



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, **15TH JUNE 2005** commencing at 8 pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

AGENDA SUMMARY

Apologies, Minutes, Matters arising
Updates and discussions on current major Development Applications
Councillors' Reports, Committee and Office Bearers' Reports

Please note: Meetings start promptly at 8.00 pm and conclude at 10.00 pm (or earlier) for supper.

Locals Honoured

by Citizenship awards recently presented by Lane Cove Council:
Sally Charkos for establishing the Isabelle Heim Foundation Trust and for creating the memorial to Shahab Kargarian in Shell Park;
Cindy Brown in recognition of her efforts in organizing the 2004 Greenwich Village Games;
Joy Hardge for her 16 years as director of Greenwich Pre-school; and
John Palmer as a member of Lane Cove's Youth Advisory Committee.

Air Quality

As reported in our last newsletter, work on the Lane Cove Tunnel is proceeding WITHOUT filtration. In order to measure the impact of the fallout hitting Greenwich, an air quality monitoring station will be built on the golf course. While obviously not an ideal location for golf patrons, it was judged the best available site for its purpose.

The monitoring station will first test the air quality before the tunnel opens. This will give a base level against which to measure the increase in pollution once the fumes are collected and piped out in our direction.

Australand/Duntroon Ave

A good number of people took time out on a recent Saturday to attend a presentation by Australand – and achieved a positive result.

Remember that the land was zoned by the State Government for medium density housing. In particular, height was restricted to 7 storeys and density to a maximum around 5 times that of the housing it replaces.

Australand at first presented plans of up to 10 storeys. There was obviously strong opposition by local residents. Perhaps so much so that by mid-afternoon Australand announced that it would undertake to not exceed the set height limits. At last!

Like any large development, there are many issues still remaining. The most important and intractable will be traffic management.

Meanwhile, we would like to acknowledge the untiring efforts of the St Leonards/North Wollstonecraft Community Association. They continue to work at finding an acceptable solution to the problems associated with putting this increased density into an otherwise quiet

suburban enclave already suffering the flow-on effects from high-rise across the highway in St Leonards.

Meanwhile, Council has requested that the adjacent Newlands Park be placed on the local Heritage Register. This was submitted to the Department of Planning (DIPNR) in April 2003! Council is awaiting a response from DIPNR about the delay on this matter.

Private Certifiers

When building, you can appoint a “private certifier” (PCA) to undertake the supervision role which used only to be done by Council, such as carrying out building inspections and issuing compliance certificates.

If neighbours then have a complaint in relation to the conduct of a builder and/or compliance with Development Consent conditions, it is the role of the PCA to investigate and respond to these complaints – not Council.

Because PCAs are employed by the owner/builder, their independence has often been questioned.

This is a most unsatisfactory situation and Council recognizes that the process can be confusing for neighbours. If you are concerned that a building is not being constructed in accordance with the approved plans, you can find out the details of the PCA from Council.

Hopefully, such details will soon be posted at the construction site so that neighbours are aware when Council is not there to supervise.

Greenwich Photo Challenge

In order to showcase both local talent and the locale itself, we invite you to email us your favourite photo from the area for display on our website. We also hope to hold an exhibition of the full-resolution printed images at the AGM next year.

The first photo is already posted. Perhaps you can identify it? Further particulars are detailed on our website at www.greenwich.org.au.

Youth Events

The next Band Night is on June 17th and there’s a Dance Party the following night.

Club 114 is new - just for 11 to 14 year olds who would like to get together - Friday 1st July.

Check the website www.lanecoveyouth.com.au

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