



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **20th August 2008** commencing at 8pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

MEET THE CANDIDATES

20th August at 8pm – All welcome

Elections for Lane Cove Council will take place on Saturday 13 September.

Voting is compulsory for all on the local government electoral roll.

Greenwich voters are located in **East Ward**. Your polling booths are: Community Hall, Kingslangley Rd School Hall and Lane Cove Public School. Note that there is no longer a polling booth in Osborne Park.

East Ward voters will choose three Councillors to represent them from four teams of candidates.

If you are keen to hear from the candidates about their plans for Lane Cove please join us at our “Meet Our East Ward Candidates” meeting.

This will take place at Greenwich Community Centre 46 Greenwich Road on this Wednesday 20 August at 8 pm.

Our regular general meeting of the Greenwich Community Association will follow. Always a great opportunity to find out about developments in the area and to exchange ideas over coffee at 10 pm.

**WHAT IMPACT WILL COUNCIL'S
NEW PLANNING SCHEME HAVE ON
YOU AND YOUR ENVIRONMENT?**

Most residents will be aware that Lane Cove Council has been engaged in the preparation of a new planning scheme or Local Environmental Plan which will shape the development of Lane Cove for at least the next ten years.

The NSW Planning Department has imposed on all councils a requirement to increase residential accommodation through higher density developments.

Like many hundreds of other Lane Cove residents, the Association made submissions to Council in an effort to preserve the amenity of our area.

The exhibition and comment process leading up to the final approval of the plan was frustrating. It was characterised by inconsistencies between documents and maps, late availability of information before Council meetings and changes made in Council meetings with no prior warning. On August 4, after making last minute changes on the night,

Council voted to approve the plan. It will now go to the Department of Planning for final approval and gazettal.

Some of the concerns expressed by the Association were accommodated in the final version of the plan but some parts of our suburb have been required to take an unnecessary burden of the higher density demand.

One of the key concerns of the Association was the lack of detail about residential building conditions. This will come with the drafting of Development Control Plans – the Association will take a keen interest in these.

8-STOREY MOTEL ON A HOUSE BLOCK!

Earlier this year a Development Application was lodged for the construction of a 10-storey motel to replace the existing Greenwich Inn on Pacific Highway. On 4th August Council approved in principle an 8-storey building.

This Monday night (18th August) Council will take the final vote to go ahead with the construction.

Here are some facts:

- site is no larger than a normal house block – 698.18 sq m
- building bulk is 5 times the Council maximum
- height of the building is 1.6 times the permitted height
- boundary set back from the edge of balconies is 1.2 m

- 25 car spaces for 84 rooms (plus conference facilities)
- loss of 22 trees from adjoining properties.

Council's own report gave 27 reasons why the development should be rejected. So just a few minutes after Council voted to adopt its new planning scheme, it voted to approve a development that contravened the scheme in so many respects!

Why have a planning scheme if Council makes no serious attempt to adhere to it?

This is a dangerous precedent for our community.

GREENWICH VILLAGE GAMES 5TH TO 7TH DECEMBER



Just a reminder that the Greenwich Village Games are on again this year. Visit www.greenwich.org.au

to find out how you can join in the fun or contact Jack Ford or Christine Kirkwood:

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HALLOWEEN PARTY – WATCH THIS SPACE!

The Isabelle Heim Fund is holding a Halloween Party (4.30pm) and Bush Dance (7.30pm) at the Greenwich Community Centre on October 31. Visit www.greenwich.org.au for further details.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2008: 15/10/08, 10/12/08

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