



Sport and Recreation Reference Group

Report SR03 - 10 November 2020

Attachments:
Report from 20 May 2019
- Forsyth Park Proposal to Construct Practice Cricket Nets

SUBJECT: Additional Cricket Practice Nets

AUTHOR: David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

ENDORSED BY: Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents information on potential areas for additional Cricket Practice Nets across the Local Government Area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no current funding allocation for the installation of additional Cricket Practice Nets.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Additional Cricket Practice Nets report be received.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 1. Our Living Environment

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

BACKGROUND

As part of North Sydney Council's Recreational Needs Study one of the key strategies and actions is to:

- Progressively upgrade the quality and carrying capacity of sports facilities and supporting infrastructure to meet current standards.

Through the Sport & Recreation Reference Group meeting discussions and the Recreational Needs Study, cricket practice nets have been identified as a facility that is currently very limited in number and in high demand within the North Sydney Local Government Area.

A report was presented to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group meeting held on 20 May 2019 that outlined the possible location of a dual lane Cricket Net facility at Forsyth Park. At this meeting it was resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the report in relation to the Forsyth Park Proposal to construct Practice Cricket Nets be received.

At the Sport and Recreation Reference Group meeting held on 27 April 2020, Cameron Herbert requested an update in relation to the proposal to construct practice cricket nets at Forsyth Park

The Director Open Space & Environmental Services advised that the proposal would be unlikely to proceed due to noise concerns in the community surrounding the park. At this meeting it was resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council investigate locations for additional practice cricket nets and provide a further report to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

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

DETAIL

North Sydney Council has several Cricket Practice Net facilities across the LGA both of Synthetic and Turf types. Below is an inventory of those facilities:

Sportsfield Inventory - Cricket Nets		
Sportsfield	Wicket type	Number of Wickets
Primrose Park	Synthetic	2
Tunks Park		Nil
Anderson Park	Synthetic	1
Waverton Park		Nil
Cammeray Oval		Nil
Forsyth Park 1		Nil
Forsyth Park 2		Nil
North Sydney oval		Nil
Bon Andrews Oval	Turf	18
St Leonard's Park	Synthetic	2

With limited Open Space around the existing Sportsfields there are limited opportunities that would allow a dual Cricket Practice Net facility to be installed.

Potential Sites

Primrose Park

Primrose Park has a dual facility already that was upgraded in 2018 from a single net to the current double. The only option to add further facilities here would be to run a new double net facility behind the existing 2 nets. There is enough room on-site to do this without disrupting access and egress. There is an Ausgrid street light that would need to be relocated as well as a small tree that may need to be removed. The picture below indicates its potential location.



Tunks Park

Options have previously been explored at Tunks Park through both the Sport and Recreation Reference Group and the Tunks Park Masterplan process. Whilst there are favourable positions at Tunks Park, the idea was not popular with the local community. Consequently there was no provision within the Masterplan for a Cricket Practice facility to be installed.

Anderson Park

Anderson Park currently houses one single Practice Net. Anderson Park formerly provided two cricket nets but this was reduced to one when the new amenities block was built in 2015. In addition, the building works resulted in the existing net being located partially behind the new building in a shaded corridor.

The community consultation process identified that the positioning of the current net is not ideal with the batting area being dark and isolated behind the amenities building. Also, consultation identified that there was Cricket Club and some community interest in a second cricket net being available on the basis that it was used informally by children and families and this was seen as a positive activity in the park.

There is no allocation for additional Cricket Practice Nets to be installed at Anderson Park within the current Plan of Management for the site. Action 7.3 in the Plan of Management states “Anderson Park Sportsground is not a “cricket only” facility. This POM does not recommend an additional cricket net within Anderson Park. However, the existing cricket net is recommended to be upgraded to be less isolated behind the building and with an improved approach.”

The only option to add further facilities here would be to run a new double net facility along the southern side of the ground as indicated below:





Forsyth Park

As per the attached report there is room on the Western side of Forsyth Park #2 for a dual Cricket Practice Net facility.



Waverton Bowling Club

Dependent on the outcome of Council being able to acquire the site for future recreational purposes, there is the potential to have a multi-lane Cricket Practice Net facility within this site. Repurposing one of the existing bowling greens could see a multi-sport facility that could house Cricket Nets in summer, Netball, Basketball, Futsal, Tennis and possibly even Hockey facilities during the Winter season.



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Report SR04 - 20 May 2019

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Nil

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ENDORSED BY: Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the possible location of a dual lane Cricket Net facility at Forsyth Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No funding has been allocated to this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report in relation to the Forsyth Park Proposal to Construct Practice Cricket Nets be received.

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CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement will need to be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol if the proposal was to advance.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications are of a minor nature and did not warrant a detailed assessment.

DETAIL

There is a potential opportunity at Forsyth Park to install a dual lane facility similar to that of the new one installed at Primrose Park. The current location of the Long Jump pit at Forsyth Park is of suitable size in area to accommodate this type of facility. Diagram 1 and the photos below show the current location of the Long Jump pit.

