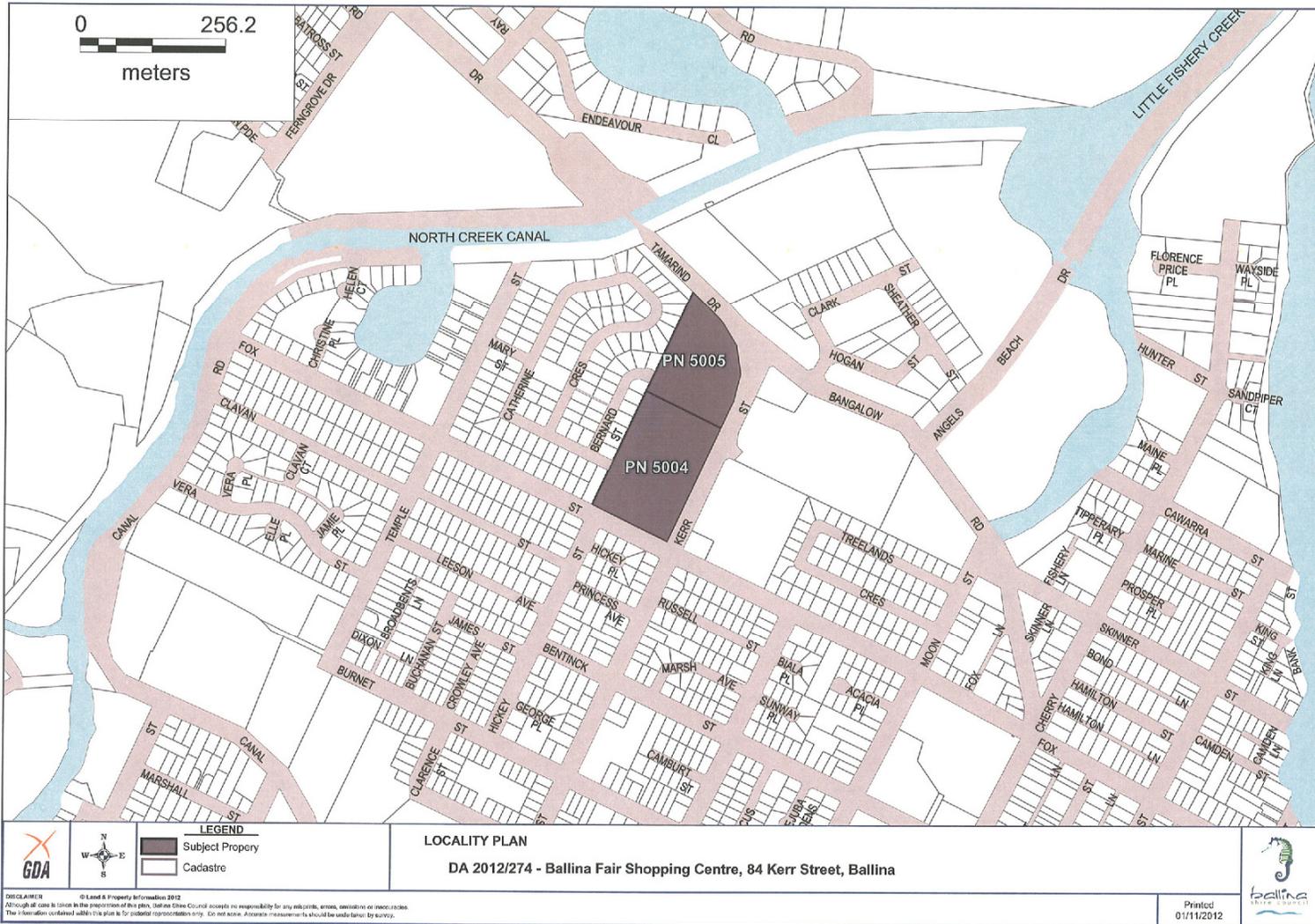
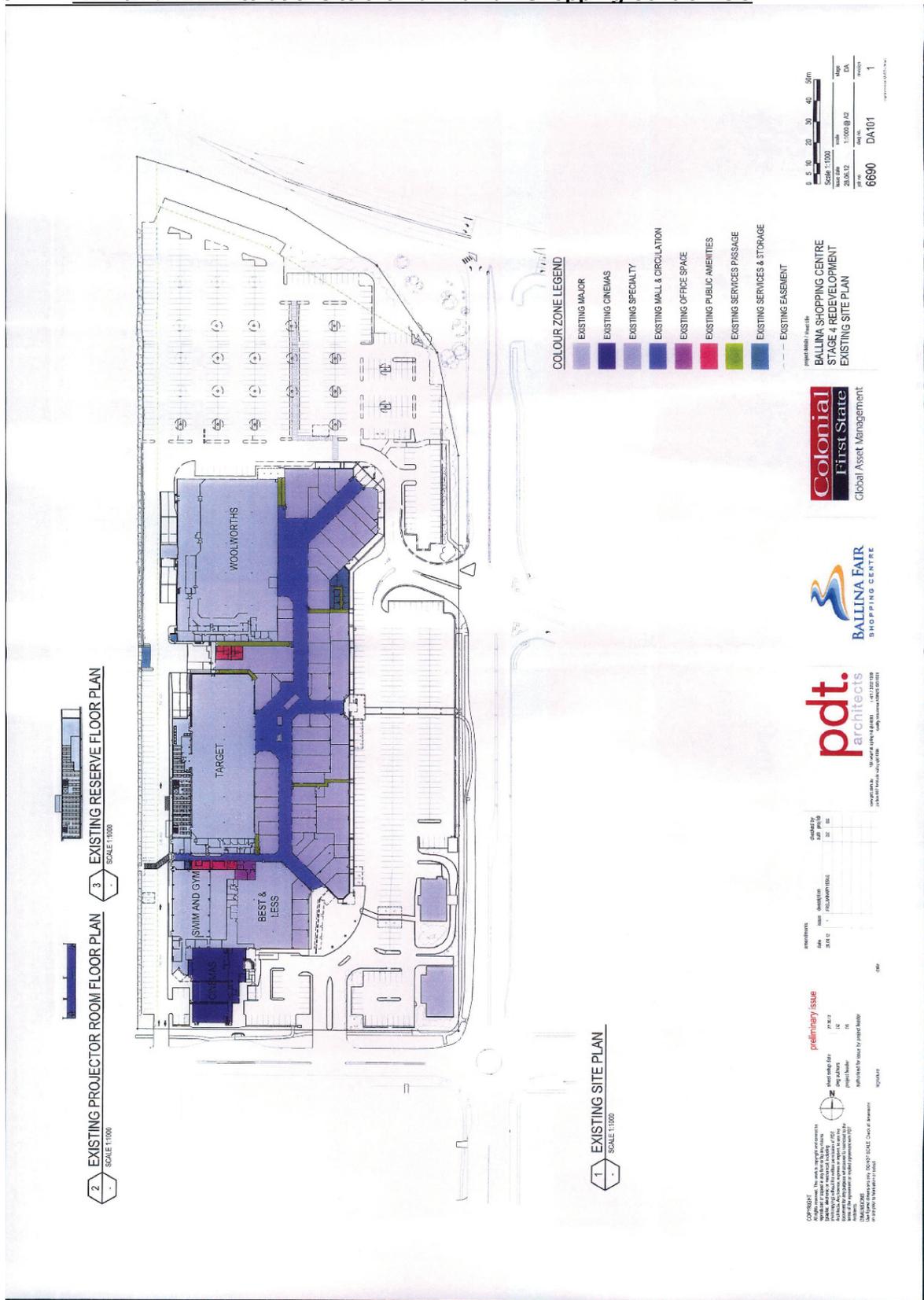
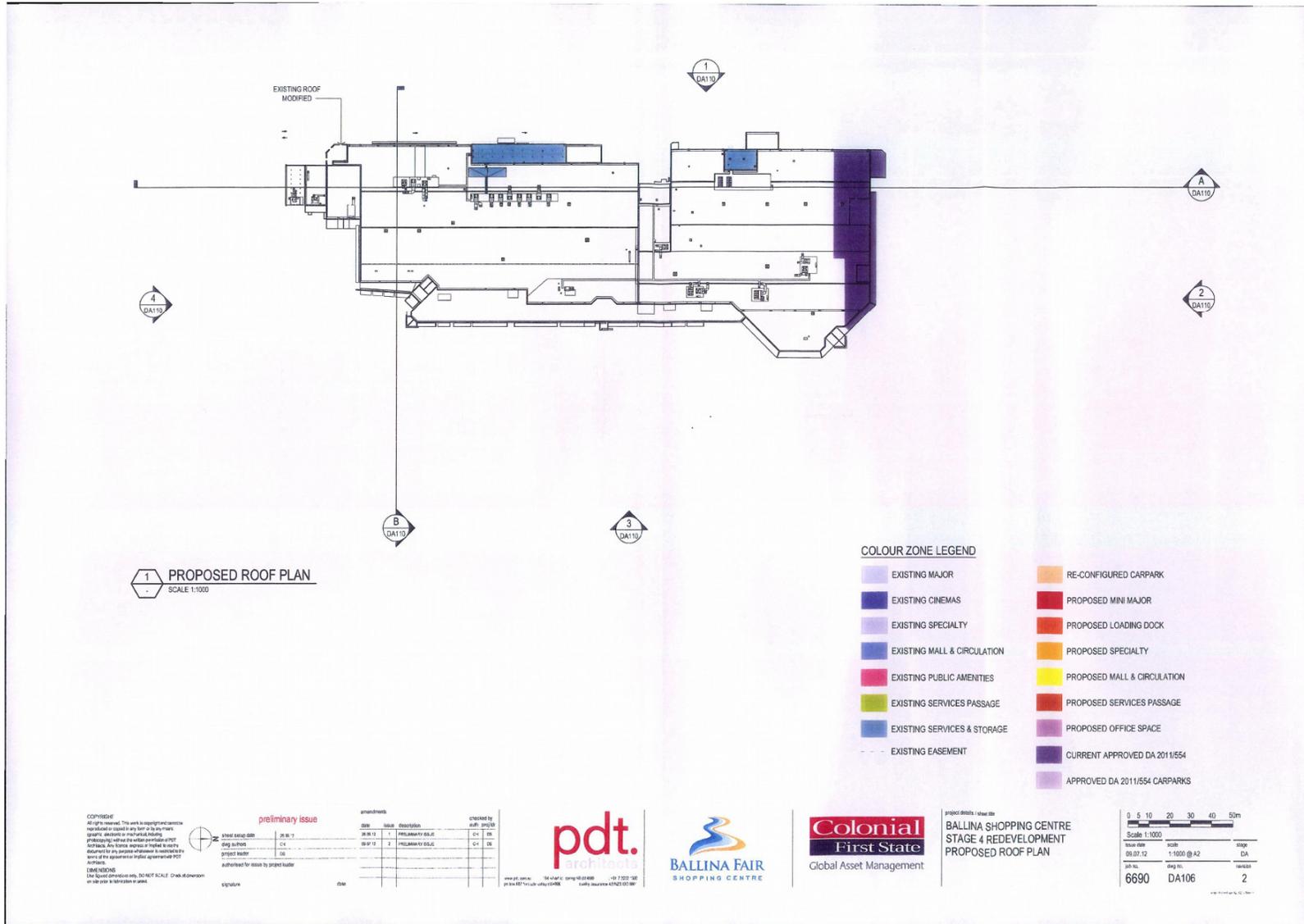


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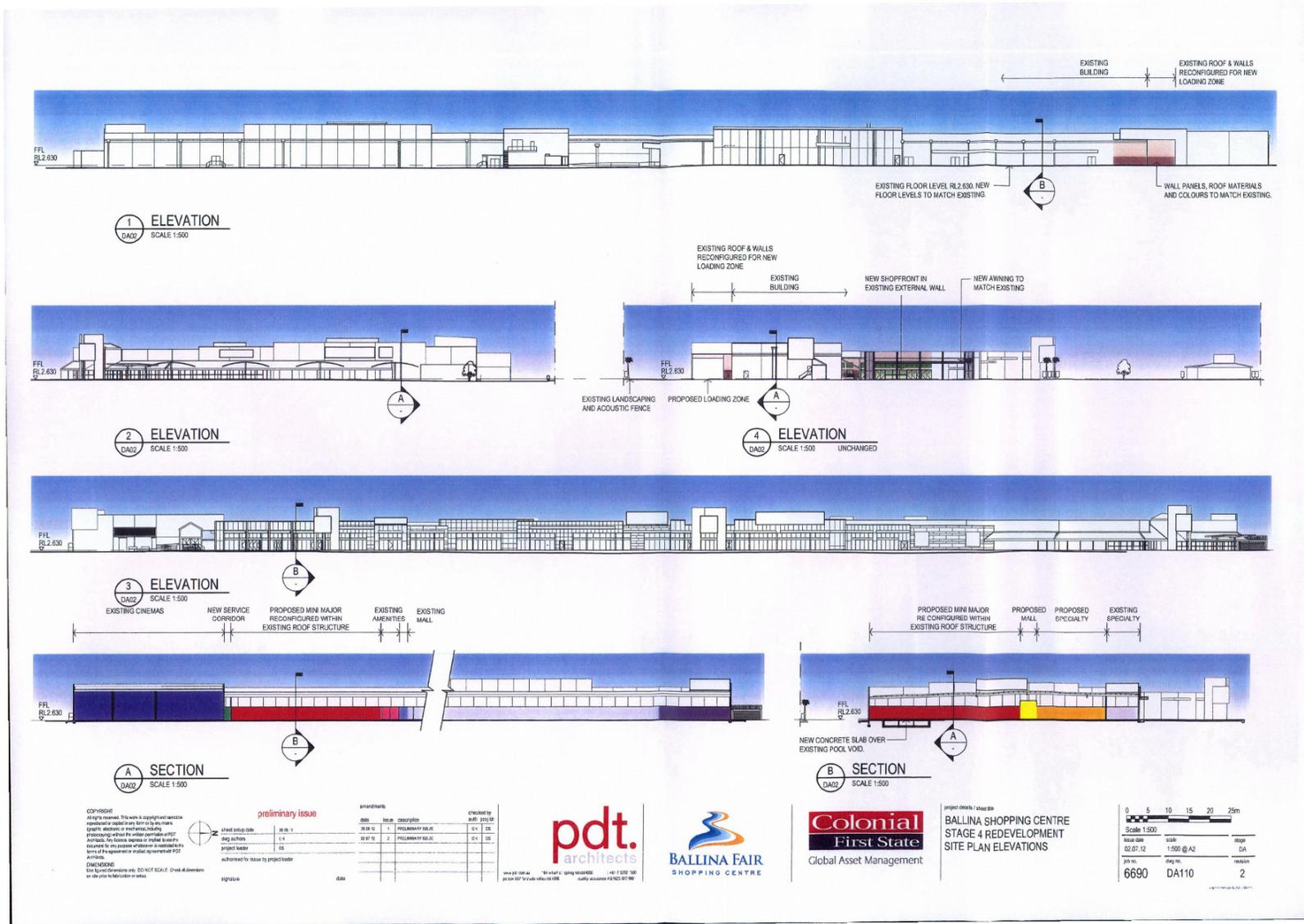




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BALLINA SHOPPING CENTRE
STAGE 4 REDEVELOPMENT
SITE PLAN ELEVATIONS



Hugh Johnson

From: K 123 [ncsmouse@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 September 2012 10:35 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Opposing redevelopment of Ballina Swim n Gym

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my objection to the redevelopment of Ballina Swim n Gym.

In a time when health and fitness issues are concerns that are held for our community and society as a whole, we need to be doing everything we can to encourage community members to take on a more active lifestyle. Ballina Swim n Gym is a facility which encourages and allows many Ballina residents the opportunity to participate in a wide range and variety of fitness activities and encourages people of all ages to exercise.

The facility is centrally located and is easily accessible for elderly people who live in the Ballina area. Many of these people rely on activities such as Aqua aerobics to maintain their health and fitness levels. The centre offers an extensive array of health and fitness activities which cater for young children through to more elderly community members. The facility also caters for our disabled community members with a lift chair to access the pool. I have been attending the centre frequently since 1997 and am amazed by the level of fitness of many of our elderly community members who are always participating in gentle exercise or water aerobics activities. Many of these classes number more than 40 people in each session daily.

The centre allows all year around swimming and this is very beneficial for the pool's many users. The council pool is not open in winter and the climatic conditions would prevent many people from using it during the winter months if it was open. Whilst activities such as aqua aerobics are offered at the council pool the depth of the water prevents this activity from being anything other than a deep treading water class and this does not suit a lot of our community members. The depth of the Ballina Swim n Gym facilitates innovate and modern aqua aerobics moves.

The indoor pool allows us to remain sun safe whilst swimming and this is a very important message we are constantly trying to instill into our youth. Does closing this valuable sporting facility reinforce the same message for our youth? Closing this pool would leave Ballina with only an outdoor pool, which has no shade over the swimming areas. This seems to be a huge contradiction between what we are encouraging as good health practice and what we are actually doing.

Ballina Retail district has doubled in size over the last 20 years. We have a large number of shops available to us and are well catered for in terms of the variety of shops on offer. One would even question the need for more shops when shops in the main street have recently closed down or are in the process of closing. I believe that it is not in the best interest of the Ballina Shire Council to allow for the redevelopment of the Swin n Gym facilities. This is a grave disservice to the community and to the health and well being of Ballina Shire Residents.

I urge all Ballina Shire council members to oppose rigorously this redevelopment application.

Karen Brooker

Hugh Johnson

From: mccotters@bigpond.com
Sent: Tuesday, 4 September 2012 11:11 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Opposition to the Development proposal for Ballina Swim n Gym

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my objection to the redevelopment of Ballina Swim n Gym.

The following issues need to be considered in opposition to the redevelopment of the Swim n Gym facility

- * This is the only heated pool in the Ballina Shire
- * This pool is the only pool that can be used for 12 months of the year
- * The centre provides a valuable resource in a society that is trying to encourage exercise and healthy lifestyles
- * The centre caters for swimming activities from babies through to elderly community members all year round
- * The centre is well used and patronised because of its central location
- * The facility is centrally located and is easily accessible for elderly people who live in the Ballina area.
- * The indoor pool is the only totally shaded pool in the Shire supporting the "Sun safe" message we are trying to instill into our youth
- * The centre offers a wide range of exercise options from gentle exercise to cardiovascular work out sessions and the classes are always well attended by community members
- * The council pool provides aqua aerobics classes but because of the depth of the pool the sessions are more like classes in treading water. The depth of the pool at Swim n Gym actually facilitates safe and varied aqua aerobics activities which are enjoyable and can be modified easily to suit all levels of fitness.
- * Swim n Gym supports a very strong swimming team and many great swimmers have been involved and will continue to be involved with the swim squads
- * Many schools use the Swim n Gym pool for learn to swim lessons during term one and term four of each year. Using this facility reinforces our "Sun safe" program that is taught in all NSW schools.
- * The facility also caters for our disabled community members with a lift chair to access the pool.
- * People from outside of the Ballina Shire use Ballina Swim n Gym. I do not live in the Ballina Shire and I have on numerous occasions frequented Ballina Swim n Gym with my family and friends.

We have many shops in the Ballina area and the redevelopment of such a valuable community fitness centre to allow for more shops and a loading dock would be detrimental to the Ballina Shire.

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I believe that it is not in the best interest of the Ballina Shire Council to allow for the redevelopment of the Swimming Gym facilities. This is a grave disservice to the community and to the health and well being of Ballina Shire Residents.

I urge all Ballina Shire councilors to vote against the redevelopment of the Ballina Swimming Gym.

Ian McCotter

Hugh Johnson

From: Muriel Judith Watson [murieljudith@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, 25 August 2012 10:31 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Swim N Gym

I am gobsmacked that you are thinking of closing the Swim N Gym. We certainly have enough retail now and as for extra loading dock space, there must surely be room at the other end of the complex without interfering with the Swim N Gym. I am in the elderly age group and the warm pool in the winter is desperately needed for health issues. There is only Crowley Pool and that is not always easy to access. My name is Judith Watson, 35/1 Riverbend Drive, Ballina and I would like my name put down as a protester.

Hugh Johnson

From: Matthew Ogden [matthew.ogden1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 23 August 2012 9:21 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim and Gym needs to stay

To whom this may concern.

I recently learned of a DA which resulted in the shutdown of the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym to make way for a new loading dock. As a former member and staunch advocate for the centre, it is clear to me that by taking such action, the Ballina council would be making a terrible mistake.

Ballina Fair Swim and Gym is a vital centre for the local Ballina community and provides great joy to many of its residents by providing them with a cheap, safe and fun place to exercise. The Charlton family who manage the premises are greatly loved by the complex's many members and as a direct consequence of the council's actions, they would lose a job that they all love and take great pride in.

Additionally, as I am sure the council is aware, the centre provides the surrounding area with its only public heated indoor pool, and as such its closure would greatly impact on not just the swimming but also the entire local community; examples being nearby surf clubs who use the pool as a training ground within the winter months and local schools who run swimming programs at the complex, teaching young children vital aquatic skills which could one day save their lives.

If any changes should be made to the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym it should be to enlarge and upgrade the centre which already struggles to accommodate its numerous supporters.

I sincerely hope the council changes its decision regarding this matter.

Matt Ogden



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The General Manager,
Ballina Shire Council,
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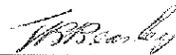
Mr. P. Hickey

Re: DA 2012/274

With reference to the above Development Application submitted by the Ballina Fair to demolish the existing Swim and Gym to make way for a large retail store and loading dock.

The Lennox Head-Alstonville SLSC would like to submit an objection to the demolition of the existing Swim and Gym. The grounds for the objection is that the area (Ballina-Lennox Head) is lacking in training facilities of this nature for our young athletes and by demolishing the Swim and Gym and not replacing such facilities greatly reduces the number of facilities available.

It should be noted that the Club is not objecting to the proposed re-development but the reduction of such training facilities.



J.B. Beasley OAM
Secretary

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Jenny Hohepa
11 John Sharpe Street
East Ballina 2478

August 2, 2012

RE: BALLINA SWIM & GYM

TO WHOM IT SHOULD CONCERN

I am writing this letter to share my disbelief and shock at hearing that Ballina Swim & Gym may close to make way for more shops!

I have been a member of Ballina Swim and Gym for 5 years, and have attended the above for at least one hour per day-7 days a week, for the last 5 years.

I moved away from family 6 years ago to come back to a place that was 'home' for me. I am now 52 years young (thanks to Swim & Gym) and returned to the area I completed my Enrolled Nurses Course at ST. Vincents Private Hospital in Lismore at the age of 19.

I was, and still am, a single mother of 3 children (who are now all teenagers). They have seen their mother become fit, have the opportunity to socialize and meet like minded people ie: people who want to stay fit and active, and they also benefit from a mother who is a lot more patient and calmer, after she has worked out, than when she doesn't.

I have worked as a nurse, a special needs carer, teacher's aide and in the drug and alcohol sector, and each one of these sectors utilise Swim & Gym to promote a better heart, mind and body for themselves.

To see the range of ages that attend the gym is and has been heartwarming. Throughout my time at BS&G we have rallied around and donated money to families who are ill. One young husband with 3 young children, and a wife, was diagnosed with a Brain Tumour, his wife also suffered a stroke during this time, and was left paralyzed down one side of her body.

Gym members including myself, offered to do a big clean up of their house whilst they were in Sydney having medical treatment so when they returned the house needed nothing done to it. We bought food, made meals for them, to help take some of the burden off them, for a little while.

All this input and finances came out of our own hearts and our own pockets. Pete the Manager of Swim & Gym, left a basket at the front desk for any donations of food, children's items and even dog food, to assist this family during their upheaval.

Ballina Swim & Gym is not only a complex where people meet, greet and get fit, it is SO much more than that. It is therapy for those who are down/depressed, it is a safe nurturing place to share any issues one may have ie: with their children/spouses/employment - Life. You come away from there with a burden lifted through sharing, caring, laughter, love and genuine support and advice.

If we don't see someone at the gym for some time, one of us will ring that person to make sure their ok, and if they need anything. The pressure that will be put upon our already challenged health system and hospitals will be astronomical.

Children and babies who learn to swim in the only heated enclosed pool in Ballina will/may either end up as drowning statistics. People who are trying to ward off depression by staying fit and socializing will/may either end up with clinical depression/anxiety which could lead to drug and alcohol abuse leading to children being neglected in their home, or worse case scenario, suicide.

The shops that benefit from the members who attend Swim & Gym will also be affected. Already there are countless shops closing down around Ballina for economic reasons. A lot of the members gather together and after a class, head off to one of the cafes for a coffee and bite to eat sharing more laughter and communication.

BS&G Members have also been privy to births, deaths and marriages, baby showers, birthday lunches/dinners all held in venues throughout Ballina at restaurants, the RSL or each other's homes.

Ballina S&G is not just a sports facility, it is a family, and it is a community that cares about everyone who enters their doors. There is no community left in Ballina if you close their doors!

Pete & Brit, the managers, have created a healthy community in Ballina. Children get to learn socialization skills, the elderly mix with the young, teenagers from schools and independently can process so much more of their already challenged lives through the benefit of exercise. Parents can compare notes with others regarding any challenging situations they may be experiencing and feel supported, loved, connected and leave with a new, fresh perspective to their personal situation.

I know I come home a better person, a better mother, a better individual, because of my saving sanctuary..... that being..... Ballina Swim & Gym.

Whatever anyone can do to make sure that....IF Ballina Swim & Gym HAS to close its doors, that there will be something put into place to allow us all to continue having a venue where all of the above can continue...because.... GOD KNOWS WE NEED IT!!!!

Yours sincerely

Jenny Hohepa 
Concerned Community Resident
Ballina Swim & Gym Member

Hugh Johnson
Town Planner,
Ballina Council
Cherry St, BALLINA 2478

July 31, 2012

Anne McIntosh
2 Fenwick Drive
EAST BALLINA 2478



RE: Development Application 2012/74

Dear Hugh,

This letter is in opposition to the above-mentioned development application put to council on behalf of PPS Nominees. The application relates to proposed demolition & alterations to the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre.

The proposed development necessitates the demolition of the area currently tenanted by the Ballina Swim & Gym to provide additional retail space and a loading dock. Simply, the pool would be filled in and the gym demolished. Whilst the development itself may be sound in terms of building requirements, I would request that you consider the broader impacts of such a development on the community, surrounding residents and the environment.

The 25 metre indoor pool is currently the only indoor heated pool that is open all year round in Ballina. This pool provides an essential service to the community catering for all age groups and abilities. A number of identifiable groups in the community are reliant on the services offered at the pool and many would not be able, or willing, to commute to another out-of-town location to use a swimming pool. Some of these groups include: patients undergoing rehabilitation and exercise therapy, veterans affairs groups, indigenous groups, people with disabilities, learn to swim (across all ages), swimming squads, life-saving groups, numerous school groups, and various other sporting and training groups. In addition to this, a considerable number of individuals regularly use the pool to maintain fitness, prevent illness, and to socialise, often resulting in positive network outcomes and support for the local community.

The potential negative consequences for the community include elevated levels of mortality and morbidity as people have less opportunity to learn to swim, less opportunity to rehabilitate & recover from illness, and less opportunity to embark on fitness programs to improve &/or maintain fitness. Furthermore, the impact on psychological well-being that swimming and general socialisation opportunities provide for many people cannot be under estimated. Single parents, young mothers, disadvantaged groups, elderly people and people new to the community have all been able to use the pool and its community to positive effect. These negative outcomes will ultimately translate into some financial cost

to the council as the well-being of many in the community is eroded and subsequent pressure is placed on other community resources and groups.

The nearest alternative indoor pools are located at Lennox Head and Goonellabah. The additional travel and expense associated with accessing these venues is not without consequence. For many, these locations are simply prohibitive, as they do not have transport beyond the local Ballina area. In addition, those who do have transport will be faced with additional costs as fuel and general vehicle use increases. Furthermore, this will generate an increased number of vehicle movements on local roads, particularly Ross Lane which is regularly under repair, or closed, due to its low lying location and flood proneness. The increased emissions & noise associated with these increased vehicle movements also require consideration.

The closure of the gymnasium would also affect a number of the previously mentioned groups in the community who use this resource to improve general health and well being, and to recover from illness and injury. As with the groups who use the pool, the closure of the gym would also translate into increased morbidity and mortality that would negatively impact on the general Ballina community.

The provision of a weights area, and group fitness area as well as exercise machines allows the gym to cater for people with differing needs and preferences. Most recently, the positive results of such a facility can be seen in the number of identifiable participants who have lost a considerable amount of weight and gained fitness over the last 12 months.

The provision of a crèche at the Ballina Gym and Swim has been of major assistance to young parents who would otherwise be unable to exercise in such an environment and whilst also providing an informal support network for many.

Anecdotally, many of the swim and gym users elect to shop and socialise at Ballina Fair as a direct result of their association with the gym. Many users have stated that they undertake grocery and gift shopping or enjoy a coffee within the Ballina Fair environment only as a convenience of already attending that location. This also results in less vehicle movements in the local area as people undertake more than one activity in a single vehicle movement. If the swim and gym were to be relocated there would certainly be a loss of trade for some of the retailers currently located in Ballina Fair.

Whilst there are other gymnasiums in the Ballina area, none can provide the variety of services offered by Ballina Swim and Gym, nor do they offer crèche services.

I understand that the inclusion of a pool and gymnasium were an essential component in the initial development of the Ballina Fair. Further, that the pool and gym were to remain on site as part of the Ballina Fair development. Can you

investigate whether this requirement is still valid and determine whether any alternatives are available based on this stipulation?

In your capacity as a town planner, I implore you to consider the broader aspects of this development on the general Ballina community for whom it is a vital resource, and the future planning and infrastructure needs of the community should this resource be lost.

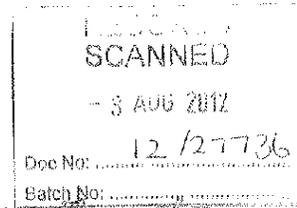
I would like to thank you for your consideration of the issues raised in this letter and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Anne McIntosh

30/136 Cherry Street
 Ballina 2478
 Friday 3rd August, 2012.



To the Ballina Shire Council re the closure of
 the swimming pool at Ballina Fair.

When voting on the applications by the Fair
 Management it would be wise to remember
 all the citizens of your Shire and surrounding
 areas who use this pool.

- Small children learn to swim.
- Older children train in it for half the year.
- Older people use it for recreation and
 water aerobics.
- The RSL swimming club of older men use it
 for training and health purposes.
- Disabled people use it to help strengthen
 their bodies and because the water is warm.
- Schools use it for their learn to swim
 programmes and carnivals.

If it was dismantled the people who use it
 would have no other facility to use because the
 Shire has not seen fit to upgrade the pools in
 River Street. We do not need more shops built
 in Ballina! We have so many empty ones
 now!! The main street is in need of more
 support not opposition.

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Yours faithfully
 Anne & Bruce Bigg.

OPPOSING DA 2012/274
DEMOLITION OF
BALLINA FAIR
SWIM AND GYM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am Sincerely Hoping that you can
do everything possible to not remove my

FAMILY
SWIM CLUB
COMMUNITY WITHOUT SWIM AND
ENTERTAINMENT, VITAL FACILITY.

"THIS PROPOSED CHANGES WILL
CAUSELY AFFECT EVERY ONE OF THE COMMUNITY.

BORDER/RESIDENTS - LEARN TO SWIM
SCHOOL AHS - SWIM / RESCUATION COURSES
DETAILED / REHABILITATION
YOUTH AHS - FITNESS
LIFEGUARD (WASSIE PLAIN)
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I beg you to vote with your
HEART, AND IN FAVOUR OF THE
COMMUNITY

YOURS SINCERELY
DAVID MACKENZIE

PRESIDENT:
BALLINA INDOOR
SWIM TEAM

Hugh Johnson

From: Lisa Ryan [lisanyan81@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 9:11 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA No. 2012/274

To Whom it May Concern,

RE: DA No 2012/274 PPS Nominees PTY LTD

I write to oppose the application to close Ballina Swim and Gym and replace it with more shops.

I feel that Swim and Gym is a more community minded service (and health promoting) than more opportunity for shopping.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further details.

Kind Regards

Lisa Ryan

Hugh Johnson

From: Karryn [k.gavenlock@optusnet.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 12:20 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: 2012/274 Submission Objection - demolishing the swim & gym

Good afternoon,

I would like to voice my stringent objections to the current application to demolish the swim & gym.

This would have to be the most damaging application ever considered.

With all the trade closing their doors in Ballina, there is a current suggestion that more shop space would benefit the Ballina Community better than the existing Swim and Gym Centre which attracts over 2500 people per week. I'm pretty sure there aren't any businesses in Ballina who can claim that patronage!

Commercial interests aside, Ballina region, whilst boasting a fabulous water frontage and Community rapport, really has only limited offerings to tourists – especially compared with our neighbours on the Gold Coast. Their waterfronts are fully developed to embrace and nurture healthy outdoor activities, but assamedly, Ballina does not maximise their gorgeous waterfront, even to the point where the beach has encroached onto the roadway. So having said that, we really need to protect those businesses who give back to the Community, that which the Swim & Gym does everyday.

The first thing I do when going on holidays is look for their local indoor pool and gym, and in most cases, wont visit a town that doesn't have it. It is accepted that Council must consider this application, yet they wouldn't be clever by passing this. I understand commercial restraint of trade, but I would suggest this and all the other submissions covering disability benefits (youth skill fostering and school activities to name a few), totally support restraining this development in our current Community.

If this development goes ahead, I for one, will not frequent the shops trading from there.

Looking forward to the Councils appropriate rejection.

Karryn Gavenlock
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Hugh Johnson

From: wendy [wendyashdown@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 2 August 2012 11:45 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 010 2012 00000274 001 Ballina Fair Swim and Gym

I am writing this letter as a concerned Ballina Shire ratepayer in support of Ballina Fair Swim and Gym and in opposition to the DA filed by the owners of Ballina Fair Shopping Centre wishing to demolish the existing community facility to make way for new shops and a loading dock.

This is completely absurd. I am a member of the above gym and have been for the past 6 or 7 years and would like to make the following comments for your consideration:

- * A large number of our elderly folk use this facility. I see them day in, day out and there are literally hundreds of them and it serves as a rehabilitation service for these people and as Ballina has an ageing population we cannot afford to let this DA go ahead unless of course council is replacing this service with a purpose built facility for the community.
- * A huge amount of young children/toddlers all learn to swim there as well. As Ballina is a coastal town I believe it is compulsory for our children to have these lessons to save lives.
- * As obesity is a real issue in Australia and Ballina is no different, a lot of overweight and elderly women and men use the pool for aqua exercise classes as it really isn't possible for a lot of these people to join a regular gym and the water classes are a motivating and starting point for them to try and get healthy.
- * Ballina already has a growing number of empty shops in Ballina, the main precinct especially and more shops at Ballina Fair will drive more businesses and people away from our main street. In any case there is no guarantee they will fill these shops, after all Ballina Central also has a lot of empty shops and have done for the last year or two. It just seems ridiculous that they are wanting to put more shops in.
- * The number of people/customers like myself who use the gym usually stop off on the way home and pick up items from Ballina Fair shops/supermarket will no longer be passing through and will therefore be shopping elsewhere affecting the current businesses there.
- * Unless Council is building a new indoor facility to replace the existing one I believe we, as ratepayers will be short changed as this council should have had this community service a long time ago. Swim & Gym has just been providing this service for them.
- * Heating the outdoor pool is not a good enough substitution either as who would or wants to go swimming in a heated pool in the open air when its raining and cold outside?? – no-one!

Please deny this application for Ballina Fair Shopping Centre and save our Swim & Gym

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Regards

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Ballina 2478

0414 315 575

Hugh Johnson

From: anne orlowski [anneorlowski@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 2 August 2012 10:57 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission for DA 2012/274

Dear Sir / Madam

I object to the proposal in DA No. 2012/274 by Ardill Payne & Partners for alterations and addition to Ballina Fair Shopping Centre for the following reasons:

The demolition of the existing indoor pool and gym would be a huge loss to our community, particularly considering that there are no other such facilities in Ballina.

