



# GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## Next Public Meeting

Wednesday 21 August at the Greenwich Community Centre  
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

## In the bag

The Greenwich **Bagshare** project, an initiative of the GCA, was launched on the weekend of 27 - 28 July at the Greenwich shops.

This worthwhile 'sustainability project', championed by John May and Helen Smith, followed on from a similar Lane Cove project and was funded by the Lane Cove Council. Two specifically designed recycle bins have been placed outside the Greenwich IGA and Hooked Fish and signs on them offer to lend free recyclable bags to all shoppers, asking that they be returned when shoppers next visit the shops. Over 500 bags were distributed and some were returned that weekend.

The ultimate goal is for the replacement bags to equal the bags dispensed and shoppers are encouraged to deposit ANY non plastic recyclable bag (not just the bright yellow GCA ones) in the bins. The bins will be monitored by the GCA daily for cleanliness and will be taken inside by the participating shops nightly for safekeeping. The Greenwich community is thus participating in a small way to 'Save the world ....one plastic bag at a time'.

## Parking issues

Parking in our suburb is an issue in many areas, and the latest to come to public attention covers Innes Rd, Ronald Ave, Balfour St, Wisdom Rd, Lansdowne St, Kingslingley Rd and Crowther Ave.

These narrow streets are now used as a parking lot by people working on the Nield Ave development, the demolition of the old North Shore Hospital building and by many workers from Foxtel Sports.

This situation will get worse with the future development of the old ABC Gore Hill site, as more builders and then workers park in these streets.

Residents have asked Lane Cove Council how this situation can be addressed and are still waiting for a response. If residents are concerned, they should contact local Councillor David Karpin at [dkarpin@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dkarpin@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)

## Additional parking quashed

Residents have been wondering about the proposal to move the school bus stop from Wardrop Street to Chisholm Street to provide additional parking for Greenwich residents going to the shops. This is now not an option as the school no longer supports a new entrance to the school in Chisholm Street, which would enable such a move.

## Free wireless at the library

In July this year Greenwich Library started offering free wireless access to the Greenwich community. People can bring their laptops along, or access the library's own terminals.



Even Shorn Quealey got into the spirit of things!



Happy bagsharers: L to R Tom Lawson, Peter and Liz Walton, Meg Gervay

Tickets expire four hours after login or when 300 MB download limit is reached, whichever is reached first within four days after the username/password is issued. The longer ticket life is to allow wireless access outside library opening hours. The wireless service also extends some distance beyond the library building. This should be welcome news to students and others who perhaps don't have the peace and quiet at home to study.



The confusing sign in Shell Park

## Dog walking signs

There have been concerns raised by dog walkers that newly erected signs are confusing, particularly along the foreshore track where Greenwich residents have been accustomed to walking their dogs off leash from Shell Park to Greenwich Point. The new signage in these areas now states that dogs must be on leash along the bush track, but can be off leash in Shell Park itself.

However, Councillor Pam Palmer says there has been no policy change. Council's starting point is NSW law that states a dog must be on leash at all times in public, the only exception being in Council-designated off-leash areas. Shell Park is one of the off-leash areas; in Greenwich Manns Point, Bob Campbell Oval and Ronald Park are others. In all other areas dogs must be on the leash, including bush tracks.

However, dog owners say that Shell Park is not a very suitable area to have dogs off leash as it is too small for dogs to run freely and right next to a busy road and pedestrian footpath.

Residents for whom this is an important issue should raise the matter with Lane Cove Council.

Council's info can be found at <http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Living%20in%20the%20Area/Parks/Facilities/DogExerciseAreas.htm>

## Trees too big

Some enthusiastic tree planters have been planting trees on their nature strips, only to find to their chagrin that the Council has required them to be removed (the trees, not the people planting them!). Residents wanting to plant vegetation on their nature strip must obtain Council permission for trees higher than one metre.

## Shell update

Shell held one of their regular community consultation meetings in Greenwich on 7 August, attended by about 20 local residents. The meeting was lively and residents were keen to reinforce their demands for, and learn how Shell was progressing in, their aims to reduce noise and pollution issues and provide as safe and environmentally friendly viable operation as possible. At the meeting Shell stated that:

- Pipework modifications are at present underway to allow ship pumping pressures to be reduced to achieve lower noise levels,
- A DA was submitted to the Roads and Maritime Services Authority in early July for a third loading arm to allow faster turn-around of vessels, and for an additional fender to give more flexibility in vessel selection, and
- A DA will be submitted to Lane Cove Council in October for acoustic lagging of some of the noisier items of terminal equipment

Shell went on to say that these DAs, if approved, should give some early relief to the community concerns about noise, and should also reduce the proportion of time that ships are currently berthed at Gore Bay.

Submission of a DA for the much more major works involving tank removal,

amongst other things, is now unlikely to be lodged before the end of this year owing to the need to collect further data on emissions and noise in response to these community concerns about health and safety.

The exhibition period for public comment is normally four weeks, but concerned community groups say that this is not enough time to read and understand the amount of material involved, and so have asked for an extended period. Lane Cove Council is likely to host a public meeting during the exhibition period with a facilitator to help clarify the proposed works and identify any areas of particular concern.

## Subscriptions reminder

Most GCA members have paid their memberships for this year, but for those who haven't yet, you still may. Fees are \$10 per household and \$5 per pensioner household. Donations are also welcome. To make it easy, you may pay directly into the GCA bank account, or put the money into an envelope and put it into the GCA box at the pharmacy. Don't forget to write your name and address clearly on the outside.

Bank details are as follows: BSB 062247. Acct number 10104085.

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## Feeling Left Out?

**It is very easy in this fast paced world to feel that sometimes things are happening too fast and that you can't 'stay in touch'.**

**One way to stay informed of new happenings in your area and policies under consideration, as well as to have your say, is to register on the websites of both Lane Cove Council and the GCA. Log onto [www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au) and from their home page go to Living in the Area, then Stay Informed.**

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