



Dear Community Members

Our last community broadcast was emailed on to you on 16 March, bearing the distressing news that the 15 March rescission motion in Council to cancel the approval of a synthetic surface at Bob Campbell Oval (BCO) had been unsuccessful. The vote was 4-4, meaning the rescission motion was lost.

A great deal has happened on the BCO front since then, as you will read in our April newsletter.

[Click Here](#)

We include below the letter we have written to the Minister for Planning about the bizarre situation whereby a \$3.6 million grant can be approved with evidence of consultation with just one local stakeholder (and two district/regional football associations).

We have also asked the Minister to clarify exactly when his review into synthetic sports grounds will commence as it is clear that our Council will push ahead with its plans for BCO unless the Minister forces a pause.

[Click Here](#)

A few events that you may not want to miss: -

**[Webinar on synthetic sportsgrounds and loss of public green open space](#)**  
**[Thursday 22 April at 6:30 pm](#)**

Some of our Councillors may be choosing to ignore it, but there is a lot of noise from Lane Cove and other metropolitan communities about the environmental and health impacts of synthetic sportsgrounds.

The residents of Banksia face exactly the same problems as we face at BCO. Their Council has received a grant from the Department of Planning to construct a synthetic sportsground at Gardiner Park. No proper community consultation, sitting on a floodway – sound familiar?

available to all.

A great opportunity to hear from others about how they are going about their campaigns to keep natural grass in community open spaces.

If you wish to participate in the webinar you will need to register using the QR code displayed in our newsletter.

### **Greenwich Wharf Upgrade**

The concept plans for the Greenwich Wharf upgrade are on display at Mary Carlson Park, Lower Serpentine Road, Greenwich Point on **Sunday 18 April**, between midday and 3pm and on **Thursday 22 April** between 2pm and 5pm.

More information available on [Greenwich Point Wharf upgrade - Projects - Roads and Maritime Services \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

### **Council Meeting this Monday night 19 April at 7:00 pm**

You will find the Council agenda on [http://lcc-web1.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/InfoCouncil/Open/2021/04/CNL\\_19042021\\_AGN\\_WEB.htm](http://lcc-web1.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/InfoCouncil/Open/2021/04/CNL_19042021_AGN_WEB.htm)

There are several items on the Agenda very relevant to Greenwich.

- plans for a Development Application for Council's Indoor Sport and Recreation Facility are up for Council approval prior to submission to the Sydney North Planning Panel for determination
- an update from the Mayor on the status of the St Leonards over-rail plaza project
- a motion authored by Councillors Vissel and Zbik for a preliminary investigation of options to reduce light 'spill' on urban bushland in Lane Cove – this is a consideration for Bob Campbell Oval, the golf course precinct and the Greenwich Hospital development
- the developer (Section 7.11) contribution plan for St Leonards South
- and the concerning news that the NSW government is contemplating changes to Clause 4.6 in all Local Environmental Plans which would effectively mean that the controls in place for height and FSR in St Leonards South would disappear.

For the first time in a year, members of the public will be allowed to attend the Council meeting to address Councillors in public forum. Council has to limit the number of people in the Chamber to 30 but, if you miss out on a seat, you can register to address Councillors via Zoom.

All Public Forum participants must be registered to speak using the [online form](#), no later than midnight on the day prior to the meeting (i.e. Sunday 18 April

Forum.

**AND PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR APRIL GENERAL MEETING AT 7:30 pm  
ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL IN THE SAILING CLUB OFF O'CONNELL  
STREET.**

Kind regards

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