

**EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Ordinary Meeting of Council on 17 December 2024**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject/Comments</b>	<b>Presentation Provided</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>
Geoff Lanham, President, Narooma Golf Club	NOM24/010 – Feasibility of providing recycled water to Narooma Ovals and Golf Course	Attached	In person
Leonard Ali and Annette Kennewell	FCS24/055 – Proposed licence for food truck, Narooma	Attached	In person
Sally Bouckley	FCS24/055 – Proposed licence for food truck, Narooma	Not provided	In person

AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAROOMA GOLF CLUB, I SPEAK TODAY IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NOM24/010 CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING RECYCLED WATER TO NAROOMA'S OVALS/PARKS AND GOLF COURSE.

THE NAROOMA GOLF COURSE IS RATED WITHIN THE TOP 100 GOLF COURSES IN AUSTRALIA, IS RATED WITHIN THE TOP 20 PUBLIC GOLF COURSES IN AUSTRALIA AND IS THE NUMBER 1 RATED PUBLIC ACCESS COURSE IN NSW AND THE ACT. AS A RESULT OF IT'S RATING, THE COURSE ATTRACTS OVER 60,000 VISITORS ANNUALLY FROM ALL OVER AUSTRALIA. APART FROM BEING AN ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE CLUB, THE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND TOURIST INDUSTRY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE FLOW-ON EFFECTS.

HOWEVER, THE COURSE FACES A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES IN RELATION TO WATER SUPPLY AND THE ONGOING MAINTAINANCE AND REPAIRS TO THE FAIRWAYS, GREENS AND TEE BOXES. THE COURSE RELIES ON THREE SMALL DAMS TO PROVIDE IRRIGATION AND OFTEN, DURING DRY SPELLS AND DROUGHT, WATER HAS TO BE PURCHASED FROM THE COUNCIL. OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS THE CLUB HAS SPENT OVER \$1.6M INSTALLING AND UPGRADING IRRIGATION ON THE COURSE. THE NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS NOW MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE THAN PREVIOUS OLDER SYSTEMS AND THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND SPRINKLER IMPROVEMENTS, REDUCES WATER USAGE. HOWEVER, VISITOR NUMBERS ARE INCREASING EACH YEAR AND TO MAINTAIN OUR RANKING AND TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT PLAYERS/VISITORS INTO THE FUTURE, WE NEED WATER SECURITY. WE ARE THE ONLY GOLF COURSE IN THE SHIRE THAT DOES NOT UTILISE RECYCLED WATER.

BY INTRODUCING RECYCLED WASTEWATER WOULD PROVIDE A MORE RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WATER SOURCE AND REDUCE THE NEED FOR EXPENSIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY TAXING OF POTABLE WATER DURING DRY SPELLS AND DROUGHT.

IN CONCLUSION, RECYCLED WASTEWATER FOR IRRIGATION IN NAROOMA WOULD PRESENT WATER SECURITY FOR THE NAROOMA GOLF COURSE AND SUPPORT, GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

## **FCS24/055 Proposed Licence for Food Truck Narooma**

We the home owners of 74 Princes Highway Narooma support the granting of the Food Truck Licence with the condition that Council fix our parking problem first, i.e. stop people parking their car in our driveway so that we can access our family home.

Len and his sister Ave currently own our family home that was purchased in early 70s by their grandfather Joe and wife Pat, more than ten years before the Narooma Visitor Information Centre (VIC) was built in 80s directly across the road. When Joe & Pat purchased our family home it was a quiet residential area with neighbouring homes. They lived happily in their home for 20 years. When they died, Len's Dad & Mum, Jack and Lorna also lived happily in the home for 30 years. The house has been our family home for over fifty years with quiet BBQs on the front verandah & cricket in the backyard, with fishing, swimming & surfing all within walking distance. The home is now used by our families as a holiday home. Len & I also rely on this home as our bushfire refuge when Tilba region is threatened by fire. During the black summer fires we evacuated to our Narooma backyard five times with extended family, friends and pets. Len & I are planning a quiet retirement in our Narooma family home.

### **Our Parking Concern**

Limited parking which is already in high demand and this will increase it.

### **Council Response to Parking Concerns**

Changes were made to parking on the highway when the roundabout was constructed but there was no net loss of parking as additional spots were provided next to the Leisure Centre.

**Our Response to Council:** There have been lots of changes to Princes Highway parking since our family purchased our home in the early 70s. For example there was a loss of two parking spaces on the Highway directly in front of our family home at 74 Princes Highway when the pedestrian island was constructed. This caused a significant increase in the frequency of vehicles parking in our driveway.

Council says our parking problem won't be made worse by food truck, we disagree.

### **Our Parking Concern**

People park across owners driveway.

**Our explanation:** When does this currently occur? Daily when the BWS bottle shop is open, anytime from 9am to 9pm seven days a week. More frequently in the school holidays and when there are events at NATA Oval and the VIC.

### **Council Response to Parking Concerns**

The property affected by people parking across the driveway is on the other side of the Princes Highway, and it is not considered this licence will increase the already existing behaviour.

**Our Response to Council:** We reject this statement. With parking in increasing high demand on the flat in Narooma, the food truck will attract both tourists and locals who will park wherever its convenient to them. This will increase the demand on parking on both sides of the Highway, including parking in our driveway. We have seen a significant increase in the number of cars parking in our driveway since the BWS bottle shop lease was granted. This frequency increased again when a pedestrian refuge was installed in front of our family home. And increased again since the change of use of the VIC with increased traffic and parking required for mountain bike shuttles and outdoor café seating.

We anticipate that we will see more parking problems if the development applications for a Café & Bar with seating for up to 100 people at 76 Princes Highway and the Shop Top Housing development with 21 units at 82 Princes Highway are approved. Both these development applications have inadequate parking that will directly impact our family home and increase the frequency of cars parked in our driveway. The vacant site at 82 Princes Highway currently provides daily parking for 16 vehicles who will need to find alternate parking, creating even more parking problems.

We would like to thank the Council for acknowledging we already have a problem with cars parking in our driveway.

### **Parking Concern**

Five bays also allocated at centre for EVs further restricting parking.

### **Council Response to Parking Concerns**

The bays allocated for EVs do not reduce parking, just allocate it for an emerging vehicle type and encourage users to use local shops.

**Our Response to Council:** The new EV bays do reduce parking for non-EV vehicles. Encouraging users to use the local shops which are located on the other side of the Princes Highway, encourages drivers to park their vehicle on that side of the Princes Highway where parking is already in high demand, and will increase frequency of vehicles parking in our driveway.

### **Parking Concern**

Concerned as to further loss of parking, particularly for disability users.

**Our Observations:** When there is parking pressure, the two disability spaces at VIC are filled by cars with drivers who may not be entitled to park there. We already see cars regularly parked in the long vehicle space at the VIC because of parking pressure.

**Our Conclusion:** We support granting the food truck licence, but it will cause increased parking pressure on the Princes Highway in Narooma and will result in more cars parking illegally in our driveway which is a signposted 'No Stopping'. When this occurs we cannot access our property.

**Our Solution:** Council to place a concrete parking bollard on the road on the northern side of our driveway to physically prevent cars parking in our driveway, enabling us to access our home. This parking bollard could be like the one that was installed as a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the Princes Highway in front of our family home.

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