



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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FORTHCOMING GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 17th October 2012 commencing at 7:30pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

Refreshments will be available during the meeting.

OUR EAST WARD COUNCILLORS

Elections for Lane Cove Councillors took place in September. The Association hosted a "Meet the Candidates" evening on 29 August during which about 50 residents took the opportunity to address questions to the candidates. Our East Ward Councillors are David Brooks-Horn, David Karpin and Pam Palmer. We hope that Councillors will attend Association meetings to share news of Council plans and to hear the views of residents. Special thanks to Rod Tudge who served as an East Ward Councillor for nearly thirty years. Rod attended Association meetings regularly and advocated passionately on behalf of the community.

PLANS FOR BROWNIE HALL AND GEM CLUB ON DISPLAY

Council has engaged an architect to prepare plans for modifications to the Brownie Hall and Gem Club which form part of the Community Centre complex. The architect will present the proposed plans to our 17 October meeting for input and comment before a formal DA is prepared.

SHELL GORE BAY – IS THIS REALLY “COMMUNITY CONSULTATION”?

Residents will recall Shell's August 2011 announcement that the principal operation at Shell Gore Bay Terminal was to change from a crude oil import terminal to a petrol import terminal "by mid 2013". Shell announced at the same time that it wanted to engage the community in consultation about a DA it would be lodging to modify the Terminal to support the changed operation.

The community has participated in consultation in good faith.

What has happened recently?

Shell has closed the refinery at Clyde. Crude oil importation has ceased and petrol has replaced it. What happened to the "mid 2013" timeframe talked of as recently as June this year?

No sign of a DA, let alone an approval!

The Association has written to the Premier and relevant regulators asking for clarification of risks associated with the changed operation and assurance that controls to highest international standards are in place to protect the

community - see our website for copies.

The change in import operations has already generated increased noise and odour for adjacent residents despite assurances that this would not happen.

Shell will not provide written assurance that it will not be storing petrol on the site, either now or as part of its planned modifications when the lessons of Buncefield are so clear.

Shell invited residents to a community information session on 11 October to hear views about the "proposed project" to modify Gore Bay Terminal for product change when **the product change has already happened.**

Government authorities are telling the community to wait for the DA to make submissions about changed operations when the changes are already in place.

What are your views on Shell's actions? Contact our webmaster on www.greenwich.org.au .

WARDROP STREET PARKING PLAN

Thanks to the sustained efforts of Councillor Palmer and Rod Tudge and to the commitment and expertise of some local residents, it seems that Council has prepared plans for parking facilities in Wardrop Street. The detail

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of the plans is unclear – please watch our website for updates. We hope to have some preliminary plans for inspection at our October meeting.

ASSOCIATION'S SUBMISSION ON PLANNING GREEN PAPER

At a time when the community and councils were in pre election mode, the NSW government released a Green Paper proposing significant changes to the state's planning system – for details refer to

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=fUggrUzDe3A%3d&abid=68&language=en-US>).

The potential impact of the changes are far reaching and would effectively confine community engagement to the strategic planning phase with little right to have input on individual projects.

Thanks to the energy and expertise of local residents, the Association has lodged a submission with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and is now a member of an advocacy group, Better Planning Network, that has representation at a workshop to develop a White Paper prior to debate of a bill in the Autumn session. The Association's submission can be viewed on our website.

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