

October 2008

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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **15th October 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.

OUR EAST WARD COUNCILLORS

Elections for Lane Cove Council were held on September 13.

The candidates for East Ward were David Brooks-Horn, Rick D'Amico, Pam Palmer and Rod Tudge.
Councillor Tom Lawson did not seek re-election.

David Brooks-Horn, Pam Palmer and Rod Tudge have been elected as our Councillors. The Association has extended an invitation to them to attend our regular public meetings. This is a great opportunity to raise concerns with our representatives and to hear from them about the many issues that cross their desks/ hit their Inboxes.

THANK YOU TO PAM PALMER

The election of Pam Palmer is a bittersweet event for the Association. We have lost a dedicated and highly professional Vice President and past President. Pam's energy and commitment will be missed by her fellow Committee members but we

wish her all the best in her role as Councillor.

GREENWICH INN – THE LATEST!

Residents may recall that a Development Application had been lodged for a 10 storey development on the Greenwich Inn site at 196 Pacific Highway. Council approved the application provided the height was reduced to 8 storeys on a block size well below the size required under both current and new planning schemes. The proposal was the subject of many objections - some related to the potential impact on adjoining residents, others related more to the fact that the development did not comply with Council's guidelines on 27 grounds. In spite of these objections, on August 18 Council approved the DA. A rescission motion by dissenting Councillors gave Council the chance to rethink this approval and on September 1 Council voted to overturn its previous approval and refuse the DA.

The Greenwich Inn saga highlights the fact that planning guidelines can be

"flexible" tools. Glaring non-compliance is no guarantee that an application will be rejected. Whilst the Association does what it can to monitor proposals, it looks to all residents to help to maintain the integrity of the planning process.

JOHN GEBLER'S SEAT

John Gebler was a tireless worker for the Greenwich community and a great believer in the role of the Association in overseeing development in Greenwich. The community was saddened when he passed away last year.

The Association is pleased that John's wonderful contribution to Greenwich community life has been recognized by Council's installation of a seat at Mann's Point.

THE GCA NEEDS AN I.T. GURU!

Our current Webmaster has been transferred to other duties! The Association is sure that there must be somebody out there in the community who can spare an hour or two a month helping to update our website.

If you think you can help or want to know what is involved please contact Merri Southwood on 9436 1331.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND BUSH DANCE

Isabelle Heim Fund is having a fun and fund raising evening at the Greenwich Community Hall on **Friday 31**st **October**

<u>0-8 year olds:</u> 4.30 – 6 p.m. Join us for some Ghoulish games, Freaky fun and Frightening food. Enjoy the Jumping castle, the Haunted house, Trick or treat, Donuts on a string, a Monster mash dance corner and the Lucky dip. Wristband ticket price (\$15) includes food, drink and 2 activities. Call Karen Schembri on **9460 7795**

All Ages: - Whoop it up with the **Moonlighters** bush band from 7pm. Wristband ticket pricing of \$35/adult and \$15/school age child includes food, welcome drink for adults, and soft drinks for all (BYO for the rest of the evening). Come and join in the bush dance or just catch up with friends.

For more information call Annabelle Burley on **9460 7112**

RECENT BREAK-INS

Keep an eye on the comings and goings near you.

There have been many break-ins reported in the past few weeks!

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