The pool is the only swimming facility open to the general public year round in Ballina and it is the only indoor swimming facility open to the general public in Ballina. The loss of this pool will mean that the Ballina Indoor Swim Club will no longer have a home for training or competitions, Ballina schools will no longer have a heated pool for swimming lessons, Ballina families will no longer have a heated and completely sun-protected area for swimming lessons, local disabled residents and rehab patients will no longer have pool facilities for their well being, and there will be no aqua aerobics classes offered to the public year round.

I do not believe that it is in the best interests of Ballina to demolish this pool until such time that another indoor pool is open to the public in Ballina. If Ballina Council was to approve this DA, I believe that the Council has an obligation to the community to provide a new indoor pool for the public use of local residents, without delay.

Further, the range of fitness classes provided in the Ballina Swim n Gym are the only classes of their type provided in Ballina. The loss of these classes would mean a loss to the health and well being of the hundreds of locals and visitors who attend these classes. It would mean a loss of jobs for the highly trained fitness instructors who would probably need to seek work in Byron Bay or Lismore. It would also be a loss to the local business community, as many gym attendees would be forced to seek classes in neighbouring shires.

Ballina Businesses that would be adversely affected by the demolition and removal of Ballina Swim n Gym would be: the Ballina Swim n Gym owners and their staff; the restaurants and cafes in Ballina Fair; Sportspower in Ballina Fair; and many other stores within Ballina Fair Shopping Centre. These businesses have all factored in the effects of the successful operation of a gym and pool within the shopping centre in their business plans. It's operation would have had considerable bearing on their decisions to open or buy businesses within the Fair, it affected the prices they paid to open or buy their businesses, and it has generated income for these businesses from people using the pool and gym.

Please carefully consider all of the above adverse effects on Ballina Shire residents, Ballina Shire businesses and visitors to Ballina in your determination of DA 2012/274.

Yours sincerely

Anne Orlowski
10 Palisade Way
Lennox Head NSW 2478



2 August 2012

Ballina Shire Council
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BALLINA NSW 2478
council@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ballina Shire Councillors,

**Submission on the Development Application for 84-100 Kerr Street, Ballina
Ref No. 010.2012.00000274.001**

I am writing on behalf of Swimming NSW to object to the proposed demolition of Ballina Swim & Gym. We along with the local affiliated swimming clubs strongly object to the Development Application and encourage the Council to reject it unanimously. The adverse consequences if the facility was to be demolished to both swimmers and the local community will no doubt be great and far reaching.

Swimming NSW currently maintains a membership of over 35,000 members across 12 affiliated Areas and over 380 Clubs and our aim is to promote, to teach and to encourage the sport of swimming. We also administer, promote and encourage Learn-to-Swim and swimming activities for competitive and recreational purposes across a wide range of aquatic facilities state wide.

The Ballina Swim & Gym is used by a wide variety of community members from infants through to senior citizens and there is no doubt that the facility has provided an opportunity for thousands of people to learn the life skill of swimming. Many of Australia's best swimmers have also swum in this facility. Approval of this Development Application would not just affect those who currently use the facility but generations to come.

With drowning rates continuing to increase across the Country, organisations like Ballina Shire Council and Swimming NSW must remain diligent in providing facilities and resources for people to learn to swim all year around. Ballina Swim & Gym is the ideal place for this to occur as it is currently the only indoor facility in Ballina.

I would like to reiterate our strong objection to the Development Application and if you have any questions about this letter or require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Heathcote".

Mark Heathcote | Chief Executive Officer | Swimming NSW Ltd.

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Hugh Johnson

From: Jodi Rodgers [jrodgers@autismspectrum.org.au]
Sent: Thursday, 2 August 2012 4:25 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: ballina Gym

DA No. 2012/274
PPS Nominees PTY LTD (Owners of Ballina Fair)

Hello,

As a regular swimmer at the Swim and Gym pool, I would like to register my opposition to the above proposal.
Thanks,

Jodi Rodgers

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The General Manager.

Dear Sir,

As a member of swimming gym for 21 years & a Ballina rate payer I am very angry that the owners of Ballina Fair would want to close the pool for more shops. They say more work for Builders & shops for Tourists what about work for Peter Charlton & his Staff dont they count. A seaside town without a heated indoor pool how stupid & tourists dont come to shop they use the Pool.

Older people like myself with knee or hip replacements & other problems & the young who swim & work-out in gym need the

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use of the Pool both winter &
summer.

My hope is that Council
rejects the application & shows
some care for the little man.

Elaine Mara

12/27572
ACKNOWLEDGED

ATTENTION.

186 James St.

Ballina

1-8-12

Ballina Shire Council

Attention Hugh Johnson

Dear Sir;

I'm devastated to hear you want to close Ballina Fair Swim & Gym especially the heated pool I'm 75 years of age & been going since 1991. I'm disabled my back operation & its the only exercise I can do on land I walk with a walker & go 3 days a week for 2 1/2 hrs each day. in the pool & its keeping me active & there are many more in my position

Please Please don't close the pool.

I would like an answer to this letter

Yours Faithfully

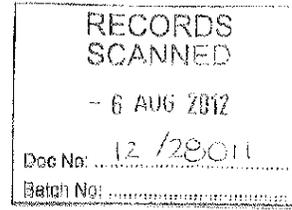
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BALLINA INDOOR SWIM TEAM INC
BALLINA FAIR SHOPPING CENTRE
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2 August 2012

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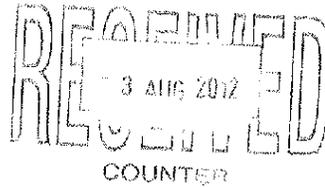
RE: OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2012/274 FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT TO BALLINA FAIR SHOPPING CENTRE.

The Committee of Ballina Indoor Swim Team would like to register our objection to the above Development Application to abolish the existing Indoor Pool Complex. Ballina Indoor Swim Team have been based at the Ballina Indoor Swim n Gym for the past 22 years. In that time we have produced many State, National and International Champions, who have brought good publicity to the Shire. We are the only active Swimming Club in Ballina.

If this development Application is approved, where do the future children go to learn to swim and develop their skills. There is no other Indoor Pool in Ballina for our Club to relocate to. The Outdoor Pool is not an option for our Club as many of our swimmers train all year round, morning and afternoons. The Outdoor Pool is closed during the winter months and with our inclement weather is not always ideal in the summer, as the pool is not heated.

There is no urgency for Ballina Fair Management to extend the existing premises. We therefore ask that the Councillors consider this proposal very carefully, or at least delay the decision until the Ballina Community has another facility available with an Indoor Heated Pool.

D MacKenzie
President
Ballina Indoor Swim Team



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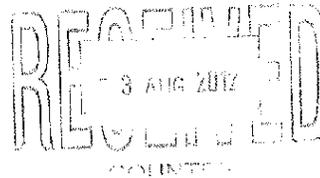
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Please consider rejecting this development application because many people in the community will be adversely affected should the proposal be approved.

Leanne Bigg
0402 866 525



Hugh Johnson

From: kate heyward [kateheyward@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 1:11 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council; Mayor Phil Silver; Councillor David Wright; Councillor Keith Johnson; Robyn Hordern; Jeff Johnson; Councillor Sue Meehan; Alan Brown; Sharon Cadwallader External; Peter Moore; Councillor Ben Smith
Subject: DA 2012/274 objection, Ballina Fair Swim'n'Gym and concerns regarding public amenity

11 Banksia Lane
East Ballina
NSW 2478

Dear Ballina Council staff and Councillors,

I would like to raise my objection to DA 2012/274 to demolish the indoor pool and gym at Ballina Fair, and concern over the loss of public amenity for Ballina Shire residents.

This is a significant loss of public amenity. The pool is the only available heated pool in winter months and Council will have to provide an alternative for children's swimming lessons, the elderly and disabled that currently use the pool for rehabilitation, fitness and socially - an alternative that is conveniently and centrally located for public transport. Children doing nippers and surf life saving are encouraged to do lessons all year round, and a town on the ocean should have an available pool for lessons during winter months so children can learn vital swimming and survival skills. Ballina residents will have to drive to Ross Lane (causing traffic and additional pollution).

The Swim'n'Gym is a family run, community hub for so many people. The gym is the only one with a creche for children, squad, and classes that provide group fitness. The value of a place that has a positive impact on our community every single day cannot be underestimated and the negative reach of the destruction of such a place can only be imagined.

Council will have the responsibility to provide a heated indoor pool if this facility is shut down and should redesign the upgrade of the public pool to take into consideration the eventual loss of the indoor, heated pool at Ballina Fair as presumably the owners of Ballina Fair will eventually drive them out through rent or other means. Is there an answer that Council can come up with to save the Swim'n'Gym to prevent having to build another heated indoor pool at Council's expense?

Please take into consideration the social aspects of this loss and how it will eventually have to be compensated for. It will be a waste to destroy this pool, only having to build another one. Someone needs to get creative and think of an answer that can work. Can Council lease the space to prevent future costs?

I will watch with interest to see if Council can come up with a creative and efficient solution to this social problem.

Kind regards,

Kate Heyward

LETTER OF REJECTION OF PROPOSAL DA2012/274

3rd August 2012

Kathryn & Darron Brown

66A Gibbon Street

LENNOX HEAD NSW 2478

Email: daka@exemail.com.au

**ATTENTION: Ballina Shire Council Officer – Mr Hugh Johnson
(council@ballina.nsw.gov.au)**

Dear Mr Johnson

RE: DA 2012/274 – ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS to the Southern End of the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre including Demolition of Existing Pool and Gym Tenancy and Relocation of Mini Major Tenancy into the Demolished Pool and Gym Space and Construction of a new Loading Dock in the South-Western Corner of the site – Ardill Payne and Partners (as advertised in the Ballina Shire Advocate, July 26, 2012)

The Ballina Fair Swim and Gym is a facility that our community needs. It caters for the community offering various fitness alternatives. Our family have been regular users of Ballina Fair Swim & Gym over the past 20 years, swimming year round as a way of keeping fit, both our children learnt to swim there, we have used the facility as rehabilitation after surgery, our elderly mother has used the facility for water aerobics, our daughter does acrobic classes and our son is a regular swim squad member.

The indoor pool at Ballina Fair Swim and Gym allows athletes to train year round, where do these young people go if this is taken away. Many of the swim squad members are also active members of our local Surf Lifesaving Clubs, these young people train year round so that they can be ready to volunteer and patrol our beaches over summer as well as compete at State and Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships. Many have won NSW and Australian Medals for Surf Lifesaving, our son this year made the NSW Sate Surf Lifesaving Team (not easy for a country competitor) and has just been invited to attend a training program in Sydney, only 18 selected from around Australia, with the National Open Water Swim Coach. None of these achievements would be possible without the year round indoor pool and facilities at Ballina Fair Swim & Gym.

So many people benefit from this facility in so many ways and there is no other facility for the community of Ballina which offers what Ballina Fair Swim and Gym does. It's a facility that brings so many people together and many friendships have been formed while keeping fit and active, this has numerous benefits for the mind, body and sole.

Rejection of Proposal:

I therefore call on Ballina Shire Council to ensure that the Ballina Swim and Gym in the Ballina Fair Complex continues to remain in its current location and that **Development Application 2012/274 be rejected.**

I ask that the facility is not closed, and that the manager and employees are able to continue with the individual and community programs that they have in place.

Please can you inform me that you have received this letter (to my above email address) and have logged it as an official objection and keep me informed as to the outcome.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn & Darron Brown

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Hugh Johnson

From: Sharon Plush [splush@autismspectrum.org.au]
Sent: Monday, 6 August 2012 1:32 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objection

DA No. 2012/274

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed development above.

As both a shopper at Ballina Fair and a customer of Ballina Fair Swim & Gym I feel very strongly against this development.

There are more than enough shops in this vicinity and to take away a service to the public that is imperative for good health for all ages, particularly the aging community I believe would be very wrong. I for one would be appalled to see this service removed from this area.

Kind regards

Sharon

Hugh Johnson

From: Mark Cribb [markandcorinne@bigpond.com]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 7:27 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Fair Gym

I strongly object to the closure of the gym, why would people look at closing a viable business to build more shops which will most likely remain empty. But most importantly this is a business which benefits such a large number of locals from school kids through to the elderly . It would be a sad day to see such a business close it's doors, I am sure that the current businesses in Ballina Fair would notice the difference in there trade to as the gym generates a lot a trade in the fair.

Hopefully some sense prevails

Thanking you

Mark Cribb (father of 3 young children who use the facilities)

Sent from my iPhone

Hugh Johnson

From: Narelle Duggan [narelle.duggan@nsw.swimming.org.au]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 3:56 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission on the Development Application for 84-100 Kerr Street, Ballina (Ref No. 010.2012.00000274.001)

Good afternoon,

I write to you to strongly object to the current DA relating to Ballina Swim N Gym.

Ballina Swim N Gym is a key contributor to Swimming on the North Coast. Both staff and venue provide an immense amount of support in promoting the sport and developing swimmers in the Area. The Swimming North Coast Area runs from Gloucester in the South and Tweed Heads in the North. Ballina hosts ongoing Development Days, Swim Meets and Development Activities. The impact on the North Coast Swimming Area would be significant if Ballina Swim N Gym were to close. The filtering of swimmers through the learn to swim programs and junior squads would have a negative impact on the growth of the sport in Ballina and surrounding areas.

The Ballina Indoor Swim Club is a proactive Club and a big contributor to Swimming North Coast. The closure of Ballina Swim N Gym and the Ballina Indoor Swim Team would create a very big hole in the Sport of Swimming in the north.

I request that you carefully consider the implications of this proposal. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Narelle Duggan | Development Officer - North Coast | Swimming NSW Ltd.

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East Ballina 2478
3 August, 2012

Amanda and Peter Boyce: Letter of Objection to Development Application 2012/274

To The General Manager and Councillors, Ballina Shire Council

We are writing to strongly object to the proposal by PPS Nominees to demolish Ballina Swim & Gym. This is an essential facility to the Ballina Shire and has the only indoor heated pool in Ballina. It provides the following important services to our community:

- Baby and toddler learn-to-swim classes
- Holiday and after school learn-to-swim classes
- Primary and secondary school intensive learn-to-swim sessions
- Adult swim classes
- Aqua aerobics classes provide fitness building and social contact for large numbers of women of all ages including the elderly, some of whom have been attending for more than fifteen years. Young women with developmental disabilities often attend.
- Water therapy for people with disabilities (lifting equipment available)
- Swim training facility for squad and fitness groups

Ballina's municipal pool is not an acceptable substitute venue for these activities because it is unheated and open to the elements. Swim Australia says that "Babies, young children and beginners need warm water and warm air" in their swim classes in order to be comfortable and relaxed (<http://www.swimaustralia.org.au/index.php/parents.html>). It is important that our children continue swimming lessons year round so that they do not regress over winter, and year round access is also very important for the health and wellbeing of other Shire residents who use the pool for fitness or rehabilitation purposes.

As a coastal community it is essential that children learn to swim and be safe in our waterways; this cannot happen during the winter months in an outdoor pool. Similarly, year round access of the disabled, injured and older people to rehabilitation and appropriate exercise classes is of great importance. From the perspective of health promotion and safety it is in the clear interest of Shire residents that we do not lose this facility. We urge Council to reject this development application.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda and Peter Boyce

Hugh Johnson

From: michelle saxby [mimmim94@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 2:16 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: RE: SWIM & GYM PROPOSAL

The General Manager, Ballina Shire Council

Hi- My name's Michelle Saxby and as a resident here and user of SWIM & GYM over past 18 years am opposed to the demolition of this fine service until there is another facility up and running in the Ballina town.

I already made recommendations to council recently regarding the fate of the outdoor pools, and suggested they rebuild entire complex similar to the one I've used in Taree as combines indoor/outdoor pools, gym, aerobics rooms and other facilities like child-care, beach volleyball, cafeteria, amenities etc

I only moved to Ballina in 1994 because of SWIM & GYM. Amazingly this was the one prerequisite of where I would reside which shows how much I value this facility/service. The current operators are also to be commended on a great job they do as do all their employees., which is of a high standard. They combine professionalism, business, servicing the community extensively, and most approachable.

Over the years I've used SWIM & GYM for various reasons-from swimming during pregnancies (including the day they were born) to keep fit, "baby water confidence" classes and "learn to swim" for own children. I continue to swim all these years for maintaining health and fitness, but also for mental well-being, back condition, access to physiotherapy and gym programs for work-related injuries and the wonderful group fitness classes which motivate, inspire and help maintain fitness and back health, preventing medical intervention. My teenagers also use the pool and gym/classes.

My children has used Swim & Gym also for school sport, and I see the many other groups who frequent the facility and am amazed how many and how well organized they manage this and at an affordable rate.

Affordability is of utmost importance as is accessibility. As a low-income parent, I struggle, but lifestyle diseases are easier/better to prevent (and cheaper), so as a part of our community feel SWIM & GYM a valuable neede community service provider in this respect, which should continue.

As a single-parent it is also my main social outlet. I enjoy seeing others (especially a guy in his late 80's still doing his laps).

I used SWIM & GYM also when completing a tafe fitness cert III course as no TAFE gym here, and staff were very supportive and helpful.

The SWIM & GYM is also located coveniently as transport here limited.

Thanks
Michelle Saxby

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LETTER OF REJECTION OF PROPOSAL DA2012/274

DATE: 3rd August 2012

NAME: Britt Mieztis

ADDRESS: 2 Hickey Place, Ballina NSW 2478

EMAIL: ballinaswimngym@bigpond.com

ATTENTION: Ballina Shire Council Officer – Mr Hugh Johnson (council@ballina.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mr Johnson

Petition Background:

RE: DA2012/274 – ALTERATION AND ADDITIONS to the Southern End of the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre including Demolition of Existing Pool and Gym Tenancy and Relocation of Mini Major Tenancy into the Demolished Pool and Gym Space and Construction of a new Loading Dock in the South-Western Corner of the site – Ardill Payne and Partners (as advertised in Ballina Shire Advocate, July 26, 2012)

The Ballina Swim and Gym has existed in the Ballina Fair complex since its opening – some 22 years. It has provided invaluable support and encouragement to the development of children learn to swim, squad training and surf life-saving development in off season training squad swimming. It also provides a variety of fitness alternatives including aquarobics classes, aerobics, circuit classes, weight training, rehabilitation sessions (pool and gymnasium), disabled access for independent persons to pool (only place all year round available), as well as lap swimming. It also caters for interest groups, including 9 local primary and secondary schools, Ballina Community Health – Aboriginal Chronic Care, Department of Sport and Recreation, Ballina's Football clubs of all codes (4), and Department of Veteran Affairs to name a few.

