Greenwich Community Association General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, 46 Greenwich Road, Greenwich 19 October 2016

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:35pm

Present: As per the attendance book

1) Welcome

President Merri Southwood chaired the meeting and welcomed community members.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Pam Palmer, Michael Ryland, Penny Mabbutt, Susan Robinson, Rod Simpson (Environment Commissioner, Greater Sydney Commission) and Alan Winney.

3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous general meeting 17 August 2016

The minutes of the GCA General Meeting held 15 June 2016 were tabled.

Motion: The previous meeting's minutes are accepted.

Moved by Lizz Gill, seconded by Patricia Quealey and passed.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

The photos from local events, to be posted on the GCA website, will commence with the Greenwich Village Games.

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

5) Report on the Activities of the Association

a) President's Report

The President was refreshed after a wonderful holiday. In the past couple of weeks, there had activity on the Local Council amalgamation, St Leonard's development and Greater Sydney Commission fronts. A report will also be made on a recent co-regulator meeting the GCA had regarding the Gore Bay Terminal. Preparation had been made for the focus for this meeting to be on St Leonard's current and proposed development and its impact on the East Ward.

b) Secretary's Report

Since the General Meeting of 17 August the following correspondence has been received:

Date	From	Subject
17 August 2016	NSW Member for Lane Cove, Hon Anthony Roberts MP	Response to GCA's request for support on Council amalgamations
23 August 2016	NSW Health Northern Sydney Local Health District	Notice of GIPA fee direction

30 August 2016	NSW Health Northern Sydney Local Health District	GIPA – Notice of Decision
		NSLHN/16/1233
31 August 2016	Offices of Minister for Local	Comments relating to GCA
	Government – Grant Gleeson	Proposal re: East Ward amalgamation with LGA incl.
		St Leonards
8 September 2016	Greater Sydney Commission	Invitation to GSC Northern
		District Community Briefing
9 September 2016	Lane Cove Bushland and	Copy of Agenda for Special
	Conservation Society Inc.	Meeting with Greater Sydney Commission
15 September 2016	Greater Sydney Commission	Agenda for GSC Northern
		District Community Briefing
20 September 2016	Lane Cove Council	(email from C Wrightson)
		Response to GCA letter of 13 Sept. re: DA205/2015
		Marshall Ave.
28 September 2016	Lane Cove Council	call/email from Kerry Heatley
		response to GCA letter re: Walking Tracks and Unmade
		Roads
9 October 2016	Lane Cove Bushcare	Golden Whistler Newsletter
		Spring 2016
12 October 2016	Australian Domain (realtors)	Carols by Candelight
		request for it to remain community event
13 October 2016	Dr. Peter Sweeney (resident)	Copy of letter to GSC and NSW Planning re: request to
		halt St Leonards development
		in absence of cohesive plan
16 October 2016	Councillor Pam Palmer	Comments re: Merger and St
		Leonards development
19 October 2016	SafeWork NSW	A Guide for Flammable and
		Combustible Liquids

The following correspondence has been sent:

Date	То	Subject
28 August 2016	Minister for Local Government	(email) Follow-up to GCA Proposal re: East Ward amalgamation with LGA incl. St Leonards
28 August 2016	resident, David Moorehead	Review of EPA Licence 661

		and Emergency Management
29 August 2016	NSW Health Northern Sydney Local Health District	GIPA fee payment
6 September 2016	NSW Environment Protection Authority	Review of changes to EPA Licence 661; Viva Energy GBT
13 September 2016	Lane Cove Council	DA205/2015 Marshall Ave St Leonards and JRPP approval
20 September 2016	Lane Cove Council	(phone) Follow-up re: DA205/2015 Marshall Ave St Leonards and JRPP approval
20 September 2016	Lane Cove Council	(phone) Follow-up re: Walking Tracks and Unmade Roads
10 October 2016	Lane Cove Council	(phone) Invitation to Michael Mason to present on St Leonards Master Plan
10 October 2016	Greater Sydney Commission - Environment Commissioner	(phone) Invitation to Rod Simpson to present on GSC Green Grid and Blue Grid
11 October 2016	Albert & Anita Jubian	(phone) Invitation to present on St Leonards Master Plan
14 October 2016	Lane Cove Council	(phone) Follow-up invitation to Michael Mason to present on St Leonards Master Plan

c) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer addressed the meeting and advised;

Cash Book balance: \$4,706

Net Income: \$165, courtesy of 178 registered members

FY 2016, forecast: (\$260)

Recruitment Drive: Courtesy of agreement with Greenwich Village Games committee, the GCA will be seeking 2017 community member subscriptions during the Games. A focus will be made on obtaining email addresses to improve the Association's communication with its members. A direct, email subscription reminders are perceived to be more effective, in the majority, avoiding letter box drops. Further discussion at next GCA Committee will be had regarding supply of GCA banner and t-shirts for such recruitment drives.

