

Mega club unwanted

THE honest and frank statement by ex-RSL Club president Duncan Horscroft (*Courier* July 2), that the Bronte RSL sub-branch and their developer partner WLB have been using the RSL Club “as a marketing tool to get their plans approved” confirms what many members of our community have suspected all along.

The alleged use of the RSL club in this misleading way shows the contempt with which the Bronte RSL sub-branch is treating its own community.

It is of concern to read in the same article the merger plans of Bronte RSL sub-branch secretary Mr Paterson.

Our community does not want to see a mega club appear in our residential neighbourhood.

Save Bronte is in favour of a development at the RSL site that complies with the Waverley Council drafted and implemented planning controls.

This includes the “Bronte Returned Services Club only” restriction.

Despite the sub-branch secretary’s bravado, there are no “constitutional” issues with such a restriction. In fact, a similar restriction was recently gazetted by the State Government for the North Bondi RSL site.

It is time to end the games the Bronte RSL sub-branch are playing and for them to reciprocate the respect our community shows the RSL organisation.

The sub-branch should withdraw their plans to overdevelop the RSL site and submit a complying DA.

It is only this action that will restore the now battered good name of the RSL in Bronte.

STEPHEN LIGHTFOOT, Save Bronte spokesman