# Greenwich Community Association Annual General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road 18 February 2015

Minutes of Meeting

# The meeting opened at 7:30pm

**Present:** As per the attendance book

#### 1) Welcome

President Tom Gervay welcomed guest speaker Gaye White, Councillors Pam Palmer and David Karpin and all others attending.

#### 2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Walton, Mayor David Brooks Horn who is away overseas.

The President noted the sudden death of Vice President John May on Saturday 31 January 2015 whilst on holiday in India. Tom spoke of John's great contributions to the GCA including environmental sustainability, community liaison with Viva/Shell over the Gore Bay site, the establishment of the Greenwich Hub and researching and writing the history of the first 70 years of the GCA.

Peter Walton read the following tribute to John written by his friends at the Greenwich Tennis Club where he was an active member:

Though he won't be playing today, don't take John May's name down from the board.

This long-standing well-loved and respected member of Greenwich Tennis Club is not with us in person any more, as sadly he passed away suddenly on a visit to India.

John was a highly respected member of the Lane Cove community, having served the municipality in a number of positions including councillor and mayor.

His tours of the Gore Hill Cemetery were very popular and informative. He was well known for his involvement in the historical society and many green initiatives.

He also served on the committee of the Community Association for many years. As well as this he was involved in and supported many other local popular projects.

John was always ready to advise or help any of the residents of our community in developing solutions to every day problems.

He was widely respected and regarded for his artistic achievements and in particular for his painting in pastels.

John's dry humour - confident charm and relaxed attitude made him a favourite in all areas of our village. His generosity of spirit was sincerely appreciated by all who knew him.

He will be sorely missed.

Our love and comforting wishes go out to his lovely wife Celia and two beautiful daughters and their families.

# 3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous GCA Annual General Meeting held 19 February 2014 were tabled.

Motion: The minutes are accepted.

Moved by Helen Smith, seconded by Rod Tudge and passed.

## 4) Matters arising from the Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes were discussed during the meeting.

# 5) Correspondence

Since the last General Meeting held on 10 December 2014 the following correspondence has been received:

Date	From	Subject
6 February 2015	The Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health	Sale of Land at RNSH
4 February 2015	NSW Department of Fair Trading	Confirmation the changes to the GCA Constitution have been registered
15 January 2015	NSW Planning and Environment	Notice of Determination Shell Clyde Terminal Conversion Project (SSD 5147)
19 December 2014	Jane Gornall Executive Manager Human Resources, Lane Cove Council	Financial Assistance Grants and Citizenship Awards

The following correspondence has been sent:

Date	То	Subject
28 January 2015	NSW Department of Fair Trading	Notification of changes to GCA Constitution
23 January 2015	The Hon Anthony Roberts MP Member for Lane Cove	Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal and Clyde Petrol Storage – Implications of Approval of SSD Application for Viva's Clyde Site.
21 December 2014	Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health	Proposed Sale of Land at RNSH

#### 6) President's Report

The President thanked the outgoing committee for its exceptional work throughout the year in particular the Treasurer Patricia Quealey, the Newsletter Editor Liz Walton and the Secretary Rob Hunter.

The issues that the Executive Committee addressed throughout the year included the use of the Shell/Viva Gore Bay Terminal as a finished products (particularly petrol) terminal, bicycle infrastructure, local traffic, the walkway at the Sailing Club, the proposed development around St Leonards Station, the loss of trees, the establishment of the Greenwich Hub and Christmas at the Wharf among others.

All in all 2014 was a very active year for the GCA and the Executive Committee and we look forward to 2015 being similar and hope that a new younger generation has greater representation and involvement in activities throughout the year and that this is encouraged by the incoming committee.

## 7) Secretary's Report

The Secretary referred to the recent correspondence sent and received as noted above and noted that it is typical of the extensive correspondence generated throughout the year. During the year letters were sent to the Premier, Ministers for Planning, Health (2), Environment, Emergency Services, local members Anthony Roberts (5) and Joe Hockey (2), Viva/Shell, PAC, Sydney Ports, LCC Mayor (3), LCC GM (10), other mayors and Council GMs. Responses were received from most of those to whom the GCA wrote. It has been a busy year.

## 8) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Patricia Quealey presented the report:

Copies of the Audited Year to Date accounts for 2014 were circulated to the meeting.

