



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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PO Box 5057 Greenwich 2065

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, **20 February 2013** commencing at **7:30pm**
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

Refreshments will be available during the meeting.

2013 – the 70th Anniversary of the Greenwich Community Association

or as previously known, the Greenwich Progress Association.

Over the years the Association has been an important vehicle for residents to raise issues that affect our community and for those issues to be brought to the attention of Council or other relevant Authorities.

During 2012, this has been particularly evident with the many issues pertaining to the operational changes to the Shell Gore Bay Terminal.

The continued survival and effectiveness of the Association is dependent upon the active involvement and support of local residents, whether as a Committee member or in another capacity.

At the Annual General Meeting on February 20, all 10- 12 positions on the Committee will be declared vacant.

SHELL GORE BAY

As reported previously Shell is currently operating under its interim terminal operation (ITO) whereby instead of crude oil importation, refined products (diesel, jet-fuel and petrol) are being pumped directly from ships to Clyde for distribution. In addition Shell imports marine fuel oil (which can sometimes be malodorous) into tanks at Gore Bay from where it is transferred to cruise ships on the harbor via the barge "Whitnavigator".

Nearby residents are reporting that the changes in operations are very noticeable. Instead of having a large oil tanker discharging three or four nights per week they now have a smaller, but no less annoying, ship to keep them awake almost every night of the week. In addition, Shell has received

two fines from the EPA for breaches of noise and air pollution that occurred in the past few months.

It is understood that the EIS may now not go on public display until March due to extra rigour which Shell has had to undertake with respect to noise, odour and emissions testing and modeling.

Shell has recently letter-boxed Greenwich residents with fridge magnets which state their complaints number - **8437 1238**.

WARDROP STREET PARKING PLAN

During 2012, the successful completion of the Greenwich shopping precinct upgrade was achieved through community input to GCA and the Association then working closely with Council. One of the agenda items at the AGM will be an update by John May and Peter Walton, on the ongoing status of parking in Wardrop Street. As parking was one of the key issues raised by residents, this meeting which is usually attended by our East Ward Councillors will provide an opportunity to again raise these concerns.

LIQUOR LICENCE GREENWICH BATHS

With the ongoing community debate regarding Greenwich Baths seeking a liquor licence, interested residents should attend this meeting, as it will provide an opportunity to express support or objections before our East Ward Councillors.

SANTA AT THE WHARF

Thanks to all the generous Greenwich families who made Santa at the Wharf on Christmas morning such a success and a great start to a special day. \$250 was raised for Father Riley's "Kids off the street".

Particular thanks go to Wendy at "The Hairdresser" in Greenwich for her kind sponsorship of the event.

WHERE ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO NSW PLANNING UP TO?

In August 2012 the Minister for Planning released a Green Paper outlining significant proposed changes to NSW Planning Law. The impact of the changes includes reduced opportunity for community comment on developments and fast tracking of assessments to the possible detriment of the environment and residential amenity. The Association, together with over 230 community groups, has affiliated with the Better Planning Network (BPN), to ensure that community concerns are expressed in a clear and coordinated manner. At the Association's December meeting it was resolved to make a donation of \$500 to assist BPN to meet its campaign expenses. The BPN is urging the Minister to allow for at least six months consultation after the release of draft legislation and a petition to this effect is now circulating. The petition and information about BPN activities can be found on <http://betterplanningnetwork.good.do/nsw/email-the-premier-2/>

GREENWICH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Carols by Candlelight has proven once again to be a wonderful and popular Christmas event, being well attended by the Greenwich community. The generosity of the community is clearly evident with \$2300 being raised for Chris Riley's "Youth off the Streets" program.

GREENWICH VILLAGE GAMES - VOTED THE BEST EVER

Anarchists, Engineers, Governators, Builders, Natives, Commerce, Heroes and the Tribe were in full flight at the 7th GVG held 7-9 Dec 2012. This was serious fun for the community, with 23 staged events involving over 1200 participants aged 5 to 85, singing, dancing, swimming, golfing, running, cycling, rowing, throwing balls, eggs, cabers in this very successful weekend event. Congratulations to the organisers, captains, participants and supporters who helped make the event memorable. Those not involved in previous years were particularly impressed to see their neighbours, serious doctors and lawyers by day, immersed in

mud and grunts for the tug-of-war, or singing in drag. The Revue performances set a new high showcasing local talent. The event, and months of preparation, achieved its purpose of bringing the community together, introducing new to old residents and providing a special focus for family and neighbourhood fun.

LANE COVE COUNCIL SEEKING COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Council is currently calling for Lane Cove Community members as representatives on the following Advisory Committees:-

- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Lane Cove Recreation Precinct Liaison Advisory Committee.

Details are available on Lane Cove Council's website.

Nominations close 5pm 22 February 2013

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL HERITAGE PATHWAY

Greenwich Community Association has donated a Park Bench for the proposed Heritage Pathway.

2013 SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION ARE NOW DUE

The generous support from many members of the community enables the Association to provide over 1950 households with bimonthly newsletters as well as maintaining our website.

Subscriptions can be posted to:

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

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