

Summary Report of Public Notification

Project name	Proposed lease renewal – Long Reef Golf Club
Public notification period	Friday 9 Jun to Sunday 9 Jul 2023
Background	<p>The Long Reef Golf Club have held a lease over the 18 hole golf course for over 100 years¹. The Long Reef Golf Club is a not for profit sporting club operating in accordance with the Griffith Park NSW State Crown Plan of Management.</p> <p>Council propose to grant Long Reef Golf Club Limited a 30-year lease for Lot 1/ DP1144187, Anzac Avenue Collaroy.</p> <p>The lease provides the Long Reef Golf Club Limited with ongoing tenure for the purpose of operating a golf course, clubhouse, and pro-shop.</p>
Total number of submissions	<p>A total of 143 submissions were received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 137 submissions online and 6 emailed submissions (112 included comments). • Of which 132 were in support, 1 was unsure, and 10 were noted as objections.
Notification approach	<p>This public notice was implemented and reported in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>A page² was established on our Have Your Say platform and included the public notice information and the lease plan.</p> <p>The public notice was promoted through resident letters and on-site signage. This also included the three onsite signs.</p> <p>Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the project page. An open-field comments box provided community members a space to share their comments. Email and written submissions were also invited. Contact details were provided should people have questions.</p>

¹ https://longreefgolfclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021_NEW_MASTER-COPY_Long-Reef-Golf-Club-The-First-One-Hundred-Years-1.pdf

² <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposed-lease-long-reef-golf-club>

<p>Summary of Findings</p>	<p>This report outlines the outcomes of public notification as part of a proposal to grant a new thirty year lease to the Long Reef Golf Club (the Club), who have held a lease of the community and crown land for over a 100 years.</p> <p>The respondents who were not in support had queries whether the Club was complying with the Plan of Management (POM) in relation to environmental management. Other respondents wanted further information on the public golf fees. There were comments about alternative land uses of the lease area. The feedback also included mixed views regarding the length of the lease.</p> <p>The majority of submissions were in support of the lease, stating that the golfing recreational and social amenity was valued, and that the lease would allow future planning to improve the Clubhouse and facilities.</p> <p>Council have decided to progress with the lease due to the net benefit outweighing the objections received.</p>
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How we notified	
Properties notified by letter	107 letters
No. of site signs	3 signs
Authorities notified by email	NA
Visitors to Your Say page	382 visits

Findings		
Theme	What we heard	Council response
Overall Support	There was strong support of the lease, stating that the golfing, recreational and social amenity was valued, as was the green space and birdlife habitat that it provides. Many submissions noted that the 30-year lease would allow future planning to improve the Clubhouse and facilities.	Council notes support for the proposal.
Land could have alternate use.	Several proposed alternative land uses such as housing, open parkland, sportsfields and coastal wetland habitat were mentioned.	Housing is not permitted in the current zone for the land. Whilst additional parkland and environmental land is always welcomed the site is currently very well utilised as a golf course with over 60,000 games being played in 2023 providing a great recreational facility for the community. Additionally the clubhouse lease area is utilised for its social connection, from the café and restaurant and hosting special events like weddings.
Length of lease term	Whilst there was strong support for the longer lease term and some proposing even longer there were also a couple of submissions that	Under current legislation a 30-year term is the maximum term that can be offered (with Minister consent) in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .

	felt a shorter lease would provide more flexibility for alternative uses in the future.	Whilst a shorter lease term provides flexibility it does not meet the need for security of tenure when undertaking significant capital investment that requires borrowings.
Broader community engagement regarding the future of the land	One submission requested a longer public notification period and engagement process outlining alternative uses for the land.	Where land is operated by a not-for-profit entity and is highly utilised by the community Council do not generally look at broader land use changes at the time of lease renewal. Under Council's adopted Property Management Framework where land is considered to be under-utilised Council may look to undertake further consultation regarding it's potential future use. Council is required to meet legislative public notification requirements, which entails a 28-day notification of proposed leases. Engagement is carried out on a broader scale where an alternative land use is being considered due to low-utilisation of a facility or where Council are building a new asset on behalf of the community for example.

