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NEWSLETTER

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Nominations For 2020 Committee

Nominations are called for the 2020 Committee. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member please contact Cec Morgan for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on 31st January 2020.

Lindfield Village Hub (west of station)

The Village Hub was approved by Council to proceed with apartment towers to a maximum of nine stories, being a similar height as the highest apartments on the east side. An improvement at least on the fourteen stories previously proposed in Scenario 3 but still an over development of the site.

The project documents will now be amended to reflect the changes and the five shortlisted tenderers will be invited to address the criteria with proposals early in 2020. Subsequent to one being chosen a DA will be lodged and assessed by Council. Overall the nine storey development incorporating commuter, shopper and new residential parking is better than Scenario 3 although parking for commuters is still considered to be inadequate. The State Government announced funds for additional commuter parking back in 2012 so there has been a very long delay in meeting this community need. The risk of the project is that it is not a village but a high density development which will cause neighbouring streets to be parked out and cause a net reduction in commuter parking.

A pedestrian bridge over the Pacific Highway to replace the dangerous crossing is unfortunately not part of the scope but at least one of the tenderers might still include it in their bid. A bridge would access the Lindfield Station at Ticket Office level and bring commuters into the Village Hub Retail Centre. The 416 Group has also pointed to the need for a good set down/pick up area.

For the latest on the Lindfield Village Hub see attached update from Ku-ring-gai Council.

Lindfield Village Green (east of station)

Council at its meeting on 17th September recommended that the process for tendering the construction of the Lindfield Village Green project should commence. It is currently anticipated that the tender process will be completed this year with the contract awarded subject to Council approval in February 2020. Construction should then commence in autumn/winter 2020.

Upon award of the contract, Council will finalise project timeframes and inform the community including impacted local businesses and building owners about arrangements being made to mitigate any disruption associated with construction.

Ku-ring-gai Housing Strategy

Ku-ring-gai Council is currently developing a Housing Strategy as required by the State Government. Elton Consulting is assisting Ku-ring-gai Council with communications and engagement on the project. Julian Ledger has been nominated as our representative to attend one of the Elton Consulting Group Focus Groups. The information gathered from the discussions will provide direction for the development of the strategy.

Further information on the Housing Strategy can be seen on Council's website www.kmc.nsw.gov.au and if you have any comments/views on the strategy please advise Julian at mail@416group.org.au .

Coles Supermarket Redevelopment

The redevelopment of the Coles Supermarket site at the Lindfield Shopping Centre was rejected by Council but has been recently approved by the Land and Environment Court. The redevelopment is expected to commence in May next year and construction will take about two years. This project together with the ones on the first page mean that there will be a period of about five years of construction near Lindfield Railway Station. We hope the final results will make the disruption worthwhile.

Community Fire Units

The local Community Fire Units have been actively training and maintaining equipment in order to be at the ready in case houses come under threat from bushfires.

With the recent extreme weather we all should ensure that our properties are prepared and we have a Bushfire Survival Plan. The website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au is an excellent source of information and provides extensive coverage of fires in NSW and locally.

Ku-ring-gai Council has nominated various areas in Ku-ring-gai as Neighbourhood Safer Places to be used as a last resort. The closest are;

- Robert Pymble Park, Park Crescent, Pymble (off Alma Street)
- Roseville Park, 60a Clanville Road, Roseville
- Burt Oldfield Oval, Rosebery Road & Koola Avenue, Killara
- Regimental Park, 20 Lorne Avenue, Killara

Council has also nominated Evacuation Centres, the closest being;

- Lady Game Kindergarten, Lady Game Drive, West Lindfield
- Uniting Church Gordon, 18 Cecil Street, Gordon
- West Pymble Community Hall, 30 Loftberg Road, West Pymble

Council's website www.kmc.nsw.gov.au also includes valuable information on how to survive bushfires.

2020 Subscriptions

Due to our healthy Balance Sheet and since no significant expense is foreseeable the Committee has determined that the 2020 Subscription of \$10 will be waived for existing Members. Existing members will automatically continue their membership next year without payment of a subscription.

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