

3.1. Anderson Park Masterplan Implementation

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PURPOSE:

To inform the reference group of information on the Anderson Park Masterplan Implementation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents information on the Anderson Park Masterplan Implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Grant funding of \$782,062.50 has been provided through a successful grant application.

North Sydney Council will provide the additional funding of \$260,687.50 through funding received from the State Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report be received.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

1. Our Living Environment

1.4 Public open space and recreation facilities and services meet community needs

BACKGROUND

A combined significant area Plan of Management/Masterplan was prepared for Anderson Park in response to a resolution made at the Council meeting on 18 April 2016. The new PoM/Masterplan for Anderson Park was completed in February 2019.

Initially Council funded \$100,000 in 2019/20 financial year and a further \$100,000 in 2020/21 for the implementation of the Management/Masterplan. The remainder of the funding to implement the plan including the sportsfield improvements was unfunded.

The Plan of Management listed key issues identified in relation to Sport and Recreation. The issues listed below relate specifically to the Stage 2 Sportsfield Relocation and Upgrade and new Fitness Circuit works.

Park Maintenance - The sportsfield is highly susceptible to wear due to its use levels (in winter) and the limitations of its soil, drainage, and water table regime. The PoM/Masterplan looks at strategies to improve soil conditions, to provide subsoil drainage, to upgrade irrigation systems and to investigate whether a different turf type would be most effective.

Park Furniture and Lighting - Both pedestrian and sportsfield lighting were identified as issues to be addressed in future. Better lighting at Park entrances and along the path across the foreshore is needed, and, when the playing field is 'shifted' west, away from the foreshore, the sportsfield lighting may require modification. Consultation identified that the community were keen to see facilities for all age groups in the park, and locations for fitness equipment are considered in the PoM/Masterplan.

Organised Sports - The main issue of concern is the poor condition of the sports field in winter, and proposals in the PoM/Masterplan relate to how this can be rectified by upgrading the subsoil, drainage and irrigation, by investigating more appropriate turf species and by using the field for less than the maximum 32 hours a week. The PoM/Masterplan notes that Council has introduced reduced hours per week of field use in winter in an effort to reduce sportsfield wear and tear.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

DETAIL

The sustainability implications were considered and reported on during the initiation phase of this project.

Earlier this year Council submitted an application for grant funding through the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund 2020/21 (GCSF) for Anderson Park Masterplan Implementation: Stage 2 Sportsfield Relocation and Upgrade and new Fitness Circuit. Council was successful in its application receiving \$782,062.50 of grant funding to go towards this project.

The Anderson Park Masterplan Stage 2- Sportsfield Upgrade and New Fitness Circuit project addressed all three key objectives of the GCSF

1. OBJECTIVE: Increase the number and type of sporting facilities:

- The project will deliver a new outdoor fitness training opportunity with the provision of three fitness equipment nodes around the park. A minimum of 3 pieces of equipment are proposed for each node.
- The new three node fitness equipment circuit can be used to support training activities associated with many sporting activities.
- In addition, this facility is free for community use increasing the activation opportunities around the curtilage of the existing sports ground.

2. OBJECTIVE: Increase the standard of existing sporting facilities

- The project achieves this objective by relocating and upgrading the entire sportsfield and associated lighting of Anderson Park.
- Improvements to the quality of the subsurface as well as installation of more reliable irrigation systems which utilise current technologies to regulate water quantity and distribution are proposed. The installation of a single species turfed surface will increase the standard of the current playing surface.
- Upgrades to the lighting also increase the standard of the sporting facility by improving the night-time/low light quality to meet current standards.

3. OBJECTIVE: Increase participation in sport

The project addresses this criterion in two ways:

- improvements to the quality of the turf playing surface will increase the available hours of use from 25hrs/week to 32hrs/week.
- by including additional training facilities in the form of the outdoor fitness nodes, community members as well as sporting groups can train free of charge. This creates improvements in general fitness and may help overcome individual reluctance to participate in organised sport.

Stage 2 Project Works: Anderson Park Masterplan

Item	Description	Timeline
	Design& Documentation	
A	survey, design, documentation and Review of Environmental Effects (REF)	July to October 2021
	Project Management (council)	July 2021 to July 2022
B	project management	
	Construction (contractor)	November 2021 to July 2022
C	Field Relocation and Lighting Upgrade	
c1	site preparation	November 2021
c2	earthworks (cultivation, laser grading, final surface prep for turf	
c3	subsoil remediation	
c4	piped surface drainage (including mains, laterals, and collectors)	December 2021
c5	new concrete wicket and synthetic cover	
c6	new LED Sportsfield lighting	
c7	new irrigation	
c8	stormwater connection (Forsyth to Anderson Park)	
c9	new single species turf installation (Couch)	February 2022
c10	turf establishment	February – July 2022
D	Fitness Circuit	
d1	supply/install 3 fitness nodes (approx. 18 stations total)	
d2	safety under surfacing to each fitness hub	
	Project Total - \$1,042,750.00	
	GCSF Grant - \$782,062.50	
	Council Contribution (25%) - \$260,687.50	