



Thank you, officers
CROWDS lined Auburn Street and packed into Belmore Park on Friday to acknowledge the New South Wales Police Force's 150th anniversary. A celebration that began with a march down the main street culminated with mayor Geoff Kettle handing Goulburn Local Area Command Superintendant Gary Warboys a key to the city.
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Turkey Farm hassle free

Advocate waters down residents' concerns

By TOM SEBO

THE proponent of a \$2 million Turkey Farm on Gurrundah Rd says it won't have any negative impacts on either environment or the local community.

If approved, the development will see the construction of six sheds, each approximately 150m by 15m and with the capacity to house a maximum of 12,000 birds.

Residents have raised concerns about its density and an increased number of trucks on the road.

Consultancy firm Elevate Planning and Design has put together the application and director Louise Wakefield said the facility would have the capacity raise up to 200,000 birds a year. However, those fig-

ures were based on best case scenarios and maximum capacities. She said the reality would be slightly less.

"The birds will arrive in batches of day old chicks and grow out at the facility until they are collected between week 17 and week 19, depending on their size," she explained.

"So each cycle is about 20-21 weeks which allows about two weeks between cycles for clean out of the sheds and compliance with biosecurity requirements.

"Therefore the development is based on about 2.5 cycles per year."

The site is owned by Sydney builder and part time local grazier Eddie Webhe, who says his business will not only create employment but will comply with all neces-

sary environmental legislation.

Despite being inside the Sydney Water Catchment Area, he said the design would ensure no waste would enter the river. He was confident authorities would give it the tick of approval.

"We have been working on this for close to two years now. We haven't tried to rush it and we want to make it the most beneficial facility that we can, not just for ourselves, but for everybody else as well," he said.

"I'm a very passionate person, whether I am building houses or farming beef cattle or growing pasture or planting trees. We look for the best management practices and the most efficient ways to do things. That's just the way I am... and it should

show through with our planning."

Council's development control manager Richard Davies told the *Post* his department was still assessing the development and hadn't drafted a recommendation yet. Consequently, it was unlikely the matter would go before a meeting until early next year.

He confirmed Council had received a number of submissions but was unable to discuss their nature.

When asked, Mr Webhe said he had been contacted by a number of nearby property owners who were concerned about the development's impact on the local road network.

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