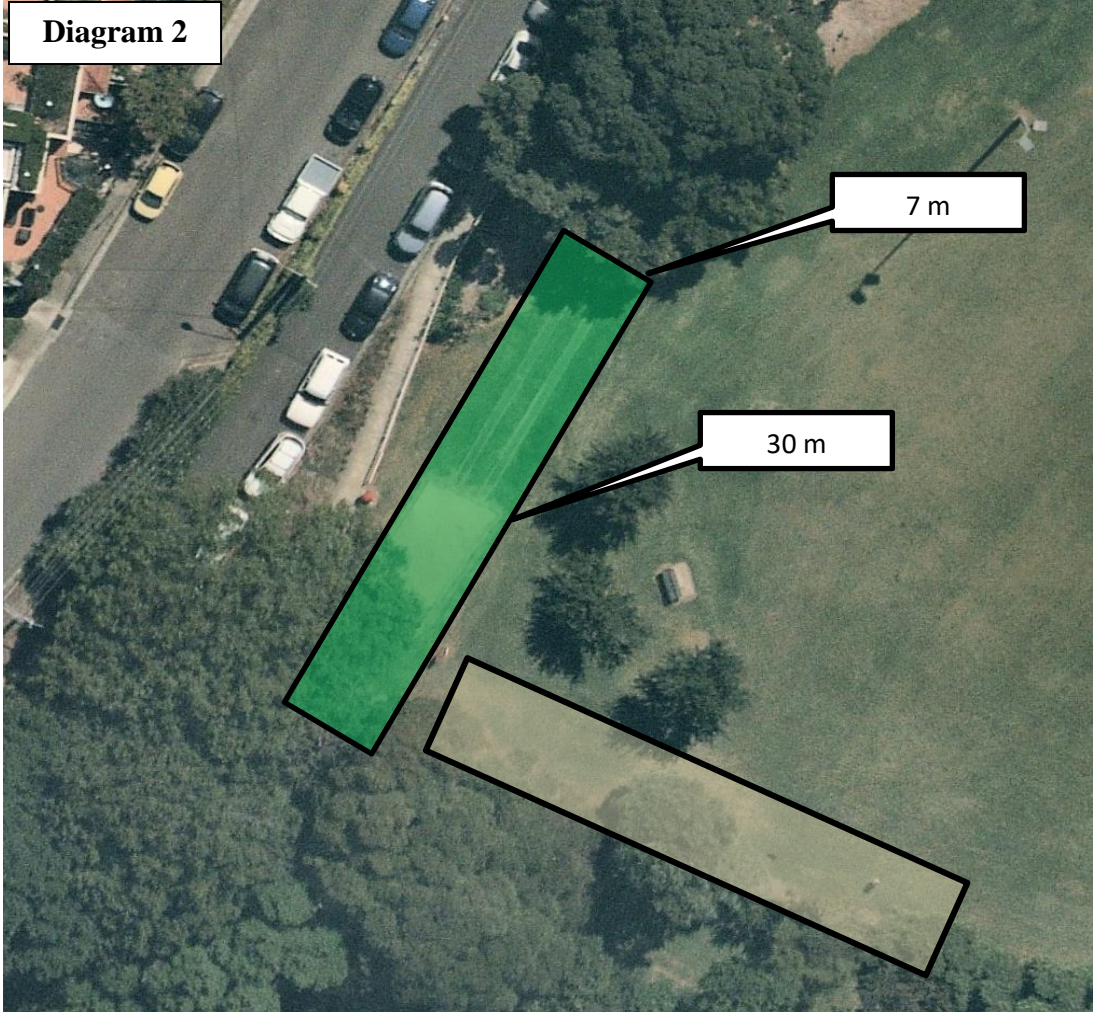
Diagram 1



The table below shows bookings received for the use of the Long Jump pit over the past 3 years:

Daily Resource Schedule		
Date	Resource Name	Client Name
Fri 03-Feb-17	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	Loreto PDHPE
Fri 17-Feb-17	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	Loreto PDHPE
Fri 03-Mar-17	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	Loreto PDHPE
Fri 17-Mar-17	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	Loreto PDHPE
Mon 22-May-17	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	St Aloysius College-Senior
Tue 10-Apr-18	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	Wenona School Limited
Mon 21-May-18	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	St Aloysius College-Junior
Mon 20-May-19	Forsyth Park Long Jump Pit	St Aloysius College-Junior

If there are concerns regarding the removal of the pit it is possible to relocate it to run in an East-West direction at the Southern end of Oval #2. This is indicated in diagram 2 below:



Potential Cricket Wicket location
 Potential relocation of Long Jump Pit

Construction – Cricket Nets

- Excavate to desired levels and dispose of Spoil (including Long Jump Pit);
- Install new concrete slab 30m long x 7m wide;
- Supply and install synthetic grass to top of slab; and
- Supply and install fully enclosed Cricket Netting system.

Estimated Cost - \$200,000 + GST

Construction – Long Jump Pit

- Excavate to desired levels and dispose of Spoil;
- Install 2 x new concrete run ups with synthetic grass;
- Supply and install treated pine sleeper pit; and
- Supply and install sand.

Estimated Cost - \$25,000 + GST

It is anticipated that a proposal to construct cricket practice wickets would reduce the current unmet community demand for this type of facility. However, a comprehensive community consultation process would need to be undertaken with adjoining neighbours as it is anticipated there would be some concerns regarding potential noise, traffic, parking and aesthetic impacts.