The community feel you get at the Swim and Gym is overwhelming, our youngest patrons are just weeks old and our oldest to date is 92 years young. We have over 1700 members, over 2000 children in our Learn to Swim Program, and we cater to the needs of more than 1600 local school children. We bring in more than 5000 visitors to the centre each week. We have more than 1100 friends and followers on Facebook. We feel the services that are provided here can't just be erased.

The Swim and Gym is also home to the Ballina Indoor Swim Team a non-profit organization, that encourages a healthy lifestyle in a competitive and non-competitive environment. The club has risen to the top of the sport receiving numerous prestigious awards including Go Club GOLD award, Silver award & Bronze awards, Australian Junior excellence Gold and Silver Awards and have placed 3rd in the NSW State Championships.

The facility provides a very friendly crèche where children are played with and entertained at a minimal expense to the client whilst they use the facility. The staff are welcoming and make the pool/gymnasium accessible even for disabled people who attend the facility without a carer. Entry to use the facilities at Ballina Swim and Gym are within an affordable range for socio-economic status of the population.

315 people drowned according to the Royal Life Saving Drowning Report for 2011 of which 107 were in NSW. And an amazing 36% occurred in rivers/creeks/stream locations all of which the Ballina Community is surrounded by.

There is no other all year, all weather facility that includes the services as mentioned above that give equal access to all persons in the Ballina Shire that is so handy to public transport and shopping facilities.

Rejection of Proposal:

I therefore call on Ballina Shire Council to ensure that the Ballina Swim and Gym in the Ballina Fair Complex continues to remain in its current location and that **Development Application 2012/274 be rejected.**

I ask that the facility is not closed, and that the manager and employees are able to continue with the individual and community programs that they have in place.

Please can you inform me that you have received this letter (to my above email address) and have logged it as an official objection and keep me informed as to the outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Britt Miezitis

Hugh Johnson

From: Mackay, Roxanne [ROXANNE.MACKAY@det.nsw.edu.au]
Sent: Thursday, 2 August 2012 8:58 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 - Ballina Swim N Gym

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you to object to DA 2012/274 for the demolition of Ballina Swim N Gym.

Ballina Swim N Gym is a great asset to the Ballina area. It is the only facility in Ballina that can be used all year round. Many people from out of the area use this facility and bring business to Ballina.

The Ballina Swim N Gym is centrally located for local residents, many are elderly and use the centre on a daily basis for medical reasons. Without this facility many elderly residents will suffer.

Also Learn to Swim and squad training all year round is such an important issue with Ballina being a coastal town. It is paramount that children learn to swim and learn water safety. In 2011 315 people drowned, 107 of these were in NSW which is the highest level since 2002. This highlights the importance of water safety.

Thank you.

Roxanne Mackay

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Jodi Granger

From: Sandra Bailey
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 3:47 PM
To: Jodi Granger
Subject: FW: LETTER OF OBJECTION: Planned Demolition of Ballina Indoor Swim and Gym

For registering thanks

From: Alan [mailto:alan@alanrich.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 3 August 2012 3:14 PM
To: Paul Hickey
Cc: Sandra Bailey
Subject: LETTER OF OBJECTION: Planned Demolition of Ballina Indoor Swim and Gym

A and E Rich
543 The Coast Road
Lennox Head 2478
Via email

General Manager Ballina Shire Council by email
All Councillors Ballina Shire Council by email

LETTER OF OBJECTION: Planned Demolition of Ballina Indoor Swim and Gym

Dear General Manager and all Councillors,

I write in objection to the advertised Planned Demolition of Ballina Indoor Swim and Gym.

Reasons are as follows:

1. The shire needs this facility.
2. The council should support the retention of existing sporting facilities.
3. Swimming is a critical life-saving skill that is too important to restrict to only the Ballina open air pool operating months. This differentiates swimming from most other sports.
4. Central Ballina lacks any other all-weather, all year swimming facility.
5. The original intent of council was to foster this specific development and this should be respected by this council for the good reasons stated.
6. Notwithstanding any subsequent changes to the original conditioned approval of Ballina Fair, the council should act in the widest public interest and retain the SPIRIT of the conditions which created this much used facility.
7. Were this indoor pool to be demolished it would likely create additional participation at other indoor pools in the shire.
8. With regard to the indoor pool on the Cane Road in Newrybar valley, Lennox Head, that facility may be subject to increased traffic. That locale is an unsuitable site for mixed traffic of pool patrons, cane trucks and local farming and residential vehicle movements. Any proposed demolition would potentially increase undesirable added traffic risks and conflicts with cane farming.
9. Insofar as the previous point goes, I remind former council colleagues that for the existing Cane Road swimming pool I argued the lack of appropriate zoning and placement on traffic grounds when I originally

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voted in the minority against the creation of that Lennox Head facility. You may not have thought I was right but at least I was and am consistent.

10. It affects our family and our options for continued exercise and good health as my wife, Evelyn, regularly uses the facility.
11. It would be a bad move to let the pool be demolished, plain and simple.

In summary, I believe that council has the capacity and obligation to act in the best interests of all shire residents, In this case councillors should stick up for the recreational needs of residents just as they did in 1986 in the original development. Councillors are urged to condition the retention of the existing facilities or otherwise negotiate their equivalent replacement by the proponents and condition any future approval in such a manner.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Alan Rich
Evelyn Rich

Lennox Head
NSW Australia

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1st August 2012

Hugh Johnson
Ballina Shire Council
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BALLINA NSW 2478



Dear Hugh,

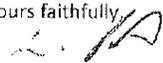
RE: DA 2012/274.
I wish to oppose the above D.A.

Many of my clients attend these facilities for rehabilitation. Rehabilitation that is not possible anywhere else in Ballina. While other towns in this region are proudly developing their heated pool/hydro pool facilities, it would be tragic to see this council allow the closure of ours. I know you can appreciate that rehabilitation facilities are an asset to our community but I'd ask you to consider the issue from the viewpoint of a person who has any of the following:

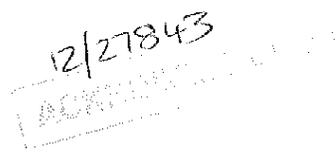
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- Obesity
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Yours faithfully


NEIL POTTER





1ST August 2012

Ballina Shire Town Planner
40 Cherry St
BALLINA NSW 2478

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NEIL POTTER

David Thomas
11 Jabiru Place
East Ballina NSW 2478

Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 50
Ballina NSW 2478

1 August 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

DA 2012/274 – DEMOLITION OF SWIMMING POOL AND GYMNASIUM – BALLINA FAIR

I wish to strongly object to any redevelopment of the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre that includes the demolition of the existing swimming pool and gymnasium.

I have been a member of the Swim and Gym for 10 years. My four children have all learnt to swim at this centre. My two sons are members of the Ballina Indoor Swim Team and train at this pool. I train at this pool and gymnasium to maintain my fitness which allows me to continue to be an active patrolling member of the Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Lifesaving Club.

My four children are all patrolling members of the Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Lifesaving Club and all have trained at the Swim and Gym. My two sons, Hayden and Murray Thomas have won many medals and awards competing in their surf sport and pool swimming competitions.

In September 2009 I suffered a serious break to my right leg whilst training at Lennox Surf Club. My rehabilitation has been successful as I have been able to use the facilities at the Swim and Gym all year round.

I am a Trainer at Lennox Surf Club and rely on the Swim and Gym to provide all year round facilities to train and assess new surf club members. Without this facility the number of patrolling surf club members in Ballina and Lennox Head would be severely impacted.

The Swim and Gym at Ballina Fair is the only indoor heated swimming pool in the township of Ballina. It provides all year round learn to swim programs. It provides adult learn to swim classes, and adult squad swimming. It is the only pool in Ballina that can be used by the public all year round for fitness, rehabilitation and fun.

The Ballina Indoor Swim Team trains at this pool. This Team was originally coached by Stan Tilley. Mr Tilley was instrumental in the construction of the pool. It is Mr Tilley's legacy that you will be destroying should this DA be successful.

I urge all councillors to reject DA 2012/274 and to maintain the pool and gymnasium at Ballina Fair.

Yours sincerely

David Thomas
0459 676 100

Hugh Johnson

From: Marisa Worling [mworling@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 August 2012 9:14 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Att Hugh Johnson DA 2012/274 Ballina Fair Swim and Gym

I am writing to object to the DA lodged by Ardill Payne on behalf of the owners PPS Nominees Pty Ltd. I believe that to lose such a great facility would be terrible for the community. So many community groups use the facilities, such as;

- Schools for their learn to swim programs, which are so important when we live so close to the beach, and these programs are especially important for those families who cannot afford swimming lessons for their children outside of school hours
 - The surf clubs on the Northern Rivers use the facilities for out of season training and also for proficiency tests.
 - people use the pool for rehabilitation and for general fitness
- And to lose the gym would be as big of a loss, I attend the classes a couple of times a week, and find the variety of classes and the people at the gym are great. It's great to go and stay fit, as it sets a good example for my young family to learn to look after yourself and be healthy and active.

Regards

Marisa Worling

Hugh Johnson

From: Corinne Cribb [ccunningham@autismspectrum.org.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 August 2012 3:08 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: RE: DA 2012/274 Ballina Fair Swim and Gym

I am writing to plea to council to reject the DA that has been proposed by PPS Nominees PTY LTD. I think that the loss of such a pivotal facility to the community in both the indoor heated swimming pool as well as the gym and fitness area would be a huge loss to many in the community.

As a town with an aging population it seems short sighted to close a facility that many use for rehabilitation and general daily exercise. More then just the pool they enjoy the company of like minded people and the friendly staff at the gym. The Vietnam veterans train in the pool several times a week, most of the local schools also utilize the venue for in school swimming lessons. The group fitness classes are well attended both morning and evening. I have participated in and used all of these facilities during my 7year stay in Ballina and would be devastated to see them go.

As a person who also works with children with Autism. I know that for families the facility is invaluable for the learn to swim classes they run and the inclusive nature of these classes and the whole business. It is important for children living so close to so many waterways to be confident swimmers and where else will they have access to a learn to swim facility 12months of the year??

As a council who I know has had a strong focus of supporting their own employers to be fit and healthy with various initiatives it seems ironic that now this same council may now allow such an important community facility to be lost.

Corrine Cribb

Hugh Johnson

From: louise lee [lmiscarlett@yahoo.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 August 2012 12:38 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council

I am writing this email to voice my protest about the proposed closure of the ballina swim and gym. I have been using the swim and gym now for a few years and my grandson has swimming lessons there now each friday for the last three seasons. I dont have a particularly active social life except for the swim and gym. my days are focused on getting to the swim and gym and keeping some movement going as i have found it helps with my arthritis. I use the shops in Ballina fair because they are handy after the swim and gym I would not necessarily use the Fair's shops if the case where otherwise. I have lived in Ballina for 16 years now and suffer quite seriously from depression, and it took me quite a few years to get up and get going to having a rythym in go to the swim and gym and some regular exercise to help with my depression. The swim and gym has helped like you wouldnt believe, the staff are helpful and friendly and the other users of the place are usually regulars as well ive found andfriendly and family like. The swim and gym is a community hub where I have some sense of a comunity i have never experienced before. It would be drastic foe my welbeing for it to be closed. Please consider the people who use it on a regulaar basis the elderly who I do aquaaerobics with on Mondays wednesdays and Fridays with have been meeting there for years generations are coming up behind us like my children and now their children. Their is no other heated pool in Ballina.

yours sincerely Louise Lee 0413468720

Anne McIntosh
2 Fenwick Drive
EAST BALLINA 2478

Elected Councillors
Ballina Council
Cherry St, BALLINA 2478

July 31, 2012

RE: Development Application 2012/74

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in opposition to the above-mentioned development application put to council on behalf of PPS Nominees. The application relates to proposed demolition & alterations to the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre.

The proposed development necessitates the demolition of the area currently tenanted by the Ballina Swim & Gym to provide additional retail space and a loading dock. Simply, the pool would be filled in and the gym demolished. Whilst the development itself may be sound in terms of building requirements, I would request that you consider the broader impacts of such a development on the community, surrounding residents and the environment.

The 25 metre indoor pool is currently the only indoor heated pool that is open all year round in Ballina. This pool provides an essential service to the community catering for all age groups and abilities. A number of identifiable groups in the community are reliant on the services offered at the pool and many would not be able, or willing, to commute to another out-of-town location to use a swimming pool. Some of these groups include: patients undergoing rehabilitation and exercise therapy, veterans affairs groups, indigenous groups, people with disabilities, learn to swim (across all ages), swimming squads, life-saving groups, numerous school groups, and various other sporting and training groups. In addition to this, a considerable number of individuals regularly use the pool to maintain fitness, prevent illness, and to socialise, often resulting in positive network outcomes and support for the local community.

The potential negative consequences for the community include elevated levels of mortality and morbidity as people have less opportunity to learn to swim, less opportunity to rehabilitate & recover from illness, and less opportunity to embark on fitness programs to improve &/or maintain fitness. Furthermore, the impact on psychological well-being that swimming and general socialisation opportunities provide for many people cannot be under estimated. Single parents, young mothers, disadvantaged groups, elderly people and people new to the community have all been able to use the pool and its community to positive effect. These negative outcomes will ultimately translate into some financial cost to the council as the well-being of many in the community is eroded and subsequent pressure is placed on other community resources and groups.

The nearest alternative indoor pools are located at Lennox Head and Goonellabah. The additional travel and expense associated with accessing these venues is not without consequence. For many, these locations are simply prohibitive, as they do not have transport beyond the local Ballina area. In addition, those who do have transport will be faced with additional costs as fuel and general vehicle use increases. Furthermore, this will generate an increased number of vehicle movements on local roads, particularly Ross Lane which is regularly under repair, or closed, due to its low lying location and flood proneness. The increased emissions & noise associated with these increased vehicle movements also require consideration.

The closure of the gymnasium would also affect a number of the previously mentioned groups in the community who use this resource to improve general health and well being, and to recover from illness and injury. As with the groups who use the pool, the closure of the gym would also translate into increased morbidity and mortality that would negatively impact on the general Ballina community.

The provision of a weights area, and group fitness area as well as exercise machines allows the gym to cater for people with differing needs and preferences. Most recently, the positive results of such a facility can be seen in the number of identifiable participants who have lost a considerable amount of weight and gained fitness over the last 12 months.

The provision of a crèche at the Ballina Gym and Swim has been of major assistance to young parents who would otherwise be unable to exercise in such an environment and whilst also providing an informal support network for many.

Anecdotally, many of the swim and gym users elect to shop and socialise at Ballina Fair as a direct result of their association with the gym. Many users have stated that they undertake grocery and gift shopping or enjoy a coffee within the Ballina Fair environment only as a convenience of already attending that location. This also results in less vehicle movements in the local area as people undertake more than one activity in a single vehicle movement. If the swim and gym were to be relocated there would certainly be a loss of trade for some of the retailers currently located in Ballina Fair.

Whilst there are other gymnasiums in the Ballina area, none can provide the variety of services offered by Ballina Swim and Gym, nor do they offer crèche services.

I understand that the inclusion of a pool and gymnasium were an essential component in the initial development of the Ballina Fair. Further, that the pool and gym were to remain on site as part of the Ballina Fair development. Can you investigate whether this requirement is still valid and determine whether any alternatives are available based on this stipulation?

As councillors who represent the interests of our community, I implore you to consider the broader aspects of this development on the general Ballina community for whom it is a vital resource, and the future planning and infrastructure needs of the community should this resource be lost.

I would like to thank you for your consideration of the issues raised in this letter and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Anne McIntosh



SWIMMING NORTH COAST INC

Website: www.swimmingnorthcoast.org.au

Email: swimmingnorthcoastdev@gmail.com

2 August 2012

The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

Dear Sir

Re: DA No. 2012/274

We wish to advise that Swimming North Coast Development Committee opposes the above Development Application.

Ballina Fair Swim N Gym plays a vital role in the Swimming North Coast Development Program with the facility being utilised as its home base in 2011 and 2012 for development activities since the amalgamation for the Far North Coast & Mid North Coast Swimming Areas. Swimmers from Tweed Heads to Forster have travelled to the centre for activities.

Prior to 2011, Far North Coast Swimming accessed Ballina Fair N Gym annually for varying activities including being the home base to hold their main winter development program.

To lose any Indoor facility is a huge loss to not only a community but also to the North Coast Area. Being able to access an indoor facility for competition and training throughout the winter period is invaluable for competitive swimmers from all over the area as well as varying ages. Of course swimmers are filtered from learn-to-swim programs which require an indoor facility for continuous learning.

The role of Ballina Swim N Gym providing services for all ages of the Ballina Community through varying programs aiding rehabilitation, fun, fitness, health and social events is a must for the Ballina Community. Schools access the facility for their programs and without the access to the pool all students would be missing out on opportunities.

To have a facility that can be utilised by all ages and levels of ability all year round is a must for any community.

We hope that you can see the importance of Ballina Swim N Gym continuing as a vital part of the Ballina community and surrounding areas and that you note that Swimming North Coast Development Committee object to the above DA.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyn Connell".

Lyn Connell
Secretary
SNC Development Committee

31. 7. 2012.

Norma Drury
12 James St
Ballina
2478

To: The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

Re: D.A. 200012274

Regarding: article in Northern
Adair 26. 7. 2012.

Concerning the loss of Ballina
Fair Index. Heated Pool.

With the commercial underpinning,
as this is closing owing to
lack of trade plus high rentals.

It seems unnecessary to create
more business centres.

The Ballina Fair Heated Pool, has
a assured income offering a
service to local residents who are
paying high water on their properties.
Will our council members advise local
residents if there is any other plans

P.T.O

to provide a heated ^{Pool} in our area

Please accept this submission
of objection to the D.A.

