



# Warrimoo News



*Newsletter of the Warrimoo Citizens Association*

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...is now BOTH a website AND a Facebook Page

**Website**—this is your one-stop shop for all things ‘Warrimoo’:

- important local contacts—fire brigade, school etc
- ‘gardens of Warrimoo’
- events calendar
- news and photo archives
- Warrimoo history
- links and WCA records

**Facebook**—this is ‘local announcements’, views + event information

- visit and ‘Like’ us
- direct communication with other Warrimooians
- post your own event

### New Constitution

At its last General Meeting held in August, the Warrimoo Citizens Association ratified a new constitution. It’s time to join WCA and play your civic role in improving Warrimoo.

### Badgerys Creek

The Abbott (Federal) and Baird (State) governments announced the construction of an airport at Badgerys Creek as a ‘fait accompli’ to be built and not discussed. Thus they initially said that an ‘Environmental Impact Statement’ (EIS) was unnecessary as one had already been done in 1997(!). Fear that UNESCO may withdraw the World Heritage listing for the Blue Mountains has meant they have now relented on this position and an EIS is currently being done. This EIS is due to be released in November of this year. Please find out about it, read it, and make your views on its research and its recommendations known.

Please write to ‘The Hon Greg Hunt, Minister for the Environment, PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600’ OR [Greg.Hunt.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Greg.Hunt.MP@aph.gov.au) and politely inform him of your views.

WCA has followed BMCC and the Blue Mountains Conservation Society in opposing the construction of an airport at Badgerys Creek. We favour the establishment of a High Speed Rail Hub there instead. It is surely time the politicians of Western Sydney got together to demand world class solutions to the growing chaos of vehicular traffic in the region. Inviting even more polluting aircraft movements fed by tens of thousands of Jet-fuel-tanker journeys from Port Botany annually will not help. The proposed ‘infra-structure bonanza’ is already being shelved. ‘Passenger buses’ and freight semi-trailers are now being proposed instead of train links.

Further details on the reasons for our position will be posted and distributed as time goes on.

## Delays to Warrimoo Improvements...

Firstly, it must be said that we are grateful to BMCC for the new plantings of callistemon shrubs in the nature strip outside the 'Blue Shop' earlier this year. This was timely and neatly done by BMCC garden staff, but was really only one part of a 'Warrimoo Improvements' makeover planned for 2015.

The Citizens Association has been obliged to postpone a celebratory opening of 'Possum Park' because BMCC's promised signage has not been put in place at the projected time. Similarly, a set of four 'planter/seats' pledged to the Warrimoo shops precinct have not arrived despite having been in the 'planning stages' for the past year. WCA apologises for the delays, and for raising hopes about the delivery of these installations sooner. We are trying our best, but clearly the delivery of these items is out of our hands.

## Upcoming Events (mostly from 'Warrimoo Warble')

**Friday 4th September 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 5th September at 9:00am (TBC):** Streamwatch Group meets at the gates to the Rickard Road fire trail. Contact Steve Barratt on 4753 6339;

**Saturday 5th September 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;

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm:** Warrimoo Fire Brigade **\*Trivia Night\*!** Book via [robertcroft18@gmail.com](mailto:robertcroft18@gmail.com)

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10 am to 2pm:** RFS Open Day at bushfire brigade stations

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm:** FOTMIL Big Night Out—Lawson Hall. Great Music, Food, \$20

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm:** Fitzgeralds Catchment Group meeting at the bushfire station. Contact: Steve Barratt on 4753 6339 or Karleen Waldron on 4753 6636 or 04 2851 2305.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September all day event:** Joint Catchment Group work at the Long Angle Creek Melaleuca swamp. Ring Steve Barratt on 4753 6339 or Karleen Waldron on 4753 6636 or 04 2851 2305.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Big Day Out event meeting at Warrimoo Oval. Ring Steve Barratt on 4753 6339

## Parking at Warrimoo Oval, and Beyond

Residents and observers of Rickard Road on a winter's weekend know that the situation regarding visitor car-parking there is somewhat chaotic. It frequently stretches long distances up the thoroughfare and blocks out parking for tennis patrons.

Acting on preliminary discussions already held, WCA is seeking to bring stakeholders together so that solutions might be found to the traffic and parking congestion happening at the end of Rickard Road. It may be possible to achieve a relatively low cost solution to the problem if all participants come to the table with a positive frame of mind. This is the aim of the Warrimoo Citizens Association.

## Robyn's Nest Makeover

Proprietor of 'Robyn's Nest' Collectables, Robyn Kirk-Brown, is a lively local shoppie, indeed. She has added an extra 'garden space' at the rear of her little yellow shop, incorporated Blinky Bill character 'Mrs Magpie' to her garage frontage, and refreshed her shop sign.

Robyn is a remarkable character of Warrimoo and her enthusiasm adds much to our township. Find her story is on the <[warrimoo.org](http://warrimoo.org)> website—give her your support and shop locally *first*, not least because Robyn's collectables are always original and interesting, to provide that unique gift you are desperately looking for