



Dear Community Member

Community “Consultation” for the Bob Campbell Oval (BCO) Masterplan has started.

BCO is a natural unstructured space that community members, sporting teams, dogs and wildlife have shared happily for years.

If Council presses ahead with its plan for BCO, the Greenwich community will lose its only significant natural grassed open space.

The GCA understands that the grassed surface on the playing field at BCO needs upgrading for organised sport.

But the requirements of sporting teams alone should not dictate what happens to BCO. The community is being asked to pay too high a price to meet the needs of those who use a large part of the reserve on weekends and evening training sessions, mainly in the winter months.

The solution for sporting teams should not be a huge swathe of synthetic material that will force wholesale change to the configuration of this beautiful public reserve.

Council has \$3.6 million to spend on BCO and this should go to improving the grassed playing field.

Council should not take away from the Greenwich community, dogs and wildlife its only large natural grassed open space.

And we ask if Council is really serious about consultation?

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CouncilConsultations/Pages/BobCampbell.asp>

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The drop-in sessions (that Councillors clearly expected to be held at Bob Campbell Oval) are being held in the **Terrace Function Room in Pottery Lane, Lane Cove!** Hugely inconvenient!

school holidays) and the next on 13/10 (the day after school resumes)!

The white picket fencing proposed around the synthetic soccer pitch leaves a much-reduced space for dog walking, fitness track, playground, BBQ area, netball court, amenities block and car parking in Council's plan.

A glossy display in the Terrace Room will not give a sense of the impact of what is proposed at BCO.

We need to be down at Bob Campbell Oval where we can see all the proposed works clearly marked out (not just the location of the white picket fence line around the soccer pitch and carpark as is the case right now).

- We have written to Council asking for the drop-in sessions to be held at BCO.
- We have asked for the timing of at least *one* of the sessions to be on the weekend after schools have resumed post holidays.
- We have asked for extra consultation time on account of school holidays.
- We have asked that the proposed elements at BCO be marked out clearly on the ground and that trees to be removed (carpark and shared user path ?) also be clearly marked.

We have not had a response from Council management to date.

But the GCA is getting the word out on BCO.

You will soon see signage, letter box flyers, petition signature gatherers and information tables at key locations in Greenwich.

We have overwhelming community support on this BCO issue – people are keen to help!

But there is always room for more.

If you can assist in any way, please contact John Southwood on 0412 137 080.

COUNCIL HAS INCLUDED A SURVEY ON ITS WEBSITE FOR BCO.

BUT WE ALL KNOW WHAT SURVEYS ARE LIKE!

IF YOU REALLY WISH TO HAVE YOUR SAY, PLEASE SEND IN A SUBMISSION AND SIGN THE PETITION THAT YOU WILL SEE AROUND THE AREA.

WE HAVE ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL INFORMATION TO ASSIST WITH SUBMISSION WRITING.

: https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/a600927a-d31c-4176-883f-8c76751f6153/BCO_Consult_MasterPlan_Information_Sheet_Final_250920.pdf

and please forward this email to all who should know what is proposed for BCO.

SUBMISSIONS TO COUNCIL ARE DUE BY 29 OCTOBER

And the Greenwich Hospital re-development is back

The Department of Planning has completed its assessment of the Greenwich Hospital re-development - a major development of the hospital and an 89 two BR unit seniors' living facility.

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=SSD-8699%2120200916T082433.293%20GMT>

Lane Cove Council lodged an objection, as did 161 community groups and individuals.

The Department of Planning has found that the proposed development is in the public interest and has recommended consent subject to conditions.

Given the objection of Lane Cove Council and the number of other objectors, the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) has responsibility to make a determination on this proposal.

It will hold a public meeting to hear submissions on **15 October**, with provision for an additional day if required.

Those who made submissions should have already received notification of the public meeting.

SEE THIS

LINK https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/0f9fa611-343c-491a-bd11-cbbba39e92f2/200925.OUT.Public_Meeting_Notice_Greenwich_Hospital.pdf

If you did not make a submission but wish to speak, please register with the

Deadline to register to address the IPC is 5 pm 8 October

Deadline for written submissions is 5 pm 23 October

The IPC will receive written submissions until a week after the public meeting.

Our next general meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 21 October**. Please save the date!

Kind Regards

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