



Councillor Emanuel Tsardoulis

Marrickville WEST WARD

Dear Resident,

I'm writing to inform you of the recent resolution which I moved at Council, to deliver a sustainable outcome on Arlington Oval which balances the community's needs for the park with the concerns of local residents.

Please find below a copy of my resolution moved by Marrickville Labor at Council.

If I can be of any other assistance, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. I look forward to continuing to work hard for the residents of Marrickville in 2010.

Kind Regards

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Motion on Arlington Oval: That:

1. *The results of the community consultations for the Arlington Reserve Draft Improvement Plan and the Arlington Reserve Feasibility Report be received and noted;*
2. *On available evidence artificial surfaces are likely to be more cost effective in the long term and in suitable locations are likely to enable more intensive, sustained and reliable usage by soccer clubs and other users;*
3. *The significant up front investment required to build synthetic surfaces is best made in areas where the following criteria apply:*
 - a. *the purpose of installing a synthetic surface is to maximize access to the playing surface by members of the public, children, adults, members of clubs but not only elite sporting groups;*
 - b. *fences can be installed;*
 - c. *adequate provision is available for spectators;*
 - d. *time restrictions on usage are at a minimum;*
 - e. *unrestricted parking is available at the site;*
 - f. *the playing field can be fenced to protect it from vandalism;*
 - g. *the playing surface is under passive and active surveillance;*
 - h. *the site can cater for increased traffic over prolonged periods of time; and*
 - i. *the ground can cater for 12 months' usage per year*
4. *As it is situated in the middle of a densely populated residential area with limited parking and road access, neither Arlington Oval nor any other oval in the Marrickville LGA meets all of these criteria;*

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5. To realise the investment in a synthetic surface, usage of Arlington Oval would have to increase substantially to the likely detriment of local amenity;
6. Council therefore resolves not to proceed with an artificial surface for Arlington Oval;
7. Council endorses full reconstruction of Arlington Oval field including grading and levelling, new drainage and irrigation system and new turfing;
8. Further, Council is to investigate and implement alternative water sources as part of field reconstruction;
9. Council authorises construction of the upgrading works to commence after the 2010 winter sports season to enable clubs to complete the 2010 winter competition;
10. Following implementation of surface improvements at Arlington Reserve, Council implements a Plan of Management and development consent review process;
11. Council also recognises the potential advantages of synthetic surface to soccer clubs, players and the community in the Marrickville Council area and in neighbouring local government areas in the inner west and south west;
12. Consistent with the recommendations of the 2008 SSROC Draft Review of Sporting Fields Management in the southern Sydney region, Council also directs Marrickville Council's SSROC representatives to raise the need for a top quality, greenfields development of a soccer facility with a synthetic surface in the inner south west area and through SSROC to develop options for location and shared funding and management of such a facility;
13. Council therefore authorises the Mayor to host a meeting of the mayors of the neighbouring councils of Rockdale, Canterbury, Ashfield and Leichhardt early in 2010 to form a group to identify such sites and to lobby state and federal governments to support partnerships to develop facilities which meet the criteria outlined in point 3 of this motion;
14. Cut off visors to be installed on all lights on the Oval to minimise the impact of residents on Williams Parade;
15. Council consult with local residents regarding a residential parking scheme in Williams Parade, Constitution Road, Union Street and Arlington Street which will include a 2 hour parking restriction during events at Arlington Oval;
16. Council consider planting mature trees on the hill and adjacent to Williams Parade to redress noise;
17. Revised licence conditions are developed for use of the sportsground to ensure a high standard of player and spectator behaviour and to minimise impacts on nearby residents;
18. following implementation of any surface improvements at Arlington Reserve, Council implements a Plan of Management and development consent review process including consideration of a proposed night time closure of the reserve; and
19. Council consider resourcing of additional weekend and after hours monitoring to assist in the management of the reserve and surrounds.