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NEWSLETTER

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The 416 Group Committee

The following nominations were received for the 2013 Committee. As nominations for Committee were less than vacancies all nominees were confirmed as Committee Members for 2013.

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Community Fire Units

A timely burn off in the Lane Cove National Park helped to reduce fire hazards in the area over the Bushfire season.

NSW Fire and Rescue did not carry out a CFU Training Session last year, hopefully sufficient funds will be made available this year to continue the programme.

NSW Fire and Rescue held a meeting of Team Leaders at Berowra in December, significant items were:

Weather Outlook. The bushfire season started early as predicted. Country areas were already a problem.

Major Disaster Recovery. A federal initiative to address shortcomings in the ability of emergency services to address such situations is being implemented. Funding policies, training and standardisation will be introduced. Provision of military & contract services has already taken place.

Training. National standards of training covering multiple emergency services are planned. Training requirements have increased and will continue to do so, to meet the new standards.

All Day Child Care Centre

In spite of child safety concerns and very strong objections from adjacent residents the Land and Environment Court has approved the construction of an All Day Child Care Centre in Manning Road. It is doubtful if an appeal would be successful in overturning the decision.

Ryde Resource Recovery Centre

There has been a significant reduction in odours coming from the Centre over the last few months. In the past years the 416 Group has been very vocal about odours and noise coming from the Centre and finally the current operators, SITA, have stopped processing greenwaste on the site. This has reduced the odour problem, as previously the processed greenwaste was stored on site for up to two weeks where it started to decompose, resulting in offensive smells being generated. SITA have also introduced other management practices that have reduced the time the unprocessed greenwaste remains on site, further reducing the odours.

If you detect an annoying smell or noise from the Centre the Environmental Protection Authority - EPA (131 555) and SITA (1800 062 086) should be notified immediately.

Ex-Rubbish Dump And Concrete Processing Area At Porters Creek, Ryde

The City of Ryde Council is to conduct a feasibility study on any future opportunities for commercial recreational ventures within the Porters Creek site. Since West Lindfield/West Killara is the closest residential area to the site the 416 Group has asked Ryde Council for representation on the study team.

Area Security

There have been a number of reports of break-ins in the area. Residents are reminded to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

Ku-ring-gai Council Ward Summits

Ku-ring-gai Council have conducted a number of Ward Summits where representatives from resident groups were able to have discussions with Councillors and Council staff on their concerns and priorities. The 416 Group and the CFU were represented on the Roseville and Gordon Ward Summits. A record of proceedings and feedback of all Summits can be seen on Council's website www.kmc.nsw.gov.au.

M2 Motorway

Roads and Maritime Services have announced the construction of an Eastbound Ramp connecting Lane Cove Road to the M2. As the new Ramp and increased traffic generated will aggravate an existing problem of excessive traffic noise and light coming from the M2 the 416 Group has requested that noise barriers and/or earthen mounds be constructed along the river side of the M2 and Ramp from Lane Cove Road to Wicks Road, Ryde in order to suppress M2 traffic noise.

Better Planning Network

Better Planning Network is non-political and is an affiliation of over 300 Resident Groups who are concerned over inappropriate development and its effect on the Community. West Lindfield/West Killara Residents have not, as yet, been directly affected by major developments but some current NSW Government proposals in Ryde could destroy our skyline and could substantially worsen the already existing traffic chaos in and around the Macquarie Park area.

With this in mind your Committee has agreed to become an affiliate of the Better Planning Network. There are no affiliation fees but affiliation adds our voice to the Resident Groups who are against inappropriate development.

For further information on Better Planning Network visit
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJfrSqxpmYY>,
<http://www.facebook.com/BetterPlanningNetwork/>

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