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| **Concern** | **Response** |
| Bowman Park and its green space  is at risk | Bowman Park features many wonderful community facilities. BLFC has a lease over part of Bowman Park to manage and maintain the Clubhouse buildings and sports fields. Club improvements we anticipate will add value to this green space and not threaten it. |
| The Club is trying to make the park exclusive for its members | The Club has a lease that permits and authorises the Club to use the leased area for its activities. However, the playing fields are open to the general community when not in use by the Club. Anyone is welcome to use the Clubhouse when they are open and in use by the Club. Playing fields will occasionally be roped off for maintenance or repair. |
| Noise on weekends regularly extends  into evenings | Evening and night games are rarely played on Saturday or Sunday.  In 2021 there has been only 1 weekend evening game. |
| Claims of late games, drinking and partying most nights. | Night games are, with rare exceptions, only played on Friday nights and conclude by 9:30pm. Alcohol is only served in the evenings on Friday nights until 9:30-10pm and for Club functions. The Club will continue to manage Club functions within its leased hours so that we continue to respect the community. |
| There have been many breaches of  the BLFC liquor license | The Club has not had any breaches of its liquor license. |
| The Club has signalled to council  plans to:   1. Establish a restaurant 2. Relocation of cricket pitch 3. New soccer fields 4. Summer competitions 5. Development squad and academy | 1. There are no plans to establish a restaurant. 2. The feasibility of re-orienting the cricket pitch to optimise use of the playing fields is being explored. Any change or modification would need to be supported by Council. 3. The Club is looking at options to better utilise the sporting field space to reduce overall wear and tear. 4. There are no current plans to conduct summer competitions. 5. The Club currently engages a skills coach for the development of junior players. Further opportunities to develop juniors will always be a priority of BLFC. No formal “Academy” is planned. |
| Lights are too bright and are left on late into the night. | We commit to turning the lights off on the fields on weekdays by 9.30pm. We acknowledge there may be times where a volunteer may forget to switch them off. Due to the aging nature of the lighting infrastructure, the Club is looking to upgrade the lights to reduce glare, improve safety and that is within Australian Standards. We are investigating automatic switching technology to manage the times the lights are on and off. |
| The broader community have been ignored | The Club has engaged and responded to community feedback and concerns consistently, including by Committee members and past and present Club Presidents. |
| There is no community consultation | A survey of the residents was undertaken earlier this year to 100+ residents neighbouring Bowman Park to obtain feedback and views from the community on various matters. The Club is planning to undertake community engagement early in the new year to seek further resident feedback. |
| Car parking along David Ave | The Club is working with Council on solutions and illegal parking along David Ave. Additional planting has been one solution discussed with Council. |
| Car parking in parkland adjacent to the Clubhouse | The Club has Council approval to use the area adjacent to the Clubhouse for overflow car parking. We are working with Council on ways to better manage the car parking in this area including vegetation planting and bollards. |