McLean Oval Redevelopment Project

The Shire of Denmark would like to advise the community of the upcoming redevelopment of McLean Oval. Works are scheduled to start during October 2018. This project has been identified in the recently advertised Shire of Denmark Sport & Recreation Master Plan and has attracted significant funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Background

The McLean Oval playing surface has demonstrated increasing signs of stress due to an increase in participation and poor drainage which came to a head in 2016 with the western side of the oval deemed unplayable. This has all contributed to the main sporting green field playing surface not catering for the needs of the community. The oval is a basic provision for sport and recreation in the Shire of Denmark and currently it does not meet its fit for purpose requirements.

The redevelopment of McLean Oval will benefit the community by:

- Enabling the return of Australian Rules football and soccer team matches to the oval and retaining cricket, athletics, touch rugby and social users at the venue;
- Providing a safe and usable playing surface which will withstand wear and tear caused by training and matches year round especially during the wet winter months;
- Providing a venue for junior sports development, clinics and specialised training to support local sports;
- Supporting the surrounding infrastructure in the McLean Park precinct such as clubrooms and change rooms, oval lighting, a Recreation Centre, car parking, community bbq and viewing areas; and

The proposed timeline for the works aims to have the oval ready for next seasons winter sports season commencing April 2019.

Scope of Works

The works to be completed include;

- Design & construct oval with 1 degree fall measuring 175m long and 130m wide plus 5 metre run off for safety purposes,
- Install subsoil drainage lines and reticulation acrosss the full oval,
- Move 2 x light towers to accommodate the increased width of the oval,
- Remove part of ring road on the eastern side to accommodate for increased oval space,
- Reposition Cricket nets and include additional jumps area for Athletics,
- **▶** Fence perimeter of playing surface for safety and oval protection.

This redevelopment will provide the community with an upgraded playing surface and allow for better connectivity with the supporting infrastucture of the McLean Park precinct.

Any feedback, comments or suggestions are welcomed and may be posted to PO Box 183, Denmark WA 6333 marked "McLean Oval Redevelopment" or emailed to enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au by 4pm Thursday September 20 2018.

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