



Appendix 4

Two Articles from Parramatta Advertiser dated 2 June 2010 regarding Wentworthville Leagues Club unveiling final plans for Carpark and second article of the 17 August 2010 with information regarding Council's recommendation for approval

■ 600-seat function room ■ Two-storey carpark ■ Outdoor dining area

Officers dive for their lives

Steven Deare

TWO police officers dived out of the way of a speeding car on Kissing Point Rd, Dundas, on Saturday night as it skidded out of control.

The officers from Rosehill highway patrol were on duty about 8.30pm when they allegedly detected a Daihatsu Charade travelling at 93km/h in a 60km/h zone.

The driver, a 41-year-old Strathfield man, saw police and braked heavily. He skidded out of control towards the officers.

The officers jumped out of the way of the oncoming car which skidded along the road before it stopped.

The man was breath-tested and arrested and taken to Parramatta police station where he was charged with mid-range drink driving and exceeding the speed limit by more than 30km/h.

His licence was suspended on the spot.

He is due to appear at Parramatta Local Court on July 12.

Wenty's \$40m facelift

Steven Deare

WENTWORTHVILLE Leagues Club has unveiled final plans for a \$40 million redevelopment that will literally turn the club around.

The club is set to embark on the biggest construction phase since its inception 48 years ago with carparking and the building to be expanded.

The most significant change will be the appearance of the club at the corner of Dunmore St and the Great Western Highway.

The club wants to create a main entrance on the Great Western Highway, and build a two-level deck carpark to increase its spaces from

Wentworthville CEO David Brace says parking has been a problem.

540 to 780. Currently the main entrance is on Smith St.

Wentworthville CEO David Brace said the new entrance would signify the club's growth.

"We're hoping to gain left and right access from the Great Western Highway," he said.

"We'll be changing our address from Smith St to the Great Western Highway.

"We've grown over time, but front a residential street.

"So we're paying homage to our growth and fronting a main street."

That new entrance will front the new parking area.

Mr Brace said a lack of spaces had hurt the club, with patrons' vehicles often filling surrounding streets, if they chose to stay.

"When we have a promotion or a band night, people drive in and then they drive out," he said of the lack of spaces. "This will alleviate the pain on our neighbours because people won't have to find street parking." Wenty has more than 31,000 members.

"You've got to give people some-

where to park or they go away," Brace said. "It can send you broke if you get it wrong."

Additions will include a 600-seat function room, an outdoor dining area overlooking Ringrose Park, and a gym. Unlike others in the industry, Wenty's upgrade is not based on gaming revenue. The development is based on entertainment and food and dining.

The State Government is the consent authority for the application because it is worth more than \$10 million threshold.



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Council OKs club's \$40m revamp

Steven Deane

WENTY Leagues' \$40 million redevelopment is poised to receive the go-ahead from State Government officials next week after Holroyd Council staff recommended it be approved.

The joint regional planning panel will convene at the council on August 26 to decide its fate.

The State Government-appointed panel determines applications over \$10 million, after a recommendation from the local

council. The biggest building project in Wenty's history will create a Great Western Highway entrance, a two-level carpark and expand the club (Wenty's \$40m facelift, June 2).

Wenty Leagues CEO David Brace was hopeful bureaucrats would follow the council's advice.

"We're looking for a favourable outcome on the 26th," he said.

"With all major projects there are conditions but we're confident we will be able to follow them."

The club lost \$3 million in 2009,

and hopes more parking and a new function centre will change that.

The application has taken 12 months to assess, after some debate.

"The RTA scrutinised the plans to create another entry and exit point on the highway.

"I don't want to pour salt onto old wounds," Mr Brace said.

"But there were a number of traffic concerns we had to address.

"The RTA didn't want to allow more driveways onto arterial roads."

In resolving the matter, Wenty agreed to create an 80m slip lane.

This would prevent drivers slowing down in highway traffic to turn into the club.

Wenty also plans to demolish eight of its properties on nearby Mack and Dawes Sts to expand the club.

Should the panel approve the application, Mr Brace said Wenty would first begin work on the carpark next year.

The works are expected to take four to five years.



Club CEO David Brace.

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Mini car a maxi prize

A GUILDFORD resident is the proud owner of a new Mini motor car, valued at almost \$43,000, after winning a competition for shoppers at Homemaker MegaMall at Auburn. Adnan Naif, a regular shopper at the centre, was chosen from a huge number of entries made up of the thousands of customers who spent more than \$50 in the centre over the competition period.

Business blueprint

HOLROYD City Council's Annual Breakide Before Business is on again this year. Marketer Paul McCarthy will talk about his renowned, direct and comprehensive blueprint to business success. He will speak on Wednesday, September 8, at Holroyd Centre, Miller St, Merrylands, starting 7am. For details and to RSVP contact Di Tulloch, on 9840 9871 or di.tulloch@holroyd.nsw.gov.au or Jenny Williams on 9840 9742 or jenny.williams@holroyd.nsw.gov.au.