

Community Newsletter

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From the Executive Committee

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We thank Holly Zheng for serving the community over many years. Sadly, she has resigned and been replaced by Barry West who has previously served the community in a number of EC's.

Dear Owners & Residents

Covid-19 is still playing havoc with our lives. International travel remains banned and the impact on our multicultural community can be especially cruel.

My family and I were stranded in India for almost 7 weeks due to the lockdown and closure of all airports here and in India. It was a stressful time but we were lucky to get seats on a charter flight (at almost \$10,000) and made it home late May, after 14 days in quarantine.

Hundreds of thousands of Australians and permanent residents are still stuck overseas, away from their home country and cut-off from their families and loved-ones.

Imagine not being able to travel overseas to care for family members in need or, worse, to attend a loved one's funeral. Unimaginable 6 months ago, now reality!

Couples and entire families still remain separated. Spare a thought for neighbours who experience such traumas and be supportive in any way you can. For some, it could mean never to see family and loved ones again!

Liberty Grove and Covid-19

Thank you to our estate manager, Mark Galvez, and his team who relentlessly put up with (ever-changing) government policies in relation to Covid-19.

Many amenities such as the community centre, tennis and basketball courts, BBQ areas, playgrounds and more are currently open, however, social distancing rules and limits as to the maximum number of people (1.5m distance and a minimum of 4 sqm space per person)

allowed indoors still apply, restricting the capacity of most of our amenities.

Sadly, due to new restrictions the gym will be closed again effective 01 August 2020 until further notice.

Thank you for complying with all those restrictions!

New Toddlers' Playground

Our new playground has officially been opened by John Sidoti, Member of Drummoyne, in a small, Covid-19-compliant, ceremony on Saturday, 01 August.

John Sidoti represented the NSW State Government which generously provided a grant of \$44,711 towards the total costs of \$50,700 through its "My Community Project 2019".

Our sincere gratitude goes to the NSW State Government and all those who tirelessly worked together to bring this playground to our estate during difficult Covid-19 times!



Further attendees included Andrew Ferguson, Councillor of Canada Bay Council who provided fantastic assistance in all Council-related matters, Clayton James, Michael Horn (project manager), Barry West, Mark Galvez, estate manager and well-known Peter Wood (former chairperson of the EC for many years) who diligently handled all paperwork and communication with the NSW State Government in connection with this grant.

Designed for children from 2 – 6 years, the new playground has already evolved into the No. 1 attraction of our estate. Please treat it with care and respect so that our little ones can enjoy it for many years to come.

Cyclists' Safety

We notice a marked increase in the number of cyclists, especially children, on our roads. While riding a bicycle is healthy it has risks, especially for young children who don't yet understand all the road rules applying to them.

A couple of dangerous near-misses in the estate such as children riding on the wrong side of the road, not giving way, riding without front and rear lights during the night and riding without helmet should send a strong signal to all responsible parents to teach their children the road rules and how to safely ride a bike on public roads.

For more information please visit

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/index.html>

Please, keep our Estate Clean!

- ✓ **Put your household rubbish in your own bins, never put it in communal bins!**
- ✓ **If you have a broken bin or missing a bin please contact Canada Bay Council on (02) 9911 6555 and request a new bin for FREE!**
- ✓ **Keep your dog on a leash & pick up its dropping and, please stay away from playgrounds!**
- ✓ **Do not smoke on and around playgrounds, extinguish your stubs and put them in the bin.**

Some Recently Completed Projects

- Repaired 6 lights around Bradley Pool, Brewer park Brunswick park and along Village Green park.
- Replaced damaged electrical turret at 51 Charlton Street.
- Installed a second Smiley Face near the pedestrian crossing in Settlers Boulevard.
- Installed a new Dolphin All Vent hand dryer in the community centre's disabled toilet.
- Repaired & waterproofed Brunswick Park fountain.
- Installed a new net at basketball court
- Repainted and refurbished security hut incl. new A/C, new furniture and a new security door
- Disposed of broken treadmill located at Community Centre Gym
- Repaired entire roof of the Community Centre.
- Installed new shade sails around Bradley-Pool.

Some New & Ongoing Projects

- Main pool: Entire pool piping to be replaced during August & September due to age-related widespread leaks. Repairs expected to be finalised in October.
- Inground spotlights in Brewer & Brunswick Parks to be repaired and additional lighting to be installed in Charlton Park and Cole Park.
- 2 pairs of bird proof bin units to be installed at Village Green Park and Bradley Park on 13/08/2020

- New lighting to be installed around Bradley Pool.
- Due to an earlier accident at the Liberty Grove entrance from Homebush Bay Drive the area will be rectified including some necessary repairs.

NBN in Liberty Grove – What to do

All high-rise and apartment buildings are now connected to the NBN by FTTB (Fibre-to-the-Basement) while houses, townhouses & duplexes are connected by FTTC (Fibre-to-the-Curb) technology. Connection to your house/apartment is through the existing telephone line.

