

## **MINUTES OF GCA GENERAL MEETING 19 JUNE 2019**

The meeting was held in the Community Hall 46 Greenwich Road.  
Approx 30 attendees .

### **Welcome**

Merri Southwood GCA President

### **Apologies**

Liz Walton, Lisa Perry, Liz Gill, Pam Palmer, Hilma Else.

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 17/4/19**

Moved – Patricia Quealey

Seconded – Peter Deane

### **Matters Arising**

To be dealt with as part of the Agenda

### **Correspondence**

See schedule attached to these minutes

## **REPORTS**

### **President:**

Merri Southwood

General comment – discussed later in the meeting in detail

- Huge amount of communication from Committee and members of the public re St Leonards South
- Large response re public forum proposals (Meetings Code of Practice) by Council to occur pre Council Meetings, such that almost all Council proposals were dropped apart from the need to register as a speaker by 5pm on the day of the Council Meeting , and a time limit of 2 hours to be allowed for public forum purposes before any meeting.

### **Treasurer:**

John Southwood confirmed the following –

Membership currently 182 – still 40 short of financial break even.

Last years membership 202

Report attached to these minutes and accepted.

Moved – Christine Kirkwood

Seconded – Patricia Quealey

### **Reports of Sub Committees**

**Greenwich Baths:** no actions

### **Gore Bay Terminal:**

Tom Lawson confirmed neighbourhood meetings approx. twice a year.

Also confirmed that neighbours had received a letter box drop prior to current maintenance work now occurring in Shell Park and adjoining harbour.

### **Active Transport:**

Don Murchison mentioned 4 matters.

- Bike Plan – not yet out for public consultation.
- Shared User Path – being proposed by Willoughby Council, Mowbray Road to Crows Nest Metro  
LCC also proposing a bike path along Pacific Highway – details awaited.
- 266 Longueville Road – Merri Southwood confirmed that the proposed shared user path down to the golf course adjacent to 266 Longueville Rd will not now be constructed. Francis Vissel offered to find out details, reasons etc.
- St Leonards South. Don Murchison concerned that proposal included traffic lights on River Road adjacent to Smoothery Park. Don's submission (as did many others) pointed out the danger (life safety) of this proposal and that an overbridge (for pedestrians, bikes, wheelchairs) is essential.

### **Councillors Reports:**

#### **Councillor Francis Vissel:** (see attached report)

- LCC Medium Density LEP in R2 Zones. LCC submitted to Department of Planning that the 1 year moratorium delaying medium density should be permanent. Result awaited.
- Public Forums – Meetings Code of Practice – see earlier notes in these minutes.
- 50m Pool – Lane Cove Aquatic Centre.  
Demolition complete.  
Rebuild contract awarded to Crystal Pools.  
Expected completion June 2020.
- 266 Longueville Road – Seniors Development.  
Council has called for further assessments and reports. Amended proposal now being considered by independent reviewer.
- Lane Cove Bike Plan – Council will exhibit for 6 weeks then consider.
- Use of chemicals - Last meeting 3 Councillors asked for a report on the use of Glyphosates. Also requested advice from other Councils who have ceased using this chemical.
- Single Use Plastic Bags – Council currently surveying all food outlets with a view to encouraging phase out.
- Greenwich Public Library hours have changed – use Council website.
- Traffic – concern around both Greenwich Primary School campuses. New parking restrictions and one way systems to be proposed by Traffic Committee.
- Houses/Streets adjacent to the Gore Hill Precinct and parking difficulties.  
Much discussion.  
Noted: parking restrictions to be changed again by Council but these will only be effective if restrictions are policed.  
Also confusion over whether residents could purchase temporary parking permits for house guests (as for Nth Sydney).  
Francis Vissel agreed to follow this up and confirm.
- Crown land – proposed categorisation to be placed on exhibition for public comment.
- Public responses to IPC – very well done by the public.

### **NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

#### **266 Longueville Road**

Merri Southwood advised that

- GCA made a simple submission.

- Many others also submitted incl. Northwood residents.
- LCC website totally un navigable – when trying to find who submitted what etc.
- Now await Northern Sydney Planning Panel.

#### **Cockatoo Island – (Penny Mabbutt)**

- Attended 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 public consultations on the island.
- Penny traced brief recent history of the island.
- Any improvements must be self-funded.
- Ideas being sought.
- Little likelihood of major future development.

Merri Southwood said if anyone wanted to form an action group details will be on GCA website.