D.A. 2000 12 274. From a
concerned home owner &
long time supporter of
Ballina Shire Council

Signed:

M. Dwyer

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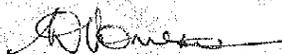
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THE MANAGER,
BALLINA COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,
I KNOW COUNCIL CARES ABOUT THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS OF YOUR RESIDENTS SO PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU TRY TO STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE BALLINA POOL AND GYM. I HAVE BEEN USING IT FOR OVER 20YRS & HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MY DOCTOR I WOULD NOT HAVE RECOVERED FROM KNEE REPLACEMENTS AND OTHER OPERATIONS AS WELL WITHOUT AQUA AEROBICS. I AM IN MY 80TH YEAR & KEEPING FIT STOPS ME FROM BEING A BURDEN ON MY FAMILY & SOCIETY ALSO I AM A WIDOW & LIVE ALONE SO GOING TO AQUA IS A WAY TO GET OUT AND MEET PEOPLE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW STRESSED I AM, THINKING I MIGHT LOOSE THIS EXERCISE.

YOURS SINCERELY
MONICA VONIERO



30 VIC. PRES.
WARDLELL RED CROSS

12/27367.

29th July 2012

Anthony & Lin Johnson

14 Dress Circle Drive

Lennox Head NSW 2478

02 66862712 (w) 02 66876703 (h) 0408764214 (m)

Re: The Demolition of the Ballina Indoor Pool and Gym

Dear Ballina Shire Councillors

Mr Tilley, who was the initiator of the Ballina Indoor Pool & Gym, told the Ballina Indoor Swim Team members that the Centre Management would never be permitted to demolish the Indoor Pool and Gym as it was part of the conditions set by the Ballina Shire Council for the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre to be built. It was part of the agreement that the owner of the Shopping Centre had to fulfil their obligation towards the Ballina Shire Community. Mr Tilley on many occasions reminded the Ballina Council about this "Obligation" whenever the threat to the existence of the Indoor Swim & Gym arose. Mr Tilley would be turning in his grave to discover such a threat has arisen and he was not going to be there to save the Indoor Centre again.

We have been members of Ballina Indoor Swim Team for the past 20 years and have seen the number of successful swimmers come out of this Ballina ONE & ONLY INDOOR FACILITIES, e.g. Petria Thomas, Adam Pine, Dyana Calub, Jackie Hallam (Triathlete) etc. My daughters, Kate and Gemma Johnson, had successful swimming careers based originally at the Ballina Indoor Swim & Gym and Mr Tilley played a big part in their success at national level e.g. making finals at World Cup, Final and Semi Final at Australia Olympic Trials and Commonwealth Game Trials. I have also served in the Committee as Race Secretary during the era of Mr Tilley.

Ballina Indoor Swim & Gym has a large number of community members who have either used the Gym or the Pool for the last 22 years. The friendly atmosphere at the pool and the gym was incredible and I am most impressed with the generosity of Peter Charlton who has donated numerous hours towards Swimming, e.g. Development Camps for the last 10 years, approved by the Swimming NSW; School Swimming and toddler Learn to swim program, Marathon Swim to raise money towards Muscle Dystrophy, "Hell on Wheel" to raise money for the Westpac Helicopter, etc.

We are pleading with the Ballina Shire Councillors to vote against the decision to demolish the pool not only for the Community and but for the memory of the great Olympic Coach, the legendary Mr Stan Tilley who had contributed so much towards the Sport of Swimming.

THE FUTURE OF THE BALLINA INDOOR SWIM TEAM AND THE BALLINA COMMUNITY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Yours Truly

Anthony Johnson

(President of Ballina Indoor Swim Team 2009-2011)

Lin Johnson

(Race Secretary Ballina Indoor Swim Team – 1999-2002)

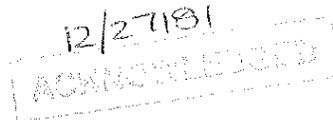
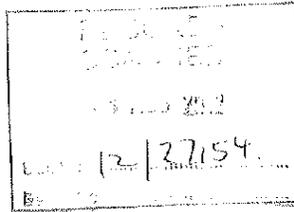
(Far North Coast Swimming Association Secretary – 2002-2007)

Deb Roberts
5/6-14 John Sharpe
East Ballina 2478
31/07/12

I am writing to protest the closure of Ballina Fair swim & Gym. This closure will affect a large number of the local community.
This is the only heated pool in Ballina that is accessible to everyone and it would be extremely detrimental to demolish it. Surely the health and well being of our community is more important than shops.
This facility provides many different services for many different people, ages and physical needs. Elderly veterans use the heated pool for therapeutic and rehabilitation exercise, heated water is very kind to joints and bones and is a safer way for the elderly to exercise
There are also Aqua Aerobic classes that are also frequented by older women for health and fitness, Young children are able to swim through the winter months without interruption to their learning. Not to mention possible future Olympians being able to train year round in a heated environment.
There are many other fitness classes for the general community both in the pool and in the Gym itself. With the current health focus on obesity and lack of exercise with all the associated health issues such as ,diabetes, heart disease it would be extremely irresponsible of Ballina shire Council to approve this Development application.

Yours sincerely
Deb Roberts

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Hugh Johnson

From: Jodi Granger on behalf of Regulatory Support Staff
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:34 AM
To: Jodi Granger
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim n Gym

From: Samantha Hodge **On Behalf Of** Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:26 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim n Gym

From: Rebecca Penny [mailto:rpenny580@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 9:08 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Fair Swim n Gym

A 2012/274

Please do not demolish the Ballina Fair Swim n Gym, it has been there for so many years, I swam there the first week it opened! My five children now attend lessons there every single week, I cannot believe that there is even a plan to demolish. My children will be devastated if they can no longer go swimming there, and I imagine they would be only one of many!

Not only does it make me sad at the possibility of losing such a great place, but what about the hundreds of people that use this facility every week? Where are going to go instead?

Please, please do not do this.

12/26381

29. 7. 2012

Manager, Ballina Shire Council,

I am writing to you with the regards to the closing of our pool & gym. A very large number of people attend the centre in all seasons casual & permanent seven days a week all year including the public visitors gym aqua, school children learn to swim, babies, toddlers, adult learn to swim, swimming club, carnivals, heated pool for health reasons & people with a disability plus a chair lift. I have been attending the pool for nearly thirteen years, for fitness, health, well being, social & friendship. Where do I go now? I don't have a heated pool in my back yard. I am a senior citizen in the community and a Volunteer.

Regards

Mrs Shirley Clapham
 6/38 Cyles Drive,
 East Ballina

17 Bellevue Ave.
East Ballina, NSW, 2478

Hugh Johnson,
Ballina Shire Council
38 Cherry Street
Ballina, NSW, 2478



Dear Mr Johnson,

I am led to believe you are in charge of the DA for Ballina Fair, in particular, that part that deals with the proposed closing of the Swim & Gym. This being the case I would like to STRENOUSLY OBJECT to the proposal for the following reasons:

1. This facility, in particular the pool, offers a unique service ALL year round. There is no where else in the area that caters for so many residents & their well being, sporting needs & rehabilitation. There is no where else in the area that is so well used by so many age groups, all day, IN ALL WEATHER, every day of the week.
2. If memory serves me correctly this facility was either an enticement or a requirement when the original DA was proposed & approved. If it was a requirement, then removing it should not be considered at any stage for any reason. If it was a bait or enticement it shows the true colours & intentions of the owners now the shopping centre is established.
3. We do not need any more shops in Ballina Fair. As was predicted, River Street is in a terrible state with the number of businesses closed or struggling & NO amount of inventiveness or originality by the business owners will improve this situation while ever you allow more shops to open away from the town centre.
4. The argument that approval of this DA will provide work for young people or builders in the area, is rubbish, especially when you consider how many will lose jobs at the Swim & Gym.
5. The argument that a similar facility could be built in the shire is also rubbish. We all know how difficult that will be, what with the cost, the time frame & the preparedness of the Council to provide the facility themselves or to make life easy for any other individual silly enough to try.

I trust common sense will prevail when you submit your advice on this matter to the Councillors for deliberation, in that it would be truly ridiculous to swap a fantastic, good health promoting facility with a "mini major" & a "loading dock!"

Yours faithfully

J. Mo. Gates

Jill Gates

12/26912



23 Pacific Terrace
East Ballina, NSW, 2478

Mr Hugh Johnson
Ballina Shire Council.
38 Cherry Street,
Ballina, NSW, 2478.



Dear Mr Johnson,
I write to object to any granting of the DA currently before you that may require the closing of the Swim & Gym at Ballina Fair. I believe this facility is invaluable because it caters to the needs of so many of the residents of the Shire in so many different ways.

It would be stating the obvious to say that we have an over abundance of shops in Ballina, many of them empty! It would also be stating the obvious to say that many of our Shire residents are elderly, infirmed, disabled & needing to use this facility on a regular basis as it is the only one of its kind in the area that is open to the general public. The public pool is not open all year, nor is it suitable for the needs of many. It has been said that Crowley Village has a similar facility....this is not the case as its use is restricted nor is it available to the public.

My friends & I use the Swim & Gym regularly in order to promote good health or to rehabilitate after accidents or operations. It caters for babies, young children, school children, teenagers, pregnant women, fitness fanatics, disabled, middle aged & the elderly. No other facility that I know of does that! The Ballina Council should be doing all in its power to retain any facility that offers the opportunity to gain, retain or regain good health & movement.....shops do not fulfil this role!

Hopefully you will advise the Councillors to reject this DA on the grounds of retaining valuable assets that the community desperately need. Business opportunities & financial gain aren't always the best options....if the promoters of this DA were genuine in their desire to provide they would leave the Swim & Gym untouched.

Yours faithfully,

R. Bates

Rose Bates

12/26909

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



17/90874

44 Anderson Street

East Ballina NSW 2478

31-July-2012

Ballina shire Council
Cherry Street
BALLINA NSW 2478

Development Application O10.2012.00000274.001 Demolish indoor pool and gym at Ballina Fair

This development application if approved will result in an outcome which is entirely against the public interest. If public interest were used as the main criterion, then it is inconceivable that the proposals would be approved.

THE POOL.

The pool in its present form is has great public benefit because it has the following advantages
1/. It is Ballina's only indoor heated pool suitable for all year round use by a wide variety of users.

The Vietnam War Vets use it for wading exercises. It is doubtful whether suitable alternative exercises could be conceived for this stressed and ageing group. To some extent their future health and longevity depend on this facility and its convenient location. Convenience of location is important because it can be dreadfully difficult to encourage some sectors of the community to exercise.

Many older citizens including obese persons also do wading exercises because this pool has the unique property of a constant shallow depth. Conventional pools with deep ends make this impractical.

2/. The pool is used for teaching kids to swim right through the year which can only be done in an indoor heated pool. Kids have a high rate of body heat loss and require such a facility.

3/. Ballina swimming club train at the pool every day.

4/. A large number of ordinary persons also use the pool for lap swimming in order to safeguard their health by means of a low impact exercise which does not stress the joints like walking or running.

5/. For me personally this pool provides the means to conserve my health by a large amount of regular exercise all year round. I will definitely suffer from adverse health effects if I am forced to switch to non- swimming modes of exercise.

6/. The pool provides kids during the school holidays a convenient and healthy way to spend their leisure time.

7/. The pool is used by physiotherapy groups who cannot go anywhere else.

The GYM

The Gym provides without doubt the best aerobics and weight training facility in Ballina due to its equipment and the highly professional experienced staff.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL.

This would provide a fume and noise nuisance for the established residents near the development. It would provide less parking space for an already overloaded parking area. It would provide more retail space for Ballina. The need for this is inconceivable in the present environment where Ballina has an enormous number of empty shops.

SUMMARY.

This D/A if approved would strike a huge blow to the Ballina Community. It offers negligible advantage and huge disadvantage. Shopping Centre Management is well known for being rapacious and tyrannical in the way they treat tenants. As far as I know no discussion of options has taken place with the operators of the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym. Options might include keeping the

facility at higher rent..... I personally would pay much higher fees to help keep the facility open but I know that many older persons would not have the financial resources to permit them to do the same.

This proposal is so important to the community in its huge negative effects that I strongly urge Ballina Shire Council to reject the D/A.

The need to keep the pool /gym open is so important that Ballina Council should consider other options such as providing a financial subsidy to keep it open. This might encourage the shopping centre to withdraw the D/A

If it is closed then pressure would be brought to bear on the Council to start spending a large amount of money to provide a similar facility in Ballina.

Perhaps the most effective option for the citizens of Ballina would be for Council to consider all avenues of action which would result in keeping the facility open at least cost.

I know it is not the responsibility of the shopping centre (unlike the Council) to provide any benefits for the welfare of the people of Ballina. BUT, the fact is that this pool has existed for many years and HAS provided a huge benefit over that time. It has avoided the need for Ballina Shire Council to spend money creating such a facility. It is therefore my carefully considered conclusion the this D/A should be refused AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER A NEW POOL/GYM FACILITY HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL OR BY A DEVELOPER ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL.

Yours faithfully David and Lee COWDERY

12/26894

Hugh Johnson

From: Geoff & Wendy Marsh [gwmarsh@inet.net.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 July 2012 12:45 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objection to Development Application 2012/274 ,affecting Ballina Swim N Gym at Ballina Fair

To The General Manager and Councillors,
Ballina Shire Council

We request that you reject PPS Nominees' Development Application 2012/274. We object for the following reasons:

- The heated pool is a valuable resource which should not be lost to Ballina. It is heavily used and fulfils needs and provides services which are not available elsewhere in Ballina. The location is readily accessible.
- Aqua aerobics classes provide fitness building and social contact for large numbers of women of all ages, some of whom have been attending for more than fifteen years. Young women with developmental disabilities often attend.
- Intensive swimming sessions are held there by many primary and secondary schools.
- Vacation and after school learn to swim classes are conducted in water of suitable depth and temperature.
- Year round water confidence and swimming classes for babies and pre-schoolers.
- Year round water therapy is available for people with disabilities (lifting equipment available)

The Ballina Swim N Gym meets many tuition and physical fitness needs not available elsewhere, and also is an important source of confidence and social contact. Please consider the impact of the loss of these services when dealing with the Development Application.

Wendy and Geoff Marsh

93 Eyles Drive

East Ballina

17/7/2012

Hugh Johnson

From: Mark and Theresa Atkinson [akko19@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 July 2012 8:03 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objection to the DA at Ballina Swim and Gym

Hello,

I would like to protest against this DA. The main reason being the patronage of this venue and the people it is going to effect.

I personally use the Swim and Gym and my son also. I have health issues that requires me to use the heated pool and if this was taken away there is NO else for me to go.

I feel very strongly regarding this apparent takeover of the site and **STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE APPLICATION.**

Major Silver and councillors please do not allow this to be approved.

Thank you,
Regards,
The Atkinson Family
Ballina.

17/76689

Hugh Johnson

From: gordon russell [late_dev8@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 10:18 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council

17/76689

To Ballina Council.

I would like to add my name to the growing list of support to Ballina Swim and Gym, my partner and myself use these activities that are on offer .and have done so for some years now.

As our senior years unfold our health has declined and the centre has activities that enable us to keep functioning i.e. aqua aerobics .pool and gym also yoga .also our children's children are learning to swim in the pool a safe shallow environment with instructors that are awesome with the children. we attend at least 3 days during the week and after have lunch in one of the food shops then coffee and catch up grocery shopping at woolworths then the chemist and the newsagent. target and best less get a visit and we browse the other shops

my point is that we spent a lot of money at this shopping centre if this goes ahead the centre with just be another shopping mall that fills australian suburbs and nothing else

 *gordon thank you
have a nice day*

12/2537

Hugh Johnson

From: Lauren Bailey [lozzabailey88@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 11:17 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Please do not demolish the Swim and Gym

Please do not demolish the Ballina Fair Swim n Gym!!!!!!

It is truly a stupid idea for the council to even consider it!

With so many local businesses going under as it is, you want to demolish something that has been in our town for years and years, all so you can put in a new carpark or make way for a major retailer to go in!

Please think of the local people who are strongly protesting against this move and have a heart!

Thank you

RECORDS
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12/26230

1/131 Fox St.
Ballina

DA 2012/274

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of 131 Fox St. - adjacent to Ballina Fair and the proposed changes in "the Fair" are of concern to me. The obvious solution is a "white Russian Fence" which would cut noise down and as of other necessity of building.

I look forward to Council's decision in this matter which no doubt has regard for the Ratepayers.

Sincerely

Margaret Heathcote

ACKNOWLEDGED
12/26274

111 Martin St.,
Ballina 2478,
02/66867425.

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Ballina Shire Council,
P.O. Box 450,
Ballina 2478.

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ACKNOWLEDGE

Att Hugh Johnston.

Re Your reference DA 2012/274.

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the proposal outlined in the development application as noted above.

My objection is based on the following.

- The proposed demolition of the existing pool and gym complex is totally unacceptable.
- So far as I am aware the 25 metre heated indoor pool is the only one available in the Ballina township.
- The pool and gym facility is well patronized by a large number of individuals, in addition to a number of worthy community groups, including schools, swim teams, elderly and disabled people, Indigenous groups, Vietnam veterans, and others.
- Priority to additional retail space, should not take precedence over a well used community health facility.

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- There appears to be an excess of retail space available in Ballina, judging by the number of vacant premises.
- I imagine the original approval of the Ballina Fair complex was considered by Council on the basis that it provided the pool and gym tenancy as a public health facility for the good of the community.
- It seems that the Council's focus in considering this proposal, should be on assessing the benefit to the community they are elected to represent, rather than bowing to the demands of the vested commercial interests of the owners of the shopping centre.

