

West Ward Bytes

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State Election

The Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations has organised a **'Meet the Candidates'** session for the upcoming State Election. The event will be held in the Function Room of the Dougherty Centre commencing at 7 PM on Tuesday 5th March 2019. Please note: Entry is restricted to pre-paid-up members of the Progress Association only. No renewals or joining fees can be processed on the night. Non-members wishing to attend will need to lodge a membership application as per our website by Tuesday 26th February.

If you have question a you would like asked please submit to the Secretary by email (Secretarycwpa@gmail.com) by the 26th February. Questions must be succinct. The right not to forward a question is reserved.

Local shops - more units?

The West Ward Councillors recently nominated the Fullers Road/Greville Street area and the Mowbray Road/Hinkler Crescent area for potential shopping centres. Past studies have shown that small shopping centres in the western portion of West Ward would not be viable without a significant increase in population surrounding the new centres.

Previously, the opinion of local communities was not to proceed with such a move due to the likelihood of a swift uptake of higher density housing surrounding any new shops. Let Council know what you think of this idea. Send an email to Council at email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au. Mention their draft housing and local centres strategies and your opinion.

Nelson loses 'arm'

After community consultation, Council resolved to rename that portion of Nelson St between Orchard Rd and the Railway as Berkeley Court. The opportunity to rename the section of road arose with the removal of the Nelson Street traffic bridge which will not be replaced. CWWPA's position on this matter was that the local community should have the opportunity to suggest a name for the road. Council agreed. Berkeley was an English peer associated with naval activities. This is consistent with other streets in the vicinity with a naval theme. The vote to choose the new name was very close.

Wildlife Watch

A local resident has started a wildlife watch register. If you notice a native animal near your home (or elsewhere in the Ward) please shoot off an email with the details to diana_pryde@optusnet.com.au.

Next Meetings

21 February 2019

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7:30 PM Dougherty Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood

OH Reid Lights

The local community has mobilised regarding the suggestion of putting floodlights (and possibly a synthetic surface) on the OH Reid Oval. Recently a resident's committee organised speakers to address Council on issues associated with the proposal. The speakers were supported by over fifty fellow residents in a 'sea of white' T-shirts display. Council is now claiming that there are no CURRENT plans to install floodlights. However it is drafting a Management Plan where the issue is likely to be canvassed. The Management Plan is expected to be released mid-year. It is hoped that our Ward Councillors will move a motion directing that consideration of floodlights not proceed on the oval.

Key issues raised at the Open Forum were the fragility of the surrounding bushland, the use of the bushland by native fauna including the Powerful Owl and a number of bat species and existing traffic problems.

In 1992, Willoughby Council proposed to install floodlights and a synthetic surface on behalf of a sporting group. After a concerted campaign by local residents the proposal was shelved.

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Membership Fees Overdue

The 2019 membership renewal fee was **due on the 1st January 2019**. Avoid needing to pay a re-joining fee by renewing immediately.

Membership is \$10 a year (plus a joining fee of \$10). To join you can see the Treasurer at a meeting. Payment can either be by cash at a meeting or by direct bank transfer to 032 090 548083 with your name in the reference field. In addition, every applicant must complete an application for membership. These are available at a meeting or on our website cwpa.org.