

West Ward Bytes

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NEW MAYOR

Former Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gail Giles-Gidney was the successful candidate in the recent Mayoral By-election.

We are looking forward to working with Mayor Giles-Gidney at least for the next couple of years or so (Council elections are due to be held in September 2016).

We have been in contact with the Mayor and she has agreed to address one of our monthly meetings. We are asking her to address the major issues she raised during her election campaign viz:

1. Easing traffic and parking congestion everywhere
2. Improving services for youth, aged and multicultural
3. Enhancing local shopping and promoting the Chatswood CBD
4. Optimising sport and recreation facilities
5. Maximising use of The Concourse; and
6. Protecting our natural and built heritage

... all in a financially responsible way ... and recognising the State's mandated need for Willoughby to house an extra 6,800 residences by 2031

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

An Association member is calling for increased financial transparency from Willoughby Council. Questions posed include:

Details of the distribution of WCC expenses by the four (4) Wards (Middle Harbour, Naremburn, Sailors Bay & West Wards) for about the last 5-10 years and also the forecast/estimated expenses for the next few years for each Ward.

BECOME A MEMBER

Remit \$10 to the Treasurer
CWWPA c/- 11 Tessa St,
Chatswood

OR

Direct pay \$10 to the Chatswood
West Ward Progress Association
BSB 032 090 Acct: 548083

AGM

At the recent Annual General Meeting the incumbent management team was re-elected. The only change made was that Terry Fogarty offered to assume the role of Traffic Convenor.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY VERN-BARNETT

For many, many years Kathy Vern-Barnett had undertaken the role of Traffic Convenor for the Association. She provided platinum service to members and was most diligent following up Council Officers.

We thank Kathy for her service and wish her well as she moves forward on a host of other community initiatives. Her enthusiasm and efforts have been an inspiration to many.

MAY MEETING

The next Association meeting will be held on Thursday 15th May at 7:30PM in the Dougherty Centre. The agenda for the meeting is rich in controversial issues and will be an event to maintain the interest of all who attend. Issues to be discussed include:

- * lease of Council land to Chatswood Golf Club
- * public access rights - Chatswood Golf Club
- * traffic implications of Mowbray Public School development
- * parking meters in residential streets
- * adherence to Council building codes
- * Mandarin Centre redevelopment
- * petition regarding Cllr Stevens

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