

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Lindfield Village Hub

Ku-ring-gai Council now have Expressions of Interest from 18 possible developers to redevelop the existing Car Park on the western side of Lindfield Shopping Centre near the Railway Station into the proposed Village Hub. Details of the proposal can be viewed on Council's website www.kmc.nsw.gov.au, and searching for "Village Hub".

It is proposed that the Hub will include;

- A new Lindfield Branch Library
- A new Community Centre
- An underground Supermarket with Retail Shops
- Residential Apartment Buildings
- A Public Park
- A Town Centre with Restaurants and Cafes
- Basement Car Parking for Commuters, Visitors, Residents and Shoppers

As previously advised Committee Member Julian Ledger has been appointed to Council's Community Reference Group which has been set up so that Community Groups can have an input into the design of the Hub.

Committee Members have also attended Workshops where Council's preferred Scenario was discussed. The height of the three adjoining apartment buildings has been increased up to a possible 10, 12 and 14 storeys respectively, to make the project financially viable. A Child Care Centre has also been added as it is alleged to improve viability. Council has not been willing to share any of the assumptions on which it has based financial feasibility.

Generally, participants in the workshop were against the increase in apartment height. There were suggestions that the car park and/or the community facilities should be reduced in size instead of increasing apartment height.

The Committee has serious reservations about Council's preferred Scenario and reducing the size of the car park for the following reasons;

- Any reduction in the size of the car park will have serious consequences for our residents as commuter parking at Lindfield is now at a premium and any reduction will be catastrophic.
- The proposed height of the residential buildings is excessive and will set a
 precedence for future such buildings in Ku-ring-gai.
- The project is now being lead by developers not the Lindfield and Killara community.

The Committee urges Members to object to Council's preferred Scenario on the above grounds. Your local Councillors are:

Roseville Ward;

Mayor Jennifer Anderson, <u>janderson@kmc.nsw.gov.au</u>, 9424 0202 Sam Ngai, <u>sngai@kmc.nsw.gov.au</u>, 9424 0202

Gordon Ward;

Cheryl Szatow, <u>cszatow@kmc.nsw.gov.au</u>, 9424 0202 Peter Kelly, <u>pkelly@kmc.nsw.gov.au</u>, 9424 0202

Community Fire Units

Training of Community Fire Unit (CFU) Members has continued through the year under the watchful eye of Fire & Rescue NSW. Due to the high probability of bushfires occurring this year it is extremely important that you are properly prepared. www.rfs.nsw.gov.au has valuable information on what actions you should take. We are all shocked by the recent loss of life and property in California as example of what can happen.

New CFU Members, both female and male, are always welcome, you do not have to be in a fire prone area. If you are interested in becoming a member, or if you know of anyone interested, please contact a Committee Member for details on how to join or go to www.fire.nsw.gov,au, click on the links to Community Fire Unit and select the overview of the CFU Programme.

Nominations For 2019 Committee

Nominations are called for the 2019 Committee.

If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member please contact Cec Morgan for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on 31st January 2019.

Noise and Dust Nuisance

Recently there has been a lot of noise coming from construction work around the Delhi Road, Ryde area. The noise is occurring at all times during the day and night. There have also been instances when some sites are generating large amounts of dust. If it is worrying you contact the EPA on 131 555 or if you think it is coming from City of Ryde Crushing Plant at Porters Creek contact the City of Ryde Council Hotline on 9952 8077

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