

Caroline Owen - FUTURE MUSIC FESTIVAL - SSD 4995-2011

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Attention Caroline Owen  
Re: SSD 4995-2011  
PLEASE WITHHOLD CONTACT DETAILS

Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your telephone assistance re information regarding the above application.

I am forwarding a series of emails copying correspondence relating to previous Future Music Festivals in an edited form to protect the identity of other affected parties. The applicants, council, police etc have copies of the correspondence without the added **bold** comment (for your information) and know who I am however to maintain the privacy of others who could be identified I request all contact details be withheld in particular from your website.

Due to matters beyond my control I have not been in a position to follow through fully on this issue and cannot discuss the details of the avenues I have pursued. I will happily address this issue openly, if necessary, at a later date, Please note that as an affected party and on behalf of my household I am fiercely opposed to the Future Music Festival being held at Randwick Racecourse ever again.

That is also the position of the residents I represent.

There has not been a shred of consideration extended nor competence displayed in the course of this entire fiasco from inception event to the festival staged earlier this year. There comes a time when hitting your head against a brick wall becomes ridiculous. Such is the case with this event which due to logistical reasons cannot proceed without causing unreasonable disturbance to section/s of the surrounding community.  
no matter what measures are put in place

My correspondence reflects a long term involvement and knowledge of the impacts of the racecourse on the community and local area when acting on behalf of our household and representing other residents. My family have lived at this address since 1935. We know the area like the back of our hands and what will work and what will not.

If the intention is to afford protection to community members the Future Music Festival is unworkable. In protecting one section of the local; area another must be sacrificed and there is an issue relating to crowd control in moving the problem from one place or locality to another. Commonsense and my involvement over many decades with attempts to address racecourse impacts and witnessing those impacts in action has rendered me speechless that anyone would even contemplate holding this event at Randwick Racecourse.

Time constraints disallow my making much in the way of comment however the detail contained in the aforementioned correspondence is self explanatory. Events held at

Centennial Park although equally unreasonable are more easily contained and controlled given the logistics of the Parklands. There is no leeway for creative thinking with the racecourse bounded on all sides by a density of living, breathing human beings deserving of respect and some kindness if not good will.

People have been damaged by the brutality of this event, it is divisive, cruel, unreasonable beyond words and the height of hypocrisy.

I want to pay a particular tribute to Dave McBeath from Maroubra Police who in the year he first took over planning police management of the event crafted a management plan like no other I have ever witnessed. Having been an onlooker during many attempts to clean up the overflow of racecourse activities I can say without qualification that he conducted an impeccable management operation.

If that man could not succeed in controlling the events impacts no one could. It is not going to work no matter how much money is thrown at it.

Sincerely

The below was sent on Monday, March 19, 2007 8:14 AM to the then CEO of the Australian Jockey Club under the subject heading: Rabble Attending Randwick Racecourse 17th March 2007

I write in disgust and anger at the take over of High St, Anzac Pde, Doncaster Ave, Alison Rd and Wansey Rd by the rabble attending the Future Music Festival at Randwick Racecourse yesterday, Saturday, 17th March 2007.

Why was the AJC a party to **all day and evening** anti social behaviour on the streets bordering the perimeter of the Racecourse, public urination, excessive alcohol consumption, trespass, damage to private property, intimidation, endangerment of the public and residents, failure to prevent alcohol being removed from the course, drinking in the streets, obscene language, disgusting conduct and the contravention of licensing laws?

I was informed by police that there were 18,000 to 20,000 youths attending this so called "Music Festival". Where were the security staff and why is the AJC allowing wholly inappropriate events to be held at the course?

Why should my Mother be distressed in her home because the thugs the AJC is attracting into the area decided they felt like turning it on and later be very nearly the victim, along with myself, of a large group of half naked tattooed reprobates who attempted to overturn several crowd control barriers onto passing vehicles in the curb side lane in Alison Rd?

Why is the AJC continually involved in condoning this gutter behaviour?

Why are you wasting police resources?

Where are your standards and what incompetent fool was responsible for this?

Why should shell shocked residents clean the streets of bottles and rubbish at 9.00 am on a Sunday morning in order that the AJC can operate a commercial enterprise whilst treating the community with contempt?

Where is the AJC's self respect?

My Mother could have been seriously injured or killed. If this statement is familiar it is because I have said it to

you before following dangerous anti social behaviour by race day patrons. You can rest assured I wont be saying it to anyone connected with the AJC again. Be very aware I intend to ensure that there is never a repeat of the degradation and debacle of yesterday.