



**GREENWICH
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

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PO Box 5057 Greenwich 2065

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **18th June 2008** commencing at 8pm
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

All Welcome

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

PLANNING REFORMS

We wrote to Council on your behalf proposing improvements to a new plan, known as the "DLEP", which will govern development in Greenwich for the next 15 years.

We thank all those residents who also wrote letters. Council has now reviewed over 600 submissions and a revised DLEP will be on display shortly. A preliminary version of the revised DLEP can be viewed on Council's website. There are several changes to the original draft that may negatively impact on Greenwich. In particular, the burden of providing increased housing has shifted from other parts of Lane Cove to Greenwich with a proposal to further increase permitted heights and building footprints in some areas.

There are very serious issues at stake and it is not easy to keep on top of the detail. Your letters have been fantastic but the only way, it seems, that we'll make a real difference is by speaking directly to Councillors and taking the time to examine the revised draft with a microscope when it is released.

2008 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

The activities of the GCA are funded through the subscriptions and donations paid by local residents. The \$10 per household subscription enables us to distribute 6 newsletters a year, to hold our general meetings and to keep our website up-to-date. If this year's sub has slipped your mind or you would like to join for the first time please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and send it and your payment to our Treasurer, Peter Walton.

**GREENWICH VILLAGE GAMES
5TH TO 7TH DECEMBER**



Yes, they're on again!
The Greenwich Village Games is an all-age community team event that is held every Olympic year. Eight

teams compete in a series of events over a single weekend, including a stage revue on the Saturday evening.

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NIGEL ASHTON REMEMBERED

Nigel Ashton lived in the same house by Shell Park from 1941 until his passing on 7 May 2008. The GCA acknowledges his significant contribution to planning in NSW, particularly his desire to control development of foreshore areas. This resulted in the acquisition of foreshore land at Kurraba Point, Clark Island and Long Nose Point for public use.

Nigel Ashton was chief town planner (1954-64), chairman of the State Planning Authority (1964-74) and on the Heritage Council of NSW (1977-93). Many of his planning reforms were eventually embodied in the original EP&A Act of 1979.

COMMUNITY HALL

The preschool has submitted an application to alter the entranceway to the Community Hall. The plans will be discussed at our meeting.

ISABELLE HEIM FUND

About 80 people enjoyed a great evening in the Community Hall on 3rd May for a **Crazy Whist Night**. The event was seamlessly organised and, including some generous donations, raised more than \$5,000 for the Isabelle Heim Fund.

WATERBROOK

As reported in the April newsletter Waterbrook has gone directly to the Minister to seek approval for their proposed 6 - 7 storey "private hospital" development in Nield Ave. Due to considerable community pressure the Department of Planning asked Waterbrook on 23 April to provide more information to substantiate the claim that it is in fact a hospital. At this stage State Planning is awaiting the developer's response.

Meanwhile the revised DLEP has increased heights and FSRs on both Waterbrook sites despite many objections to Council's original plans:

- FSR for Nield Ave. increases from 1.2:1 to 1.5:1
- Height limit for Nield Ave. rises from 12m to 15m
- Height limit for the existing Waterbrook site increases from 9.5m to 15m

BURGLARIES

Burglaries continue in our area and in nearby Northwood. NSW Police have useful guidelines for home security in their "Home Safe" brochure/website.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2008: 20/8/08, 15/10/08, 10/12/08

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