



23 October 2019

Dear Neighbour,

Maintenance Activity & Community Engagement at the former Kingswood golf course site, Dingley

I am writing to explain recent maintenance activity in relation to weed control and turf removal at the former Kingswood golf club site.

Plans to develop the site were placed on hold following the City of Kingston's rejection of the initial application in October 2018. Because the site is no longer a golf course, the maintenance program has been adjusted accordingly to ensure that the site is safe as we go into summer.

Weed Control

Appreciating that the site is no longer a golf course, the maintenance program has been adjusted accordingly. Our focus is on managing site safety. To reduce the risk of fire and control of noxious weeds, a herbicide - not classified as hazardous - was responsibly applied with a full Health and Safety Assessment and Management Plan in place.

Whilst effective for weed control, the treatment has consequently caused the grass to temporarily turn brown. However, the grass is already beginning to grow, and will continue to rejuvenate. Moreover, the site continues to have areas of bushland for foraging birds and wildlife.

Tree Maintenance

In May 2019, an independent arborist was engaged to identify trees that require major structural pruning works or tree removal within the next 12 months. The City of Kingston issued a permit for the removal of identified trees and tree pruning works commenced on site in early October. This has also raised community concern.

As a result, Council officers inspected the site on Monday 14 October and a special Council meeting followed on the evening of same day. During the inspection, Council officers conveyed the view that the permit has been entirely complied with, and a statement to this effect is pending.



Turf Supply

Turf is being supplied to Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club. Where turf is removed, watering / fertilisation is applied to enhance quick re-establishment of the area. The irrigation also helps with any dust issues that may occur.

Community Engagement Drop-in Sessions

You may be aware there is a new State Government process for golf course redevelopment planning. The State Government is currently finalising their Planning Guidelines under this process, and they are expected to be known in early 2020. After this, AustralianSuper will decide whether to refresh our proposal to address the new Guidelines.

While we wait for the new Planning Guidelines to be finalised, we would like to hear from you about what's important to you, and how you'd like to see the space developed. Please come and see us at the old Kingswood clubhouse in November.

Where: Old Kingswood Clubhouse, Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley

When: Come **anytime that suits you** on the following days and time

- Thursday 14 November, 3 - 6pm
- Thursday 21 November, 3 - 6pm
- Thursday 28 November, 3 - 6pm

Contact us

We encourage anybody with concerns regarding the site, maintenance activities, or future plans to leave a message at 1300 281 235 or email HowardS@australiansuper.com. Visit www.australiansuper.com/dingley for more information.

Yours sincerely,

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