



Dear Community Members

As you will see in our June newsletter [click here](#), the community is being asked to comment on a raft of Council proposals, many of which do not seem to be time critical.

Could it be something to do with locking in projects before the 4 September Council election?

The Bob Campbell Oval synthetic turf plan is the most striking example of a rushed project.

In the space of just 14 days, Council:

- made the surprise announcement of a change to an untested (in Australia) synthetic turf technology
- exhibited the Review of Environmental Factors (REF)
- issued its assessment, as required under the EP&A Act, and found that that the entire BCO Master Plan had "minimal environmental impact"
- issued a request for tender for the synthetic oval

This unseemly haste to progress plastic grass is hard to reconcile with the fact that top billing for Council's July events is "Plastic Free July"!

[Lane Cove Council - July 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Tenders for the Bob Campbell synthetic ground close at 5 pm on 21 June.

Council meets at 7 pm that night.

We will be checking the Council meeting agenda very carefully – it should be out on Thursday 17 July.

Watch out for email updates.

And we hope to see many of you at our next GCA meeting this coming Wednesday - 16 June - 7.30 pm at the Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell St.

Kind regards

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