



Greenwich Community Association Inc

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MINUTES GCA PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS		ACTION
1.	WELCOME:	PD welcomed everyone Special welcome to Councillors Merri Southwood, Bridget Kennedy, David Roenfeldt , Kathy Bryla and Rochelle Flood	
2.	APOLOGIES:	Tom Lawson Liz Gill Helen Smith Andrew Zbik Patricia Quealey	
3.	GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM	PD explained the topics planned for guest speakers were: Bushcare – postponed until Spring Cyber Security – DM will follow up Indigenous Speaker relating to the Greenwich precinct	
4.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS:	AGM Minutes 15 February 2023 we approved as they covered all the general items being discussed tonight. Moved by: John Fegan Seconded: Don Murchison	
5.	CORRESPONDENCE:		
6.	REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:	Covered in discussions below.	
7.	COUNCILORS' REPORTS:	<p>Cr David Roenfeldt: Spoke about some of the projects that the GCA community may not be aware of and are part of the LCCs sustainability initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Powerful Owl - Stream Watch and National Water - Native Gardens sustainability - Solar for Business - Sustainability Advisory Service - Lovett Reserve protection program - Salt marsh restoration program - Canopy recycling stations - Blackman Park Skate Park upgrade with artwork - Woodford Bay erosion control - Amenities Blocks in various parks - Playground upgrades <p>DR outlined the acquisition by LCC of 14 Gaye Street and what to do with this property is still to be discussed with the community.</p>	

		<p>VR questioned if there are any initiatives that address the protection of native animals against feral cats & foxes. Is the Council considering the creation of an animal 'pound'?</p> <p>DR advised that LCC on occasions has an eradication program (a couple of times a year). PD suggested that DR find out whether LCC has a regular program in place to eradicate feral cats and dogs.</p> <p>DM questioned about the Arts Theatre planned for LCC chambers – this is still under review?</p>	DR
		<p>Cr Merri Southwood</p> <p>Bush Turkeys are causing problems and MS asked that people contact her if anyone has issues.</p> <p>Greenwich Baths lease is due for renewal – there will an EOI on the future of the Baths and a Council Workshop is planned for May. MS is requesting that the community be consulted about thoughts for the future of the baths.</p> <p>One item in the LCC report tomorrow night concerns the proposal to Heritage list sites in our area: Manns Pt, Holloway Reserve and Greendale Park under the name of Badangi. MS is requesting that the community be consulted before this occurs.</p> <p>SLS – MS expressed Councillors frustrations with the DCP and LEP implemented where developers are consistently proposing changes with every possibility these will be agreed by Council.</p> <p>Anita Dubian and Albert Dubian made additional comments about the activities at SLS – outlining what the LCC hasn't done to support the community/residents. They also warned that false and misleading statements by Council Officers could expose the Council to heavy fines under the Trade Practices Act.</p> <p>A diesel spill was noticed down Berrys Creek and according to the Council, the flow has been contained. The leak was traced to a Commercial Building generator at St Leonards (new building developed by JQZ). Councillors and the community didn't know about the leak – they received a report a week later. There will be EPA investigations but there should be stopgaps put in place to avoid this going forward.</p> <p>PD outlined the danger of this occurrence and the community not being informed in time to protect children who may play in this area. PD proposed that GCA write to Council about this and questioned what will be trapped in the GPTs(Gross Pollutant Traps).</p> <p>Moved by: John Fegan Seconded by: John Southwood</p>	PD
8.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	<p>PQ outlined the financial status of GCA.</p> <p>Earnings of \$3,000 per annum are required to operate the GCA (Basic costs include Facebook, website, credit card useful square, hall hire, etc). Subscriptions and donations are not meeting this currently.</p> <p>Total Income since the start of 2023: \$1277</p> <p>Cash balance: \$6,889.51</p> <p>Term Deposit: \$13,247.65</p> <p>Total Funds: \$20,237.26</p>	

