

Appendix 2

Alternative Training Venues (refer to Appendix 2.1 – 2.7)

City Officers have approached a number of schools and other City managed public open spaces to discuss the use of the facilities to accommodate junior sport with mostly positive feedback. Discussions have revolved around the availability and suitability to junior community sport, without going into minute detail regarding cost or set dates. This is anticipated to occur subsequent to Council and community stakeholder consultation being completed regarding the Draft Sporting Futures Report. Initial consultation with the GNJFL has indicated an opposition to the idea due to concerns about dimensions, amenities, security and proximity.

Please refer to the attached alternative venues that may be available to host junior football training.

Derna Parade

(refer to Appendix 2.2)

This facility is currently being established as a joint project between the City of Geraldton-Greenough and the Education Department for public use in the Seacrest area. The ground is of sufficient size and is available for use in the winter months for junior sporting groups. Once complete, most amenities will be available (shade, toilets) to host junior sport up to the age of 10-12 years.



Muir Park

(refer to Appendix 2.4)

This facility was originally established as a joint project between the Shire of Greenough and the Strathalbyn Christian College. It was jointly funded by these two parties and the Department of Sport and Recreation. The objective was to make more efficient use of public open space at a lower cost to ratepayers.

In 2007, the Bluff Point Cricket Club relocated to this reserve to make use of the newly installed turf cricket pitch. The ground is of sufficient size and is available for use in the winter months for junior sporting groups. While most amenities are currently available (shade, toilets, skate park), there will be a need to install other sporting equipment (ie goal posts and storage areas) to make this option viable for other types of training.



Spalding Park Cricket Oval

(refer to Appendix 2.5)

This facility was originally established a number of years ago to accommodate junior cricket, as well as providing public open space. The space is of sufficient size and has basic amenities to accommodate a variety of junior sports throughout the year, subject to some minor capital works being undertaken (fencing, turf maintenance and synthetic turf covering).



Partnering with Schools

Preliminary discussions have been held with a number of schools regarding possible use of their facilities by community groups. The possible sites which could accommodate junior sport include:

- Geraldton Senior College (*refer to Appendix 2.3*);
- Bluff Point Camp School (*refer to Appendix 2.1*); and
- St Patrick's College (*refer to Appendix 2.6*).

There are other options that could be viable as alternative training venues depending on ground requirements in addition to those already stated above. These will be investigated if required at a future date.