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Mr Todd Clarke
Director of City Service
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Dear Todd

Re: Taste of Coogee at Coogee Oval

Coogee Oval is undoubtedly the Premier community sporting ground in the Eastern Suburbs. Randwick Petersham's links to the ground extend well into history and we are proud to play at this ground each summer. We also extend our gratitude to Randwick City Council for your unwavering support of our Club.

In 2016 and 2017 we partnered with the Taste of Coogee as we are proud to represent, and participate in, our wonderful community. We believed that hosting the event at Coogee Oval would be a wonderful start to summer and in consultation with Randwick City Council we undertook the ground management to ensure the oval would be in pristine condition for the cricket season. In the lead up to the 2018 event we were not consulted by the Taste of Coogee organisers and advised council of this during meetings with the Mayor and Mr Jorde Frangoples.

In light of recent communication that Taste of Coogee are seeking an extension to hire Coogee Oval, Randwick Petersham request that this be refused. Since 2015 the ground ratings for Coogee Oval have dropped and we as a Club are investigating improving these ratings. Increased foot and vehicle traffic on the ground would be detrimental to this. Furthermore, we believe with the proposed upgrades to the Coogee Oval facilities higher representative cricket could be played at Coogee Oval in the near future. Discussions have been held with Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia. Additionally, we are in talks with Cricket Ireland to host them again, as per 2015, should the qualify for the World T20 World Cup in Australia, 2020.

I look forward to your favourable reply to Randwick Petersham's request and look forward to catching up soon. If you require any more information on the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Whitney

