



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICE'S REPORT

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**DSS8 KEMP STREET PLAYING FIELDS
FILE: 447**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on proposals for Kemp Street Playing Fields.



Correspondence has been received from the Kempsey Hornets Soccer Club in relation to two projects on Kemp Street Soccer Fields. At this time, Council approval in principle and a letter of support, as the land managers, is being sought.

Project A involves the playing fields and works proposed include:

- completely fencing Kemp Street 1 field with a galvanised 50mm post and rail welded fence with access gates.
- Dugouts for Field 1 and 2 – brick with colourbond roof
- Resurface work to Field 1 including levelling
- New goalposts Field 1 and 2
- Seating around all fields and benches
- Movable ball backstops, sandwich board style approximately 3 metres long and 600mm high
- Scoreboard to be utilised by Field 1 and 2

Consultation will be undertaken with sporting group users.

Project B involves refurbishing the Amenities Block

- Amenities block to be cleaned, and repainted
- Canteen new kitchen/cupboards
- Non-skid approved flooring
- Wall mounted instant hot water urn
- Security shutter grills over windows and doors in canteen to be replaced
- Extensions to hill heading to Field 1 with stepped 'terrace' work to be carried out
- Extensions to awning around amenity block
- BBQ and surround built at side of amenity block facing Field 2.

Exclusive use of the canteen will not be afforded to any user and this will be confirmed with the Hornets Club.

The projects are to be part of a Work for the Dole/Communicare training program. All participants will be insured, with OH&S Green Cards, and appropriate risk assessments and OH&S guidelines in place.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

As the projects are progressed, plans, development applications and approvals will address environmental issues that arise.

- *Social*

The project has benefits in providing an opportunity for Work for the Dole and training programs to be utilised. The improvement of these sporting fields will benefit members of the community participating in sport on these grounds.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Slightly increase maintenance costs can be expected on these fields following upgrade work.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

These projects seem worthy of support and Council is asked to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the projects outlined be approved in principle and a letter of support be provided.

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