



" Our Community Matters"

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Dear Community Member,

Next General meeting – Wed 21 June 2023 at 7.30pm at the Greenwich Sailing Club.

You are welcome to come along to have your say as a resident, be updated on community matters and hear your Councillors report.

This Newsletter covers the following:

- Status of Council's Sport & Recreation Facility.
- Status of request by developer to change the use of land leased from Council at 266 Longueville Rd from Residential Aged Care & Seniors Living to on
- Report on Gore Creek Valley Action group & request for funds.
- Community Garden Initiative.
- GCA Membership Drive 22 & 23 July
- Save the date for a Special Presentation by a representative from the Aboriginal Heritage Office on the indigenous history of Greenwich and surrounds

Status of Council's Sport & Recreation Facility, River Rd

Development Application was approved by Sydney North Planning Panel on 3 May despite over 200 written objections and 40 speakers.

Council is now awaiting return of main construction tenders sometime in July.

It is expected that preliminary works will not commence until tenders have been confirmed as within budget.

It should be noted that traffic lights and any widening of the footpath along River Rd between Greenwich Public School and the Sport & Rec Facility have not

Additionally, the proposed management of the facility is yet to be confirmed and hence reliable budgeted income for loan repayment etc is also yet to be conf

Also of concern, for reasons in next item, is that Council proposes to use the \$30m long term lease payment for 266 Longueville Rd to make up a large portic

266 Longueville Rd Development

Status of request by developer to change the use of the land leased from Council from Residential Aged Care & Seniors Living to all Seniors Living.

The Sydney North Planning Panel heard the application by the developer to make the change under S4.55 (modification to approved DA) and also heard strc organisations and community members.

The panel decided to defer its decision to allow further investigation.

The objectors believe the change is major, not a small modification, and therefore should be re-advertised and properly submitted under a new Development

It is noted that the Developer has paid Council the \$30m but we must wonder whether the council should proceed with spending this money on the Sport & R the money has been paid.

Report on the Gore Creek Valley Action Group & request for funds.

The GCVAG has been formed to protect the valley and restrict development which would affect this green heart of Lane Cove. The GCVAG has the support of we encourage residents to donate. Please see GoFundMe details [here](#).

Community Garden Initiative

A sub committee of the GCA has been very active considering sites, developing plans and budgets and we will bring you more details in the very near future.

Membership Drive 22 & 23 July at Greenwich Shops

In order for the GCA to continue its role supporting the community, we have hard costs each year that must be met by subscriptions. While the mailing list of subscription (\$20 for individual/family, \$10 for pensioner) to cover costs. Please say hello to us that weekend and renew your membership. Credit cards or c are always welcome.

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Saving the best until last, please save the date of 19 July 2023 for a presentation by Karen Smith from the Aboriginal Heritage Office.

This is a one off event focused on the indigenous history of Greenwich and its surrounds. All members of the community are invited, from seniors to children free event and we hope to see you there.

Peter Deane
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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 sc
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 h

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 pr

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 pr

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

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 Pla

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 thes

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



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 – this 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

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 corridor.

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 proposed
- 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.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR AREA

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>

<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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