



*" Our Community Matters"*

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Dear Community Member

The GCA's **Annual General Meeting** is this coming Wednesday 15th February - 7.30 pm at Greenwich Sailing Club - off O'Connell St. Greenwich

The main item of business is the election of office bearers and committee.

East Ward Councilors and the Mayor have also been invited to attend to provide a brief update on current issues.

All committee positions will be declared vacant, and elections held to fill positions for the coming 12 months.

To vote, attendees must be financial members. Membership renewals can be made either on the night or by direct credit to the Association's bank account. (1 vote per family).

The GCA's bank account is:

B/S/B 062247  
A/C No 10104065

Could those members renewing by direct credit please identify their name clearly on the deposit details.

All residents are encouraged to attend and all financial members are invited to consider nominating for the committee.

The committee meets just 6 times year, and the meetings are enjoyable where everybody is encouraged to have a say. Some tasks are allocated particularly

There are still many projects and issues with potential impact on residents in Greenwich, so we have an exciting time coming up.

Look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday night next.

Kind regards

**Peter Deane**  
President



Dear Community Member

Gone are the days when a bi-monthly newsletter covered the developments in our community!

And our apologies - we hoped to get this to you last night but a localised power failure put paid to that idea.

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#### **COUNCIL MEETS 7 PM TONIGHT MONDAY 20 JULY**

The Agenda can be accessed on <http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/YourCouncil/CouncilMeetingsandReports/Pages/BusinessPapersandMinutes.aspx>

The meeting will not be open to the community, nor will there be the chance to address Councillors in public forum through an AV link.

You can watch the webcast of the meeting <http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/YourCouncil/CouncilMeetingsandReports/Pages/MeetingWebcast.aspx>

There are several items on the agenda that are directly relevant to the Greenwich community.

#### **1. Notice of Motion - Manns Point Lookout**

This is a motion from our Mayor, Councillor Palmer. It proposes that "Council develop a specific plan for enhancing the area as an iconic viewpoint and for preserving

This is the first we have heard of this proposal. We hope that the Mayor's motion will be amended to incorporate community involvement in the development of the site and leave it until formal community consultation to hear what the community actually wants.

This may be the time to look at the bush track that runs from Manns Point to the Sailing Club and the area around the sailing Club - an equally stunning location that has

#### **2. Notice of Motion - Dog-friendly Lane Cove Strategy**

Our Mayor has advised of her intention to move a motion to "develop a 'Dog-friendly Lane Cove' strategy encouraging more facilities, special events, and smoother parking

The recent community concern around canine access to Kingsford Smith Oval highlights the need for Council to develop a dog-friendly strategy.

Community involvement in the strategy development is important to its ultimate success and this should include a look at the dog walking arrangements at Bob Camp

It is ironic that the one agenda contains a motion to develop a dog friendly strategy at the same time that a motion to exhibit a proposal to reduce off leash space is proposed

#### **3. Approval of Council's Playground Strategy post consultation**

#### **4. BOB CAMPBELL OVAL (BCO) MASTER PLAN**

Yes, somewhat late in the day, the broader community is to have its say about a Master Plan for BCO.

[http://lccweb.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bps/Open/2020/CNL\\_20072020\\_AGN\\_WEB.HTM](http://lccweb.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bps/Open/2020/CNL_20072020_AGN_WEB.HTM)

The plan to go on exhibition is a slightly different version from the one that was used by Council in support of its successful grant application to the Department of Planning

There is now a strip of open space on each side of the sportsground. This will be shared with spectators and equipment so dog walkers will need to walk through these

A netball training court on the proposed carpark has also been added to the plan.

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[http://ecouncil.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/TRIM/documents\\_TE/439735880/TRIM\\_AT%204%20-%20Bob%20Campbell%20Oval%20-%20Draft%20Masterplan%202020\\_1440736.PDF](http://ecouncil.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/TRIM/documents_TE/439735880/TRIM_AT%204%20-%20Bob%20Campbell%20Oval%20-%20Draft%20Masterplan%202020_1440736.PDF)

Council has already secured approval for a grant of a \$3,623,023 for the project from the Department of Planning under its Precinct Support Scheme. The conditions at

\$3,623,023 is a large sum of money but we hope that Council's decision post-consultation will be driven by the need to do the right thing by the community members

Regrettably, this Master Plan has the potential to put residents at odds with one another, with Council progressing the plan to the point of funding before the communi

BCO, itself, has not caused this – community members have long been able to manage their competing demands on BCO.

