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Subject: SUBMISSION RE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF BAYVIEW GOLF COURSE

Mark Ferguson, General Manager, Northern Beaches Council,
Attention Lashta Haidari.
27 February 2018

Dear Sir,

the proposed development is inappropriate for many reasons. This submission points to the rare historic value of a site where we can use a First Fleet journal to not only walk in the footsteps of modern Australia's founders, but see it in significant part as they saw it. On 22 August 1788 Governor Phillip and Surgeon White, accompanied by two other officers and six soldiers, set out from Manly to walk to Pittwater which they reached at noon on the 23rd. They then proceeded north along the sea coast before returning on the 24th and 25th. Surgeon White's journal for the 24th and 25th of August 1788 will take the reader directly to the site of the proposed development.

24th August 1788. We returned by the same passage, along the coast, without seeing any objects worth notice, until we came to a convenient spot to encamp for the night, where there was great plenty of cabbage trees and tolerable water;

While soup was making of some birds we had lately killed (which proved very good), and every thing was getting ready for the night, the governor, the two other gentlemen, and myself, took our guns and ascended a hill just above us. From this eminence we saw the southern branch of Broken Bay, which ran far into the country.

The location of the camp is at Newport Beach, very close to Palm Road. The palms White speaks of are the reason for the name of the street. The hill climbed is Bushrangers Hill.

The branch of Broken Bay seen from Bushrangers Hill is the most southern extent of Pittwater at Newport, Bayview and Church Point.

25th August 1788. We set off early in the morning to look at the branch of Broken Bay which we had seen the evening before, and were led to it by a path not very much frequented. At the head of this branch we found a fresh-water river, which took its rise a little above, out of a swamp.

On this river we saw many ducks and teal. Mr. Cresswell shot one of the latter, and I shot one of the former. They were both well tasted, and

good of their kind. At the head of this branch we found the country rough and impassable. Having followed the course of the river to its origin, we that day returned to Manly Cove.

Shaw's Creek flows through Bayview Golf Club land and empties into Winererremy Bay. There is no other creek or river in the area so this has to be Surgeon White's 'freshwater river'. It is still well populated with native ducks and teal. Following the 'river' across Cabbage Tree Road takes you to the development site. Follow the creek uphill to its source and you find Surgeon White's 'swamp'.

Usually one has to travel to the Parramatta region to directly experience modern Australia's origins, yet here we have a succinct and unequivocal example. It would be a travesty to lose this through inappropriate development. The development application should be refused.

In order that you may see the site at first hand there is also a **VIDEO SUBMISSION**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrgY9RL1V1U&t=16s>

Faithfully,

John Illingsworth

Reference: <https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/w/white/john/journal/chapter2.html>

John White, 'Journal of a Voyage to New South Wales', 1790.