

Attachment 2 – Excerpt from draft consultants report – community consultation

YMCA WA

The following information was provided by the YMCA WA.

1.1.1 Sports courts

- Figure 28 shows the court bookings (and by whom) for an average week. Note: Volleyball courts have been combined. It clearly shows that the SJCRC is at capacity from 3pm on weekdays and all day (during current opening times) on Saturday. Sunday would be classed as low use.
- Unfortunately, the ‘Sports’ user groups participation figures are not encapsulated within facility hire.

Facility / Court no.	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
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2.30pm			0.5			0.5			0.5			0.5			0.5			0.5			
3.00pm			0.5			0.5			0.5			0.5			0.5			0.5			
3.30pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4.00pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4.30pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
5.00pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
5.30pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
6.00pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
6.30pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
7.00pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
7.30pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
8.00pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
8.30pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
9.00pm	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total current use	9	9	11	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Total bookable hours	13.5	13.5	15.5	13.5	13.5	15.5	13.5	13.5	15.5	13.5	13.5	15.5	13.5	13.5	14	8	8	8	5.5	5.5	5.5
Available hours	4.5	4.5	4.5	7.5	7.5	6	7	8	4.5	7.5	7.5	5.5	11	11	6.5	1	2	5.5	4	5.5	5.5
% of use	66.7	66.7	71.0	44.4	44.4	61.3	48.1	40.7	71.0	44.4	44.4	64.5	18.5	18.5	83.6	87.5	75.0	31.3	27.3	0.0	0.0

Legend (user groups):
Byford Basketball Assoc, Various Ages, Basketball
YMCA Sports, 14+ Indoor Netball
YMCA Sports, 14+ Indoor Beach Vball
Private Booking, 14+, Indoor Beach Vball
Byford Venom Futsal Club, Various, Futsal
Serpy Fusion Basketball Club, Various, Basketball
Licensed Childcare - can't be used
YMCA Gymnastics
Boomers Basketball Club, Basketball
YMCA Gym Fun Program (crawling - 4 yrs old)
Kangas Basketball Club, Basketball
Centre closed

Figure 1: SJCRC court bookings

- Furthermore, the existing change rooms and sports court storage are no longer adequate for how much the Centre has grown. The existing changerooms are now catering for a hugely increased membership health club membership base and with the current number of sporting groups / bookings on the sports courts, peak times are becoming an issue. Storage is also at capacity.

1.1.2 Health and fitness

- Presently, the centre has 1,270 members including 140 Shire employees and YMCA staff).

- The gym is 364m² and has a maximum capacity of 70 persons – however with the amount of equipment in there capacity would be reduced to 50 (if not less). There were 116,477 visitations to the gym for 2022-23.
- The group fitness room is 220m² and has a maximum capacity of 50 persons. The centre provides 27 classes per week with Zumba Gold averaging 20 – 25 people per class whereas all other classes average 10 people per class. There were 10,433 attendances in group fitness classes for 2022-23.
- In regards to size, the Group Fitness room is ample, however the Gym is of concern as it nears capacity on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights where the YMCA needs to monitor it.

1.1.3 Occasional childcare

Attendances are as follows:

- Creche (9.00am – 12.00pm): 25 kids per day.
- Before School Care (6.30am – 9.00am): 25 – 30 per morning.
- After School Care (2.30pm – 6.00pm): 55 - 60 each day.
- Vacation Care School Holidays (6.30am – 6.00pm): 60 each day.

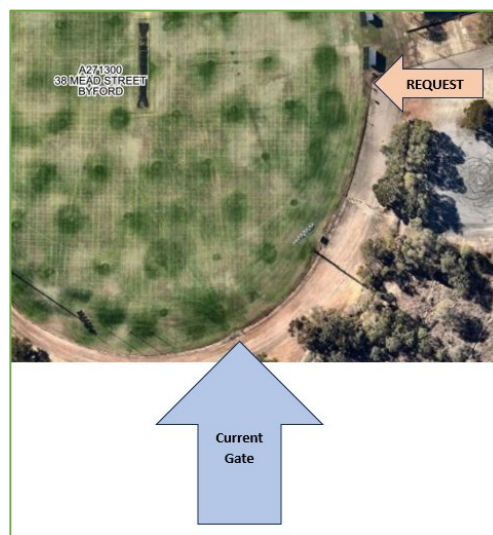
1.2 User group consultation

The following table provides a summary of user group communications, relating to infrastructure at Briggs Park and the SJCRC. It should be noted that there are some 'operational' type responses which do not form a part of this Project, but were referenced for the Shire's benefit.

