



" Our Community Matters"

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Dear Community Member

Your Community Association at Work

Since our last general meeting your association has been active in a number of areas.

Greenwich Public School

New Council erected "No Parking" signs around both campuses

The GCA along with the School Principal and P and C President made representations to Council and managed to have the signs changed back from periods of "No Parking" to what they have previously been for years along Greenwich Rd, with Chisholm St and Wardrop St still under review.

The change to the signs opposite the school on Kings Langley Rd are also still under review, and we have been advised that the community will be consulted before further changes are made.

Inclusion of a new Shared User path (pedestrians and bicyclists) through the Greenwich Hospital site being developed.

This will allow connection from Greenwich Rd/St Vincents Rd through the, to be developed, Greenwich Hospital site to connect with the River Rd pedestrian lights at Greenwich Public School.

This will facilitate safer passage for pedestrians and cyclists to and from the school along River Rd to and from Greenwich Rd and also through the hospital grounds.

Following a presentation to a GCA meeting last year by Hammond Care, the hospital operator, the GCA

Council proposed Sport and Recreation Facility on Lane Cove Golf Club site

Whilst the GCA fully supports the construction of new/increased sporting facilities we have real concerns over Council's proposal.

These relate to total cost, design, traffic and transport and environmental impacts. The GCA urges caution at a time when the building sector is under stress and the economic outlook is uncertain.

However, Mayor Zbik has again used his casting vote to push the development to the next stage ie the calling of tenders for demolition of the Club House and tennis courts, earth works and construction, with a view to demolition commencing ***immediately upon Council receiving a Development Application if it appears the work can be completed within budget from the construction tenders received, but which will not have been evaluated as to their detail,*** ie Demolition occurs **BEFORE** the formal evaluation process of construction tenders received is undertaken or a contract agreed and signed.

The GCA considers this approach as "high risk" - that could possibly compromise Council in construction tender negotiations. In a worst-case scenario of **no complying or acceptable tenders following a detailed evaluation process** the building and courts are gone and use of the site would be compromised indefinitely.

Council does not have deep reserves to battle any contract contingencies, cost over runs etc and this rushed agenda is purely to keep on a State Government timeline for the \$5m grant which currently requires construction to commence by 30th June 2023.

Council's DA is scheduled for hearing by the Sydney North Planning Panel at a public meeting to be held on 3 May 2023 at which time it may be approved, amended, deferred or declined.

We have had a number of meetings with Mayor Zbik over the past 6 months and were present at the March 23 Council meeting when more than 25 speakers addressed the Council about their concerns.

As noted above the GCA's concerns have been well documented, and the development will be a topic of interest at our next Meeting on 19th April - 7.30 pm at the Greenwich Sailing Club (off O'Connell St).

Additional to this, the GCA has joined with 5 other community groups expressing concern to Council in a letter from the Gore Creek Valley Action Group Inc. over appropriate due diligence, and decisions outstanding which include "budget, design, traffic management, operating model and environmental considerations."

The letter called on Council to seek a deferral of the start date from the Minister for Sport so the above matters can be addressed on a timely basis.

The 6 groups that supported Gore Creek Valley Action Group's letter to Council were:

- Greenwich Community Association

- Longueville (NSW) Residents' Association
- Lane Cove Residents' Association
- Lane cove Bushland and Conservation Society

Council will meet this Thursday 20th April at 7.00 PM when the Sport and Recreation Facility is a topic on the agenda.

A link to the agenda for the meeting is [here](#). The public may address Councillors in person or via Zoom. Registration is required. A link to the registration form is [here](#).

If you have concerns or questions about this project email all Councillors on:
councillors@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Meet the Candidates Forum 15th March

This forum, Chaired and organised by Don Murchison, was attended and supported by the GCA as a community service.

Whilst the Liberal party sitting candidate Minister Anthony Roberts (or his representative) were not able to attend, lively discussion occurred with three other candidates attending: Victoria Davidson (Independent), Heather Armstrong (Greens) and Penelope Pedersen (Labor).

The Mr. Roberts was returned with a substantially reduced majority.

Future GCA Meetings and Activities

Whilst the GCA will continue to monitor and where possible have input to Council's Sport and Recreation Centre proposal, plus other activities that which may affect the community, we are planning to include in our future meetings speakers on the following topics:

- Pickleball - development and opportunities for this rapidly growing racquet game
- Cyber Security - special speaker proposed
- Indigenous History of Greenwich Area
- Bush Care - activities and how to join in
- Community Garden - how to join and get this initiative "off the ground"

Mann's Point

Manns Point has been designated for consideration as a NSW State listed Heritage Site along with a number of other foreshore areas in Greenwich, Wollstonecraft and Lane Cove.

Full details can be seen in the Council's business papers at the above Agenda link for this Thursday 20th April.

Wednesday 19th April 7.30 pm at Greenwich Sailing Club (off O'Connell St).

All are welcome so please come along and have your say and share a cup of tea or coffee.

It is also a chance to hear from your local Councillors and Mayor Zbik (dependent on his understandably busy schedule)

Kind regards

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