



Issue No. 98

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Dear Community Members

Happy New Year to you all.

A difficult start to the year and many of us are coping with challenges that we never expected to face.

We hope that this period will be over soon and that Greenwich community members will be able start connecting again less remotely.

Here is an update on the various developments and proposals that will impact our part of the world.

### **St Leonards Over-rail Plaza**

If you walk along Pacific Highway, you will see that work on the plaza across the road from St Leonards Station has well and truly started.

Council has confirmed that Arenco (NSW) Pty Limited has been appointed as the principal contractor for the project.

For the duration of the project there will be changes to local access that will impact Marshall Lane and the top of Canberra Avenue.



Pedestrian access from Canberra Avenue to Pacific Highway has been blocked for the past month. Council has confirmed that access will be reinstated via a small staircase that will be built beside the works.

As with any major project, there will undoubtedly be issues that will come up from time to time that will need an urgent response. We have asked Council to nominate a specific contact number for this purpose.

The over-rail plaza is, by any measure, a major project and something very new for Lane Cove Council.

The cost of the project and the full funding source remains unclear, as no details of the Arenco contract are available online.

The most recent indication of cost was included in the Council business papers of 19 July 2021.

The proposed funding sources were described as:-

Funds from Voluntary Planning Agreements	\$46, 065, 298 (fully paid)
Section 7.11 developer contributions	\$34, 733, 258 (see below)
NSW Government grant	\$4, 700,000

As of 19 July 2021, \$19, 817.390 had been received through Section 7.11 contributions but a *“large proportion of s7.11 funds already received have be (sic) used on other projects.”*

We are not clear as to what is meant by “large proportion” and whether the Section 7.11 funds remaining or to be received will be sufficient to deliver this major project.

### **Greenwich Wharf Upgrade**



We have had no response to our request of 15 December 2021 to the Minister for Transport for a delay in the submission deadline for comments on the Greenwich Wharf Upgrade plans.

We also sought support for our request from our local member, the Hon Anthony Roberts, but it appears that he has not heard back from the Minister for Transport.

Council advised on 17 December 2021 that it would support our request to Transport for NSW for a delayed deadline. We will follow up to see if Council has had any response.

We already felt that the 19 January 2022 deadline was inappropriate, given the holiday period, but this is even more the case with the disruption and stress caused by the COVID outbreak.

Whilst we will do what we can to secure more time, **it seems that we must work to a submission deadline of 19 January 2022.**

The GCA will make a submission which will be informed by community input but we urge other community members to submit one of their own.

An outline of the project and submission details can be accessed on this [link](#).

The [Review of Environmental Factors](#) contains more design detail

### **Development Application for the Sports and Recreation Facility on the golf course site**

The Sydney North Planning Panel hearing scheduled to determine the DA for the Sports and Recreation Facility DA on 7 December was cancelled.

No new hearing date has been set.

Council's website states that the Panel has requested further information in relation to SEPP 55 which is the NSW planning policy on the remediation of contaminated land.

### **DAs in the St Leonards South Precinct**

All three proposals incorporate more than the one part- storey envisaged when Council approved its Development Control Plan in 2020.

It is now apparent that developers seem well aware that there is flexibility around the numbers of part storeys on a sloping site. Whether the FSR controls will be effective in controlling an increase in projected unit numbers across SLS remains to be seen.

**DA 99/2021     21-41 Canberra Ave                      (329 dwellings)**

The submission deadline has closed.

The DA will be determined by the Sydney North Planning Panel.

The SNPP site advises that a determination date is scheduled for 16 February 2022.

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Panel at the determination hearing.

**DA 162/2021     13-19 Canberra Avenue                      (84 dwellings / childcare centre/  
community facility)**

The deadline for submissions has closed.

The GCA was waiting on clarification around the capacity of the Development Control Plan to control part storey numbers before it made a submission.

Now that we have the information that there is “flexibility” around this control, we will make a late submission. Community members may elect to do the same.

**DA 187/2021     3 Holdsworth Avenue                      (104 dwellings)**

The deadline for submissions is 21 January 2022.

If you require assistance to navigate the Council website to locate the detail of the above developments please email [gca2065@gmail.com](mailto:gca2065@gmail.com)

**Council's Proposal to limit scope of DA notification in SLS**

Shortly before Christmas Council notified residents that it proposed to narrow the scope of future notifications of DAs in St Leonards South.

Given the history of SLS and the level of concern that Council's planning controls must be enforced, we are concerned about the reduced scope of notification.

The effect of this proposal is that most of the notifications would go to the developers who already own the sites in SLS and who stand to gain from developments.

The notification scope would exclude the people who will actually be impacted by the proposed developments and who may like to have a say.

On 3 January 2022 the GCA wrote to Mr Brisby, Council's Executive Manager- Environmental Services, seeking a reversal of this proposal.

**Bob Campbell Oval**

The REF and Part 5 for the Bob Campbell Oval Master Plan have not been posted to the Council website.

Eight of the nine Councillors elected last December have made public commitments that they will support the cancellation of the synthetic ground at BCO.

We will update the community as the new Council addresses this issue, one that has caused significant community concern.

**Our newly elected Council will meet for the first time at 7 pm on Monday 10 January – tomorrow night**

The results of the Council elections of 4 December 2021 have been announced.

**Central Ward:**

Kathy Bryla (Labor)

Bridget Kennedy (Independent)

Katherine Mort (Liberal)

**East Ward:**

David Brooks-Horn (Liberal)

David Roenfeldt (Labor)

Merri Southwood (Independent)

**West Ward:**

Scott Bennison (Liberal)

Rochelle Flood (Greens)

Andrew Zbik (Labor)

The first meeting of Council will be held at 7 pm on Monday 10 January – tomorrow night.

The main item of business at this meeting will be the election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

The agenda for the meeting can be accessed on this link

[https://lanecove.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/01/CNL\\_10012022\\_AGN\\_WEB.htm](https://lanecove.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/01/CNL_10012022_AGN_WEB.htm)

The meeting will be accessible via Webcast

<https://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/YourCouncil/CouncilMeetingsandReports/Pages/MeetingWebcast.aspx>

**GCA committee post the Council meeting**

I will be stepping down from the GCA committee immediately after the Council meeting on 10 January.

We have a GCA AGM coming up on Wednesday 16 February and Alan Winney and Peter Deane, GCA Vice Presidents, will step into the Acting President role pending the AGM.

On a personal note, it has been my privilege to play a role on the GCA Committee during some very challenging times for East Ward. I have enjoyed the support of excellent and skilled committee members, not to mention the incredible support of so many community members.

I will work hard to represent the views of East Ward residents on Council and look forward to your input on all things Council on [msouthwood@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:msouthwood@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)

I look forward to a collaborative working relationship with our two other East Ward Councillors, David Brooks-Horn [dbrookshorn@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dbrookshorn@lanecove.nsw.gov.au) and David Roenfeldt [droenfeldt@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:droenfeldt@lanecove.nsw.gov.au), and indeed all Councillors.

And please give thought to nominating for the GCA committee in February. After our recent challenges, we know that there are many people out there with great skills that will help the GCA to navigate the many issues that will continue to confront Greenwich and East Ward.

Kind regards

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