As at 31 December 2014, we have accumulated funds of \$15,409 which approximately \$1500 less than at same time previous year.

In summary, income from subscriptions and interest was up by over \$200. We received no LCC grants so overall income for the year was down.

Income for the year was \$3239 and Expenditure was \$4798 meaning a deficit of \$1,559.

Major expenses for the year included market rate printing costs for our new and improved Newsletter, other expenses resulting from GCA supporting a survey to explore community interest in a Hub and taking out Public Liability insurance.

Increased membership fees for 2015 will better cover operating and activity costs.

A total of 42 people paid prior to AGM (as at Tuesday 18 February 2015 4.45pm), mostly via EFT. Paying electronically and via cash is preferred if possible, avoiding cheque-processing costs.

#### 9) Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Pam Palmer took the chair to conduct the election. She thanked Tom Gervay for his term as President noting that he chaired all meetings during a very busy year with charm and courtesy including a number of meetings where contentious matters were discussed.

All positions were declared vacant. All voters were asked if they were financial members of the GCA and all indicated that they were.

Nominations for Office Bearers were called and all were elected unopposed with the exception of the two Vice President positions for which five candidates were nominated. The election for the Vice President positions then proceeded by secret ballot. The following people were elected.

Name	Position	Nominator
Tom Gervay	President	Patricia Quealey
Merri Southwood	Vice President	Garry Draffin
Alan Winney	Vice President	Patricia Quealey
Rob Hunter	Secretary	Meg Gervay
Patricia Quealey	Treasurer	Meg Gervay
Brian Bird	Auditor	Pam Palmer

Nominations for seven committee members were called and 13 were duly nominated.

Each of the candidates was given the opportunity to speak for approximately two minutes in support of their candidacy. This was done and each candidate addressed the meeting. Proposers spoke in the case of candidates who were not present at the meeting.

The election for the committee positions then proceeded by secret ballot. The following people were elected.

Name	Nominator	
Helen Smith	Liz Gill	
Liz Walton	Patricia Quealey	
Michael Ryland	John Southwood	
Ian Meller	John Southwood	
Liz Gill	Helen Smith	
John Southwood	Ian Meller	
Penny Mabbutt	Merri Southwood	

Following his election, Tom Gervay took the chair and thanked Pam Palmer. He congratulated the successful candidates and thanked the unsuccessful candidates for their contributions and participation. He also reminded the meeting that there were many opportunities for others to participate in the GCA Subcommittees and invited people to volunteer.

#### 10) Councillors' Reports

#### a) Councillor Pam Palmer

 The State Government proposes council amalgamations that the Council opposes. Discussions are underway with other Councils to develop strategies to resist the State Government push for amalgamations. The questioning of candidates in the upcoming election on this issue is encouraged.

- 10/50 clearing policy Gaye White to present later in the meeting
- St Leonards redevelopment there is one more month available for submissions to Council be made by the community.
- LCC Citizenship Awards and Financial Grant applications are due shortly. Councillors Palmer and Karpin are available for assistance with applications.
- The Osborne Park Traffic Study is complete.
- LCC has a policy to follow up letters it receives within a certain time (two weeks).

#### b) Councillor David Karpin

- The Council Meeting held last Monday acknowledged John May's service to Council including as Mayor.
- The disabled parking space outside the doctor's surgery in Greenwich Road will be reinstated.
- A public discussion paper on alcohol free zones has been released. Additional locations are proposed.
- The Voluntary Planning Agreements for St Leonards South developments will generate over \$50 million for Council.
- Council elections will be held next year and will be run by Council as before.
- A Neighbours Day funded by Council will be held in the East Ward later in 2015.
- Councillors Planning Weekend was held and two East Ward projects nominated for Council consideration are the redevelopment of the Saling Club building to include a coffee shop and the total redevelopment of the Community Centre/Library/Senior Citizens site.

## 11) Presentation - Gaye White - Stop the Chop Campaign

The 10/50 code introduced in October 2104 based on the advice of the Rural Fire Service in the aftermath of the latest Blue Mountains bushfires allows vegetation on private and public land to be cleared without approval or advice from bush fire experts. Since then the 10/50 clearing code has been used by people in metropolitan Sydney to deplete the canopy of trees that covers suburban Sydney. Hundreds of landmark trees in Sydney suburbs and regional towns have now been lost without any meaningful improvement in bush fire risk. In Lane Cove 285 trees have been lost with 140 in Mosman, 350 in Willoughby and thousands in Hornsby.