#### **Greenwich Hospital Development – background provided by Merri Southwood**

- Hammond Care has lodged a Development Plan as an SSD – at least 50% of development will be Seniors Living (not hospital).
- Over 200 submissions received by Council.
- Not zoned for residential (Seniors Living).
- GCA asked to meet by Hammond Care.
- GCA concerned and has proposed a way forward to the Dept of Planning
- Merri Southwood. approved to write to Department of Planning as per previous point, as follows
  - The GCA welcomes the opportunity to discuss with HammondCare its concerns about the proposed Greenwich Hospital development
  - The GCA requests HammondCare to convene a meeting of all interested parties to be convened by an independent facilitator and independently minuted with minutes to be agreed by all parties.
  - The GCA considers that a meeting of all parties will allow for full and transparent disclosure of the issues related to the proposed development.
  - The GCA is authorised to write to the relevant planning officer in the Department of PlanningP to this effect.
- Ultimately agreed that GCA must not reject the opportunity to meet and provide input.

#### **Meet the Candidates – (Federal Election)**

Thanks to Don Murchison who ran this successful meeting, with about 80 in attendance.

#### **St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Submissions**

Merri referenced schedule prepared by John Hancox of Wollstonecraft Precinct that analysed the 829 submissions made on the 2036 Plan.

Later internal advice that no developers are interested in developing above Crows Nest Metro site.

Note:

- no response to the massive number of submissions.
- Councils will have to change LEPS
- 3 Councils will have to co-ordinate.
- A long way to go before final plans are agreed.

#### **St Leonards South Master Plan**

2 Planning Proposals received by Council (Greaton & Top Spring).

LCC rejected these

If developers wish to proceed they can by-pass Council, but they wait till IPC has reported.

GCA has lodged 4 GIPAS for information (application fee for each \$30 with additional fees requested by Council based on an hourly rate ) – for information that should be in the public domain.

#### **IPC Review of SLS**

- 38 members of the public addressed the Commission.
- Additionally 270 (approx.) separate written submissions -  
235 of these objected  
28 supported  
7 commented
- IPC has been totally transparent.
- When the Council's submission was made public via the IPC, the GCA was granted a time extension to do a further submission to cover off the inaccuracies in the Council's submission.
- Advice is that the IPC targets to report to the Minister in a matter of weeks not months.
- It has become obvious that LCC does not plan to complete a housing strategy and that it is LCC's intention that SLS will solve all future population increase needs until 2036.
- Developments have been proven not to be viable even before recent residential downturn (as developers have paid too much for the land) and developers are already arguing that they cannot pay the necessary, agreed SIC and Sec 7,11 contributions for public works etc.
- Confirmed that Council was aware in 2016 that the developments would not be viable however from public records it appears that Councillors themselves were not aware that the developments would not be viable when they voted to go to Gateway. Councillors not provided with all critical information before making the decision to proceed.
- GCA has written to Minister Rob Stokes asking for a meeting to explain the history of SLS including the lack of community consultation and the change to SLS affected area that occurred without warning/advice/reports/consultation at a Council Meeting in 2016.

#### **General Business**

A general vote of thanks was moved from the floor for the outstanding effort and input by President Merri Southwood over the last couple of months particularly with regard to SLS and to the 2036 Plan.

**Meeting closed at 9.40pm**

**CORRESPONDENCE 19/06/2019****SENT**

Date	To	Subject
17/04/19	GCA to B Whitworth et al Dept of Planning	Clarification of status of Planning Proposals
30/04/19	GCA to N Armstrong Dept of Planning	Meeting points 30/4/19
07/05/19	GCA to LCC	Submission Meeting Procedure
20/05/19	GCA to IPC	Submission Public Meeting
25/05/19	GCA to IPC	Access to 2036 submissions
27/05/19	GCA to LCC Councillors	PP presentation to IPC
27/05/19	GCA to IPC	SLS Submission and covering letter
03/06/19	GCA to LCC M Mason	Ext of time 266 Longueville Rd
03/06/19	GCA to IPC	Supplementary submission request
04/06/19	GCA to Min for Planning	Meeting re SLS
07/06/19	GCA to LCC	Final submission 266 Longueville Rd
07/06/19	GCA to IPCi	Supplementary submission
16/06/19	GCA to K Bissett HammondCare	Advice of GCA meeting

**RECEIVED**

Date	From	Subject
9/5/19	IPC to GCA	IPC process
16/05/19	LCC to GCA	Ack submission meeting procedure
29/05/19	K Bissett HammondCare	Meeting request
04/06/19	M Mason to GCA	266 Longueville Rd extension
04/06/19	Min for Planning to GCA	Ack of receipt letter 4/6/19
04/06/19	IPC to GCA	Approval supplementary submission
06/06/19	LCC to GCA	Feedback on meeting conduct
18/06/19	Andrew Johnson to GCA	Ack letter to Minister for Planning
17/06/19	K Bissett HammondCare	Preference for individual meeting
	LCC to GCA	DA Notification 7 Gore Street, 44 Lower Serpentine, 11 Wisdom Rd, 8 St Giles Avr
	Golden Whistler	Autumn 2019

**GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**General Meeting 19 June 2019**

**Membership - Individuals or families registered**

182 at 14 June 2019  
200 as at 31 Dec 2018  
234 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017  
183 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016  
276 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015

**Accounts as at 14 June 2019**

**Trading for Financial Year to Date**

1 January 2019 to 14 June 2019

<b>(Profit and loss attached)</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
Gross Income:	\$3,530.00
Total Expense	\$1,641.20
<b><u>Net Income (Loss)</u></b>	<b>\$1,888.80</b>
<b>Cash Book balance</b>	<b>\$6,380.76</b>
<b>Bank Statement balance</b>	<b>\$6,081.36</b>
<b><u>Less Cheques not yet presented</u></b>	
M Southwood	\$170.60
<b><u>Add Deposits to be banked</u></b>	<b>\$470.00</b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$6,380.76</b>
<b>Term Deposit</b>	<b>\$12,779.12</b>
<b><u>Estimated costs for remainder of year</u></b>	
4 News letters =	2,000
Filing Fees	100
Other printing (Est)	400
Refreshments	200
Total	2,700

**Comments**

Membership drive necessary – 40 members min. required to break even.

John Southwood

**Hon Treasurer**

**REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR FRANCES VISSEL – 19 JUNE 2019**

**Medium Density Code - LEP**

In recognition of the concerns raised by affected councils, the state government granted a one-year moratorium on the proposed Code to allow councils time to update their Local Environmental Plans to ensure the code would not apply in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone.

Subsequently, Lane Cove was the first Council to propose an amendment to its Local Environment Plan (LEP), to ensure medium density development could not occur in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone.

Council's LEP amendment was ultimately accepted and gazetted by the state government on 14 June 2019. This means medium density development and application of the Medium Density Housing Code is restricted to the R3, Medium Density Residential Zone.

## Update on Code of Meeting Practice

Members of the public who wish to address Council on any matter must register their details with Council by 5:00pm on the day of the Council meeting. Members of the public can address Council for a maximum of three minutes during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

*Public Forums will be limited to two (2) hours' duration;*

- 4.4 *To speak at a public forum, a person wishing to address the council during a public forum must register their details with Council by 5:00pm on the day of the Council meeting at which the individual is speaking. This information includes:-*
- a. *Identification of the matter on which the person wishes to speak; and*
  - b. *The speakers name and address; and*
  - c. *Relevant contact information (email and phone number) to allow Council to follow up with speaker should this be required;*

*Speakers at the Public Forum will be invited by the Chairperson, in order of registration.*

*Speakers who have not registered to speak at the public forum may be invited to address Council by the Chairperson after the registered speakers have addressed Council.*

You can register on line. I've included the details of the direct link; or go to the Council website and click **Your Council**, then go down to **Meeting Agendas and Reports** and from the list click **Meeting Information**, and you can find it there.

[Register your details.](#)

<http://survey.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=I2KL7m2K&Preview=true>

## Update on 50m Pool

The demolition of Lane Cove's old 50m pool and grandstand is now complete. Council has appointed Crystal Pools to build the new 50m outdoor pool. Construction will start in mid-June and works are expected to take 12 months.

Site preparation works are beginning this month. It is hoped the pool will be completed by September 2020.

A fly-through animation of Lane Cove's new outdoor pool and grandstand can be viewed on Council's Facebook page.

## **Lane Cove Gift Card**

The Lane Cove Gift Card is now available and can be redeemed at shops, cafes, restaurants and other retail outlets in Lane Cove. Your Lane Cove Gift Card may be purchased at any of our load-up stores including the Council Civic Centre. It is redeemable only in Lane Cove. The minimum load amount is \$30. Over 50 shops and other businesses have already signed up and you can see a list of those on Council's website.

## **266 Longueville Road (DA117/2017),**

When this first came before the Planning Panel, due to concerns raised by the community, the determination was deferred and the applicant was requested make amendments to the development and provide additional information.

The additional information submitted include the following:

- detailed site investigated under SEPP55,
- peer review of traffic assessment,
- assessment of ecological impacts,
- assessment of visual impacts from the golf course,
- information relating to site compatibility certificate
- Gross Floor Area & Floor Space Ratio calculations.

The amendments to the proposal also include the following:

- increase in setback on the southern boundary by 1m while creating a 2m landscape strip towards Timber Tops.

The amended proposal is now under assessment by the independent consultant who will in due course be preparing a supplementary report for the consideration by the Sydney North Planning Panel.

