

SPOKEN Submission by LCBCS to Ordinary Council Meeting 23 March 2023

Late Agenda: Bushland Acquisition - 14 Gay Street, Lane Cove. Record No: SU8218 - 14590/23

For a very long time the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society has called for the acquisition of 14 Gay St, understanding the significance of this land, as have Council's bushland managers. In 2021 it was subject to extensive tree and native vegetation clearing including in the environmental protection layer and up to the Harry Howard Bushwalk as well as into the public reserve.

The LCBCS would also like to express gratitude for the Council's success in acquiring this private land, a actively increasing our reserves by purchasing this valuable bushland, a parcel of 2801 square metres (sqm), to add to the public estate.

The Society supports the Recommendation of the Officer's Report on tonight's Agenda, as it states that Council will constructively engage with the community about decisions to be made, the Society very much looks forward to this.

This site demonstrates the transition of three endangered ecological communities of which there are no other examples remaining in Lane Cove: Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest (STIF), Sydney Blue Gum High Forest (SBHF) and Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest (SCFF). The property has importance well beyond the local, to include regional significance, with a considerable range and composition of threatened flora.

On the proposed Sport & Recreation Facility REPORT. Record No: SU9115 - 13111/23:

Councillors are being asked to vote TONIGHT on whether the project should progress to tender for a Construction Contractor to undertake the Major Works **WITHOUT** final design documentation and Development Approval being in place. **The Society cannot support this.**

We understand that this is due to pressure to commence construction before the end of June, 2023 to meet the terms of the Sport Grant Funding.

We have made many submissions with objections to the proposed Sport & Recreation facility at the site of the present golf club at 180 River Road and our objections still stand.

We are therefore concerned that should the project go-ahead, certain conditions may not be enforced on the golf course site. Breaches of environmental controls nearby on current construction sites have resulted in damage to the bushland.

We consider that the tender should specifically include:

- The bushland directly adjacent to the Lane Cove Golf Clubhouse site to be especially protected; (*We know around 100 trees were recently removed under the Councils watch*)
- Detailed erosion and sediment control plans in the documentation;
- All building rubble and waste generated through the construction process are contained on site and appropriately removed;
- Double fencing on the steeper aspects of the site be provided;