



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

December 2007

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PO Box 5057 Greenwich 2065

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **12th December 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
Special Christmas Drinks & Supper



Everyone welcome – come and meet your neighbours!

Note: Meetings start at 8.00pm and conclude at 10.00pm for supper.

SANTA AT THE WHARF

Come and meet Santa at Greenwich Wharf on Christmas morning at 8.00am with presents for the children.



Santa's helpers can be found at **11 Mitchell St (corner of George St)**, enter from George St. Enquiries 9437 6417.

As usual, refreshments will be available at the wharf to raise funds for Mission Australia.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Monday 17th December at 6pm



This highlight of the community calendar will be held once again at Leemon Reserve (Robert St tennis courts). Join in favourite and familiar Christmas carols, led by the Willoughby Singers and the award winning Lane Cove Concert Band. As always the children steal the limelight with their music making. A wonderful way for the whole family to welcome in the Christmas Season. Sausage Sizzle/BYO picnic from 6pm, carols from 7pm. In the event of rain, come to the Greenwich Community Hall.

Collection in aid of aboriginal children's education programs. Enquiries to Julia Starling 9437 6183 or Sally Charkos 9438 2037.

GREENWICH VILLAGE GAMES 2008

Monday 11th February at 8pm

Greenwich Community Hall

All interested in seeing the Greenwich Village Games continue in 2008 should come to this first meeting. A new organising committee is needed, so spread the word! Teams need to confirm their captains and be represented at this meeting.

YOUR OPINION

comments@greenwich.org.au

Your opinions are welcomed. Please email, phone, mail us via the PO Box or drop a note to the box in the pharmacy.

- The area below Manns Point, near Greenwich Sailing Club, is very busy at the weekends with people fishing and using the public boat ramp. It is obvious that public toilets need to be installed in the area. Council is currently looking at the best way to implement this. If you use this area or are a close neighbour, you may wish to comment.
- Pedestrian access to the Greenwich Baths has been improved along the upper section of the pathway. The lower section still has steps which make it difficult for those with prams. Is this a concern for you?
- The foreshore track around Greenwich Point remains closed. Council is apparently still waiting for the contractor's machinery to arrive.

Have you had a bright idea for improving the general amenity of our local area – shopping area, walking tracks, parks, foreshore? Bring us your thoughts and we'll help to progress the matter through Council.

CHANGING FACE OF GREENWICH

State Government plans for Lane Cove set targets of 3,900 new dwellings and 6,500 new jobs over the next 25 years. This obviously means many areas will come under pressure for high-density development.

Other State planning reforms recently announced look at ways to reduce the time taken to process Development Applications. For example, applicants may themselves be required to notify neighbours of their proposal and to respond directly to neighbours' objections. All the details can be viewed at www.planning.nsw.gov.au. We would appreciate your comments as part of our submission.

At a more local level, Mr John Lee from Lane Cove Council addressed our August meeting. He described a strategy to fund major project developments in Lane Cove. The strategy relies upon developing community lands – vacant land, sporting facilities and carparks – in order to build new facilities such as multi-storey CBD carparks and a cultural/performing arts centre.

We may question the value of a cultural centre, especially when Chatswood is about to commence work on its own massive centre. As far as carparking is concerned, the Market Square (Woolworths) development, under current proposals, will only provide 33 new parking spaces!

We should ensure Council only sells such assets to return true long-term benefits to the community, like parks and sportsfields. Or Council could give a higher priority to its policy of purchasing land for foreshore pathways.

ISABELLE HEIM FUND

For the benefit of those who may not know Isabelle, she is a local Greenwich girl with cerebral palsy, who will be 19 years of age on 28th December. Isabelle has never been able to walk, talk or feed herself. For most of the time she is confined to a wheelchair and is almost totally dependent on the care of her parents, Chris and Walter Heim.

Isabelle is currently receiving a Government Disability Support Pension, totaling approximately \$5,000 per year, together with educational and pharmaceutical allowances and other occasional subsidies for selected equipment. Although Government grants do help, they fall short of requirements for ongoing medical and toiletry supplies, respite care and equipment (not covered by government grants).

The Isabelle Heim Fund is a tax exempt charity authorised to receive tax deductible donations. It was formed following efforts by local residents to assist with care and support of Isabelle and provide some assistance to other children with cerebral palsy.

The Fund has a history of fundraising activities. During recent years these activities have included popular and successful New Year's Day functions at the Rocks, hosted by Sally Charkos. Due to other commitments, Sally has recently resigned as President of the Fund. Although her work as President will be missed, it is pleasing to know that she will continue to be involved with the Fund, albeit in a less active fashion. Sally extends her thanks to the Community for their generosity and support.

Although there are no plans to hold a New Year's Day function on 1 January 2008, donations to the "Isabelle Heim Fund" would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to contribute, please forward your tax-deductible donation together with completed details (below) to the Treasurer, Bill Fox, 110 Greenwich Rd, Greenwich 2065 or place in the Community Association box at the Greenwich Pharmacy.

Contact Bill on 9436 3968.

A cheque payable to "Isabelle Heim Fund", for the amount of \$..... is attached.

Please issue a tax-deductible receipt to:

Name:.....

Address:

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Yes, I am interested in assisting. My phone number is:

GREENWICH'S WAYSIDE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

When Greenwich resident Gillian Levett went shopping at the IGA last year, it turned into a heartwarming Christmas experience. Gillian was buying some groceries to donate to the Wayside Chapel Christmas Appeal. When store owners Joe and Paula realised what she was doing, they immediately offered to donate the groceries – and a Christmas tree! From there grew the idea of asking others to donate and during those last 3 or 4 days before Christmas last year, 14 boxes of goods were donated by Greenwich shoppers.

This year, a donations basket will be at the IGA store from 3rd December. Food and gifts can be donated. The most useful items are tea, coffee, cordial, canned fruit and vegetables, biscuits, toiletries, UHT milk and custard, pasta and pasta sauces, gifts for children, but more particularly for teenagers. There is nothing you could donate that would not be used and received with thanks. Every Christmas the Wayside Chapel serves up to 4,000 meals to the needy and lonely people of Sydney at their Christmas Day lunch and their hamper delivery.

By the way, the Wayside is desperately in need of some storage space (about half a garage). Sometimes they are offered large quantities of goods by companies that they cannot take due to the lack of storage space. Is there anyone that could help with this short term or long term?

It must be particularly hard to be hungry and lonely at Christmas so thank you to everyone who donated last year – it made a great deal of difference to a lot of people's Christmas.

Please contact Gillian (tel 0418 441 401) if you have any queries.



GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2008: 20/2/08, 16/4/08, 18/6/08, 20/8/08,
15/10/08, 10/12/08

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Enclosed please find \$10 per family \$5 per pensioner family \$..... donation

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