



INGLEWOOD MACINTYRE SPORTS COMPLEX

MASTER PLAN

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Master Plan

The Inglewood Macintyre Sports Complex (MSC) is an integral outdoor sports complex within the Goondiwindi Regional Council (Council) Local Government Area (LGA). As the only multi-purpose sporting ground within 55kms of the township of Inglewood, Council and the MSC stakeholders want to maintain a sustainable and functional asset for the local community.

The MSC is enjoyed by many community members including; sports players, residents, school children and active fitness groups. The MSC is currently home to four formal sporting clubs and two community groups, as well as sharing the facility with local schools, SES and is hired for events and ad hoc activities. These stakeholders have shared the site and facilities over many years. As the region recovers from the floods of 2021, the site now requires a Master Plan to assist in driving the direction and outcomes for the future.

The Master Plan addresses issues including lighting, storage, irrigation, seating and shade and building improvements with a focus on industry standards for compliance.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide a clear vision and to guide future sport and recreation facility improvements for the MSC that will be implemented in stages over time, subject to funding.

The MSC must cater for the sport and recreation needs of the Inglewood community into the long-term future.

1.2 Report Overview and Structure

1. INTRODUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MASTER PLAN PURPOSE• BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS	Provides background into the planning context and process of the Master Plan.
2. CONTEXT & ANALYSIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• THE LOCATION• LAND OWNERSHIP & ASSET MANAGEMENT• REGIONAL CONTEXT• CHARACTER & IDENTITY• COMMUNITY CONSULTATION• KEY OUTCOMES	Overview of the context of MSC and provides an overview of the analysis of the location. This analysis informed the development of the Master Plan.
3. MASTER PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IMPLEMENTATION• VISION STATEMENT• DESIGN PRINCIPLES• MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW• PRIORITY PROJECTS• LEAD AGENCIES FOR FUNDING	Section 3 documents the final Master Plan. It includes key projects as prioritised by the community and user groups.

1. Introduction

1.3 Background Documents

The following documents have been referenced throughout the Master Plan report:

- Inglewood Flood Mapping
- Goondiwindi Regional Council Corporate Plan 2019-2024
- Goondiwindi Regional Council Economic Development Strategy
- Goondiwindi Regional Council Sport and Recreation Statement

1.4 GRC Corporate Plan 2019-2024

Promote active community participation and lifestyles.

1.5 GRC Economic Development Strategy

Improve and promote the attractiveness of the region as a lifestyle and for tourists.



Figure 1. MacIntyre Sports Complex building used by community and sporting groups

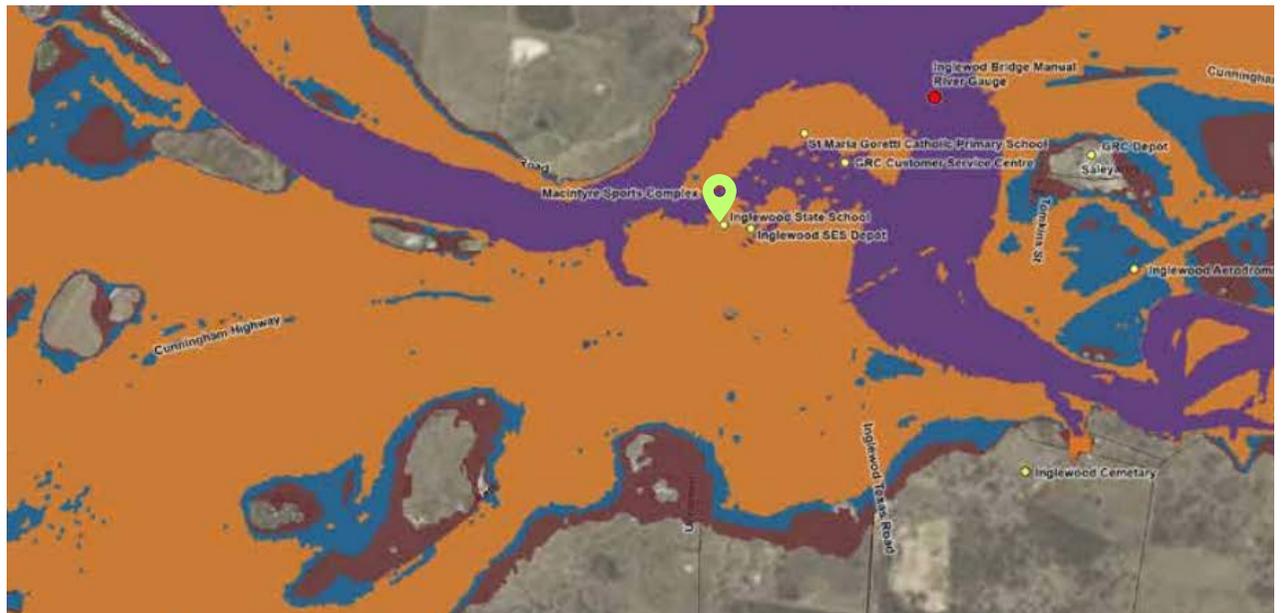


Figure 2. Inglewood Flood Mapping

 MacIntyre Sports Complex

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1.6 GRC Sport and Recreation Statement

Sport and recreation in the Goondiwindi Region is a priority for Council that provides benefits to the community across four key pillars:



Economic growth



Mental health



Physical health



Social wellbeing

Current and future community-led projects should aim to align with the region's priorities for sport and recreation. These priorities include:

- empowered local community groups
- increased local decision-making, and
- safe facilities

In line with Queensland Government's 10-year plan to encourage movement and engage more resident with physical activity, GRC also supports the following outcomes:

- empower more people to enjoy physical activity to improve their health and wellbeing in active communities
- inspire activity with places and spaces that invite an active lifestyle
- enhance community connection through participation in sport and recreation



Figure 3. Sport and Recreation across the Goondiwindi Region

2. Context & Analysis

2.1 The Location

Situated next to the Macintyre Brook and Inglewood State School, the MSC is a tranquil location to play sport.