The GCA is a co signatory along with many other community and environmental organisations to a letter to the State Government requesting a further review of and changes to the policy. The Government has already made two modifications that have

had only minimal impact on the vulnerable areas in Lane Cove reducing them from 98% to 97% of bushland in the municipality.

Melbourne has a massive tree-planting plan in place. Even in the most bushfire prone local government area, the Blue Mountains, the Mayor has strongly criticized the policy as having gone too far.

While this 10/50 code is in force, our suburbs will continue to lose thousands of trees and vital wildlife habitat. Please join us in calling for an immediate suspension of the 10/50 vegetation clearing code followed by an urgent scientific review of the code.

The President thanked Gaye for her presentation and wished her success with the ongoing campaign and assured her of the GCA's continuing support.

# 12) Report of Subcommittees

## a) Environmental Sustainability Committee – Helen Smith, Convenor

Helen acknowledged the past work and contribution of John May on the committee from the early days of the solar initiative and the Bagshare scheme. The Bagshare boxes and bags are being maintained. No new projects are planned at his stage. New members are encouraged.

# b) Gore Bay Terminal Subcommittee - Merri Southwood, Convener

Merri noted that John May will be missed at future meetings and that he had worked effectively with Shell/Viva for a long time.

The full Sub Committee report is included in the attachments to these minutes.

The Sub Committee worked hard throughout the year on many issues. We are still waiting for the Gore Bay Terminal DA/EIS to surface.

An unsatisfactory response the petition was received from Anthony Roberts MP who forwarded the letter from the Minister for Emergency Services. It was suggested that a copy of this letter be uploaded on the website.

The PAC has approved the Clyde SSD and the reduction of storage at that site to only 16 tanks that may put pressure on Gore Bay to store petrol under certain circumstances.

No response has been received from Anthony Roberts to the three letters that he requested at our meeting in November.

The language from Viva is changing. The are now saying 'it is not our intention to store petrol on the Gore Bay site." This is a concern.

## c) Bicycle Subcommittee – Michael Ryland

A full report is included in the attachments to these minutes.

The Sub Committee was formed in mid 2014 with the purpose of raising the profile of cycling and developing bicycle infrastructure proposals in Greenwich.

The focus of the Sub Committee's work to date has been on providing input into Council on issues relating to bikes, particularly the proposed developments at St Leonards and the River Road pathway. Pleasingly, Council adopted many of the bicycle suggestions

made in the GCA submission on the draft St Leonards Public Domain Master Plan in the plan it adopted in December 2014. A submission was also made to Council on how Section 94 contributions might be used for bicycle and active transport improvements.

This year's agenda includes continued work on the St Leonards Public Domain and the St Leonards South plans insofar as they affect Greenwich, looking at the option of adding a bike and active transport page to the website to deepen community consultation, and intra-Greenwich links with a focus on active transport, shared paths etc.

New Sub Committee members are sought and will be welcomed.

#### d) Newsletter Publication and Delivery – Convener, Liz Walton

Newsletter stories are always needed and are welcomed. All GCA members are encouraged to submit suggestions for stories to be included in the newsletter.

## 13) Reports from Community Groups

## a) Greenwich HUB – Helen Jones

The Greenwich Hub is now a reality. It is an incorporated entity with its own constitution. Funding has been sourced from the GMCCA and Rotary. The Hub will occupy the old Guide Hut below this hall. The space is being refurbished at present.

The Hub website is live and a number have joined via the website. It is www.greenwichhub.org.au.

A successful information day was held and a number of people joined the Hub as a result.

People have volunteered to lead activities. A walk to Everleigh Markets will be held this weekend.

It was noted that a number of people who responded to the Hub Survey did not receive follow up emails. It appears that some of these responses may have been lost.

The GCA having provided the impetus for the establishment of the Hub and funded the initial survey is now no longer responsible for the Hub as it is now an independent organisation.

### b) Lane Cove Community Alliance

The GCA is a member of the LCA along with other community groups in Lane Cove. Bill Henningham heads up the LCA and Tom Gervay is the GCA's representative.

