

THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF NSW WILL REACH A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE ON 15 JULY OF THIS YEAR- THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST CHILD CARE CENTRE BY THE COMMUNITY AT STANMORE IN 1979.



Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales

30th Anniversary of Establishment of Child Care Centre at Stanmore

The Greek Orthodox Community of NSW will be holding a small but significant celebration of this milestone on **Wednesday 15 July 2009, between 3pm and 4pm**, at the child care centre, situated at 264 Stanmore Road, Stanmore.

Dignitaries, local community officials, former staff and volunteers who have helped the child care centre over the years will join us for light refreshments to mark this occasion.

McDonald's bunfight - litter, loitering fears

AN APPLICATION for extended trading at McDonald's restaurant in Bexley has met an angry response from residents who say it will mean more anti-social behaviour and litter problems for the area.

McDonald's wants 24-hour trading for its restaurant and drive-through counter at the corner of Forest Road and Highworth Avenue. Rockdale Council is assessing the application.

A McDonald's spokeswoman said the restaurant had consulted St George police in the development of a security management plan for a 24-hour operation to ensure that "every measure is taken to provide the highest level of customer and employee safety".

"McDonald's Bexley has



Angry: Residents raise concerns with Rockdale Greens councillor Lesa de Leau about feared anti-social behaviour by youths if an application by McDonald's for 24-hour trading is approved. Picture: John Veage

strict litter patrol procedures in place to ensure that the restaurant, car park and surrounding streets are kept clean and as litter-free as pos-

sible," the spokeswoman said.

Residents say they already tolerate anti-social behaviour by youths loitering near the restaurant and hoons driving

up Highworth Avenue and surrounding streets doing burn-outs and playing loud music.

Objector Elle Gerasimou said residents were concerned these and other problems, including stereo noise from vehicles, traffic congestion, and rubbish would increase if the restaurant's opening hours were extended beyond the current 11pm.

She said youths often congregated near homes, or at Bexley Park, eating food, then throwing rubbish on the ground or in neighbours' gardens.

"If they stayed in the restaurant I wouldn't care, but they don't," Ms Gerasimou said. "We can't park our cars because they congregate in the street. We have punch-ups outside our houses. I've had

my mailbox and fence vandalised. The neighbours are mostly aged and quite frightened."

Bexley resident Christopher Beavis said it was a "curse" living within half-a-kilometre of the restaurant. The council's mandatory notification letter had been sent to only "very few houses", he said.

"There is never a morning when the gutters and nature strips around Bexley Oval are not littered with chip cartons, hamburger wrappers, drink containers and paper bags from this drive-through."

Kogarah Council approved extended trading hours until 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays for a McDonald's in Greenacre Road, South Hurstville, in March.

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