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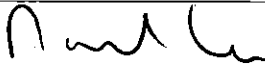
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Purpose

On 26 October 2010 Council endorsed the Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 - 2015 for release for public comment. This report presents the public comments received and recommends one change to the Plan as a result of the public comment.

Recommendation to Committee

Council:

1. **acknowledges the community comment received on the draft Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 – 2015; and**
2. **endorses the Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 – 2015 (as at Attachment 1 – Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 – 2015) including the addition of D C Cruikshank Reserve and Melvista Reserve to the list of the City's major reserves.**

Strategic Plan

- KFA 1: Infrastructure
- 1.3 Provide and maintain quality passive and active recreational and leisure facilities and open space to meet community needs.

- KFA 3: Built Environment
- 3.4 Plan and develop the sustainable provision of community infrastructure and facilities with a focus on flexible and multiple uses.
- KFA 4: Community Wellbeing
- 4.1 Provide and facilitate access to services and facilities required by the broader community, clubs and community groups.
 - 4.2 Encourage, support and provide for a range of recreation and leisure opportunities, both active and passive.

Background

The City's first Strategic Recreation Plan was adopted by Council in June 2006. In the 2006 Plan it was recommended that it be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure its relevance.

In 2009/10 Jill Powell and Associates were appointed to review the 2006 Strategic Recreation Plan. As inputs into the review, an Elected Members' workshop was undertaken in May 2010. Consultation of community and sporting club was also undertaken.

On 26 October 2010 the draft reviewed Plan was considered by Council. This draft Plan included the addition of DC Cruikshank Reserve to the list of the City's major reserves. This draft Plan was endorsed by Council to be released for public comment.

Proposal Detail

It is proposed that the draft Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 - 2015 as considered by Council on 26 October 2010 is adopted, along with one change made as a result of the community comment received. The proposed change is to add Melvista Reserve to the list of the City's Major Reserves, thereby bringing the number of major reserves to six.

Consultation

Required by legislation: Yes No

Required by City of Nedlands policy: Yes No

An advertisement was placed in The Post Newspaper on 13 November 2010 calling for public comment on the reviewed plan. All City of Nedlands sporting clubs were contacted and asked to provide comment on the reviewed plan. The City received two responses by the deadline. A summary of these responses and the City's recommended actions is provided in the table below.

Table 1: Strategic Recreation Plan Public Comment

Summary of Comment Received	City Response
Discrepancy between facilities listed on p7 and costing table p18.	No discrepancy identified.
Higher expenditure on passive recreation than on active recreation, thereby disadvantaging clubs.	Expenditure on passive recreation is not higher than expenditure on active recreation.
Supports separate income account for Swanbourne Beach.	Operational matter.
Need to mention potential amalgamation of the City of Nedlands and City of Subiaco.	This review was undertaken before the Cities of Nedlands and Subiaco entered in the RTG, therefore no mention of amalgamation.
Recommends amalgamation of sports facilities with Town of Claremont.	Town of Claremont not in agreement therefore this is not an option for the City of Nedlands.
Recommends greater use of Mt Claremont facilities by local clubs.	Use of Mt Claremont facilities has increased, including use by soccer club.
The decision to include DC Cruickshank Reserve as a major sport/recreation venue seems to have been made informally.	Any decision to include DC Cruickshank Reserve in the list of major reserves can only be made by Council as it is a key aspect of the Strategic Recreation Plan. Therefore a formal decision.
Report does not include expenditure or allocation of resources for facilities at the beach venue.	Operational matter.
Comments on Climate Change are very simplistic- review.	At this strategic level it is appropriate that the Plan recommends that the City considers climate change. This broad directional approach is appropriately strategic, rather than being specific and prescriptive.
Community safety does not mention provision of a lifeguard service at Swanbourne Beach or at minimum provision of Australian Standard Aquatic Safety Signage.	Operational matter.
It appears to date no consideration has been made on the capacity of groups to pay for outgoings to utilise utilities, maintenance and public liability.	This is specified in a sporting club's lease. Operational rather than strategic.

<p>If the City is to investigate placement of sponsorship signs on reserves then this implies that the City must believe that Clubs are unable to pay the charges currently levied by the City.</p>	<p>The City must authorise signs on reserves as part of its legislative responsibilities.</p>
<p>City should not restrict clubs ability to raise funds with clauses in user agreements that prohibit activities that may be viewed as commercial.</p>	<p>The City must comply with state government legislation which may limit or prohibit commercial activities on vested reserves. The City must also balance club financial viability with resident amenity.</p>
<p>Melvista Reserve to be included as a major recreation reserve. There are five buildings on the Melvista Reserve and ideally all of them could be merged into one multi-use building.</p> <p>Melvista Reserve is already at capacity and the Club will be requesting an extension to playing facilities in the near future.</p>	<p>Administration recommends including Melvista Reserve as one of the major Sport and Recreation reserves, based on the reasoning that the criteria for a major sporting and recreational reserve outlined by the Plan also fits Melvista Reserve.</p>

A full copy of the comments has been provided separately to elected members.

