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Dear Members,

THE NEW SOUTH WALES FENCING CENTRE

In 2017 NSWFA will be moving to our new dedicated fencing venue, the New South Wales Fencing Centre. It has been a long time coming, but we have got there. As we launch into the New Year we would like to update you on what is happening with the space.

Currently work is being done on the venue to satisfy Sydney City Council's conditions of use, including work constructing and installing amenities. If all goes to plan, we hope that the work will be completed by February and that training and competitions can commence at the venue in February. Contingency plans will be made, against the event that building work is not completed on time.

There are a few logistical and physical "plusses and minuses" with this change of venue. As we get experience with the venue, we will put in place processes and systems to deal with the minuses, to help make the space operate optimally.

While the new space is not as large as Marrickville PCYC could be, it is convenient, well sized for training and regular competitions and, because we have it 365 days a year, permits an increase in programs and offerings, to grow fencing. We are no longer dependant on the time table and priority decisions of others. That independence comes at a cost. Part of that additional cost will be recovered by income we anticipate from new activities. However, the new cost burden makes it imperative to keep a balance in the finances of NSWFA in relation to all its activities.

Along with this move we will be raising some of our membership and registration fees. The NSWFA has always endeavoured to keep membership and entry fees as low as possible and some fees, such as competition entry and the junior registered category for schools fencers, have not increased in 6 years. Increasing fees is a necessary aspect of keeping abreast of the basic costs of operations as we position the association for growth and invest in our fencers. We are working to keep the rates reasonable and will send you a separate email in the near future outlining the change in rates. The membership fee for schools fencers will remain unchanged.

We look forward to launching of the new venue next year and will continue to keep you posted on its progress. In the meantime, following is some additional information about the new venue.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year on behalf of the board of NSWFA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES FENCING CENTRE

Our new fencing venue, the New South Wales Fencing Centre is located on the second floor of:

Building 2, 190 Bourke **Road** (Note, not Bourke Street)
Alexandria
NSW 2015

The venue is an 800m², second floor, space in Alexandria. Building work is currently being done to install amenities and our landlord will be installing a wheelchair accessible lift to the second floor.

Below, is the entrance (the long ramp):



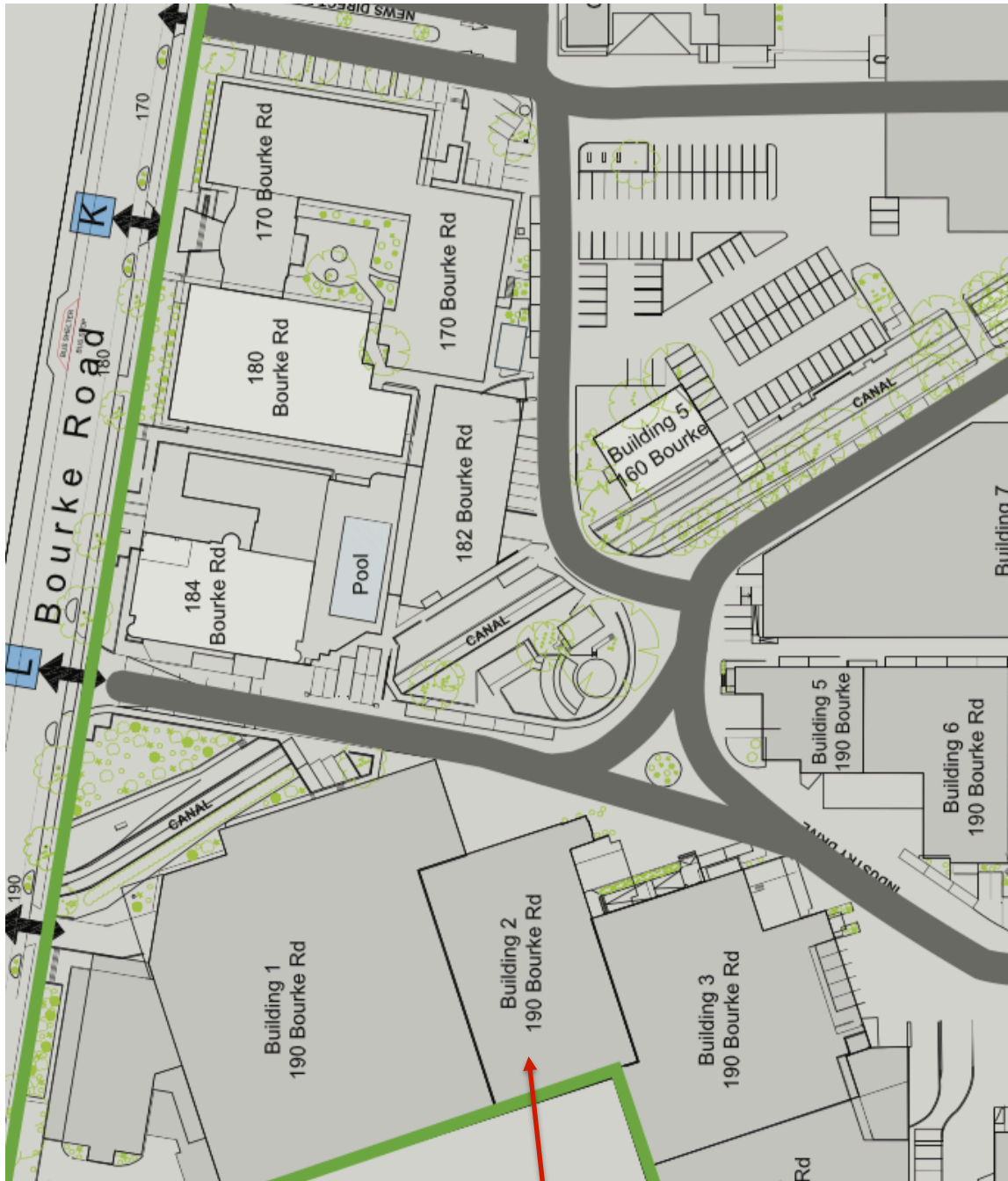
LOCATION

The venue is centrally located in a precinct called Sydney Corporate Park, home to numerous sporting and entertainment facilities including UFC Gym, All Sorts Fitness, All Sorts Indoor Sports Centre, The Basketball Factory a couple of climbing gyms and about 6 bars and cafes including a boutique brewery.

For information on the precinct see:

<http://www.sydneycorporatemark.com/onsite-amenities/>

Location within Sydney Corporate Park:



**Building 2, 190
Bourke Road**

TRANSPORTATION

Trains: The closest train station, Mascot, is about 700 metres (an 8 minute walk) from the NSW Fencing Centre. Mascot station is two stops from Central Station on the Airport Line.

Public Buses: Sydney Buses route 305 runs along Bourke Road. Sydney Buses routes 309/310 run along Botany Road, two blocks away.

Courtesy Bus: There is a shuttle bus service to and from Central Station and St Peters Station. We are currently making inquiries as to the viability and possibility of our fencers taking advantage of this service and will let members know if this is possible. The service operates between 6.30 am and 6.40 pm Monday to Friday. For more information on this service see:

<http://www.sydneycorporatepark.com/about/shuttle-bus/>

PARKING

There are nominated Pay and Display parking areas for visitors and fees are \$3.00 per hour and \$7.00 per day:

<http://www.sydneycorporatepark.com/parking/> Here is a map showing the location of parking in the precinct:



Work in progress in the new centre:

