

# Greenwich Community Association General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road  
22 April 2015

## Minutes of Meeting

**The meeting opened at 7:40pm**

**Present:** As per the attendance book

### 1) Welcome

President Tom Gervay welcomed Councillor Pam Palmer and all others attending.

### 2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Mayor David Brooks Horn, Michael Ryland, Liz Gill, Ian Meller and Garry Draffin.

### 3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the GCA Annual General Meeting held 18 February 2014 were tabled.

**Motion:** The minutes are accepted.

Moved by Alan Winney, seconded by Peter Walton and passed.

### 4) Matters arising from the Minutes

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

### 5) Report on the Activities of the Association

#### a) President's Report

The President noted that there a number of matters currently being addressed by the GCA but the major issues for the GCA are the St Leonards South Master Plan and the ongoing issues around the Gore Bay Terminal.

#### b) Secretary's Report

Since the Annual General Meeting held on 18 February 2015 the following correspondence has been received:

| <i>Date</i>      | <i>From</i>  | <i>Subject</i>                         |
|------------------|--|--|
| 27 February 2015 | Australia Post   | Renewal of Post Office Box Services    |
| 20 March 2015    | Lane Cove Council Manager Communication and Events         | Have Your Say on our New Cultural Plan |
| 2 April 2015     | Lane Cove Council Executive Manager Environmental Services | Draft St Leonards South Master Plan    |

The following correspondence has been sent:

| <i>Date</i>   | <i>To</i>                         | <i>Subject</i>  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 10 March 2015 | General Manager Lane Cove Council | Draft St Leonards South Master Plan (SU5573) - Bicycle and Active Transport Aspects |
| 10 March 2015 | General Manager Lane Cove Council | Draft St Leonards South Master Plan (SU5573)  |
| 15 April 2015 | Mayor Lane Cove Council           | Gore Bay Terminal Integrated Emergency Management Plan                              |

### **c) Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Patricia Quealey presented the report:

#### **Subscriptions**

A total of 131 members/voters have paid subscriptions so far this year. The year began strongly with a well-attended AGM. Our numbers now are a little under half of the total membership last year, which is a great start.

The pattern traditionally is for approx 15-17 people to join (\$300-\$350) after each Newsletter (6 per year), which includes membership reminder. If we rely only on this, we would expect another 65 members, which would make our total membership at end of year less than 200.

Last year we had a successful membership drive about this time of the year. The social media initiative may also be productive with new memberships.

2014 end of year total was 272 (up 60)

2013 end of year total was 212 (up 45)

2012 end of year total was 167

So each of last three years has achieved an increase on the previous year.

YTD subscriptions: \$2640

The majority of people are paying by EFT (\$1010) and cash (\$1090). Fewer are paying by cheque (\$540), which is positive.

#### **Operating Funds**

Cash in bank: \$4627

The term deposit was rolled over for 3 months at an interest rate of 2.4%, matures 14 May 2015. Balance is \$12,007.

The interest earned during 2014 was calculated as \$383. Interest will be less this year given the interest rates.

## 6) Report of Subcommittees

### a) Gore Bay Terminal Subcommittee – Merri Southwood, Convener

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

The Subcommittee held its first meeting for the year on 09/03/15 and is seeking an additional member following the death of John May. They would like someone with environmental or scientific skills.

A letter was sent to the Mayor requesting that the GCA be consulted/involved in the review of the Emergency Management Plans for Gore Bay referred to in the Emergency Services Minister's response to the petition. No response has been received to the letter.

Again no response has been received to the three letters sent to Anthony Roberts in December on the key issues:

- Petrol storage at Gore Bay
- Release of the Human Health Risk Assessment Report
- EPA Licence review

Viva Energy has still not submitted the DA/EIS for the work at the Gore Bay Terminal after three and a half years since it was first proposed. In the meantime Viva has continued to operate as a finished products import terminal.

