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As a member of the Harbord Diggers Women's Bowling Club for the past 10 years and President since just prior to the closing of the old Harbord Diggers Club I am thrilled to see that Harbord Diggers is finally going to complete our Bowling Green. To witness the excitement created among our members by the news makes the 6 year wait so worthwhile. Our Patron & Life Member, Betty Campbell, who was a foundation member of HDWBC when it was first opened in 1981 is delighted and eager to return to the new green.

I have missed the exercise which bowls provides at this beautiful spot on the Northern Beaches, where, along with my fellow bowlers, I also enjoyed the social interaction and feeling of mental wellbeing. It was particularly difficult during COVID restrictions as bowls is such a complete part of my life, however, thanks to the camaraderie among members at HDWBC we supported each other through telephone contact.

Bowls is an inclusive sport suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. I cannot wait to return to bowls at Harbord Diggers green and also welcome new members so they too may experience the physical, social and mental health benefits. The close proximity of the Watermark Village will make it easy for those living there to access the green and perhaps learn a new sport or hone their skills. There is also the prospect of attracting younger members of the wider community and enhancing their exercise options.

I do sincerely trust that the Northern Beaches Council will look favourably at the proposal to finalise the bowling green at Harbord Diggers Club.

Sincerely
Marie Harradine