#### c) Lane Cove Bushland Society

The community is invited to attend a public meeting on 5 March 2015 at St Andrews Uniting Church in Longueville. All the candidates for the Lane Cove electorate for the upcoming State election have invited to be present to speak and to answer questions. Flyers have been handed out at the shops and will be again this weekend. Helpers are needed to hand out flyers.

#### 14) General Business

## a) St Leonards South Master Plan

This will result in many more residents in the area. The Loftex (Leighton Properties and Charter Hall) Development has been approved with additional floorspace that has been agreed to by Council under the terms of a Voluntary Planning Agreement. This will result in tall residential buildings on the east side of the railway.

This has been the catalyst for the developers of the sites on the opposite side of the railway line to request a change from commercial to residential. Also some residents in the surrounding streets have requested an up zoning for their sites and a study on this is currently underway on the area form the railway to Berry Street including the parkland. The future developers of this area will have to provide parkland and public facilities possibly including a school. VPA funds would be applied to this.

Councillor Palmer will request that Council send a representative to address a future General Meeting.

#### b) RNSH

A reply has been received to the letter sent by the GCA to the Minister for Health that has been copied to the Save RNSH campaign. Their response is that the letter does not really address the issues of long term planning or the long-term needs of the sick. Their concern is that consultation to date has been unsatisfactory and that the ability to deliver adequate patient services on the site in the long term will not be sustainable.

#### c) Greenwich Road Traffic

It was suggested that U turns be banned in Greenwich Road at Wardrop Street.

## d) Younger Age Groups

It was proposed that the GCA actively engage with younger age groups in the community. A social media presence could facilitate this. It was proposed that Council could look at funding a pilot study for an enhanced social media presence for the GCA that could then be available as a prototype for other community groups in Lane Cove.

#### 15) Next Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 7:30pm at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road.

## 16) Close

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

# **Attachments**

Gore Bay Subcommittee Report
Bicycle Subcommittee Report

# **Gore Bay Subcommittee Report**



# GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GORE BAY TERMINAL SUB-COMMITTEE (GBTSC) REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 February 2015

#### Vale John May

The most recent meeting of the GBTSC was a sad occasion.

We had just received news of the untimely death of John May.

John had played an integral role in the liaison between the Greenwich community and Viva for many years. He brought to our meetings a balanced perspective and insights stemming from his obvious love of the Greenwich community and his willingness to work tirelessly to preserve the unique character of this suburb.

Our thoughts are with John's family at this sad time.

#### **Background**

The rules of the Greenwich Community Association Gore Bay Terminal Sub-committee (GBTSC) were approved at a general meeting of the GCA on 7 May 2014.

The sub-committee was originally called the Greenwich Community Association Shell Gore Bay Terminal Sub-committee but its name was changed to the current name following objection by Shell to the use of the name "Shell" in a letter dated 16 July 2014.

#### **Objectives of the GBTSC**

The original approved objectives of the GBTSC were:

- 1. ensure that the operation of the Shell Gore Bay Terminal (which includes activities conducted on waterways adjacent to the terminal and infrastructure outside the boundaries of the terminal) is conducted and regulated by relevant authorities consistent with world's best practice to ensure health and safety of the community and the environment of Greenwich and adjacent areas
- 2. ensure that regulatory controls are implemented to prohibit the storage of petrol at the terminal
- 3. engage with the owners of the real estate on which the terminal is located ('terminal site') and with relevant authorities to ensure that future development of the terminal site is compatible with the infrastructure limitations, character and amenity of the suburb of Greenwich
- 4. seek advice from experts and other persons or authorities in order to implement its objectives
- 5. consult with members of the Greenwich community and other communities adjacent to or impacted by the operation of the Gore Bay Terminal in order to implement its objectives.

An additional objective was advised to the GCA General meeting of 10 December 2014 GCA as follows:-

health and safety of the community and environment pending exhibition of Gore Bay Terminal SSD.

#### **Sub-Committee Membership**

The sub-committee members were:--

- Jenny Bowen
- Karen Coleman
- Garry Draffin (Joint Deputy Chairperson)
- Tom Lawson
- Penny Mabbutt (Joint Minute Secretary)
- John May (Joint Deputy Chairperson)
- Ian Meller
- Stuart Warden (Joint Minute Secretary)
- Han Xiao
- Merri Southwood (Chairperson)

## Meetings of the Sub-committee

The sub-committee met on the following dates:-

- 4 June 2014
- 17 June 2014
- 30 July 2014
- 10 September 2014
- 29 September 2014
- 3 November 2014
- 2 December 2014
- 4 February 2015.

