



" Our Community Matters"

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Dear Community Member,

The Council is about to enter into a new lease with BlueFit for the operation of Greenwich Baths.

The decision is proposed for the next Council Meeting, on Thursday 21st Sept.

Council management is proposing two options as follows:

Option 1 – Limited Opening Periods with Supervision

- The Baths dates and times remain with BlueFit staff opening and closing the gate;
- Café is closed in season shoulders (see description below), with no lifeguard supervision during these times;
- Entry fees are charged when the café is staffed in the peak times and a lifeguard is on duty, a second staff member;;
- The Children's Beach Safety Program continues;
- Cleaning / maintenance as per specification every morning and night.

Supervised Period Where Entry Fees (kiosk and lifeguard) Apply:

- Weekends from November to March inclusive;
- Weekdays in the summer school holiday period (excepting Christmas Day).

Option 2 – Open Unsupervised Access

"Transition the venue completely to an open publicly accessible Baths, similar to Northbridge Baths, Balmoral and many other harbour beaches."

- Open / free entry with BlueFit staff opening and closing the gate;
- Unsupervised, no lifeguards on duty, noting the café staff member will be first aid trained;
- Kiosk open during summer weekends and school holidays as per **Option 1**;
- The Children's Beach Safety Program continues;
- Cleaning / maintenance as per specification every morning and night.

The agenda item is [here](#)

This is insufficient time for the community to form a view as to which model of operation would be preferred, and for example to request opening during the months April to November - ie year-round access.

We therefore encourage all residents to have their say before this Thursday, 5.00 pm, or to request Council delay a decision until the following Council meeting thereby providing time for community input.

Please therefore email the General Manager, with copies to all Councillors as follows:

- cwrightson@lanecove.nsw.gov.au
- councillors@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

The GCA, will write separately on this matter, requesting more time.

Kind regards

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