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NEWSLETTER

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The 416 Group Committee

The following nominations were received for the Committee. As nominations for Committee were less than vacancies all nominees were confirmed as Committee Members for 2018.

President	Cec Morgan
Vice President	John Croker
Treasurer	Bob McLoughlin
Committee	Margaret Frater
Committee	Julian Ledger
Committee	John O'Toole
Committee	Doug Turnock

If any 416 Group Member is interested in attending a Committee Meeting as an observer or to raise a particular issue you will be most welcome. Contact Cec Morgan for the date and time of the next Committee Meeting.

Community Fire Units

Local fire stations have long maintained contact with the CFUs in their area but liaison has been ad hoc. Fire & Rescue NSW has now introduced a Station Engagement Programme to ensure that CFU members are well prepared for the bushfire season.

Each CFU will be visited at least every two years and depending on circumstances this may be jointly with other CFUs in the area. The Station Engagement takes 60 min to 90 min to conduct and consists of the following:

- * CFU members to discuss any issues around equipment, policy or practices
- * A review of the CFU PIP for the Area of Activity
- * A walk through of Activation practices
- * Completion of one drill selected from the Skills Review Package by the Officer of FRNSW.

Council Bushfire Planning

Council has received final approval from the NSW Government for its bushfire planning in locations of high risk.

Thirteen areas in parts of Ku-ring-gai now have planning controls in place to enhance the safety of residents when future developments are built. The plan prohibits the construction of aged care homes and childcare centres in these high-risk areas, because of the need to evacuate quickly in a bushfire.

For further information and a fire prone area map visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au and under "About Ku-ring-gai" click "Bushfire".

Activate Lindfield

The proposal to redevelop the car park on the eastern side of Lindfield Station was approved by The Sydney North Planning Panel on 17th October 2017.

Council endorsed the development with the amendment of an additional level of underground parking, which is now being formalised by a revision to the Development Application.

The redevelopment of the car park on the western side known as the Village Hub Project is still being considered. Council is establishing a Reference Group to advise on the project and the 416 Group, because of our very strong interest in this development, has requested that a representative from the 416 Group be made a permanent member of Reference Group.

Child Care Centre

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the Development Application submitted to Council for the construction of a 60 place Child Care Centre at 101 Fiddens Wharf Road was rejected on 12th July 2017.

The Applicants submitted a revised proposal for review. The only significant variation was a reduction of places from 60 to 49.

Council approved the revised proposal.

Our concerns about children's safety, congestion and its adverse affect on the surrounding neighbourhood remain the same.

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