



Dear Community Member

If ever we have had reason to value our green open space, it is now!

But, just as we are struggling to cope in difficult circumstances, our Council is moving ahead with plans that will significantly impact two of our precious open spaces.

### **Sports and Recreation Facility on the Golf Course Site**

**Wednesday 14th July was THE FINAL DAY FOR SUBMISSIONS** on Council's DA for a \$52 million Sports and Recreation Facility on the golf course site -.but we would expect late submissions would be accepted.(Refer below).

The GCA acknowledges that there is a need in our LGA and adjacent LGAs for more indoor sporting facilities.

But \$52 million is a big spend that warrants extensive consideration.

The GCA submission has been lodged today. ([Click here](#))

Much of the content of the GCA's submission does not relate to the technical detail in the DA but we felt it important to include it:-

1. It is time to conduct an LGA wide full review of the recreational needs of the Lane Cove community and the options to address them
2. Council's plans for the golf course site comprise four elements that should be considered together:
  - the actual golf course
  - the Sports and Recreation Facility
  - the major work to Stevenson Street which will become the main access road to the golf course precinct for hundreds of cars each day.
  - a Shared User Path through the golf course site

With the uncertainties around the economic and social impacts of the COVID pandemic, this is not the time to lock into a design where costs are likely to escalate.

There are 52 well considered submissions on the Council website already, with many likely to be added by day's end.

If you wish to make a late submission in the hope that Council will consider it, you will find the relevant information on [click here](#) .

Submissions should be addressed to [service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)

### **Bob Campbell Oval**

In our last broadcast we reported that Council has revoked its Part 5 environmental approval for the Bob Campbell Oval Master Plan.

Council's website was updated the day after the revocation with the following statement:-

*"Council has revoked the Part 5 assessment and approval for the Redevelopment of Bob Campbell Oval. Council's attention was drawn to the REF's requirement for a Remediation Action Plan (RAP) to be developed for consideration as part of the Part 5 Assessment. This RAP was not produced, but was scheduled to be prepared prior to commencement of construction. On this basis for avoidance of doubt in process, Council has revoked the Part 5 Approval and will prepare a RAP and review the original REF, prior to making a fresh decision on whether or not to approve the carrying out of the redevelopment of Bob Campbell Oval".*

This fight is clearly not over and we await, with interest, the next developments in the BCO campaign.

Council meets next Monday 19 July, the penultimate scheduled meeting of our current Council.

We will be watching carefully for the meeting business papers that will be published late tomorrow, so please watch out for BCO updates.

### **And for those who are keen to retain a natural grass surface at BCO**

Why not register for the ***Not Always Greener – Synthetic Turf Myths*** webinar?

**Thursday 15 July at 6 pm**

And learn about improved natural turf techniques from Dr Mick Battam who has demonstrated success in increasing usage capacity of natural grass sports fields throughout Sydney.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DrRfEVOzYw>

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Kind regards

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