

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: HAWTHORNDENE OVAL FOUR PROPOSALS

Hawthorndene Oval is located at Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene. The oval is currently used for formal recreation by the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club (the Club), the SANFL Schools Saturday Football (Auskick), junior cricket, and schools including St Johns Grammar School. The oval is used also used extensively for informal recreation by the broader community.

Council is currently seeking community views on proposed amendments to the community land management plan for Hawthorndene Oval which includes proposals relating to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club including a new facility and cricket nets and their associated use.

This summary has been developed to provide the community with further information and background on the proposals for the management of Hawthorndene Oval relating to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club. This information will assist in preparing any feedback you may wish to provide during the community consultation period (Thursday 18 February 2021 through Thursday 18 March 2021) on the proposed amended community land management plan, proposal to grant a 10-year lease to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club for the proposed facility (subject to Development Approval) and concept of cricket nets being installed at the site and their associated use (subject to further consultation and future council decision).

WHO ARE THE COROMANDEL VALLEY RAMBLERS CRICKET CLUB?

The Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club (the Club) were established in 1926 and have been utilising Hawthorndene Oval since that time. The Club currently has five senior male teams, four junior teams and a Woolworths Junior Blasters Program of approximately 30 kids each year. The Club have 178 registered players for the 20/21 season with 48% of players residing in the City of Mitcham.

1. PROPOSED FACILITY

Currently the Club have access to a gazebo and public toilet facility at Hawthorndene Oval, with no other facilities on site.

The City of Mitcham Sport Facilities Strategy (The Strategy) was consulted on with the Community and endorsed in November 2016. The Strategy identified the following in relation to Hawthorndene Oval:

- Build a new club facility (of moderate size) which could include toilets, a kiosk and changerooms;
- Improving the oval facilities should alleviate pressures on other grounds and;
- Increase the usability and value of Hawthorndene Oval for sport by providing moderate amenities.

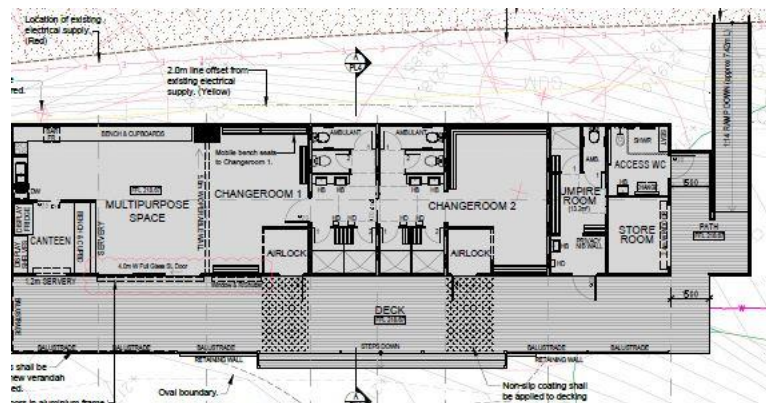
A working group consisting of Council staff and representatives from the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club and SA Cricket Association has been meeting and refining a concept plan for the facility. A site survey was conducted, designers and services and structural engineers engaged.

The proposed facility has been designed to meet Cricket Australia facility guidelines, a requirement to gain funding. The current design includes:

- Two unisex changerooms (one with an operable wall) which meet Cricket Australia Facility guidelines;
- Storeroom;



- Sheltered viewing area;
- Canteen;
- Small kitchen and multipurpose area and;
- Public toilet which is also wheelchair accessible.



To view a copy of the proposed facility design please visit –
<https://yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/hawthorndene-oval>

The site, design and materials for the facility were selected to blend in with the natural surrounds, in order to reduce the impact on nearby residents and other users of the oval. The incorporation of an operable wall allows for flexibility for the Club's use of the building but also provides a facility that can not only be used by sport but also other community groups and fitness providers during the day. The kitchen is not designed to commercial standards and the canteen is only designed to be able to sell drinks and snacks to players and spectators. There is no deep fryer or grease trap proposed to be installed which therefore limits the Club's ability to cook any hot meals or fried food.

The Club is proposing to use the canteen and kitchen facility to keep food & drinks cool on game day (i.e. via fridges). As the home team, the Club traditionally provides a light afternoon tea for their side, the opposition and umpires on Saturdays and a morning tea for juniors on Sundays. In the future the Club propose to sell small snacks from the canteen to players, club members and spectators including soft drinks, chips, chocolates etc. As there is no commercial kitchen this facility does not have the ability to prepare and sell hot meals. The Club are proposing to continue their sausage sizzles for members after games and serve the sausages from the canteen, sitting inside or out on the deck to eat. The facility will only have a domestic size oven, microwave, kettle and fridges.

Cricket Australia Facility Guidelines states 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."

The facility does not meet the AFL guidelines which state a need for bigger changerooms therefore only junior football is able to use the facility. The oval at Hawthorndene is also too small for senior football and currently within the City of Mitcham there is no shortage of AFL ovals. Therefore, no senior football clubs will be relocating to Hawthorndene Oval and it was never intended that other users would move to the site and use the oval if the proposed facility is approved and built.

PROCESS FOR GRANTING A LONG-TERM LEASE/LICENCE

The Local Government Act 1999 (Act) allows Councils to grant a longer-term lease/licence (period exceeding 5 years) over community land providing Council follow the steps set out in its public consultation policy.

The City of Mitcham's consultation policy provides residents with the opportunity to provide feedback for a period of 28 days. Notification of the consultation will be on the council's website, social media, via letter to local residents and signs will be placed around the ground, all inviting your feedback.

