

Welcome to the 416 Group

Matt Cross MP honours the 416 Group:

Much to our surprise Matt Cross MP recognized the 416 Group's work in a statement to the NSW Parliament on 13 November. Committee members had met with him several times in 2024 and found him interested and responsive.

Local footpaths: Council's long-term plan is to have a footpath on at least one side of every road. Eustace Parade opposite Beaumont Road Public School in Killara is underway. Council's grant application for Bradfield Road, Lindfield has not yet been successful.

Moore Avenue precinct update: The proposed IGA development is no longer going ahead. Meanwhile the bottle shop has had a for sale sign up. It has an eight-year lease so local liquor supplies should be secure for the time being. At the rear car park at 11 Bradfield Rd, Council has listed the site as a possible location for two EV chargers.

A trial pole battery was proposed by Ausgrid for Montreal Ave. The 416 Group joined others is successfully saying such installations are best in places like public parks and not in front of private dwellings.

New Coles: Coming soon, a new, larger supermarket near you. Exact date unknown, however, Coles is recruiting.



Lane Cove National Park: Congratulations to our friends at The Friends of Lane Cove National Park on a \$376,500 grant for bush regeneration under the Federal Gov's Urban Rivers and Catchments Program. They have committed 2,500 volunteer hours per year. They also received a \$5000 grant from *Streamwatch* for water quality monitoring in creeks in the Lane Cove Valley.

Bushfire management: It has now been 31 years since the devastating bushfire in the Lane Cove National Park. A community meeting in Bradfield Rd addressed resident concerns regarding build-up of fuel.

- RFS has a new facility in East Killara.
- Hazard reduction is done on a patchwork. Only a small weather window for burns.
- The Carramar Rd area last burnt in 2014. Will be considered in the next review cycle.
- Actions which have followed in early 2025: widening the fire break below houses on Bradfield Road and clearing vegetation adjoining Carramar Road.



Community Fire Units (CFUs) can be set up by Fire and Rescue for residents and offer training and equipment such as pumps for pools. They can contribute to sense of community and empowerment. More details about CFUs:

<https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=133>

About the 416 Group: The 416 Group is an action group for residents of Killara and Lindfield living west of Lady Game Drive.

The Group is led by a small committee of volunteers. To join the group's mailing list (currently free) go to <https://www.416group.org/membership/>

New committee members are very welcome. Email us: mail@416group.org Phone Julian Ledger: 0409 454 396

Ku-ring-gai Council: The 416 Group congratulated elected Councillors in Sept 24

- Roseville Ward (includes Lindfield): Sam Ngai and Alec Taylor re-elected.
- Gordon Ward (includes Killara): Barbara Ward re-elected, Indu Balachandran new.

The 416 Group submitted eight questions to candidates and posted responses on the local Facebook page. The Committee plans to repeat this in future Council elections.

What does 'Independent' mean? A question at the time of the elections was the term 'independent'. This is because 'independent' candidates may also be members of a political party. The argument may be that party membership is incidental to their role as Councillor. Eg at a local level they act independently. We note the same does not occur at State or Federal elections where independents or community independents are not party members.

Transport Oriented Development (TOD) The NSW Government requires Ku-ring-gai Council to add homes for 50,000 new residents near North Shore line stations. Council sought community views on five planning models, to be debated in February.

Additionally, 9,600 apartments are proposed in Macquarie Park. The 416 Group raised major concerns about loss of commuter parking and the road infrastructure, especially Pacific Hwy through Chatswood, Fullers Rd, Delhi Rd, and Lady Game Drive.

For this submission and others see our website: <https://www.416group.org/>

Wicks Rd Depot at Porters Creek:

Residents have been hearing loud road base dumping and crushing. This site is licensed by the City of Ryde and the noise is their activity. In 2024, a new lease for 24-hour operations began for the Waringah Freeway upgrade. Noise mitigation measures, included two-storey walls of shipping containers which have been quite effective. The 416 Group suggests repurposing the land in the longer term for recreational space for the new Macquarie Park schools.

Eden Gardens office tower refused: The proposed 18-storey office tower/function centre redevelopment of the Eden Gardens site was refused by the Land and Environment Court due to congestion concerns. Meanwhile, 59-storey Meriton towers under construction near Macquarie Centre, tower over the Lane Cove Park.



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