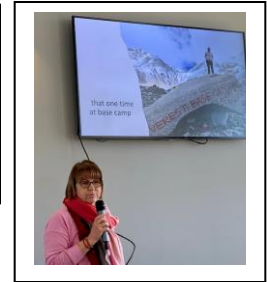


## *“Coffee Morning” - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June*

Lisa was our guest speaker at our second Coffee Morning at The Coffee Club. Lisa had recently returned from Nepal where she completed the trek to Everest Base Camp. Her talk and photos were an amazing insight into the beauty and difficulties of this trek and Lisa's determination was inspirational although not many agreed it was something they will be attempting any time soon.



## *“Christmas in July” - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July*

GLOW members, friends and families enjoyed a “Merry” night at the Carrington Bowling Club. Thanks to the Bowlo for providing the room, great food, and great service.



## *GLOW meeting with Council - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July*

GLOW met with Matthew Blanford, Project Planning Coordinator and Rob Gudgeon, Project Management Services from CON to discuss the Wickham Public Domain Plan and Declan Clausen, Deputy Lord Mayor to discuss various issues of concern in Wickham.

### **Public Domain Plan Wickham**

Matthew said that the huge amount of feedback received from the online concept and drop in sessions was very diverse with strong themes along with a lot of feedback on footpaths. They will look at adjusting the concept to allow for Wheelchairs and cyclists etc. Pedestrian movements will be prioritised with raised footpaths and discourage vehicle movement for non-residents within the constraints of stormwater. The PDP is only an overall concept for Wickham and will be refined for individual streets as new development happens, e.g., Throsby Street concept. Lighting is not in the PDP and will only be looked at during the detail design phase associated with a DA's footpath or with CN infill between new DA's. GLOW asked the question: When will Union Street be completed with footpaths, cycleways, and lighting? Cyclists on Union Street will have a shared lane with traffic the same as in the Hunter Street mall. Will this be in the budget for the next financial year? They did not think so. The PDP will be adopted by November and projects can't be in the budget until adopted. Flood mitigation in Union Street a priority.

### **Transport NSW is our neighbour: Bullock Island and derelict shed.**

GLOW is reporting to NSW transport relating to the dangerous conditions presented to the public beyond Holland Street and boundary of Wickham Transport land. GLOW will continue to follow up with Newcastle MP Tim Crakanthorp as it is Transport Asset owned land. Bullock Island WMP is to remain as community use as per the WMP and Public Domain Plan.

Conversations continue with Transport. How will the land be used and how can Newcastle Council acquire it? CN and NSW Transport Assets are yet to work through all recreational, social, rail tracks and heritage items.

## **DA 2023/00250 at 29 Bishopsgate Street.**

There were 47 submissions on this DA; not one supported the development in its current form. All submissions were from individuals except for one from the Land and Housing Corporation which owns 9 properties in the vicinity. City of Newcastle (CN) requested, and GLOW attended, a meeting about this development on 8 Aug 2023; GLOW welcomes this early engagement with CN. As this early stage in the DA assessment process, the DA Assessors were not able to give any advice on what is considered compliant or non-compliant. However, Michelle Bisson, now Executive Director Planning & Environment, stressed that the provision on the unencumbered pocket park was not negotiable if increased heights and floor space are sort. CN asked what was important to GLOW regarding this DA and GLOW responded that everything raised in the 47 submissions was important. As advised by the DA Assessors in this meeting, on 22 June a Request for Information was issued to the developer. Information requested relates to voluntary planning agreement (i.e., the pocket park, etc), capital investment value, formal consideration and response to all our submissions, contaminated land, acoustics, waste management and environmental health. The developer had 21 days to respond and so we expect the CN website to publish their response soon. GLOW will continue to monitor this closely and keep everyone informed."

### **"Return and Earn"**

Ward 1 Councillor Declan Clausen will assist TCNSW by writing to the Board of the Croatia Sports Club about the "Return and Earn" and will look at what can be done to maintain the site.

### **Railway Lane Wickham - discussion with Newcastle Youth Council that was held in June.**

GLOW advised Councillor Declan Clausen of the antisocial behaviour in Railway Lane and of the discussion GLOW had with Newcastle Youth Council. Young people who attend the live music venue in Railway Street and events in Wickham Park expressed their concern for their safety when socialising in the area. Declan Clausen said he would investigate it and advised also to contact the police. GLOW has spoken and written to the Police regarding all matters.

### **Access into Wickham Park - temporary access path/fire mitigation**

Office for MP Tim Crakanthorp, confirmed that this temporary Access Project is on the "action board of commitments" in Jo Haylen's, Minister for Transport office. Nothing can happen until the state budget is handed down in September when the money will be allocated and then transferred to Transport for NSW assets and then to go out for tender. Once this is formalised from Minister Jo Haylen's office Tim's office will send it to GLOW so we can then hold them to account (as it was an election promise). GLOW will consult about circumstances with Michelle Bisson (CN Executive Director Planning) when the next meeting is in place.