The shareholding in the company has changed with Vitol acquiring the shares in Shell Australia. The level of community consultation has deteriorated since then. There have been no meetings with Viva since November 2014. There is no obligation on Vitol/Viva Energy to submit the DA/EIS and thus there is no community access to the data, which has been prepared, no confirmation that petrol will not be stored, no commitment to demolish some tanks.

The Human Health Risk Assessment Report prepared as part of the DA/EIS work was submitted to the Department of Health 18 months ago. Friends of Gore Bay have been trying to access this report for some time through freedom of information and while the DOH has agreed, Viva has continued to object to its release.

The EPA Licence under which Viva operate is to subject to its 5-year review in 2015. There is no formal community liaison process but the EPA has indicated that they will consult the community about its concerns.

**Motion:** In the light of the changed operations at Gore Bay in October 2012 and the failure of Viva Energy to submit to Planning the EIS for Gore Bay, that the GCA write to

the EPA requesting immediate formal review of Licence 661 to ensure, to the extent possible:

- Independent and ongoing monitoring of emissions and noise from the terminal
- Reporting the results of such monitoring on the EPA website
- Exclusion of the right to store petrol at the terminal
- All other measures to ensure the health and safety of the community

The GCA nominate Penny Mabbutt and Ian Meller to initiate dialogue with relevant officers as soon as possible.

Moved by Merri Southwood, seconded by Liz Walton and passed.

Viva Energy is now the subject of a public float. It is unclear as to which assets will be included in the float but it is thought possible that the Gore Bay Terminal may be excluded. There is no detail available at present as the float is in its very early stages.

**Motion:** That the GCA write immediately to the board of Viva Energy Australia Limited seeking an urgent meeting to request the following:

1. Confirmation that the SSD for Gore Bay will proceed and proposed timeframe
2. Details of the scope of works of the SSD
3. Confirmation that petrol will not be stored at Gore Bay
4. Immediate release of the Health Risk Assessment Report for Gore Bay
5. Advice as to the assets to be included in the float of Viva Energy.

Moved by Merri Southwood, seconded by John Southwood and passed.

There may be a Viva Energy Community Liaison meeting held in May.

**Motion:** The GCA GBT Subcommittee engage with the White Bay community in relation to the sulphur levels in fuel used by ships berthing at the White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal and elsewhere in Sydney Harbour. Viva says that the ships berthing at Gore Bay do use lower sulphur fuel.

Moved by Merri Southwood, seconded by Peter Walton and passed.

#### **d) Bicycle Subcommittee – Dion Weston**

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

It was noted that there have been no replies received to the letters bicycle infrastructure/active transport topics written to Council.

Councillor Palmer said that she had not received copies of the letters and that the Bicycle Advisory Committee advises Council. Also the Council officer responsible for bicycle infrastructure, the Traffic Manager has resigned and a replacement is being sought. Councillor Palmer will follow up responses to the letters.

**Motion:** The GCA send a letter to Council on the Bicycle Infrastructure provisions in the Budget 2015/16

Moved by Dion Weston, seconded by Merri Southwood and passed.

## **e) Social Media**

As noted in the newsletter, the GCA Executive is looking at the feasibility of setting up a Facebook page so we can better connect to the many young people of the Greenwich community.

We are looking for volunteers. Initially this is just to meet as a working group to discuss what the project would involve and how best to do it.

Anyone who has skills, energy and some time to assist in that initial stage please contact Michael Ryland at michael.ryland@ashurst.com

Michael has tentatively nominated a working group meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 April for those interested. This date is subject to change to accommodate everyone's timetables.

Michael has a draft agenda and background papers for the working group meeting which he would be happy to send to anyone interested in attending.

## **7) Notified Business**

### **a) St Leonards South Master Plan**

Lane Cove Council held an information evening on the Draft St Leonards South Master Plan on Tuesday 21 April at the Council Chambers with 100 – 200 people attending the meeting. The two proposals tabled would result in an increase in the population of the area by either two or five fold. Both proposals include less aggregate green space than current Council targets. The meeting was addressed by LCC officers who seemed to be proposing a 'trust us' approach to working through the details of either proposal.

