

West Ward Bytes

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Greater Sydney Commission

On the 19th September, our President and Vice-Presidents will attend a planning session with the Greater Sydney Commission who are developing the new Strategic Plan for Northern Sydney. The GRC is calling for local communities to

state their aspirations for a variety of considerations such as: housing choice and location; traffic management; transport; open space; retail and jobs creation. Come along to our meeting this Thursday night to hear a report on the proposals.

Medium Density Housing

The Department of Planning and Environment has prepared a draft Medium Density Design Guide to encourage more low rise medium density housing to be built in NSW, providing greater housing choice, more housing affordability and better quality design. •

The Design Guide provides benchmarks for designing and assessing low rise medium density housing types including:

- * Terrace style housing on small lots (attached dwellings)
- * Dual occupancies and semi-detached dwellings;
- * Multi-dwelling housing (strata titled terrace housing);
- * Multi-dwelling housing (strata titled villas and townhouses);
- * Community titled master-planned medium density developments of up to 2 storeys; and,
- * Manor homes (2 storey buildings comprising 3-4 dwellings).

126 Greville Street

Many people have been asking about the operations of the Scientologists. Council has provided the following responses:

- Unfinished bus stop & occupancy: The bus bay is a requirement of the Development Consent. However, it appears that the works have not yet been completed. An Interim Occupation Certificate was issued on 4 August 2016 by the Accredited Certifier. The Interim Occupation Certificate excludes the bus stop.
- Residential accommodation: No residential accommodation has been approved onsite (other than within the caretakers cottage, previously known as 23 Millwood Avenue, Chatswood).
- The hours of operation of the 'business premises' and 'place of public worship' are restricted to 8.30am to 9.30pm, 7 days a week. Except for security staff and/or cleaners, all staff, parishioners and visitors shall vacate the premises no later than 10.00pm.
- Maximum number of people on site at any one time is 460 people (290 staff and 170 parishioners).

Personal Conflicts of Interest

In the past former senior Council staff after leaving Council have gone to work for developers and subsequently lodged planning proposals and development applications on behalf of those developers. Whilst in such instances, Council has a policy of minimising existing staff involvement with such goings on there is a clear perception for potential bias, not only by staff but by Councillors themselves in determining these applications. Recently we raised this issue with the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations who will write to Council calling for a review of current policies relating to such matters. One suggestion is that such proposals be assessed and determined by a completely arm's length third party.

OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday 20 October 2016
7:30 PM Dougherty Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood

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Council has achieved a surplus of over \$13M with its cash reserves increasing by \$14M and all financial indicators exceeding benchmarks.

Greville St Reserve

Willoughby City Council has produced a Draft Landscape Improvements Plan for the reserve.

Campbell St Reserve

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Please become a member

We respectfully request that visitors attending our meetings and those receiving our West Ward Bytes consider becoming a member of the Association. The Association is an Incorporated, volunteer, not-for profit organisation. This incurs a variety of standing costs such as insurance, regulatory and associated fees.

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