



NORTHBRIDGE  
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

*Working for the advancement of Northbridge since 1919*

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Mr Nick Tobin  
General Manager  
Willoughby City Council  
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Dear Mr Tobin,

**Re: Shade at Northbridge Baths**

This Association has recently received a letter from the President of the Northbridge Swimming Club expressing concern at the lack of shade at the Baths.

Many of this Association's members are users of the Baths and some are members of the swimming club. We support the swimming club's concern.

A shade cloth had been installed at the Baths some time ago; indeed, the poles for the shade cloth are still in place. The shade cloth was removed for an unknown reason and has never been replaced. Shade cloth is used extensively in schools for sun protection and is a basic requirement.

Now, there is very little shade available, apart from some trees away from the change rooms. There are three or sometimes four umbrellas attached to the railing, but these are removed by the lessee when wind springs up. There is a marquee currently in poor condition on the grassy area next to the fence. However, this costs \$50 a day to hire and there is no guarantee that the hirer can use it if someone else has already occupied the spot. Depending on the level of the sun and time of day, the only other shaded area is a small area in front of the male change room.

Excellent shade areas have been constructed at other swimming pools that members frequent.

NPA feels that efforts should be made by Council to provide some additional shading in and around the areas outside the change rooms and on the walkways. Also, in our view, the shade cloth should be restored.

There was in place a Baths Liaison Committee which appears to have been disbanded. Could the Council give thought to the possibility of re-establishing a small Committee, perhaps comprising a Council Officer, a member of the Swimming Club, and a member of the NPA Committee?

Yours sincerely



President  
Northbridge Progress Association Inc

Copy: Sailors Bay Ward Councillors

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