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Mr. George Bounassif

Director Operations

Ku-Ring-Gai Council

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Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai & Hills District Cricket Association to advise of our unanimous support of the project to build additional amenities, including clubrooms, within the North Turramurra Recreation Area, as proposed by the Northern Suburbs Football Association.

We are current Season hirers of the cricket playing area at NTRA, and utilise this excellent facility for junior, senior and junior representative fixtures throughout the summer season.

In addition, the practice nets are in our planning to offer an association wide junior and girls coaching program with a focus upon increased involvement in all cricket formats and additional time frames, including twilight matches due to the shortage of grounds.

The association is currently in Year One of a Five Year Strategic Plan, which focusses upon the expansion of our programs across the broader community, with an increased emphasis on working with the school network to offer additional opportunities to young children and their parents to be involved in our programs.

The opportunity to utilise both the outdoor and the indoor facilities offered within the proposed club rooms is unique in our experience and would greatly increase our integrated introduction to cricket activities.

In addition, our association offers training programs for junior coaches and managers, team captains and community-based umpires throughout the season and having a base for these programs outside of the currently utilised licenced premises would be advantageous, especially as we could combine the outdoor activity with indoor seminar/training.

The successful administration of our junior, senior and representative programs requires a network of volunteer-based committees and project teams, and finding adequate meeting facilities is an on-going problem, economically and geographically.

As with all community based voluntary organisations, our association conducts numerous Presentation Nights and both mid-season and off-season functions, and the availability of a "home base" would be a great step forward if the NSFA proposal is enacted in the future.

In summary, the HK&HDCA fully supports the NSFA concept plan as a positive step toward providing this very welcome community facility, and its willingness to share the asset with the cricket community and other similar volunteer-based organisations.

Yours sincerely.

Geoff Hasler

President, HK&HDCA