



Dear Community Members

Bob Campbell Update

New Resident Group formed to protect BCO issues Letter of Demand to Council

For over a year, the GCA and many hundreds of community members have voiced their concerns about the environmental impacts of a synthetic surface on Bob Campbell Oval (BCO).

Our attempts to convince four of our Councillors to reverse their decision to support this synthetic surface have met with no success, as has been the case with approaches to the Minister for Planning and our local member, Mr Anthony Roberts MP.

With the tender process for the BCO contracts closing on 21 June, it was time to look at possible legal options to stop the synthetic surface.

The GCA committee took the view that this is not something the GCA could consider.

Fortunately, some other community members decided it was time to act.

They have formed a new association – Natural Grass at Bob Campbell Inc (NGABC).

This new association is separate from the GCA.

This new association has **a single focus** - the reversal of Council's decision to proceed with a synthetic surface at Bob Campbell Oval and the installation, instead, of an improved natural grass surface capable of supporting increased usage.

On Monday night, 21 June, solicitors for NGABC delivered to the General Manager of Council a letter of demand stating that they have serious concerns about the validity of the mandatory environmental assessment that has been conducted by Council.

The letter calls on Lane Cove Council to undertake to cancel its environmental assessment, to conduct a new assessment in accordance with environmental legislation and not to sign construction contracts for the synthetic surface.

Oval to support the battle to save and improve it.

If you are keen to join NGABC or to support its activities, please email Martin Cunningham, on naturalgrassatbco@gmail.com

All updates about the activities of NGABC will come from the new association.

The GCA will, of course, continue to fight for an improved natural grass surface on our precious, shared community open space.

Kind regards

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