

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Hawthorndene Oval and Apex Park



Facility

If a facility is envisaged in the CLMP does that mean they can start building?

No, there are still several steps that would need to be taken before any building and construction can occur. Any development would still require approval by Elected Members at a Council meeting and go through the separate process of Development Approval before building works would be scheduled.

What is the process for the proposed facility to be approved and construction to commence?

1. Consult with the community on a revised CLMP that envisages this development to occur at the reserve
2. Report to Council on community feedback, for Council to consider endorsing a CLMP which includes the facility proposal
3. If endorsed, Council to consider granting Landlord Approval through a Council decision for a development application to be lodged
4. If Landlord Approval is provided, a Development Application would then be submitted
5. In accordance with the relevant legislation, the development application will be assessed by the City of Mitcham's Planning Department. Public notification may be required as part of the assessment process and if so, representations from the community can be submitted in relation to the proposed development prior to a decision being issued
6. Development Application is presented to Council's Assessment Panel for consideration on granting planning consent
7. If planning consent is granted, the project can continue to detailed designs, building rules consent, tender and construction stages. Note: Entering the construction stage is subject to available funding, and this may require additional approval from Council and/or additional funding sources.

Will the proposed facility involve the removal of any trees?

Yes. Two regulated and one non-regulated trees will need to be removed. These trees were assessed by City of Mitcham's Arborist and found to be in poor-fair health with a short to reduced life expectancy. The location was also selected as it allows greater distance and therefore greater protection to several large significant trees.

Who is funding the facility?

The Club were successful in receiving \$326,000 from Round 3 of Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Grassroots Football, Cricket Netball Funding Program for the project. Funding for the project also included a \$182,000 Council contribution, a further \$80,000 from the State Government and \$80,000 of the Club's money.

Why do the Coromandel Valley Ramblers need a facility?

Currently the Club only have access to a gazebo and public toilet facility at Hawthorndene Oval, with no other facilities on site. The Club currently do not have changeroom facilities at Hawthorndene Oval or Weymouth Oval.

Cricket Australia Facility Guidelines state that "Clubrooms and change facilities play a crucial role for cricket clubs, extending beyond the functional aspects of change

rooms, toilets and kiosks. They provide a central meeting place for club and community social activities and a physical base to celebrate club history and performance. Well-designed clubrooms and change facilities can contribute significantly to a successful club, sporting precinct and local community."

What is a lease?

A lease is a contractual agreement between the owner of an asset and someone (lessee) who wishes to use the asset and pay a fee for their use. A leased council building is not available for public use without permission of lessee and/ or Council at all times during the period of the lease.

What is the process for granting a 10-year lease over the proposed facility to the Club?

1. Consult with the community on a 10-year lease over the proposed facility to be built at Hawthorndene Oval
2. Report to Council on community feedback in relation to the amended CLMP and Clubs proposals, for Council to consider endorsing a facility proposal to proceed to development approval
3. If endorsed, Council to consider granting Landlord Approval through a Council decision for a development application to be lodged
4. If Landlord Approval is provided, a Development Application would then be submitted
5. In accordance with the relevant legislation, the development application will be assessed by the City of Mitcham's Planning Department. Public notification may be required as part of the assessment process and if so, representations from the community can be submitted in relation to the proposed development prior to a decision being issued
6. Development Application is presented to Council's Assessment Panel for consideration on granting planning consent
7. If planning consent is granted, the project can continue to detailed designs, building rules consent, tender and construction stages. Note: Entering the construction stage is subject to available funding, and this may require additional approval from Council and/or additional funding sources.
8. In consideration of the community feedback a report will be presented to Council to consider providing Landlord approval for a 10-year lease to Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club over the Hawthorndene Oval Facility.
9. If Landlord approval is provided, Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club will be granted a 10-year lease in accordance with the Leasing/Licensing of Council Sporting Facilities Policy.

Who will use the facility?

It is proposed that the facility be leased to Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club who will pay an annual fee to occupy the building which will be determined in accordance with the Council's Leasing/Licensing of Council Sporting Facilities Policy. It is also proposed that the facility will be made available by the lease to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club to the SA Cricket Association and SA National Football League during their existing licensed hours of the oval as granted by the Council. It is also intended that the facility will be available for hire to small community groups such as pilates, yoga and small fitness groups during the day subject to Council approval and in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Will the facility compete with Joan's Pantry?

The proposed facility will not be permitted by the proposed lease to operate as a commercial business. It is proposed that the kitchen and canteen will be used to provide snacks to players and spectators, be a place to prepare afternoon tea for the

teams and a place to gather after a game. Therefore, unlike Joan's Pantry the facility will not operate as a commercial café and its use will be restricted by the proposed lease agreement.

Will the facility be able to be hired to host 21st, weddings and events?

