

## What if we were a marginal electorate?

Our elected representatives would have to do more than offer us empty promises at election time.

- They would have to work harder to earn our support.
- They could no longer take us for granted.
- They would have to deliver a Real School in East St for our Community.
- They could not dump the putrid waste in Church St, Lidcombe.
- They would have to give us real respect.
- Then they would have to protect our Community from Bad Development.
- Then they would have to fight for proper Infrastructure.

If you also support these aims you should support our Battler Team - Tony Oldfield, Elizabeth Hanham and Michael Stanislas for Regents Park Ward in the Council Elections on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Become a **Battler** Supporter

**How can you help the Battler?**

- 👉 Sponsor a street meeting at your house
- 👉 Letterbox the Battler in your area
- 👉 Display a sign in your front yard
- 👉 Join us at the Battler Group

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**The battler supports campaigns against "Racism".**

Battler Supporters come from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds. We see Lidcombe as a reflection of wave after wave of migrants and we celebrate our diversity.

What we have in common should be a stronger bond than our differences. It's what can make us great.

There is no reason for any group of migrants to think themselves better. We share this place and make it greater by working together.

Developers and State Governments believe we are an easy target for Bad Development and they can deprive our Community of the necessary and appropriate Infrastructure.

They think we are passive and an easy walk over. Our challenge in Lidcombe is to show them the sought of grit and determination that beat the proposed Putrid Waste Station.

The **Battler** is produced by local community activists who come from a variety of grass roots organisations.

It is a waste of time threatening us with lawsuits because we are all low income earners and have no assets except our intelligence; which we are prepared to share with all.

**Thank-you for reading the Battler.**

Get involved in our/your community and make it a better place to live.



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## LIDCOMBE NEEDS A REAL SCHOOL

The ABS figures for 2023 say that Lidcombe has a population of 22,152 residents and our guess is the population has grown by many more thousands in the last year and our community deserves a real school.



Photo of the abandoned University campus on East St, a good site for the new Lidcombe High School/ Public School and Early Education Centre of Excellence.

### NOT LISTENING

Despite our increase in population Federal, State and Local Governments, both Liberal and Labor are deaf to our calls to improve our **INFRASTRUCTURE**.

They instead push more faulty high rise developments and dirty Industries like the **Putrid Waste** and only listen to the lobbyists from the Big end of Town.

### STRETCHED

Our schools are stretched to the limit, our rail services have declined with less express trains to the city than ten years ago and Auburn hospital with a once proud reputation often turns patients away sending them to an overcrowded Westmead or Bankstown/Lidcombe Hospital.

# No new Infrastructure - No new Development.

In December 2022 the former Liberal Government presented a proposal to Cumberland Council to redevelop the 58,518 sqm site that was the MS Studdy centre on publicly owned land on Betty Cuthbert Drive. A central part of the proposal was to rezone PUBLIC land for Health purposes to medium density residential for an expansion of the upmarket Botanica Housing Estate, public land sold to a private developer.

## BAD DEAL

The **MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centre** is being redeveloped as part of a BAD DEAL where it will be relocated close to Joseph St and exposed to constant heavy traffic and carbon monoxide pollution on less than one third of its original land.



## SOLD A MYTH

Residents were **sold a myth** by the two Labor Councillors in Regents Park ward, one of the Councillors went door to door drumming up support for the rezoning proposal in Botanica telling residents they would get a school in return for supporting the proposal.

The proposal for a school on the site was always a myth and used by the Liberal State Government like a piece of cheese bait on a rat trap.

The Education Department in a letter attached to the proposal made it clear there was no commitment to funding a school and even Cumberland Council Staff had enough integrity to put out a memo saying no school was guaranteed.

## TWO COUNCILLORS DISAPPEAR

So you might wonder why there are two new Labor candidates standing for Regents Park Ward?

So angry Labor Branch members opposing the rezoning, decided to dump the two Councillors ignoring them, come candidate preselection two Labor Councillors Disappeared and we suggest the new candidates need to tread carefully.

## ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALISM

There is a total of 483 mostly **mature trees** on the MS site and only 16 trees are considered significant and worth saving.

The loss of potentially **467** mature growth trees right next to a busy six lane highway where the trees perform the important role of sucking pollution out of our atmosphere and giving us clean air can only be described as **ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALISM.**

## Our Kids the big victims

Our kids are the biggest losers when it comes to poor air quality, less trees equal increased risk of respiratory problems like asthma. It also means less shade and hotter residential streets but also a loss of habitat for local bird life.

## Actions speak louder than Words

Council talks about sustainability, increasing tree cover and reducing heat in our residential streets but their actions tell another story with developers allowed to remove large numbers of trees to make way for concrete jungles.

## NO BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS

The former Liberal Government made it clear there would be no benefit to Council and Residents with no planning agreement, they claimed the benefits would come from relocation of the MS Centre and the mythical school.



The Big Question is why did the majority of Cumberland Councillors both Labor and Liberal Independents including State Member for Auburn embrace this Gift to Developers?

## WE NEED A REAL SCHOOL AND ITS POSSIBLE

We do need a real school and its economically feasible and possible by taking over the former University of Sydney Health Science Campus on the corner of East St and Weerona Rd, Lidcombe. The campus has been winding down over the last decade with courses transferred to other sites.

The campus has the infrastructure to easily transition to a much-needed Secondary School, Primary School and a State-of-the-art Early Education Centre. The facility also has exceptional sporting grounds. Of course, the real challenge is to get our three Federal MP's, Lynda Voltz Auburn State MP and our Councillors to pull together and cooperate in getting the infrastructure for our Community.