



Geraldton Basketball Association

# City of Greater Geraldton

## Draft Sporting Futures

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**The Board of Directors of the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (GABA) would like to submit to the City of Greater Geraldton the following responses in respect to the Sporting Futures Report.**


1. That the GABA seeks to renew their existing lease with the City of Greater Geraldton at the current location in Eighth Street Wonthella for a further 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 years as per Page 11 of the Sporting Futures Report.
2. The GABA has and will continue to maintain investment in improving the standard of the stadium at the current location in Eighth Street Wonthella with expenditure of approximately \$100,000 in the 2012 / 2013 financial year either already undertaken or scheduled.
3. That the GABA intends on investing in the development of a further 2 to 4 outdoor courts at the current location in Eighth Street Wonthella prior to the commencement of the 2013 / 2014 season. This has been costed at approximately \$100,000 and will be self-funded by the GABA. This takes the total number of courts from 3 to between 5 and 7 at the current location. This investment, together with the development of a new court facility at Nagle Catholic College, will provide the community with between 6 and 8 courts suitable for playing and training purposes.
4. The GABA Board will explore funding options to, at a later stage, cover the new outdoor courts and develop a larger indoor complex with up to 7 courts. We do not agree with the Sporting Futures Report assertion on Page 29 that the cost of this development would be closer to \$20 million. The GABA would work towards a project budget of between \$9 and \$12million.
5. In respect to the recommendations made by AECOM on Page 30 of the Sporting Futures Report, the GABA's Board is addressing the need to develop a design that embraces a multisport design, develop a 5 Year business plan, ensure all members of the Board and the basketball stakeholders have a clear understanding of the plan and it's requirements including a plan to manage core Basketball Infrastructure. The GABA is also identifying partnership support for a Stadium redevelopment Plan whilst identifying and implementing Key Performance Areas (KPA's).

6. Broadly, we support the concept of a Multi-Use Indoor Sports Stadium as detailed on Page 11 of the Sporting Futures Report as a secondary or overflow facility for basketball in respect to additional court space for training purposes.
7. We do not support the introduction of a new facility if, to sustain the cost of its operations, it would look to host competitive leagues / clubs in opposition to the GABA's summer and winter competitions. This would potentially leave the GABA worse off financially, which is counter to the Fundamental Principles of the Sporting Futures Report as stipulated on Page 17 of the report.
8. We do not support the introduction of a new facility if it is designed to be a jointly managed facility for basketball, netball and badminton as a replacement for the existing basketball stadium location in Eighth Street Wonthella. As per recommendation 3 on Page 39, our position is to "Retain the existing basketball stadium and seek a long term lease (in accordance with the leasing policy) with an option to relocate as part of the new multi-use stadium should it eventuate.
9. In respect to Stage 2, development of a show court facility extension for basketball and netball, we reserve comment in respect to the detail and timing of this component of the Sporting Futures Report given it is listed in the medium to long term and hence under the definition 5 to 10 years away from being a likely development. A significant concern is whether a shared facility compromises the financial viability of the state league representative team in respect to the unknown impact on the revenue drivers that sustain this entity.
10. We do not make any representation as to how any of the proposals and recommendations listed in the Sporting Futures Report affects any other sports operating in the Mid West region.

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