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NEWSLETTER

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Lindfield Village Green (east of station)

Construction has now commenced for the underground car park. For up-to-date information on the construction schedule visit Council's website www.kmc.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Lindfield Village Green'.

Lindfield Village Hub (west of station)

The project is still being developed by Council and negotiations are in progress with the two tenderers Aqualand and Fabcot (Woolworths). For the latest also visit Council's website and search for 'Lindfield Village Hub'.

The Committee is concerned that Council will not deliver the commuter and short term parking required by the tender documents and has not accepted there is a need for more Commuter Car Parking than currently proposed.

Westpac has notified customers that closure of the Lindfield branch is permanent.

Ku-ring-gai Housing Strategy

Ku-ring-gai Council has voted not to proceed with increased heights and additional new zonings after the NSW Minister for Planning told the Council that Greater Sydney Commission dwelling targets were not legally required. Council also will not proceed with a draft housing strategy based on future development targets set earlier this year by the Greater Sydney Commission.

The Housing Strategy is now being amended by Council staff and the 416 Group is in favour of it being republicised to the community before finalisation. New housing in Ku-ring-gai will continue under Council's current Local Environment Plans (LEPs) and be limited to the existing heights and housing numbers under those zonings.

Thank you to 416 Group members who helped deliver fliers to Lindfield and Killara homes west of Lady Game Drive. In total Ku-ring-gai Councillors received over 1000 emails from residents regarding the Strategy which lead to its rejection.

Nominations For 2021 Committee

Nominations are called for the 2021 Committee. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member please contact Cec Morgan for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on 31st January 2021.

CSIRO Relocation

Following a report that the CSIRO is going to relocate to the new Western Sydney Aerotropolis Advanced Manufacturing and Research Precinct by 2026 the Committee has enquired as to what affect this relocation might have on the West Lindfield CSIRO Facility.

The Minister for Industry, Science and Technology has advised that it is intended the West Lindfield Facility will remain at its present location and the Ryde Energy and Minerals staff will relocate to West Lindfield.

Community Fire Unit

Due to the COVID pandemic the local Community Fire Units have not been actively training however, members are still well trained and are ready to do whatever is necessary to protect the local community against Bushfires.

There have not been any hazard reduction burns in the nearby Lane Cove National Park since 2010/2011.

Parks Management have been quizzed on their Fire Management Strategy and to date we have not had specific answers to our questions except that they have advised they are planning to conduct hazard reduction burns in high risk areas. These areas have neither been defined nor when the burns are scheduled to happen.

The subject will be raised again with Parks Management. The Royal Commission has now released its findings. The report supports hazard reduction burns as one measure to reduce risk. Visit <https://naturaldisaster.royalcommission.gov.au/> to view the report.

2021 Subscriptions

Due to our healthy Balance Sheet and since no significant expense is foreseeable the Committee has determined that the 2021 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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