

DRAFT WALKER RD SPORT AND RECREATION PRECINCT MASTER PLAN



Precinct Vision Statement

The Walker Road Sport and Recreation Precinct will provide a multi-use location for formal sport for local and district catchments as well as recreation which complement the formal sport use.



Project Direction

The Walker Road Sport and Recreation Precinct is intended to provide an important hub for formal sport in the growing southern corridor of Cairns, particularly for field sports. It is intended to fill a gap in sports land supply. This site is also intended to complement adjoining uses by providing valuable recreation opportunity for residents and other nearby land users.

Proposed Site Usage

- 5 diamond fields to service baseball and softball
- 4 oval fields (2 senior, 2 junior) to accommodate vigoro, cricket, AFL and hockey (1 junior at School).
- 2 rectangular fields to service football (soccer), touch and oztag.
- 2 Multipurpose amenities hubs (possible future shared clubhouse) + small toilet/ storage hub.
- Outdoor multi-purpose courts.
- Recreational elements -exercise & play, picnic &seating, pedestrian & cycling infrastructure, and arts & cultural installations.
- Parking, traffic and landscaping.

Precinct Implementation

Council is developing a new Not-for-Profit Tenures Policy which will guide the way in which Council land is accessed by community groups and how it is managed. Any management arrangement for the precinct needs to seek strong partnerships with the community groups that will use it regularly.

Potential partnerships identified during community consultation included;

- Clubs: Precinct Control Group / Sports Trust.
- PCYC: PCG, management of courts, activating spaces.
- Community: Landcare groups, traditional owners.
- School
- Commercial: sponsorship, complementary activities, club-commercial ventures at ETC, commercial focus for main amenities hub.

Cost Estimates

Implementation of the proposed Draft master plan is estimated to cost in the order of \$15,827,830 and will be reviewed annually. The precinct will be staged according to demand and sourcing funding partners, club contributions and commercial opportunities.

Stage	Cost
Stage 1: Diamond sports field sub-precinct	\$4,343,608.72
Stage 2: Oval sports field sub-precinct	\$6,625,262.08
Stage 3: Rectangular sports field sub-precinct	\$1,742,041.00
Stage 4: Picnic & fitness sub-precinct	\$1,082,645.19
Stage 5: Sports court sub-precinct	\$1,050,922.03
Stage 6: Recreational elements	\$989,351.02
Total (excluding GST)	\$15,827,830.00

Strategic Leisure Group has been engaged to undertake this planning on behalf of Council and the community, and has conducted a number of consultation and research activities in order to prepare the Plan.

Community Feedback Period – Open for Comment from Monday 5 to Friday 23 August 2013

For further information please contact;

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