



Greenwich Community Association Inc

PO Box 5057, Greenwich, NSW 2065

MINUTES GCA PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS		
	WELCOME:	Peter Deane Pres welcomed attendees to meeting. Special welcome to Cllr David Roenfeldt and Cllr Merri Southwood.	
1.	APOLOGIES:	Karen Macalister-Hohnen, Peter Stavely, Liz Walton, Cllr Kathy Mort, Ricki Deane, John Southwood, Peter Walton, Cllr Scott Bennison, Cllr David Brookes Horne	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS:	Minutes of last GCA Meeting (AGM) held 21 Feb 2024 Proposed: John Fegan Seconded: Julia Sharpe	
3.	CORRESPONDENCE:	None noted.	
4.	REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:	President PD requested that, rather than individual Cllr reports, matters be dealt with under Notified Business and Cllrs speak to topics as they arise.	
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	Patricia Quealey reported - Current paid up membership stands at 35. Membership - Encouragement needed to reach 150 to cover operating expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1,500 on mailing list for Newsletters - 2023 ended with small surplus of \$660 - Net income so far this year \$135 	
6.	COUNCILLORS' REPORT & NOTIFIED BUSINESS:	a. PD expressed negative community response to changed Public Forum format which was resolved by LCC in March. Public Forum now held Mon before Council meeting, not immediately before, which reduces time for people to access papers and prepare to 3 days. Cllrs and LCC mgt attendance is optional. This changed after 14 years of pre-Council Meeting Forums without any community consultation. Cllr Roenfeldt indicated reason for change was public forum sometimes exceeded time allowed and some Cllrs were too tired to participate in Council meeting immediately following. He said speakers were at times disrespectful and this caused stress to Council staff.	

		<p>Discussion re issues of legality and whether forum now serves its purpose. Some disrespectful behaviour witnessed from attendees and those running the forum. Was suggested more formal Chair control needed.</p> <p>b. BCO progress Cllr Roenfeld indicated work to commence in next 2 wks with natural grass, drainage as in masterplan and changes to playground, amenities building, water tank, dog access rules to reduce costs of building by \$1m. Cllr Southwood reported SUP also now not included in the works plan. The SUP was included in initial masterplan to access State govt grant so its omission from budget is of concern. Two further concerns were expressed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No signs at oval showing oval closure date of end April. <p>Also questioned whether Community Sporting Club users have been advised as date only 2 weeks ago.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Leash free dog areas now Manns Point or Shell Park, neither of which are fenced with Manns Point mixing Card, dogs and people. <p>c. Sport & Rec facility. Auditor's report recommendations presented by resident on level of contamination, chemical and asbestos on site and risk of run off to BCO in heavy rain. Council Mgr stated in relevant meeting that report not intended to be made available to the public. Cllr Roenfeldt stated works are proceeding on time and no budget concerns to date with completion expected as planned Sep 2025.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: PD to write to GM council expressing concern re contamination and seeking info as to what steps were taken to prevent dispersion of contamination and to protect nearby residents, Golf players and workers on site.</p>
		<p>d. State Govt Regulations proposed changes. Cllr Roenfeldt indicated there had been no published response from State Govt to LCC's submission yet. Focus of council's submission he said was on maintaining character of LC Village and preserving the Village. Cllr Southwood indicated that probable main effect would be TOD (Transit Oriented Devt) with zone being 1.2 km from Metro, impacting '2036 devt zone'. Key factor to have impact for residents is that if developers provide affordable housing as part of devt, they are able to add additional levels to building.</p>

		<p>e. Cyber Security lecture run by Greenwich Public School supported and publicised by GCA to be held Tues 18 Jun at Kings Langley site 6pm. The presenter will address children during the day, with the evening focussed on an adult audience covering online safety when using computers, mobiles, internet, social media etc.</p> <p>f. Community Garden progress. Julia Sharp reported that garden design, operational and Business plans, grant application preparation completed. Site still not confirmed. Negotiations continuing with St Giles as site considered ideal.</p> <p>g. SUP along River Rd. Some residents and action groups advocated for this 10+ yrs, now absolutely necessary with work started on S&R facility. Funding being discussed by Council. Council needs to budget for this work to be completed before completion of the Sports & Rec facility for the safety of pedestrians especially children.</p> <p>h. Cockatoo Island development. No updates.</p> <p>i. Greenwich Hospital development. Changes approved. The agreed shared footpath difficult to discern in plans.</p> <p>j. Greenwich ferry service will cease Mon 21 April when construction of new wharf begins. Residents given 10 days notice. More buses will be scheduled, including on weekends. School services cant operate – given it is now school holidays, those affected may not know.</p> <p>k. General damage to roads due to major construction works which are ongoing. Some residents complaints not actioned over 10 yrs. Cllr Southwood advised that residents should report road and footpaths damage to Council via website ‘Report It’. Major roads damage eg River Rd, should be reported to Transport for NSW.</p>	
8.	GENERAL BUSINESS:	<p>a. Guest speakers 2024 – GCA may organise/JV event ‘Meet the Candidates’ before Sep Council elections.</p> <p>2025 - Discussion beginning with ITC editor Jacky Barker and local presenter on History of Greenwich through Lane Cove Historical Society.</p> <p>b. Hard copies of Newsletters requested by few residents without computer access but becomes a nuisance to store them in Greenwich shops.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Julia Sharp to put Newsletter on notice board at shops.</p>	

	<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>President PD noted that GCA is not part of Gore Creek Valley Action Grp (GVAC) but that the group is active and their leaflet left on meeting room table for residents interested in their activities.</p> <p>Tom Lawson reported crane being utilised at Viva site on Manns Pt will be removed within a month. It was installed originally as difficult to access for maintenance works. Work now nearing completion.</p> <p>New Greenwich Baths operations re hours and supervision seem to be working well.</p> <p>New planting underway for bush area below O'Connell St. Weed growth in bushland abundant due to recent months of rain, putting pressure on bushcare by Council and volunteers.</p>	
CLOSE	<p>Meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>	<p>NEXT MEETINGS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tues 18 Jun 6pm Greenwich Public School Kingslangely Rd – Special Cyber Security Presentation 2. Wed 19 Jun 7.30pm GCA General Meeting Greenwich Sailing Club. 	

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