GLOW is aware of the WMP, Transport lands, the Park Land and Bullock Island Land. All to be reviewed and those plans should inform about what is in place on the proposed access route and it's design, and how this is conveyed for the temporary path construction as said "that is a simple project to lay a path" Tim Crakanthorp's office.

The next meeting with CON is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> October 8.30am at The Coffee Club

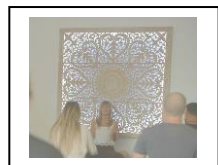
GLOW is also meeting with Ward 1 Councilors in October. More details to be posted.

## *GLOW International Men's evening - Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November - Coffee Club/ Burgers with Bite*



International Men's Evening will be celebrated at the Coffee Club/Burgers with Bites on 16<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm - 8.30pm. Guest Speaker TBA, Wine tasting by Peter Drayton Wines and much more. Cost will be minimal (including dinner). Keep an eye out for further details as it will be RSVP only. International Men's Day celebrates worldwide the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and communities. We highlight positive role models and raise awareness of men's well-being. Our theme for 2023 is "Zero Male Suicide". Together we can stop male suicide.

### *New Business in Wickham*



SALA is a Boutique Meditation studio located at 1/29 Throsby St, Wickham. Unlike other studios we offer Meditation, Yin Yoga & Yoga Nidra classes weekly. Remedial Massage, Reiki plus Yoga & Mediation classes for beginner's, Mentoring, workshops, and Energy Healing.

Contact Mel on 0475 685 238 or go to [www.salanewcastle.com.au](http://www.salanewcastle.com.au)

### *Congratulations to WOW Hair Wickham*



The team at Wow Hair Wickham, travelled to Sydney on the June long weekend, & entered a hair competition, called Team Collab. Avant Garde Editorial was the 'brief'. They won first place. It was a relay type scenario, where each competitor got 10mins each to do the hair. Kimberly Martz @ Wow Hair Wickham and her two apprentices had been practicing the look for the last few months to get our timing and styling down pat. Our first competitor was Sienna, our new SBAT student, who has only been with us for 6 months. (School based apprentice) She is a great braider, so she began on the cornrows to create a base and add to the look. Kimberly went second, finishing the cornrows and adding the heavy pieces and main frame. Then Charlie our 3rd year apprentice added the finishing touches - she is great with art and attention to detail.

"It was such a great opportunity to bond as a team and to be able to share in the excitement all together, says Kimberly. "And what a great way to begin a career for both of my young ladies, who are very passionate, & want to be the best hairdressers they can be".



### *"Mother's Day Stall" - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May*

Thanks to Jill and her helpers the stall raised \$150 for GLOW.

### *Ampol meeting*

GLOW members Lyn, John, Jill and Robyn met with Daniel, Community Engagement Officer from Ampol who indicated about their ongoing relationship within our area and about the facility and future of the Ampol terminal in Wickham. Ampol now distribute a monthly newsletter and plan to be more pro-active in the community. GLOW thanked Daniel for their previous fuel voucher donations which were used as prizes for GLOW events and look forward to our ongoing relationship.



## **GLOW AGM**

Great Lifestyle of Wickham Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday 24th October at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. Dinner at 6.30pm. RSVP essential. Meeting from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. All Welcome!!

### **Are you a member of GLOW?**

If not, why not join? Membership forms will be available at the AGM or are on GLOW'S website. Currently there are 30 financial members that contribute to GLOW'S running costs, and fulfill GLOW statutory requirements.

**2024 Membership Renewal are due by 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

Fee: Individual \$5.00 or Family is \$8.00.

Bank details are: Greater bank BSB: 637000 ACC: 719742076 Use your name as the reference.

### **GLOWs objectives, not in any priority order, are:**

1. Improve liveability around the area.
2. Build relationships with government: local, state, and federal elected representatives, to ensure promises are kept in our area.
3. Improve safety on the streets and throughout the parks.
4. Communicate good management strategies in waste management to City of Newcastle
5. Ongoing liaison with businesses, industries, developers and Port of Newcastle.
6. Introduce people to inner city life and friends of Wickham.
7. Information sharing on planning, incidences, events and changes around the city.
8. Support local businesses.
9. Celebrates special days with coffee mornings and other functions.
10. Celebrates the suburb with "Light-Up-Wickham" and our annual Christmas Eve dining out.
11. To be representative and ethical in all correspondence that informs on matters related to where we live and work.

### **TO DO!**

- October 2023 catchup with our CN Ward 1 Councillors to review progress on all matters.
- CN catchup with Michele Bisson: proposed Holland Street access and land to be acquired. DA proposal and the non-compliance matters. Waste and dumping.
- "CN Youth Council" catchup about safety and access around Wickham
- Follow up on dumping and shopping trolleys
- "Great Lifestyle of Wickham" AGM and register with NSW Fair Trading for 2024.
- Renew "Great Lifestyle of Wickham" insurance & membership.



### **- UPCOMING EVENTS -**

**"LIGHT UP WICKHAM" - from 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER - Rydges Newcastle**

GLOW welcomes your points of interest and input for future Newsletters. Email [info@glow.org.au](mailto:info@glow.org.au)

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