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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The draft master plan has been developed to provide a structured approach for ongoing improvements to the Douglas Park Sportsground, which aligns with the Open Space, Recreation & Community Facilities Strategy 2014; and security for seeking funding and grants. The master plan will allow the community to see how the site will look and the types of recreational activities that will be provided for over the next 10 years.
- The draft master plan was placed on public exhibition from 1 to 28 June 2016, using a variety of engagement techniques. The feedback that was received was taken into consideration and the recommended master plan prepared accordingly.
- The key feedback received during the exhibition period included:
 - retaining a separate public toilets block
 - retaining the existing car parking capacity
 - retaining the tennis courts in their current location and construct an additional court (3 courts in total)
 - maintain vehicular access to the field for equipment set up
 - not constructing a skate park at Douglas Park Sportsground
 - retain the long jump pits on the inside perimeter of the field fence
 - provide storage space for the Little Athletics Club equipment
 - move the proposed older children's playground from the southern end of the field.
- The revised master plan mostly aligns to the input that was received and is considered to be a beneficial outcome for the user groups, residents and the site itself. The master plan also recommends a broad staging approach, based on community feedback on priorities, for the improvements, as funding becomes available.
- This report recommends that:
 - That Council note the Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report
 - That Council adopt the revised Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground
 - That Council explores grant funding opportunities and considers the staged implementation of the Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground in future budget considerations
 - That Council write to those who provided feedback during the public exhibition period for the Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground, thanking them for their input.

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REPORT

BACKGROUND

Douglas Park Sportsground is an important community recreation space located on the corner of Camden Road and Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park.

The location offers a variety of active recreational opportunities including football (soccer), tennis, netball, little athletics and dog agility competitions. Passive recreational opportunities include informal BMX riding, basketball, walking and community activities within the Community Centre.

The Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee currently manages the facility and has maintained an active and effective role in enhancing the facility to meet user group needs.

In 2012 the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee obtained external grant funding towards two projects:

- the installation of a multipurpose court; and
- the construction of a skate park at Douglas Park Sportsground.

These projects were the subject of a community engagement process in September to October 2012. The feedback that was received indicated that the community favoured the installation of a multipurpose court; however, they opposed the construction of a skate park.

Subsequently, Council resolved at its meeting of 17 December 2012, to approve the installation of the proposed multipurpose court and defer the provision of a skate park until a recreation needs analysis be undertaken.

Following the Council resolution, works proceeded on the installation of a multipurpose court and Council engaged consultancy, Clouston Associates, to develop a draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground. The draft master plan was prepared in late 2013; however, the project was not finalised due to competing Council priorities.

During the course of 2014-2015, Council continued to receive requests from user groups seeking Council's approval of external grant applications to fund a variety of improvements at Douglas Park Sportsground.

In November 2015 and following the receipt of a request from the Douglas Park Little Athletics Club to construct a new storage facility at the Sportsground that could have severely constrained other desired embellishments that the grounds, Council placed a hold on the development of any new facilities at the Sportsground until such time as a master plan be adopted by Council.

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Subsequently, Council engaged Clouston Associates to revisit the 2013 draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground and consider the context of broader use and growth for the area in order to minimise ad hoc planning such that improvements to the Sportsground could proceed in an orderly and prioritised manner, as funding becomes available.

In June 2016 Council placed a draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground on public exhibition and this report outlines the engagement process, the feedback received and recommends Council adopt a revised master plan going forward.

CONSULTATION

A draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground was placed on public exhibition from 1 June – 28 June 2016 to obtain feedback on the community's priorities for the space, enabling Council to plan and implement improvements to the reserve over the long term.

Council engaged a number of engagement methods for the public exhibition of the draft master plan to ensure that a wide range of key stakeholders were aware of the draft master plan and to provide opportunities for people to have their say.

For further information about the engagement methods used, please see Attachment 1: Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report.

Presentation to 355 Management Committee

Consultants from Clouston Associates gave a presentation to the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee on the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at Council's Administration Building.

A total of 15 people attended the presentation, which was combined with a presentation on the draft master plan for Wilton Recreation Reserve. A total of 9 of the 15 attendees were in attendance specifically for the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground, however more than 9 of the attendees contributed to the discussion.

Notes were taken during the presentation and key feedback was provided by the 355 Committee members throughout the course of the evening. This was later supported by written submissions provided to Council by the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee.

The outcomes of the Presentation to the 355 Management Committee are detailed in Attachment 1: Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report.

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Online Survey

During the exhibition period, stakeholders were encouraged to complete an online survey consisting of 7 questions relating to their demographics, park utilisation and ideas on the draft master plan.

A total of 14 surveys were completed via Council's Engagement portal, Engage.Wollondilly.

An analysis of the survey results is provided in Attachment 1: Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report.

Engagement Kiosk

An onsite engagement kiosk was held at Douglas Park Sportsground on Saturday 25 June 2016 from 9am – 11am and approximately 22 people attended the kiosk.

Kiosk attendees were encouraged to complete a survey either through a hard copy available at the kiosk or online via Council's website. Attendees were also asked to provide their feedback by writing what they did not like as well as what they did like on large hard copies of the draft master plan.

The feedback that was received from the engagement kiosk including the scanned copies of the marked up draft master plans are provided in Attachment 1: Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report.

Open Submissions

Using Council's online community engagement portal, those stakeholders who could not attend the engagement kiosk were able to provide feedback either electronically or in writing. Council received feedback from 3 stakeholders via direct correspondence, as well as another 2 late submissions.

Details on the open submissions that were received are provided in Attachment 1: Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report.

Key Issues

The following table identifies the key issues with the draft master plan, as identified by the user groups and wider community during the public exhibition period. A response is provided to each of the issues, within the 'Outcome' column.

