

Council Policy
CP048
Sporting Futures

Officer	Manager Infrastructure Planning & Design	Owner	Director Community Infrastructure
Review frequency	Biannually	Next review	2014
Council resolution number and date			
Mayor		Chief Executive Officer	

OBJECTIVE

To create a structured long term approach to the sporting and recreational needs for the community of City of Greater Geraldton.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Sporting and Recreation needs, which play a vital role in community social life.

The City values an active sporting and recreation life in the community and supports the planning, development and maintenance of both specific facilities and public open spaces to create an active community.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Sporting Futures Report prepared by the City of Greater Geraldton and attached to this Policy.

DEFINITIONS

City means the City of Greater Geraldton.

Council means the council of the City of Greater Geraldton.

Councillor means a person who holds the office of councillor on the Council.

Mayor means the mayor elected by electors of the district of the City of Greater Geraldton.

CEO means the chief executive officer of the City.

Asset - A physical component of a facility which has value, enables a service to be provided and has an economic life of greater than 12 months.

Employee means a person employed by the City under section 5.36 of the LGA.

Local government property means anything, whether land or not, that belongs to, or is vested in, or under the care, control or management of the City.

Maintenance - All actions necessary for retaining an asset as near as practicable to its original condition, but excluding rehabilitation or renewal.

Association includes society, club, institution or body.

Incorporated association means an association incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1957*.

CSRFF means the Community Sports recreation Facilities Funds administered by the WA State Department of Sport & Recreation.

POLICY

The Fundamental Principles are that:

- Recommendations in this report are not binding or funded by Council at this time;
- Every recommendation in this report is subject to annual budget process and the long-term financial plan, in accordance with the Financial Sustainability Policy;
- No club or association will be worse off financially or in terms of facilities through the delivery of the program;
- Sharing and maximising of facilities will be encouraged and facilitated to ensure financial sustainability and enhance prospects of State and Commonwealth funding;
- The management and operation of facilities is to be through ground management committees based on the users of those facilities;
- Sustainability of assets will be fundamental to all sporting facility planning. This will require clubs to commit to, and demonstrate, appropriate planning for funding of maintenance and renewal.

The Fundamental Objectives:

- More efficient use of resources;
- Financial sustainability – better economies of scale;
- Opportunity for smaller and developing sports – not every club can have and afford its own facilities;
- Reduces the cost to members/users;
- Requirement of funding from the Department of Sport & Recreation;
- Obtain a higher standard of facilities for the same or at lower cost;
- Decreases pressure on Council resources to maintain, contribute to and construct/renew facilities that are sport specific;
- Minimise the construction of facilities that are not used to maximum capacity;
- Avoid, where possible, duplication of facilities; and
- Reduce the burden on clubs struggling to maintain existing facilities.

Prioritisation

All sporting needs to be assessed annually in Sporting Futures report for a consolidated prioritisation each year.

The assessment process will be coordinated by the Recreational Planner within the Department of Community Infrastructure. All assessments will include review and input from Manager Management Accounting and the Manager community Development (in conjunction with the Sports Club Development Officer).

Annual Schedule:

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| • Expressions of Interest from Sporting Groups | March |
| • Review of all EOI's and prioritisation (Report to Council) | May |

- DSR/CSRFF Applications Submitted September
- DSR/CSRFF Successful Funding Announcements March

Current priorities for 2013/14 are attached to this policy - see Schedule A.

Key Recommendations

The City shall consider the following principles in assessing applications for funding through CSRFF (or other grants):-

1. All applications are based on the principle of 1/3rd applicant; 1/3rd City and 1/3rd CSRFF;
2. The City will only match the total funding provided by the State Government. If the amount provided by the State on final decision is lesser than the applied amount, then the City will reduce its contribution accordingly;
3. Priority will be given to applications for new and upgraded infrastructure and facilities as opposed to replacing existing infrastructure and facilities; AND
4. All applications will be required to demonstrate they have considered and have the capacity to fund the replacement/renewal of the asset or facility being applied for.

Regional Facilities

Where a facility is deemed to have a Regional function the requirement for matching funds is varied so as to not require a matching fund from the applicant / user group.

The current defined exemptions include:-

1. Wonthella Oval lights (250lux);
2. Wonthella Multiuse Indoor Stadium; and
3. Skate Parks.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION/REFERENCES

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the City's Sporting Futures Report 2013.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director Community Infrastructure is responsible for implementing this Policy.

It is the responsibility of all employees that they observe the highest standards of ethics and integrity and act in an honest and professional manner that supports the standing of the City of Greater Geraldton.

