



# GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

**Wednesday 18 June** at the Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road, at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served during the evening and everyone is warmly invited to attend. We live in a uniquely beautiful part of Sydney and the GCA is here to protect and foster its environment and the interests of its inhabitants. No issue is too small for courteous consideration. And you get to meet your neighbours!

## GREENWICH HUB – DO YOU WANT ONE?

The Greenwich HUB Steering Committee are in the process of doing a statistical analysis and evaluation of the completed HUB surveys both in printed form and on line, as well as the feedback received from the two excellent information sessions that were conducted by members of the Waverton HUB which sadly were poorly attended. From this information the Steering Committee will be able to see how many of you are keen to participate, what is of interest to you and importantly how many people are willing to volunteer in any capacity.

We will consider various options: establish a Greenwich HUB, or if that is not viable encourage interested residents to join the established and successful Waverton HUB (several Greenwich residents have already done this), or establish a Greenwich HUB as a subsidiary of Waverton HUB with some events held in Greenwich.

If we see that interest is great enough to proceed we will need to form an Establishment Group of volunteers to organise and run activities and a person who would manage the operation (with initial assistance from Waverton HUB). Please contact John May 9906 5106, Pam Palmer 9436 3971, Libby Hunter 9439 5582, Liz Walton 9966 5359 or John Southwood 9436 1331 if you wish to discuss possibilities.

## BICYCLES NOT YET PUMPING

At our last general meeting in early May there was concern expressed that the bicycling sub committee was not moving quickly enough.

For various reasons it hasn't been easy to get started, so we are reiterating our public call for volunteers who are interested in going onto this committee and working towards a safe cycling environment for Greenwich and how it can be incorporated into the wider cycling plans now being discussed by the relevant local councils and cycling groups for the lower north shore.

The committee needs to be balanced and well represented, so we are looking for people with skills in:

- Cycle path planning, design and implementation
- Civil engineering, design and construction
- Project management and business planning
- Interest in community cycling
- Environmental planning and assessment
- Legal liability
- Communication, graphic and drafting.

Please apply to Rod Tudge on  
[rod@tudge.com.au](mailto:rod@tudge.com.au)

## BAGSHARE BAGS – WHERE HAVE THEY ALL GONE?

We are down to our last 300 bags from a total order of 3000 so there must be lots of those bright yellow bags lurking in people's houses or car boots that need to be returned - please can we have them back in the bagshare boxes!! Thank you.



Unmistakable - big, bold and banana coloured bags

## STOP RUBBISHING GREENWICH

We have noticed a disturbing and worsening trend. Our beautiful shoreline is increasingly being littered - bags, bottles and cans, paper, takeaway cartons, soiled nappies – the list goes on, and has reached a stage where health, safety and hygiene have now become issues for concern.

This is clearly not a trend we want to continue and has now become an issue which must be addressed, particularly in the light of Council's proposals to allow food vans on site in Manns Point for New Years Eve. If you have any ideas on how to stop it then come along to the meetings and contribute.

## SHELL GORE BAY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The rules of the GCA Shell Gore Bay sub-committee were approved at the GCA May meeting – see our website for details. The response to the call for committee members was healthy and we now have a team that combines, amongst others, risk management, medical, chemical engineering, legal and media expertise. The job ahead of the committee is challenging so more offers of involvement will be welcome - southwood@bigpond.com is the best email contact.

The group will now settle on its short term objectives against a background in which the release date for the Gore Bay Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is an unknown. Council has agreed to host an information session when the EIS is released – the GCA has written to Council with suggestions intended to make the session as informative and independent as possible. Time may be short and detail may be long in the EIS process, so maximisation of available expertise will be paramount.

There is no news on where the Vitol acquisition of shares in Shell Australia is up to – Shell was not forthcoming with detail at its last community liaison meeting on 14 May. Engagement with Vitol is now critical to get a sense of its corporate and social philosophy and to articulate community concerns. Lane Cove Council resolved on 22 April to meet with Vitol representatives to clarify their plans for the Gore Bay Terminal site and to arrange a community meeting with Vitol. We hope this will occur soon.

## GREENWICH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HISTORY PROJECT

We apprised you of this project in previous newsletters and work is now underway in earnest. John May and Jill Pain have been spending many hours in the Local Studies Room of Lane Cove Library researching a history of the Greenwich

Progress Association (forerunner of the GCA) as part of the GCA's 70th birthday celebrations in December this year.

This has proved a fascinating but time consuming exercise and so far they have covered the period from 1944 to 1953 when the Association was centred around Greenwich Heights north of River Road. The two main concerns of that time were provision of an adequate bus service that included shopping buses for housewives and picture buses to the main form of entertainment of the time, and the purchase of Hillcrest School (now the Primary campus of Greenwich School) by the Education Department.

The school was purchased in 1953 after much pressure from the Association and was to be a separate school called Greenwich Heights Public School but was soon amalgamated with Greenwich Public School – does anyone know when this happened?

They are now working on the period 1965 to 1977 and the development of 'The Bond Site' as a new home for the Greenwich Sailing Club, parking issues at St Leonards (still a problem) and at Greenwich Point, Council's precarious financial position, issues with the Shell terminal, and many more issues including early hints of a possible bridge across the harbour from Long Nose Point, Balmain to Manns Point, Greenwich - which was to become the greatest threat that Greenwich has ever experienced.

## A BELATED THANK YOU

An important snippet which didn't make our print deadline last issue. A big and heartfelt "thank you" to the good folk of Greenwich who make Christmas morning so special at Santa at the wharf. Your generosity with buying coffee, tea and biscuits raised \$200 for Father Riley's Kids in Crisis and a donation for that amount has been sent on behalf of the Greenwich community. A special thanks to The Hairdresser in the Village for their ongoing support of this event.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

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*Santa arrives at Greenwich wharf*

## STAY IN TOUCH

And we encourage ALL residents, new and long standing, to stay in touch by regularly visiting our website [www.greenwich.org.au](http://www.greenwich.org.au) and the website of Lane Cove Council [www.lanecove.nsw.org.au](http://www.lanecove.nsw.org.au). We also encourage residents to take advantage of the benefits of registering your email address on the GCA's website. You will receive newsletters electronically, be advised of notices and receive prompt advice on issues that arise.

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