It was queried whether member names (only) could be published on the website. Advice will be sought.

As at 2 August, 2016, the GCA financial records showed;

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS to date for 2016

Total no. of subscriptions 174 individuals or families (135 as of June 15th)

2. CURRENT TRADING - 1.01.16 to 02.08.16

Gross Income \$3,277.64

Total Expenses \$2,873.99

Net Income \$403.65

3. OPERATING FUNDS as at 02.08.2016

Bank Account Balance \$5,048.43

Cash Book Balance \$5,048.43

Term deposit rolled 19.4.16 **\$12,331.28**

4. BALANCE SHEET - refer attached

Total assets for GCA as at 02.08.16 \$17,379.71

No unusual expenditure; Newsletter, reimbursements and GCA History book Launch.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved by Liz Gill, seconded by Rod Tudge and passed.

6) Notified Business

The President commented before this section of the meeting that the GCA had no formal stance on planning and development. The community was invited to offer comments on each and any of the sections below, as and when they wanted.

a) Council Amalgamations - report

Both Hunters Hill and Lane Cove lost their cases before the Land & Environment Court. Both have since lodged an Intention to Appeal. There would be little chance of an Appeal being heard before the end of the year It was noted that whilst the cases were separate, they were heard in the Land and Environment Court on a group basis. Woollahra having lost its case, has appealed. The decision is pending. North Sydney and Mosman both won their cases, the judge determining that the Delegates Report was technically deficient and thus not acceptable, hence no basis for the amalgamation was ever established. There is no current awareness of re-work by the NSW Government on those Delegate Reports.

It was commented that Woollahra had lost its case on very narrow grounds, revolving around whether the enquiry referenced in the Delegate's Report had been 'public'.

Action: The GCA's website is to be updated with information regarding the status of Council Amalgamation proposal, Council's legal challenge and the GCA's position.

Action: That the GCA Executive should attend Council Meetings, currently 1 per month.

Motion: That the GCA maintain its objection to the forced Council Merger.

Moved by Merri Southwood. Seconded by Rod Tudge. Passed unanimously.

b) East Ward Amalgamation with Councils in St Leonards

As outlined previously, our proposal to the Minister for Local Government to merge with the St Leonards council(s) will go nowhere until the current litigation is settled. Given the decision around North Sydney and Mosman, this could take some time. Meanwhile there have been media reports of a mooted split in North Sydney, with some of it to go to Mosman and the remainder to Willoughby.

Many people in East Ward have expressed their support for our proposal. There seems to be a strong sense within East Ward that the amenity of EW would still be better served by being part of a council with control of a large portion of St Leonards.

Action: GCA to determine if East Ward amalgamation proposal would entitle it to move its rates to a merged Local Government entity.

Motion: That the GCA be authorised to commence discussion with North Sydney Council and/or its precinct committee on its East Ward amalgamation proposal.

Moved by Tom Gervay. Seconded by Rod Tudge. Motion passed.

c) Greater Sydney Commission - report

Albert Jubian spoke about the GSC from the context of its recent hosting of the St Leonards South Master Plan community briefing. GSC Northern District Comissioner Dr. Deborah Dearing was observed wanting to listen to the gathering's issues and concerns. She acknowledged the GSC has no current planning authority (no guidance on when it will), but that the stance was prodevelopment. LCC can thus proceed with the St Leonards South Master Plan as-is. She will chair the district's Sydney Planning Panel, a re-badged JRPP. It was also divulged that Dep. Planning's Urban Renewal Team was conducting its own review of the St Leonards district. The relevance of the GSC and Sydney Planning Panel was thus queried.