Following the community consultation and the successful completion of the further steps outlined below details of a 10 year lease and 10 year licence will be presented in a report to Council for their consideration.

2. PROPOSED LEASE (USE OF THE FACILITY)

Council is proposing to issue a 10-year lease to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club (subject to Development Approval) for use of the proposed changeroom facility at Hawthorndene Oval, Hawthorndene, noting that it is Council's intention that other users such as Auskick, local schools & community groups can have access to the facility, subject to Council approval. Should a new changeroom facility be approved for construction on the site, the footprint of the leased area may be amended to reflect any approved building.



It is anticipated that the long-term lease of a changeroom facility will not change how the community currently uses Hawthorndene Oval.

Subject to approval Council is proposing to issue a 10-year lease to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club for exclusive use of the proposed facility at Hawthorndene Oval and the Club 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.

The Club are proposing to use the facility when training and matches are being played at the site as per the lines in green in Table 1 below and outside of these times hold committee meetings at the facility.

Table 1

Summer: October – March			
Day of Week	Use	Frequency	Times of Use
Monday	Community Use of whole oval		5am – 6pm
	Cricket Training - Juniors	1x8 weeks	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday	Community Use of whole oval		5:00am – 4:30pm
	Cricket Training		4:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday	Community Use of whole oval		All day/Evening
Thursday	Community use of whole oval		5:00am – 4:30pm
	Cricket Training		4:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday	Community use of whole oval	8 weeks	All day/evening rest of the year 5am – 6pm & after 7:15pm
	Cricket Training - Juniors	1 x 8 weeks	6:15pm -7:15pm
Saturday	Community use of whole oval		5am – 8am & after 6pm
	Junior Cricket - SACA Cricket Seniors A and B Grade		8am – 12pm 12pm - 6pm
Sunday	Community use of whole oval		Early morning and afternoon/evening
	Cricket Match - Junior		8:30am – 12:30pm
Winter: April – September			
Day of Week	Use	Frequency	Times of Use
Mon - Fri	Community		All day/evening
Saturday	Community		Early morning and afternoon/evening
	Junior Football		8am -12pm
Sunday	Community		All day/evening

The capacity of the building is proposed to be 85 people including the decking. However, due to the size of the multipurpose space, it is not expected to fit 85 people in the facility at any one time, particularly in the evenings when training and matches have concluded.

The Club will not be permitted to hire the facility out for parties or events such as engagements or birthdays and this will be reflected in the proposed lease. Other users of the facility will include SA Cricket Associations junior cricket and SA National Football Leagues junior football, who will have access on Saturday mornings during their seasons. The facility will be made available by the

Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club lease to these users during their existing licensed hours of the oval as granted by Council.

3. PROPOSED TRAINING NETS & LICENCE (USE OF THE OVAL)

Currently the Club have a licence and pay an annual licence fee to use Hawthorndene Oval between 1 October – 31 March on Saturday afternoons between 12pm – 6pm and Sunday Mornings between 8:30am – 12:30pm with the proposed building not increasing the hours of use for the oval. The increase in hours will only be associated if following community feedback, the concept of training nets are supported at this site. If training nets are approved the Club have indicated, they will seek use of the training nets and a third of the oval on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during their season and for an 8 week period on Mondays and Fridays.

It is proposed that training nets would not be built on the oval, but at a suitable location around the perimeter of the oval and therefore the oval would not reduce in size. The Club have highlighted that they do not want to remove any trees to facilitate the nets and that the training nets will be retractable, and the pitches covered in matting to assist in blending in with the surrounding environment.

The current consultation is to gauge whether there is community support for the concept and associated use of training nets at Hawthorndene Oval. If the community support the proposal there is still a further need to investigate appropriate locations and innovative designs. There would be additional consultation, including an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on alternative proposed locations for the nets and designs. This proposal for training nets would still require additional development and landlord approval.

Council is proposing to issue a 10-year licence (over the licenced area in orange below and a yet to be decided location of training nets) to the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club for non-exclusive use of parts of Hawthorndene Oval, noting that subject to approval further consultation on the licenced area for the proposed cricket nets may need to be conducted.



It is proposed that the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club will have use of the proposed licence area during the following times of use:

Oval & Training Nets - 1 October to 30 March	
Monday (1 x 8 weeks)	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays	4:30pm to 7:30pm
Friday (1 x 8 weeks)	6:15pm – 7:15pm
Saturday	12pm to 6pm
Sunday	8am to 12pm

The licence annual fees will be calculated in line with Council's Leasing and Licensing of Council's Sports Facilities policy.

SA Cricket Association also have a licence to use the oval for Junior cricket on Saturday mornings between 1 October – 31 March and SA National Football league have a licence to use the oval 1 April – 30 September on Saturday mornings for junior football. At all other times the reserve is available for active recreation and general community use as outlined in the previous table (Table 1).

4. PROPOSED LIQUOR LICENCE (ALCOHOL SALE AND CONSUMPTION)

If the facility is approved, the Club would seek to gain a liquor licence from Consumer Business Services and would be seeking approval for the following hours for service of alcohol :

Tuesday and Thursday 7pm – 9pm
Saturdays 12pm -10pm

The intention of the liquor licence is to allow the Club to be able to sell to Club members so that they can have a drink on the deck while watching a game and have a drink in the facility after matches.

HAVE YOUR SAY

For more information and to complete the online survey please visit <https://yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/hawthorndene-oval>

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