

Hi Denise,

I'm sorry that the Blacktown Kennel Club has not been able to return to the Owen St site as planned, it has been a very difficult past 2 years.

The delays of commencing the works in the building are completely out of the control of the Council as the building is currently under the control of the construction company. I understand that you need to use the building on April 6th, but the building will not be handed back to Council by then based on the current progress.

Would you like me to see if there is a council building close by that could be used for your meeting on the 6th of April? If yes please let me know the number of participants and time for the meeting and I will try and locate the closest facility available.

The grounds at Owen Street are not currently ideal, unfortunately this the case of many sports grounds across the whole of the local area.

The Open Space team are working under trying conditions, In Blacktown there was approx. 517mm of rainfall recorded from 23 February to 10 March 2022, this occurred over a period of 15 days, many sports fields, reserves and parks were inundated with water.

The priority is to cut all fields (not just Owen Street) as soon as conditions allow. Many of our sites have excellent drainage properties however with the rainfall amounts experienced all grass is long and thick.

As most sites are taking twice as long to maintain as machinery needs to work slower and harder in cutting grass which has led to some machinery breakdowns.

I will talk with the Open Space team about making contact with you for the long term requirements of hiring the Owen St site once it is handed back to council.

