



**MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.30 pm**  
**Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich**

| ITEM NO | DISCUSSION TOPICS   |   | ACTION |
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| 1.      | <b>Welcome</b>  | Peter Deane, Vice President welcomed attendees to the meeting. Special welcome to recently appointed councillors David Roenfeldt; Merri Southwood; Andrew Zbik(Mayor)   |        |
| 2.      | <b>Apologies</b>  | Liz Gill, Liz Walton, Candy Anstee; David Brooks-Horn; John Evernnett, Elizabeth More, Helen Hattersley, Rosemary Clinch, Sharon Coley  |        |
| 3.      | <b>Confirmation of previous AGM minutes</b>                                   | Minutes of the last AGM Minutes 17 February 2021<br>Proposed: John Southwood<br>Seconded: Alan Whinney  |        |
|         | <b>Matters arising from the Minutes of meeting 8 December 2021</b>            | Matters arising from these minutes will be dealt with throughout the meeting.   |        |
| 4.      | <b>Correspondence</b>   | None noted.   |        |
| 5.      | <b>Reports on the activities of the Association</b>                           | Special thanks went to retiring Committee Members who have worked tirelessly over many years. In particular, Liz Walton as editor of the GCA Newsletter before it went online mid-2021.<br>Liz Gill (who has looked after Secretarial documents), Merri Southwood (GCA President who led the Committee ) and Penny Mabbut   |        |
|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President's Report</b></li> </ul> | <p>Merri Southwood addressed the meeting as a former President of GCA. The President's Report covers all matters dealt with by the GCA Committee in 2021 and a copy is attached to these minutes and available on the website.</p> <p>Merri also personally thanked Francis Vissel who has been a wonderful and dedicated supporter of GCA. David Brooks-Horn was also thanked.</p> <p>PQ proposed a round of applause for Merri Southwood.</p> <p>PQ moved that the President's Report be accepted.<br/>Seconded: Alan Whinney</p> |        |
|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer's Report</b></li> </ul> | <p>JS delivered his Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership Drive for 2021 was slow due to COVID</li> <li>- Losses of \$1249.51 due to an unexpected outstanding Website invoice of \$1064.20</li> </ul> <p>JS thanked Brian Bird (retiring and reappointed auditor Auditor/Accountant).</p> <p>Also, thanks to retiring committee members Liz, Liz and Penny.</p>   |        |

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|    |  | <p>Tom Lawson asked about the pledge of \$5000 to Natural Grass. This did not go ahead and is reflected in the report</p> <p>DM proposed a vote of thanks to JS<br/>Report Moved by:DM<br/>Seconded: Rickie Deane</p>  |  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active Transport Sub-Committee</b></li> </ul>  | <p>DM addressed the meeting highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- River Road shared pathway from the Golf Course to the Greenwich Primary School: moved to keep this on the agenda and get it rectified. It has been a 7 year project that Council has not received a grant for as yet.</li> <li>- St Leonards South: proposed that we look at a green spine connecting SLS to Greenwich to also keep on the agenda.</li> <li>- A Bike pass over River Rd at East view Street.</li> <li>- Inga Fegan(Northwood resident) proposed a SUP between Northwood and Greenwich be considered, on the South side of River Road as no safe crossing exists outside the Golf Club.</li> <li>- KMH noted the sink hole at the junction of St Vincents Rd and River Road. There is potential for accidents to occur given a narrowing of the road due to a boat and truck parked adjacent to the sink hole.</li> <li>- MS notes that Council is putting in a application to Transport NSW. MS suggested that we lodge a report covering all items discussed.</li> </ul> |  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gore Bay Terminal Sub-Committee</b></li> </ul> | <p>This sub-committee is not currently active. Nothing to report at this stage.</p>  |  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greenwich Baths</b></li> </ul>                 | <p>This sub-committee is also not very active. PD asked if any of the Councillors can provide an update. MS noted that the pathway from Richards St has been repaired. But there are lots of weeds that have not been cleared and MS will take this on.</p> <p>TL commented that there was a small working/users group called Users of Greenwich Baths going for 11 years. They meet with the managers (Blue Fit) of the baths and will reconvene this group at a meeting on Monday 21 February.</p> <p>COVID and the weather have caused issues for the management of the Baths and Blue Fit.</p> <p>A Nipper Program has been going for a couple of seasons – this has gone very well and would like this to continue. This has created some traffic issues.</p>   |  |
| 6. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Election of Officers Bearers</b></li> </ul>    | <p>PD invited MS to introduce this process.<br/>MS thanked the exiting Committee and there are 5 executive and 4 committee member positions available:</p> <p><b>President:</b><br/>Patricia Queally nominated Peter Deane (seconded by Alan Whinney)</p> <p><b>Two Vice-President positions:</b><br/>JS nominated Alan Whinney (seconded by Patricia Quealey)</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b><br/>PD nominated John Southwood (seconded by John Fegan)</p> <p><b>Secretarial Position:</b><br/>KMH is happy to continue as Minute Secretary<br/>In the short term the Committee will work out the Secretarial position.</p> <p><b>Committee Members:</b><br/>RD nominated Karen Macalister-Hohnen) seconded by RD)<br/>JS nominated Peter Staveley (seconded RD)</p>   |  |