Stuart Warden provided a summary of the GSC's Northern District community group briefing held 19 September. GSC representatives were:-

Dr Deborah Dearing District Commissioner – North

Lucy Cole-Edelstein Public Relations and Communications consultant
Dianne Knott A/Director Communications and Engagement

Several presentations were made illustrating the structure, goals/priorities and strategic planning vision of the GSC.

- 1. The GSC intends to release its draft District Plans late November and provide a 4 month exhibition period through March 2017. The Plans were not yet finalised.
- 2. The District Plan will sit below the Sydney Metropolitan Plan (A Plan for Growing Sydney, released Nov 2014) but still unclear as to how these will sit within the LEP framework. The LGA will determine DAs up to \$20 million. The Sydney Planning Panel (replacing JRPP) will determine those above.
- 3. GSC has been consulting with Councils re content of the plans since June/July ... and until recently has begun community consultation.
- 4. State Significant Developments will still be determined by Dep. Of Planning & Environment.

Following which there was a short Q&A session, the most telling being "If you're releasing the draft District Plan in November, then isn't the cake already in the oven?". A GSC rep then scribed the various community member issues, Transport (people & active transport permeability along and across thoroughfares) and Conservation being the two most common. The intention was to collate and distribute the full list. We are yet to be provided with this.

Separately, Deborah and Lucy acknowledged that St Leonards needs and is being given special attention.

Action: that the GCA write to the GSC, to formalise a position.

Merri encouraged the community to write separately about any desired outcomes.

d) St Leonards South Master Plan – report (Albert Jubian)

Albert and Anita Jubian addressed the meeting and summarised the GSC's St Leonards South Master Plan community briefing held 29 September.

- the attendees were residents within the zoned, proposed re-zoned and those directly across the street only. There were no residents invited south of River Road, nor the GCA.
- the GSC has no ability to stop or delay LCC plans; beholden to their goodwill
- Michael Mason, EM Environmental Services LCC presented and indicated Council had no intention to pause.
- Re-zoning plan from Berry St to Park Rd was a political decision; no technical support
- Gore Oval has been included in LCC's Open Space considerations. There was tie-in of the Oval made to a vertical school proposal on the south side of Pacific Highway. Appears to have been abandoned due Dep. Education costings that it was 3x more expensive than normal 'new school' approach.
- Strong sense that VPAs have altered the politics in obtaining development consent
- Review was made of the Gateway Approval; pink area approved for 25m height (6 sto.) but FSR can be altered to increase height on narrower tower, with VPA support
- Green area proposes re-zoning to Portview and/or Greenwich Road.
- St Leonards South Master Plan proposes 7,000+ residents in the precinct

The question was then posed; What is the role of the GCA here? The issues are the same across both Pink and Green areas.

Motion: That the GCA be authorised to form a Working Group to address key issues arising from the amenity, infrastructure and site suitability in respect of the current St Leonards South Master Plan and other proposed amendments.

Moved by J Southwood. Seconded by A Jubian. Motion passed.

Action: Resources in the form of letter templates, including who and how to write, would be made available to community members wishing to put pen to their thoughts and voice.

e) Developments in Area - commenced, approved, proposed

- Council is advertising a Lithgow St, St Leonards DA
- At the October Greenwich Public School P&C Meeting, comment by the Principal was made that there the community may be advised of a Dep. Education proposal to increase the school enrolment figure from 508 to over 700 by way of demolishing the main building on the Kingslangley campus (ex- nurses dormitory, built 1960s with no heritage overlay) and moving to a 3 level, 3 classrooms per level building.

f) Crown Land and Open Space generally

Liz Gill addressed the meeting and made the following comments about the recent Parliamentary Inquiry and report findings into Crown Lands;

- Recognise that Crown Lands are not Open Space. Crown Lands are owned by the people
- Councils, via Agreement with Dep. Primary Industries manages such lands under Trust arrangements, in accordance with the Act.
- Growing concerns arising to Councils privatising with Crown Lands without proper oversight, public tenders, community consultation and administration of financial proceeds.
- Locally we understand that that the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre, Greenwich Baths, Sailing Club and Golf Course / Country Club are on Crown Land.

Action: the GCA will obtain a list of Crown Lands in the Lane Cove LGA and compare against those owned by Council. The Committee will then address specific sites.

7) Report of Subcommittees

a) Gore Bay Terminal Sub-Committee

The GCA met with SafeWork NSW's Michele Stromquist and the NSW Environment Protection Authority's Jane Burgett earlier in the day. Full summary of the meeting will follow.

