

GOLF CLUB BLOCKS SALE OF ROAD TO HOSPITAL

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The closure and sale of 50ft. (15.23m) wide roadway to Gosford District Hospital has been stopped following moves by Gosford Golf Club.

Gosford Shire Council had told the hospital in November last year that it intended closing the road in association with its proposal to close and purchase Stephen Street.

The road referred to is adjacent to the Golf Club land.

The club told council last week that several of its improvements, including the first green and the ninth and 11th tees, were in close proximity to the roadway.

The club said the closure and subsequent development by the hospital would have a most adverse effect on the golf course.

It also points out that the course is already severely affected by the proposal to

close and re-route Stephen Street along the boundary of the first fairway.

It does not want further road closure to proceed.

Public reserve

"There would be more merit from the public and council's point of view in the section of the road being retained for public reserve and incorporated in the golf club's lease," the club told council.

The council bowed to the request from the golf club and agreed that:

- Council withdraw its approval for the closure of section of the 50 ft. wide roadway and its subsequent sale to the hospital.
- Action be taken by council for the closure of the road for the purpose of open space recreation and addition to the crown reserve.
- Negotiations to commence with the hospital for the acquisition of the small residue of hospital land between the proposed re-routing of Stephen Street and the 50 ft. wide road reserve for the purpose of open space recreation.