

Information Sheet

Illyarrie Reserve draft master plan and Proposed indoor training facility



We are currently seeking feedback from the community about a draft master plan including the proposed indoor training facility (ITF) for Illyarrie Reserve. Council has previously undertaken community engagement on the proposed ITF twice; in June/July 2023 and September 2023.

Background

In response to some initial concerns, Council proposed an alternative location for the ITF to minimise impacts on green space and views and consulted with the community again. Overall, the feedback from this second round of engagement did not differ significantly from the first round.

Illyarrie Reserve is located in Surrey Downs and is the current home of the Golden Grove Central Districts Baseball Club (GGCDBC). The GGCDBC is affiliated with the South Australian Baseball League and competes in the Metropolitan League. Presently the club has over 400 active baseball and tee-ball members.

In 2022 an election commitment from the State Government was announced, which included funding for the GGCDBC to construct a new ITF. The proposed project will result in a fit-for-purpose ITF for club members, as well as potentially being a space for hire by other clubs (eg. softball, cricket).

On Saturday 11 February 2024 Council held a meeting at the Civic Centre to engage with local residents and the GGCDBC on a preferred revised location for the ITF that was supported by the Club as well as local residents. A location in the northwest corner of the car park off Illyarrie Avenue was identified by both parties as a possible alternative.

What's being proposed?

At its meeting on 26 March 2024, Council made the decision to develop an updated master plan for the whole of Illyarrie Reserve to include the proposed new location of the ITF, an indication of future works to accommodate any future growth of the Club, an assessment of parking capacity on and around the site and proposed improvements to areas of Illyarrie Reserve, particularly the section adjacent to the playground and Surrey Downs Community Centre.

As part of the proposed new location of the facility approximately 30 off-street car parks would be lost and the following additional works required include:

- retaining walls
- earthworks
- minor civil works to car park
- new line marking, and
- a new carpark entrance off Illyarrie Avenue

The dimensions of the proposed 375m² facility remain unchanged. The Colorbond shed with wall cladding will be approximately 24m long x 15m wide x 6m high, with a 100mm thick reinforced concrete slab, manual industrial roller doors and a personal access door. Electrical connections for power and lighting would also be installed.

The proposed ITF is partially funded with \$180,000 secured from an election commitment. The City of Tea Tree Gully have provided a contribution of \$180,000. The proposed revised location will require further funding of \$200k (estimated).

The other proposed works in the master plan are not funded and will be considered (if supported) along with other Council priorities. Proposed future works (currently unfunded) include:

- a new multifunction community court
- future carpark extension
- a new pump track
- new footpath network
- location of a future clubroom
- indented on-street parking to replace the loss of off-street parking, and
- reserve upgrades including irrigation, shelter and seating

Council staff have confirmed that no suitable alternative locations with potential for further growth have been identified within the City of Tea Tree Gully for the GGCDDBC. The GGCDDBC has been engaged on their future plans and aspirations for Illyarrie Reserve and any other potential future location(s). The Club has confirmed their preference is to remain at Illyarrie Reserve for the long term.

Have your say

Before any further decisions are made in relation to the amended proposal for an indoor training facility at Illyarrie Reserve and the whole of site master plan, Council would like to hear from the local community about their views on this proposal.

To provide your feedback:

- Go to haveyoursay.cttg.sa.gov.au/illyarrie and complete the online feedback form. If you would like a hard copy feedback form posted to you please contact us. Copies will also be available at Civic Centre reception and the Library, 571 Montague Road, Modbury
- Come along to our **'drop in session'** on Saturday 17 August 2024. Join us near the car park by the baseball club at Illyarrie Reserve, Surrey Downs anytime between 10.00am to 11.00am where you can talk to Elected Members and Council staff

We value your comments and would appreciate your feedback by 5pm, 30 August 2024.

All feedback received on this proposal will be presented to Council for consideration before any further decisions are made. Those who provide feedback will be advised of the Council meeting date when the matter will be considered and following this, the Council's decision.

Questions

If you have any questions you can use the Question & Answer tool at the website listed above, or you are welcome to contact Greg Salmon, Manager, Project Management Office on 8397 7444.