The meeting was convened primarily to discuss the EPA Licence 661 condition that allows petrol to be stored at the site. Given the EPA's attendance, we wanted to explore the regulatory boundaries and processes for the current and alternative storage arrangements.

Key outcomes were;

- SafeWork believes that a lot of work would be required to bring the tanks and, in particular, the piping arrangements into line before petrol storage could be made. Whilst this is estimated at being 12 months, it could be shortened depending on how many resources / people are thrown at it.
- SafeWork has significant regulatory clout for a site that falls under its Major Hazard
 Facility regime. GBT is not an MHF but is a Notified Site that is subject of a periodic audit
 process. SafeWork's site visit in Nov 2015 was not an official audit but the audit template
 was used. Regulatory power can also be brought to bear on site that operating unsafely,
 breaching safety standards.
- SafeWork advised that there is a push for government agencies to engage with the community in co-regulator meetings. We reserved an intention to formalise a request for these going forward, with initial interest for the next to include AMSA, EPA, RMS and/or Health.

8) Councillor's Report

There was no Report provided.

9) General Business

a) Parking changes on Greenwich Road between Chisholm and Landenburg

Alison Bird brought to the meeting's attention that affected residents had been advised of a Council proposal to limit parking to vehicles under 6m in length between these streets. Safety issues have been cited around the regular parking of sailing boats and/or associated trailers on

the eastern side of Greenwich Road. The deadline for community response is Tuesday 1 November.

b) Parking changes on Vista Street

Dennis Smith brought to the meeting's attention that affected residents had been advised of a Council proposal to install "No Standing between 6am - 12 noon" signage on a section of this street. The street narrows in this section, imposing difficulties on the garbage collection truck.

10) Close

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Next General Meeting to be held 14 December 2016.



Greenwich Community Association Inc

SUBMISSION TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND General Purpose Standing Committee No 6

24 July 2016

Standing of Greenwich Community Association Inc

The Greenwich Community Association (GCA) is an incorporated association Y2838547. It has offered community members a forum to express their views since 1944 and has, as required, articulated community concerns to relevant authorities.

A resolution was passed at a committee meeting of the GCA on 4 July 2016 authorising the GCA to make a submission to this inquiry.

The GCA thanks the Legislative Council for this opportunity to make a submission. A representative of the GCA is able to appear before hearings of the Inquiry if required to do so.

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24 July 2016

Overview

Crown land is a community asset that should be protected.

The Crowns Land Act (the Act) clearly articulates the principles to be applied in respect of crown land administration and management by trustees. The Act is unambiguous in respect of use and access, application of funds derived from use of the land and commercial use of the land.

It is understood that Crown Lands Division of the Department of Primary Industry (DPI) has administrative oversight of compliance with the provisions of the Act. If a trustee elects to ignore the statutory obligations applicable to it, the community has a right to expect that the DPI will take steps to ensure compliance.

It appears that there are instances in which the DPI may not be doing this and the value to the community of crown land may be eroded as a consequence.

In the event that the DPI is unable to ensure strict compliance with the objectives of the Act, the GCA seeks legislative amendments to ensure that all parcels of crown land and conditions attaching thereto are clearly identifiable on a public register, that trustees are adequately monitored for compliance with their statutory responsibilities and that commercial use of the land is consistent with the principles of the Act.

Crown Land holdings of Lane Cove Council

The suburb of Greenwich is located in the Lane Cove Council (LCC) LGA. The area is characterised by harbour foreshore and extensive bushland areas. LCC has advised that there is approx 27 ha of Crown Land within LCC LGA, noting that there is approx 150ha of total public open and private open space in the LGA. In this respect, it is noted that DPI is not able to supply a list of crown land holdings in the LCC LGA for verification.

Lane Cove Council Management of Crown Land

Despite the statutory restrictions and obligations pertaining to Crown Land under its control, aspects of LCC's management of crown land suggest that it regards itself as owner of the land that it controls, rather than as trustee under the Act.

This is evidenced by:-

- failure to separately identify in its open space/community land strategies those parcels of land that are subject to crown land conditions
- failure to identify, during consultation processes, the parcels of land that are subject to crown land conditions and to identify what those conditions are
- 3. failure to consult around commercial use of crown land
- 4. failure to separately identify in accounts the income derived from crown land.