No. The Club will not be permitted to hire the facility out for parties or events such as engagements or birthdays.

Will I be able to go to the facility for dinner?

No. The kitchen is not designed to commercial standards. The canteen is only designed to be able to sell drinks and snacks to players and spectators, with no deep fryer or grease trap proposed to be installed. This limits the Club's ability to cook any hot meals or fried food.

Has the facility already received Development Approval?

No.

Will other sports and clubs move to Hawthorndene Oval when the facility is built?

No. There are no plans to move other sporting clubs to the Oval once the facility is built. The proposed facility does not meet AFL guidelines which state the need for larger changerooms, therefore only junior football is able to use the facility. The oval at Hawthorndene is too small for senior football and therefore no senior football clubs would be able to relocate to Hawthorndene Oval.

Only current users, which include Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club, SA Cricket Association and SA National Football League, are included in the CLMP

Hawthorndene Oval Playing Surface and Surrounding Areas

Why are the Club relocating from Weymouth Oval in City of Onkaparinga when this is their home base and they have everything they need at Weymouth Oval?

The Club have used Hawthorndene Oval on weekends in summer for many years and this is where their A and B grade senior teams have always played. The Club do not have a changeroom facility at Weymouth Oval.

If training nets are approved and built at Hawthorndene Oval the Club are proposing to hold their trainings at Hawthorndene Oval and continue to use Weymouth for weekend matches and some junior training.

Where are the cricket nets going?

The exact location of the cricket nets is still unknown and needs to be further explored. There are several trees on the site and the Club have highlighted that they will not be seeking approval for the removal of any further trees to facilitate the training nets and they will not be placed on the playing area. Therefore, there are only a few possible locations that may be suitable. The Club has indicated it would seek a design that includes retractable nets to assist with reducing the visual impact and would retract when not in use. This location is subject to further consideration after community feedback is received on the concept of nets at Hawthorndene Oval. If community feedback indicated the community is in favour of the nets and associated use further consultation will be conducted on a proposed location.

What is a licence?

A licence allows someone (licensee) to do, use or utilise something for a specified time. Outside of that time it can be used by others. For example, a licensed council oval (or a portion of an oval) can only be used by the licensee at specified agreed times, outside of those times it is available to the community to use in total.

What is the process for granting a 10-year licence over the potential cricket nets at the oval to the Club?

1. Consult with the community on the concept of cricket nets being installed at Hawthorndene Oval and their associated use by the Club
2. Report to Council on community feedback, for Council to consider whether to approve further investigation of cricket nets at the site
3. If supported, Council to consult with the community on potential designs, location, and hours of use of proposed cricket nets
4. Report to Council on community feedback, for Council to consider endorsing a Development Application for the installation of cricket nets at an identified location
5. If Landlord Approval is provided, a Development Application would then be submitted
6. In accordance with relevant legislation a Development Application will be assessed by City of Mitcham's Planning Department
7. If planning consent is granted, the project can continue to detailed designs, building rules consent, tender and construction stages. Note: Entering the construction stage is subject to available funding, and this may require additional approval from Council and/or additional funding sources.
8. In consideration of the community feedback a report will be presented to Council to consider providing Landlord approval for a 10-year licence to Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club for their use of Hawthorndene Oval and the cricket nets
9. Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club will be granted a 10 year licence in accordance with the Leasing/Licensing of Council Sporting Facilities Policy.

What is the difference between a licence and a liquor licence?

A liquor licence gives an organisation permission to serve, sell or provide liquor at a particular location. A liquor licence is issued by Consumer Business Services.

Council issues licences for the use of sporting grounds and facilities for specific periods of time. This is unrelated to the service of alcohol and does not grant any permission in regards to alcohol consumption.

Will there be lights installed?

No. Although lights are referred to in the 2016 Sports Facilities Strategy this is not envisaged in the proposed amendments to the CLMP for Hawthorndene Oval.

Will the new facility result in me not having access to the oval?

No. The new facility will not impact on the community's use of the oval. If only the facility is approved, and not the training nets the Club will continue to only use the oval on weekends as they have done for many years.

Where will the cricket players park?

There is currently an informal car park on the corner of Watahuna and Wattle Ave that the Club members and players currently utilise on game days and it is intended that this site will continue to be used. There are currently no plans or funding to formalise a car park at the site. Should the facility progress to the Development Application stage, parking will be a component of this application and will be assessed.

Will I still be able to use Hawthorndene Oval to walk my dog?

Yes. While cricket training occurs, only a portion of the oval will be used by Cricket players. If Cricket nets are approved there will still be areas of the oval which can be used by community members who wish to walk their dog or participate in informal recreation.

What is happening with the current public toilets?

At this stage the current public toilets are not scheduled for demolition, however the proposed facility does include a new public toilet facility (with disability access) that would be cleaned by Council's contractors and would be open to the public.

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