Important: The TPG Group will continue to service their fibre infrastructure installed in 2016 by the EC (Project Manager: Michael Horn) in all apartment buildings.

TPG advises all customers to stay put if you are happy with TPG's performance as switching to the NBN will drive costs up and speeds down. Please check the table overleaf for more details and resellers.

Houses, townhouses and duplexes connected to Telstra's HFC technology should note that Telstra will no longer service their HFC network (installed during 2016 by the EC (Project Manager: Michael Horn) and you must switch to NBN within 16 months.

Current Telstra HFC speeds are higher than those estimated by NBN so expect a reduction in speed.

❖ **In summary: If you live in an apartment and are connected to the TPG fibre network you don't have to do anything.**

❖ **If you live in a house, townhouse or duplex you must switch to a NBN reseller within 16 months. Please check at www.nbnco.com.au**

Essential Contacts

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Pacific Building Management Group

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Security

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Liberty Grove has security personnel onsite 24/7. Security issues should be addressed to the Estate Manager during normal office hours. If the office is closed contact the Security personnel on duty directly on **0405 071 553**.

Community Manager

Whelan Property Group

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TPG Offer for Liberty Grove

PIPE Networks: Fibre-to-the-Building (FTTB) Benefits

PIPE Networks owns the 6,900Km PPC-1 submarine cable linking Sydney to Guam and has a national fibre-optic network (currently +29,000Km's) reaching from Perth to Cairns; plus...the retail pricing plans on this wholesale FTTB network are at least the same price if not cheaper than the equivalent NBN plan¹:

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	PIPE Networks	NBN	PIPE Networks	NBN	PIPE Networks	NBN	PIPE Networks	NBN
<i>Plan Name</i>	Unlimited Fibre50-90	Unlimited nbn100 data	THE 100	THE 100	Ultra FTTB broadband	NBN100	FTTB	NBN100
<i>Data Quota</i>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
<i>Typical Evening Download Speed ²</i>	77Mbps	77Mbps	96.9Mbps	78.7Mbps	90Mbps	80.6Mbps	90Mbps	80.1Mbps
<i>Monthly Charge</i>	\$59.99	\$99.00	\$99.95	\$99.95	\$59.99	\$99.99	\$59.99	\$89.99
<i>Wi-Fi Modem</i>	Option: \$79.00 (Includes delivery)	Option: \$79.00 (Includes delivery)	Option: \$119.00 (Includes delivery)	Option: \$119.00 (Includes delivery)	Included (+ \$10 delivery)	Option: \$99.95, or \$59.95 with 6-month Contract (+ \$10 delivery)	Included (+ \$10 delivery)	Included (+ \$10 delivery)
<i>Month-to-Month One-off Set-up Fee</i>	\$59.00	\$0	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.95	\$0	\$99.95	\$99.95
<i>Minimum Cost</i>	\$118.99	\$99.00	\$198.95	\$198.95	\$169.94	\$99.99	\$189.94	\$219.94
<i>Contract Term for \$0 Set-up Fee</i>	N/A	1-month	24-months	24-months	6-months	1-month	18-months	18-months
<i>Minimum Cost</i>	\$118.99	\$99.00	\$2,398.80	\$2,398.80	\$369.94	\$99.99	\$1,109.82	\$1,649.82
<i>Home Phone Option (per-Month)</i>	\$10.00		\$19.95		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
<i>Home Phone Calling Plan (includes Line Rental)</i>	Unlimited Local & Standard National calls, Unlimited calls to Australian Mobiles (in Australia), Unlimited calls to 1300/13, and Unlimited International Calls to China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, India, New Zealand, UK, Germany, France, Croatia, USA & Canada		Unlimited Local & Standard National calls. Calls to Australian Mobiles (in Australia) 18-cents per-minute with 0-cent flagfall International Calls to Landlines & Mobiles from 1-cent per-minute and flagfall from 19-cents (www.fuzenet.com.au/pdf/fuz/Phone_Services_-_International_Call_Rates.pdf)		Unlimited Local & Standard National calls, Unlimited calls to Australian Mobiles (in Australia), and 100-minutes International	Unlimited calls to Aust Mobiles (in Australia) and Standard Landlines Or PAYG and Unlimited International Calls to Landlines in 20-countries	Unlimited Local & Standard National calls, Unlimited calls to Australian Mobiles (in Australia), and 100-minutes International	Unlimited Local & Standard National calls plus <i>either</i> Unlimited calls to Aust Mobiles (in Australia) or 100-minutes International
<i>RSP's Website</i>	www.exetel.com.au		www.fuzenet.com.au		www.iinet.net.au		www.tpg.com.au	

1. These examples are current as at 1st July 2020, but are subject to change without notice; E & O E.

2. Typical Evening Download Speed is measured between 7pm – 11pm. The actual speeds may be slower and vary due to many factors including type/source of content being downloaded, hardware & software configuration, the number of users and performance of interconnecting infrastructure not operated by the RSP. Devices connected by Wi-Fi may experience slower speeds than those connected by Ethernet cable.