MSC offers a range of sports for local members including touch football, cricket, netball, rugby league and senior activities. The facility is also known for hosting regional sporting competitions and school recreational activities.

Additionally, various community groups such as the SES, Inglewood Lions Club and Inglewood 60s & Better use the MSC.

Major road access to the facility is provided via the Cunningham Highway and Chilcott Street. Pedestrian and cycle access to the site is provided via installed cemented footpaths. There is one sealed carpark located at the main MSC hall. Furthermore, there is unsealed parking available on the southern side of the complex next to the Inglewood State School.

There is also underutilised space in the southwest corner of the site with accessibility from Lloyd Street.



Figure 4. Lot boundary of MacIntyre Sports Complex

- MacIntyre Sports Complex Boundary
- Footpath/ Pedestrian Access
- Road entrance into MSC
- MSC sealed parking

2. Context & Analysis

2.2 Land Ownership & Asset Management

The MSC is a Queensland Government reserve with Council as trustee.

Providing future improvements to the site continue to align with the Crown lease purpose of sport and recreation, Council confirms it is unlikely that any issues with delivery of this Master Plan will arise.

The MSC has no formal management committee, with Council undertaking the management responsibilities on behalf of the community. As a community asset, Council's approach is that decision-making requires community input.

Community groups currently hire the facility on a year-on-year basis. There is no long-term lease agreement required as the multi-purpose sports field is the only field of its kind for over 50kms. Council would not prevent any local user group from accessing the facility, rather working through issues with the committee if and when they arise.

There is an active group of committed volunteers focused on the successful delivery of their events, activities and/or sports. These leaders regularly liaise with Council on emerging issues as well as long term planning and setting strategic direction.

Each of the user groups have also confirmed their commitment to collaborating to raise funds for capital costs identified in this Master Plan.

The land is not currently subject to Aboriginal Land Claims, or Native Title interests under the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993.



Figure 5. Lot boundary of MacIntyre Sports Complex

— MacIntyre Sports Complex Boundary
— Neighbouring Property Boundaries

2. Context & Analysis

2.3 Regional Context

The Inglewood MSC is a unique facility and important sporting hub within the Goondiwindi Regional Council LGA.

The MSC is often used as a hub for regional sport training and events, due to its relatively central location in relation to Warwick, Stanthorpe, Millmerran, Texas and Goondiwindi. Most recently, Inglewood MSC has been identified as the preferred training location for Rugby League representative teams, with a pathway program planned in partnership with the Canterbury Bulldogs.



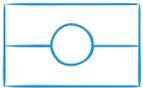
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ESTIMATED RESIDENTIAL POPULATION (2021)



49

MEDIAN AGE



10.1%

ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE



28.5%

COUPLE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN



130

SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS



Figure 6. Map of Goondiwindi Region LGA and MacIntyre Sports Complex relative location

2. Context & Analysis

2.4 Character & Identity

Inglewood and the MSC has a strong sense of character, enhanced by school children, sports players and community members' constant and regular activity within the complex.

The MSC is an ideal location to play sport and engage in community activities. The MSC offers a range of activities for local members including cricket, junior and senior rugby league, social touch and netball; as well as being open to the Lions Club, Inglewood School Sports, Inglewood 60s & Better and the SES.

The Inglewood MMSC is adjacent to the Inglewood State School, and within walking distance of the main street, and St Maria Goretti Catholic School.

The rugby league field and the cricket oval overlap, which presents a range of advantages and disadvantages for the site development.

The fields are subject to flooding as seen during the November 2021 flood event, however the building infrastructure has to date been elevated enough to avoid inundation.



Figure 7. The MacIntyre Sports Complex

2. Context & Analysis

2.5 Community Consultation

Goondiwindi Regional Council consulted both face to face and online with the local community and key organisations on the MSC Master Plan. The consulted groups and organisations were Inglewood Senior Rugby League, MIT Junior Rugby League, Inglewood Cricket, Inglewood Social Sports, Inglewood SES, Inglewood 60s & Better, Inglewood State School, St Maria Goretti, Inglewood Police and Warwick & District Junior League/ Western Clydesdales.

The engagement process resulted in clear findings and direction in relation to the overall project objectives and opportunities. Within this consultation, the community presented the following concerns.



Storage

A storage shed is required as equipment is currently stored in committee members homes. It was found that at times there have been issues with different community groups sharing the current container. A new shed would need to have lighting and power available. Senior and Junior Rugby have suggested a 3m x 8m storage shed for their use, and Cricket a 3m x 6m shed.



Seating and Shade

There is an evident lack of player and spectator seating around the fields. There is also no shade on the existing bench seats.

Issues with the current gazebo set-up for match officials is that spectators have an obstructed view of the game.



Lighting

Field lights do not meet training standards. Council has already approved the upgrade and is assisting Senior Rugby League to seek quotes and funding.