Table 1: User group responses

User group	Responses
Serpentine Jarrahdale Blues Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club currently uses the eastern field seven days a week from October 1st through until March 30th for training and game day activities. • The current services meet the requirements of the club. It has the capacity to ensure members can use existing facilities. • The pavilion requires an extended veranda / covered area along the western side of the building for users to manage the heat and light that comes in the summer months. • The centre wicket needs to be inspected and replaced on a condition-based approach. • Ground maintenance needs to be improved. • Access between the ground and changerooms needs to be improved. Installation of a ramp was identified by the club. • The capacity of the car parking and traffic flow needs to be review, especially with the extension of the skate park. • Lighting and security around the car park is an ongoing concern with the antisocial behaviour and other safety concerns. • The railing around the ground requires attention to stop vandalism of vehicles accessing the ground.

User group	Responses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club indicated that its sustainability relies on its current location. Any relocation away from Briggs Park would see people move to the Armadale cricket club.
Byford BMX Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club operates 12 months of the year and use the facility five days a week with activities lasting between 1-5 hours, with the main activity day being Friday night. The club wants to see a full relocation to Kieren Park, which would enable them to host national and international events. Parking is major issue as the shared space isn't adequate. Other sports disrespect BMX operations by walking straight through race arena while operating. Sharing the kiosk with other clubs doesn't work well with the club owning all of the equipment in it. Facilities are extremely poor and not up to standard. Maintenance of the track and all its elements is difficult with it being accessible to the public.
Mundijong Central Junior Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club is the largest club in the South Fremantle district and they undertake activities during the season seven days a week. The eastern field has the worst changeroom facilities – from showers to toilets and there is no proper disability access. The western field change room facility only has three toilets to service over 350-400 people on a Friday night which is shared with the BMX club. There are no change rooms serving this field. The quality of the turf and drainage on the eastern field makes playing games in mud difficult and the trenches in western field makes it unusable / unsafe for games to be played there. They would like to see a new pavilion on the BMX site to be able to service both ovals. Ground maintenance and management needs to be improved to ensure a safe playing surface for both fields. Disability access is non-existent with the Precinct. Football patrons like to park around the edge of the oval for games / training. However, in shared parking situations – generally other users hate having their cars hit by balls. (e.g.: Rec Centre users that have no connection to the football activities). If possible, future layouts to minimise these conflicts would be good through fencing or other options. They asked if the current gate access point, used for emergency access, could be relocated (or a new one created) up next to the Pavilion (refer to the image right). This would enable an ambulance to park are the most convenient location



