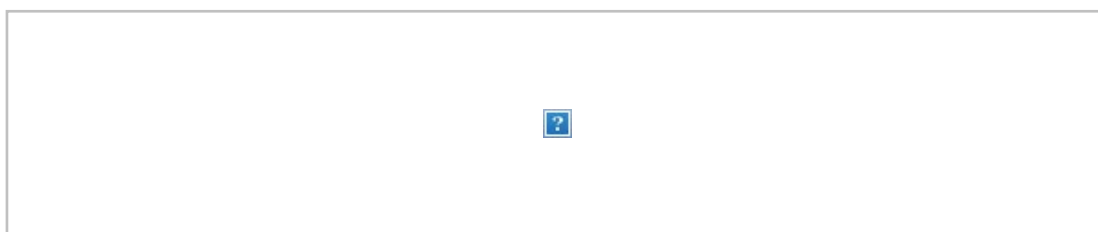


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" Our Community Matters"

Issue No. 136

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8th October 2023

Dear Community Member,

Next Public Meeting – 18 October at 7.30 pm at the Greenwich Sailing Club.

This meeting will include a special presentation by Julie Dowsley about Bush Care in our neighbourhood.

The presentation will cover details on the structure of Bush Care programmes, how to become involved for those who are interested, and muchmore.

This Newsletter covers the following:

- Greenwich Baths - community input
- St Leonards South proposed closure of Canberra Ave
- Mayoral election
- Greenwich Village Community Garden
- Bob Campbell Oval progress
- Berrys Creek contamination
- Sport & Rec Facility – Lane Cove Golf Course

- GCA Membership.

Green Baths operations – community input

Council has invited community input on how the baths should operate in future including various levels of on site management and opening hours. We encourage all community members to have their say via the Lane Cove Council website “Have Your Say” section open until 1 Nov 2023. We thank our Councillors for this opportunity.

St Leonards South Proposed Closure of Canberra Ave

As advertised in our previous newsletter (Issue no 134 dated 4 Sep), two on site meetings were held on 6 Sep to discuss the proposal from Council Officers.

The GCA has written to Council, as have many residents, pointing out the unacceptable traffic overload on Duntroon Ave and its intersection with River Rd should this proposal be implemented. We now await Council’s actions.

Mayoral Election

We congratulate new Mayor Scott Bennison and new Deputy Mayor David Roenfeldt on their appointment.

Their election was interesting in itself as the main parties - Liberal (Scott Bennison, David Brookes-Horne and Katherine Mort) and Labor Councillors (Andrew Zbik, David Roenfeldt) -combined to elect Mayor and Deputy and so defeat the Independent Councillors (Merri Southwood, Bridget Kennedy, Kathy Bryla) and Green Councillor (Rochelle Flood).

Noting that until just before the Mayoral election, Councillor Kathy Bryla resigned from the Labor Party to become Independent and so in the final round of voting, Scott Bennison was elected Mayor over Rochelle Flood 5 votes to 4.

Greenwich Village Garden

The proposed Village Garden Management Plan is well developed and discussions are continuing with Council and other community groups. Come along to our meeting (18 Oct) to hear the latest from our enthusiastic sub committee.

Bob Campbell Oval Status

Whilst our Councillors will be able to bring us up to date at our meeting, we are all concerned that this project is taking so long. It is now almost 2 years since the rebuilding of the oval to include natural grass was endorsed by Council and still no physical work has commenced. We understand that 90% documentation has been completed but that the REF (Review of Environmental Factors) is still outstanding and that the next status review date of 27 Nov 23 will be too late for the December Council Meeting.

Berrys Creek Contamination

Council has now finally responded to the GCA’s concern re this contamination which occurred some months ago, as a result of chemical spillage at a new multi storey building at SLS. Council has assured the GCA that it has the means and personnel to monitor for future spillages/contamination, to maintain the community’s safety and to prosecute those who break the law.

Sport & Rec Facility – Lane Cove Golf Course

As can be seen from River Rd, works have started with the main contract being awarded to Adco.

It was disappointing to the community that despite community concerns over project viability and the very large capital cost for a small council, and therefore the need for further time to justify the project and to hold further discussions with surrounding councils, the then Mayor Andrew Zbik elected to again use his casting vote (for the 3rd time on this project) to push forward with construction as rapidly as possible. We all now have fingers crossed for a successful outcome that will not become a substantial drain on Council's (OUR) financial resources.

GCA membership

Thank you to those residents who joined or renewed their membership for 2023. If you haven't done so for this year, please support the GCA's community work. Membership is \$20/yr. Our bank details are

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Kind regards

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