



**KU-RING-GAI AND DISTRICT
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Dear Peter

Eton Road Oval, Lindfield NSW 2070
15 Kilometres from Sydney GPO that's about Twenty (20) Minutes by car

Thank you for meeting with Kuring – gai Soccer in early May, 2012 on this Oval, which is part of the Defence Housing Australia (DHA) project at Lindfield.

Kuring – gai Soccer enthusiastically and strongly support the concept of converting the Playing Surface to an Artificial Surface of this Sports Oval located in Sydney's North.

The experience of Kuring – gai Soccer in utilising other Artificial Surfaces suggests that available hours of use for Community Sport are likely to increase as the wet weather does not unduly interfere with the availability of the Playing Surface for either training or Competition Matches. On an artificial surface, play is possible 20 minutes after a heavy shower of rain.

Currently the Soccer Community utilise this Sports Oval for weekday training under Portable Floodlights supplemented by weekend Competition Matches. In order to facilitate weekday training this Association has purchased four (4) Portable Floodlights for use at this location - at an outlay of some ninety thousand dollars (\$ 90,000) – this exemplifies the desperate need for additional floodlight night training facilities north of Sydney Harbour for Member Clubs.

Kuring – gai Soccer staff meet each month with Kuring – gai Council staff in a constant effort to not only maintain but also jointly upgrade the Playing Surfaces and Floodlight Facilities available to the Sporting Community – hence a strong affinity between the Local Council and Soccer Football to attain quality Playing Surfaces and Floodlighting to the standard 100 LUX.

Future Residential Community

Kuring – gai Soccer acknowledge the driving force of Defence Housing Australia (DHA) in bringing this Upgrade of the Playing Surface and the Floodlights to the Eton Road Oval as part of its development of new housing at this site.

Who is Kuring – gai Soccer ?

Established some 55 Years ago in 1957 – the Kuring – gai Soccer 2011 Annual Report reveals:

- 17,400 Registered Players (that's Summer and Winter);
- 1,450 Teams;
- 34 Clubs

That includes:

- 47 Special Needs Players;
- Almost 6,700 Under 6 to Under 11 Non – Competition Players – Girls & Boys;
- About 1,400 Under 8 to Under 18 Players – Girls only Teams;
- About 2,300 Under 12 to Under 18 Players – Girls & Boys;
- Almost 1,000 Women Players;
- About 3,950 Men Players;
- Almost 1,800 Summer Soccer Players;
- About 200 Representative Players (Northern Tigers)

All the Kuring – gai Soccer Annual Reports are on the website at www.kdsa.asn.au – in the library section and as a totally transparent Community based organisation the details include the Financials.

Where ?

The Kuring – gai Soccer Zone is from “Sydney Harbour to the Hawkesbury River “ and includes the major centres of:

- North Sydney;
- Chatswood;
- Hornsby

Local Government Areas ?

- Hornsby Shire Council (Eastern part);
- Kuring –gai Council;
- Lane Cove Council;
- North Sydney Council;
- Willoughby City Council.

Surrounding Soccer Football Zones

To the East is the Manly Warringah Soccer Football Association with some 15,500 Registered Soccer Players in the Winter Season .

To the West is the combination of the Gladesville Hornsby Soccer Football Association & North West Sydney Womens Soccer Football Association with a combined total of some 15,300 Registered Players in the Winter Season.

Active Participants

The two NSW Associations (Football NSW and Northern NSW Football) **PLUS** Capital Football in Canberra have a combined total number of in excess of Two Hundred & Seventy Thousand (270,000) Registered Players in the Winter Season – that's about 2/3 of the total active Registered Soccer Football Players in Australia !!

There is no doubt that Soccer Football has the largest number of active Sports Participants in the combination of NSW and the ACT.

The rest of Australia have a total of One Hundred & Thirty Thousand (130,000) active Registered Soccer Football Players – that's about Four Hundred Thousand (400,000) in total.

Looking Forward

Kuring – gai Soccer look forward to actively working with Defence Housing Australia and Kuring – gai Council in this exciting Upgrade of the Playing Surface and Floodlights at Eton Road Oval, Lindfield.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kuring – gai Soccer.

Yours in Sport,

Alan Barwick
President, KDSA.