Sincerely,



E. A. POWELL

Nadelene MacRae

From: Rachael Manwarring
Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 10:46 AM
To: Nadelene MacRae
Subject: FW: TRIM: Acknowledged by email FW: TRIM: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Jessica Pollard

TRIM Record Number: 12/26464

From: Helen Gleeson **On Behalf Of** Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Friday, 27 July 2012 1:10 PM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: TRIM: Acknowledged by email FW: TRIM: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Jessica Pollard

Helen Gleeson | Records
General Managers Group
Ballina Shire Council

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From: jessica pollard [mailto:jesspollard_0906@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 27 July 2012 12:06 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: TRIM: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Jessica Pollard

Council,

I am completely against the proposal of the Ballina Fair Swim n Gym to be demolished and standing by me in this is the majority of the Ballina Shire population. I am a dedicated member of the gym and would be disgusted if the gym was to be demolished. Our gym is the only gym in central Ballina that has daily morning classes that allocates a separate room for classes instead of being on display to the rest of the gym. We are also the only gym in Ballina that has an indoor heated pool. There are many reasons that they gym should not be closed down. One being, unlike the other commercialised gyms in Ballina, swim n gym is more than a gym, it is a community in itself that has been a second home for many, many residents of the area. 2. The indoor pool facilitates for our three major vulnerable residents... Our younger generations who can learn to swim as there has been an increase to the number of fatalities due to drownings and they can learn the whole year round not just in the summer season and as there is a lack of public transport in our area it accommodates for the people who cannot drive to Lennox Head to put their children in to swimming lessons. 3. It is an area of exercise for elderly or disabled people who use the pool as part of their daily exercise or rehabilitation and there are options to exercise facilitated with group aqua aerobics class or un-facilitated. 3. Another huge group is which can categorise anyone in to is the whole of Ballina Shire who are exercising to avoid and prevent obesity, long term health problems and mental health issues. Our gym has the most caring and helpful staff who have been there for many years and have changed many peoples lives by increasing awareness of the benefits of exercise and by helping individuals and groups with low self esteem and many other people. I for one am intimidated going to any other gym in Ballina and if the gym was to close down I would have no other gym or form of exercise I would feel comfortable joining and would lose my motivation to stay fit and healthy. You are wanting to put in more shops... Ballina has enough shops for a small community and there is simply no need to have any more

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shops let alone big outlets. Are area has high unemployment rates and local small business are constantly needing to close down due to the financial crisis our country is facing. By putting in another shop, you are putting more small, local businesses in jeopardy of losing their jobs. We are within an hour drive to any major metropolitan area like Lismore, Tweed Heads and Coolangatta which can accommodate for any shopping needs which cannot be done in Ballina (which I am yet to come across any). I know people who have been going to Ballina Fair Swim n Gym for over 20 years and shutting down the gym would literally be like losing their second home. We have had round a bouts replaced by several traffic lights, the Big Prawn petrol station replaced by a soon-to-be Mitre 10 and many other significant changes contributing to the sudden changes to Ballina and it needs to be stopped. We don't want to live in a materialistic town and have our future generations grown up in a commercial town... If we wanted this we would live in cities like the Gold Coast or Brisbane, we want to live in Ballina for all of its' raw and natural beauties and we love supporting businesses that have been around forever. Please do not shut down the gym.

Regards

Jessica Pollard
Local Ballina Shire Resident and Ballina Swim n Gym member

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26 July 2012

Attention: Hugh Johnson
Re: DA 2012/274

Dear Sir,

After my discussions with yourself and Mark, Ballina Fair Centre Management in regards to the above DA I wish to voice my concerns with the proposal.

My main concern to the renovations and additions is the noise and dust caused by the work being carried out, my front door and side door to my living area faces directly onto Ballina Fair Swim and Gym were the majority of the work is to be carried out.

Within the alterations and extensions have been completed the concern to me is the truck noise at the loading bay at the south-western corner. and traffic control, this is already a one way thoroughfare but as it is not policed cars are going in both directions all the time.

I feel a new fence down the side between Ballina Fair and our complex 131 Fox Streets needs to be addressed, and for us to be consulted to height and materials, as an owner this unit is my biggest investment.

I am happy to have the proposed alterations and additions approved as long as I can be assured by yourself and Council that my concerns have been considered and noted.

Yours Faithfully

Marky Whitehead - Unit 5

12/26072

Hugh Johnson

From: luke tanttari [luke_tanttari@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 27 July 2012 12:03 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Luke Tanttari

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing you regarding the matter of the Ballina swim and gym. It has been brought to my attention that Ballina shire council has recently made plans to demolish the Ballina swim and gym.

It is my understanding that these plans were made to make way for a "loading dock". I wish to express my concern regarding this decision, whilst also exhibiting my respect for the local council.

I personally see the Ballina swim and gym as an invaluable fitness centre with (to my knowledge) the only indoor pool in the immediate area. I believe it to be a great loss to Ballina residents, S&G employees and to the

culture of Ballina, if this centre were to be demolished. I understand that this was deliberated after much careful consideration, however I urge you, if possible to reconsider. If there is no way to overturn this decision and the

demolition is set to go ahead regardless of public opinion, it will indeed be a sad day for all.

Kindest regards
Luke Tanttari

17/7/2012

Hugh Johnson

From: Sandra Bailey
Sent: Friday, 27 July 2012 8:57 AM
To: Rachel Curtis
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Jessica Melling

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessica Melling [mailto:eatjam@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:51 PM
To: Mayor Phil Silver
Subject: Save Swim N Gym

Dear Sir/council,

My name is Jessica, I'am a local in the Ballina Shire. The request for closing down the Swim N Gym is a total outrage! Everyone in this town benefits from it, its a place where family, schools and the community of Ballina goes, it's convenient and a place for health in this town. If you close this down, you are ruining peoples jobs, traineeships will be completely destroyed if shut down. I do not see the positive side of closing it and ouilding a loading area. Why not build it somewhere else where you are not affecting anyone?! And I'am one of many that has had the privilege of using the great facilities this gym has giving, including the heated pool and gym. Please do not close it down, it has been apart of the ballina community for years, and no one in this community will appreciate it's closer.

Youns sincerely Jessica.

Sent from my iPhone

12/26043

Hugh Johnson

From: HELEN KOELLNER [hkoellner@bigpond.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:24 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Matt Koellner

Hi my name is Matt Koellner and I'm 15 years old, I go to the gym at swim n gym and I enjoy it very much I would like for it to not be shut down or demolished because it's perfect for me. There are great people there that help me
And they are very friendly to me; there are not many other gyms in Ballina that I can just ride my bike to because it's too far. I know you
Didn't request for it
To be shut down so im not blaming you. I want you to realise that you're not just destroying a pool and gym your destroying some people's lives.
For example, they cater for elderly people whose doctors send them there for rehabilitation like warm down in the pool because they can't do hard
Surfacing running or any other stuff like that, the equipment can be used for anyone. The swim n gym has classes for primary school students to learn
How to swim which is very helpful for parent also? Please take mine and all others submissions into consideration. Please do not shut it down I love going there and im sure im not the only one. ☺

Matt Koellner
15
21 Cumbalum rd Cumbalum 2478

Hugh Johnson

From: Lesa Ryan [jlpo@bigpond.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:55 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/ 274 Submission Objection - John & Lesa Ryan

John & Lesa Ryan
88 Riverside Drive
Ballina NSW 2478
26th July 2012

Dear Mr. Hugh Johnson,

We just wanted to express our concern with the current proposal to demolish the Ballina Swim & Gym.

To demolish an all weather, heated pool & gym is totally outrageous, this will be a major loss to the whole community, both young & old, the fit, unfit, & disabled.

Ballina Council really needs to make a stand & say NO and put the needs of the Ballina people in front of the commercial gains of big business.

There are so many vacant shops both in Ballina Fair, Central, West Ballina, Tamar St, Kerr St and the most effected River Street.

The town's main street is suffering as it is, do we really need more shops in Ballina Fair?

Why sacrifice another outstanding business that services the health of our town.

Obesity is one of the major contributors in our society of failing health.

Are we going to be forced to go to Goonellabah? and take our money out of the shire?

Is this going to be another Ballina Marina catastrophe, where a developer pulls out valuable infrastructure in our town?

My husband & I are current members, along with my two small children who have swimming lessons every week.

Please help & stop the insanity,

Regards,

John & Lesa Ryan

Hugh Johnson

From: Peter Thompson [pjmmth@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:54 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Peter Thompson

I understand that a DA has been lodged for the demolition of Ballina Swim & Gym. I am totally against the idea as the Gym and pool are essential for the local community. We cannot just demolish buildings because they may be in the way of expansion of others. The overall loss to the community must be taken into consideration. There is a concern in the community about obesity in children. By taking away the pool & gym the situation is not going to improve.

Please reconsider this DA and keep the Pool & Gym as a going concern for the benefit of the local community.

Peter Thompson
13 Glen Court
Goonellabah
0402 829 836

Hugh Johnson

From: AnTh & BeL pOrTeA [abportea@tpg.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:48 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Anthony & Belinda Portea

To Hugh Johnson,

The email is regarding the proposed demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim & Gym. We moved to Ballina from Victoria 12 months ago. We joined the Gym straight away as we found that the facilities provided were of outstanding quality as compared to other gyms in the area. My husband and I have been using the gym facilities and our 3 year old son has been attending swimming lessons and also attends the creche at least 3 times a week. We would be very disappointed if the demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim & Gym went ahead, as to find the equivalent facilities and to have the equivalent products and services we would have to travel to the Lismore area, which really is an inconvenience for us as Ballina residents. We are not sure as to why such a successful and really a necessity of a business needs to be demolished when there are so many empty shop buildings in Ballina particular in the CBD. We ask that the council reconsider their proposed decision, as this would be a huge loss to the Ballina community as so many families use the facilities and really rely on these facilities. Sincerely Anthony & Belinda Portea East Ballina

Hugh Johnson

From: Wendy Liddle [wendyooop54@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:30 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Wendy Liddle

why would you even think of demolishing the only heated indoor pool in Ballina. My children learnt to swim there & now my grandchildren are learning to swim there also, surely you can find alternate space for a loading dock for this company. I personally think the swim & gym is more important than some stupid loading dock

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Hugh Johnson

From: Ryder Nash [rymanda@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:24 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Ryder Nash

ATTN: Hugh Johnson

Just in regards to the above proposal to close Ballina Fair Swim & Gym.

My wife is a member and its honestly an amazing place for her and a lot of other people in the community. The health benefits, the social aspect and the friendships that have come out of that place are amazing.

I think it would be an awful decision on the Councils behalf and think it should seriously be reconsidered.

Many thanks,

Ryder Nash

Hugh Johnson

From: Erica Bindley [ericabindley@westnet.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:16 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Erica Bindley

Why on earth would you consider closing down the only indoor heated pool in Ballina? And the only gym that has the space to provide great classes on such a frequent basis for so many people? Not to mention the amount of young families that use the facilities for learn to swim classes and for the creche or the elderly for rehabilitation or the schools?

Need I go on? Absolutely ridiculous idea to demolish it with the thought of providing yet another big retail store. Does no one in the council notice the empty stores locally? Small local businesses simply cannot compete with the chains.

Absolutely stupid idea, which just seems to be added on to a long list of stupid ideas from BSC!

Hugh Johnson

From: rymanda1@gmail.com on behalf of Amanda Reid [roxy_girl_1981@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:13 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Amanda Reid

Hugh Johnson,

Silliest proposal I have ever heard come from Ballina Council. Its shameful to think that the only successful gym in town will be closed but a McDonalds across the road has been constructed in no time.

Please re consider and hopefully soon you will see sense in the matter.

Amanda Reid

Hugh Johnson

From: Amanda Nash [rymanda1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:11 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Amanda Nash

Attn: Hugh Johnson,

Im sure you've been overwhelmed with emails from the Ballina community & beyond in regards to the demolition of Ballina Fair Swim & Gym - but there is good reason why!

Shock and anger are amongst the vibe's Im getting at the gym now instead of the usual warm welcome and friendly atmosphere. As an individual the gym has given me so much benefit in the past 18 months of my membership and I know the feeling is relayed throughout the gym itself.

The benefits and positive way of life the gym provides not only to its daily addicts but to the Veteran's, kids learning to swim and Physio patients I know use the gym for rehab etc - is priceless. To take the gym away from the current location as proposed would have a massive negative impact on the community and beyond.

I am absolutely mortified and honestly concerned at the decision of Ballina Council. The fact that a McDonalds has just been constructed in the blink of an eye - which Im guessing had the tick of approval from Ballina Council, disgusts me. And on top of that - you're now trying to take away our gym?! I see no sense what so ever in the proposal and feel it would be a massive loss to the owners of the gym, the members and beyond.

Ballina Fair seems to be struggling enough as it is with shops closing and business owners having to move on. What benefit would the community get from more shops, especially when people are finding it so hard these days to make ends meet.

Please do whatever you can in your power to withdraw this DA. The way of life these days its about health & happiness and for a lot of people - the heart and soul of that lies in Ballina Fair Swim & Gym. Its a devastating proposal and hopefully with the response from the community, you will soon see sense.

Many thanks,

Amanda Nash
0478 170 712

Hugh Johnson

From: David Kook [kookd@img.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 7:52 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - David Kook

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Ballina Shire ratepayer I would like to express my disappointment in Ballina Fair Shopping Centres decision to demolish the Swim & Gym. I understand it is a commercial decision on their behalf but I'm not sure they understand the social implications of this decision. The facilities are an integral part of the community. The pool facilities are not only used for rehabilitation from injuries but ensure the elderly maintain increased health benefits also the children in the Ballina Shire can learn how to swim which is incredibly important due to our proximity to the ocean. Approximately 2500 Ballina Shire residents a week use this facility therefore without an alternative in the area it will have severe implications. Is it on the Council's future plans to build and maintain a similar centre that is currently in Lismore?

David Kook
Business Development Manager
0408007868

Hugh Johnson

From: Courtney Fitzgerald [courtney.fitzgerald@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 28 July 2012 7:51 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Courtney Fitzgerald

To whom it may concern,

I am writing, as I am positive many others are, in objection to the closing of Ballina Swim n Gym.

Ballina Swim n Gym is an amazing facility that is used to capacity each and every day. I have recently invested in a membership there and believe it is money well spent. I enjoy my time at this gym thoroughly and guarantee I wouldn't have this much fun or drive at any other local gym.

I went from no exercise at all to five times a week religiously because of how much I enjoy the atmosphere and staff at the swim n gym.

I am begging you to not shut this facility down. I think the outcry by the community speaks for itself and that pursuing in its closure would be a massive mistake.

Courtney Fitzgerald

Hugh Johnson

From: Jo&Dave Kook [dkook@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 7:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission Objection - Jodi Kook

To whom it may concern,

I am writing concerning the proposed demolishing of Ballina Fair Swim n Gym. I have been a Resident of this town for over 15 years and chose to settle here with my husband and two children, because of the community of people that lived here. I joined the gym along with my husband and both children whom learnt to swim there over 7 years ago. I can not fathom the mentality of the decision to destroy a business that has served this community for so long and so well. Swim n gym is not only a place to exercise, it is a place where people gather and support each other in all aspects of life. The pool being my major concern in this area as a lot of older people use this amenity to keep themselves healthy and mobile as they age. Then there are the children who are taught from young ages to learn to survive in water, which as you know the lack of swimming skills in young children kills. The council swimming pool is only open 5 months of the year for obvious reasons...the weather. If you take the heated pool away from the Ballina community you are not backing the locals. Since the bypass has gone through, you must see the need to look after the people that live here, we are the ones that spend our money in this town, we are the ones that need supporting. I realize Ballina Fair only has their own interests at heart, and the Swim n Gym is nothing to them, they don't care who they rent the space out to...but you as a council need to think long and hard about the emotional and physical repercussions of your decision to ok this DA. I hope this email doesn't fall on deaf ears, just remember the people who supported you when you needed it!

Yours Sincerely
Jodi Kook
Ballina

Hugh Johnson

From: Jen + Craig Strong [jenstrongy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 5:22 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA 2012/274 Submission of Objection - Jennifer Strong

To whom it may concern

I wish to voice my concern at the proposed DA which includes demolishing of the Swimming Gym facility.

This is the only indoor heated pool in Ballina and the only pool open all year round. This is an important facility for many and its demolishment would be a great loss to the people of Ballina and surrounding suburbs.

I am surprised that Ballina Fair owners/management haven't considered the flow on effect that this will cause to the centre and I urge you to deny the application.

Regards
Jennifer Strong
Ballina
02 6686 2170

DA 2012/274

12/26002

Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 1:43 PM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: ACKNOWLEDGED: Ballina fair swim and gym

-----Original Message-----

From: Brooke Fox [mailto:brookekharris@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 1:10 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina fair swim and gym

Hi,

I am writing to oppose the demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym. This is a vital part of the community and is utilised by hundreds of local people.

Regards,

Brooke Fox.

Sent from my iPhone

DA 2012/274

12/26004

Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 1:47 PM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: ACKNOWLEDGED - Development Application Objection

From: Allan Britt [mailto:allanbritt@bigpond.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 1:09 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Councillor Ben Smith; JOHNSON (councillor) Keith; Councillor David Wright; Jeff Johnson; Peter Moore; CADWALLADER (councillor) Sharon; Councillor Sue Meehan; HORDEN (councillor) Robyn; BROWN (Councillor) Alan; Mayor Phil Silver
Subject: Development Application Objection

BALLINA EX-ARMY ASSOCIATION
 Incorporated



Ballina Shire Council
 Cnr Tamar & Cherry Streets Ballina NSW 2478
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 David Wright, Deputy Mayor davidwright@ballina.nsw.gov.au
 Keith Johnson raintrcc88@optusnet.com.au
 Benjamin Smith bens@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of the members of the Ballina Ex-Army Association Incorporated, I would like to register our opposition to the proposed Development Application for the re-development of the Swim & Gym area of the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre.

Many of our members are war veterans that are classified as 'Totally & Permanently Disabled' (TPI) & use the present facilities at the Swim & Gym as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation. This 'rehab' is seen as extremely beneficial to the health, welfare & wellbeing of these veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs & all costs are covered by that government department as part of the compensation for their war caused injuries.

If the Development Application was to be approved it would be detrimental to the physical wellbeing of the veterans & would also disadvantage them as there is no other indoor warm pool in the immediate area.

I respectfully lobby you & ask you to give the above objection serious consideration in your deliberations of the said Development Application.