		A Membership Drive is necessary to increase membership subscriptions. This will be planned for mid-year when most families are at home. DM suggested further fund raising via special events.	
9.	NOTIFIED BUSINESS:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Campbell Oval Master Progress update 	It's 12 months since the working group finalised the revised plan. MS has written to Martin Terashanko who confirmed that a proposal for designers of total landscape and turf will be put to Council next month. The meeting agreed this was very slow with Councillors stating that they had been advised that staff were working at peak capacity.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 266 Longueville Road LCC is the landlord of this property. 	Section 4.5 not supported by nor objected to Council as they are neutral to this as there is a conflict of interest with this project. Incredibly, when Council signed the lease agreement to accept \$30M from the lessee, Council was formally told that the lessee would novate to another party and that a change in design and use will be proposed. Council have employed an independent consultant to handle the DA, on Council's behalf. Pathway has applied to change the plans. 17 May is the decision date by SNPP.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Hospital update 	An agreement has been made by Greenwich Hospital to the suggestions supplied by GCA 12 months ago to include an SUP to the traffic lights.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport and Recreation Facility Plan (including Gore Creek Valley Action Group - GCVAG) 	<p>GCVAG is very concerned that the Council is going forward without proper review just to comply with the 30 June date for the \$5M grant. PD noted the mix of tenders involved in this project is of great concern. There are 5 contractors who aren't compatible in company size, project size and experience</p> <p>DR replied to a question posed by John Fegan about the transparency of the project. DR stated that the 24 submissions made, plus the 6 Associations represented in opposition to the DA (under GCVAG letter) was not enough to make an impact on his thoughts</p> <p>The 80% detail plans have not been seen by Councillors before the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night (20/04/23) as the plans are only to 50% detail. Councillors will be required to vote on this without seeing the plans. There is a Council Workshop on the 8 May but Councillors aren't allowed to formally comment.</p> <p>JS suggested to DR that the NSW Planning Minister be made aware of the issues and ask for an extension on the July 2023 deadline for the \$5M grant. JS tabled a set of figures to underpin the anomalies of LCC financial plans for this project. Please see John Southwood's document attached to these minutes.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonard's Over Rail Plaza/Park 	In progress. Looks as though it will finish as planned mid-year.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLS Council acquisition of 10 properties for park 	This is a moral item which GCA can't really do anything about. It's not Australian!! Council will purchase the properties some time in the future for a park but cannot say when or for how much. Council claims they do not have the funds, but they have the funds for the S&R Facility. Property owners have no other choice. MS cited the LCC Minutes of May 2022.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gore Bay Terminal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC does not have a formal relationship between Viva and the Council. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viva can carry out works without notifying LCC. • New leasing arrangements for pipeline not yet finalised. • No monitoring of work by Council. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenwich Baths Lease (User Group input) 	See MS comments above.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent meet the candidates Forum 	PD thanked DM for the organisation of this event, supported by GCA as a community service. Three representatives attended the meeting. Unfortunately, Minister Roberts was missing.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Gardens Sub-Committee 	Mary Scanlon talked to this new project. An initiative by Julia Sharp. A Sub-Committee has been formed of Julia Sharp, Mary Scanlan, Nicola Pain, Don Murchison and Karen Macalister-Hohnen. Plans are in motion to submit a plan to Council before the end of June.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manns Point 	As per above	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenwich Wharf update 	No new news	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Transport sub-committee 	The SUP from SLS to Greenwich doesn't seem to be as proposed by Council and DM will be looking for some clarity from LCC. DM is looking for members of this sub-committee	DM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickle Ball 	MC has proposed this new activity for Greenwich, and it is early days in the planning. Proposed location is at the tennis courts at Leemon Reserve.	
10.	GENERAL BUSINESS:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members and renewed subscriptions needed 	Discussed above.	
	Other Matters	Albert Dubian offered thanks to all the Councillors attending tonight.	
CLOSE	Meeting closed at 10:00pm	NEXT MEETING: 21 June 2023	