

17.6 SPORTSGROUNDS FLOODLIGHTING - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION

ATTACHMENTS:	1. IMPLICATIONS 2. SCHEDULE OF SPORTSGROUNDS
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CITY STRATEGY OUTCOME:	5.1 – BE HONEST, TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE IN ALL THAT WE DO
MEETING DATE:	27 AUGUST 2018

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Council to consider the information concerning floodlights on Council sportsgrounds arising from the Notice of Motion presented on 28 May 2018.

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information concerning floodlights on Council sportsgrounds as requested by Council at its meeting of 28 May 2018.

3. BACKGROUND

Council considered a Notice of Motion on 28 May 2018 and resolved:

That Council receives a report by August 2018 outlining:

- Schedule of Council sports grounds that are currently lit*
- A schedule of sports grounds identified to be upgraded from unlit to lit*
- The criteria used to determine which sports grounds receive lighting*
- The process for converting a sports ground from unlit to lit including;*
 - The community consultation process*
 - Approvals and budget process*
- No further work is to be undertaken in respect to Bales Park lighting until the above work is completed.*

This report presents the information as requested by the Council's resolution.

4. DISCUSSION

The majority of Council's sportsgrounds have floodlights. **Attachment 2** provides a list of the 17 sportsgrounds that are currently lit, and a list of the 4 grounds that have been identified as suitable to be upgraded from unlit to lit. Castle Cove Oval No 1 is not lit and has not been included in the schedule as the current Master Plan for Castle Cove Park supports floodlights on only one of the two sportsgrounds on site.

The criteria used to determine which sportsgrounds receive lighting are:

- Accessible locations in the LGA for the community
- Amenities such as toilets/ change rooms are available
- On street or off street parking available

A major factor in the decision to install floodlights on unlit sportsgrounds is the need to increase the capacity of sportsgrounds by over 40% due to the existing demands and projected population growth to 2026 (reference *NSROC Regional Sportsground Strategy Review 2017*). Winter sport booking applications reveal that clubs are asking for more training space with lights, but are reluctant to book sites that are hard to get to in late afternoons and evenings. Grounds that are close to public transport, have parking and/ or are central to the CBD are preferred.

The application of these 3 criteria to the 4 unlit grounds is shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1

Sportsground	Accessible locations, central to the LGA	Amenities on site	On/ off street parking available
OH Reid Reserve	Adjoins a feeder road to Fullers Rd, West Chatswood. Located in the western precinct of the LGA	Toilets & change rooms	Off street
Greville St Reserve	Adjoins a feeder road to Fullers Rd, West Chatswood. Located in the western precinct of the LGA	No	On street
Bales Park	Adjoins Sydney and Stanley Streets, Chatswood. Located central to the CBD	Toilets	On street, limited off street
Willoughby GHS	Adjoins a main road- Mowbray Rd. Located central to the LGA.	Subject to DET redevelopment	Proposed off street; to be confirmed.

Of the 4 sites listed in **Figure 1**, O H Reid Reserve and Bales Park fulfil the 3 criteria. Until the final development plans are available for the Stage 2 of Willoughby GHS oval, it is assumed that access to amenities will be available on site.

Currently the process for converting sportsgrounds from unlit to lit commences with:

- Listing the project in the draft budget capital works for the planning process only.
- Once the budget is adopted, the project is notified to the neighbouring residents to ascertain any issues of concerns prior to preparing a Development Application (DA).
- Once all issues are compiled, an external planner is engaged to prepare the DA documentation.
- The DA is lodged at Council and assessed by a second external planner.
- The external planner's assessment report is determined by the Willoughby Local Planning Panel.
- If approved, the project is listed in the following year's draft capital works budget for implementation.

In respect to the Bales Park lighting proposal, planning work for the DA lodgement was placed on hold as per the Council's resolution of 28 May 2018.

5. CONCLUSION

Council has limited resources to provide additional capacity for the sportsgrounds under their care and control. The *NSROC Regional Sportsgrounds Strategy Review 2017* which was adopted by Council on 14 May 2018 is clear in stating that there will be an undersupply of sportsgrounds for a growing population in the region over the next 10 – 20 years. It is unlikely that there will be more land for sportsgrounds in the Willoughby LGA, therefore Council has followed a path in increasing the capacity of its existing sportsgrounds by placing floodlights on unlit fields.

Additionally Council is committed to working with developers, government departments and the broader community to include new sporting facilities in new and existing developments in the City wherever possible.

ATTACHMENT 1

IMPLICATIONS	COMMENT
City Strategy Outcome	5.1 – Be honest, transparent and accountable in all that we do.
Business Plan Objectives, Outcomes/ Services	The proposal for the Bales Park floodlights seeks to respond to the community's demand for access to sportsgrounds for recreation.
Policy	<i>Sporting Ovals –Provision of Lighting Policy 73/1057. Willoughby Open Space and Recreation Plan 2013. Sportsgrounds Asset Management Plan 2017. NSROC Regional Sportsgrounds Strategy 2017.</i>
Consultation	Not applicable.
Resource	Not applicable.
Risk	The level of risk associated with the contents of this report is low, with moderate consequences under <i>Council's Risk Management Framework</i> .
Legal	Not applicable.
Legislation	Not applicable.
Budget/Financial	Not applicable.

Attachment 2**Schedule of Council sportsgrounds that are currently lit**

West Chatswood area	
Rotary Athletic Field	- dedicated athletic track
Mowbray Public School	- full size field
Chatswood High School Oval	- full size field, synthetic
Chatswood	
Chatswood Oval	- full size field
Beauchamp Park	- full size field
Artarmon	
Artarmon Reserve	- 2 full size fields
Thomson Park	- junior field, synthetic
Naremburn	
Naremburn Park	- 2 full size fields
St Leonards	
Gore Hill Park	- full size field, synthetic under construction
Willoughby	
Bicentennial Reserve	- full size field
Bicentennial/Flat Rock Baseball diamond	- dedicated diamond
Willoughby Park	- full size
Alan Hyslop Oval	- junior field
Northbridge	
Northbridge Oval	- full size field, synthetic
Castle Cove	
Castle Cove Park Oval No 2	- full size field

Schedule of sportsgrounds to be upgraded from unlit to lit

West Chatswood	
OH Reid Reserve, Reid Drive	- full size field
Greville St Reserve	- junior field
Chatswood	
Bales Park	- full size field
Willoughby	
Willoughby Girls High School	Redevelopment with Dept of Education to full size, synthetic + lights in 2020/21

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