
ORDINARY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: DRAFT KIRKHAM PARK MASTERPLAN
FROM: Director Sport, Community and Recreation
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council's endorsement to place the draft Kirkham Park Masterplan (provided as an **attachment** to this report) on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. It is proposed that Council will receive a further report at the completion of the exhibition period regarding any submissions received during the advertised period.

BACKGROUND

Kirkham Park is the home to a number of sporting and recreational users, including Cricket, Rugby League, BMX and recreational skateboarding.

Kirkham Park also previously accommodated the Camden Netball Association that has since relocated to the Narellan Sports Hub. The draft Kirkham Park Masterplan identifies opportunities to accommodate the future growth of the current sporting and recreational user groups.

A draft masterplan has been developed identifying the scope of proposed improvements for Kirkham Park after consultation with the current users.

The draft masterplan was presented to Councillors at a briefing on 13 March 2018.

MAIN REPORT

Meetings were held with the regular user groups including an on-site pop-up at the skate park, to understand the needs of the users and the growth that is being experienced by the various sporting codes. Each code was able to provide input which has been incorporated into the draft Kirkham Park masterplan. The draft masterplan has considered site access, sporting field development, amenity requirements, car parking, opportunities for play and the expansion of BMX.

The consultation has resulted in the development of a draft masterplan which has encompassed the needs of each of the sporting codes and the authorised recreational users of the park. The draft Kirkham Park Masterplan identifies opportunities for each of the user groups to support the future growth of their respective sports.

It is now proposed to place the draft Kirkham Park Masterplan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to seek comments from the Community. A further report will then be presented to Council outlining submissions received during the advertising period.

Currently within Council's Long Term financial plan there is funding available for the commencement of the BMX expansion and the additional rugby league fields adjacent

to the main rugby league field on Franzman Avenue, Elderslie. In addition to these works funding is also available for improvements to the Playground and the Skate Park, which will include the drop-in area of the Skate Park and an additional piece of playground equipment in the play area adjacent to the proposed BMX expansion site.

Other aspects of the plan will be undertaken in a staged approach as funding becomes available.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Funding for the implementation of the first stage of the draft masterplan has been included as part of Council's adopted Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. The initial implementation of the Plan will include stage one of the BMX expansion, upgrades to the Skate Park and Playground, and the commencement of the additional full size and a modified size rugby league fields.

CONCLUSION

The draft masterplan for Kirkham Park has been developed in consultation with the current sporting codes that utilise Kirkham Park, being Rugby League, Cricket, BMX and recreational users. The masterplan addresses future needs of these codes to enable their growth into the future.

Council's endorsement is sought to place the draft Kirkham Park Masterplan on public exhibition for period of 28 days, for consideration by the Community. After the public exhibition period has been completed it is proposed to report back to Council on any submissions received during the advertised period.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. resolve to place on public exhibition the draft Kirkham Park Masterplan for a period of 28 days; and**
- ii. receive a further report on any submissions received during the advertised period.**

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. DRAFT - Kirkham Park Masterplan**