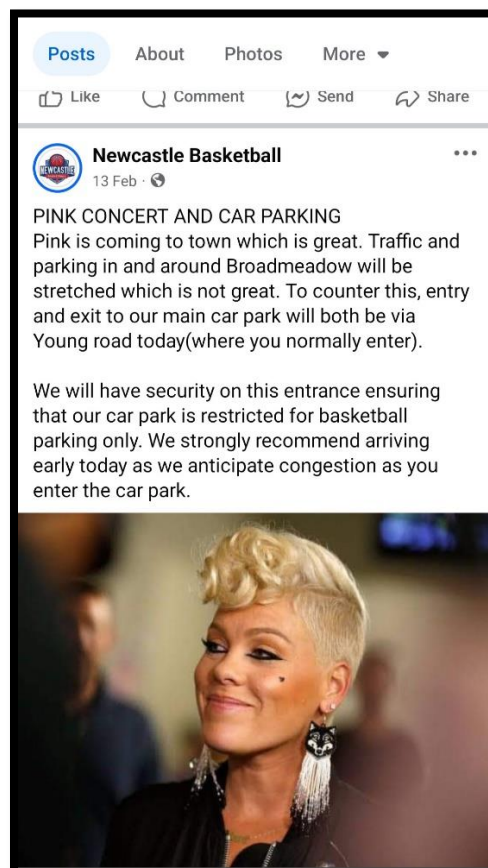


Attachment to objection by Janice Thompson of Lambton

This post was in Newcastle Basketball's Facebook page in February 2024, prior to the Pink concert at McDonald Jones Stadium. It evidences the widespread real-life issues experienced by surrounding neighbourhoods (mainly residences) when ANY event is held at McDonald Jones Stadium (MJS). Even Newcastle Basketball's (NB) current site, a drive or walk of 1.75km away from MJS, is greatly impacted by traffic congestion & vehicles parking in their spaces when events are held at MJS. For NB to now knowingly increase that impact on local residents is absolute arrogance & shows complete contempt for anyone who is affected.



MJS does not provide sufficient parking for its capacity crowd of 33,000 patrons, plus all staff, event organisers, players, etc. Occasional buses go near MJS & they are infrequent on weekends & at night. There are no trains or trams to the stadium. It is common practice for people to park their cars in our streets on the morning of an event, get a lift to the venue later that day, then walk to their previously parked vehicle & drive home. Our streets can be full before lunch for a 6pm event at MJS. Then we have the International Hockey Centre which has insufficient parking. This DA wishes to add 22,000 people per week to the chaos. This is the WRONG LOCATION.

Venues NSW has submitted a DA to Newcastle Council to increase the number of major non-sporting events at McDonald Jones Stadium to 15 per annum. This is a RESIDENTIAL SUBURB & we'll have no parking available in front of our homes any weekend during the year. Even on Boxing Day in 2025 MJS is holding an A League soccer match between Newcastle Jets & Macarthur FC. Residents weren't advised of the DA to increase non-sporting major events to 15 per year at MJS & now that we know about it, we have been told that the opportunity to comment has closed. We are the residents affected by these events. Developers, Events NSW & council appear to notify & liaise with everyone except us. NB have followed their lead & their reports attached to their DA state that there will be no adverse effects from their development.

I strongly object to the proposed loss of our ovals for the sake of basketballers & a few hundred carparks. Any further major development west of Turton Rd in the vicinity of MJS & the International Hockey Centre will greatly impact our way of life & enjoyment of our green suburb.