



GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **18th October 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

Please note: Meetings start at 8.00pm and conclude at 10.00pm for supper. All welcome

ABOUT US

Every second month, 1,800 households in Greenwich receive this newsletter. Did you know that it is produced and delivered by local volunteers of the Greenwich Community Association?

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Now in its 63rd year, this organization was formed to rebuild a community devastated by World War II. One of its first projects was to push for the building of the Community Centre which still stands on Greenwich Rd.

Our mission today remains unchanged. We aim to do all things which will benefit the community of Greenwich.

- We hold public meetings for information and community discussion (latest details above).
- We keep abreast of issues which affect Greenwich by attending Council meetings.
- We monitor all Development Applications throughout Greenwich,

including large developments such as "Billy Blue", Waterbrook and Duntroon Ave which threaten to change Greenwich forever.

- We also represent the community on various committees including Shell, the local library and the Community Centre's management committee.

Our website www.greenwich.org.au has lots of useful local information, such as how to contact local sport groups, Greenwich Baths, preschool and more. It also has a section to advise you on the procedures for lodging or objecting to development applications.

CRAZY WHIST NIGHT

in aid of the Isabelle Heim Fund on **Saturday 14th October** at 8pm in Greenwich Community Centre.

Tickets: \$35 per person, includes supper, wine and soft drinks.

There's still time to book – no previous card playing skills required – so come along and join in the fun and support a worthwhile cause.

Phone Sally Charkos on 9438 2027 or email la.renaissance@bigpond.com.

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Selling the farm?

With bigger houses and more flats being built in our municipality all the time, our parks and sporting fields are becoming even more vitally important to us and extremely valuable as community assets. But now, for the first time, Lane Cove Council is planning to sell off part of an outdoor sporting field and adjacent parkland to build 86 flats. It promises to use the profits to fund future building projects, such as a cultural centre.

But is this a wise use of funds? It certainly sets a precedent for putting a dollar value on public open space. And it is difficult to see how Council could ever accumulate enough funds to purchase new open space in the future.

The land in question is the site of Lane Cove West Bowling Club and adjacent Charlish Park. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th October 7 pm at Council Chambers and concerned residents are encouraged to attend.

Tesrol ("Billy Blue") Update

At its meeting on 4th September, Council approved a subdivision of these historic gardens into 5 housing lots – down from the 7 lots requested by the developer.

This will leave more grounds for the hostel building which will be retained on the site. A surprising last-minute

proposal by Cirs Longbottom and Smith to rezone the whole site for flats or for seniors housing (another Waterbrook?!) was thankfully defeated.

Tesrol is appealing the decision in the Land & Environment Court. Stay tuned.

Waterbrook

The developer has requested an increase to the density of its buildings which already sit huge on Wisdom Rd. Meanwhile, we are still waiting to see the plans for its next development in adjacent Nield Ave.

Note that this is the same developer who recently bought the Rippon Grange historical site in Wahroonga, controversially sold by the NSW government to whom it was given in trust. Yet another "resort" for over-55s is planned.

ST VINCENTS RD FOOTPATH

We wrote to Council in March 2005 requesting a footpath be provided so that pedestrians, particularly school children, were not forced to walk on the roadway. We were pleased to see the works recently completed.

WILDLIFE RESCUE

Injured possums, birds, reptiles? Phone Sydney Wildlife volunteers: 9413 4300, 24 hours.

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