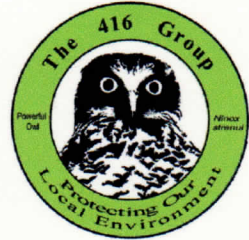


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NEWSLETTER

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The 416 Group Committee

The following nominations were received for the 2012 Committee. As nominations for Committee were less than vacancies all nominees were confirmed as Committee Members for 2012.

President	Cec Morgan
Vice President	Doug Turnock
Secretary	Meg Mulhall
Committee	John Croker
Committee	Margaret Frater
Committee	Julian Ledger
Committee	John O'Toole
Committee	Craig Saunders

There are still vacancies for Treasurer and one Committee Member. If you are interested in keeping our simple financial records up to date or being a Committee Member with minimal involvement of time please contact Cec Morgan.

Community Fire Units

At the beginning of this year a hazard reduction burn was carried out in Lane Cove National Park behind Albert Drive. The burn was successful in removing the fuel load in the area.

RMIT University Melbourne Research Project

AS previously notified, in conjunction with the CFU, we participated in a research project being conducted by RMIT University and the Bushfire Cooperative Research Council (BCRC).

The report has not, as yet, been finalised but it should be available within the next few months.

The RMIT University has produced a toolkit called "*Community Adaptation to Bushfire in a Changing Climate*" and a paper on "*Debates and Implications For Bushfire Policy*".

If anybody would like a copy of either of these documents please send a request to The 416 Group.

Ryde Resource Recovery Centre

The site's prime function is to operate as a waste transfer and recycling centre. Greenwaste is also accepted where it is stockpiled, shredded and eventually transported to another facility for further processing. The Centre is operated by SITA, an international company, who subcontracts the processing and removal of the greenwaste to Australian Native Landscapes.

There has been a significant increase in odours coming from the Centre over the past few months and, as a result, an increase in complaints reported. The odour comes from large stockpiles of shredded and unshredded green garden waste, which under certain weather conditions, putrefies quickly and emits odours. The problem arises when the waste accumulates for an extended length of time and would be solved if more resources were applied so this did not happen.

When an annoying smell or noise from the Centre is detected the Environmental Protection Authority - EPA (131 555) and SITA (1800 062 086) should be notified immediately. The experience of the 416 Group is that the squeaky wheel gets the oil and it is only by making our concerns heard that action follows.

EPA has approved greenwaste grinding on Saturday mornings, without consultation with the local community. We are very concerned that something as significant as operating hours has been changed without consultation. This breach of process has been brought to the attention of the relevant authorities and we are endeavouring to have grinding on Saturday mornings restricted to a maximum of three or four times a year and only if stockpiles get too large due to inclement weather, mechanical breakdowns etc.

All Day Child Care Centre

Ku-ring-gai Council has received a Development Application for an all day child care centre to be constructed in Manning Road, West Killara. The Committee's concerns with this specific development are its proposed location, safety (especially children) and the affect it will have on the surrounding neighbourhood. A submission has been forwarded to Council detailing these concerns.

We have been advised that Council has deemed refusal of the Development Application and the matter has been listed for a conciliation conference in the Land and Environment Court.

2012 Subscriptions

Members are reminded that your \$10.00 annual subscription was due on 1st January 2012. If you have not done so already your early remittance would be very much appreciated.

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