## **Reports to GCA General Meetings**

Reports of the GBTSC were tabled at general meetings of the GCA held on:-

- 18 June 2014
- 20 August 2014
- 22 October 2014
- 10 December 2014

The report of the GBTSC to the AGM of the GCA follows.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and professionalism of all who have worked on the sub-committee this year. It has been a privilege to work with a committed team of people. The members of the sub-committee brought to the workings of the group a wide range of skills. This has been invaluable, given the complexity of the issues around Gore Bay Terminal.

#### Overview

In January 2012 Viva had lodged with the NSW Department of Planning a Scoping Report for works at the terminal in State Significant Development 5148 (SSD 5148). The Director General's Requirements (DGRs) for SSD 5148 were issued on 16 March 2012 and included a broad range of evidence to be produced in support of the application for approval of the works at the terminal.

It was anticipated that the assessment process for SSD 5148 would provide the community with an opportunity to access information and to make submissions in respect of activities at the terminal.

Operational changes occurred at the Gore Bay Terminal following the decommissioning of Viva's Clyde refinery in October 2012. At this point, no EIS for SSD 5148 had been lodged. Neither

NSW Department of Planning nor the EPA required Viva to lodge any applications for approval in respect of the changed operations.

When the GBTSC was convened, over two years after the DGRs for SSD 5148 had been issued, there was an expectation that the NSW Department of Planning was about to place on public exhibition the EIS for SSD 5148. The GBTSC saw its immediate and primary role for the following year as accessing the requisite professional skills to address issues of interest or concern to the community such as:

- health impacts of the activities at the terminal
- concern that petrol should not be stored at Gore Bay
- noise
- odour
- emergency management procedures.

The EIS for the terminal has still not been lodged.

It is almost three years since the DGRs for SSD 5148 were released.

The data required by the DGRs has not been made available to the community.

The NSW Department of Health and the EPA have stated that they will not review the operations at the terminal until the EIS has been placed on exhibition.

The focus of the GBTSC has, therefore, been quite different from the focus it anticipated in June 2014.

The main areas of focus have been:-

- 1. ensuring that there is in place a comprehensive and current emergency management plan for the community
- 2. ensuring that decisions are not made in respect of other parts of Viva's operation that could lead to the need to store petrol at Gore Bay terminal or other adverse impacts on Greenwich and environs
- 3. engagement of the EPA in a review of the licence for Gore Bay operations to ensure that it adequately regulates the current operation of the terminal and that it prohibits storage of petrol on site
- 4. analysis, to the limited extent possible without access to data, of the health impacts of terminal activities including the emissions from vessels that service the terminal
- 5. engagement of the Premier, our local NSW member, Anthony Roberts, and Lane Cove Council in respect of the above issues
- 6. ensuring that the change of shareholder control of Shell did not have the potential to adversely affect the conduct of the operations at Gore Bay to the detriment of the community.

Viva has still not given any indication as to when its EIS for Gore Bay will be released whilst blocking access to information that relates to its current, not future, activities.

Many people have worked hard to get traction in the areas listed above but it is sad to report that little headway has been made through traditional channels.

The lack of engagement on the part of government authorities and our representatives at state level has been extremely disappointing.

Lengthy reports from the GBTSC to GCA general meetings have been provided during the year. It is not proposed to repeat this detail.

However, a few updates are appropriate for this report:

- 1. After waiting three months for an official response to the GCA petition tabled in the Legislative Council seeking a comprehensive and integrated emergency management plan for the Gore Bay Terminal environs, Anthony Roberts office has forwarded a response from the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. This response confirms that there is a range of relevant emergency management measures relevant to the Gore Bay environs but no plan specific to the Gore Bay Terminal. Furthermore, the measures that are in place are not in a readily accessible format.
- 2. The NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) has approved a range of works at Clyde, leaving only 16 of a previous 113 storage tanks for all refined products, without any conditions to ensure that no petrol storage can occur at Gore Bay terminal
- 3. There has been no response to the letters sent to Anthony Roberts (at his request) following a meeting on 28 November 2014 detailing concerns about petrol storage at the terminal, delay in review of the EPA licence for Gore Bay and blocking of access to health reports for the terminal operations. There been no response to a subsequent letter to Anthony Roberts highlighting to him the implications for fuel security of the PAC decision on Clyde
- 4. At the most recent Viva community meeting on 19 November 2014 and in a subsequent promotional item in the recent edition of The Village Observer, Viva has not used its previous unequivocal statement that it will not store petrol at Gore Bay it now uses the expression that "it is not Viva's intention to store petrol" at the terminal. This is in the context of an EPA licence that does allow for petrol storage and the recent PAC decision that permits a major reduction in fuel storage capacity at Clyde
- 5. There is still no date for exhibition of the EIS.