## **FROM THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING**

Planning Proposal 34 - Sites in Canberra Avenue and Holdsworth Avenue, St Leonards and

Planning Proposal 35 - Sites in Berry Road, Holdsworth Avenue, River Road and Park Road, St Leonards

**Both were refused.**

## **Lane Cove 2019 Bike Plan**

Council undertake community consultation for a period of six (6) weeks as per the consultation strategy outlined in the report; and

Following public exhibition, the Draft 2019 Bicycle Plan together with a report on any submissions received, be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

## **From our June 17 Council meeting**



Notice of Motion - Weed Management and Use of Glyphosate put by three Councillors, Andrew Zbik Daniel Strassberg and me

Glyphosate is a chemical that is used in weed management control in many off the shelf product's, most commonly known for the product called "Roundup"

The global concerns over this chemical has seen that the World Health Organisation classify Glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic". Since the A landmark US \$298 million-dollar damages win in the USA has again raised concerns around the usage of Glyphosate.

That a report to be prepared for the August Ordinary Council Meeting outlining:-

1. Any alternatives that have been considered to replace the use of chemicals containing glyphosate;
2. A review of Council's current public notification procedures before chemicals containing glyphosate are used;
3. Advice to Council on alternative chemicals / practices that can be used to permanently replace the use of chemicals containing glyphosate; and
4. Feedback from Fairfield City Council, Georges River Council and any other Council as deemed in relation to how they have phased out and stopped using chemicals that contain Glyphosate.

### CHANGES TO GREENWICH LIBRARY HOURS

	Current Hours	Revised Hours
<b>Monday</b>	Closed	11am - Storytime 1.00pm - 5.00pm Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	2.00pm - 7.00pm Open	2.00pm - 7.00pm Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	11.00am Storytime 1.00pm - 5.30pm Open	2.00pm - 7.00pm Open
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am - 7.00pm Open	2.00pm - 7.00pm Open
<b>Friday</b>	Closed	Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am - 1.00pm	9.30am - 2.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Closed

**Council voted for the revised hours.**

### Traffic Committee Minutes

#### Greenwich Public School

The Committee discussed various changes to the parking conditions surrounding the school in both the Kingslanglely and the Greenwich Campus; these changes will improve pedestrian safety, mitigate the increased demand for short term parking and improve traffic circulation and congestion during school peak times.

The proposed one-way loop for the pickup/drop off is excellent as it will improve the traffic flow and pedestrian safety as vehicles will be travelling in one direction.

Council to consider converting the existing No Parking zone on the northern and southern side of Kingslangley Road to No Stopping to allow for two-way traffic flow.

This will allow for easier enforcement and reduce vehicles that are double parking.

The relocation of the school bus stop on Greenwich Road will require changes to the bus route. Council to consider an alternative location for the bus stop to keep the existing bus route. The Committee supported the proposal.

## **Gore Hill Precinct**

### Introduction of Residential Parking Scheme

The Committee discussed the proposal to install '2P; 8:00am-6:00pm; Mon-Fri; Permit Holders Excepted' on one side of the road extending the existing residential parking scheme throughout the Gore Hill Precinct,

Further parking restrictions may be necessary as the commuters start parking in the unrestricted parking areas.

Recommendation: That:-

1. Install a '2P; 8:00am-6:00pm; Mon-Fri; Permit Holders Excepted' parking restriction on one side of Balfour Street, Hinkler Street (N), Kingslangley Road and Lansdowne Street,
- 1.2. Install a 'No Stopping; 8:00am-9:30am; 2:30pm-4:00pm; School Days' on the western side of Lansdowne Street.
- 1.3. Install a 'No Parking' zone on both the northern and southern side of Omar Street
- 1.4. Install a 'No Parking' zone on the western side of Hinkler Street (N)
- 1.5. Install a 'No Parking' zone at the southern part Hinkler Street
- 1.6. Install statutory 'No Stopping' zone at the intersection

Monitor parking conditions in Hinkler Street (S) and Innes Road and if necessary install 2P; 8:00am-6:00pm; Mon-Fri;

'Permit Holders Excepted' parking restriction on the eastern side of Hinkler Street (S) and the northern side of Innes Road,

## **Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction Program**

Council has supported a series of plastic avoidance programs, including the Single-Use Plastic Straw Reduction Program, Bag share, Boomerang Bags and Responsible Café's for many years. To build on this momentum, and in response to community concerns, Council has identified further opportunities to lead the promotion of the reduction of single-use plastics in our community.

Council can provide support to businesses and encourage the use of more environmentally friendly alternatives to single-use plastic bags. It is proposed that a Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction Program be implemented to help businesses transition from unsustainable, disposable bags to reusable and durable alternatives.

The program involves surveying the 153 food outlets in the Local Government Area to determine the types of bags currently used by these businesses. From the survey results a selection of strategies will be developed to reduce their use.