



Warrimoo News



Newsletter of the Warrimoo Citizens Association

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Warrimoo Mayor leads BMCC!

Congratulations must go to our most illustrious Warrimooian, Mark Greenhill, who has been elected to the position of Mayor of the Blue Mountains City Council for the third year running. To have achieved this feat is a mark of the confidence fellow Councillors hold for the work he has done over previous terms, and in his vision for the future of this UNESCO Heritage Site—a site of global significance which we should all seek to protect.

Mark has always been readily approachable and takes all citizens' views seriously. He seeks to act on every worthwhile suggestion and will do so if resources permit. He has consistently been a supporter of the Warrimoo Citizens Association, and we value the positive relationship we have with him. Best wishes for the forthcoming year, Mark!

A Widely Varied Calendar for the coming Months...

There are four events looming in the Warrimoo calendar which deserve our special attention and involvement.

- **Warrimoo Spring Fair: Sunday 1st November, Warrimoo Public School, 10.00am till 3.00pm.**
This is arguably the biggest event in the whole Warrimoo calendar, and is always well supported by the local community. Rides for the kids, stalls, performances, activities and fun, fun, fun. Moo Choir and the Warrimoo PS Drummers! This year we look forward to the unveiling of the 'School Mural', a project in which every student of Warrimoo Public played a part. WCA members will be backing up on the Sausage Sizzle Barbecue. All proceeds go to support our beautiful school to make it even better.
- **Sound Lounge: Saturday 14th November, Warrimoo Public School Hall, 7.30pm, featuring 'Dan Kelly'.** Fans of the 'Sound Lounge' are familiar with the quality of the musicians who perform there. Bring your own everything, invite your friends, kick back and enjoy a most entertaining evening in atmospheric surrounds and friendly company. Only \$30.00 per person. Tickets **MUST BE BOOKED** at Warrimoo Newsagency or 'Turning Page Bookshop' or by calling Diana 0418 765 090
- **Grand Opening of 'Possum Park': Saturday 21st November, Possum Park, 12.00 midday to 1.00pm.** Come along and witness Mayor Mark Greenhill officially cut the ribbon to formally 'open' this lovely little park. Pay tribute to those members of the community who fought to gain it and take part in an historic event for our township. B-B-Q will be 'on sizzle' and drinks on sale to raise funds for the Warrimoo Citizens Association.
- **'Santa Day' Xmas Celebration: Saturday 19th December, Warrimoo Oval, 4.00pm to 7.00pm.** This is an annual event that continues to grow in popularity. Fire Brigade Santa arrives on the Big Tanker after his tour of the town, and hosts the waiting children. The Fire Brigade Xmas Raffle is on show with tickets going fast. The 'Jumping Castle' is in full swing. Games are on the Oval, and families are picnicking on blankets with friends. The 'Moo Choir' sings the carols and the WCA provides Sausage Sizzles and Drinks...it's Paradise at Warrimoo, folks, and its just for you.

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Blue Moo Report

Lucy reports that the Blue Moo arts activities group has been very active throughout the year thus far-- they've carried out workshops and soirees in painting, carving & printing, poetry, music & clay building, each with good roll-ups of participants led by brilliant group leaders imparting their skills in entertaining and creative ways. All this in homes and backyards around Warrimoo!

The next event to note in your diary is a **'Crafternoon' with host Micaela Christie on Sunday 11th October**. The aim of this gathering will be to carve your own design (or bring one you've already made since the last gathering) & print on to fabric. Micaela will have some materials available but you are more than welcome to bring any of your own. It doesn't matter if you didn't make it to the first one - join in!

Time: From 12 (probably a couple of hours)

Address: 57 Cross St Warrimoo

Cost: \$5 if you BYO item to print on (linen/ cotton), an extra \$8 to purchase a linen tea towel from Micaela.

Friday 23rd October ... 'A Starry Starry Night!' Please RSVP

Hosts: Lachlan Davis & George Dyke

Details: Come & join Lachlan & George for a chat about the stars & satellites...and then as it gets dark enough, observe what you can with a little guidance provided. BYO binoculars, food & drink

Time: 7pm to sit around & ask each other curly astronomical questions over drinks/snacks, 8pm to get the binoculars out

Address: TBA - somewhere local!

If you would like to participate in Blue Moo or have any ideas to pursue please contact Lucy at the following e-mail address: bluemoo2774@gmail.com and set out your interests. Some mooted future activities include soldering, timber up-cycling, and a sketching bush-walk. Any ideas of your own? Like to host an event? Contact Lucy and make it happen.

Other Issues Pursued by WCA

- At present the Warrimoo Citizens Association is acting as facilitator in talks aimed at improving the parking situation around Warrimoo Oval. All stakeholders—residents, sporting clubs, BMCC and the local state MLA, Trish Doyle are involved and we trust constructive suggestions will be acted upon.
- Correspondence between WCA and Trish Doyle aimed at securing a ramp on the northern side of Warrimoo station has been carried out, but it is difficult to ascertain when construction will be carried out. We are seeking clarification of the criteria used by the government to decide the priority ranking of stations in line for ramp and lift facilities. These have not been forthcoming.
- Shops precinct—WCA has sought to improve seating arrangements and add a little colour to our shops area by urging BMCC to install 'Planter Seats' along the footpath there. This project is 'in process' with Council at the moment.
- Campaigning to stop noisy, aggressive and unwelcome intruders into our native bushland tracks and firetrails—please report these intrusions on our website page.
- Of course WCA members are always doing their best to ensure Warrimoo is minimally affected by graffiti and unsightly litter. Our voluntary work is consistently carried out to make Warrimoo a beautiful, safe and welcoming place to live.

Badgerys Creek

From WCA's perspective the issue of an airport at Badgerys Creek looms as one of the most serious in our short history. A massive airport next to the escarpment and Warragamba Dam will change everyone's lives in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains forever. One of the least examined but crucial factors around it is the staggering level of urban development projected around it—over half a million people will be settling in the Northern Road corridor in the next two decades.

Warrimoo residents already cope with increasing freight on both Highway and Railroad—with all its associated noise and safety risks. Now we are expected to endure jet noise and pollution overhead as well, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, no curfew, no funding for insulation.

Various announcements, media campaigns and political posturings have been designed to disempower residents and prejudice the Environmental Impact Study currently being carried out. If the EIS is honest and points out the many negatives of an airport at Badgerys Creek, we suggest that a Bullet Train Hub be built there instead.