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Hi, I am writing in support of MWGC's DA application to build a state of the art Gymnastics Centre of Excellence at Nolan's reserve. I write as a Board member and Treasurer of MWGC, and as a parent of an elite gymnast.

My son has been attending the club in its Cromer facility for 10 years since he was 4 years old. He is now an elite gymnast and competes for NSW state and has won state competitions. His dream, and goal he is working towards, is to compete for Australia at the Brisbane Olympics. Gymnastics is his passion: he trains 21 hours a week, 6 days a week, a huge commitment for a boy his age. Not only has gymnastics given him amazing physical abilities including strength, flexibility and excellent balance, it has also given him discipline, courage, patience and resilience and he has made lifelong friends with his squad members. We are proud of our son and the Club; we live in Seaforth and could not travel to another high performing club such as Rooty Hill which would be way too far for us to commute - we need a permanent facility for him to train on the Northern beaches.

The Club is the best Womens and Mens gymnastics club in Australia having built itself up from only 6 members over the last 20 years despite the fact it has never had any real support financial or otherwise from the Council, State or Federal funding. I cannot understand why this is the case when we have 1500 members and such an amazing track record of producing gymnasts competing internationally as well as for the state. Any other sporting club with this many members and successful track record would have been financially supported long ago.

The CoE will be a community owned NFP club for all ages and abilities and will be capable of building future champions. The CoE will be the best gymnastics and aerial sports facility in Australia putting the Northern Beaches on the map! It will support 3,000 members and offer job opportunities for 100 local people. The CoE will bring other massive benefits to the Northern Beaches community; as will bring high visitation (300k) to the local area, the facility will also have a café, physiotherapy and will be the first major eco friendly sports facility of its kind with solar panels across the roof powering itself and giving power back to local businesses.

We deserve Council support in making this dream a reality so it can benefit the Northern Beaches community for decades to come.

Please support MWGC.

Thanks
Tamzin Brown

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