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RE: REV2022/0024 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

As a flourishing local surf club, Newport represents a vital community hub. As well as the more obvious community benefits offered by keeping beachgoers safe from harm in the ocean, due to a committed and trained membership base a surf club provides an incredible place for community to share activities and develop connections and new skills.

I am fortunate enough to have seen first hand how powerfully using the SLS facilities can bring a community together as the President of the nearby Whale Beach SLSC. Using the Whale Beach clubhouse facility as an example, we offer community events as varied as yoga for the oldies to youth events and all manner of community engagement from our much celebrated Neighbours night to Anzac day commemoration.

The clubhouse and facilities of our club assist us greatly in this endeavour and I commend all of the community to embrace the power of engaging with such a valuable organisation as Newport SLSC. It is an incredibly well led organisation and Guyren and his team have put a huge effort and consideration behind their proposal and the overwhelming community support surrounding what would seem to be a logical and well considered proposal with a rational foundation would be hard to ignore. The potential disruption to ongoing safety and operational efficiency alone would be reason enough to support the Newport SLSC proposal. Please view the support for the Newport SLSC proposal as the ideal opportunity to show your practical support a valuable community service .