU TO LANE COVE COUNCIL FOR PROVIDING A GRANT OF \$1950 FOR A PILOT BAG SHARE SCHEME

The Association's Environmental Sustainability Sub-committee has again been successful in the latest round of Council's Sustainability Small Grant applications. Discussions will now commence with local

businesses about installation of an appropriate bag share bin. Ideas and expertise from the local community will be welcomed. Please call Liz Gill on 9436 3501.

GREENWICH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2011

Once again Christmas Cheer resounded around Greenwich! The community was in full force, weather notwithstanding, and \$1200 was raised for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets program.

SANTA AT THE WHARF

Thanks to all who helped to raise \$300 in support of Sydney City Mission.

2012 SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION ARE NOW DUE

The Association is fortunate to enjoy generous support from many members of the community. The funds raised allow us to continue to provide over 1950 households with bimonthly newsletters in addition to maintaining our website. Subscriptions can be posted to our Treasurer c/- PO Box 5057 Greenwich 2065 or placed in our postbox which is located at the Greenwich Pharmacy.

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