



# Warrimoo News



*Newsletter of the Warrimoo Citizens Association*

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## **Warrimoo Citizens' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7.00pm, Fire Brigade Hall GWH**

### **Agenda:**

- Reports on Activities 2015**
- Election of Officeholders**
- General Meeting Business**
- Honouring Past Officeholders**

### **Santa Day Marches On**

Warrimooians should take a bow for turning up in numbers to the latest 'Santa Day' at Warrimoo Oval last December. It was a delightful afternoon, helped by the fact that this year's 'Santa Team' from the Fire Brigade was a real gem: they spent time with the eager kids and gave them a full appreciation of the generosity of Xmas. It was a hot afternoon, but in the spirit of the day the Fire Brigadiers gave the kids a hefty dose of cooling 'big hose spray'—maybe this could become a 'tradition' of the day?

Joel Macrae did a great job overseeing the 'Frozen' jumping castle, Lachlan Davis, Steve Barratt and Jenny Wahlen survived both climate and B-B-Q heat to provide sizzled snags and ice cold drinks, while Liz Hale and Maja Martuzc painted gleeful children's faces. A cricket match even began on the oval, thanks to Rob Pecovnik.

The Moo Choir performed in their usual stirring way, and deserve our praise and gratitude for their annual quest to engage the community in carols singing. Without their presence, it simply would not be 'Xmassy' enough on Santa Day. Liz Phillips deserves special mention for taking up conducting duties in the absence of normal director, Suzanne Langford.

Special thanks to Dave Hart and the LBMJRL club for use of the facilities at Warrimoo Oval—the ice came in very handy!

Warrimoo Santa Day--bigger and better in 2016!

### **THAT Airport...**

Residents of Warrimoo can take some pride in their response to the announcement of Western Sydney Airport's 'Environmental Impact Statement' last year. Many householders took the forefront in addressing Public Meetings and arguing the host of reasons why a conga-line of aircraft should not be seen over Warrimoo's beautiful skies. Many more took the trouble to write submissions to the Dept. of Infrastructure.

Warrimoo P & C President Phil Jeffery gave an inspired and informative report on the proposed Airport at the November Meeting which led members present to vow their opposition. It was Phil's leadership, along with Juliet Hinchcliffe's determination, that led to a combined meeting of concerned parents at St. Finbar's School to assess the threat of the Airport to childrens' education throughout the whole Lower Blue Mountains and western Sydney region. Again, leadership shown by people from Warrimoo.

As opposition to Badgerys Creek Airport grows more interest is developing around the possibilities of High Speed Rail reducing the carbon imprint of interstate travel. A special '**High Speed Rail**' Forum will soon be held in the Warrimoo Citizens Hall on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come along and find out more.

## **SEPP 4 and Medium Density Development**

We may be congratulating ourselves on saving our own unique 'Blue Mountains LEP', which is a good thing that restricts developments to tight standards suitable to our special environment, but now there is a fly in the ointment. 'SEPP 4' is a recently passed piece of State legislation which stands for 'State Environment Planning Policy # 4'. Basically it means that developers can build two storey medium-density accommodation anywhere (including the 'Mountains) without having to submit any Development Application to Council—or anyone. No-one can stop them. They are exempt from any restrictions whatsoever. Will it affect Warrimoo? Probably.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm:** Cross Street Bushcare will meet at the Cross Street Reserve. Contact Steve Barratt on 47 536 339;

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm:** Warrimoo Citizens Association AGM, Fire Brigade Hall. All residents welcome.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm:** Warrimoo Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, general meeting at the Fire Station. Contact Lorraine Traish at [lorraine.traish@y7mail.com](mailto:lorraine.traish@y7mail.com)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30 am:** Streamwatch Group meets at the gates to the Rickard Road fire trail. Contact Steve Barratt on 47 536 339;

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1:00 pm:** Long Angle Landcare, working bee meets at the fire trail gates. Contact: Karleen Waldron on 4753 6636 or 04 2851 2305;

**Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am:** Conservation Society 'Leisure Walk', Lapstone Zig-Zag to Elizabeth Lookout. Meet Glenbrook Station. Contact Maurice 0402 402 783.

**Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm:** Sound Lounge at Warrimoo PS --'Kevin and Dustin Welch'. Tickets at Blue Store and Turning Page. Contact Diana on 0418 765 090

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.00pm:** Forum-'High Speed Rail: a Very Real Alternative'. Presenter from 'Beyond Zero Emissions' will lead discussion at Warrimoo Citizens Hall. Brought to you by BM Greens

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