



" Our Community Matters"

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Dear Community Member

It is crunch time for Council's proposed Sport and Recreation Facility at Lane Cove Golf Club. The Development Application is to be considered by the Sydney North Planning Panel next Wednesday 3rd May.

The majority of resident submissions, as well as 6 community groups including GCA, have argued this is premature - and have expressed serious concern that the process is being rushed through, undue financial risks are being taken and the level of documentation and detail is inadequate to allow such a huge financial commitment.

At the March 23rd Council meeting, Mayor Zbik used his casting vote to push through a decision, (4 Councillors in favour, 4 against), to proceed with procurement of a demolition, sediment control and bulk earthworks contractor. The resolution also provided that Council would receive in their April workshop a 80% detailed design for the project to be followed at the April Council meeting by procurement of a construction contractor. Both processes were authorised before the DA has been determined by the SNPP with more than 180 written submissions on Council's web site highlighting the of lack of detailed plans and the inadequacy of impact studies (including traffic and environmental).

Refer [here](#)

As a result, Lane Cove Golf Clubhouse has announced it will close its doors Jun 1.

As noted in our last Newsletter, the GCA fully supports investment in new/upgraded sporting facilities but we share the concerns expressed by the community, some Councillors and 6 Lane Cove resident associations. The concerns relate to total cost (\$75m), financial feasibility and debt incurred, incomplete design, traffic and transport and environmental impacts. At a time when the building sector

At the Council meeting of 20th April, the appropriateness of commencing formal tender processes without the level of documentation and detail mentioned was vigorously debated. A motion put by Councillors Southwood and Flood that the Invitation to Tender did not commence until 80% design detail was not successful.

Sydney North Planning Panel Hearing 3rd May

Council's DA is scheduled to be heard on 3rd May at 11.30 AM by teleconference, disappointingly not in person as occurred pre Covid and we believe warranted by the size and impact of this project. **To speak at the Hearing you need to register before 4pm on Monday 01 May 2023 on 02 8217 2060 or email enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au. You will be given the phone number and code to enable you to join the public teleconference once registered.**

It is also NOT TOO LATE to make a written submission to the SNPP on this matter. The issues relevant to the SNPP criteria which should be mentioned include:

- Design of this substantial building not sufficiently complete to assess the impact of the building's bulk, size, shape, overshadowing impact
- Designs for road changes, including right turn lane, traffic lights, pedestrian access and road crossings, all still not developed & finalised
- Environmental impacts not fully considered
- Standard sized buses cannot access the site - so how will school children & teams utilise the facility?
- Location is isolated, offering minimal public transport. Winter sports activities will finish in the dark.
- Cumulative impact of traffic including all the recently completed and approved developments feeding River Rd has not been considered.

Submissions ADDRESSED TO SNPP need to be with Council by midday Monday 1st May
via service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

If you have concerns or questions about this project, email all Councillors on:
councillors@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Kind regards

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