Environmental protection measures	A concern was raised that the environmental obligations on the golf club were potentially not sufficient to adequately protect the land.	<p>As part of the clubs current lease a number of environmental projects were required to be completed which the club has carried out. Under the new lease the club will be required to adhere to an Environment Management Plan to be prepared by the Club and approved by Council.</p> <p>Significant environmental projects the Club has undertaken in the past 15 years include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirection and harvesting of the storm water from Griffith Park, Collaroy Basin and its surrounds. • Relocation of the Maintenance Depot from the centre of the Course and creation of the 16ML wetlands and upgrades to connecting waterways including a mudflat for the migration of birds and other wildlife. Keeping all spoil on site and improving drainage areas to encourage water flow to the designated waterways. • Maintenance and upkeep of the two prominent environmentally sensitive areas. • Supported NBC in obtaining grants from Crown Lands to provide additional labour for the upkeep of the ESA's and bush regeneration • Planted 3500+ Themeda grasses across the leased property. • Planted 100's of banksia across the property. • Improvement of the exiting waterway to Long Reef Beach and management of debris entering the property from king tides. • Improvements to waterways to reduce weed infestations and promote water flow.
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Noise from Club activities	A concern was raised around the noise generated from functions and operations of the clubhouse.	The club are required to follow a Management Plan that outlines the club's responsibilities regarding noise and patron's behaviour leaving the club. The club engage a security company during weddings and other larger functions and are currently in the process of coordinating an acoustics engineer to investigate the feedback on noise and will look to take further mitigating actions if necessary.
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During the consultation period, Council received questions or enquiries for further information either through direct contact or online.

Question raised in feedback	Council's answer
How does the LRGC lease have a positive benefit on any of these environmental elements? Have the Themeda grasslands been protected? Expanded?	<p>In the last 3 years Council's environment team has been awarded grant funding from the State Government Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF). The Club provided a letter of support yearly.</p> <p>The funds contributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the headland bush regeneration and weed control project included protection of Themeda grasslands bush regeneration work within the Golf Course Lease Area. <p>For the purpose of the lease renewal, the Club will be required to provide an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to Council, subject to Council approval. This will consider the POM management strategies and landscape plan detailing 'no mow areas' of Themeda grasslands.</p>
The manager tells me that the long reef golf club can operate until midnight 7 days a week with no acoustic level restrictions imposed and once they leave club at 12 sometimes traffic from the clubs car park is another 30 min after this time	DAs approved in 1999 and 2004 included converting a caretakers flat to a commercial kitchen, pergola, outdoor terrace, and a further terrace extension. The DA's do not specify trading hours.

<p>Could you please tell me if this is correct in their DA requirements approved by council</p>	<p>The Club liquor licence³ provides the conditions that apply (licence no LIQC300228282), for example <i>At least thirty (30) minutes before the commencement of the function and for not less than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the function the persons required to be engaged or assigned pursuant to the above condition must patrol the exterior environs of the licensed premises to ensure the safe conduct of persons attending the function and that such persons do not disturb the quiet and good order of the neighbourhood.</i></p> <p>Note, the DA states that no live or amplified music is allowed to be played on the terrazzo. Additionally it required a Management Plan to address the club's responsibilities and management of noise, patrons' behaviour and patrons leaving the club in relation to the use of the outdoor terrace after 6pm.</p> <p>The Club advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a security company is engaged when weddings are hosted, to facilitate guests existing quietly as part of minimising their business operations in the neighbourhood • they are in the process of coordinating an acoustics engineer to investigate noise feedback received
<p>Can I please get a copy of the proposed lease for the Long Reef Golf Club land under Lot 1 DP1144187?</p>	<p>The purpose of the public notification is to receive feedback to the proposed 30-year renewal lease term. The new lease has not yet been drafted and is not part of the public notification process.</p> <p>Information that is not considered commercial in confidence can be accessed through a GIPA application.</p>
<p>The golf club on crown land should not be granted a lease or have the public vote on this lease until the Council provides transparency on lease fees paid by the golf club, the</p>	<p>The Council publicly reports our lease and licence register, noting no rental income is shared for any of our properties publicly⁴. The Club is a non-for-profit incorporated entity and their annual report is available to</p>

³ <https://www.onegov.nsw.gov.au/PublicRegister/#/publicregisterdetails/1-11CZ-286>

<p>revenue generated by the golf club and an examination of the restrictions for public members to the golf club lease area - including the fees, timed restrictions, and access to membership to the public.</p>	<p>members and the community on their website. The report details their financial position and profit and loss statements. The new lease will be subject to a market rent review.</p> <p>The club has 33 hours of exclusive use course hours per week used for play and competitions by members under the lease.</p> <p>The current weekday price to play ranges from \$40 to \$70, and the weekend ranges from \$40 to \$80, depending on the time and day being played.</p> <p>The current membership includes a one-off fee of \$3,500, and a yearly membership subscription range of \$1830 to \$3005 (dependant on number of access days).</p> <p>Noting there is a membership waiting list, which is balanced by the Club managing course operations and public play availability.</p>
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Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

Yoursay Submissions with comments:

1	66954	With increasingly dense housing required to support the population growth of Sydney, open parkland for everyone to enjoy is becoming so much more important. This was borne out during the lock downs of the COVID 19 pandemic. Please take this opportunity to return such picturesque parkland to the community. There are about 10 golf courses within 10km of this site. Imagine the draw card such a park would be to attract a vastly larger number of people/tourists to the area and the boost to local businesses that would bring. Thankyou for considering my submission.
2	66953	It's an iconic hub of the Northern Beaches. Have hosted numerous Charity Golf Days there over the years and all have been fantastic. Great support of non for profit organisations .
3	66931	The area is not just for Long Reef Golf Club but for the wider community.
4	66929	The golf club is over 100 years old and has done a great job of looking after the land as well as made significant investment into facilities. Providing a 30 year lease will enable the club to continue to invest with certainty.
5	66925	The club is a community asset and over the 102 year history has been a landmark for the greater Northern Beaches. In recent times, there has been incredible investment in facilities, support of many northern beaches community organisations and brought people from all over Sydney to play a truly unique golf course.

