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Dear Community Member

It never stops in East Ward ....

**Submissions on Top Spring DA and VPA due on Tuesday 14 September (extended date).**



This is the first DA (99/2021) in the St Leonards South Master Plan area and it is a big one.

The development is far more imposing from Newlands Park and River Road than we expected it to be.

Newlands Park will be subject to a lot of overshadowing.

And traffic will be a major issue with just one entrance off Canberra Ave to an underground car park with 372 car spaces.

With Council's proposed closure of Canberra Ave south of the car park entrance, the

DA details <https://ecouncil.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/trim/advertisedDAs.aspx>

VPA details [Lane Cove Council - Draft VPA 21–41 Canberra Avenue and 18-32 Holdsworth Avenue St Leonards \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

### **Sydney North Planning Panel approves DA for Australian Unity's 70 bed residential aged care and 82 independent living/self-contained unit facility at 266 Longueville Road.**

Australian Unity (AU) will build the facility on land leased from Lane Cove Council under a 99 year lease.

Sadly, another parcel of open green space lost to the community when we are desperately short of it.

But no shortage of seniors' accommodation, with the 143 bed Pathways development a short distance down River Road, the 89 two bedroom seniors' living unit development approved for the Greenwich Hospital site, a 92 bed residential aged care facility under construction at 33 Greenwich Road and another 40 seniors' living units at 2 Greenwich Road.

### **Council signs contract for synthetic Bob Campbell Oval - what about its review of environmental impacts?**

Council has signed a contract with Synergy Turf Manufacturing Pty Ltd to construct the synthetic pitch at Bob Campbell Oval.

Before the contract was signed and payments made or promised, Council should have completed a full assessment (REF) of the environmental impacts of its proposed works. Only after this had occurred, would Council have been in a position to decide whether it could issue an approval to go ahead with a synthetic BCO or whether it should prepare and exhibit an Environmental Impact Statement.

In its apparent haste to proceed with the synthetic ground, it seems that Council has pre-empted the results of its REF and signed a contract.

**But no work can actually start at BCO until Council has completed its required environmental assessments.**

A Probity Plan has been produced to ensure that the environmental assessment process is transparent.

1. *A new multi-disciplinary consultant will prepare a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) based on the actual products and design proposed under the contract, including a Remediation Action Plan. [Commenced]*
2. *On completion of the REF, Council will publish it on this website.*

*REF and any other necessary documents.*

- 4. On completion of the Part 5 Assessment Report, Council will publish it on this website.*
- 5. Counsel will review the Assessment report and provide an opinion to as to whether the REF and Part 5 Assessment meets legislative requirements under the EPA Act.*
- 6. Council's Executive Manager - Environmental Services will determine the Application.*
- 7. Following determination of the Application a report on the outcome will be provided to the next Ordinary Council meeting.*

[Lane Cove Council - Bob Campbell Oval \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://nsw.gov.au)

The REF is in train and Council has committed to exhibiting it on its website when finished.

There are several steps required after that before Council will be in a position to either proceed with the BCO work or prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for public comment

We welcome Council's commitment not to commence works in September but this is cold comfort in the middle of COVID restrictions.

The GCA is of the view that a synthetic BCO should never happen - a view shared with Natural Grass at Bob Campbell Inc.

### **Greenwich Baths to open early!**

The Baths will open on 18<sup>th</sup> September - earlier than usual.

An opportunity to get some exercise, but normal Covid restrictions continue to apply.

Kind regards

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