



**Hornsby  
Ku-ring-gai  
Basketball  
Association**

August, 2008

Dear Candidate,

**This is an important survey regarding sport in the Hornsby Shire.**

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association is a not-for-profit organisation that is based at the Brickpit in Thornleigh. The Association has approximately 2700 members, a significant number of whom, along with parents, partners and other family members, will be voting in the upcoming council elections.

As such, we are currently seeking your opinion on two key issues that have enormous impact on the future of the Association and on the local community. These are:

1. Extensions to the Brickpit.
2. Granting the Association an operational lease for the Brickpit.

These issues are detailed overleaf, and we would very much appreciate you taking the time to submit your opinion and comments. Please send your completed form, by Friday 5th September to our General Manager, **Vicki Dean**. This can be done either by e-mail [vicki.dean@hornsbyspiders.com.au](mailto:vicki.dean@hornsbyspiders.com.au) or by post PO Box 397 Hornsby 2077.

Our members will be advised of your replies.

If you have any questions, or would like a copy of our 2007 submission to council regarding the extensions, please contact our office on 99806255.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Allan Gibson ASM  
**President**  
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association

## **Issue1: Extensions to the Brickpit.**

In 2007, the Association submitted a detailed case to council outlining the need for the extensions to the Brickpit to be built.

### **Why we requested these extensions:**

- The Association is currently running to capacity and due to limited space has to turn away teams.
- In 2007, the Association hired 5,400 hours of court space from the Brickpit, Knox, Barker, Loreto, Asquith Girls and Mt. St Benedicts. There are times when these other venues are unavailable. This causes difficulty and frustration for both players and organisers. All other gyms in the Shire have been investigated, and are either unsuitable or booked for other activities.
- Additional sporting facilities will benefit the health and social structure of the Shire.
- The Brickpit is currently used by more than 50 sporting and other groups on a regular basis.
- Extensions would allow more major events, for each sport, such as the National Championships to be held there. This would bring considerable income and prestige to the Shire.
- Correct configuration of the extensions would allow the venue to be used for other activities such as a school presentation night.
- Equity. Council already spends considerable amounts of money on outdoor sporting facilities.
- Finance is available using the section 94 money.

## **Issue 2: Operational lease to run the Brickpit**

The second issue that we would like you to address is the granting of an operational lease to the Association to run the Brickpit - similar to that granted to the Northern Suburbs Basketball Association by Willoughby Council to run the indoor facility at Crows Nest. This lease is subject to the condition that other sports are given 20% of available court time and we would like a similar arrangement.

### **Reasons why we are requesting this lease:**

- We are by far the major hirer of the Brickpit.
- Our offices are already at the Brickpit and we typically have employees in the office from 9am to 11pm. Our employees could arrange bookings for all users. *This would avoid the current duplication of services in which Council employs someone to take bookings.*
- The Association has a sound financial structure and is in a sound financial position.
- Last year, the Association paid out around \$180,000 in court hire.
- Council would be guaranteed an income stream.
- Patrons would benefit from better service from the canteen.

*Please specify your details and answer the questions below:*

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| <b>Name:</b> |  |
| <b>Ward</b>  |  |

**Question 1:**

**Are you in favour of Council building the extensions to the Brickpit as soon as possible?**

YES

NO

Please comment:

**Question 2:**

**Are you in favour of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association being granted an operational lease for the Brickpit?**

YES

NO

Please comment: