



**FUTURE DIRECTIONS & NEEDS STUDY  
FOR SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL CLUBS 2006**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Current and Future Trends Relating to Sporting and Recreation Clubs in the City of South Perth.**
  - 1.1 That Council only provides basic multipurpose pavilion facilities on district active reserves and that the design of these facilities be limited to include: toilets, four change rooms, an equipment store room, a kitchen-kiosk, a social-meeting room and shaded spectator seating.
  - 1.2 That Council manages district pavilion facilities assuming responsibility for coordinating usage, building maintenance (including cleaning) and operating costs.
  - 1.3 That Council makes district pavilion facilities available to sporting clubs via seasonal hire agreements.
  - 1.4 That Council includes access to toilet change rooms within district pavilion facilities with reserve bookings.
  - 1.5 That Council makes regional pavilion facilities available to sporting clubs through either a lease or licence agreement and that where appropriate overarching sports associations be established to manage the facilities.
  - 1.6 That Council adopts a proactive approach to providing support services to sporting clubs and implements an integrated program similar to the City of Stirling's 'Club Forever' scheme.
  - 1.7 That Council investigates the viability of incorporating a volunteer resource centre within the planned redevelopment of the Civic Centre halls.
  
- 2. Optimising Usage for Sport and Recreation Facilities**
  - 2.1 That in the medium term, Council investigates options for improving the internal layout of Morris Mundy Pavilion to enable increased use by playgroups and other non-sporting community organisations.
  - 2.2 That Council replaces the current lease arrangement with Kensington Cricket Club with a seasonal hire agreement.
  - 2.3 That, in the short term and as an interim measure, Council undertakes repairs at Collier Reserve Pavilion to accommodate the basic needs of the WA Gaelic Athletic Association, subject to a commitment from the WA Gaelic Athletic Association to continue to use Collier Reserve Pavilion via a seasonal hire agreement.
  - 2.4 That the need for and future function of the Collier Reserve Pavilion be determined subject to the outcome of the Bill Grayden Pavilion Feasibility Study (see recommendation 2.2.20).
  - 2.5 That in the short term, Council works with the committee of the South Perth United Football Club to facilitate a decision to relocate either the seniors or the whole club to an alternative ground.
  - 2.6 That in the medium term, Council upgrade the Challenger Reserve Pavilion. The works to include renovation of the two existing change rooms, provision of two new change rooms, modernisation of the kitchen/ kiosk, renovation of the function room, provision of additional storage facilities, and improved building security.

- 2.7 That subject to the outcome of recommendation 2.2.5, Council replaces the current lease arrangement with South Perth United Football Club with a seasonal hire agreement.
- 2.8 That in the short term, Council facilitates negotiations between the South Perth United Football Club and the Manning Bowling Club to determine the potential for acceptable management and cost-sharing arrangements in relation to the Football Club sharing use of the Bowling Club's function facilities.
- 2.9 That in the medium term Council upgrade the James Miller Pavilion. The works to include renovation of the two existing change rooms, provision of two new change rooms, renovation of the function room, repairs and upgrading of electrical wiring and plumbing systems, provision of additional storage facilities, and improved building security.
- 2.10 That Council's plans to provide new multipurpose community facilities on the Bradshaw Crescent site be *district* in scale and designed to complement the regional facilities to be provided at the nearby George Burnett Leisure Centre.
- 2.11 That in the short term, planning for the upgrading of the James Miller Pavilion and the development of a district community facility on the Bradshaw Crescent site be undertaken concurrently to ensure these two facilities are complementary.
- 2.12 That Council forms a short term reference group with representatives of the Manning Rippers Football Club, users of Manning Hall and the Manning Primary School to provide input into the upgrading of the James Miller Pavilion and the development of a new district community facility at the Bradshaw Crescent site.
- 2.13 That Council replaces the current lease arrangement with Manning Rippers Football Club with a seasonal hire agreement.
- 2.14 That in the short term, Council enters into negotiation with Manning Primary School to enable community use of the school oval and encourage school use of the proposed community facilities (i.e. upgraded James Miller Pavilion and the District community facility at Bradshaw Crescent).
- 2.15 That Council works with the South Perth Junior Cricket Club to investigate options to provide a shade structure in close proximity to the cricket pitch on George Burnett Park.
- 2.16 That, in the long term, Council works with the South Perth Rugby League Football Club and the Southern Districts Touch Association to investigate the viability and benefits of establishing an overarching sports association to lease/ manage the George Burnett Pavilion.
- 2.17 That Council supports the proposal put forward by the Southern Districts Touch Association to develop female change rooms and a new office with meeting facilities at the George Burnett Pavilion.
- 2.18 That Council modifies the entrance to the existing change rooms at the George Burnett Pavilion to enable injured players to be brought through on a stretcher.
- 2.19 That, in the long term, Council investigates the need for floodlighting along the access road to the George Burnett Pavilion.
- 2.20 That in the short term, Council undertakes a feasibility study to investigate the viability of extending and upgrading the Bill Grayden Pavilion to provide a regional shared-use pavilion facility and that the study include an investigation of the benefits of establishing an overarching sports association to lease-manage the improved facilities.
- 2.21 That Council forms a short term reference group with representatives of the Trinity Aquinas Amateur Football Club, the South Perth Baseball Club, the WA Gaelic Athletic Association and Wesley College to provide input into the Bill Grayden Pavilion feasibility study.
- 2.22 That, in the short term and as an interim measure, Council upgrades the toilets-change rooms and provide additional storage facilities at the Ernest Johnson Pavilion.
- 2.23 That, in the medium term, Council undertakes a feasibility study to investigate the viability of either upgrading, extending or redeveloping the Ernest Johnson Pavilion to provide a regional shared-use pavilion facility, and that the study include an investigation of the benefits of establishing an overarching sports association to lease-manage the improved facilities.
- 2.24 That Council forms a short term reference group with representatives of the WAFC Umpires Association, the South Perth Junior Football Club, the South Perth Little Athletics Club, the South Perth Junior Cricket Club, the South Perth Cricket Club, the Como Bowling and Recreation Club, and the scout and guide groups to provide input into the Ernest Johnson Pavilion feasibility study.

- 2.25 That planning for the upgrading, extending or redevelopment of the Ernest Johnson Pavilion and the redevelopment of the South Perth Library and Civic Centre Halls be undertaken concurrently to ensure these projects are complementary and avoid duplication of facilities.
- 2.26 That, in the short term, Council undertakes a feasibility study to investigate the viability of renovating and upgrading the WCG Thomas Pavilion to provide:
- (a) a regional shared-use pavilion facility, or
  - (b) a modern multipurpose sporting and function facility not dissimilar to the Tomkins Park model in the City of Melville.
- 2.27 That the WCG Thomas Pavilion Feasibility Study includes an investigation of the benefits of establishing an overarching sports association to lease-manage the improved facilities.
- 2.28 That Council forms a short term reference group with representatives of WASP's Hockey Club, the South Perth Women's Hockey Club, the South Perth Cricket Club, the WA Hockey Association, the WA Cricket Association, and the Department of Sport and Recreation to provide input into the WCG Thomas Pavilion Feasibility Study.
- 2.29 That in the long term, Council investigates the potential to create a viable community hub at Murray and Thelma Streets by extending Murray Street to connect with Henley Street and facilitating the development of a neighbourhood shopping centre.
- 2.30 That Council works with the South Perth Lawn Tennis Club to assist with the preparation of a CSRFF application for three hard courts with floodlights.
- 2.31 That Council supports the establishment of a three-year old kindy program at the South Perth Lawn Tennis Club.
- 2.32 That Council supports the Hensman Park Tennis Club's CSRFF application to convert three grass courts to hard courts.
- 2.33 That Council installs security lighting at the Manning Tennis Club car park.
- 2.34 That Council transfers the lease of the Kensington Tennis Club courts to the Manning Tennis Club.
- 2.35 That Council consults with the Manning Tennis Club at the time of planning the new multipurpose community facilities at Bradshaw Crescent to identify the need for built amenities.
- 2.36 That in the short to medium term Council continues to support the operation of the Como Croquet Club at the Comer Reserve site.
- 2.37 That Council provides 'in principle' support for the South Perth Bowling Club's proposal to develop a bowling museum within its clubroom facilities.
- 2.38 That, in the short term, Council assists the Como Bowling and Recreation Club to upgrade the electrical system within the clubrooms to ensure the safety of its members.
- 2.39 That, in the medium term, Council considers the needs of the Como Bowling and Recreation Club within the scope of the Ernest Johnson Pavilion Feasibility Study, and the redevelopment of the Civic Centre Halls.
- 2.40 That Council includes the installation of 'crim mesh' and security lighting in all proposed sport and recreation facility redevelopment projects.
- 2.41 That Council follows up the South City Boxing Club to confirm their future facility requirements and to ascertain if they can be accommodated within any of the proposed facility developments.

**3. Policy and Management Practice Framework**

- 3.1 That Council adopts a policy framework for the provision of sport and recreation club buildings that recognises three categories of facilities. These are district shared-use sporting pavilions, regional shared-use sporting pavilions and exclusive use sporting clubrooms.
- 3.2 That Council develops two standard lease agreements, one for regional shared-use pavilions and one for exclusive use sporting clubrooms.
- 3.3 That Council makes district shared-use pavilion buildings available through seasonal and casual hire agreements.
- 3.4 That Council's lease fees for sport and recreation club buildings be based on a percentage of the insured (replacement) value of the building (suggest between 0.05% and 0.1%).
- 3.5 That Council implements a 'no-fee' policy in relation to junior sporting clubs using Council's active reserves and pavilion buildings.
- 3.6 That clubs/associations leasing sporting facilities, that can demonstrate broader community use be eligible for a rebate against their lease fee.
- 3.7 That clubs/associations borrowing funds to undertake capital improvements to Council sporting facilities be eligible for a rebate against their lease fee.
- 3.8 That Council insures all its own buildings, and in the case of leased buildings, passes on a portion of the premium cost to the leasing club/association.
- 3.9 That Council requires all clubs holding seasonal hire agreements or leases for Council sporting pavilions or clubrooms to complete and submit an annual return form.
- 3.10 That Council's Community Culture and Recreation Department be responsible for the management of all Council pavilions and sporting clubrooms.
- 3.11 That Council adopts a proactive approach to the management of all district shared-use pavilion buildings that includes coordination of bookings/usage, activating/programming, liaising with and supporting user clubs, and coordinating building maintenance, cleaning and security.
- 3.12 That Council employs a project officer to take carriage of all proposed sport and recreation facility projects.
- 3.13 That Council acknowledges the vital role of sport and recreation clubs in developing social capital and local community networks, and encourages sport and recreation clubs to implement community development initiatives that will strengthen linkages and relationships with the broader community.

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