The General Meeting was then addressed by representatives of the two groups of residents from the area both of who have a different approach to the Draft Master Plan.

Albert and Anita Jubian:

- The area used to be called 'Greenwich North' and seems now to be renamed 'St Leonards South'.
- The Loftex Tower in Marshall Avenue will be at least 94 metres high, possibly 100 metres.
- The State Government does not consider St Leonards a key residential area. The key driver seems to be proximity to St Leonards Station. North Sydney and Willoughby Councils are looking at large residential developments in the parts of St Leonards, which fall within their boundaries.
- The Joint Regional Planning Panel recently rejected the DA for the Loftex Tower but the Council appears to consider this a technicality and is expected to amend the LEP and resubmit to the JRPP, which is expected to approve it then.
- The proposed plaza over the Railway to the south of the Pacific Highway is expected to provide some open space for the proposal.
- Local schools, roads and infrastructure are at all capacity.
- There are two groups of residents – those who want to go and those who want to stay.

- Councillor Palmer noted that all the discussion at the JRPP meeting was around 20 storey blocks and didn't consider the impact of the extra height (39 stories) in terms of planning but rather in terms of "public benefit" (the Voluntary Planning Agreement payment to Council). VPAs do not have to be approved by the State Government.
- Council is seeking further community submissions by 1 May 2015.

Peter McConaghy:

- Peter is part of a group of residents who fought against the earlier developments but now recognize that St Leonards is changing. A Master Plan should give residents certainty about the direction of development as opposed to the spot rezoning typified by the Loftex development.
- The community needs certainty and this group has joined forces to avoid being disadvantaged.
- It is forecast that Council rates will actually fall if more apartments are built in the area
- The St Leonards context is changing with the Charter Hall/Leighton and Winten residential tower developments on the other side of the railway line together with the other high-density residential proposals in the Willoughby and North Sydney Council sections of St Leonards.
- If Council does nothing then piecemeal development will still occur through State Government/Land and Environment Court approvals.
- This group believes that the current proposals provide enough sunlight, that the open space provisions are adequate and that traffic will not be much of a problem and compare this development with that at Rhodes.
- The State Government should be taking a more holistic view to the redevelopment of St Leonards and not allow each Council to do its own thing.
- This group of residents has commissioned Woods Bagot to prepare an alternative Master Plan for the area.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the GCA establish a St Leonards South Master Plan Subcommittee. Suggested members/volunteers include Liz Walton, Alan Winney, Peter Sweeny and Peter McConaghy. An email will be sent out requesting additional members. Each of the above groups was requested to provide a three-page synopsis of their position.

#### **b) Osborne Park and Gore Hill Traffic Study – Alan Winney**

Lane Cove Council carried out a study of parking and traffic of Osborne Park and the parts of Greenwich north of River Road in the light of the impact of commuter parking especially generated by the Foxel development. The study recommended that on the key streets that unlimited parking be provided on one side and 3P parking on the other. The residents are of the view that this will not solve and does not address the current parking issues particularly as traffic flows are increasing. In addition Council is proposing that the current residents parking permits be cancelled. Residents are being asked to respond to these proposals by 25 May. The GCA will respond and Alan Winney will draft a letter.

#### **c) RNSH**

The sale process is progressing.

## **8) General Business**

### **a) Greenwich Sailing Club Redevelopment**

Councillor Karpin made reference to a possible redevelopment of the Sailing Club at the AGM. John Southwood has obtained some feedback from the club and Richard Crawford from the Club was in attendance at the meeting. He stated that the Club signed a 5-year lease last May and the Council required that a clause be included in the lease with the effect that Council can terminate the lease for the purpose of redevelopment. There is no proposal to do this at present but the Club may have to co-exist with another use (eg a café) at some time in the future. Depending on the specific proposal developed issues would be congestion, impact on residents and competition with existing businesses. Richard undertook to keep the GCA informed of any future developments.

