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Dear Community Member

This newsletter updates on:

- Bob Campbell Oval
- Greenwich Village Games
- Sport and Recreation Facility
- Performing Arts new home in Lane Cove
- Greenwich Wharf Upgrade
- Gore Creek Valley Action Group Inc
- Next GCA Meeting - Wednesday 14th December
- Farewell to Paula and her family from IGA Greenwich

### **Bob Campbell Oval Master Plan**

At its meeting on 27th October Council endorsed the Master Plan developed by the BCO Masterplan working group.

A link to the Master Plan is [here](#)

Its exhibition for community comment is imminent.

### **Greenwich Village Games**

3rd - 5th December - Bob Campbell Oval

practising their skills and a weekend of camaraderie and friendly competition is guaranteed. Even if you are not active in a team drop down to BCO over the weekend and enjoy this community get together and combination of unique sports.

### **Sport and Recreation Facility**

The GCA enthusiastically supports the creation of expanded & upgraded sporting facilities but as we have stated previously, we are concerned with the current proposal at Lane Cove Golf Course for the following reasons.

- **For the estimated building cost of \$75m, little additional facility is gained. (Four *new* indoor multi-use courts and 5 *existing* outdoor tennis courts converted to 4 multi-use courts)**
- **The size of the capital expenditure on this one project. It will consume 100% + of Council's available reserves from developer contributions as well as requiring a \$10m loan and a \$5m NSW State Government Grant. It also dips into current and future Sustainability Levy receipts for \$1.2m**
- **Forecast operating revenue and ability to service debt, let alone depreciation, is dependent on a range of participation assumptions that have not been independently assessed**

Other issues include:

- Current inadequate public transport servicing the location,
- Lack of safe walking and cycle access to the facility from Greenwich along the River Road footpath where it narrows beside the cliff face
- Keeping the golf course open and accessible during a lengthy construction process.
- Environmental concerns
- Lack of flexible space to support the range of community activities presently conducted in the golf club premises.

### **Potential Joint Venture the Sport and Recreation Facility with Willoughby City Council**

Willoughby Council is also planning a similar facility to be located at Gore Hill, adjacent to the Pacific Highway, (6 indoor courts and a separate multi-use hall). However, it is encountering cost head winds and the original estimate has increased by \$10m to \$75m. At their 31 October meeting Willoughby Councilors instructed staff to cost up a reduced scale facility and to consider other options.

It is highly relevant that WCC's defined primary "catchment area" is identical to Lane Cove's primary catchment area - ie the LGAs of Willoughby, Lane Cover, North Sydney and Mosman.

The Willoughby location offers many advantages over the LCC proposal such as public

Given the above issues the GCA believes that **LCC should now actively pursue a joint venture with WCC to deliver the facility on a scale that will service current and foreseeable demand whilst allowing upgrades at the Golf Course for netball and other community recreation activities.**

These views were previously expressed by the GCA in submissions to Council in 2021. At that time the LCC sport and recreation facility was priced at **\$47.4m**. Given a project price tag now of an **estimated \$75m**, (and for one less indoor court - now 8 - previously 9), the case for a J/V with Willoughby is compelling.

The link to the GCA's July 2021 submission is [here](#)

The link to the GCA's August submission is [here](#)

Please note that all GCA submissions to Council are accessible via our web site vis: [Submissions — GCA \(greenwich.org.au\)](#)

### **Performing Arts in Lane Cove - Use of existing Council Chambers**

For decades there has been no permanent "home" for performing arts groups in our LGA.

In response to this and in front of a packed auditorium of performing arts supporters Council at its meeting of 24th November voted unanimously to:

*"Council conduct, in late January 2023, after school returns, a workshop with local cultural groups of a size that would potentially utilise a Theatre, delivered by the **conversion of the existing Council Chambers into a multi-use facility incorporating both Council Meetings and Cultural Performances**, to:-*

- a. Determine the needs of the local cultural groups for the project; and*
- b. Review the initial planning ideas having regard to the identified needs of the groups."*

### **Greenwich Wharf Upgrade**

Not a lot to report - but the link to Council's Agenda for its November 24th meeting where the item can be found is [here](#).

Transport for NSW is not taking any further submissions.

The GCA's submission of February 2022 is [here](#)

### **Gore Creek Valley Action Group Inc**

Its objectives are to "*protect the parklands, bushland and serenity of the Gore Creek Valley and keeping it for all the community to enjoy*"

The President is Adrienne Cahalan OAM and the group's email address is: [gorecreekvalleyag@gmail.com](mailto:gorecreekvalleyag@gmail.com)

The group is specifically concerned about over development in and adjacent to Gore Creek Valley - which includes the golf course precinct and the Sport and Recreation Project.

Last Sunday 20th November the Group hosted Federal MP The Hon Kylea Tink at the Golf course to review building developments in Longueville Rd and the golf club. Kylea stated she would try to get the Mayors of each of North Sydney, Willoughby and Lane Cove together to talk about developing facilities on a joint basis. She thought joint venturing a Sport and Recreation facility at Gore Hill made a lot of sense.

Please contact Adrienne to get on their email list or to obtain further information.

### **Next GCA Meeting - Wednesday 14th December - 7.30 pm**

All community members are invited to attend the final GCA General Meeting for 2022. As usual, the meeting will be at **Greenwich Sailing Club off O'Connell St**. And, as is our custom, Christmas cheer will be served at the end of the meeting.

### **Farewell to Paula and her Family from Greenwich IGA**

After 22 years Paula is retiring and a sendoff lunch to thank her and her family for 22 years of tireless, friendly service is planned as follows:

Sunday 11 December

Primary School - Opposite shops

1200 - 3.00 pm

BYO plate to share and BYO drinks

Sausage sizzle available for a gold coin donation

Paula has made an invaluable contribution to the community and will be sadly missed.

On behalf of the GCA we wish her and her family all the best for the future.

Kind regards

**President**

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