



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 18 December 2013 at the Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Rd, at 7.30 pm. This will be the final meeting for the year and everyone is warmly invited. Christmas goodies will be served during the evening.

SANITY PREVAILS - NO BIKES THROUGH BUSHLAND

It was standing room only at a packed Council meeting on Monday 2 December, where, after more than two hours of impassioned debate, the public gallery heard the wonderful news that Council had voted unanimously to exclude all new bicycle routes through bushland. It appears that the multitude of passionate submissions and local campaigns against the Plan had succeeded in convincing councillors of the depth of feeling about protecting precious bushland.

It is worthwhile noting here that the depth of feeling did not reflect anti-cycling sentiment. On the contrary, it was apparent there is widespread support for cycling within the community and groups must work together with government to establish better cycling paths and to educate both the cycling and driving populations that they can and must coexist harmoniously and courteously for the good of everyone.

THE BATHS GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Since taking over the management of the Baths, BlueFit is always looking at ways to maximise our enjoyment of summer and the Baths. Outdoor Movie nights, Nippers Beach Safety Programs, enjoyed by over 200 kids on Sunday mornings, and kids birthday parties have been new and popular additions.

Kids birthday parties and private functions can be booked online at www.greenwichbaths.com.au. For more information on upcoming events contact todd@bluefit.com.au. Also head to [facebook.com/greenwichbaths](https://www.facebook.com/greenwichbaths)



70 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG

The Greenwich Progress Association, the precursor to the Greenwich Community Association, was formed on 8 December 1944 in the home of Mr W A Henningham, who was elected as president. In his opening remarks he commented on the *lack of transport facilities*

retarding the Progress of the district and the need for an Association to further the interests of Lane Cove and Greenwich in particular, and ... lack of transport was the reason for Greenwich and Lane Cove being such backward districts.

The GCA has decided that 70 years of continuous service to the community is worth celebrating and plans to prepare a short history of the Association based on the archived records held by Lane Cove Library Local Studies Centre. We would also like to get input from local residents: please send in anecdotes, pictures, memorabilia relating to the Association such as the Second Harbour Crossing saga. Contact Jill Pain on 9436 3927 or John May on 9906 5106 with details.

NEW YEARS EVE ROAD CLOSURE PLANS

Last year for the first time the Police closed Greenwich Road to all traffic entering Greenwich, except emergency vehicles, to facilitate public viewing of the 9pm and midnight fireworks.

This meant that once the road was closed (at approx 7pm) residents who drove out of Greenwich for any reason could not return to their homes after this time. This was obviously inconvenient and distressing to many residents.

This year the GCA has written to Lane Cove Council and Chatswood Police asking to return to earlier years when residents could access their homes at all times. Chatswood Police Regional Command informed us that for public safety reasons a total road closure may again be in force. Final road closure decisions and closure times will be advertised well before the night but BE PREPARED and advise any prospective visitors that they may need to come early or not at all.

LANE COVE RESIDENT HONOURED



The GCA warmly congratulates Corinne Fisher, founder of the Better Planning Network (BPN), for jointly receiving with Dr Brian Marshall the 2013 Miles Dunphy Award for the most outstanding environmental effort on the part of an individual. Corinne initiated, and has been the driving force in leading, community responses to proposed new planning laws for NSW and representing the community voice to government authorities.

The BPN has grown to include 450 community organisations, including the GCA, and has had a significant influence in modifying some of the more extreme proposals in the new Planning Legislation. We value her efforts on behalf of NSW residents and this recognition is well deserved. We congratulate and thank Corinne.

SHELL GORE BAY UPDATE

Shell held an independently facilitated community liaison meeting at the Senior Citizens Hall on 20 November. Attendees heard that the DA required to upgrade some existing storage tanks with new roofs/domes, demolish nine redundant tanks, and renew lots of electrical/mechanical infrastructure on the site is now delayed to beyond Christmas as a result of intense scrutiny by the approving authorities. Speakers from the floor made it quite clear to Shell that the community expected health, safety and public amenity

at the terminal to be no less than world best practice. The new bunker ship the *Destine* has about three times the capacity of the retired *Whitnavigator* and consequently will need to dock and load less frequently.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION AND HOW TO BECOME A PART

There are approximately 2000 residences in Greenwich and the GCA is the voice of the community. Each residence receives this bi-monthly newsletter and an invitation to attend the next bi-monthly general meeting to hear what is happening in the community and express their own views. Lane Cove Councillors are usually present and provide residents with the chance to make their voices heard on issues ranging from State wide to local government.

Current issues that affect us all include: local government planning changes, the Lane Cove Plaza upgrade, Shell Terminal operations, proposed new bicycle paths, Greenwich bag share scheme, and the traditional Christmas Santa Claus. This is indeed YOUR Association and we warmly invite you to become a participant in it. If you've ever wanted to become more active in your local community, then this is an excellent way to do so. For more information please refer to our website www.greenwich.org.au You are also welcome to ring the president, Tom Gervay, on 0418 230 889.

GREENWICH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This is a beloved institution and details for this year are as follows:

Date: Monday 16 December
Time: Entertainment from 6pm, Carols start 6.45pm
Location: Leemon Reserve, Robert St Greenwich

Sausage sizzle, drinks and glow sticks available for purchase on the night. All funds raised go to Youth off the Streets. Wet weather backup - Greenwich Community Hall. Contact Bernadette Hayes 0431 558 505 or Lisa Brink 9966 0543 of Harbourline Real Estate for further details if necessary

SANTA AT THE WHARF

Another beloved institution is Santa at Greenwich wharf on Christmas morning where at 8.am the jolly man himself arrives by boat with presents for the children. For the parents there is tea and coffee available on the morning - gold coin donation for Sydney Street Kids. A more detailed notice will be on display in the village closer to Christmas. For new parents in the area who wish to organise presents for their children please call Garry 0412660066 or Jane 0414995099

COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH PLAZA UPGRADE

Lane Cove Council at its meeting of 18 November resolved to adopt in principle the proposed Plaza Stage 2 upgrade as recommended and proceed to the Design Development Stage.

This is a disappointing outcome for the Association who pressed for the planned upgrade to be revised because of a number of significant issues with the proposal. The budget for this project is a not inconsiderable \$1.6m Council Officers recommendation was based on extensive public consultation both online and with shoppers in the plaza, as well as with public meetings. Even though there seemed to be marked disparity between the responses, those from the shoppers carried the day and work will now proceed.

The Council Officers report and recommendation and the resolution of Council can be found on Council's website www.lccouncil.nsw.gov.au under Your Council/Meetings and Reports/Business Papers and Minutes.

STAY IN TOUCH

And we encourage ALL residents, new and long standing, to stay in touch by regularly visiting our website, and the website of Lane Cove Council – www.lanecove.nsw.org.au.

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