### **b) Shell Park**

The option of seeking a renaming of Shell Park was raised at the last Executive Committee meeting given that Viva Energy has taken over Shell's downstream assets including ownership of the Gore Bay Terminal. Patricia Quealey approached Council to determine their attitude to such a change. Council said that the GCA could write making suggestions for a new name and they would consider it. If they thought there was a case for a name change then they would survey the community.

The President asked that all present give consideration to possible names for a discussion at the next General Meeting.

## **9) Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 June 2015 at 7:30pm at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road.

## **10) Close**

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

## **Attachments**

**Gore Bay Subcommittee Report**

**Bicycle Subcommittee Report**



# Gore Bay Subcommittee Report

**GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
REPORT TO GENERAL MEETING 22 April 2015  
GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GORE BAY TERMINAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

## **Sub-Committee Membership**

The sub-committee membership is as follows:-

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

## **Meetings of the Sub-committee**

Since the last GCA general meeting, the sub-committee has met on:-

- 9 March 2015 (draft attached)

Meetings scheduled for 20/4 and 21/4 cancelled due to inclement conditions.

## **Office Bearers**

The following office bearers were appointed at the 9 March meeting:-

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chairperson              | M Southwood                    |
| Joint Deputy Chairperson | Penny Mabbutt<br>Garry Draffin |
| Secretary                | Stuart Warden                  |

## **Appointment of Sub-committee member**

An additional sub-committee member is sought – nominations were called for in the last newsletter.

## **Action arising from last meeting**

To be discussed below.

### **1. Emergency Management**

As per the resolution of the GCA general meeting dated 10 December 2014, a letter (attached) has been sent to Lane Cove Council regarding the new local emergency planning framework and requesting GCA representation on the committee to review the emergency plan.

## **2. Correspondence with Anthony Roberts and other Ministers/authorities**

There has still been no response from Anthony Roberts to letters submitted to him at his request on 2 December 2014 seeking his support for review of the EPA Licence for Gore Bay, prohibition of petrol storage at the terminal and release of the Health Risk Assessment for Gore Bay.

There has been no response to all other correspondence sent by GCA to Ministers and as reported by the Secretary.

At our last committee meeting it was agreed that further letters to Ministers in the lead up to the March NSW election were pointless.

It is noted post-election that Anthony Roberts is the Minister for Energy and as such should have an interest in issues around fuel security, in addition to issues in his electorate.

The Planning Minister is Rob Stokes, Mark Speakman is Minister for Environment and Jillian Skinner is Minister for Health.

## **3. Status of Development Application for Gore Bay Terminal SSD**

There is still no indication when or if the EIS and SSD application for Gore Bay Terminal will be submitted.

The works foreshadowed by Viva Energy as part of the SSD included the removal of several tanks at the terminal.

It was expected that the SSD would also have provided clarity around Viva Energy's intentions in terms of petrol storage. Furthermore the EIS will trigger the release a range of reports etc including hazard analyses, health risk assessments relevant to the current operation.

After the announcement of the proposed SSD in January 2012, Shell (as Viva Energy was known until a shareholder change in 2014) representatives indicated proposed SSD and EIS submission dates ranging from October 2012 to March 2014. However, with the change in shareholder control (and name change) in mid-2014 Viva Energy representatives have consistently said that the EIS was with Planning for adequacy review but made no public statements as to expected final submission date. It is apparent, however, that at some point towards the end of 2014 Viva Energy led the Planning Assessment Commission that determined the Clyde refinery application to believe that submission of the Gore Bay EIS would take place in "early 2015".

We have now passed the third anniversary of the date on which Viva Energy was advised of the required content of its EIS. In March 2012 the Director General of Planning issued his requirements in terms of the EIS for the Gore Bay SSD (DGRs). Deana Burn of Planning confirmed to Merri Southwood 21/4/2015 that Viva sought from Planning additional time to lodge its EIS when it was becoming apparent that it would not have its EIS to Planning within the two year DGR span ie pre-March 2014. No notice of this request for extended period for exhibition was given to the community by Viva or Planning, nor was there notation to this effect on the Planning or Viva websites.

