



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **16th August 2006** commencing at 8pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

AGENDA SUMMARY

Apologies, Minutes, Matters arising
Updates and discussions on major Developments
Councillors' Reports, Committee Reports

Please note: Meetings start at 8.00pm and conclude at 10.00pm for supper. All welcome.

“BILLY BLUE”

Last Saturday a large crowd of local residents attended an on-site meeting with Council at the “Billy Blue” hostel (corner of Greenwich & River Roads).

Under discussion was the subdivision of the grounds into residential housing lots.



The hostel in 1946 before its demolition
Source: Lane Cove Library

But the architectural eyesore that is the “Billy Blue” building may be allowed to remain. Locals are not impressed, especially with the so-called student hostel now operating as a backpacker and tourist motel – a use not permitted in this residential neighbourhood. Residents' complaints to Council have received absolutely no response. Nigel Fox, representing the developer, denied the claims adding that the hostel would continue to operate because it is “a very profitable business”.

Residents are urging Council to resolve the future of the landmark site - before its heritage listed gardens are destroyed and while legal questions remain about the existing use of the site.

We expect Council to always act to improve amenity in our local area and to seek the best possible outcome.

Leaving the ugly building, allowing a backpacker motel to flourish and destroying heritage trees and gardens is not a good solution.

JOIN US AT COUNCIL'S MEETING AT 7PM ON MONDAY 21ST AUGUST.

Insist that Council investigate fully the hostel operation so we can get a decent outcome at last for this site.

FOGS FUNDRAISER

The Friends of Greenwich School (FOGS) are holding a fundraising BBQ at the ferry wharf on **Saturday 26th**

August. There will be facepainting for children and live music for all. This will be the culmination of "The Big Walk" which starts in Lane Cove Plaza at noon as part of the Cameraygal Festival.

Programs with details of all events can be obtained from Greenwich library.

PROPSTING LIBRARY NEWS

You'll find a whole shelf of brand new books on **Australian war history**. Or, for those who would rather "read" a book in the car, there is an ever-growing collection of spoken-word books available (on both CD and cassette).

COMMUNITY HALL

The plan for management of the hall, the plan for the grounds and the plan for the new pre-school fencing of the rear playground will all be put on public exhibition shortly. There will then be a period for public comment.

DR PROWSE FAREWELL

The Community Hall was crowded with well-wishers last Thursday to farewell Dr Raema Prowse who retired as the local GP after more than 20 years in Greenwich.

She now has plans for travel and to continue working part-time as a locum in rural NSW.

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Greenwich has taken most of the burden of housing consolidation in Lane Cove it seems.

- **Australand's Duntroon Ave:** 185 units replacing 12 houses
- **Waterbrook Stage I:** 79 units on the Lorna Hodgkinson Sunshine Home site
- **Waterbrook Stage II:** 70 units to replace 10 houses in Nield Ave.

The last is a proposed expansion of the Waterbrook development and will directly back on to houses in **Bellevue Ave** and **Morven Gardens**.

WILDLIFE ALERT

In spring, the numbers of injured or orphaned wildlife increase dramatically. Sydney Wildlife co-ordinate rescues from an office in Lane cove National Park along with a network of trained volunteer wildlife carers, many of whom live in the Greenwich/Lane Cove area.

For wildlife rescues phone 9413 4300, 24 hours. Speak to a person and not an answering machine!

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