

West Ward Bytes

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Chatswood Public School

A recent initiative by the Department of Education may have a significant impact on the growth of CPS.

Maximum enrolments for a primary school will increase to 1,000 students. CPS already has 1,250 students and will expand to over 1,500 in the next few years. A standard of 10 m² per student of "playing space" is promised. For a 1,000 student school this would equate to 10,000 m². To put that in context, a medium size house block is around 500 m². So approximating 30 house blocks would be needed for playing space for CPS. The government has given an undertaking that it will not increase class sizes. The Department has also stated that **where land value is at a premium, high-rise configuration will be preferred rather than purchase of additional land**. This could be an outcome for CPS. Some classrooms in future, could be 'modular' instead of demountable. The Department has promised early consultation with local communities before any changes are made.



Councillors cry poor

Willoughby Councilors are in a tizz. The Local Government Renumeration Tribunal has advised them that their pay will be cut by around 20% per annum. Willoughby has been reclassified as a 'small' city. Many Councilors have stated that 'we do not do it for the money', yet the decision to protest the cuts to the State Government was unanimous. Some might call this hypocritical. Clr. Saville seconded the motion. The decision was based on the size of the city, let's hope we do not see Councilors approving more development applications that increase the size of the city so they be paid more.

Attendance at Meetings

Over the past two years, one Councilor has skipped 52% of meetings; two have skipped 30% and three have skipped 25%. There are 12 Councilors, six of them have skipped over 20% of meetings. The Mayor on the other hand has attended every meeting (as well as hundreds of community events). Unfortunately, she is hit the hardest by the recent pay cuts.

In West Ward, we have been particularly under represented at meetings. Clr Saville has only missed 2 meetings. Our other representatives missed 52% and 27% of Council meetings.

Sydney Metro

Demolition of buildings at the Dive site is underway however the Mowbray House School building is to be preserved. Underground utilities are being located as geotech investigations continue along the Metro route. Feedback about heritage issues are now being collated; and an "Unexpected Finds Plan" is nearing completion. The heritage team is recording all 'salvageable items', including movable heritage items such as a steam carpet cleaner. Other items being archived include entire 'art deco' items from old buildings being demolished to accommodate the new stations. An exhibition of these items are currently being considered.

NO MEETING IN JUNE

NEXT MEETING
Thursday 20 July 2017
7:30 PM Dougherty Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood

Council Elections

Elections for Willoughby Council have been confirmed for Saturday 9 September.

The FWPA's will host a *Meet the Mayoral Candidates* session at a date to be advised.

We have arranged to have the large front room for our August meeting for a *Meet the West Ward Candidates* session.

Childcare – Dalrymple Av

There has been a development application to extend the trading hours.

Greville Park

We were successful in having reference to the Rifle Range included in the park citation.

Please become a member

We respectfully request that visitors attending our meetings and those receiving our West Ward Bytes consider becoming a member of the Association. The Association is an Incorporated, volunteer, not-for profit organisation. This incurs a variety of standing costs such as insurance, regulatory and associated fees.

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