



WELLESLEY CLUB

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Newsletter – 7 March 2013

This brief newsletter highlights some important upcoming club events, especially the highly significant Special General Meeting, the new club lunches and the monthly club nights. We've also included some further information on the seismic strengthening project.

Special General Meeting – 18 March

The Club Committee encourages all members to attend this meeting, where the main purpose is to gain a consensus on the way forward with earthquake strengthening of the building. All members should have received the formal notice of meeting by now.

A paper will be forwarded to all members prior to the meeting, setting out the situation as discussed in our February newsletter.

A smaller item of business will be adjusting the quorum required for future meetings, as we're all aware of the difficulty achieving a quorum at an AGM.

The current Club Rules do not provide for proxy votes, so it would be great if you could make a special effort to come along and to ensure that the wishes of the majority are made clear.

Annual General Meeting – 15 April

As well as the normal business of annual reports and election of officers, there will be a motion to adopt the new version of the Rules.

A draft of the new version of the Rules will be distributed to all members well in advance of the AGM, with an opportunity to provide feedback to the Committee so any material corrections can be made before distributing a final version closer to the date of the meeting.

The Committee is taking a new approach with election of officers this year. Being a working committee, it is important to ensure that each officer is suitably skilled, experienced and willing to take on the various roles. A document will be distributed to members describing these roles and inviting expressions of interest.

Club Lunch – Tuesday 12 March

We've had two club lunches so far and, given the enthusiasm of those who attended, the next one will be on Tuesday next week. This is a change of date, to avoid having too many club functions in the same week.

We are fine-tuning the lunches to get the best result and feedback from attendees is encouraged. The aim is to make the occasion suitable for business people with limited time, while also allowing for those who wish to spend longer.

To ensure the best experience we'll be sending out a more detailed invitation shortly, making it more clear where and when to meet and how all the logistics will work.

Club Night – 20 March

The monthly club nights have resumed for 2013, on the third Wednesday each month.

These are really pleasant opportunities to catch up with fellow club members and to get to know more of each other.

The 20 March club night will be sponsored by the Committee for the first hour, including some light snacks as usual.

Seismic Strengthening and the WWL Building Committee

You will recall that the Wellesley Building is owned by the company Wellesley Westminster Ltd (WWL) which in turn is 74% owned by the company Westminster Consortium Ltd (in which the Club has no shares) and 26% owned by the Club.

The proposal to anchor the Wellesley Building to the adjacent building, known as the old Defence Building, was endorsed by Westminster Consortium Ltd at their recent AGM.

The proposal must also be endorsed by the Club before it can proceed.

Meanwhile planning has continued, under the governance of the WWL Building Committee on which the Club has two representatives (John Adam, Club Treasurer until recently and Grant Purdie, current Club President). It is encouraging that Stuart Brooker, who is a Club member and also the majority shareholder in Westminster Consortium Ltd, is overseas for a few weeks and asked Grant to act on his behalf on the building committee. Grant has also instigated regular Project Control Group meetings with senior management from all parties.

The Committee is going to a lot of effort to ensure the rights of the Club and all members are safeguarded while pursuing this important project to preserve the longevity of the building, which is most significant asset. The resulting paper is taking longer than expected to complete however it will be distributed as soon as possible to give everyone an opportunity to digest it before the Special General Meeting.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday	12 March	Club Lunch (originally planned for 19 March)
Monday	18 March	Special General Meeting
Wednesday	20 March	Club Night
Tuesday	9 April	Club Lunch (to be confirmed)
Monday	15 April	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday	17 April	Club Night

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