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**RE: DA2021/2173 - 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106**

To the Assessing Officer

I am a long term resident and have lived in Newport for 35 years. I strongly support the Newport Surf Life Saving Club's proposed Club House extensions for the following reasons:

- The Newport Surf Life Saving Club undertakes an extremely valuable service to the local community. It deserves contemporary, safe and compliant facilities commensurate with its contribution to and its standing within the local community.
- The DA proposal incorporates important Coast Engineering protection measures for the existing Clubhouse which must be undertaken as a priority to avoid the potential for significant damage or the possible destruction of our Clubhouse due to a significant storm event. These coast protection works are required regardless of whether the Clubhouse is extended and should be undertaken as soon as practically possible;
- The Club is one of the State's most successful Surf Life Saving Clubs both in terms of Life Saving Services & Competition and has seen phenomenal & sustained growth over the last 5-10 years which has resulted in the Club outgrowing its existing facilities;
- The Existing Clubhouse has evolved organically over the last 80 odd years without a rational master plan. This has resulted in the current building being dysfunctional and inefficient in several areas & this restricts & often hampers the Club's operations;
- The Existing Clubhouse is used for a variety of community, and broader SLS Branch uses in addition to servicing the Club's Life-Saving needs. The inability of the existing building cater for a number of different activities at any one time severely restricts the operations of the Club and other community / SLS Branch groups wishing to utilise the Clubhouse;
- Due to its age and haphazardly planed nature, there are several pedestrian and user conflicts which have evolved which create a range of Work Health & Safety issues. These issues are generally dealt with by the Club and Council on a temporary fix or reactionary basis. The proposed expansion and rationalisation of the Club's facilities create the opportunity to adequately address WHS issues associated with the ageing building and bring it into line with current day compliance and safety standards;
- The existing lift access to the building is very poorly located, and the Club / Council have had ongoing issues with the existing Lift's operation and maintenance. The proposed expansion and rationalisation of the Club's facilities create the opportunity to address disabled and equitable access to the Clubhouse adequately and bring the building up to modern-day accessibility compliance standards;
- The proposed Clubhouse extensions will provide the following benefits:
  - o Extra desperately needed storage facilitated for Surf Life Saving Patrol uses, SLS Training purposes and SLS Competition purposes;
  - o Upgrade storage and general Clubhouse facilities to bring them into line with current WH&S

- standards and to address current Beachgoer and Club operation pedestrian conflict points;
- o Improved and upgraded 1st Aid Room and Council Lifeguard facilities;
  - o Improved facilities for the Club's Nippers programme which caters for between 350 and 400 Nippers and their families each year;
  - o Improved training facilities for the Club's Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) training programmed which caters for the training of between 50 - 100 Bronze Medallion and SRC trainees each year;
  - o Improved disabled access and lift provisions to cater for disabled and non-ambulant patrons and visitors (including the removal of internal floor level changes which currently restrict the use of the terrace for non-ambulant patrons);
  - o Improved public amenities facilities with increased female facilities for both Public and Club patrons
  - o Improved Club Entry arrangement which reinstates the original Clubhouse's main entry and circulation spine at the existing main Clubhouse entry;
  - o Improved Hall and Club room spaces which enables areas to be utilised concurrently and which opens up more areas of the Clubhouse for potential wider community uses;
  - o The creation of a landscaped forecourt area to the main clubhouse entry which provides the opportunity for a much needed Newport Youth Space initiative within Bert Payne Park currently being reviewed by Council.

As a long term resident and active Community Member I strongly endorse the Club's modest plans to upgrade and rationalise its existing Clubhouse facilities and urge Council to approval this DA so that the Club to realise these plans as soon as practically possible.

Thank you  
Rudi Valla