It seems that LCC is able to manage crown land as it has because there is minimal oversight of its adherence to its obligations by the DPI.

The Trust Handbook that has been uploaded to the website of the DPI http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0007/652093/Reserve Trust Handbook.pdf

is, to all intents and purposes, a statement of objectives only that has limited impact in terms of the DPI's enforcement of crown land legislation and in terms of the conduct of LCC as trustee.

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The inquiry has or will receive a separate submission in respect of the LCC's management as trustee of the Greenwich Baths which provides examples of the possible failure of the DPI to ensure compliance by LCC with its obligations under the terms of the Act and under the relevant trust instruments governing the Baths.

This submission addresses the specific terms of reference overleaf.

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Terms of reference

(a) the extent of Crown land and the benefits of active use and management of that land to New South Wales

It is assumed that the area of crown land administered by LCC is as advised by LCC. Much of the land under this tenure is foreshore land or recreational space that greatly enhances the quality of life in an area close to the CBD. The areas held as crown land enhance both physical and psychological wellbeing of users.

The value to the community of access to crown land along foreshore areas in Lane Cove cannot be over-estimated, given the encroachment of development into public spaces in other parts of Sydney Harbour.

The Foreword on page 1 of the Trust Handbook makes the statement that "we are fortunate in New South Wales to have around 35,000 Crown reserves that provide a wide range of experiences and activities as well as many other significant environmental and cultural benefits, for the entire community".

Onerous charges, rigorous conditions or limitations around access and/or commercial use arrangements risk effective loss to the public of the benefits of crown land. It is understood that trustees, in most cases, councils, need to fund the cost of ongoing maintenance of reserves under their control. In the absence of significant public funding for this purpose, it may be necessary for trustees to secure a financial return from crown land to fulfil their obligations as trustees. However, the principles of crown land management are clear in this regard:-

11 Principles of Crown land management

For the purposes of this Act, the principles of Crown land management are:

- (a) that environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of <u>Crown land</u>,
- (b) that the natural resources of <u>Crown land</u> (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible,
- (c) that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged,
- (d) that, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged,
- (e) that, where appropriate, <u>Crown land</u> should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, and
- (f) that <u>Crown land</u> be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.

GCA Submission

- The Department of Primary Industries must review its protocols to ensure that acts of trustees are, at all times, assessed against the principles of management outlined in the Act.
- Approval by the DPI of all leases, licences, development applications and other agreements (third party arrangements) between trustees and third parties should be detailed on a public register and include a statement that the DPI has assessed and approved the third party arrangement in terms of the principles of Section 11.

(b) the adequacy of community input and consultation regarding the commercial use and disposal of Crown land

The comments of the GCA in respect of this term of reference are limited to use, not disposal, of crown land.

It is assumed that the term "commercial use" relates to use by a trustee or a third party in agreement with a trustee to operate a commercial venture/ profit making enterprise on crown land.

In this respect, the GCA is not aware of any circumstance in which LCC, as trustee, has formally sought community input and consultation regarding the commercial use of crown land in the Greenwich area.

Commercial use by trustee

In the event that a trustee elects to manage crown land in its own right and to operate on that land, in its own right, a commercial venture such a snack bar, any charge to enjoy use of the crown land should, consistent with principals with Section 11 (c) and (d), be kept to a minimum required to allow the trustee to cover its costs associated with the management of the land.

Any profit derived from commercial activity should be appropriately disclosed in terms of the Act and disbursed in accordance with the Act.

Crown land entrusted to a trustee should not be a revenue source for a trustee with no obligation to return funds back to the crown asset.

Commercial use by third parties

It most cases it is understood that trustees of crown land may need to "outsource" some of their obligations in respect of crown land for one or more of the following reasons:-

- 1. lack of manpower resources to carry out ongoing management obligations
- 2. lack of funding to carry out obligations
- that the maximisation of the benefits of the features of the reserve may be better achieved through management by a third party
- that the land provides a trustee with the opportunity to offer facilities/land to community/special interest groups.

Ideally, the rules and protocols surrounding the commercial use of crown land should be covered in negotiated plans of management of assets as contemplated in Part 5 Division 6 of the Act. However, in the case of LCC, very few such plans exist. In the absence of such plans and in the absence of any amending legislation to cover consultation around commercial use, it is assumed that Chapter 14 of the Trust Handbook and the terms of the Act provide the benchmark against which commercial use must be assessed.