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6	66583	<p>I live next door to long reef golf club. The current clubhouse has many functions / weddings as most do but with the acoustics of the current clubhouse is so bad that I can sing each song played at functions in my bedroom. They currently do this 7 day a week up to midnight then I have a car park outside my bedroom window that people leave for the next 30 minutes</p> <p>I think the lease should be for 5 years and see if the club can improve the acoustics and club functions say up to max 10 pm as it is in the middle of a residential area ...or do an acoustic report proving the noise levels are at an approved level at the clubhouse boundarythis closing time also goes for cars leaving after functions as everyone has a chat with a few beers to help and this can take 30 min</p> <p>If this can be achieved then look at a longer lease</p> <p>The club is currently in a refurbishment stage and I have been advised that no extra acoustic measures hav been applied so 30 more years of this ...no thanks</p>
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7	66479	<p>I have been a member of LRGC for 20 years.</p> <p>Long Reef Golf Course is one of the jewels of the Northern Beaches. The club has operated for over 100 years and has played the major role in developing, maintaining and protecting this beautiful area. The golf club has worked co-operatively with Councils present and past and with entities such as Taronga Park Zoo to protect threatened species, both fauna and flora whilst maintaining one of the best golf courses on the East Coast. The bird life on the course is amazing and pelican flyovers during a golf round are a frequent, spectacular sight. Pelicans clearly feel right at home on the central lake area and are clearly unthreatened by golfers. Magpies are SO unthreatened they often hop onto carts and ask to be fed. (They get more than a few wins!)</p> <p>Long Reef GC rates repeatedly in lists of Australia's best public access golf courses. May I stress ... Long Reef is a public access course.</p> <p>The club house at LRGC is showing its age. The club is undertaking renovations for both maintenance and compliance reasons at the moment, funded by the members. However the clubhouse needs major redevelopment sooner rather than later. Such redevelopment will need to address issues beyond the building itself. Parking will be high on the list of issues to be addressed.</p> <p>Since COVID arrived, there has been marked growth in the numbers of people playing golf and in the frequency of them doing so. Long Reef has made every effort to cope with this growth and has a waiting list for membership. So there is clear ongoing public demand for use of this course.</p> <p>The club needs certainty over tenure if it is to continue with development plans. If anything, 30 years is too short a period and a 49 year lease extension would be much more realistic. Council should IMHO give serious consideration to this.</p> <p>LRGC has done and continues to do an exemplary job in managing and maintaining this extraordinary course. Members have, for many years, been contributing to a building fund but would probably not want those monies used if certainty over the lease was not resolved. It is very much in the interests of all NB ratepayers for the wonderful management of this special area to be continued by LRGC. It would be a travesty if a long term lease continuation were to be refused.</p>
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8	66445	I believe the use of the land as a golf course preserves green space. From a health standpoint, golf is an excellent recreational activity. An upgraded club house will allow more people (members and non-members) to enjoy the area, both for casual meals and functions.
9	66396	The area being used by the gold course was previously farmland, but before that, it was coastal wetland habitat, of which there is not much left on the Northern Beaches. I would like to see this area rewilded, and returned to its natural state. This would provide a contiguous connection between the Long Reef Aquatic Reserve and the Themeda grasslands on the headland, with the restored wetland areas.
10	66378	The Club has an excellent track record as a manager of the property. It is a significant employer and supporter of small businesses in the area. It has been in operation for just over 100 years and throughout that time it has been a good partner for both the Council and State Government. It has delivered significant improvements over that time, sometimes wholly funded by the club and at other times funded with the help of the Council and Government. Two recent projects were the replacement and relocation of the Maintenance Shed and the replacement of the Pro shop with the joint facility that provided change rooms, bathrooms and storage for the teams that use the playing fields. Other improvements include the creation of wetlands and the capture and use of stormwater runoff. A lot of the improvements are big expensive projects that are only possible because the club is a not-for-profit organization that puts all its income back into the running of the club, improvements to the property and support for local community organizations. The extension to the lease supports that work by providing underlying certainty and enabling the next project - the much needed renovations to the clubhouse.
11	66357	As a member of the Club for 44 years I have witnessed and participated in the many benefits that the Club provides to the community such as a first class, excellently maintained and continually improved golf facility. An outstanding location for dining and weddings. Support for local charitable and sports organizations with fundraising events, Regular development programs for junior golfers. In addition as Chair of Special Olympics Sydney Northern Beaches I have been involved in the coaching and support of golfers with an intellectual disability at the club on a weekly basis plus conducted competition events. The Club Board and Management have been most supportive of this program which is inclusion at its best particularly when those involved become members and enjoy the full benefits of what the Club provides. Obviously we would want to see this program continue and grow hence the support for the lease extension.