One final note –in addition to renewing my thanks to the great team on the GBTSC, I wish to congratulate Rob Hunter for staying on top of the reams of outward correspondence generated by the sub-committee. Sadly, his Inbox contains few responses!

Merri Southwood President 18/02/2015

# **Bicycle Subcommittee Report**

# GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GCA BIKE SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014 (for AGM 18 February 2015)

The Greenwich Community Association Bicycle Sub-Committee was formed in July 2014. **Objectives** 

The objectives of the Sub-Committee are to gather information, develop policies and make recommendations to the GCA consistent with the objects and rules of the Greenwich Community Association ("GCA") to:

- 1. Raise the profile of cycling in Greenwich;
- 2. Boost input of Greenwich cyclists through the GCA into Council and State Government bicycle policy and cycling facility development;
- 3. Develop viable proposals for improved cycling facilities in Greenwich.
- 4. Where approved by GCA, liaise with other similar local community level cycling committees and State and national cycling organisations.
- 5. Align activities where they overlap with other GCA sub-committees, particularly the Traffic and Access sub-committee.
- 6. Support cycling infrastructure, to encourage individuals and families to cycle safely throughout Greenwich and link with the greater Lane Cove municipality.

#### **Members**

Under its rules the Sub-Committee is required to have between 5 and 10 members. It currently has 8 members:

Chairperson: Dion Weston
Deputy Chairperson: Michael Ryland
Secretary: Peter Staveley
GCA Exec Cttee Liaison: John Southwood

plus:

Piet de Jong Don Murchison Peter Tiffin Russ Webber

Rod Tudge and Helen Smith are also involved as observers.

Nominations for membership are invited at each GCA AGM.

## 2014 Activities

The Sub-Committee meets monthly. It has had 7 meetings since it was formed in mid July.

In 2014 the Sub-Committee focussed its efforts on Council's existing bike path commitments and plans as relevant to Greenwich.

A major piece of work was the submission to Council on the St Leonards Public Domain Master Plan. As the major developments at St Leonards take effect and it becomes an employment and recreational hub, the pathways to the St Leonards Public Domain will be an important facility for pedestrians, bikes and all active transport users. It will also become a key link in the local access routes to North Sydney, the City, Willoughby and other suburbs.

We can report that the GCA submission was effective in this regard. The draft plan made no mention of bikes. The plan adopted by Council in December last year now recognises and promotes cycling and bike paths.

Other work last year included:

- Pressing Council to widen the River Road pathway between the Golf Club and the School
- Exploring the options for better allocation of section 94 infrastructure funding for Greenwich generally, and particularly for bike infrastructure
- Setting up better lines of consultation with Council on matters that affect Greenwich bike opportunities

In relation to that last point, through Don Murchison the Sub-Committee was invited to join the Council's Bike Advisory Committee meeting in November. A number of us attended and were able to exchange information with Council officers.

## 2015 Agenda

As well as following up on last year's work – including looking at the St Leonards South strategy from a bike and active transport perspective - the Sub-Committee's focus for 2015 will be on:

- adding a bike page to the GCA website as a way of raising the profile of cycling and bike issues in Greenwich
- following up with Council on existing commitments on Greenwich bike paths in the Councils' bike plan two routes of particular relevance are Route 9 from the River Road/Greenwich Road corner to Wollstonecraft station, and also the stretch along Greenwich Road from River Road to Pacific Highway
- developing some priorities for intra-Greenwich bike and shared user "active transport" paths and facilities that can then be the subject of Greenwich community consultation and activity, and (where appropriate) specific lobbying with Council
- liaising with neighbouring bike committees on the access routes and linkage points across neighbouring suburbs.

Michael Ryland 18 February 2015