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|                  |   | <p>JS nominated Julia Sharp (seconded PD)<br/> PD nominated Candy Anstee to stand again (seconded by AW)<br/> JS nominated DM (seconded by PD)</p> <p>PW nominated Martin Cunningham and MC proposed that he act as an independent expert.</p> <p>PD noted that we need to attract younger members with fresh ideas and proposals.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>7.</b></p> | <p><b>Newly Elected Councillors Reports</b></p> | <p>Andrew Z was invited to address the meeting:<br/> 6 out of 9 new councillors were voted in and Andrew is looking forward to working with them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AZ is pleased with the administrative staff at LCC and what the new Councillors are contributing so far. He asked for Qs from the floor:</li> <li>• DM asked for a copy of the Geotech report for the River Road rock wall.</li> <li>• JF asked about a change in the attitude of the LCC’s staff. AZ says they have already made some changes; collaboration being one of the main steps towards change in LCC. Workshops with staff will be one style of collaboration that is currently in practice.</li> <li>• PQ added to JF’s comments about LCC staff attitudes and disregard to the community.</li> <li>• RR commented on a LCC survey. AZ commented that phone surveys will also be conducted. He also commented on a Community Strategic Plan – LCC have had very little input into this plan and is working to address this.</li> <li>• AW commented on the issue of Rangers patrolling the streets. The usual LCC comments have been ‘there aren’t enough Rangers’. Can LCC do something about this. AZ will look into this.</li> <li>• TL - how many Rangers work within the huge area: there are 7.</li> <li>• John Clancy questioned - Could a phone number for Rangers be made available.</li> <li>• Albert J. – there is no balance between the availability of parking rangers within the Lane Cove shopping precinct and the wider areas of Lane Cove.</li> <li>• DM requested comment on: a council advisory committee for the Arts, and 266 Longueville Road as an open space or Arts Centre. AZ cannot see any other way for the progress of 266 be changed. However, there is a possibility of an Arts Centre being established in the future.</li> </ul> |  |
|                  |   | <p>David Roenfeldt addressed the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked Merri for her work on SLS.</li> <li>• He welcomed the Communities ideas on matters in general.</li> <li>• Open spaces on rooftops – scheme to incentivise this space for solar panels.</li> <li>• Toy Library potential within 12 months</li> <li>• Traffic Committee to be established within the Council</li> <li>• Bike Plan – a medium to long term process and where the funding will come from.</li> <li>• Performing Art Committee</li> <li>• Cleaning up our waterways</li> <li>• Bob Campbell oval estimates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One year delay on redesign followed by 6-7 months of capital works.</li> <li>○ Commitment to get the best one available within the budget. This will not happen for the GVG.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |

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|           |                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two Community workshops for collaboration + Landscape designer input.</li> <li>○ Councillors will then need to make decisions</li> <li>○ Out to tender to at least 3 entities</li> <li>○ 49 weeks is the proposed working timeframe + 6-7 months of works</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DR is unaware of any time constraints on the grants</li> <li>● MS understand that these details will be on the LCC website for comment</li> <li>● MC commented that 1.5 year timeframe seems excessive when we could separate out a grass soccer pitch for immediate use. Suggested that this be explored earlier rather than later. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DR will put this suggestion to LCC</li> </ul> </li> <li>● IF commented that the community needs more consultation on the former plan and any future plans.</li> <li>● MC commented on the importance of a Reference Group and he asked DR whether LCC would consider this option? DR said that a Reference Group (Key Stakeholders group) is already involved.</li> <li>● MS commented on the process and highlighted the difference from Synthetic to Natural Grass and the input and time required to achieve this.</li> <li>● PQ commented that this process should not be starting from scratch again, rather a fine turning process.</li> <li>● AJ was concerned about the infrastructure available for visitors to BCO – where are they going to park?</li> </ul> |  |
|           |                                  | <p>Merri Southwood addressed the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LCC has no input into the Greenwich Wharf upgrade</li> <li>● Manns Point: a grant was provided to renovate all the steps; also to be installed is a BBQ, Furniture and a Bubbler. JS objected to these as it will change the concept of the area. MS will take his concerns to LCC.</li> <li>● DR mentioned that if the community wants these items, the order needs to be in place before June 2022. It seems that the redesign of Manns Pt has already been signed off. MS will find out more and report back to GCA.</li> <li>● SLS – the business papers released tomorrow night will be interesting to read. There seems to be no control on the DAs; the fast-track of the properties around the park and Canberra Ave needs to be controlled. As the DAs come in, LCC needs to take more control over the projects and how they are executed.</li> <li>● David Stac ?? asked MS if Councillors were still receiving papers in advance of meetings under very tight time constraints. MS asked AZ to talk to this question.</li> <li>● AZ commented that there will be a change in the delivery of advance papers giving Councillors a greater timeframe for consultation.</li> </ul>   |  |
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| <b>8.</b> | <b>Notified Business</b>         |  |  |
|           | ● <b>St Leonards South</b>       | Already covered.   |  |
|           | ● <b>Bob Campbell Oval</b>       | Already covered.   |  |
|           | ● <b>Over-rail Plaza</b>         | Currently under construction. LCC contract signed off by General Manager. JS is keeping an eye on this for GCA.  |  |
|           | ● <b>Greenwich Wharf Upgrade</b> | Contract is between LCC and Arenco, however NSW Transport has very substantial power.  |  |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sports &amp; Rec Facility</b></li> </ul>       | Council has asked NSPP to defer consideration for DA.  |  |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greenwich Point Heritage Review</b></li> </ul> | LG commented that this Review is over 10 years old and requested that the GCA revisit this LEP. PD suggested that PQ might like to get involved with this. |  |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Other Business</b>  | DM commented on the new Principal, Callum Thompson of GPS.   |  |
|           |  | AW proposed a vote of thanks to Merri Southwood for all the work she has done on the GCA committee. Unanimous applause.                                    |  |
|           | <b>Close</b>   | Meeting closed at 9.30pm   |  |