



Warrimoo News



Newsletter of the Warrimoo Citizens Association

October 2014

Next WCA Meeting: Monday, October 27th 7.00pm.

RFS Brigade Headquarters (next to Warrimoo Citizens Hall)— **ALL WELCOME**

Items for the Agenda:

- **Report** on progress of 'Priority Needs of Warrimoo' negotiations with BMCC
- **Report** on developments regarding Possum Park
- **'Blue Moo'** progress report
- **Report** on possible actions to obtain a ramp on the northern side of Warrimoo Station.
- **Notice of Motion:** "That WCA endorse an official opening of Possum Park, and invite all interested and related persons to participate in the event."-- *Moved Bob Treasure*
- **General Business:** Your views, your ideas, your motions.
- **Discussion:** (If time permits) "Can the shops precinct be improved?"

Come along and update your membership: annual subscription is only \$2. WCA needs your support and donations.

'Santa Day'

A tradition is developing in Warrimoo whereby the RFS and WCA cooperate to host a community get-together at Warrimoo Oval prior to Christmas Day. This involves Santa's journey around the streets on the Fire Tanker followed by a 'meet and greet' session with local kids, a Sausage Sizzle and some sing-a-long carols with the 'Moo Choir, at the Oval into the evening.

We are always on the lookout for contributors on the day. Volunteers have done face-painting, played cricket and hockey and kicked footballs with the kids so a very convivial atmosphere develops when everyone 'has a go'. If you have a talent or just want to offer some delightful idea please come forward and let us know...the more the merrier.

The date for this year's 'Santa Day' is **SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, commencing at 4.00pm on the Oval**, next to the Clubhouse. Set the time aside in your diary, even if you only come to 'have a look'.

'Priority Needs of Warrimoo' sub-committee formed

Following an address by Mayor Mark Greenhill at our last meeting in June, a special sub-committee was formed to examine the basic needs of Warrimoo and report on these to BMCC in time for the 2014-15 projects schedule. A sub-committee was called for and volunteers registered. They subsequently met a week later to carry out the task. In very summary form, the following matters were listed as needing urgent attention from Council (there is no particular priority order in the list—it was felt that all were important, but action depended on the budget and political will of Council)...

- Erection of Bollards at entry points to Warrimoo bushland to prevent motor-bike riders and other vehicular interlopers disturbing the peace and despoiling natural features
- Construction of a Footpath from Warrimoo Kitchens to Greens Parade—an obvious safety issue
- Creation of a turning bay at the end of Florabella Street, along with improved drainage into the Florabella Pass Walk entry
- An additional play item (climb facility) at Possum Park, and further seating there
- Water-Bottle Filling Station at the previous location of the Bubbler at the base of the station Highway steps, for the use of Bicycle riders and walkers
- An 'Endangered Species Walk' involving interactive 'Stops' between Warrimoo Station and the Citizens Hall, featuring local species endangered with extinction
- Other matters included white-ant repair in the Fire Station, beautification of the 'Shops Precinct', improved watering systems for the Oval, available toilets around the CBD, tree-logging around the Tennis Courts, memorial statues/water features featuring Blinky Bill/Dorothy Wall, curb and guttering of those streets not done yet, additional plantings at 'scraggy' parts of the Highway, and many more.

Anyone for Tennis?

Since its inception this community has had Public Tennis Courts available to anyone who chose to use them—at better than reasonable rates. Yet lately the courts at the end of Rickard Road haven't been getting the usage they deserve... They are darned good courts in a beautiful setting, ready and convenient to use!

Nothing beats a relaxing game with family or friends on a summer afternoon/evening. Sit back and enjoy a small picnic, a cool drink, chat, then have a hit in the shady space reserved for Warrimooians and their fun-loving guests. Why not book an hour or two one fine day this summer? It might just do you good.

For bookings, ring Sue (47 536385) on the South side, or Lorraine (47 536096) on the North side. Only \$10 per hour per court for Adults and \$5 for kids, with a \$12 general rate for night time with lights.

'Blue 'Moo'

Bluemoo Creators & Performers aim to connect people within our community by holding informal & creative gatherings, that might just inspire someone to pick up a chisel, paintbrush, instrument or pen! So far this year we have sculpted with Liz Hale, sketched with Steve Campbell, created gelatin prints with Celia Featherstone, & performed poetry around the campfire...with hopefully a couple more gatherings before the year is out! If you're interested in joining us or sharing some artistic skills of your own, please email us (bluemoo@gmail.com) and we can add you to the email list and answer any questions.

Liz, Lucy, Steve & Linda would love to have you on board.

Warbler News

Great news! The public submissions sent in response to the Draft Local Environment Plan (DLEP) have been reviewed by the Council. They have agreed with the submissions about bushland to the north of the Blaxland Tip so that instead of the zoning sent for endorsement by the Dept of Planning showing use of this land as 'recreational' it is now recommended as 'environmental conservation'. While we did not have the same success for the bushland at the end of Rickard Road, the extent of the recreational use land has been reduced from that shown on the previous LEP. We will have another chance to revisit this decision when a broader review of the LEP is undertaken in about 18 months. If you want to hear more see Steve Barratt at the next WCA meeting.

The Cross Street Bushcare Group has been busy removing dead vegetation and using it for brush matting to reduce fire hazard. Some of the Long Angle Landcare members are sampling and testing the water in the Fitzgeralds and Long Angle Creeks under the Streamwatch programme. If you want any further information or can help with these activities, please email Steve Barratt on sbarratt@tpg.com.au.

Some forthcoming events advertised in the Warble are:

- **Saturday 25th October at 2.00pm:** Cross Street Reserve and Rickard Road Sports Common Group working bee at the **Cross Street Reserve**. Contact Steve Barratt on phone 4753 6339
- **Saturday 1st November at 11am:** Streamwatch Group meet at the gates to the Rickard Road fire trail and at **1.00 pm:** Long Angle Landcare, working bee meet at the same gates. Contact: Karleen Waldron on 4753 6636 or 04 2851 2305 or Steve Barratt on 4753 6339
- **Friday 7th November at 8pm:** Warrimoo Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, general meeting held at the Fire Station. Contact Steve Barratt on phone 4753 6339
- **Saturday 22nd November all day, morning or afternoon:** Proposed date for a joint working bee day in the bush behind the Springwood Council Depot. Contact Lyndal on 47 805528 or lsullivan@bmcc.nsw.gov.au
- **Friday 5th December at 5pm:** Fitzgeralds Catchment Group meeting at the bushfire station. There will be a presentation on the catchment so please make an extra effort to attend. Contact: Steve Barratt on 47536339 or Karleen Waldron on 4753 6636 or 04 2851 2305 and

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The WCA website is up and running again. There are still some old items and outdated announcement that need to be deleted, but soon it will be updated and streamlined for easier access. The important thing is, it's back, folks!

