

13.08 OBERON SPORTS COMPLEX

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Summary:

Council with the support of Borg have been working on the creation of a master plan for a modern sporting complex for Oberon. This concept design is now complete and recommended to be placed on public exhibition.

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to place the concept plan on community consultation for a period of 28 days, with a further report to be presented after that period.

Comment:

ATTACHED this report is a copy of the concept design master plan for the Oberon Sports Complex.

Council with the support of Borg have been working on the creation of a master plan for a modern sporting complex on the transition land on the corner of O'Connell Road & Albion Street, Oberon.

Council engaged Crawford Architects to prepare the concept design and specified that it must at minimum include the following:

- All infrastructure (power, servicing, water and all other appropriate infrastructure) upgrades required for the development
- Establish 2 full size (and fitted out) rugby league grounds
- Establish 1 full size (and fitted out) hockey field (synthetic)
- 3 full size (fitted out) and lit netball courts of appropriate surface
- A clubhouse/league club and appropriate amenities for all users that can cater for a minimum of 250 patrons
- A grandstand capable of seating 300 people to be either attached to the clubhouse or within close proximity that will cater for spectators for the primary rugby league ground
- A car park and associated access facilities (including ticket box) for 100 vehicles
- The site to be fully fenced
- Spectator areas around all grounds (natural mounds etc)
- Watering facility for the entire complex (possibly utilising existing spring fed dams on site) and appropriate irrigation system installed
- Lighting of number one ground
- Landscaping of the development to reduce the impact of the existing industrial development on the northern frontage
- Change rooms for all users (2 x male and 2 x female)
- Canteen to be associated with or within close proximity to the clubhouse

- Secondary amenities block somewhere on the ground

The concept plans that have been prepared deliver all of the above and more, which would ensure that such a facility would be not only a sporting hub but a major community meeting area for all types of social events.

It is considered that the design for the proposed new facility would be considered state of the art and as such would require a substantial injection of grant funds both State and Federal.

It is additionally considered that any lobbying for funding could be undertaken on a joint partnership with Borgs in order to facilitate as much economic benefit to the region for the project.