

# West Ward Bytes

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## Next Meeting

The next Meeting and Annual General Meeting is on **Thursday 16th May 2019**

7:30 PM Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor Street, Chatswood

**No meeting in June**



## Vale Les Murray

World renowned poet Les Murray has died. For a number of years Les lived in Edgar Street, Chatswood. His wife Valerie was born in Macartney Avenue, Chatswood. One of Les' five children suffers a disability. Les was often seen playing lovingly with his son in nearby Bartels Park. He was a man with a huge heart. During their time at Chatswood, Valerie and Les hosted dinner parties for some of Australia's most renowned poets, writers and literary figures. Whilst Les will be missed terribly, his essence lives on in his poetry.

## Housing Strategy

Council is in the process of updating its housing policy. This will lead to rezoning of some residential areas for increased population densities. In terms of strategic directions it is anticipated the additional 6,700 dwellings estimated as required to 2036 will be accommodated in:

1. Existing medium and high density zones
2. Proposed B4 Mixed Use zone which surrounding the Central Business District, and
3. Around existing local shopping centres

In addition, the West Ward Councilors proposed that two other local shopping centres be considered in Mowbray Rd West and Fullers Rd. This would likely result in increased population densities around these locations.

## Chatswood Education Precinct

Plans for the rearrangement of Chatswood Primary School and Chatswood High School are progressing. The Department of Education has advised that they plan to hold a public information session in May. Their State Significant Development Application (SSDA) will be lodged after the consultation. Nearby Heritage buildings will be carefully and respectfully maintained, and the design will be in keeping with the existing buildings and the local environment. After lodgement, the SSDA will be publicly available on the Department of Planning website.

## Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations

The following matters have been referred to the FWPA who have supported the Association's motions concerning:

- \* Obtaining Federal election candidate's policies
- \* Council Advisory Committee members to work with Council officers in reviewing committees
- \* Planning Proposals (spot rezonings) to be banned
- \* Seeking response from Council as to how they will implement the new Charter for Public Participation.

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**Erratum:** The new hotel development in Victoria Ave will retain 291 parking spaces (not 29 as reported).