Legislation

Nil

Budget/financial implications

Adopting this report does not have specific budget implications.

Risk Management

NA

Discussion

The reviewed Strategic Recreation Plan has already been considered by Council and endorsed for release to the community and sporting clubs for comment. Most of the public comments received related to operational rather than strategic issues and therefore do not need to be incorporated into the Plan. However, one comment does relate to a significant strategic issue that warrants consideration by Council: the request to include Melvista Reserve as one of the major recreation reserves in the City.

The criteria for determining whether a reserve is considered as a major recreational reserve are:

- the reserve’s capacity to accommodate multiple sports
- the reserve’s capacity to accommodate a multi-use recreational building
- the reserve’s capacity to accommodate the related traffic and parking.

The table below shows the number of sports operating from each of the five reserves already endorsed as being major reserves, as well as from Melvista Reserve.

Table 2: Number of Sports Using Major Reserves

Reserve	Number of Sports Using Reserve
College Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claremont Junior Football Club • Claremont Nedlands Junior Cricket Club • Nedlands Dodgers Baseball Club • UWA Nedlands Football (soccer) Club • Western Suburbs Cricket Club • Westside Wolves Hockey Club <p>Total = 6 sports clubs</p>
Allen Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associates Rugby Union Football Club • Claremont Nedlands Junior Cricket Club • Swanbourne Cricket Club • Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club • Allen Park Tennis Club <p>Total = 5 sports clubs</p>
Highview Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claremont Jets Gridiron Club • Hollywood Subiaco Bowling Club • Suburban Nedlands Hockey Club • Sand Volley Australia <p>Total = 4 sports clubs</p>
DC Cruikshank Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claremont Nedlands Junior Cricket Club • Collegians Amateur Football and Sporting Club • Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club • Western Suburbs Cricket Club • Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club • Dalkeith Tennis Club <p>Total = 6 sports clubs</p>
Nedlands Foreshore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UWA Nedlands Football Club • Nedlands Yacht Club • Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club • Nedlands Football (Soccer) Club • Nedlands Rugby Union Football Club • Nedlands District Tee-ball Club • Claremont Nedlands Junior Cricket Club

	Total = 7 sports clubs
Melvista Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club • Claremont Nedlands Junior Cricket Club • Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club • Nedlands Golf Club • Nedlands Croquet Club • Riverside Lions Hockey Club • Western Suburbs Cricket Club
	Total = 7 sports clubs

Melvista Reserve currently accommodates seven sporting clubs with significant levels of local membership. The reserves already accepted as major reserves currently accommodate from 5 – 7 sports. Therefore Melvista Reserve meets the criteria of having the capacity to accommodate a high level of sporting usage. Melvista also has the capacity to accommodate one major multi-use building to house all of the clubs on the reserve. In the past, there has been little interest from the clubs on this reserve to consider co-location. However, due to the efforts of the Riverside Lions Hockey Club, there is now interest from the other clubs in developing a single facility in the future. It is envisaged that a multi-use building would accommodate only the existing sporting use with no increased use, so the same level of traffic and parking this is currently required would be required with a single multi-use building. Therefore Melvista Reserve meets all of the above criteria for a major reserve.

In the original 2006 Strategic Recreation Plan, the concept of major reserves was piloted. The purpose was to target limited facility funding towards the future development of multi-purpose buildings on reserves that are heavily used for sport and recreation. Neither D C Cruikshank Reserve or Melvista Reserve were included in the original list of major reserves because it was thought unlikely that the sports located on these reserves would be willing to move towards a single, multi-use building.

However since 2006 the City has undertaken a number of site visits to multi-use buildings in other local government areas and has involved a number of local sporting clubs in these visits. There has been a significant shift away from the preference for single-sport buildings and towards the concept of multi-use community and recreational buildings. There is now significant interest from the main sporting clubs on both Melvista and D C Cruikshank reserves in developing multi-use buildings with other clubs located on those reserves. This is a positive development and one that it is recommended that Council endorses. Should Council endorse all six reserves as major reserves, this would mean that Clubs willing to move towards developing a single multi-use building on these reserves would receive priority over clubs that request funding for a single-use facility on smaller reserves.

Conclusion

It is recommended, that Council endorses the reviewed Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 – 2015, including the endorsement of both DC Cruikshank and Melvista Reserve as major recreation reserves.

Attachments

1. Strategic Recreation Plan 2010 - 2015 showing six major sporting precincts