12	66337	<p>Not only is this a world class golf course, it is one of the top venues for both local residences and visitors from around Australia and overseas. It is one of the jewels in the crown for the northern beaches.</p> <p>I support the application full heartedly.</p>
13	66266	<p>Far too long for what is technically public land. It should be 10 years maximum, also the defense of the term being a clubhouse upgrade is ridiculous. Surely that cost could be recouped over a much shorter period.</p>
14	66213	<p>I fully support the proposed lease renewal for Long Reef Golf Club. Long Reef golf course is an inclusive golf club which caters to all ages and men and women. The course also caters to golfers with disabilities. The golf course provides an opportunity to use judgment and calculation in different ways every game, providing a continually shifting set of challenges to keep minds sharp and assist the more senior members of our community. Hand-eye coordination and body posture can be incorporated as well, preventing the atrophy that often accompanies age. The club is financially accessible to the public. The course is very well maintained and is a valuable environmental asset as it provides greenery alongside Pittwater Road in a built up area. The lease should be for 50 years.</p>
15	66132	<p>Should be in perpetuity. 30 years is ridiculous.</p>
16	66052	<p>LRGC is a long established community based sporting organisation that has a track record of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - open and inclusive club providing public access for people of all ages and abilities to play golf and socialise in the club house - supporting many local charitable organisations, Sargood, Special Olympics and Legacy to name a few - responsible environmental practices which enhance the scenic attraction of Long Reef head land and in harmony with walkers, dog owners, and other sports groups. <p>LRGC should have the stability and security of a 30 year lease so as to plan, invest, improve and be financially sustainable. A healthy and strong club means the benefits of the lease are shared between the members, community, visitors and the council. The Council is commended for acknowledging this through the awarding of a 30 year lease.</p>
17	65934	<p>LRGC has provided community golf facilities for over 100 years. In that time many improvements have been made, especially in the past 20 years or so. One example has been the wetlands project which has preserved precious wetlands and provided storage water so the club doesn't rely on Sydney Water. The wonderful outcome is the presence of birdlife where many migratory birds arrive each year.</p> <p>I understand the improved lease arrangement will give more certainty to the club allowing more such projects to be undertaken.</p>

18	65906	<p>While golf courses, such as Long Reef, offer recreational amenities to certain segments of our community, they also tend to serve a limited number of individuals. In the spirit of inclusivity and broader community benefit, we must question whether a 30-year lease aligns with the best use of this valuable public land.</p> <p>The natural beauty and location of the Long Reef area are significant assets that have the potential to benefit a broader swath of the community if returned to public space. Green, open areas provide numerous health, environmental, and social benefits. They offer places for families to enjoy together, children to play, and community members to engage in a multitude of outdoor activities. They can also serve as locations for community events, educational activities, and environmental preservation efforts.</p> <p>As we plan for our community's future, we should consider the broad demographic changes that are occurring. A growing, diverse population needs access to public spaces that cater to various interests and activities, not just those who play golf.</p> <p>I believe that at a minimum we should be considering an option where portions of the golf course could be redesigned into public space - particularly the area adjacent to the southern walkway which offer safety issues when regular stray shots come near pedestrians. This approach would cater to both golfers and the larger community who could benefit from increased access to outdoor spaces. A shorter lease term could also be considered, providing more regular opportunities for community input and ensuring the land use aligns with changing community needs.</p> <p>I strongly advocate for a thorough and transparent public consultation process on this issue. It is crucial that all community members have the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute to the decision-making process. I do not believe a month of engagement with no additional public discussion forums and limited advertising of this is sufficient.</p> <p>In relation to the engagement - I would have hoped the council offer a broader range of options of what might be possible with this land - as an alternative to the extended lease and consider this as part of a broader future planning approach. It is hardly an open consultation when the question is simply proposed as do you want this or not - and not provide context and discussion around other options.</p>
19	65902	<p>30 years is a very long time for more grass to be on the headland. I think that this area should be restored to nature such as North Head and Narrabeen Lagoon. This is much better for the Beaches and world to have this. We need more natural spaces to enjoy, not grass. There are so many golf courses and more and more trees being cut down.</p>

