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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

I am very pleased to see that Harbord Diggers is finally going to complete the bowling green at the club. It has been six years since the last game was played at the old Harbord Diggers club.

Harbord Diggers is an institution on the Northern Beaches renowned for its tremendous support of the local community in many facets of sport and other areas - catering to all age groups. I understand the Harbord Diggers Women's Bowling Club is looking forward to celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2021 - a wonderful achievement and something to be very proud of.

Bowls plays a very important role in the community - both from the point of view of exercise and enjoying the outdoors but also as means of maintaining social contact which, in turn, benefits good mental health and well-being. This is particularly true in the case of older citizens who can sometimes feel isolated - certainly emphasised due to the COVID pandemic.

Bowls is a gentler and quieter game than most - the only person able to give players instructions during a game is the Skip and this is only if required. Bowls can be enjoyed by people of all ages and all levels of fitness.

I do trust that Northern Beaches Council will look favourably on the Development Application for the Harbord Diggers Bowling Green.

Sincerely
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