Club House

The Club House is functional but outdated. The kitchen is in need of repairs, due to moisture entering the area.

There is an issue with the current storage area. Firstly, it is difficult to access. Secondly, the roller door into the area does not close properly, allowing vermin and dust to enter the area.

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2.5 Community Consultation - Key Outcomes

Key outcomes of this engagement are outlined below:

- There was strong support for new field lighting, the construction of a new building for officials that includes a grandstand, storage sheds and improved player sideline seating/ shade.
- Strong partnerships between GRC and the community is essential to the successful future of the MSC
- There was some concern about the cost of these projects, impacts on rate-payers and the ability for these projects to be delivered
- There was also some differing opinions about the best location for the permanent building structure locations.

In preparation of the Master Plan, there were revisions undertaken following review and input from stakeholders.

A detailed analysis of the Study Area was undertaken to inform the Master Plan report. The following section of the report provides an overview of the following key aspects:

- Traffic and Car Parking
- Lighting (field and amenities)
- Seating (teams and spectators)
- Shade
- Landscaping
- Storage
- Upgrades to building (toilets/ showers/ kitchen etc.)
- Upgrades to other infrastructure (scoreboard, fencing, announcer equipment, etc.)



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2.5 Community Consultation - Key Outcomes

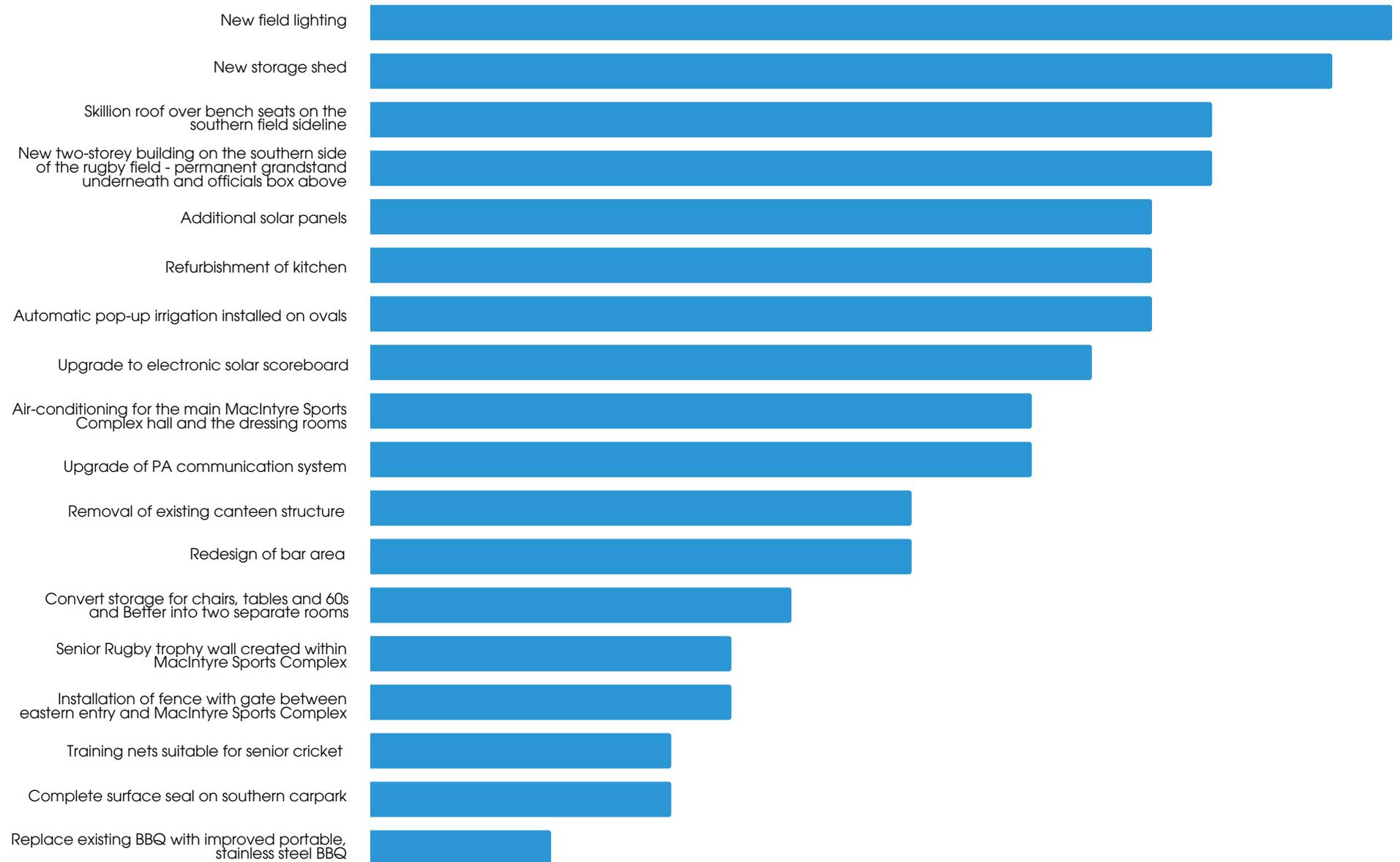


Figure 8. Priority projects as voted by the MSC users and the local community

3. Master Plan

3.1 Implementation Overview

The implementation of this Master Plan will occur over many stages as funding becomes available or necessity drives the process.

The Master Plan provides a long term vision, identifying what the site should look like and how it will function into the future.

The Master Plan will guide future investment in sport and recreation infrastructure at the MSC. The people of the Inglewood community: residents, visitors, existing and potential users of the MSC, are at the heart of the Master Plan. The Master Plan consolidates the community's collective vision and needs to provide an inviting and sustainable sport and recreation precinct.

The Master Plan does not necessarily suggest that all elements should proceed but rather provides a guide to an ultimate direction for the MSC. The timing of the Master Plan implementation will be dependent upon a number of factors including funding.

Completing the works in stages, as funding becomes available, allows for the continued function of the complex, minimising risks while addressing needs.

Each of the existing user groups have also confirmed their commitment to collaborating to raise funds for capital costs identified in this Master Plan.



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3.2 Vision Statement

To create a regional sport and recreation hub for Inglewood and the wider Goondiwindi Region, with accessible, integrated and sustainable facilities and spaces for the community and visitors to engage in a variety of opportunities.

3.3 Design Principles

Create a regional sport and recreation hub that is inclusive and welcoming, encourages social connection and participation, and further enhances the liveability of Inglewood and the wider community.

Provide accessible and quality facilities and spaces that enable and encourage the community to lead an active lifestyle and engage in active recreation.

Create safe access to the site.

Demonstrate functional design responses, including car parking, field spaces and public areas that enhances the character of the site.

Incorporate sustainable development that includes energy-efficient initiatives, opportunities for water efficiencies and opportunities to maximise solar energy.

Provide a premier sport and recreational venue for Inglewood and the Goondiwindi Region that improves the ability to sustain and attract a range of new sports, recreational activities and events including regional fixtures and community and cultural events.

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3.4 Overview of the Master Plan

The Master Plan has been developed based on a response to findings in a detailed analysis through community and stakeholder consultation. Community groups and stakeholders have identified the below projects in order of priority:

HIGH PRIORITY

- New field lighting for the rugby field to meet training standards
- New storage shed
- Skillion roof over sideline bench seats
- New two-storey building with permanent grandstand and officials box

MEDIUM PRIORITY

- Relocation of flood damaged gym to MSC
- Additional solar panels
- Air-conditioning for the main MSC hall and dressing rooms
- Removal of existing old canteen structure
- Refurbishment of existing kitchen
- Removal of pool table from MSC
- Automatic pop-up irrigation to be installed on oval
- Upgrade to electronic solar scoreboard
- Upgrade of PA communication system
- Redesign of bar area

LOW PRIORITY

- Complete surface seal of southern carpark
- Install training nets suitable for senior cricket
- Convert current storage area into two separate rooms
- Dedicated wall for Senior Rugby trophy cabinet
- Install of fence with gate between main entry and MSC
- Replace existing BBQ with improved stainless steel, portable BBQ



①	Additional solar panels Air-conditioning for MSC main hall and dressing rooms Kitchen refurbishment Convert storage area into two separate rooms Senior rugby trophy wall created within MSC Upgrade of PA communication system Redesign of bar area Replace existing BBQ
②	New storage shed
③	New field lighting Automatic pop-up irrigation installed on ovals
④	Skillion roof over bench seats Removal of existing canteen structure New two-storey building - permanent grandstand and officials box
⑤	Complete surface seal on southern carpark
⑥	Upgrade to electronic solar scoreboard
⑦	Possible gym location
⑧	Training nets suitable for senior cricket

Figure 9. Priority projects suggested locations within the MacIntyre Sports Complex

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3.5 High Priority Projects

FIELD LIGHTING

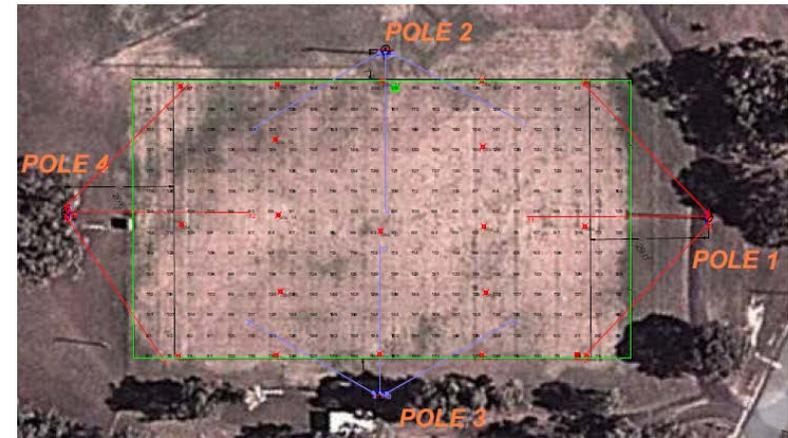
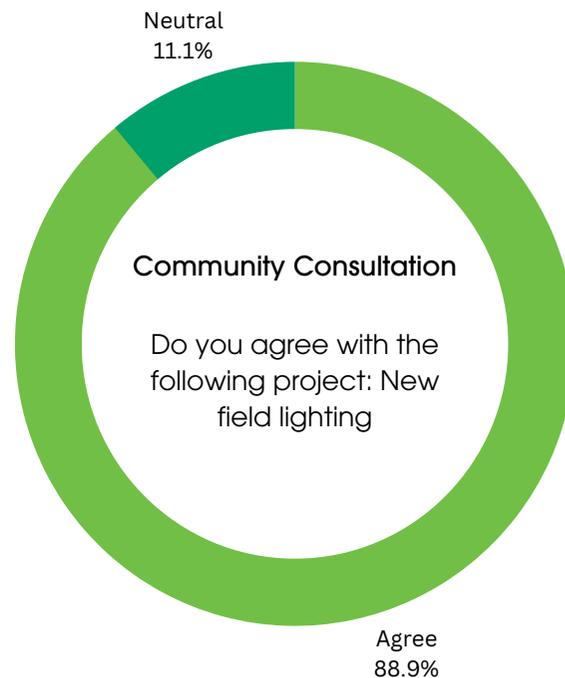
Installing new field lighting will ensure the rugby field can meet training and night game standards. Upgrading the field lighting will also allow for opportunities to host night games and other activities.

The current lighting is recorded at an average of 14 lux, with 100 lux required to meet Australian standards.

New field lighting was voted by the community groups as the highest facility, 89% of those who participated in the survey agreed with this initiative.

“It would help to have night games and avoid the women league tag team having to play at 1pm in the heat.”

- Community member response to survey



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3.5 High Priority Projects

STORAGE SHED

Build a new 4-bay storage shed for the MSC. The shed will provide storage for senior rugby, junior rugby, senior cricket and social sports. The shed would preferably be 4 bays with a discrete entry door. The shed should include power and lighting.

All consulted community groups recognised this a key priority project for the development of the MSC.

Community members were also asked to vote where they would prefer the 4-bay storage shed to be located.

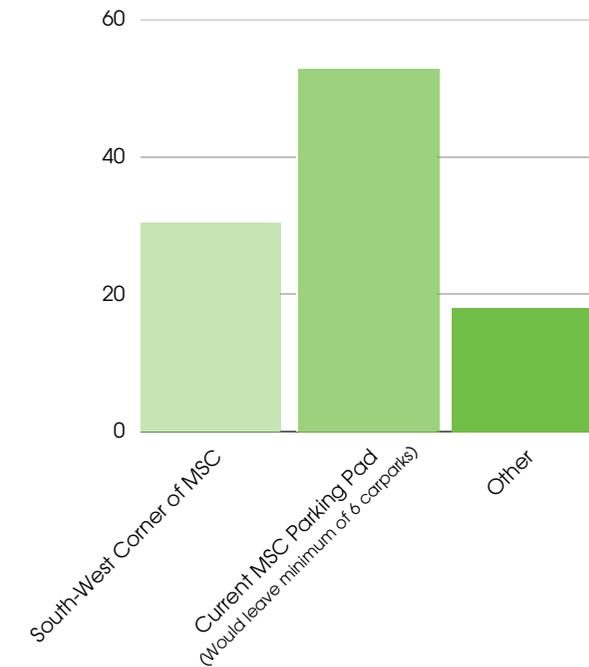


Figure 10. Proposed location for new 4-bay storage shed

“The shed needs to be at the building for easy access on training nights and game days.”

- Community member response to survey



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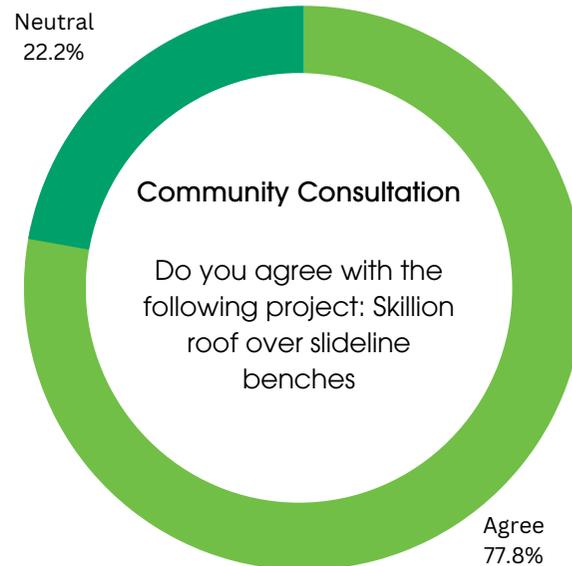
SKILLION ROOF OVER SIDELINE BENCHES

Install a new skillion roof over bench seats along the field sideline for players and coaches to use.

The skillion roof would not only provide substantial shade for players and coaches who are not on the field, it will also create a designated space for the home and away teams.

“This is a good option to keep the players and coaches away from the crowd.”

- Community member response to survey



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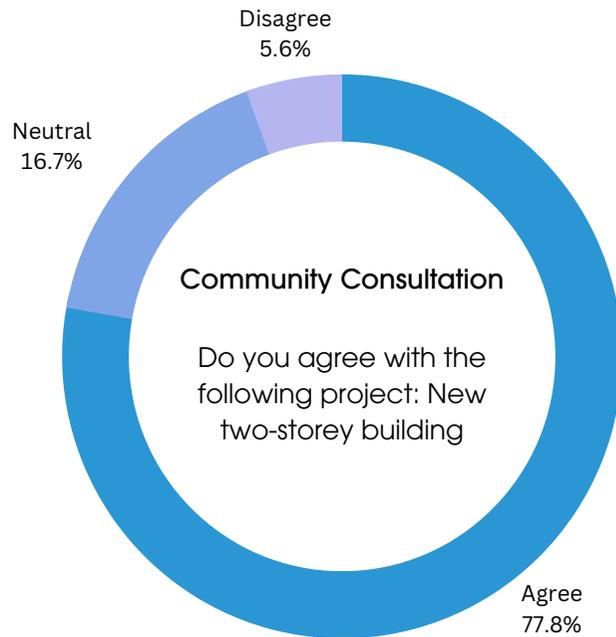
3.5 High Priority Projects

NEW TWO-STOREY BUILDING WITH PERMANENT GRANDSTAND AND OFFICIALS BOX

One of the high priority projects established, is to construct a new two-storey building on the southern side of the rugby field. This building ideally would have permanent grandstand seating underneath and an official's box above (similar to Goondiwindi's Gilbert Oval building - see bottom right).

The building will also serve as a new filming area; a rugby league requirement for all rugby games above 13-years-old.

During community consultation, concern was expressed for the location of the proposed building, as the western sun can create difficulty for filming games.



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3.6 Medium Priority Projects

RELOCATION OF FLOOD DAMAGED GYM TO MSC

There is significant water damage at the Inglewood Recreation Centre, as a result of the 2021 floods. In order to undertake repairs, the centre's gym needs to be relocated on a short-term basis, likely several months. It has therefore been proposed a new purpose-built gym should be co-located at the Macintyre Sports Complex.

Community groups were asked if a) they supported the relocation of the gym and b) where they would like the new gym to be located, either at the MSC parking pad or the south-western corner of the complex.

“A brand new, larger facility would be great to cater for the volume of members and will support the health and well-being of our community.”
- Community member response to survey

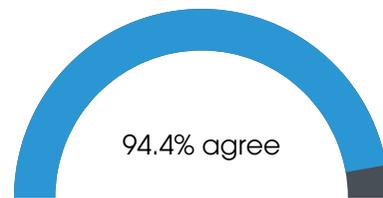


Figure 11. Support for the relocation of the gym to MSC

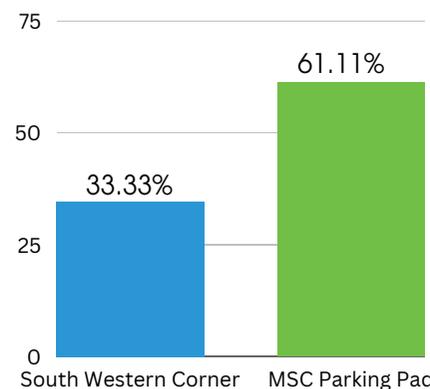


Figure 12. Preferred location of gym at MSC



Figure 13. Possible locations of gym at MSC

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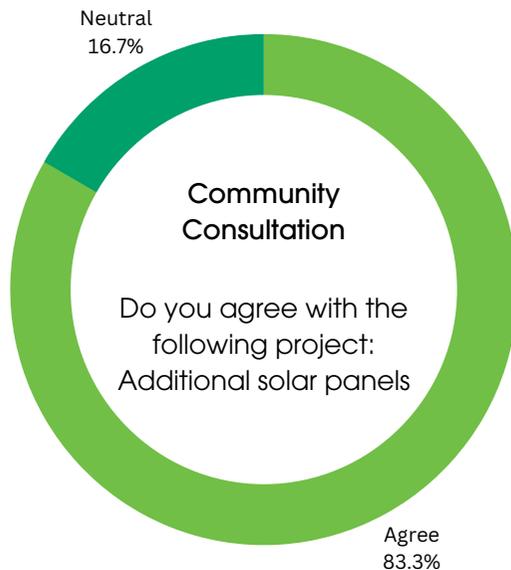
3.6 Medium Priority Projects

ADDITIONAL SOLAR PANELS

Installing additional solar panels onto the main building will not only help offset additional electricity costs, but will help ensure the MSC remains a sustainable community asset for all.

“Will offset additional electricity costs with some of the projects listed in this Masterplan”

- Community member response to survey

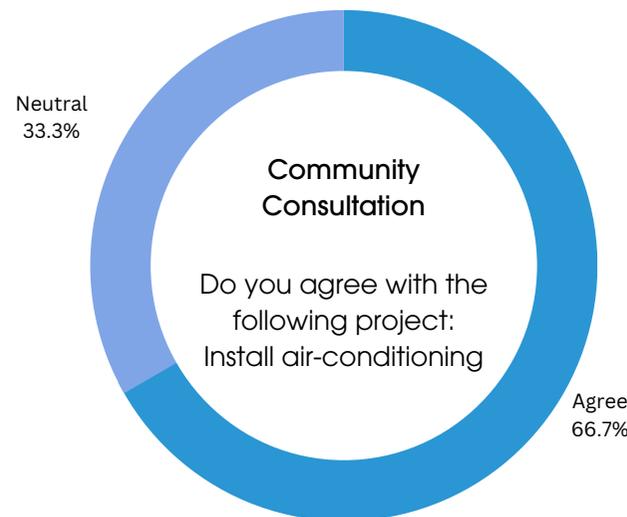


AIR-CONDITIONING FOR MAIN MSC HALL & DRESSING ROOMS

During community consultation, it was found that the main MSC hall does not have air-conditioning or a fan system and that some community groups felt they would benefit from this.

The facility is used by community members of all ages, from young children to the older demographic. Having air-conditioning can reduce the risk of dehydration and heat stroke for those members using the hall on warmer days.