Infrastructure

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Topic	Feedback	Outcome
Car Parking	Concerns raised over a potential reduction in the number of car parking spaces if the parking is formalised. During weekends, between 150-300 cars can be parked at the Reserve.	The plan does not propose a reduction in existing car parking capacity; however, it proposes to formalise car parking for better utilisation of space. Additional areas of car parking are proposed including the area between the RFS station and the Community Centre.
Vehicular Access to Field	There is the need to maintain vehicular access to the sportsground for equipment set up as well as for emergency services use (e.g. fire truck tanker, helicopters).	The plan ensures that vehicular access is maintained at the northern end of the sportsground.
Public Toilets	There is a significant need to retain the existing public toilets near the multipurpose court. These toilets are heavily utilised and their proposed removal and co-location within the existing Community Centre presents concerns with anti-social behaviour and potential damage to the Community Centre facility.	It is proposed to demolish the existing dilapidated public toilet block and construct a new separate public toilet block within the vicinity (i.e. not incorporated within the Community Centre), with an adjoining shelter and storage capability.
Skate Facility Provision	Remove the proposed skate facility based on previous community concerns that were raised relating to the potential for anti-social behaviour issues associated with its use. A small skate park was previously proposed where the multipurpose court now exists and a grant was previously obtained to assist with its construction.	The plan now identifies a terraced seating area suitable for community events, picnicing and family activities, with non-designated skate and scooter friendly elements, providing additional area for children that currently use scooters on the multipurpose courts.
Long Jump Pit	Retain the long jump pits within the fenced field area. The proposed location has drainage problems.	The long jump pits are now shown within the fenced field area; however, when due for renewal it is recommended that they be shifted slightly closer to the Community Centre to allow for better fit of the oval and that any drainage problems be addressed through the design.

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Storage	<p>A large storage facility is required for Little Athletics equipment (minimum size required is 6m x 9m with height of 3m).</p> <p>Consider additional storage sheds at the southern end of the sportsground behind the RFS.</p> <p>Connect a storage shed to the northern end of the Community Centre where the existing small playground is located and relocate the playground equipment slightly.</p>	<p>It is not recommended to construct storage sheds at the southern end of the sportsground behind the RFS due to potential vandalism issues and minimum clearances required surrounding the RFS station. Instead, a large storage facility for the storing of Little Athletics Club equipment is proposed in the area near the existing tennis clubhouse for ease of access, via the sportsground vehicle access point, for set up and pack down of equipment. The dimensions of the storage shed are in accordance with Little Athletics requirements. Additionally, the plan identifies the ability to pursue storage options adjacent to the Community Centre where the existing small playground is located.</p>
BMX Facility	<p>The proposed managed BMX track is a good thing.</p>	<p>The proposed BMX track is now extended in place of where the older children's playground was previously proposed.</p>
Dugouts	<p>Ensure the proposed dug out locations do not conflict with the athletics track.</p>	<p>The proposed dug outs now shown outside of athletics track.</p>
Shot Put and Discus	<p>The proposed locations for the discus and shot put at the southern end of the field interferes with the high jump location and where the small children run.</p>	<p>Plan was amended to show shot put and discus at the northern end of the field.</p>
Tennis Courts	<p>Retain tennis courts and ensure they are accessible to the public.</p> <p>Extend tennis club house.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the centre tennis court be relocated at the end of its lifecycle, adjacent to the eastern side tennis court to create a small tennis hub. Additionally, a new tennis clubhouse is proposed. This would provide a better use of space and appears to meet current and expected demand</p>

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Topic	Feedback	Outcome
Sportsfield	Concerns expressed relating to re-aligning the field boundaries and the impact of doing work to the field on the sporting season.	The plan proposes to shift the field boundaries closer to the Community Centre for better fit of the perimeter walking track and to maximise the use of the space, noting the steep drop off adjacent to the vegetated areas. The shifting of the field will be of minimal disturbance, requiring just new line marking and some possible irrigation line upgrades in affected sections.
Playground	Move the proposed playground from the southern end of the field for better natural surveillance.	The plan now shows the older children's playground in a more central location for better natural surveillance, next to the terracing. Outdoor exercise equipment stations are also proposed around the perimeter walking circuit, with one station adjacent to the playground, allowing for carers to undertake fitness activities while supervising children.
Interpretive Signage	Incorporate interpretive signage to generate awareness of the important vegetation and/or historical features (e.g. flying fox used during the construction of Broughton Pass).	Interpretive signage is now identified in locations on the plan to allow for this type of recognition.

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Moving Forward

The feedback that was provided during the public exhibition process for the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground, has been carefully considered and the recommended draft master plan prepared in response.

As detailed in the above table, the key aspects of the draft master plan that were identified by stakeholders as requiring review, have been amended and are largely in favour of their expressed desires.

Post Exhibition Presentation to 355 Management Committee

Clouston Associates presented the revised master plan to the Douglas Park 355 Management Committee on 20 July 2016. The response received from the Committee after reviewing the revised master plan was one of general satisfaction and appreciation that Council had taken their feedback on board, amending the plan accordingly where appropriate.

It is now proposed that Council adopt the revised master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground and work towards achieving a staged implementation of the master plan as proposed in Attachment 2: Revised Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground Presentation Report prepared by Clouston Associates.

The proposed implementation of the master plan involves 4 stages:

Stage 1A

- Configuration and formalising car parking to maximise capacity
- New storage facility for the storing of the Little Athletics Club equipment and adjoining new tennis clubhouse facility
- Completion of terracing extension adjoining Community Centre
- Demolition of existing public toilet block and construction of new public toilets with spectator shelter adjacent to multipurpose court.

Stage 1B

- General field upgrade including stormwater, fencing, ancillary fixtures and long jump
- Formalising and extending the BMX track
- Relocation of second tennis court
- Relocation of small children's playground to southern side of Community Centre and establishment of a larger children's playground on northern side of Community Centre.

Stage 2

- Terraced seating area with skate/scooter friendly elements.

Stage 3

- Connectivity improvements to north and south of the Sportsground.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost for the implementation of the proposed master plan is estimated at \$3.46 million (2016 \$), noting the master plan is a 10 year plan and proposes the staged implementation of works.

At this stage, no funding has been allocated for the implementation of the master plan and it is suggested that funding be considered in future budget considerations as well as pursuing external grant funding opportunities when available.

Adoption of the master plan will also enable for fund raising activities for user grounds and the 355 Committee as well as pursuing external funding or grant opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground - Consultation Report.
2. Concept Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground.

RECOMMENDATION

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- the installation of a multipurpose court; and
- the construction of a skate park at Douglas Park Sportsground.

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Subsequently, Council resolved at the 17 December 2012 meeting, to approve the installation of the proposed multipurpose court and defer the provision of a skate park until a recreation needs analysis be undertaken.

Following the Council resolution, works proceeded on the installation of a multipurpose court and Council engaged consultancy, Clouston Associates to develop a draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground.

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METHODOLOGY

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Council used a number of engagement methods to consult key stakeholders on the draft master plan. The engagement methods ensured that a wide range of key stakeholders were aware of the public exhibition of the draft master plan, enabled stakeholders to be informed about the future plans for Douglas Park Sportsground and provided opportunities for stakeholders to give feedback and have their say.

The draft master plan engagement material consisting of the following, was made available via Council's Engage.Wollondilly website (www.engage.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) during the public exhibition period.

- the detailed draft master plan report prepared by Clouston Associates;
- a simplified 'bubble' type version of the draft master plan; and
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) information sheet (Attachment 2).

Council notified the following stakeholder groups of the public exhibition of the draft master plan and invited their input via email on 1 June 2016.

- Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee
- Douglas Park Little Athletics Club
- Douglas Park Play Time Playgroup
- Douglas Park Evangelical Church/ Playtime
- Douglas Park Netball Club
- Douglas Park Tennis Club
- Douglas Park Wilton Football Club
- Community Links Wollondilly
- Picton Tennis Club
- Wollondilly Netball Association

Members of the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee were further invited to attend a presentation at Council by Clouston Associates on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 5:30pm.

Wider notification of the public exhibition of the draft master plan was promoted through:

- The Wollondilly Advertiser – 8 and 22 June 2016
- The District Reporter – 10 and 24 June 2016
- Council's Facebook page
- media release on 14 June 2016 (promoted through radio station 2ST)
- flyer (Attachment 3) letter box drop to approximately 52 houses surrounding Douglas Park Sportsground
- flyers in local Douglas Park shops
- flyers at Council's Customer Service counter
- flyers at Council's Library and Mobile Library

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Feedback on the draft master plan was encouraged via open submission to Council, completion of an online survey (Attachment 4) or attendance at Council’s onsite engagement kiosk.

Additionally, an onsite engagement kiosk was conducted at Douglas Park Sportsground on Saturday 25 June 2016 from 9am – 11am.

RESULTS

Presentation to 355 Management Committee

Consultants from Clouston Associates gave a presentation on the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground to the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 5:30pm at Council’s Administration Building.

A total of 15 people attended the presentation which was combined with a presentation on the draft master plan for Wilton Recreation Reserve. A total of 9 of the 15 attendees were in attendance specifically for the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground, however more than 9 of the attendees contributed to the discussion.

Notes were taken during the presentation (Attachment 5) and key feedback was provided by the 355 Committee during the course of the evening. This was later supported with an open submission (Attachment 6) provided to Council by the 355 Committee, with key points summarised as follows.

Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee Feedback
Summary of Feedback/Issues
Keep the long jump within the fenced area (only resurfaced in 2015).
The no. 1 tennis court was resurfaced by council in 2015 and the tennis club has grant funding to provide awning for spectator shade for no 1 court.
Committee would like to extend the terracing on the southern side of the community centre and also construct shade over the terraces.
The committee and council previously proposed a small skate park facility which still has some funding attached to it.
The committee has a suitable plan drawn for the renovation of the toilet block, including some storage space.
The existing public toilet is used extensively and should be retained. The committee is opposed to the use of the community centre toilets as a general public facility.
The public toilet upgrade is the committee’s next priority project followed by additional storage.
The committee would like to see additional storage adjacent and behind the rural fire station.
Do not reduce the amount of existing parking space.

Table 1. Submission from Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee.

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Notes taken on during the presentation also highlighted the followed items for Council consideration.

Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee Feedback Presentation - 21 June 2016
Feedback/Issues
Clarification sought on whether works/elements that are not identified on the final Council adopted plan will be permitted.
Concerns regarding a potential reduction in car parking spaces if the parking is formalised. A minimum of 150 car spaces are required, with approximately 300 cars parked onsite on Sundays.
The separate public toilet block is highly utilised and it is important to retain it. It is also noted that people can access the community centre through the toilets which adjoin the facility.
Items raised by Little Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicle access to field is required, including large vehicles (fire trucks etc.) - A large storage facility is required for Little Athletics equipment (e.g. large high jump mats) - Do not want long jump relocated on the outside of the field fence (concerns regarding damage from people traversing to/from field) - Proposed dug outs locations should not conflict with the athletics track - Not supportive of the proposed shot put locations at the southern end of the field - Not supportive of removing the small cage that is currently situated at the southern end of the field (is used a lot by several schools)

Table 2. Notes from Clouston Associates presentation to Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee, 21 June 2016.

Online Survey

A total of 14 surveys were completed via Council’s Engagement portal, Engage.Wollondilly. Of these 14 completed online surveys, 10 were hard copy surveys that were completed at the onsite engagement kiosk and subsequently entered by Council Officers through the online portal for inclusion in the overall survey results. One (1) hard copy survey provided at the engagement kiosk was not completed and therefore unable to be included in the results.

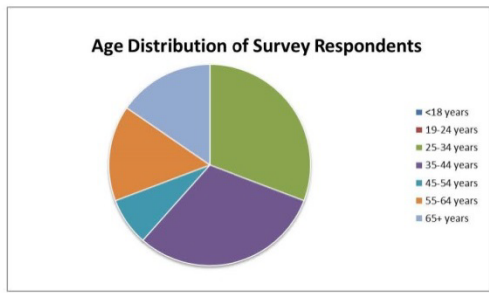
The survey consisted of 7 questions based on gender, age, park usage and opinion on the draft master plan.

Demographics

- Of the 14 completed surveys, 6 (43%) were completed by males and 8 (57%) completed by females.
- The majority (61%) of survey respondents were aged between 25-44 years. This was followed by 31% of respondents identifying themselves 55 years or older.
- None of the survey respondents were aged below 25 years.
- One (1) respondent did not provide their age range.

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Usage

- All of the survey respondents (14) use the Douglas Park Sportsground each week.
- A total of 64% of survey respondents use the sportsground 1-2 times per week.
- This was followed by 29% of survey respondents using the sportsground 3-4 times per week.
- One (1) survey respondent used the sportsground 5 or more times per week.
- Survey respondents indicated they used the sportsground for:

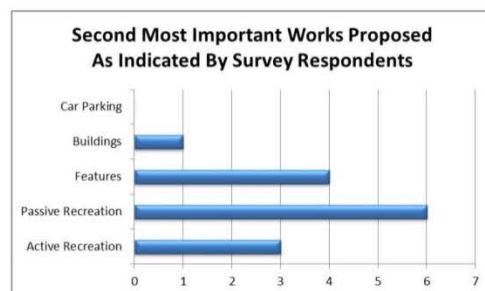
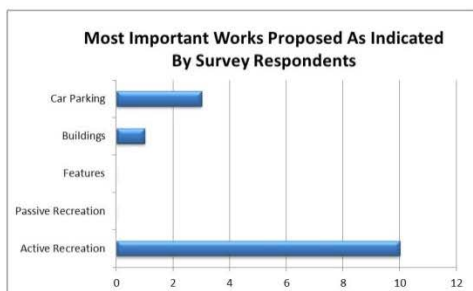
Netball training	Children’s playground equipment
Soccer	Leisure (kicking the football)
Walking	Dog agility competitions
Walking dogs	Public toilets
Jogging	Personal training
Athletics	Presentations at the Community Centre
Basketball	Children bike riding on multipurpose courts

The Draft Master Plan

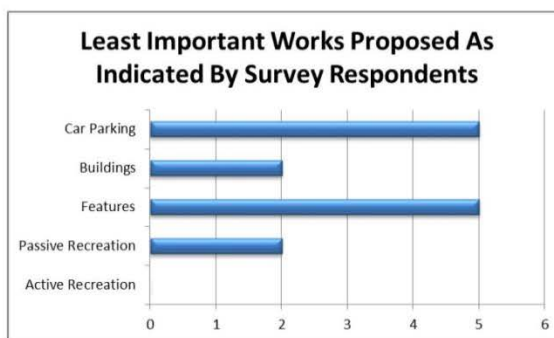
- All of the survey respondents indicated that they had reviewed the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground (this was a compulsory survey question).
- The majority of survey respondents (72%) ranked **Active Recreation** as the most important works proposed in the draft master plan.
- Three (3) survey respondents considered the **Car Parking** as the most important works proposed in the draft master plan.
- One (1) survey respondent considered the **Buildings** as the most important works proposed in the draft master plan.
- A total of 6 survey respondents considered the **Passive Recreation** items as being the second most important works proposed in the draft master plan.
- **Features** (e.g. BMX track and playground) were considered as being the second most important works by 4 survey respondents and **Active Recreation** by 3 survey respondents.

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- Although 3 survey respondents considered **Car Parking** as the most important works proposed, there were 5 survey respondents that indicated Car Parking as being the least important works proposed.
- Equally, 5 survey respondents indicated that **Features** were the least important works proposed.



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Open Comments

The final question on the survey invited respondents to provide additional comments on the draft master plan. The **key themes** that emerged from these comments were:

- Do not install a skate park.
- Keep a 24/7 accessed toilet block separate from the community centre building (upgrade or reconfigure existing small block).
- Retain existing parking capacity but possibly define parking better.
- Maintain vehicular access to the sportsground for equipment set up.

Other comments included;



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Engagement Kiosk

An onsite engagement kiosk was conducted at Douglas Park Sportsground on Saturday 25 June 2016 from 9am – 11am and approximately 22 people attended the kiosk. During the kiosk, the junior football (soccer) was being held on the grounds.

Kiosk attendees were encouraged to complete a survey either through a hard copy available at the kiosk or online via Council’s website. Attendees were also asked to provide their feedback by writing what they do not like/potential issues with a red pen on the display plans and identify what they do like with a blue pen on the display plans. Scanned copies of these are provided in Attachment 7.

A summary of the items that were raised as issues by the kiosk attendees follows:

ITEMS WE DON'T LIKE
Future correspondence to be extended to all of postcode 2569 and formal letters.
There is a need for additional maintenance.
Residents are currently cleaning up after ‘rif raf’.
Keep the existing toilets for passive use. If they are connected to the existing community centre there will be issues with lines of sight/obstructed passive visibility.
Additional funding required for the Fire Station facility. Also increase footprint allocated to RFS.
Retain existing car parking numbers and open up more car parking spaces down adjacent to proposed court 3A.
Possibility of a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the multipurpose court for safer access crossing the road.
Keep long jump pit within the fenced area of the field. Proposed area gets wet.
Move the proposed playground to where the proposed skate space is – more lighting there. Include picnic tables.
Remove/move skate area and to a space without lighting to discourage night time use. Concerns regarding increased litter and social problems due to skate space.
Keep tennis courts in current location and move the proposed skate space or playground to the location of proposed tennis court 3A.
Concerns over ‘potential bush trail connecting to Nepean River’ relating to safety, littering, alcohol abuse and lighting of fires which already occurs. Formalising trail will lead to need for additional maintenance and security burdens.
Make Douglas Park Drive (between sportsground and Broughton Pass) a 40km speed limit and put a stop sign or give way sign at its intersection. Also move walking path to this side.
Move lighting on pole in front of community centre lower to hit the building rather than lighting up the entire field. Also use sensor lighting.
Create a pedestrian crossing at shops in Douglas Park connecting to the small park.
Don’t remove any existing trees to make way for the proposed perimeter circuit path.
Construct Men’s Shed adjacent to the RFS.
Maintain vehicular access to field at tennis court end for set up of dog agility days and helicopters.
Make usage of the tennis courts more affordable and accessible. Introduce locals discount and not require membership.
Create a marker or historical feature to refer to the use of flying fox for the construction of Broughton Pass.

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ITEMS WE DO LIKE
Proposed perimeter circuit path – good idea for bike riding and dog walking.
Proposed managed BMX track – good thing, prefer this to skate park, like Elderslie BMX track.

Table 3. Comments noted on plans at Engagement Kiosk – Douglas Park Sportsground.

Open Submissions

Including the submission that was received from the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee (noted earlier in this report) a total of 3 open submissions were submitted to Council (Attachment 6).

Summary of Submissions Received
<p>Douglas Park Little Athletics Club Submission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retain parking capacity. 2. Retain vehicular access to sportsfield. 3. Retain tennis courts in current locations. 4. Concerns regarding the safety and suitability of a skate park next to a storage shed. 5. Storage is required close to field access gate. 6. Storage shed is required for storing Little Athletics equipment and minimum size required is 6m x 9m with 3m height. 7. Retain long jump pits within fence/current location. 8. Provide access around site for people with disabilities (including the terracing area). 9. Gates to sportsfield required at multiple points. 10. Concerns relating to re-aligning field boundaries both during construction and field capacity to facilitate enough running track space for Little Athletics activities. 11. Circular perimeter path around sportsfield should be of a material that is traversable by vehicles. 12. Inappropriate location for proposed dugouts. 13. Proposed older children’s playground is where the junior discus cage is currently located. Where will this be relocated to? 14. Need clarification on the shot put sites – potential interference with junior fields. Ideally should be located at field end closest to storage shed. 15. Additional toilets required as current amenities are insufficient for >200 members. 16. Request for future consultation with Club at detailed design stages.
<p>Resident Submission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concerns regarding skate park proposal noting previous petition to Council against a skate park. 2. Clarification sought on exhibition closing date.

Table 4. Summary of Open Submissions received for Douglas Park Sportsground draft master plan.

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Additionally, two late submissions were submitted to Council on behalf of the Douglas Park Sportsground 355 Management Committee, including a marked up CAD drawing of the park.

Summary of Late Submissions Received from Douglas Park 355 Management Committee
<p>Submission Received 6/7/16:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supplied marked up CAD drawing. 2. Expressed disappointment in perceived lack of consultation. 3. Council's engaged Landscape Architects have done a good job with limited information and input from the user groups. 4. Hopeful of Council taking on the feedback received and making the space a great one.
<p>Submission Received 7/7/16:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oval as is, do not move. 2. Additions to existing amenities towards Camden Road moving swing and play area fence towards the gazebo. 3. Extra storage southern fence line in the bush. 4. Increase safe parking. 5. Replace existing public toilet (do not remove). 6. Tennis court stay as is (extend court #2). 7. Extension of terrace with shade. 8. Widen access gate to oval (fire/elvis refuel). 9. Skate park – Harris creek storm water, skate friendly pathways. 10. Request traffic survey (park street – Durham – Nepean – Camden Rd). 11. Pathway around outside of oval fence – cross country track. 12. Parking at south end of fire station and beyond to corner of Nepean and Camden roads – Maryanne has provided photo examples for sending to council. 13. Dug outs on eastern side of oval (inside fence). 14. Training goal posts and concrete wall to practice with. 15. Cricket practice nets. 16. Extend tennis club house. 17. Constructed path from carpark to main oval access.

Table 5. Summary of late submissions received for Douglas Park Sportsground draft master plan.

CONCLUSION

Repeating themes appear to have emerged during the public exhibition of the draft master plan for Douglas Park Sportsground which require further investigation as part of the development of the revised master plan for subsequent Council adoption.

The feedback received had indicated that a number of existing elements at the sportsground should be retained. This included the need for separate public to the existing community centre and within close proximity to the current position of the toilet block, retaining the current location of the Little Athletics Club's long jump pit, and ensuring that the parking capacity is not reduced.

It was noted that the majority of feedback that was received opposed the establishment of a skate park, with reference being made to past petitioning from the residents against the concept of a skate facility at Douglas Park Sportsground.

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LEGEND:

- ① Unified entry including signage
- ② **Multi purpose hard court (completed)**
- ③ Proposed skatable terraces
- ④ Stepped seating
- ④ Tennis courts retained
- ④M Tennis courts relocated
- ⑤ Little Athletics storage building
- ⑥M Rebuilt tennis amenities building
- ⑦ Relocated long jump pit
- ⑧ Sheltermeeting point
- ⑨ Pedestrian access to Camden Road
- ⑩ Shrub planting
- ⑪ Additional native buffer planting to strengthen edge
- ⑫ Feature tree marker
- ⑬ Hard landscaped transitional spaces
- ⑭ Car parking
- ⑮ Existing toilet block removed and toilets consolidated in community centre.
- ⑯ Gravel car park.