User group	Responses
Byford Bush Rangers - Teeball, softball and baseball club	<p>with direct access and egress without the need negotiate the informal track and parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club provides diamond sports opportunities to the Byford region and want to continue to grow programs. • The club does not have clubrooms which hinders the clubs ability to grow and reach full potential. • There is not enough oval space and would benefit from another field for training. They use the western field seven days a week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer (September to March) – Teeball training and games / machine pitch and baseball training and games. ○ Winter (April to September) – Softball training and games. • The playing surfaces are not maintained well enough to create a safe playing surface for players and coaches. The club has had to adjust accordingly. • The dugouts that have been recently installed but are not completed. They should have been enclosed. There is conduit coming out of the ground in each dugout. Can be dangerous when people are walking around the area. • They would like to have closed in batting cages for baseball programs. • Improved site car parking would be beneficial.
Byford Basketball Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer – 275 (2023-24) up from 152 in 2022-23. ○ Winter – 206 (2023). • Aussie hoops – 95 people participated over the four terms in 2023. • Strategic direction of Association is to continue to build membership. The association can only plan for capacity that the stadium currently holds. • Players have chosen to use other Associations because they can provide greater opportunities. • Insulation for walls is a major issue – games have had to be cancelled due to heat and has affected retention of membership. • A club office would be required if planning on having WABBL. • Priority for the association is another two courts, meeting room, change rooms and heat extraction.. <p>Previous consultation with the club in 2021 presented the following, and are still considered relevant:</p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two courts with compliant run off areas – minimum 3m without chairs impeding on the space. If run off areas can be made complaint on existing courts – that would be good. Note: the association had padding made up to cover the existing vertical ‘I’ beams that are on the ends of the courts – but the shire • Sprung wooden floors to all courts. Updated line marking. Multi-sport line marking is acceptable. • Courts to have the insulation panels covered. • Backboards and scoring equipment need to be replaced. Ideally a moveable scoring desk like at Warwick Stadium.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold water drinking / bottle filling station is required, including wheelchair accessible ones. • Cages need to be installed under the northern bleaches. • Sport change rooms are required. • Umpire change rooms • First aid room. • Club office for two people, small meeting room to hold 10 people, storage (approx. 20m²) and registration space. The green room size would be adequate. • Car parking.
Byford Venom Futsal Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club uses the SJCRC on Saturday mornings for local junior league. When they host state futsal league twice a year, they hire the courts all day Saturday. • All other training is conducted at John Calvin 3 nights per week due to the limited availability at the facility. Would use more if court space was available and appreciate that the current set up is still quite a good option with a good playing surface • The elite club has five age group categories and local league runs 12 junior clubs and is expecting more growth this summer. They have between 55 – 75 local junior participants. • Futsal court line marked over two basketball courts at 33m x 20m, regulation court is 40m x 20m but this is not possible in the space which hinders having an open men's league despite the numbers for it. If grandstand seating removed would allow for full court size. • Would love to have access to standalone futsal court but realise this is not likely in the short to medium term.
Fundamentals Occupational Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was previous using Briggs Park working with kids to improve fundamental movement skills as well as helping to build social skills. Have since move to Bill Hicks Pavilion because people were hanging around the venue and children did not feel safe especially when leaving the pavilion. Not offering program at the moment and unlikely to go back Briggs Park due to safety concerns. • The bars on the window made the kids feel uncomfortable as it made them feel like they were in a prison. Brightening the whole interior such as fresh paint / lighting to making it more welcoming for all users are small things that would help to improve the facility.
Armadale Community Playgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community playgroup use the SJCRC to facilitate program with about 20 participating. They provide the service one day per week throughout the year. The session goes for two hours but they book for three to allow for setup and pack down. • Have to carry toys and equipment through the carpark – would prefer an easy access point into the building that they could use. Having permanent storage at the site would be preferable.
Heritage Country Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The choir has 23-27 members who meet once a week for rehearsal at the pavilion on Wednesday evenings for 90 minutes. Future aspirations of the group are to keep singing and performing. Also want to continue at subsidised rent. • Issues with the pavilion include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are no flywire on windows.

User group	Responses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking can be a problem – extension of skate park has made this worse. ○ Toilets are very poor, lacking accessibility and a UAT is not provided. ○ Other people use shared spaces so equipment can go missing. ○ Moving furniture has been an issue. The chairs are terrible and had an incident where an 80 year old man fell to the floor as the chair broke. ● Facility requirement and improvements the group would like to see are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fixed storage spaces. ○ Pavilion needs more privacy as the blinds are gone. ○ Chairs need to be replaced and better quality ones need to be provided. ○ Car park is not safe and the lighting is extremely poor.
Probus Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The fellowship group which consists of 20-35 seniors / retirees use the pavilion once a month between 8am-12pm. Sessions go for a couple of hours with the meeting and speaker followed by a morning tea. ● They need a space that is suitable for seniors, once which has good toilet facilities, suitable lighting and storage. They don't use the SJCRC because they have no storage available. ● Would like to have a small kitchen space that is suitable to prepare morning teas and warm up food. ● Accessibility in the car park can be an issue in terms of where the bitumen meets the paving. They have no issues with the number of bays on site. ● They would like to see a community hall space provided that can be used by the community for various meetings.
Byford Weight Watchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The group average 35 member per year with about one third of members residing outside of the Shire. They meet once a week with sessions going between 30 to 60 minutes. ● Would like to see improved access to the pavilion with installation of ramps (removing steps at the entry), ACROD bays and more better car parking.

