



THE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR LINDFIELD

Lindfield high rise:

The sad saga of delayed redevelopment of the west side of Lindfield station is worthy of the construction timetable of a medieval cathedral. It was on track until in 2023 the NSW Government withdrew \$9.8M funding for commuter parking and the Village Hub project collapsed. Now under the modified Transport Orientated Development plan much higher housing density is approved for the west side. A summary of the process Council undertook with the NSW Government is on Councillor Sam Ngai's Facebook.

Main takeaways are the relative powerlessness of Councils and the fight now necessary to retain commuter parking. The 416 Group supported the need for a new Lindfield Transport Impact Assessment which is now going ahead. At present there are 243 unrestricted parking bays on the west side of the station. Parking is necessary to enable people to leave their cars behind and use the train.

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WELCOME TO THE 416 GROUP

Newsletter – February 2026

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. To receive future updates by email please join by registering on the website: <https://www.416group.org>

The Committee has currently waived the annual \$10 membership fee.

416 Group Committee

President: Julian Ledger

Vice President: John Croker

Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Szittner

Committee:

Doug Turnock, Val du Pre le Roux, Ian Stuart, Karina Andrijic

New committee members are very welcome. Email us: mail@416group.org.
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Moore Avenue:

Thanks go to Council's Operations Dept for rehabilitating the derelict area at the rear of the shops – a request we raised at the last Council elections. Thanks also to the gardening team for replanting the flower beds. More recently the traffic engineer circulated a proposal for a wombat pedestrian crossing on Moore Ave near the roundabout saying that it is justified by the pedestrian count.

Lady Game Drive:

Many residents have complained about the worsening tailback from the traffic lights at Fullers Bridge. Part due to vehicles 'rat running' down Fullers Road south. Submissions to Willoughby Council and Transport for NSW have yet to result in change. This year the very uneven section between Grosvenor Rd and Fullers Bridge is at least due to repaved.

Bigger picture is that the road infrastructure is not designed for the growing population. Thanks go to Matt Cross MP for nudging Ku-ring-gai Council to improve safety of the right turn from Lady Game Drive into De Burgh Rd by relocating the centre line. The 416 Group had raised the issue with him and Council. Lady Game Drive has 3 tonne weight limit; however, trucks are using it as a shortcut between Ryde Road and Pacific Highway. If you see one, please notify local police cc 416 Group.

New representative for Bradfield:

The 416 Group recently met with Nicolette Boele as the Community Independent MP for Bradfield. We were following up on our pre-election questions for candidates. See the 416 Group website - Submissions. We stressed that massively increased housing density will only be successful if it is matched by State and Federal support for infrastructure to tackle congestion.

Lane Cove National Park:

Disappointingly new rock carving and graffiti has appeared on the Great North Walk. It's a serious offense with financial penalties. Always respect park rules and leave rocks and sites untouched. Meanwhile if wondering how it is that the tallest tower in NSW outside the Sydney CBD now looms over the Lane Cove valley at Macquarie Park consider this quote: - **"Sydney is a very strange place... the only place in the world where they have so many parks... Everywhere, national parks. They are only good for snakes... No one else goes there."** Harry Triguboff, founder of Meriton

Queen Elizabeth Reserve:

Council approved a masterplan for the reserve in mid-2023, but since then the only change has been the fenced dog park. Meanwhile the children's play area is not fully fenced. Councillor Alec Taylor reports that a plan is being prepared for the first stage of the implementation works being for the play space and fitness equipment in 2026/27.

Community Fire Units (CFU):

Congratulations to a group of residents in Bradfield Rd, Lindfield who have formed a new CFU. Being a CFU member is a great way to both strengthen property protection and community. Meanwhile Bradfield Rd and neighbouring streets have been designated by Council' as one of the "Green Finger" character areas.



Flight Paths:

The new Western Sydney International (WSI) airport opens later this year and brings changes to existing flight paths. Time will tell if good, bad, or little difference for our area. We can say that the 24-hour WSI will provide the public and airlines choice and that it may slow growth in the traffic of over 40M passengers per year at Sydney Airport. Although that is still forecast to increase by some 50% by 2039.

Road safety:

We were very sad to read of a nonagenarian pedestrian killed in nearby Gordon on St John's Ave (no footpaths). The 416 Group has previously met with Council's engineer on our footpath priorities. Only one of these – Eustace Pde, Killara has been acted upon. To prioritise new footpaths Council works to a points matrix. On the Council website are forms to request a new footpath and footpath repair: The slow progress is due to lack of funds.