Upgrades to Sporting Facilities

Condition and Use of Current Facilities

Ovals

Glenunga reserve comprises two main ovals:

- the southern Webb Oval is used mainly for Australian rules football, little athletics, cricket, Oztag
- the northern Margaret Bond Oval is used mainly for soccer, cricket and little athletics.

The adjacent Glenunga International High School has a licence to use the southern oval but on occasions also use the northern oval for school sports training.

Sports clubroom

The central clubroom is leased to the Glenunga Sports and Social Club that comprises key sporting and recreation group at the site. The building is ageing and does not meet the user groups' needs regarding change facilities, toilets, storage and general capacity for larger events including community hire and use.

Sports Playing Areas

Given the amount of use at the site combined with poor drainage and in some instances heavy shading from the trees that surround the reserve, the sports surfaces get extremely worn particularly in the wetter winter months. Additionally, some activities impact on other users due to the existing layout of the site.

Sports lighting is also a key consideration at the site with the southern oval being lit to a standard for junior football games and training, but the northern oval only having lighting suitable for training along the eastern boundary resulting in greater wear and tear in these particular areas.

Suggested Improvements

As an immediate priority works will be undertaken on the sporting fields to install new drainage and irrigation systems.

The draft Master Plan also recommends:

- Increasing the size of the eastern soccer pitch on the northern playing field (the 'Margaret Bond' Oval)
- Reconfiguring the layout of the soccer and Oz Tag pitches, discus and javelin areas, and throwing circles within the Margaret Bond Oval to enable greater flexibility and usage
- Moving the southern 'Webb Oval' slightly to the south to allow more space for the new community facility to be constructed. This involves reconfiguring the running track as well as relocating the long jump and cricket nets.

In addition, it is proposed to enhance the lighting of both ovals to allow for rotation of training areas to reduce wear and tear on certain areas. Lighting would not be of sufficient strength to enable night games, so as not to conflict with neighbouring residents.

Your Feedback

Tell us what you think about these suggested improvements by completing the questionnaire available online at engage.burnside.sa.gov.au

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