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## No pool stop for school bus on El Toyonal

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There was some hope that the serious situation that arose after the cancellation of the school bus route on El Toyonal might have been somewhat alleviated by a stop at the Orinda Park Pool, which is located some distance up El Toyonal. However, the Orinda Park Pool board of directors found that it could not approve of this use of the property.

OPP board President Jack Kelly stated that, while the board stands in sympathy with the neighbors on El Toyonal who were impacted by the cancellation of school bus service to a community that has relied on it for decades, they were, unfortunately, unable to approve the use of their parking lot as a bus stop, owing to insurance liability issues.

Kelly said, "We were unwillingly thrust into the middle of an issue that negatively impacted the lives of our friends and fellow members, so we did not take the decision lightly." He added that it is the sincere hope on the OPP board that the various entities involved can figure out how to restore this essential service, but that the first obligation of the board is to protect the interests of the pool and its members.

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