20	65868	This is a key leisure facility on the Northern Beaches not only for golf but as a wedding venue and dining. The lease of 30 years would give the club ability to plan and invest with greater certainty.
21	65791	The golf course is a valuable asset to the local government area and is enjoyed by many people and remain a golf course for the foreseeable future.
22	65609	The course is a beautifully maintained asset that is available for use by the entire Northern Beaches Community.
23	65587	Ensures open spaces are retained. Adds to and enhances our neighbourhood.
24	65586	By keeping this land a golf course it won't be developed into housing and everyone can still enjoy the headland + play a round of golf if they want to
25	65565	<p>The golf club on crown land should not be granted a lease or have the public vote on this lease until the Council provides transparency on lease fees paid by the golf club, the revenue generated by the golf club and an examination of the restrictions for public members to the golf club lease area - including the fees, timed restrictions, and access to membership to the public.</p> <p>Additionally, Council should enforce metrics on the golf club's performance against environmental and sustainability initiatives, both against the 2011 Griffith Park management plan and the LRGC's own environmental management plan, which should have been reviewed and approved by the Northern Beaches Council. In the 2011 Griffith Park management plan, there were initiatives noted to expand environmentally sensitive areas and improve riparian zone management. Aerial photographs from 2023 do not indicate that any of these goals have been met within the lease area.</p> <p>Long reef headland is a remarkable site in terms of geology, flora and fauna, and the grassland is declared Threatened Ecological Community. How does the LRGC lease have a positive benefit on any of these environmental elements? Have the Themeda grasslands been protected? Expanded?</p> <p>Private enterprise on crown land must be robustly justified and also require these businesses to provide a positive community and environmental benefit.</p>
26	65523	I am a member of Long Reef Golf Club and have read all the information provided by them and feel duly informed to support this submission
27	65518	The Long Reef Golf Club is a tremendous asset to the Northern Beaches Community. It requires significant capital investment and maintenance each year, which the club funds. Improvements to the course increase amenities for the entire community, including substantial green space and a pleasant reasonably priced dining venue. A 30 year lease will allow another 10 years in which the club may amortise the cost of future improvements.

28	65517	It would be a wonderful place for the public to use. The dogs could be kept of fisherman's beach and long reef aquatic reserve and it could become a beautiful natural parkland instead of for a small privileged group. All would benefit after a difficult few years to have this coastal area given back to the whole population
29	65516	Long Reef Golf club is an outstanding golf course with a breathtaking view of the local beaches. It serves as both an exceptional way to exercise in an enjoyable fashion and meet others in the Northern Beaches community with a similar interest.
30	65514	I have been a member of Long Reef Golf club since 1991 and have seen immense improvements in the course itself and surrounds. The Long Reef Golf Club has spent a lot of money improving the course as well as the club house for the enjoyment of the whole community. I feel that a 30 year lease will give the club more certainty and encourage it keep investing in improvements.
31	65513	Long Reef Golf Club is known in Australia and indeed Internationally as an iconic course and as a result attracts a large number of visitors which brings many benefits to the Northern Beaches area. It has a varied membership including many retirees and mature age single people who rely on the Club for social interaction, either through playing golf or other club activities . e.g Bridge. The club is a very popular venue for weddings and other social gatherings requiring a number of staff when these events occur. Thus the Club provides many employment opportunities especially for younger people. Finally the course is kept in pristine condition by professional ground staff and volunteer club members, hence the council is relieved of a significant cost item which it would have to meet if the Golf Club was not the tenant.
32	65511	Being a local resident, Northern Beaches Council are not capable of looking after the area.
33	65510	The land should be kept as natural as it is - there also needs to be more sporting facilities on the northern beaches not less
34	65509	wonderful green space instead of development
35	65506	As a member I am in favour of a 30 year lease. The club has invested many hundreds of dollars upgrading and maintaining the golf course and a members would like to think we will be able to enjoy this local facility for as long as possible.
36	65504	LRGC has been a great sporting and social hub in the community.
37	65503	LRGC have been exceptional custodians and lessees of the land for many decades and as such have invested heavily in infrastructure and maintenance. In order for the club to continue improving the facility for use by members and public alike they require security of tenure which a 30 year lease will provide.

38	65500	The significant works the club invested in the property should allow for this extension
39	65499	Long Reef Golf Club is an important community facility. The granting of a 30 year lease will enable the club, its members and the community to benefit from its long term planning and improvements into the future.
40	65497	LRGC has maintained the land and clubhouse to a high degree making it enjoyable for everyone.
41	65496	The club is doing a good job looking after the land and club house.
42	65495	Long Reef Golf Club is a vital asset to the northern beaches and wider communities. It regularly is listed amongst in the top 10 public access courses in NSW and is loved by a wide ranging golfing community. To keep the course and clubhouse in excellent condition requires significant ongoing capital expenditure and a 30 year lease gives the club the certainty it needs to justify this expense.
43	65494	Absolutely fantastic golf course and surrounds, great club house, perfect for exercise and leisure
44	65493	Long Reef Golf Club is continually investing in the improvement of this facility, both for members and the public's use. Because of this financial commitment I would strongly encourage council to approve a 30 year lease.
45	65492	Long Reef Golf Club is a very important site for recreational and social activities for residents of the Northern Beaches Council and its visitors. In addition, the clubhouse is in dire need of improvements that can only happen if there is an assurance that the course will be preserved for a significant amount of time.
46	65491	As a senior member of LRGC I look forward to seeing my remaining years of membership with the club.
47	65489	It's possibly one of the most iconic and stunning golf courses in NSW and whether you play golf or not it's a massive feather in the northern beaches cap. Not only that, it serves a large community with fitness, fresh air and mental health benefits.
48	65488	Long Reef Golf Club deserves the certainty of a long lease...they manage both the course and club house in an excellent fashion as well as being a focal point for many of the local community
49	65486	The Golf Club must be provided with long term security of tenure if it is prepared to undergo extensive capital works at its cost.
50	65485	I think that the golf course and club is a great use of crown land. Long Reef Golf Club takes care of Long Reef and keeps it in fantastic condition. It is a public course so is available to everyone and is one of the best kept public courses in NSW.

51	65484	Long Reef Golf Course is an area for everyone to share with little impact on the environment The club is friendly and accessible and a beacon on the Eastern most point of Sydney
52	65483	The club has continually upgraded the quality of the landscape over the years and should be rewarded with an extended lease making the environment even more beautiful If that is possible.
53	65482	The amount of funding Long Reef Golf Club has, and is continuing to invest in the course and clubhouse can only benefit the local community. By securing a 30 year lease LRGC can continue to develop and provide the local people with a course and clubhouse they can be proud of.
54	65481	Long Reef Golf Club maintain this property to the highest standard. Amongst the benefits are that it provides a nature corridor for small animals and birds, providing open space with picturesque water ways that the northern beaches can be proud of. The golf club itself is welcoming with a strong focus on building community, and supporting their local community in many ways. A place to build friendships and thru the game of golf a mateship that often only develops around sport, therefore providing a healthy pursuit for all ages, both in mind and body. The restaurant provides excellent, well priced food and the conference area is s a location for local businesses and residents to hold functions within the northern beaches, showing off the best of what this area has to offer. This lease ticks so many boxes for the Northern Beaches to be able to provide an exemplary offering for both visitors to the area, and local residents.
55	65480	This is a wonderful facility used by the members and the public from far and wide It is a beautiful place and bird & wild life sanctuary too It is seen as a major asset to this area in every conceivable way
56	65478	Providing space for recreation to the community.
57	65477	Long Reef Golf Club is a well known identity in the area and as such contributes to the beauty and maintenance of the area by providing an amazing public golf course to all residents. It has invested an enormous amount of money to keep the course in pristine condition and LRGC is known as one of the most popular and stunning golf courses in Sydney.
58	65475	10 year member and can appreciate what the club has done to achieve one of the best courses in Nsw a terrific venue to frequent and many of our friends love coming over for a visit.
59	65474	The golf club fills a social environment that enables people to interact with like minded people and serves not only a sport environment but where other people enjoy the location when they attend weddings or different functions!

60	65473	The golf course plays a crucial role in providing people with access to sporting facilities and also supports the local communities through sports clubhouse facilities
61	65470	This allows LRGC to plan ahead regarding course and clubhouse development.
62	65469	This is an important facility to ensure the wellbeing of a large group on the Northern Beaches and is working well with the interests of other NB residents the use the walk around for recreational purposes as well as with the sports field and dog park creating a large area for a large variety of residents needs.
63	65468	Provides a great community service and outdoor space, the land is well maintained and the golf club and course is iconic
64	65467	LRGC do a wonderful job of making it a great place for members and public
65	65466	I am a member of LRGC and understand the need for a longer lease than we have previously struck
66	65463	A 30 year lease would enable Long Reef Golf Club to be confident in expenditure on future improvements to the club house and course.
67	65461	I support Long Reef Golf Club's application for Lease renewal. The course is maintained to world class standard, open to the public and is ranked 28th in Australian top 100 public access golf courses. Enjoy the club house which provides good public services, reasonable priced and welcomes everyone.
68	65458	Providing opens spaces to members and the public and the importance of such spaces for general health as experienced due to recent pandemic
69	65457	LRGC do a great job of looking after the land and the flora and fauna , providing a space for the young and elderly to enjoy a game of golf also their provision of facilities for the those attending the Sargood center and the Special Olympics family.
70	65456	Long Reef Golf course is a members and public access course that provides golf amenities to people from the northern beaches> As a member I know that the club is aware of its responsibility to co-exist with people using the adjoining area for passive recreation. the club house also provides an excellent area for the public to use the restaurant and function facilities. In order for the club to maintain and improve these facilities a 30 year lease would assist is the club being able to secure the finances to continue this significant public asset.
71	65455	As I am 75 I'm unsure I won't be around to enjoy all the new proposals Assume there will be an increase in yearly fees to accommodate the Capital investment