In December 2014 Planning confirmed to Viva that the DGRs as issued in March 2012 remained as drafted.

Deana Burns confirmed that Viva has submitted no EIS (not even a draft for adequacy review) nor is there information forthcoming re a submission date.

So three years later, the community has no clarity around petrol storage, no details of promised site improvements and no access to important technical reports relevant to health and safety.

#### **4. GIPA (FOI) request for release of Health Risk Assessment Report**

It is apparent that Viva will do all it can to block release of information about the health impacts of its current operations.

The FOGB GIPA (FOI) request for the Health Risk Assessment Report on over 150 compounds associated with the Gore Bay operation (which is due as part of the EIS) has been blocked at Viva's instigation since the original request was lodged in June 2013. After a direction from the Information and Privacy Commission that Health review its decision to withhold the report, Health decided on two occasions to release the report to the FOGB.

Penny Mabbutt was advised by Health on 17/4/2015 that Viva has again objected to release of the report. Viva appears to be contemplating another step in the objection process which Health does not think is open to it. We are waiting on Health's advice as to what Viva's next step will be and can then recommend the appropriate response.

#### **5. EPA Licence Review**

The EPA Licence 661 which covers the Gore Bay operation is due for review this year. Whilst there is no formal mechanism for public consultation in respect of possible licence amendments, the EPA officer responsible for Gore Bay has indicated a willingness to have input from the community about possible changes to the licence. In the absence of any clarity from Viva around petrol storage and the efforts to block access to technical reports, stronger licence conditions may offer the only opportunity in the short term to improve control and transparency around the terminal operations.

#### ***Resolution sought as follows:-***

***In the light of the changed operations at Gore Bay in October 2012 and the failure of Viva Energy to submit to Planning the EIS for Gore Bay, that the GCA write to the EPA requesting immediate formal review of Licence 661 to ensure, to the extent possible:-***

- ***independent and ongoing monitoring of emissions and noise from the terminal***
- ***reporting of the results of such monitoring on the EPA website***
- ***exclusion of the right to store petrol at the terminal***
- ***reduction of sulphur levels in vessels berthed at Gore Bay to those consistent with international standards***
- ***all other measures to ensure the health and safety of the community.***

*The GCA nominate Penny Mabbutt and Ian Meller to initiate dialogue with relevant officers as soon as possible.*

**6. Float of Viva Energy**

On 13/4/2015 it was reported in the press that joint lead managers have been appointed on a \$1billion float of Viva Energy. This has been announced less than one year after the acquisition by Vitol of all shares in the former Shell Australia.

The CEO of one of the managers has confirmed the float but cannot confirm whether the Gore Bay terminal will be included in the assets of the float entity or whether the terminal will be retained under Vitol control.

*Resolution sought as follows:-*

*That the GCA write immediately to the board of Viva Energy Australia Ltd seeking an urgent meeting to request the following:-*

- 1. confirmation that the SSD for Gore Bay will proceed and proposed timeframe*
- 2. details of the scope of works of the SSD*
- 3. confirmation that petrol will not be stored at Gore Bay*
- 4. immediate release of the Health Risk Assessment Report for Gore Bay*
- 5. advice as to the assets to be included in the float of Viva Energy.*

**Shell Community Liaison Meeting**

The last community liaison meeting was held on 19/11/2014.

It is now 5 months since this meeting – contrast this with meetings every 3 months until about middle of 2014 when Vitol assumed control of Shell.

## Meeting of Gore Bay Terminal Sub-Committee

Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### Present:

Jenny Bowen, Karen Coleman, Garry Draffin, Penny Mabbutt, Ian Meller, Merri Southwood, Stuart Warden, Han Xiao

### Apologies:

Tom Lawson

#### 1. Composition of Sub-Committee

We anticipate that at the next GCA Executive meeting on 16/3, it will be approved that the membership of Sub-committee to remain as-is.