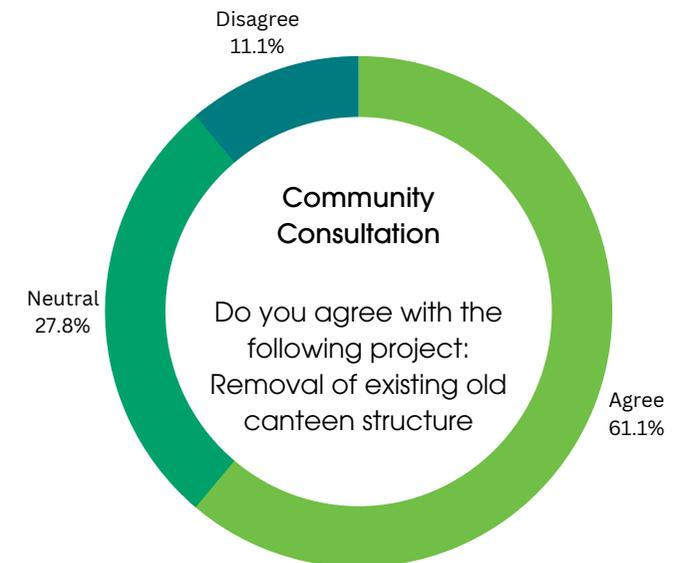
One community member suggested a master switch should be installed in the kitchen to ensure the air-conditioners are turned off when the building is not being used.



REMOVAL OF EXISTING OLD CANTEEN STRUCTURE

The facility currently has an old canteen structure at the south-east side of the complex. As it is outdated, the community was consulted about the removal of it in favour for the two-storey building.

Community consultation found that the canteen structure is currently being used as a storage space for junior rugby league equipment. Therefore, if the structure is removed, it is imperative that a new storage shed is built.



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3.6 Medium Priority Projects

REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING KITCHEN

The main MSC hall has an outdated, but operating kitchen. A refurbishment to the kitchen would address the moisture in the chipboard, improve the washing-up area, create a designated space for deep-fryers and an oven.

During community consultation, it was suggested that a refurbished kitchen should be a commercial grade kitchen to ensure that health regulations and requirements are met.



REMOVAL OF POOL TABLE FROM MSC

The pool table in years past has been a popular recreational activity at the MSC Hall, particularly for youth citizens.

Community consultation found that the groups wouldn't be opposed to leaving the pool table in the facility, if the hall was airconditioned.

It has been suggested that the pool table can be donated to the Inglewood Mates Shed, Lions Club or the Inglewood Bowls Club.

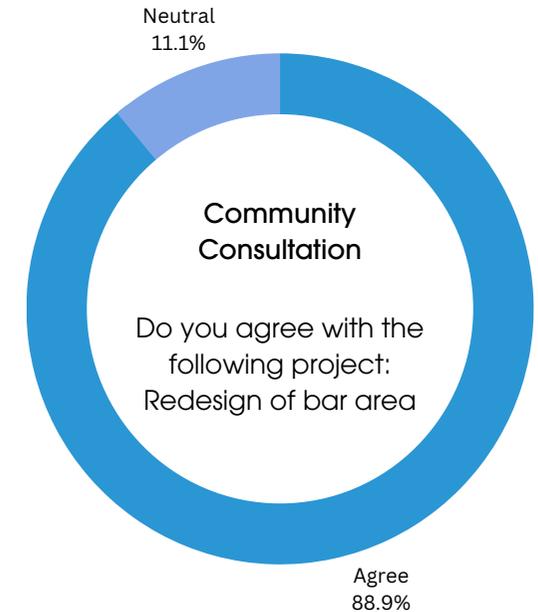


REDESIGN OF BAR AREA

Currently, the MSC Bar is operating in an outdoor area with ice-bins being used to store drinks.

A redesign of the bar area would see the ice-bins replaced with a cold room.

There may be opportunity for a bar to be included in the two-storey building.



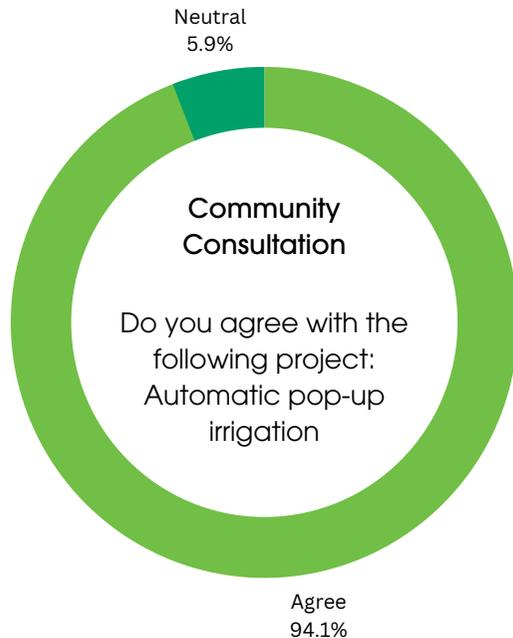
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3.6 Medium Priority Projects

AUTOMATIC POP-UP IRRIGATION

One of the medium priority projects is to install an automatic pop-up irrigation system on the rugby field and cricket oval.

