



Dear Community Members

Bob Campbell Oval

We have the hopeful prospect of a rescission motion for BCO next week but it is far from a certainty.

On 16 November, 2020 the vote to approve the synthetic surface on BCO was 4-3.

When Councillors voted last November, the Mayor had stated in emails to community members and at GCA meetings that the BCO grant was conditional upon the installation of a synthetic surface and that grant funds would be lost if the surface changed.

Since the November meeting, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has confirmed in a letter to the Hon Anthony Roberts (and forwarded to the GCA in late December 2020) that **Council could actually apply to vary the scope of the BCO project.**

This is a significant item of information that we understand was not known to Councillors on 16 November.

On Monday 15 March Councillors can have more regard for the views of their community.

They can have confidence to resolve to vary the scope of the BCO project.

They can develop a grass surface option, knowing that a properly designed and maintained grass surface will meet far more of the diverse needs of the community than a fenced synthetic surface.

And without the environmental and public health impacts of which we are now aware.

But **we need 5 of 8 Councillors to vote** for the rescission motion and to vote for a serious review of the grass option at BCO.

So where to in the next few days?

If you wish to address Council...

Unfortunately, the public gallery will not be open on Monday night so you will be unable to

A link to the video conference, which will include all Councillors attending the Council meeting, will be made available for community members to present to Councillors. All speakers wishing to participate in the public forum must register by using the [online form](#) **no later than midnight, on the day prior to the meeting (i.e. Sunday 14 March)** and a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to the provided email address. Please note that the time limit of three minutes per address still applies so please make sure your submission meets this requirement.

If you wish to email Councillors...

The easiest way to email ALL Councillors at the one time is to email Councillors@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

And please join us outside the Council Chambers on the night to show support for the rescission motion...

It is important for us to show the Councillors who will support us that we support **them**.

Please join us in a strong but respectful gathering in the car park outside the Council Chambers **from 6 pm** so we are there when Councillors start arriving for the meeting.

The Council meeting starts at 7 pm.

The BCO items are at the beginning of the meeting so Councillors should vote on the rescission motion no later than 7:45 pm and we will be able to watch proceedings on mobile phones.

And, for those who have registered to speak, this can be done on a mobile phone in the car park.

If you are planning to attend on Monday night, please text John Southwood on 0412 137 080

The community has worked so hard to save BCO.

We hope that the rescission motion on Monday night will represent an endorsement by Councillors of the right of the community to have its say about plans for Greenwich's precious green open space.

And please check tomorrow's SMH - there may be an article about synthetic surfaces and BCO.

Kind regards

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