Yours Faithfully

Allan Britt
Honorary Secretary
Ballina Ex-Army Association
PO Box 7039 East Ballina NSW 2478
Ph: 02-66816528 Mobile: 0431 032 377
Email: allanbritt@bigpond.com

12/25/12

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:35 PM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: Acknowledged FW: Ballina Swim N Gym - DA 2012/274
Attachments: DOC260712-001.pdf

From: Suze Poole [mailto:susannahpoole@btopenworld.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:20 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim N Gym - DA 2012/274

Dear Sir,

Please find **attached** correspondence in relation to this matter.

Kind regards

Susannah Poole

12/25920.

Miss S J Poole
2/23 Anderson Street
EAST BALLINA NSW 2478

26 July 2012

Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478
Attn: Hugh Johnson

By Email: council@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir,

RE: PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF BALLINA SWIM N GYM
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO: 2012/274

It is with extreme consternation that I have been informed of the proposed demolition of the abovementioned facility.

I am a Licensed Conveyancer, Registered Migration Agent and Justice of the Peace and have been a full member of Ballina Swim n Gym since 2008.

I am a dedicated swimmer undertaking approximately four to six training sessions per week and it should be noted that this is the only heated swimming pool in Ballina and operates all year round. The fact that it also contains a crèche and operates regular childrens' swimming lessons is of great assistance to young families. Given Ballina's ageing demographic, it is also worthwhile mentioning the pool contains facilities designed to help both the elderly and those with disabilities to still enjoy swimming as a leisure activity. It is also customary to see people undertaking swimming as an aid to rehabilitation after ill health or surgery.

I also enjoy visiting the gym and would be extremely unhappy were this facility to close. The staff are friendly, helpful and polite and many of my friends and colleagues also attend on a regular basis.

I would contend that Ballina is in urgent need of this facility given the country's current trends towards obesity and ill health.

I would urge Ballina Shire Council to urgently consider the contents of this correspondence in making any decision as to the future of Ballina Swim N Gym.

Yours faithfully



SUSANNAH POOLE

12/25917.

Maria Butler

From: Helen Gleeson on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:11 PM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: Acknowledged by email FW: redevelopment of Ballina fair Swim and Gym

Helen Gleeson | Records
General Managers Group
Ballina Shire Council

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From: Donna Bogaard [mailto:donnabogaard@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:05 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: redevelopment of Ballina fair Swim and Gym

To whom it may concern at Ballina Shire Council,

I would like to object to the redevelopment of the Swim and Gym at Ballina Fair.

This is the only indoor swimming pool in Ballina and as such is an integral part of the community with regards to teaching young children to swim safely.
My two children both learnt to swim there, and during the cooler months of the year, as I wanted them to be safe in the water when summer came.
Many schools also run learn to swim classes in the lead up to summer if left to do this in an outdoor pool I believe less children will have classes they need to learn to swim safely.

Also the Gym is the only facility that offers Gym equipment as well as classes for all ages and fitness levels. In today's society health and fitness are very important and I feel the loss of the Gym would be a detriment to the Ballina Community.

Sincerely,

Donna Bogaard

12/25895.

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 11:18 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: Acknowledged FW: Submission on DA Ref No.010.2012.00000274.001
Attachments: Submission_DA_84KerrStreet_Ballina_MFischer.pdf

From: Mibu Fischer [mailto:mibufischer@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 11:04 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission on DA Ref No.010.2012.00000274.001

Dear Ballina Shire Council,

Please find attached a copy of my submission letter opposing the demolition of the Ballina Swim N Gym. You will also be receiving a hard copy of this letter in the mail shortly.

I hope that although my postal address is not in the Ballina Shire Council area, that my letter will not be disregarded. However if you can not take letters from stakeholders outside the local community I understand, and will know that I have tried.

I frequently (every weekend/2nd weekend) visit the Ballina area and use the facility that is proposed to be demolished. I also have previously lived in Ballina and know of its importance to the local community stakeholders. I have many friends who live in Ballina and use the Ballina Swim N Gym either as a member or as a member of staff. Because of this, my letter (and many other letters) may be considered subjective, but I know that community information should not be discounted because it is anecdotal or subjective.

Regards,

Mibu Fischer
5 Droversen Avenue
Cleveland, QLD 4163

**Submission on the Development Application for 84-100 Kerr Street,
Ballina. Ref No. 010.2012.00000274.001**

I oppose the proposed demolition of the Ballina Swim n Gym to make way for the relocation of Mini Major and a loading dock.

- I believe the proposed site is unsuitable for a loading dock as there is inadequate space for trucks to move around in, it is also within close proximity to public footpaths, residential houses and a cinema complex.
- I also find it hard to find the fairness in relocating one business that will be affected by the proposed plan and not relocating the other business that will be affected majorly.
- If there was an alternative location for the Ballina Swim N Gym to go, and it was completed before the demolition of the current facility. Then perhaps it would be accepted by the community. As they would not be losing a great asset, but gaining a new one.
- The owners of this facility should keep in mind how many community members are going to be effected by this development application should it be approved.
- Also need to be considerate of the fact that cinema patrons should not have to listen to trucks being unloaded during their cinematic experience (or to the sounds of demolition or construction during those processes).
- What is the Mini Major Tenancy that is mentioned in the DA? Is Best & Less expanding?

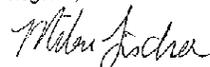
If the DA is approved it will create conflict between many community stakeholders and the council. With the local election coming up on September 8th this year, local members should keep in mind that this decision will impact a lot of families in the Ballina electorate.

- Ballina Swim N Gym is the only heated pool in Ballina, this assists in rehabilitation for the elderly and the injured
- It has learn to swim classes, which is important to a coastal town
- Demolition of this business will result in the loss of a great community asset
- This application does not just effect one demographic, it will have an impact across all ages, sexes, social and cultural groups
- It is a place for community members to go and de-stress, exercise, socialise and look after their general wellbeing

Is planning something done *for* people? Or is it something done *to* them? In this case it is something being done *to* them.

Although I do not personally live in the Ballina Shire Electorate anymore, I have used this facility many times and have continued to use it when I am visiting in the area. I know how important this business is to all those who are involved in it, whether it be a staff member or customer.

Regards,



Mibu Fischer
5 Drevesen Avenue
Cleveland, QLD 4163
26/07/2012

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Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 11:16 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: Acknowledged FW: Demolition of Swim and Gym Ballina

From: Bec Green [mailto:little_bec_14@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:57 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Demolition of Swim and Gym Ballina

I am writing to oppose the proposed demolition of Ballina Fair Swim and Gym. The Ballina Fair Swim and Gym is a successful and motivating gym as well as a necessary facility to the Ballina Community. We live in an area where swimming lessons are so important for our children and the swim and gym is the only place in Ballina where a safe, and educational environment for children has been established. Ballina is based around the water, our beaches our surf spots and swimming lakes are a tourist attraction and a sacred attraction for our children and learning to swim is a huge part of our culture. With the amount of drownings in the area, surely you couldnt possibly agree that it is a safe and reasonable decision to demolish such an important learning environment.

Not only does the swim and gym provide excellent swimming lessons, but also provides a gym experience like no other. This gym has created classes that are used to motivate and accomodate working women and men a long with those who have families etc. The classes are brilliant and the instructors are like no other. You cannot take this sort of place for granted. I began going to the swim and gym this year and have never enjoyed exercise until I began their classes. Are you willing to take away some peoples only physical activity?

Please dont approve this DA, it is unrealistic, unreasonable and unfair. There will be a lot of the community that will be affected in so many different ways and I ask you to think very carefully about what the repucustions will be.

Please dont hesitate to contact me if you have any quereies.

Rebecca Green
0423344166

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Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 11:13 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: Acknowledged FW: Ballina Swim n Gym

From: Melissa Sleep [mailto:melissaksleep@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:45 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim n Gym

Please don't demolish Ballina Swim n Gym. This is an important venue for the people of Ballina and surrounding districts.
Surely there is somewhere else to put this new retail outlet and loading dock.
Listen to the people who love this venue and don't demolish it.

12/25884.

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:44 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Swim and Gym

From: Joanne Duffell [mailto:joduffell@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:36 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim and Gym

I am writing to let you know that I do not approve of the closing and demolition of the Swim and Gym complex. I have watched my granddaughter learn to swim at the Ballina Swim and Gym and it is always busy with school children learning to swim and the elderly doing there aerobics in the water (they love what they do and it is important for them to have this outlet) people come and go all the time to the gym as well, It is great place and would be a real shame for you to let this be taken from the town.
Surely Ballina has lost enough businesses recently due to closures because of rising costs and downturn in trade. Don't let Ballina lose this asset too.

Joanne Duffell
Kyogle

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Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:01 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: SAVE Ballina Swim N Gym

From: Kellie Reynolds [mailto:kellie.reynolds1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:49 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: SAVE Ballina Swim N Gym

Please don't knock the swim N gym down.
lots of locals use it on a frequent basis!
I used to take my son to the pool when he was a baby on cold days.
& planned on taking my next bub there too when it's born.
it's the only indoor pool in Ballina and a great asset to Ballina.

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From: Kellie

12/25876

Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:00 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim & Gym

From: Heather Mulley [mailto:heather@cruiseandtravel.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:49 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Fair Swim & Gym

Good Morning,

I am concerned about the proposed closure and demolition of Ballina Fair Swim & Gym. This pool is part of the community, I grew up having swimming lessons / training there and have continued to use the pool and gym frequently over the past few years.

This is the only heated / indoor pool in Ballina being so it would be a great loss for the community if this demolition goes ahead as the outdoor pool is closed 5 months of the year and their squad swimmers use the indoor pool to continue training in the cooler months. The closure will mean there will be no where else in Ballina for these swimmers to go and it is the same for the disabled and elderly as this pool is used for rehabilitation.

There are numerous empty shops in the Ballina Town Centre so I'm a bit confused as to why the fair needs new shops when the rest of Ballina is struggling.

Kind Regards
Heather Mulley

Heather Mulley

Travel Consultant
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12/25883

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:02 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Opposition to the closure of Ballina Fair Swim & Gym

From: Sarah Schoupp [mailto:sarah@cruiseandtravel.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:47 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Opposition to the closure of Ballina Fair Swim & Gym

Dear Ballina Shire Council,

I am emailing you to express my concern about the proposed closure and demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim & Gym.

This is a fantastic facility that is available to our community, and a place that is used by many people of all ages including my children for swimming lessons.

The heated indoor pool is of great benefit to my children, as there is no where else for them to swim during the cooler months.

Learning to swim is a vital part of Australian life, and swimming should be available to everyone at all times of the year.

The location of the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym is very central and provides convenient access for many people.

Also, if you add more shops to Ballina Fair, this will only detract further attention/customers away from River Street. Why not provide incentives for new shops to open in River Street and help the town centre to thrive again?

I am strongly opposed to the closure of this facility and urge you to rethink your decision.

Regards,

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Sarah Schoupp

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NSW 2478
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12/25879.

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:01 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim and Gym Closure

From: Nicole Powell [mailto:nicole@cruiseandtravel.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:47 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Fair Swim and Gym Closure

Good Morning,

I am writing to you to express my disappointment and concern at the proposed closure and demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim & Gym. The Pool is the only Indoor heated pool in Ballina which is operated year round for the community to use, having 2 small children under 5 years of age who are learning to swim, having access to a heated pool especially in the cooler months is necessary to their swimming development.
The gym offers a range of fantastic classes and has the size an area to accommodate so many people on a regular basis. Please rethink this proposal as the demolition of this fantastic centre would affect so many members of the community, Children, teenagers, adults, Families and the Elderly.

Thank you

Regards

Nicole Powell

12/25878

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:00 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW:

From: anna barnes [mailto:annabarnes56@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:38 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject:

Ballina Shire Council

if you close the ballina swim and gym you will never hear the end of it because all the elderly people as well as the young people rely on this place. they run a great service so please do not shut them down because it will be devastating and ballina wont have an indoor pool which also means that people can't swim 12 months of the year and alot of people need it for rehab so please don't shut it down.

12/25875.

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:59 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: DA ballina fair swim and gym.

From: Tiffany McIntosh [mailto:tmac21412@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:32 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA ballina fair swim and gym.

To whom it may concern,

Im writing to you today to express my devistation, i have just heard that there is a DA to demolish ballina fair swim and gym.

Here are some very good reasons why this should not go ahead,

Its ballinas only heated pool, this pool helped my husbands rehabilitation after a severe back injury.

This facility is used every day by hundreds of local ballina and lennox head family's, people come as far as lismore to use the amazing facilities and classes.

If this was to go ahead it would be a great loss to not only ballina but to every family who travel to use it.

Please rethink the situation, it would be a massive loss.

Thank you for your time,
Tiffany McIntosh.

12/25872

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:58 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Re. Ballina Fair and Gym

From: Sophie Leonard [mailto:sophie_88@live.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:19 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Re. Ballina Fair and Gym

To the respected Members of Ballina Council,

There have been recent rumours that the council intends to shut down the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym to make way for a loading dock and more shops. I am a concerned resident of the Ballina Shire who would see this shut down as very detrimental to our community!

I personally use the pool, gym and classes weekly. I have been using the pool in last 12 months more often as I was preparing for triathlons however a back injury set me back and so I have been using the pool for rehabilitation. The Ballina Swim and Gym provides the only 25 metre HEATED pool in Ballina, not to mention the only pool in Ballina from April until October!

I am a Preschool Teacher who sees many families use the Ballina Swim and Gym for a variety of reasons including Learn to swim classes, fundamental skills required by all children especially in the area we live in so close to the water. Children also use the pool for squad training to represent our area in swimming, develop motivation, self esteem and learn to be active, in the long run looking to improve their quality of life. The elderly use the gym rehabilitation, being an area with a high population of elderly, I would think this important to provide a facility that would assist them.

The gym provides excellent classes with enough space to cater for many people on a frequent basis throughout EVERYDAY. There are such a fantastic variety of classes offered and the instructors adjust the classes to suit people of all fitness levels. There is no other gym in Ballina with a space like this to cater to so many people! Families are able to use the gym and these classes because there is also a creche provided by the gym. Many friends of mine have recently lost a great deal of weight because of these classes and facilities. With children it is difficult to find time for fitness and yourself but with suitable child minding facilities mothers and fathers are able to attend without the burden of worrying about who is going to look after their children or where they'll be because they are in the same building as them!

It would be very sad to see a facility that is used by so many within the Ballina community closed down. I urge the Council to rethink this decision.

Have we not got many shops struggling to keep their doors open as it is? Kmart has been reverted to a lower grade store, Foxx Foe is trying to sell the franchise as they are struggling to make money, old shops are closing and new shops are opening but they never seem to be there for very long... In this economic time people are not looking to spend money! With bills increasing, the cost of living increasing families cannot afford to spend money. Why would we add more shops when we already have so many that are struggling.

Consider the families, the children and elderly who make up the majority of our community, consider their need for the use of the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym. Why would we want to close it?

Kind Regards

Sophie Leonard

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Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:56 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: DA2012/274

From: Rennae Reilly [mailto:rennae.reilly@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:16 AM
To: Ballina@cfsgam.com.au; Ballina Shire Council; Ballina Indoor Swim Team
Subject: DA2012/274

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to object to DA2012/274. I do not agree with closing down a local small business for big business.

I do not have a personal investment in this business but to close a local small business that has existed since the construction of Ballina Fair is criminal. I have attended this gym on and off for over 20 years. In today's economic climate how can you justify unjustly putting a Ballina institution out of business.

I am sure you are aware of the members of our community who rely on this business for general health and fitness as well as the hundreds if not thousands of school children who use this facility for swimming lessons. I choose this pool over the council pool as it is undercover and heated. So many of the elderly rely on this pool for their health issues. This business supports so many in their battle regarding weightloss with their many classes and facilities including amazing instructors. It is one of the only gyms that I know of that offer child care facilities which is such an attraction for young mothers and fathers who wish to exercise. Ballina Fair Swim n Gym has trained swimmers and other athletes to an elite level. Those who attend the gym quite frequently utilise the shops in the Fair. No gym and those shoppers will take their money elsewhere therefore affecting many businesses within the Fair.

I hope that the council and Ballina Fair centre management re think their plans and contemplate what our community will be loosing if they proceed with this DA. I as a member of the Ballina Shire along with hundreds of others will be devastated at the loss of a local family owned small business. I am sure we will take our shopping elsewhere and rethink our local members support of small business. How can the council and Ballina Fair Centre management once again think it is ok to sacrifice the locals for big business and franchises.

Kind regards

Rennae Reilly
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0431243070

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Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:54 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina swim and gym

-----Original Message-----

From: Candy [mailto:candybear85@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:14 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina swim and gym

There is talk around town that the Ballina indoor swim and gym is up for dem=olishing is this true? If it is infact true this is ridiculous! The Ballina s=wim and gym provide so much to the community and is used by many throughout t=he year. I myself send my 4 year old to swimming lessons there each week and=without it she would not be able to learn to swim especially through winter=nothing else is open and it is really important for a child to keep up less=ons throughout the year not just summer. I don't know if this has anything t=o do with ballina council or if it a higher powers doing but I think that th=is needs a serious think about and think about what effect this will have on=ballina there is already not a lot in this town and to loose something that=is used and loved so much would be stupid. Thank you for reading my email Candice brown

Sent from my iPhone

12/25868.

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:53 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Swim n Gym DA

From: Aimee Bellingham [mailto:aimeebell_7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:06 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Swim n Gym DA

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you today to tell Ballina Council that I oppose the DA 2012/274, to demolish the Swim n Gym. The Swim n Gym is only gym that has the space to provide great classes on such a frequent basis for so many people! Not to mention the amount of young families that use the facilities for learn to swim classes and for the creche. Or the elderly for rehabilitation! It's the only pool in Ballina that is open in the winter season, where as the memorial baths are only open during summer. If Ballina Council was to approve the DA council will have a fight on their hands. Ballina residents support the Ballina Swim n Gym, as well as the staff and their families. I oppose this development application and will not support actions of council.

Aimee Bellingham

12/25867

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:52 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Keep Ballina Swim and Gym

From: Angie Takanami [mailto:angiet@yahoo-inc.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:06 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Keep Ballina Swim and Gym

Attention: Ballina Shire Council,

It has just come across my attention that you have plans to demolish the Swim and Gym.

We recently moved to Skennars Head after evacuating the Japanese disaster. My 2 year old son loves swimming, but was unable to swim in the Japanese pools after the disaster for 8 months until we moved back here, due to the level of radiation in the water.