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ATTACHMENT 2 – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Information Sheet

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL'S

DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR DOUGLAS PARK SPORTS GROUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Wollondilly Shire Council is inviting you to have your say on the future direction for recreation in Douglas Park. We have prepared a draft recreation master plan for Douglas Park Sports Ground and we want to know your thoughts.

All comments must be received by 28 June 2016.

What is a Recreation Master Plan and why do we need one for Douglas Park Sports Ground?

The Recreation Master Plan is a sketch that shows the proposed upgrades to the Douglas Park Sports Ground. It provides guidance for how the location will look in the future and what types of recreational activities will be available.

Having a master plan allows Council to identify the community's priorities to plan and implement the improvements.

Which area does this draft master plan apply to?

The draft master plan applies to Douglas Park Oval as shown below.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What is proposed?

The draft master plan includes:

- the relocation of the existing sports field and athletics track further west
- two junior 5-aside fields
- a new storage building for Little Athletics
- the relocation of a tennis court
- rebuilt tennis club amenities
- a skate plaza space
- picnic shelters
- formal bus pick up/drop off area
- recreational loop pathway
- a BMX track
- older children's play space
- outdoor fitness equipment
- extended terraced seating.

How can I be reassured that the space will remain recreational and that environmental requirements will be met?

The site is zoned for public recreation under the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011. This zoning requires:

- Land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes
- The provision of a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses
- The protection and enhancement of the natural environment for recreational purposes
- Catering for the development of a wide range of uses and facilities within open spaces for the benefit of the community

How much will the upgrades cost?

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$3.5 million. The works will occur in stages over a 10 year period as funding becomes available.

Where will the money come from?

- Grants
- Council budget allocations
- Future developer contributions

When will the upgrades start?

Works on the initial stage may commence during 2017. The project stages will only be possible where funding is available.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How will my feedback be used?

Your feedback along with site constraints and funding availability will be considered and used to inform the final master plan to be adopted by Council.

I don't use this facility so why should I have to pay for the upgrades?

Recreation facilities provide the community with the opportunity to stay healthy and active and are used by a wide range of people.

Council has an obligation to our residents and visitors to provide the required infrastructure and services that enable and encourage physical activity, recreation and social interaction which helps to support community health and wellbeing. Enhancing Douglas Park Sports Ground will benefit current users of the facility and promote additional use by those who may not currently use the facility.

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ATTACHMENT 3 – Public Exhibition Flyer

Wilton Recreation Reserve & Douglas Park Sportsground Draft Master Plans

Come along to one of our information Kiosks to find out more

Douglas Park Sportsground	Saturday 25th June	9am to 11am
Wilton Recreation Reserve	Saturday 25th June	12pm to 2pm

Wollondilly Shire Council is developing master plans for Wilton Recreation Reserve and Douglas Park Sportsground to guide how the locations will look into the future and what types of recreational activities will be available.

We want to hear from you so we can identify the community's priorities for both spaces. Council will be taking feedback from 1 June 2016 to 28 June 2016.

How to have your say:

- Come along to an information kiosk
- Head to Engage.Wollondilly to provide feedback www.engage.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

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ATTACHMENT 4 – Engagement Survey

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1. Gender

- Male
- Female

2. Age

- <18 years
- 19-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65+ years

3. How often do you use Douglas Park Sportsground in a week?

- Never
- 1-2 times a week
- 3-4 times a week
- 5+ times a week

4. What activities do you use Douglas Park Sportsground for?

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*** 5. Have you reviewed the Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground**

- Yes
- No

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* 6. Please rank the works proposed for Douglas Park Sportsground in order of importance to you (1 = most important; 5 = least important)

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<input type="text"/>	Passive Recreation (for example picnic shelters, seating etc.)
<input type="text"/>	Features (for example BMX track, playground etc.)
<input type="text"/>	Buildings (for example a community centre)
<input type="text"/>	Car Parking

7. Do you have any comments about the Draft Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground?

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ATTACHMENT 5 – Notes from Clouston Associates Presentation to 355 Management Committee