It is understood that it will probably be necessary to offer a commercial incentive for a third party to take on management of crown land. It is also understood that the details of the commercial arrangements between the trustee and the third party should, rightly, be treated as confidential.

Commercial arrangements will generally require consent of DPI and, as suggested in our first submission, the community has a right to expect that DPI should ensure that such commercial arrangements will not erode the objectives of Section 11, particularly sub-sections (c) (d) and (f).

In some cases, the proposed commercial use will require assessment of a development application under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act during which community members will have the opportunity to express their views on the merits of the development application. However, the authority assessing the development application has no power to concern itself with matters that fall under the Crown Lands Act.

It is hoped that the DPI, when alerted to community concerns around a development application, would be pro-active in terms of assessing a proposal against Section 11. However, in the case of the Greenwich Baths development application for a liquor licence referred to earlier in this submission, DPI showed no regard for concerns as to lease conditions expressed by the community in terms of Section 11 of the Act nor did it make a submission to the development application assessing authority in relation the requirements of Section 11.

GCA Submission

- There should be community input and consultation regarding the commercial
 use and disposal of crown land.
- 2. The DPI has not demonstrated that it has the resources/capacity to ensure that proposals for commercial use meet the principles of Section 11.
- A legislative amendment in isolation to require community input and consultation in respect of proposed commercial use may be of limited effect for the following reasons:-
 - (a) trustees may elect to proceed with negotiation of agreements without input and consultation despite such legislation, or
 - (b) in respect of those transactions that will require DPI approval, it is likely that prevailing capacity limitations within DPI will impede the capacity of the DPI to ensure that such requirements are satisfied.
- 4. The Act to be amended to require that individual Plans of Management be prepared for each parcel of crown land in NSW and to be adopted by the Minister. The Act may make provision for a Plan of Management to cover more than one parcel of crown land with Ministerial consent.
- The Act to require that such Plans of Management include mandatory community input and consultation in relation to proposed commercial use of crown land.
- The Act to require a trustee to give public notice of proposed commercial use of crown land in a manner similar to notification of development applications.
- 7. The Act to provide that agreements/arrangements/ leases relating to commercial use will be of no effect unless the trustee provides to DPI details of appropriate public notification, evidence of due consideration of objections and other input of the community and a statement that the transaction satisfies the requirements of Section 11 of the Act.
- 8. All such agreements/ arrangements/ leases to be noted on a public register administered by DPI.

(c) The most appropriate and effective measures for protecting Crown land so that it is preserved and enhanced for future generations

The GCA affirms its previous statements as to the value of crown land to the community and the environment. Unfortunately, like many government authorities, the DPI does not appear to have the capacity to ensure adequate oversight of the management of crown land.

Those with responsibility, as trustees, to manage crown land need to be resourced to perform their duties adequately and this may involve devolving management to a third party. The challenge is to provide a balance between providing commercial incentives to encourage a trustee or third party to manage the crown land whilst, at the same time, ensuring that the community is able to enjoy use of the land consistent with the terms of its relevant grant.

Trustees may choose to treat crown land as, to all intents and purpose, their own land – it makes life less complicated. However, crown land is a community asset and the community should be offered and take up the opportunity to be more involved in the management of these valuable assets to ensure that they remain in public ownership and that management is consistent with the principles of Section 11.

GCA Submission

 DPI should place on its website an easily accessed register of all crown land in NSW.

The register should include the following:-

- (a) Address of the land
- (b) Name by which land is commonly known eg Greenwich Baths
- (c) Link to documentation that details the conditions attached to the crown grant/reserve/copy of such document
- (d) Name of the trustee
- (e) Details of commercial arrangements/lease etc (as outlined in the previous submission) pertaining to the land.
- Trustee of crown land to be audited annually for compliance with duties to list crown land separately from its own assets and to provide separate financial records relating to the crown land.
- The detail in (2) above to be available on an easily accessed register administered by the trustee.
- Mandatory Plans of Management as detailed in items 4 -10 of our previous submission.

(d) The extent of Aboriginal Land Claims over Crown land and opportunities to increase Aboriginal involvement in the management of Crown land

The GCA acknowledges the importance of this element of the Inquiry but lacks the information and resources to make a submission in respect of this term of reference.