



" Our Community Matters"

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Dear Community Member,

Next public meeting, 7.30pm Wednesday 17 April, Greenwich Sailing Club

Items covered in this newsletter,

- 1. Lane Cove Council's change to Public Forum**
- 2. Still no start to on-site works for Bob Campbell Oval**
- 3. Lack of Progress on Sports and Recreation Facility**
- 4. Development Approval for Greenwich Hospital**
- 5. Save the Date - Evening of Tuesday 19th June - Cyber Security Presentation by Expert Consultant. To be held at Greenwich Public School**

1. Council's change to the Public Forum

We wrote about this in our last newsletter.

Disappointingly, Council has so far persisted with the separate Public Forum meeting on the Monday, prior to the regular Thursday evening Council meeting. As Council staff and Councillors are not required to attend the Monday forum, this means members of the public will potentially speak to 'no-one in particular' about issues of concern.

It also allows just 3 days for members of the public to read the Council papers and then decide to speak - an impossibly short time-frame. Council meetings (including Public Forums)

were moved last year from Monday to Thursday to give Councilors and members of the public ample time to review the papers.

In The Cove, in a recent publication, has stated that movement of the Public Forum is unlawful according to their legal advice. So we await Council's response.

Our Council proudly states the Public Forum is part of their Community Consultation process. We hope that with further consideration the decision to move the forum will be rapidly reversed.

2. Still no start to on-site works for Bob Campbell Oval

It is now over 2 years since the decision was made by Lane Cove Council to proceed with a natural grass oval. It is totally unacceptable that this Council for the last 2 years could not organise the design, tendering and award of construction contracts and start on-site works for this small project. With this delay, and the well documented generally increasing construction costs, we await with interest, new forecast cost estimates, and how much the scope of works will be reduced to ensure that final costs are anywhere near the pre-approved budgets.

3. Serious lack of progress on the Sport and Recreation Facility

Whilst a head contractor was appointed approximately 3 months ago after completion of demolition and earthworks, very little site progress has been achieved. Who is paying for the delay and what will the final scope and costs be, noting that this is a largely rate payer funded \$75M project? We await further details on this, also noting that the GCA originally urged caution to ensure all contract details were resolved before proceeding with the project

4. Development Approval for Greenwich Hospital

The Independent Planning Commission has finally granted Development Approval for this major development by HammondCare. See link [here](#)

5. Save the Date

All of us are becoming more and more concerned about the security of our phones, notebooks and computers as we increasingly depend on them in everyday life.

With this in mind, we have been in discussions recently with the Principal of Greenwich Public School, Mr Callum Thomson, and he has kindly opened to the community a general invitation to attend an expert consultant's presentation on Cyber Security for adults. This will be held at Greenwich Public School's Kingslangely Campus on the evening of Tuesday 19th

June. More details to follow closer to the date.

Kind regards,

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