		Priority	Estimated Capital Cost (Indicative Only) (2013 Value)	Current Annual Costs	Additional Annual Costs
1	Eadon Clarke Sporting Complex – Stages 1 & 2	Stage 1 Delivered Stage 2 will complete in June 2013	\$3,206,619	\$260,000	\$50,000
2	Aquarena Refurbishment Stage 1	Underway to be completed by March 2013	\$2,100,000	\$950,000	0
3	Wonthella Skate Park Extension	Underway to be completed in 2013 / 2014 financial year	\$600,000	N/A	N/A
4	Aquarena Refurbishment Stage 2	Underway to current funding levels (\$500,000) High priority for remaining work (\$1,200,000)	\$1,700,000		
5	Southern Districts Sporting Facility Stage 1 (linked to Olive St Development)	High	\$8,925,000	N/A	\$330,000
6	Southern Districts Sporting Facility Stage 2 (linked to Greenough Oval Land Development)	High	\$4,000,000	\$75,000	\$160,000
7	Wonthella Oval Development– Lights Only – 250lux Stage 1 Option A Wonthella Oval Development– Lights Only – 500lux Stage 1 Option B	High	\$687,500 OR \$1,200,000	\$250,000 OR \$250,000	\$25,000 OR \$50,000
8	Sportsman’s Cricket Club Practice Nets Relocation	High	\$80,000	N/A	N/A
9	Spalding Park Horse and Pony Club Relocation	High	\$300,000	N/A	N/A
10	Wonthella Community Sports Centre – Stage 1 Option A or B	High	\$34,000,000	N/A	\$2,250,000
11	Eadon Clarke Sporting Complex – Stage 3a	High	\$1,000,000	N/A	\$40,000
12	Wonthella Oval – Club House Minor Refurbishment - Stage 2	High	\$1,000,000	N/A	\$245,000
13	Mullewa Bowling Club Shade	High	TBC	TBC	TBC
14	Geraldton Bowling Club – Stage 1(includes alleviating sewerage, flooding and security issues)	High	TBC	N/A	N/A

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15	Eighth Street Precinct Access Core	Medium	\$1,165,000	N/A	\$50,000
16	Moonyoonooka Sports Precinct - Redevelop and seal Bernie Clune Drive	Medium	\$500,000	N/A	\$20,000
17	Mullewa Rodeo Facility	Medium	TBC	N/A	N/A
18	Alexander Park - Expansion	Medium	\$1,000,000	\$160,000	\$40,000
19	Flores Road Sporting Precinct (Utakarra Ball Park Relocation)	Medium	\$2,500,000	\$70,000	\$50,000
20	Geraldton Hockey Association – Stadium 2 Returf	Medium	\$390,000	TBC	TBC
21	Geraldton Croquet Club – Potential Relocation	Medium	TBC	N/A	N/A
22	Mullewa Sports Facilities – Bowling & Tennis synthetic courts replacement	Medium	TBC	TBC	TBC
23	Geraldton Bowling Club – Stage 2 (includes improved active recreation space and club house)	Medium	\$4,725,000	N/A	\$100,000
24	Wonthella Community Sports Centre Option A or B (Sports arena/Show court) Stage 2	Low	\$12,400,000	N/A	\$400,000
25	Wonthella Oval Stage 3 (stadium redevelopment)	Low	\$8,000,000		\$320,000
26	Eadon Clarke Sporting Complex – Stage 3b	Low	\$4,000,000	N/A	\$160,000
27	Northern Districts Sporting Facility	Low	\$10,000,000	N/A	\$330,000
28	Southern Districts Sporting Facility - Stage 3	Low	\$6,000,000	N/A	\$240,000
29	Moonyoonooka Sports Precinct – Potential for the Geraldton Motocross Club to voluntarily relocate to the Moonyoonooka Sports Precinct	Low	TBC	N/A	N/A
30	Geraldton Community Recreation Ground – Stages 2-5	Not Considered a Priority	\$5,300,000	\$160,000	\$100,000
EOI	La Fiamma Sporting Club New Floodlights + Upgrading existing Structural + Synthetic Soccer Pitch	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC

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EOI	Spalding Park Golf Club Additional Holes of Golf Courts with Other Facilities.	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Geraldton Netball Association Floor Replacing	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Tarcoola Park Tennis Club New Courts with Other Facilities + Improve Court Lights	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Geraldton Turf Club development to reach a Tier 2 level accreditation	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Geraldton Golf Club – Additional minimum 9 to 18 holes of golf (approximately 175 acres) and other sporting facilities	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Spalding Park Tennis Club – Lighting upgrade + Toilet & Showers upgrade + windbreaker installation	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Walkaway Sports & Recreation Precinct - repair and/or upgrade Walkaway Sports + Recreation Precinct (including upgrades to security and court surface)	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Woorree Park Precinct – BMX Track Upgrade / Relocation	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
EOI	Geraldton Tennis Club Floodlighting – Linked to Eighth Street Precinct Access Core	Yet to be determined. Awaiting further information e.g. feasibility studies, costings and business case.	TBC	TBC	TBC
TOTAL			\$114,091,619	\$1,925,000	\$4,935,000

Proposed Sporting Development Priorities

1. The above list only details infrastructure projects, not investigations or reports.
2. The costing in the table above includes only the capital requirements for the new development, current annual operational costs if known and projected increases to annual operational costs if the proposed expansion is progressed.
3. Annual costs includes maintenance, operating and depreciation
4. EOI (Expression of Interest). More detailed information required before this project can be assessed and prioritized.