

Warrimoo News

*Newsletter of the Warrimoo Citizens Association
March 2017*

Warrimoo Citizens' Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 14th March 2017, 7.00pm, Fire Brigade Hall GWH

Agenda:

- Election of Officeholders**
- Report back on Parking at**
- All residents and interested**

**Warrimoo Oval
stakeholders invited**

Bus Shelter Saved

For a while it looked like Warrimoo would lose another piece of infrastructure: the Bus Shelter next to the 'Whimsical Notions' antiques shop was threatened with removal. As soon as Sue from the 'Blue Shop' heard she contacted the Warrimoo Citizens Association—a few panicky phone calls later BMCC Mayor Mark Greenhill had interceded and halted the proposed removal to allow further consultation.

Various stakeholders, including WCA, attended an 'on-site' consultation with the relevant Council Officer (Mark Bruhn) and discussed alternatives to removal of the existing Bus Shelter. It was pointed out that the Bus Shelter was needed and regularly used by school students and residents alike, and that over the past decade Warrimoo had lost a plethora of infrastructural amenities—such as Public Toilets, bubblers, Bus Stop seating and even plant foliage on the Highway (this was removed when RMS installed concrete barriers, without full compensation).

When all had become clear and everyone had stated their case, a compromise was reached and the Bus Shelter was retained. Thank you stakeholders, for your reasonableness, thank you BMCC and Mark Bruhn for your flexibility.

New Planter-Seats Installed

After two years lobbying by WCA four new 'Planter Seats' have been installed in front of shops in the 'Warrimoo CBD'—they each bring a nice touch of green foliage to the public face of our township and the community is accordingly grateful to BMCC, particularly Patricia Lane-Gonzales and Mayor Mark Greenhill, for their ongoing interest in the project.

Some of the plants in the Planter boxes have, however, had a tough introduction to our Warrimoo climate and withered. This is our own responsibility, since we—shopkeepers and Warrimoo Citizens alike—had promised Council we would maintain the plants once the boxes were installed. There is no blame attached here! We have experienced a 'Climate Change' summer of intense heat which has affected all our gardens and some of our shoppies have had their own preoccupations—like moving out of their premises!

Yet it is beholden of us to find a solution/replacement for the dead plants. If anyone has some spare and appropriate plants that might be used instead of those that 'did not make it', please come forward and volunteer a contribution.

Let Sue or David (in the 'Blue Shop') know and we can arrange a 'replanting'—it would be greatly appreciated by the whole community.

Another Xmas, Another 'Santa Day'

As with previous years, the WCA/Bush Fire Brigade sponsored a Tanker riding Santa and B-B-Q at Warrimoo Oval on the Saturday before Xmas last year. The Moo Choir sang beautiful carols as they always do, the Jumping Castle was in full swing and the 'Ultimate Frisbee-ers' put on a demonstration game on the oval.

Thanks for a wonderful afternoon go to Lachlan Davis, Jenny Wahlen, Steve Barratt and the Moonie family on the B-B-Q, Suzanne Langford and the Moo Choir, Kate McConville and Noel Willis for supervising the Jumping Castle, Sarah Wentworth and the Ultimate Frisbee players, the Lower Blue Mountains Junior Rugby League for use of their facilities as well as, of course, the magical volunteers from Warrimoo Bush Fire Brigade and their terrific Santa—THREE CHEERS!

That Airport

WCA is still solid with BMCC in totally opposing the proposed Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek. The struggle is by no means over! As most opponents have already pointed out, the sums just don't add up for a workable airport in western Sydney. On financial advice, Sydney Airport Corporation has balked at purchasing the site and building the project without government guarantees to cover 'cost overruns'—it is simply a bad investment and cannot be viable on its own...

The two high-profile Mayors who have opposed the Airport, Mark Greenhill from the Mountains and Steve Bali from Blacktown, in conjunction with 'NoBCA' (No Badgerys Creek Airport) and RAWSA are having a 'Mass Community Forum' on the topic 'Western Sydney Airport-Yes or No?' at Blacktown's Bowman Hall on Sunday afternoon April 23rd. This could be the 'make or break' event for the whole campaign. Interested residents of western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to attend.

Oval Parking Reportback

Unfortunately funds for the Warrimoo Oval parking overhaul have not been forthcoming and the project has been postponed indefinitely. BMCC has done Summerhayes and will go ahead with the Lapstone make-overs but not ours. A more detailed report will be given at the next meeting of the Warrimoo Citizens Association.

Upcoming Events

Friday 3rd March at 8pm: Warrimoo Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, general meeting at the Fire Station. Contact Lorraine Traish at [HYPERLINK "mailto:lorraine.traish@y7mail.com"lorraine.traish@y7mail.com](mailto:lorraine.traish@y7mail.com)

Saturday 4th March at 9:30am: Streamwatch Group meets at the gate to the Rickard Road fire trail. Contact Steve Barratt on 4753 6339;

Saturday 4th March at 1:00 pm: Long Angle Landcare will meet at the Rickard Road fire trail gate. Contact: Karleen Waldron on 4753 6636 or 04 2851 2305;

Tuesday 14th March at 7.00pm: Warrimoo Citizens Association Annual General Meeting, in the Fire Brigade Hall. All Warrimoo residents welcome.

Sunday 23rd April at 2.00pm: “Western Sydney Airport—Yes or No?” Mass Community Forum, Speakers for and against--Bowman Hall Blacktown (next to the Civic Centre)

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