72	65453	An invaluable facility for the public and members both now and very far in to the future. The fact that a significant investment will be made to the site will see an even better facility for all to enjoy for many decades. Thus a substantial lease period is justified and necessary and fair.
73	65452	This venue provides so much for the community & residents of the Northern Beaches. A place for activity, people to meet & enjoy the wonderful outlooks including nursing homes, weddings, locals & visitors. Definitely showcases the beautiful Northern Beaches
74	65451	This is a beautiful green space with waterways providing a range of habitats for wild life. The area appears to be well managed by the golf club and provides public access to the club house for refreshments. In addition the course is open to the public for a game of golf. In my opinion the club and course are an essential local amenity and a long lease an important necessity.
75	65450	There are no public golf courses available on the Northern Beaches, of this standard. Although there are Private members, the public also have access, as well as the headland walking path. The club has also spent considerable money upgrading and maintaining the course to its current standard and world class beauty all can enjoy.
76	65449	The golf course is situated in an area that provides superb UNSPOILED views of the coast and allows members of the club and the public to enjoy this, whilst playing golf on an excellent course. A pathway around the course offers an opportunity to ALL to exercise and look over the sea and the golf course. The clubhouse, which is an essential part of the package provided, as well as the course itself, need considerable investment to maintain the high standard provided. There is a plan to commence this expenditure in the near future and therefore I support a new lease being granted of 30 years, in order to make viable, investment now and in the future.
77	65446	The Golf Club do a wonderful job in maintaining this special piece of land. The bird wildlife has increased and also is protected with the extra water areas added to the course. All visitors I bring to this headland love what the golf course adds, the views and especially a drink or meal on the clubhouse veranda.

		<p>Long Reef Golf Club is more than a golf club.</p> <p>The club:</p> <p>encourages over 20 species of native, imported and migratory birds from around the world</p> <p>provides over 60,000 games of golf for members and the public of all ages each year. (this is massive)</p> <p>with a book club, card club and other community services particularly helping older folk</p> <p>actively supports wheelchair activities including supporting the Sargood Group</p> <p>is one of the most beautiful settings IN THE WORLD for breakfast, lunch, dinner or snacks for members and the public. I have played golf at just over 100 golf courses in Australia and Overseas. Long Reef is up with the very best.</p>
78	65445	<p>is extremely popular for weddings other functions (including wakes) and many people from overseas delight in these facilities</p>
79	65444	<p>Long Reef Golf Club has made substantial investments in course infrastructure and the club house amenity.</p>
80	65443	<p>This is an amazing facility for all Northern Beaches residents to enjoy.</p>
81	65442	<p>The Golf Club over the years has constantly upgraded the landscape increasing wildlife habitat and making it one of the focal points of the headland.</p> <p>Several years ago the club upgraded facilities adjacent to Fox Park incorporating facilities for the local sporting teams.</p>
82	65440	<p>I support LRGC as a good custodian of the lease property, as this provides a valuable amenity to the northern beaches community through the publicly accessible golf recreation facilities, green space, important ecosystem management, and the food and beverage outlets. Having a longer lease - e.g. 30 years - provides increased certainty for the community and the lessee such that they can plan and invest in quality infrastructure and services.</p>
83	65439	<p>I believe that LRGC are a good custodian of the land associated with this lease, providing a valuable amenity to the northern beaches community through the golf recreation facilities, green space, ecosystem management, and the food and beverage outlets. The 30 year leases provides a more optimal duration than 20 years as it better allows the lessee to justify their investments to ensure quality infrastructure and services can be provided over the long term.</p>