He began swimming lessons with Gemma at Ballina Swim and Gym every Saturday morning 2 terms ago, and he looks forward to it every week.

The pool is always busy and the kids absolutely love it. I am about to join the newborn swimming class with my other son, and we would all be so disappointed if you demolished the pool.

Swimming is such an important part of kids' development, as well as for general health for people of all ages.

You would be making a huge mistake to demolish the pool, and I have mind to take this to the Yahoo!7 news desk - I am employed by Yahoo!7 and they are always on the lookout for gripping, local community stories for the Today Tonight show...

Thanks,

Angie

Angie Takanami
Travel Producer



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Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 9:48 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: DA Ballina Fair Swim n Gym

From: Jacquie Hancox [mailto:jaquie@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:59 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA Ballina Fair Swim n Gym

Dear Ballina Council,

I am writing in response to the DA application for the demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim N Gym which has recently come no notice.

I am not alone my feelings that the Ballina Fair Swim N Gym is an integral part of our community, of course like everything it can be replaced HOWEVER there are so many people who use this service for the wellbeing of themselves and their family members.

It is the ONLY indoor pool available in the area and in constant use by a variety of people from the elderly through to pregnant mothers and rehabilitation. It offers fantastic training services to school children and adults alike which cannot be offered through an outdoor pool.

The gym is also the ONLY gym in the area which offers fitness classes. All of the classes offered are always packed and on many occasions I have had to arrive 20 minutes early to a class just to ensure I can get a spot on the floor, and sometimes have even missed out. This proves the popularity of these services and I believe it is only continually increasing.

Without the opportunity to attend this gym all of its members and a majority of our small community will be at a huge loss. The closest gym that offers such valuable services is either Goonellabah or Byron Bay and in both cases no one has the time or opportunity to travel such a ridiculous distance just for the opportunity to exercise. Trainers will be forced to take classes outside, increasing the risk of injury and illness to those who attend. I can guarantee the Shaws Bay stairs will become a nightmare as this will in turn become one of the more popular sites for training and subsequently increase noise complaints from adjoining residences as we have witnessed before.

All the staff at the gym and their services are invaluable and such a integral part of so many people's day to day lives. This service also greatly increases trading within the Fair as it brings people through the door.

If anything needs to be changed it is that the gym needs more room to service this need within the community and a DA would be much better spent both financially and morally to developing the gym to cater to the growing number of members and wider community.

I thank you for your time and hope that all our pleas will be listened to with empathy and professionalism.

Yours Sincerely

Jacquie Long

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Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:53 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim N Gym (DA 2012/274)

From: Gen Sims [mailto:gen-1980@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:50 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: RE: Ballina Fair Swim N Gym (DA 2012/274)

ATT: Hugh Johnson

I am writing this in regards to the recent news of Ballina Fair wanting to demolish Ballina Swim N Gym.

I don't believe this should be approved for many reasons, some for everyone and some of my own personal reasons too.

I was here when Ballina Fair was first built. My mother went to the gym, then when I returned back to Ballina I also became a member because of the extensive services they offer including child-minding whilst using their facilities. My son also learnt to swim there. It is the only place locally that offers year round swimming lessons with the heated indoor pool, which I believe is pivotal in a beachside town like Ballina. Their customers vary from babies learning to swim, a young swim squad, and elderly doing rehab and aqua fit lessons to those just wanting to keep fit or loose weight. I believe this covers just about every individual and family living in Ballina and the demolition will leave many people inconvenienced.

Also, as a former Manager of a store from in Ballina Fair, do you seriously believe this town can manage another or more stores to survive when a large number of stores are battling to make weekly and monthly budgets?! I spent almost 6 years working within Ballina Fair and have watched the profits decline year after year and I witnessed many stores closing down for that very reason.

I hope that you seriously consider denying this application for the community of Ballina, current and future residents.

Kind Regards

Genevieve Sims
3/132 Eyles Drive
East Ballina NSW 2478
02 6681 1771

12/25853

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:43 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: DA for demolition of Ballina Swim and Gym

From: Elizabeth Morrissey [mailto:elizabethanne_m@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:41 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA for demolition of Ballina Swim and Gym

Hugh Johnson
Ballina Shire Council

Dear Sir,

As regards the D.A. no. 2012/274, which threatens to demolish the Ballina Swim and Gym. I strongly object to this proposal.

My Grandchildren are learning to swim at this pool, My children use the Gym to keep fit in this busy world and I also go to the Aqua aerobics classes to try and keep healthy.

For many people, this unique heated facility is the only remedial treatment that they can access after many varied health issues.

For this facility to be sacrificed for more shops (when other businesses in the town are closing down) is short sighted and defies reason.

This is the only heated pool in Ballina and is conveniently located for those with mobility problems. Many of Ballina residents that utilize this facility have "scooters" and are unable to travel further afield than this wonderful facility.

Please register my opposition to this short-sighted proposal

Regards

Elizabeth Morrissey
1/2 Pipi Place
BALLINA NSW 2478

12/25845.

Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:13 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Swim n Gym

From: Wes Penny [mailto:wpe90311@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 7:10 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim n Gym

With regard to DA 2012/274

Surely this business cannot be demolished to make way for more shops. There is no other indoor pool in Ballina, it will not be in the community's best interest to have this facility destroyed. Come down and have a look at the number of children who swim there every afternoon, who's going to tell them that they can't do their swimming anymore?

Acknowledged via email 26/7/12. WS

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Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:14 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Objection to Development Application 2012/274

From: Glenn Baldwin [mailto:gbaldy@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:21 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Objection to Development Application 2012/274

I would hereby like to formally object to the proposed development application, that would see the Ballina Fair Swim n Gym be demolished and replaced by more retail premises. Below are some of the reasons for my objection.

1. Ballina Swim n Gym is a 52 week a year centre for the purpose of learning to swim and for squad training and also lap swimming, it is also used by schools all year round for their swimming programs (unlike the council pool), it is also used by veterans for physio and rehab programs, it is the only one of it's kind in Ballina, and would be a huge loss.
2. Ballina Swim n Gym may be a commercial and private enterprise, however the owners actively promote the sport of swimming and health, as is evident by their unpaid and voluntary positions as Development Officer and Race Secretary on the board of North Coast Swimming.
3. Ballina has so many empty and vacant shops throughout the town, a development for more shops when so many are now dormant makes absolutely no sense.
4. The CBD is crying for an injection of customers and patrons to revive the town centre, approval of this nonsensical application, will place more pressure on the CBD retailers for survival.

I sincerely hope the Ballina Council, will see common sense and not approve this unnecessary development application, and be aware of the huge loss that would occur should it be approved. and if it is approved, what will Ballina Councils plans be to cater for the loss of such a valuable resource.

Kind Regards
Glenn, Wendy, Caitlin and Alysha Baldwin

12/25793

Jodi Granger

From: Jodi Granger on behalf of Regulatory Support Staff
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:35 AM
To: Jodi Granger
Subject: FW: Attention: HUGH JOHNSON - Objection to Development Application 2012/274 - Demolition of Ballina Swim n Gym

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:24 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Attention: HUGH JOHNSON - Objection to Development Application 2012/274 - Demolition of Ballina Swim n Gym

From: Michael Redfearn [mailto:mredfearn@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 11:22 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Attention: HUGH JOHNSON - Objection to Development Application 2012/274 - Demolition of Ballina Swim n Gym

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am an active member of the Ballina Swim n Gym and regularly attend sessions there, whether it be in the gymnasium, swimming pool or at fitness classes.

I was shocked when told tonight of Development Application (2012/274) by Ardill Payne & Partners (Ballina Fair) to demolish the Swin N Gym to make way for more retail stores.

I feel the Ballina Swim n Gym should not be demolished for a number of reasons:

- the Swim n Gym offers pool, gymnasium and aerobics classes - no other gym in the area offers all these services in one location
- many community groups utilise the amenities at the Swin n Gym year round - school swimming carnivals, groups with disabilities, etc. It would be a shame to lose such a facility.
- the Swin n Gym offers learn to swim classes all year round. This reduces the number of unnecessary drownings in the community (especially amongst children). My child learned to swim at the pool at the Swim n Gym. She loves swimming there all year round and, at 4 years old, was jumping off the diving blocks with an abundance of confidence and absolutely no fear of the water. She has also learned to snorkel in the pool at the Swim n Gym and now snorkels down at the Lennox Head Bream Hole on a regular basis.
- the Swim n Gym offers a place to physically release the everyday stresses of life in a constructive way. I personally find utilising the services of the Swim n Gym of great benefit to my everyday mental health (i.e. healthy body / healthy mind). Many people need to expel energy (negative in most cases) at the end of the day for whatever reason. Rather than going home and "kicking the cat," the gym offers a healthy alternative to releasing such stresses. I feel this facility has an overall benefit on the community in this regard.

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- the swimming pool at the Swim n Gym is open all year round (due to it being indoors) whereas the council pool (on River Street - the one with the waterslides) is only open during the warmer months of the year. Having this pool open all year round gives kids in the community a place to meet and to engage in some constructive and physical activity in their idle time (after school, holidays etc) rather than being indoors playing playstation or on the streets getting into trouble because there isn't alot to do.
- the Swim n Gym is a great place to meet like minded people and has a relaxed, easy going, and professional nature - a great place to exercise, with excellent instructors and loyal members
- furthermore, statistics and recent news state that the retail industry is spiralling downward due to the ability of ebay and other internet based sellers to under cut retail prices. Although this line of thought may seem extreme, I feel that retail stores (especially clothing and footwear) will soon be nothing but a "place to try things on" whether it be clothing, footwear or to check out the features of the latest DVD recorder. I feel it would be the wrong decision to approve this Development Application only to attempt to assist an industry that is in its demise

I implore you to make the right decision - please do not approve Development Application 2012/274 and save the Swim n Gym

Yours sincerely,

Michael Redfearn
Ph: 0408 732 050

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Jodi Granger

From: Jodi Granger on behalf of Regulatory Support Staff
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:34 AM
To: Jodi Granger
Subject: FW: Ballina Swim and Gym

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:26 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Swim and Gym

From: fran Hopkins [mailto:franhopkins62@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 10:20 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim and Gym

Good Evening

I was contacted this evening from a member of my swimming squad informing me that a DA is being lodged to redevelop the Ballina Swim and Gym centre. I am writing to lodge my objection to this DA and would like to request some information on how i can lodge a formal objection.

Ballina does not need any more retail shops or loading docks - what we need is the support of Ballina Shire Council to encourage people to attend and use the Swim and Gym centre, not to knock it down. The centre is heavily used and is somewhat an institution in the town, the swimming pool is the only pool open throughout Winter and i am a member of the swimming squad who uses the pool twice a week. On the nights that i am there it is not uncommon to have the Ballina Rugby Team training in the pool, a aqua aerobics class, casual swimmers and our squad all using the pool and when you look across to the gym there are many people queuing up for a pump or spin class and other people using the weight room...It would be a very short sighted council that would take away a community facility that provides so much to the people of this town.

I ask you to please reconsider your decisions, as i said before please do not build any more retail outlets and perhaps consider encouraging business to set up in River Street....

Regards
Fran Hopkins
2/12 Grandview Street
Ballina
0402226551.

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Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:39 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FVV: DA number is 2012/274

From: Taren Lynch [mailto:tazzy_2784@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 10:04 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: DA number is 2012/274

To whom it may concern

I am writing to voice my concern about the potential closure of Ballina Fair Swim N Gym...

That gym has been a major source of my rehabilitation since having major knee surgery last year. Not only were the gym instructors helpful in getting me back on my feet but it played a major role in getting me back actively into competitive netball after only 6 months post surgery. With the attention I was able to get from the instructors, & not to mention their experienced advice, it really helped me physically & mentally to get back where I needed to be.

Ballina Fair Swim N Gym is one of the only, if not the only gym who runs a variety of classes fit for all ages & levels of fitness. They are always close to full capacity - never has there been a time when I have attended a class when there was hardly anyone there. They offer instructors who are experienced to deal with any situation, any injury that clients may have & always provide a second option should you not be able to do something. Not only that but they are nice & down to earth & funny & good people....I could go on & on

It has the only heated pool in town. Yes there is the outdoor pool but that is closed for 5 months of the year, is not heated, is open to the elements....At Swim N Gym - it can be used at any time of the day & look at the large range of clients who use it - learn to swim classes, aqua aerobics & rehabilitation work, the elderly, swimming training... I know I learnt to swim there & would love to be able to take my children there so they can learn to swim. I definitely wouldn't want to be putting my children or even myself for that matter in a pool in the middle of winter that is outdoors that could make them more open to get sick.

The friendships everyone have formed here are priceless.. Knowing that I can go to the gym by myself & knowing that will always be someone there to push me to my limits is comforting. There is nothing like motivation & I know if I had just been using the gym to do my own weights session - which I have done in the past - I would have given into the fact that I am just not motivated enough to get in there & push myself to my limits on my own. You can come to the gym on any given day & to any given class & know that there is someone there who you can talk to, can push you, can help you achieve your goals.

The prices are extremely reasonable compared to other gyms. You have several options open to you & it doesn't cost an absolute fortune to get your health back on track...

People ask me all the time if there is a gym I can recommend to them. Of course my answer is always Swim N Gym. I have been to several gyms in town & I would rate this one the highest out of the lot. The people are nice, the service they offer is second to none, they have everything you could possibly want..

Think of the amount of money that all the gym clients put into Ballina Fair - they do a gym session then can easily duck in to do their groceries or grab a coffee or whatever all without having to move the car. They are putting more into Ballina Fair than what any shop could. Look at the main street - look at how much it looks like a ghost town - empty shops everywhere as retailers are having to close their doors as in the current economic market prices are just too high to keep them open. If you are going to replace the gym with more shops, what is stopping them from having to go through the same fate potentially later on down the track. Look at all the shops that are going to be closing down in the current Ballina Fair!!!

Think of the community. Think of what getting rid of the gym will do. Think of what keeping the gym open does now.

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Hopefully council will take into account all the support the Swim N Gym has & what it brings to the town & reconsider the lodgement of the DA.

Regards

Taren Lynch

12/25851.

Maria Butler

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:41 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Swim n Gym

From: Rebecca Penny [mailto:r.penny.21@student.scu.edu.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 10:01 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim n Gym

DA 2012/274

I was in utter shock when I heard the plans for the demolition of the Ballina Fair Swim n Gym. It is such a longstanding business with so many members the thought of it not being there just to make room for more shops is saddening.

Where are all the people who use the indoor pool in particular going to go? I personally know a large number of elderly people who use the pool for exercise, there's no way they are going to go to the outdoor pool, not to mention that's shut almost half of the year!

All the parents that use the pool for learn to swim because they can do it all year around and not have to worry about the weather. I fear that children will be pulled out of learn to swim all together if this pool closes.

I was in the original swim team at Ballina Indoor back in the 90's when Stan Tilley was the coach. My children swim there every single week. This centre is such an iconic place for Ballina, it would be tragedy to see it go.

We need a place for people to exercise and children to learn a life saving skill. We don't need more retail stores. I'm sure I'm in amongst the masses who will support the Ballina Swim n Gym to remain open.

12/25852

Maria Butler

From: Samantha Hodge on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:42 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Swim N Gym

From: Yonika Mantel [mailto:yonika@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 9:50 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Swim N Gym

Dear Hugh,

I am a member of Ballina Swim N Gym which I understand is under consideration to be demolished. As a member of the gym and of the Ballina Shire, I am writing to inform you of my disappointment and petition against such an action.

The gym is used by so many members of the community, from young children learning to swim, to gym and fitness goers, elderly and school children. It is a community meeting point surrounded by health and fitness. No other gym in the area provides a pool, nor the gym classes available at this facility.

Given that many of the shops in Ballina Fair are empty, I ask why would the council consider taking away a vital community facility that helps hundreds of it's residents every week, and replace it with yet more shops and fast food outlets? Surely given the country's obesity rates, a gym would have to take precedence?

This will be just one of many such emails you will receive - this is such a community centre with heart - please ensure it remains.

Sincerely

Yonika Mantel

Jodi Granger

From: Jodi Granger on behalf of Regulatory Support Staff
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:34 AM
To: Jodi Granger
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim & Gym DA My Protest

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From: Samantha Hodge On Behalf Of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:33 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: Ballina Fair Swim & Gym DA My Protest

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From: Deb Johnston [mailto:deb-allanj@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 9:19 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Ballina Fair Swim & Gym DA My Protest

Dear Sir,

I am writing to to you to show my support for the Ballina Fair Swim and Gym, I have heard that the Fair Management has put in a DA to have the Pool & Gym demolished and build some more unwanted and probably empty shops, I STRONGLY disagree with the Fair Management's decision to lodge this DA.

The gym has been a major part of my life for a long time, my children learnt to swim in the pool, I use the gyms facilities, and the closure would effect my life in many ways, and for that reason I am writing you this email. The closure of the Gym and Pool would be a major disaster to a lot of people in the Ballina area, who use this facility, not only the gym members but the schools, disabled and elderly that use the Pool and Gym for many uses from rehabilitation to learn to swim to fitness, has the Council thought of how they will supply the people of the Ballina area with similar facilities? I believe the Swim & Gym has many supporters and hopefully they will write to you the council, to voice their upset and anger over what is proposed. Please consider the Members and other Gym goers in your decision, there are many empty shops in River St, Big W and Ballina Fair, so I do not see the need for more shops, but at any time the Swim & Gym is busy & productive, so please let's not build more shops to leave empty.

With Kind Regards
Debra Johnston
0408867630
Sent from my iPad

2012/25787

Jodi Granger

From: Jodi Granger on behalf of Regulatory Support Staff
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:34 AM
To: Jodi Granger
Subject: FW: SAVE OUR GYM

From: Samantha Hodge **On Behalf Of** Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 8:30 AM
To: Regulatory Support Staff
Subject: FW: SAVE OUR GYM

From: Melanie Pederson [mailto:melanie-pederson@live.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2012 9:11 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: SAVE OUR GYM

Demolish the gym will be a huge mistake it is a vital part of the community and I no this as im a learn to swim instructor there, removing an all year round swimming facility would be devastating.

Please save of swim and gym!!!