There is a Sub-Committee position available, being replacement for the late John May.

Per the GCA rules, we await feedback from the GCA Executive after they advertise the vacancy in their next newsletter, inviting people to nominate. It is understood good interest in Sub-Committee membership has already been received.

#### 2. 2015 Office Bearers elected

- a. M Southwood – President
- b. G Draffin – Vice President
- c. P Mabbutt – Vice President
- d. S Warden – Secretary

#### 3. Recruitment of Experts to Address EIS - SSD 5147

- a. It remains uncertain as to whether or when the EIS will be exhibited. This follows the third anniversary of the release of the Director General's requirements for the Gore Bay SSD.

We recommend that the GCA write to the Director General. The purpose of such a letter being to address the community concerns that underlie the lack of the EIS and as yet unaddressed requirements stipulated by the Director General that be contained in the EIS to assuage community concerns.

#### 4. PAC Decision re Clyde - SSD 5148

- a. PAC approved the Clyde SSD and included no conditions re Gore Bay.
- b. PAC addressed the question of petrol storage at Gore Bay, relying on statements by Viva that it has made public commitments that petrol would not be stored. It is unclear how PAC verified the nature of those commitments.
- c. As of today's date, one avenue of appeal remains. Subject to GCA Exec approval, Viva's and other authorities actions in the interim will have a bearing on whether the remaining appeal is pursued.

#### **5. Correspondence with Relevant Ministers**

- a. We note that the government goes into care-taker mode from the outset of the election process. NSW state elections will be held 28/3. Letters to Ministers prior, including any follow up will likely be put aside.
- b. Any further letters sent by the GCA to Ministers, including any follow up for earlier correspondence, should wait until after the elections.

#### **6. Emergency Management**

- a. To date there has been no formal response from the relevant Minister to the head petitioner. During the GCA's December meeting, 3 resolutions were sought. The Sub-committee will draft and submit to the executive for approval a letter outlining community concerns with the (anticipated) formal response to the petition by the Minister.
- b. Second up, the GCA is in the process of informing the community of the petition outcome (to date) through its next newsletter and noticeboards.
- c. The third is for the GCA to write to the Lane Cove Council regarding the new local emergency planning framework, requesting GCA representation on the committee to review the local emergency plan. GD to draft and present to Penny to present to the GCA.

#### **7. Review of the EPA Viva License 661**

- a. We recognise a need for expertise, acknowledging the Sub-committee's own input and the EPA welcomes community input into a license's review
- b. PM & IM will meet with EPA's Rob Marr to understand the process, timing implications, identify suitable state-of-the-art examples, noting some key similarities with White Bay.

#### **8. Access to Health Risk Assessment Report**

- a. On 28 March, should we not be advised earlier, we will approach the Dept of Health to determine if it is Viva's position is to appeal to NCAT, in order to prevent NSW Dept. of Health from releasing the results of the Human Health Risk Assessment.
- b. We may need to consider other avenues to obtain this information.

#### **9. Emissions / noise from Vessels**

- a. By virtue of the GBT's scope of works proposed, the SSD for GB (if released) may be constrained from addressing this aspect of the terminal.
- b. We anticipate that any improvements of this issue may need to be addressed legislatively independent of the GBT EIS. And some key similarities with White Bay's experience.
- c. IM and PM will consult EPA's Rob Marr on the practicality and reality of movement, with a focus on % of sulfur in fuel oil against international standards



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15 April 2015

Councillor David Brooks-Horn  
Mayor  
Lane Cove Council  
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Dear Councillor Brooks-Horn

### **Gore Bay Terminal Integrated Emergency Management Plan**

In October 2014 a petition signed by 600 residents requested the Minister for Emergency Services to review and consider developing an integrated emergency plan for the Gore Bay Terminal.