84	65438	Long Reef Golf Club is a wonderful facility that caters for many people. The club has invested a lot of money to keep the course up to date and looking great. A 30 year lease is very appropriate.
85	65437	i had my wedding at Long Reef Golf Club and many from out of the area couldn't believe the beauty it provides. It is great watching the locals walk and golf. They often also host charity events which is part of the Northern Beaches spirit.
86	65436	I propose the council also offer 2 x 10 year extensions to the club considering the future plans for the clubhouse and long term investment from the members etc to raise funds for the proposed works
87	65435	The area is pristine and is a lovely amenity for the local community. With regular charity events it is a great venue to the Northern Beaches.
88	65434	I am in favour of the 30 year lease extension for Long Reef Golf Club. I believe that the land used for the golf course is very well looked after and adds to the natural aesthetics of the area. With some investment in the clubhouse I also believe that a world-class café, food and beverage facility can be developed and utilised by not only golfers, but walkers of the Long Reef Headland, in addition to those who utilise the beach and boat ramp.
89	65433	Long Reef Golf Club provides an important recreational service to the Northern Beaches community. It also successfully manages the environmental requirements of this pristine peninsula. As custodians of the the Long Reef Peninsula for over 100 years Long Reef Golf Club are deserving of a further 30 years lease.
90	65432	LRGC is more than a Golf Club. The Clubhouse itself is becoming a community meeting and social environment. Multiple visitors come to the Club after a walk around the headland for a drink or coffee, for a meal in the Bistro and for constant Weddings, Charity events, Birthdays and Celebrations of Life. If a 30 Year lease is secured this would allow the Club to finance significant improvements which would further enhance this broad Community experience.
91	65431	The club has made a lot of expensive improvements to the course and the club house as well as maintaining looking after the areas of the headland
92	65430	The golf course is an intergal feature of the Northern Beaches and apart from enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the glorious coastline it serves a very valuable asset for exercise/leisure in an environment being choked by overdevelopment.
93	65427	Open green space
94	65426	Great public golf initiative and program and excellent cooperation with neighbouring social activities

95	65425	LRGC has been an integral part of the Northern Beaches community for over 100 years. Being a public facility, It provides numerous services and facilities that people from around the whole of Australia can access. Providing an outdoor space where people can stay fit and healthy is crucial in today's tech-reliant world.
96	65423	The Long Reef Golf Club has provided a valuable amenity for its members and the public for many years. It has a well established track record of excellent upkeep and maintenance of this beautiful piece of land, which have fully taken in to account environmental considerations. It has invested considerably in the facility and has plans to make further significant investment, which require confidence in its long-term tenure to justify.
97	65422	The granting of a 30 year Lease will give LRGC with better security to continue its Capital Works programme over the Leased area and allow it to negotiate better financial terms to carry out these improvements, which benefits not only the recreational users but the whole surrounding Community and allow Council funds to be spent in other areas.
98	65421	LRGC Members will continue to care for & look after this magic piece of the Northern Beaches.
99	65420	LRGC plays an important role in providing services to the community.
100	65419	As a venue for golf/weddings/functions I think this location is important to remain in this capacity for as long as possible
101	65417	Fantastic amenity for the local community, should be an even longer lease to allow extensive capital works to be undertaken .
102	65416	Long Reef Golf Club and the golf course offers a tremendous facility for golfers on the Northern Beaches, both members of the Club and public golfers. It is a stunning backdrop and adds to the beauty of the Long Reef Point. The Golf course, along with the walkway and adjacent parks ensures this beautiful landscape remains in its current state.
103	65415	The club does a great job and should be allowed to continue their use of the land and do their club house improvements
104	65414	golf wins
105	65413	Community, health, lifestyle. LONG REEF SURF CLUB gives so much to the community. Fully support.
106	65405	Given the housing crisis, population growth, immigration, I think it's unethical to use this land for a golf course. There should be high density housing. People need places to live.

Emails or Letters Received

1	2023/369830	I support the 30 year lease plan
2	2023/370633	<p>Hi.</p> <p>Glad they made it a 30 year lease. Probably should have made it 99 years like the UK system. Not sure what the point of a shorter lease is considering NSW funds the clubs anyway. We should move to the QLD model where clubs can make money and put it back into surf life saving...</p> <p>Anyway i support the 30 years lease proposal</p>
3	2023/374274	<p>Best</p> <p>I [REDACTED] agrees with the 30 year proposal, we look forward to the club moving forward with upgrades now they know they have a long lease in place</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
4	2023/400282	<p>To whom it concerns,</p> <p>With high inflation and rising cost I feel it is a good move by council to grant a 30 year lease. Probably cost many millions to build a new club house that is not just for its members but the whole local area. As it will then become council owned I think for all people concerned Council should make a large donation to new club house as it does for surf clubs for all no members to enjoy there time there in great comfort.</p> <p>This is a great asset for all northern beaches people so let's be very proud by all for what we build not just cheap and nasty.</p> <p>Over to council don't let the northern beaches people down.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
5	2023/401152	<p>Dear general manager</p> <p>Re long reef golf club hours of club use and noise levels</p> <p>I live at [REDACTED] and the golf club has functions and weddings regularly</p> <p>As the club is very old and the acoustics of the club house are low level the noise is unacceptable during the late hours ...up to midnight regularly</p> <p>The manager tells me that the long reef golf club can operate until midnight 7 days a week with no acoustic level restrictions imposed and once they leave club at 12</p>

6	2023/402145	<p>sometimes traffic from the clubs car park is another 30 min after this time</p> <p>Could you please tell me if this is correct in their DA requirements approved by council</p> <p>Thanks Hi,</p> <p>Can I please get a copy of the proposed lease for the Long Reef Golf Club land under Lot 1 DP1144187?</p>
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