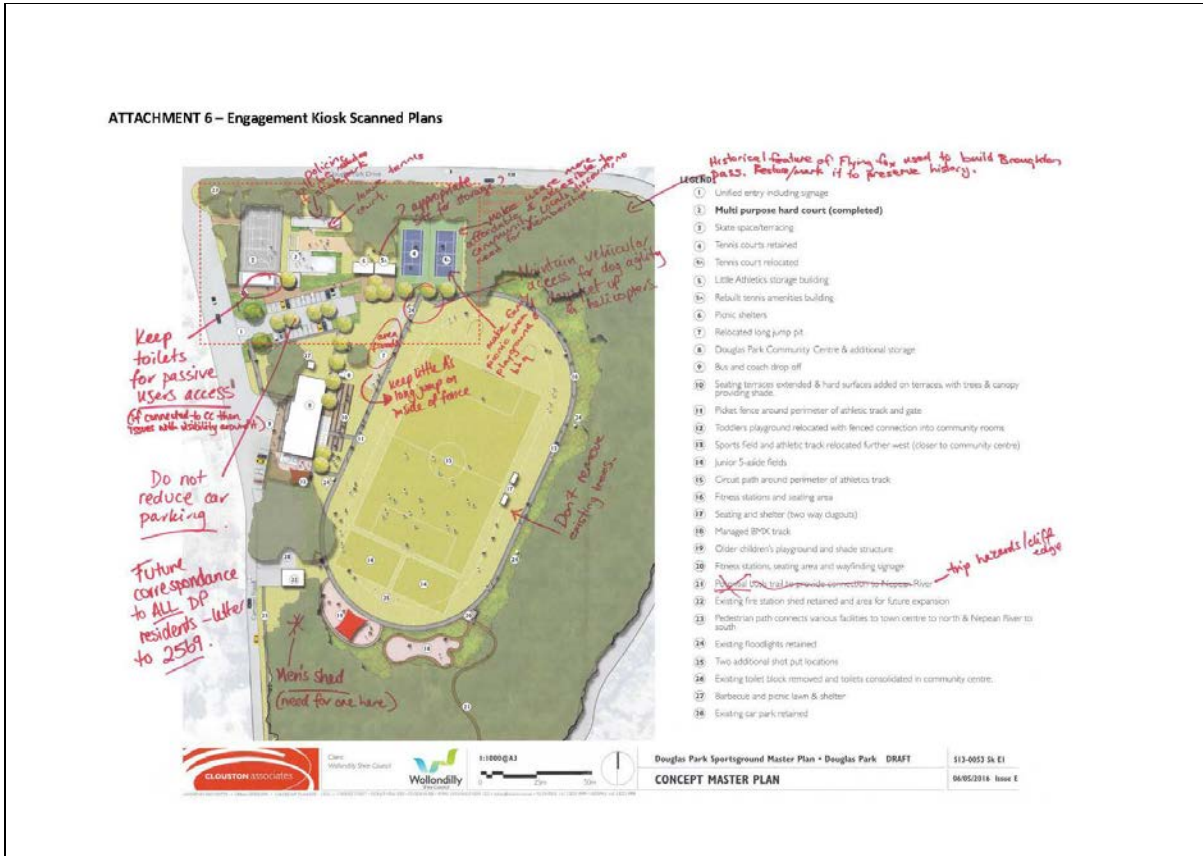
MEETING: Clouston Associates Presentation to Wilton and Douglas Park 355 Committees on draft master plans for Douglas Park Sportsground and Wilton Recreation Reserve

DATE: 21/06/16

ITEM	ACTION / OFFICER
<p>DOUGLAS PARK SPORTSGROUND</p> <p>Clarification sought on whether works/elements that are not identified on the final Council adopted plan will be permitted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M Malone advised that a master plan provides a clear image for the community on how the location will look going forward and the types of recreation opportunities that will be facilitated at the site. Any future proposals following Council's adoption of the master plan will need to be aligned to the key principles that guide the adopted master plan.
<p>Concerns regarding a potential reduction in car parking spaces if the parking is formalised. A minimum of 150 car spaces are required, with approximately 300 cars parked onsite on Sundays.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted for review by Clouston Associates. Committee to forward photos of the vehicles on busy days to Council/Clouston Associates.
<p>The separate public toilet block is highly utilised and it is important to retain it. It is also noted that people can access the community centre through the toilets which adjoin the facility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted for review by Clouston Associates.
<p>Items raised by Little Athletics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicle access to field is required, including large vehicles (fire trucks etc) - A large storage facility is required for Little Athletics equipment (e.g. large high jump mats) - Do not want long jump relocated on the outside of the field fence (concerns regarding damage from people traversing to/from field) - Proposed dug outs should not interfere with the athletics track - Not supportive of the proposed shot put locations at the southern end of the field - Not supportive of removing the small cage that is currently situated at the southern end of the field (is used a lot by several schools) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted for review by Clouston Associates.
<p>Additional general actions requested.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to forward CAD drawings to Mark Williams for use in preparing Committee feedback. Council to make available more kiosk flyers in Douglas Park shops and on the community notice board.

