

# Welcome to the 416 Group

## 416 Group Newsletter – April 2024

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To learn more and receive future updates by email, please join the 416 Group by registering on the 416 Group website membership page: <https://www.416group.org/membership/>. Use our **website form**, scan our QR code.



The website includes submissions to Government referred to in this newsletter.

## Current local issues and updates since September 2023

### Commuter parking betrayal

\$9.8 million promised to fund commuter parking within the Lindfield Village Hub development has been pulled by the State Government.

For the past decade, the 416 Group has been actively involved in the proposal for new commuter parking as a part of the Lindfield Village Hub project. In November, on the very day Ku-ring-gai Council was to have awarded the project to the selected developer, five officers of Transport for NSW arrived to demand the return of \$9.8m state funding for the parking. The money had already been given to Council two years previously.

***You may think sounds more like Chicago in the 1930s!*** Letters to Ministers have gone unanswered and the State Government has refused to reconsider. More information is on Council's website [Lindfield Village Hub Ku-ring-gai \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.lindfield.nsw.gov.au). The project is now stalled and was to have included a new park, library, supermarket and apartments in addition to the commuter parking.

Meanwhile with the proposed huge increase in housing density (see overleaf) there is the real prospect that commuter (long stay) parking on the west side of Lindfield station (approximately 200 bays in the car park and on nearby streets) will disappear over the coming period at great disadvantage to our community. E.g. your remaining options will be crawling to work in congested traffic, relying on 'kiss and ride' at the station (if you have a driver at home), or catching the not so frequent 565 local bus. Ironically the train service is about to expand options with the opening of the new Chatswood to the CBD Metro line.

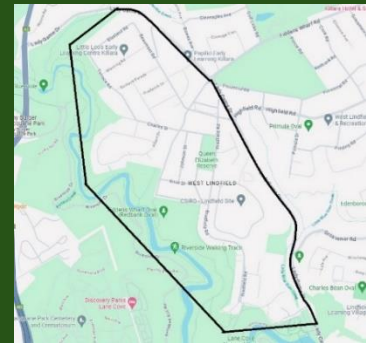
### Council elections

Elections are coming up on 14 September. If you have ideas about any local matters let us know for possible inclusion in our message to candidates.

The 416 Group is an action group for residents of Killara and Lindfield living west of Lady Game Drive.

The Group was formed in 2001 and the "416" comes from the phone prefix of the area at the time.

We aim to ensure that current and future developments and activities do not degrade the natural assets or living environment of the area and that the local quality of life is maintained.



### 416 Group Committee

President	Julian Ledger
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Treasurer	Judy Szittner
Secretary	Margaret Frater
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The Group is led by a small committee of volunteers.

New committee members are very welcome.

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## Proposed NSW Government Housing Changes

There were 5300 responses to Council's recent survey on the proposed changes for increased housing density with three-quarters opposed. The changes mark the biggest threat to liveability in the 416 Group's history. The 416 Group made a submission to the State Government and included concerns about lack of infrastructure to support increased density, traffic congestion and impact on existing commuter parking at North Shore stations.



The 416 Group does support a better mix of housing options in the area provided there is consultation and the required infrastructure.

## More Footpaths

In 2023 the 416 Group separately met with Council and Paul Fletcher MP to lobby (unsuccessfully) for an acceleration of Council's program to provide one footpath on one side of each road. We are however pleased that next financial year Council has agreed to build a footpath on the south side of Eustace Pde, Killara which services the Beaumont Rd Public School drop off via a pedestrian crossing.

Due to the speed of many cars our other priority is Bradfield Rd in Lindfield beyond Carramar Rd but this is still not on the forward plans. Let us know your priorities.

We were pleased that after a number of requests Council cut back vegetation on Lady Game Drive opposite De Burgh Rd allowing traffic to pass by vehicles waiting to turn right into De Burgh.

## Protecting Lane Cove National Park

### Eden Gardens

Two years ago, a development application was lodged for an 18 storey office tower on the Eden Gardens site on Lane Cove Road. The 416 Group and many others objected to a high rise immediately adjacent to the national park and overlooking the river valley. The City of Ryde planning report was strongly opposed to the development, and it was refused by the Sydney North Planning Panel. The applicant was not willing to compromise and appealed to the Land and Environment Court. The week-long hearing was held at the end of February and the 416 Group addressed the court at an onsite session. The court's determination is awaited.

### Wicks Road/Porters Creek

Downer EDI is the contractor for the Warringah Freeway upgrade. They lodged an amendment to the original Environmental Impact Statement to use part of the City of Ryde site at Wicks Rd, Macquarie Park as a 24/7 construction support site. The location has had a long history of noise impact on the national park but has not previously operated at night. The 416 Group and NPWS objections were successful in having proposed noise barriers extended. The activity will run until 2026 but at the time of writing has yet to start. Residents who are impacted should not hesitate to complain with details here: [Wicks Road temporary construction support site \(Jan 2024\).pdf \(caapp.com.au\)](https://caapp.com.au/support-site/Jan-2024/)

### Accessing the park

In its submissions on Macquarie Park the 416 Group has proposed a pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Lane Cove River linking the end of Fiddens Wharf Road with Riverside Drive. This would tie in with the existing cycle way to the Macquarie Centre and Macquarie University. It would also create a 5km walking loop in the park being about half the existing 10km loop between Fullers bridge and De Burghs bridge.

## Local news

### Queen Elizabeth Reserve upgrade

Council moved quickly to instal a small dog park on Bradfield Road. The larger masterplan works for the Reserve have yet to start. The 416 Group was successful in having the planned new basketball hoops moved closer to the centre of the reserve instead of outside a bedroom window.

### Quadrant café activates Moore Ave

A warm welcome to Andrew and the team at the Quadrant café in the former mower shop premises at the Moore Avenue shops. The wide footpath is ideal for al fresco dining. We are told signage is due to go up shortly.

Meanwhile the word is that the developer of the proposed IGA on the existing Moore Avenue Café site has bought the adjacent Chinese restaurant and plans to submit a revised and bigger development application.

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Congratulations to the Catholic Church (Immaculate Heart of Mary) on the corner of Charles St and Fiddens Wharf Road on celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recently. The Church has made good use of previous excess parking with the completion of two small group homes on Charles Street which provide 24-hour care and support in a homely environment for frail aged.