



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 21st June 2006 commencing at 8pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

AGENDA SUMMARY

Apologies, Minutes, Matters arising
Greenwich Heritage Review Presentation
Community Hall Management Plan

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 residents are welcome, whether members or non-members.



GREENWICH HERITAGE REVIEW

Stephanie Bashford, Lane Cove Council's Town Planner, will be our guest speaker on 21st June and will present a recently commissioned study of Greenwich and Northwood's heritage. Perhaps your house is a heritage-listed item? Will the Greenwich Conservation zone, designed to retain the character of homes in the area, survive this latest review?

You may be interested to view all the current heritage items, by suburb, on the NSW Heritage Office's website:
www.heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Heritage items bring character to our suburb and make it a unique place to live. We have houses from the late 1800s and early 1900s; wonderful natural features worth preserving like the spectacular view from Manns Point; and, while so much other industrial heritage disappears, we have many sites which maintain a link with the history of Sydney as a working harbour.

You should be aware that there are many benefits to being the owner of a heritage-listed property, including significant reductions in Land Tax and Council rates. More information at our meeting. It is vital to let Council know our views (prior to 30 June) as this will become an important part of building development controls in Greenwich.

BASIX

Note that from 1 July, all residential Development Applications must be submitted to Council with a BASIX Certificate. BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) measures the potential to reduce water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

COMMUNITY HALL

A new committee, headed by Rob Starling, has volunteered to manage the hall. They are looking for the best way to maintain the hall as a community asset for all, including its special role as our pre-school. The new management plan will be presented at our meeting.

OFF-ROAD PATHWAY FROM GREENWICH FERRY TO LANE COVE

Local resident Don Murchison, convener of the Community Pathways Project, will address the meeting on the progress of the proposed off-road shared pathway from the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre to Greenwich Ferry.

On Saturday 26th August everyone is encouraged to walk this route as part of the Cameraygal Festival. So whether you are a cyclist, pedestrian, or push a pram, please put this date in your diary.

LOCALS HONOURED

Well deserved recognition was recently given to **Meg and Bill Fox** for their years of service to the community through the pre-school, St Giles Church and their many other voluntary service roles.

Greg Hay also received a Citizenship Award for his long association with Greenwich Sports Club.

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Billy Blue/Tesrol

We now expect this development proposal to go to Council in July. The plan is to leave the hostel intact but subdivide the rest of the land for housing. Some issues to contemplate:

- The gardens are listed on the Heritage Register. Should we be concerned that community assets,

earmarked for preservation, may disappear so easily?

- This proposal leaves the multi-storey hostel with little land, resulting in a density that will be way above even that allowed for flats. Is this fair for the neighbours when the area is zoned to only contain single dwellings?
- Of course the developer has plans for the remaining hostel site. So is it fair and reasonable to ask Council to consider this development for only part of the site without knowing what is planned for the rest of the site?
- We note its apparent unauthorised use as a backpacker hostel rather than student accommodation, and the resulting impacts from outsiders camping in local streets to use its facilities.

Waterbrook

The huge crane on site is a big worry to those living nearby. The illuminated signage shines into homes all night from its high tower while during the day the boom passes overhead in apparent contravention of the *Access to Neighbouring Land Act 2000*.

Residents also continue to report lack of adherence to the Traffic Management Conditions, with trucks still to parking illegally in Innes Rd creating safety issues.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2006: 16/8/06, 18/10/06, 13/12/06

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