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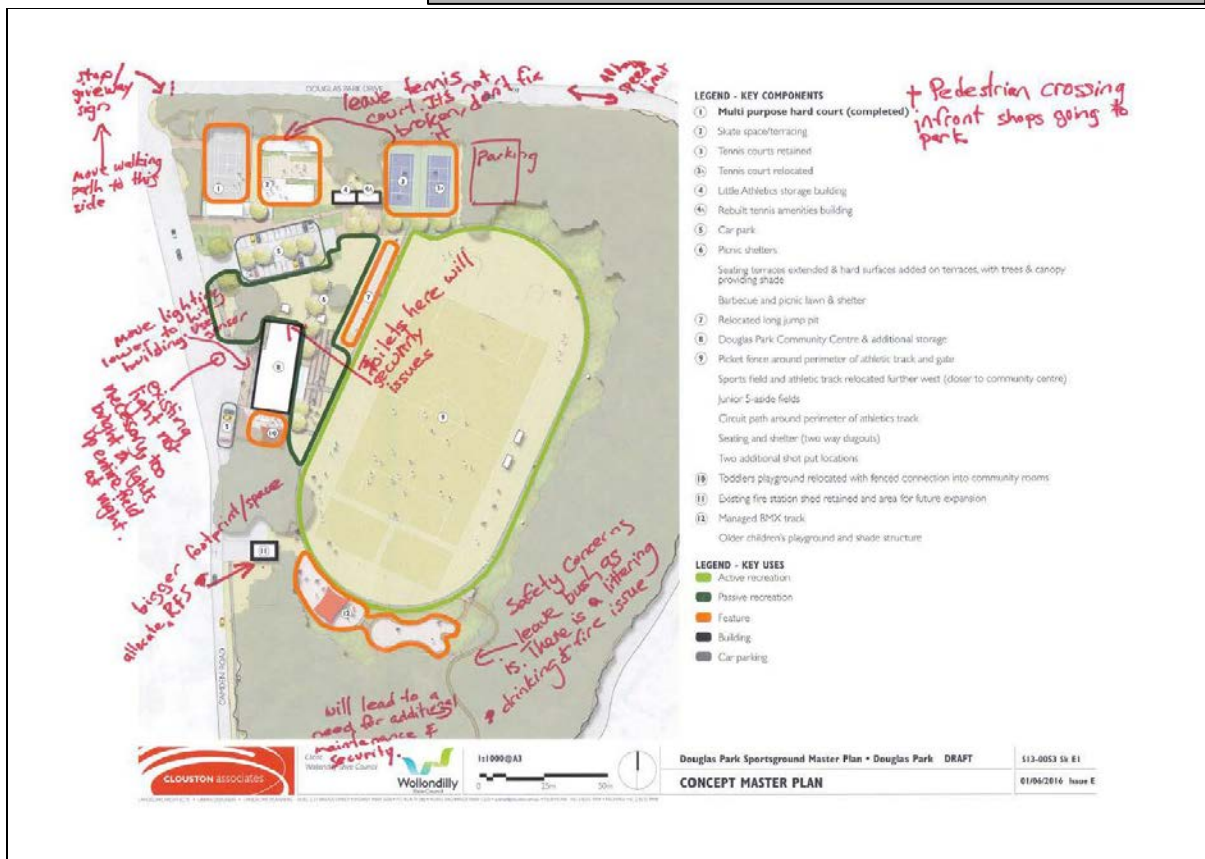
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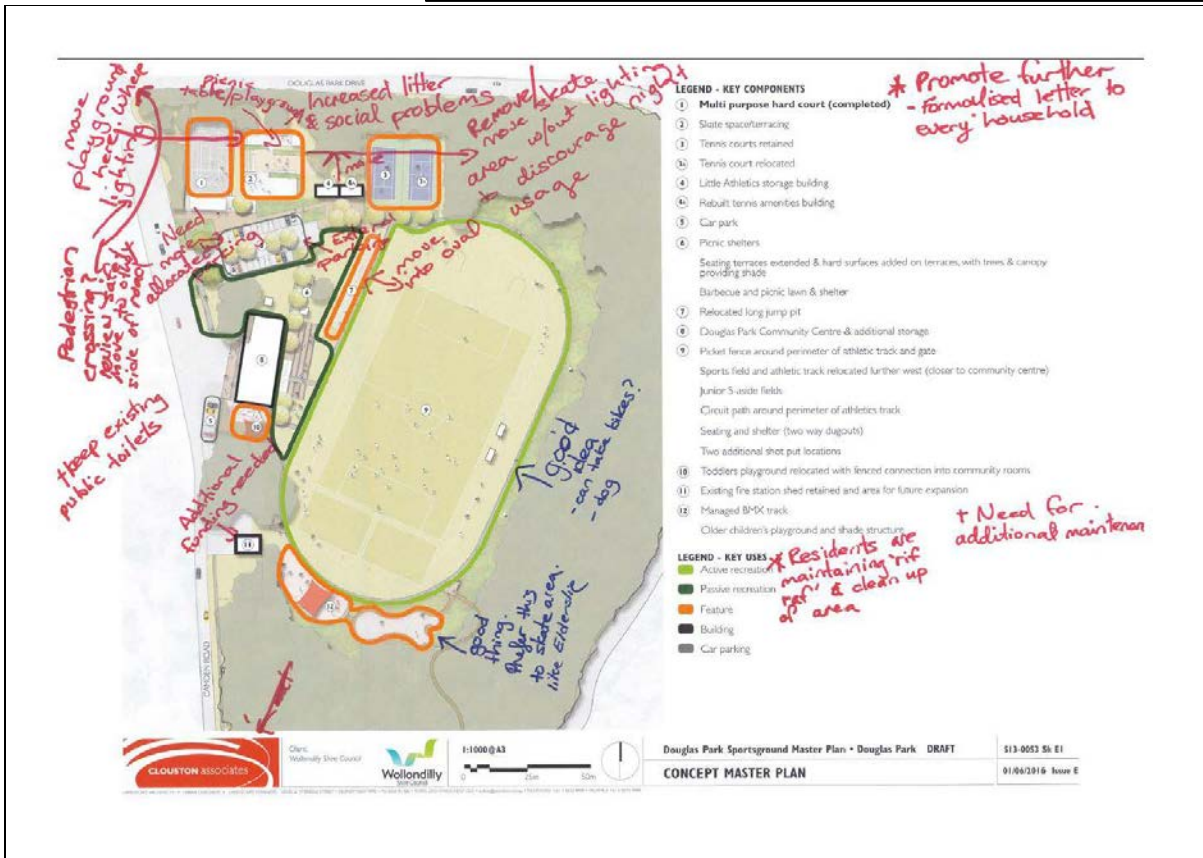
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LEGEND:

- ① Unified entry including signage
- ② Multi purpose hard court (completed)
- ③ Terraced area with skatable and scooter-friendly elements (to capitalise on existing topography)
- ④ Stepped seating
- ⑤ Tennis courts retained
- ⑥ Tennis court relocated (at end of life cycle)
- ⑦ Little Athletics storage building
- ⑧ New tennis amenities building
- ⑨ Future relocated long jump pits (contained within fenced perimeter)
- ⑩ New integrated structure with shaded viewing new public toilet and potential storage for netball
- ⑪ Pedestrian access to Camden Road
- ⑫ Shrub planting
- ⑬ Additional native buffer planting (with clear trunked trees for unobstructed visibility) to strengthen edge
- ⑭ Feature tree/marker
- ⑮ Hard landscaped transitional spaces
- ⑯ Formalised car parking (no loss of current car parking capacity)
- ⑰ Existing toilet block removed and new toilets provided in new integrated structure (refer B)
- ⑱ Existing floodlights retained
- ⑲ Gated maintenance, equipment and emergency vehicle access to field
- ⑳ Fitness stations and seating area

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