1.3 Community survey results

The community survey was prepared and managed by the Shire via Your Say SJ (Appendix 8). In total there were 372 visits to the page with only 24 reported as engaged visitors – four of which were registered. Nine contributed to ideas with comments provided below.

- Construct a new pavilion in between the two fields (4)
- Renovate the existing pavilion
- Covered loading area for the existing pavilion
- Provide better toilets for all
- Improve connectivity between facilities
- Multi-level seating at the pavilion
- Shelters and seating
- More indoor and outdoor courts – including tennis
- Other sports fields catering for hockey, soccer and athletics (3 x running track)
- Drink fountains on the basketball courts.
Note: It is assumed that this refers to the

- Relocate the BMX track
 - Extend the skate park
 - Provide a pump track
 - Learn to ride facility
 - Bring in an MTB offering
 - Lighting of amenities like the skate park etc
 - Improve the playground
- indoor courts noting that one is not present near the outdoor court (2)
 - Bigger gym in the SJCRC
 - Climate control in the SJCRC
 - More storage and meeting spaces
 - Court flooring needs to be improved
 - More parking.

There were eight comments relating to aquatic infrastructure which is not considered under the scope of works for this Project.

1.4 Summary

The key themes arising from the consultation are presented below – noting that they are not in any particular order.

- The bushland area, and other trees, need to be protected as far as practicable. Any development into these areas needs to be carefully considered and if determined to be the most suitable option – the Shire will need to undertake due diligence with regards to clearing requirements and other development approvals.
- Two additional indoor courts must be provided that can cater for a range of indoor sports. If possible, the existing courts should be made compliant. The existing court area is also poorly ventilated / heated / cooled, needs to be acoustically treated and has a insitu polyurethane flooring. It is noted that options need to consider the adequacy and accessibility to supporting infrastructure – change room, toilets, umpire rooms, storage and seating.
- A new pavilion is to be planned for, but its provision will be dependent upon the relocation of the BMX facility. On completion of this new pavilion, the Briggs Park Pavilion is to be converted into a youth and community centre. Note: The timing for the BMX location needs to be made a priority.
- In relation to club / user group needs, building need to have:
 - Access to appropriate storage, toilets and kitchen / kitchenettes no matter what room the person/s are currently using.
 - Function /activity / meeting rooms that are acoustically treated and provide natural light. These need to be well ventilated with air-conditioning and heating.
- There is no realistic opportunity to increase the area of natural turf. As such, no additional fields can be considered. There is some desire to include soccer onto the existing sports field, but this would probably be best located elsewhere given current ground conditions and purported use.
- The skate park extension is currently in progress and is fixed. This extension removes the Mead Street access road to the Briggs Park Pavilion – which is not an issue given its accessibility from Gordin Way.
- The BMX pump track project is currently in progress and appears to be fixed. The implications of the concept plans is that it cuts off the existing access way from Gordin Way making it necessary to develop a new road through the bushland. This goes against the first point listed above.
- Car parking needs to be improved and was the most common infrastructure item mentioned. There is limited opportunities to provide additional car parking proximal to the entry of SJCRC without building on the BMX track. Parking can be provided at the south of the site, but will need to address the access road as mentioned the point above.

- Overall accessibility and connectivity needs to be improved throughout the site. A floodlit path network is needed to enable people to move through the site in a safe manner. Seating, picnic tables, shelters, drinking fountains etc are needed to encourage use. Barriers need to be upgraded to be more inclusive. Recreation elements like intergeneration playspace, learn to ride facility and MTB skills track would be beneficial for the community. Buildings need to be made accessible and inclusive for all. CPTED and ESD principles need to be considered.
- Infrastructure no longer in use needs to be decommissioned and removed.