



Leongatha Outdoor Netball Court Feasibility Study

**COUNCIL BRIEFING PRESENTATION
OCTOBER 21ST 2015**



Project Background

- The Leongatha Football Netball Club (LFNC) Parrots play at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve as part of the Premier Gippsland League.
- Netball is currently played Indoor at SG Splash.
- Leongatha is the only team which plays indoor.
- The outdoor courts at the bottom of the reserve are currently used by the Leongatha & District Netball (LDNA) and LFNC stopped using these courts in 2007.
- Project funded by a Community Grant and Netball Victoria





About the LFNC



- The club currently has the following teams with the following numbers:

- A Grade - 8

- B Grade - 9

- C grade - 9

- U17 - 9

- U15 - 9

- U13 - 9

- **Total Players- 53**

- Teams playing in the Leongatha & District Netball Association Competition

- U15 - 7

- U13 - 8

- U11 - 7

- **Total Players- 22**

| Match Starting Times | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 9:00am | 13/U |
| 10:00am | 15/U |
| 11:00am | 17/U |
| 12:00pm | C grade |
| 1:00pm | B grade |
| 2:15pm | A grade |





Club Success Stories



- Level 3- GoodSports Program for a number of years
- Orange round this year which was raising awareness around violence towards women and children.
- GippSport Access Appraisal - to ensure all of the facilities are accessible for all.
- **2015 Season Results**
 - The League's Best & Fairest results for 2015:
 - Under 13s - Stacey Gilliam (winner).
 - Under 15s - Taylah Brown (runner up).
 - B Grade - Kath Reid (winner) and Club Best and Fairest.

The club players were recognised in the League Vote Count with many votes received for a large number of players.

- The LDNA junior team the under 13's lost in semi – final.
- The LDNA junior team the under 15's won the grand final.
- Grades B, C and under 13's got to the finals this year.
- Under 13s lost to Traralgon in the elimination final.
- C grade lost to Bairnsdale in the semi-final.
- B grade won the grand final.



Consultation



- **Consultation with:**
 - Leongatha Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
 - Leongatha & District Netball Association (LDNA)
 - Council Staff
 - Netball Victoria
 - Gippsland League
 - GippSport





Existing Netball Facilities



- **LDNA Courts (8 outdoor courts)**
 - There are significant compliance issues with the LDNA existing outdoor courts.
 - There are no easy solutions and a complete re-design is required to solve the issues as a separate project
 - It is expected that the existing surface will be suitable for approximately 7 years.
 - The facilities are too far away from the Football Oval
 - Support facilities can not cater for the LFNC
 - Very challenging to share facilities



Existing Facilities



- **SG Splash**
 - The facilities are Indoor
 - The netball courts are slightly non compliant
 - Issues with gate entry

 - However, Netball does provide income and marketing opportunities for Splash. Also, Splash has excellent changeroom and amenities.





Research Completed



- Demographics
- Council's Recreation Plan
- LRR Master Plan
- Technical Site Inspection
- Netball Victoria Facility requirements & Participation trends
- Benchmarking of similar facilities
- Gippsland League requirements



What we found



- Leongatha is the Municipal Centre for sport & recreation and is the only reserve without a compliant outdoor netball court.
 - In the future it is likely the participation in netball will increase in Leongatha
 - LDNA fully utilise their facilities on a Saturday and the sharing of facilities would be difficult
 - LFNC are the only club playing Indoor which creates many issues for the Club and the League
 - Gender equity is very important in Football
- Netball Clubs and co location of facilities is very important





Site Options Considered



Preferred Option



- **Site 3 is the preferred option**
 - Open space available
 - 2 courts can fit in this location
 - Close proximity to the existing pavilion
 - Access to services- power, water
- **Negatives**
 - SG Water main
 - Utilise reserve area
 - Tree removal





Technical Information



- **Technical Information Obtained**
 - Geotechnical Testing
 - Dial before you dig
 - Engineers Report
 - Pavement Design
 - Concept Design's
 - Indicative Costing



Stage 1:

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|--|---------------------|
| • 1 asphalt netball court with all essential items | \$145,041.74 |
| • Lighting | \$40,000.00 |
| • Shelter | \$30,000.00 |
| • Modified fencing | \$5,000.00 |
| • Total Project Cost | \$220,041.74 |
- **Two Courts with all additional items would cost: \$407,835**





Project Support



The State Government is supportive of Female Participation Projects and gender equity.

This project is supported by:

- Leongatha Recreation Reserve COM
- LDNA
- Netball Victoria
- Gippsland League



Request for Support



The Leongatha Football Netball Club is seeking support from South Gippsland Shire Council by:

- An application to the Country Football Netball Program
- A financial contribution to the project





Thank you



Any Questions?

***Thank you for the opportunity
to present today***