In our view, the Minister's response was unsatisfactory and deficient in a number of areas. In particular the Minister seemed content that some plans could remain confidential (Viva), elusive (Sydney Harbour Marine Emergency Sub Plan) or non-existent (North Sydney). Also that given that different types of emergencies will have different requirements, it was better to let the emergency responses evolve according to the situation that presents itself.

This is a long way from our understanding of accepted best practice and we will raise the matter again now the State election has been completed and ministers appointed.

The Minister's response to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly did, however, include the following in relation to Lane Cove Council:

*"The State Emergency Management Committee issued a new local Emergency Management Planning framework which guides the local Emergency Management Committee through the process of reviewing and implementing their local emergency plans. This will be introduced in January 2015 and will allow Council to work with the LEMC to update the local plans including updating the Consequence Management Guides for hazards or significant risks."*

The purpose of this letter is to request that Council engage with the Greenwich Community Association in this update to the Local Emergency Plan so that our representatives may participate in the process and that our understanding of

community safety expectations and a considerable amount of background expertise can be provided to Council for incorporation in its review.

Yours sincerely  
GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Tom Gervay  
President



## Bicycle Subcommittee Report

### GCA GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2015

#### BICYCLE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last GCA meeting in February the Bicycle Sub-Committee:

- has made 2 submissions to Lane Cove Council through the GCA – one on St Leonards South and one on Greenwich routes,
- has opened up lines of communication with the bicycle representatives in Northwood, known as the Northwood Naggers, and the City of Sydney, and
- we have prepared a further submission on the draft 2015-2016 Budget that we would like to discuss tonight.

Although much of that report is on Council and other engagement, in fact the Sub-Committee's main focus and work has been, and still is, on building a coherent bicycle and active transport plan for Greenwich that can be promoted and implemented over a number of years. We have to take a 3 to 5 year view because, in practice, that is how long it takes to get anything done – and that is even with regular and persistent lobbying.

We are working on and developing that strategy. It will probably focus on a few specific active transport routes and we are keen to develop Greenwich community consensus around them. The social media platform will be important for that so we are keen to see that develop. We will have more on the strategy at subsequent GCA meetings.

Our engagement with Lane Cove Council in the last 6 months or so has been (1) over the St Leonards plans – because they are so important and have not reflected community needs for bicycles and active transport – and (2) over the Greenwich routes in the Lane Cove bike plan because they at least should be in the process of implementation.

I have to say we have been disappointed with the response of Lane Cove Council to date. We have made two detailed submissions on the St Leonards plans and we have written three letters – one on River Road, one seeking consultation on Greenwich bike issues, and one seeking an update on the status of the Greenwich routes in the Lane Cove bike plan.

The silence has been deafening.

As far as the Sub-Committee is aware, aside from the automated electronic responses to the St Leonards submissions, the GCA has received neither acknowledgment nor a substantive response to any of our letters.

I am tabling today, for the GCA to approve and send, a letter to Council on the draft 2015-2016 Budget. We have written this letter in polite but direct language because its purpose is to point out 3 things:

- Despite all the positive commitments to bicycles in the Council's strategic plans the draft Budget does not contain a single line item of funding for any bicycle path.
- Despite the specific Greenwich bike route plans in the Lane Cove bike plan, the draft Budget does not allocate any funding to any of them.

- We have not even received an acknowledgement to our letter of 24 March seeking no more than an update as to the current status of the Greenwich routes in the Lane Cove bike plan.

To our Councillors – those present here and those absent – the Bicycle Sub-Committee says: this is not acceptable. We ask you to make sure that:

- the Lane Cove 2015-2016 Budget does include specific and adequate funding for each of the 5 specific Greenwich bike routes,
- the Lane Cove 2015-2016 Budget does include specific and adequate funding to promote
- the development of further Greenwich bicycle and active transport routes over the next 2 years, and
- Council does GCA the common courtesy of responding to its letters.