The GCA has written to Councillors in the hope that they will adopt an inclusive consultation process. We are asking for three community meetings to be held at BCO and what they wish to change.

We await the Council meeting tonight to see if this suggestion is taken up.

When the consultation process has started we will post details to you.

Those who have already written to Council or Councillors about BCO will then need to re-submit their comments as part of the consultation process.

## **THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT ARE UP FOR CONSULTATION RIGHT NOW - FINAL DATE MID – AUGUST**

### **1. SPORT & RECREATION PRECINCT aka LANE COVE GOLF CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CurrentIssues/Pages/SportandRecreationPrecinct.aspx>

#### **Submissions due by 16 August**

#### **Some important questions about this project are unanswered on Council's website:-**

- At the 16 March meeting of Council all Councillors resolved that the project exhibition should include a second option – no driving range and no putt putt – where is this second option?
- At the 16 March meeting Councillors were told that detail of the roundabout on River Road to improve access to the precinct would be shown in the consultation material – that detail is not in the material.
- What is the estimated cost of this project? This project has been in the pipeline for years.

This is clearly a major project in uncertain times.

The community should have details of the estimated cost of the project as this will be a factor in providing feedback on its merits.

Council must already have a clear idea of what the individual elements of the plan will cost.

Council voted in May to apply for a \$20 million loan from TCorp to fund the golf course project, well before the project went on exhibition. Council's financial statements have been a business case with costings to do this.

There is no information in the Council Snapshot for the meeting tonight about the outcome of the TCorp loan application.

To "Have Your Say"

- Complete Council's survey
- If contacted by phone, respond to Council's survey

Many people are sceptical about responding to set survey questions.

We encourage those who wish to give feedback to make a written submission and send it to PO Box 20, Lane Cove NSW 1595; or [service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)

### **AND A REMINDER - SUBMISSIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 16 AUGUST**

### **2. PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR THE ST LEONARDS OVER-RAIL PLAZA**

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CouncilConsultations/Pages/Have-Your-Say-Planning-Proposal-for-the-St-Leonards-Over-Rail-Plaza-.aspx>

This Have Your Say deals only with the amendments required to vary Lane Cove Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to allow development of the open space above the rail-

The LEP amendment is not related to the design or funding of the project.

But this is the chance to highlight aspects of this proposal:-

- the video presentation on Council's site depicts a completely different built landscape from the one that has now been approved by Council - there are many tall buildings present
- the bus/rail interchange depicted in the video will no longer form part of the project following a change of policy by NSW government transport authorities
- the GCA has accessed a copy of the Terms Sheet that Council has signed with Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains and Rail Corp NSW to cover all aspects of delivery of the project. **FRONT BEFORE ANY WORK CAN COMMENCE.**
- Council has stated that the plaza project will be funded through Voluntary Planning Agreements with developers but the total cost of the project will not be known until all documents are finalised.

If you wish to make a submission on the LEP amendment your comments must be with Council by TUESDAY 18 AUGUST. Submissions should go to PO Box 20, Lane Cove NSW 1595.

The International Chinese School in the former Cemetery Trust Building next to Gore Hill Cemetery has been approved by the Department of Planning.

Watch out for the new 40km School Zone as you turn from Greenwich Road into Pacific Highway.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10611>

The Planning Minister has put on his fast track list the zoning changes required to progress the Crows Nest Metro over station development – a decision will be made by 18 August

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Other/fast-tracked-assessments-tranche-four-2020-07.pdf?la=en>

Hundreds of community members made submissions about this project and we will soon see if there are any changes planned to the original proposal for two 27 storey residential

## **AND WHAT ABOUT ST. LEONARDS SOUTH?**


It has not been fast tracked.

Letters from the Department continue to assure the community that it will assess the proposal against the conditions of the Gateway Determination, the Design Charrette Report as

We remain hopeful that there will be opportunities to actually engage with the Department in advance of any decision on SLS.

If you want to write to or ring Councillors before the meeting tonight, it is not too late to do so. Details below:

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