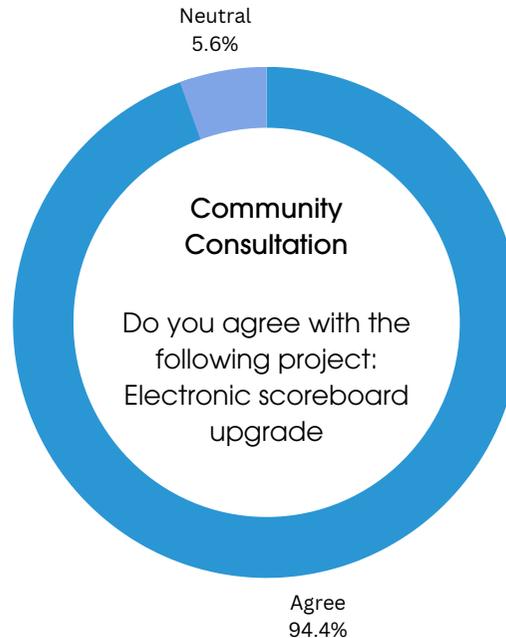
The current irrigation is completed by one of Council's travelling irrigators, a time-consuming process. As a result, the MSC grounds are not as attractive as other fields that currently use pop-up irrigation systems such as the Riddles Oval Complex in Goondiwindi.



ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD UPGRADE

Currently, the MSC is using portable electronic panels, placed over their analogue scoreboard. Goondiwindi Rugby League follow a similar system. The MSC could upgrade their current scoreboard to a solar electronic scoreboard.

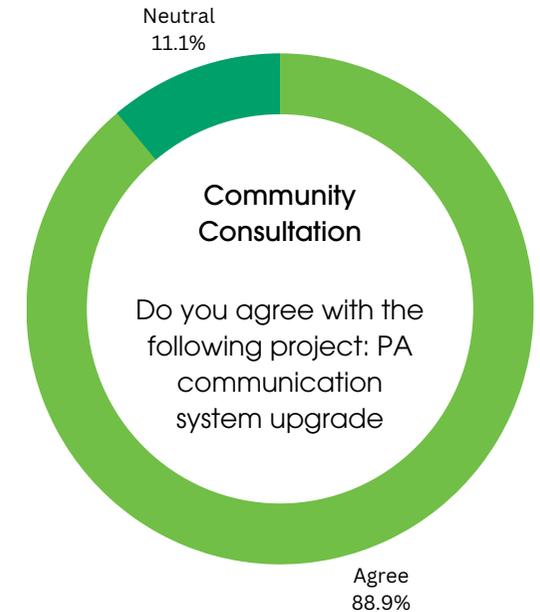
Community consultation presented concerns with the functionality of a solar scoreboard for charging on cloudy and rainy days, which can often occur during the winter and rugby season.



PA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM UPGRADE

One of the medium priority projects at the MSC is to improve the current PA system.

88.89% of the consulted community groups agreed with the project.

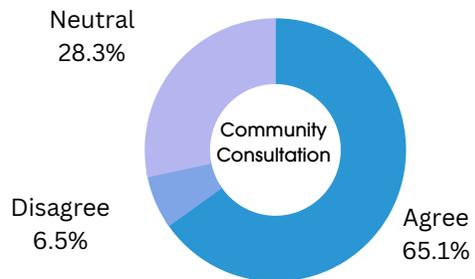


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3.7 Low Priority Projects

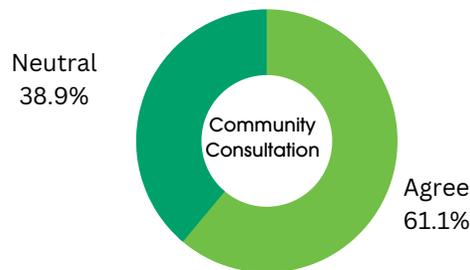
SOUTHERN CARPARK SURFACE SEAL

Complete surface seal of southern carpark, which is used by Inglewood State School Staff.



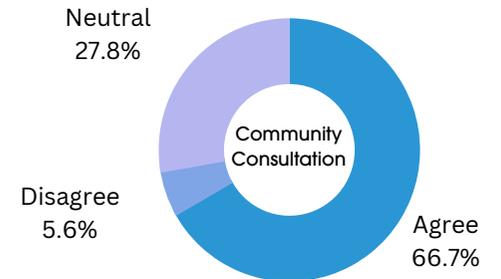
SENIOR CRICKET TRAINING NETS

Install training nets suitable for use by senior cricket. 100% of the community groups found that the south-western corner of the MSC would be a suitable location for the nets.



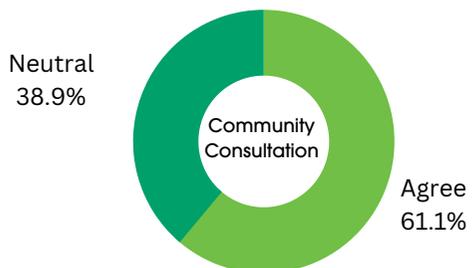
SENIOR RUGBY TROPHY WALL

Dedicated wall space for a Senior Rugby trophy cabinet within the MSC. Also, opportunity to recognise all sporting clubs associated with the MSC, not just rugby league.



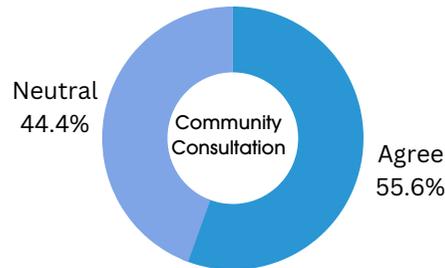
CONVERT STORAGE AREA INTO TWO ROOMS

The existing storage area in the hall to be converted into two separate rooms. Convert existing sliding doors from sliding to standard double cupboard doors and remove existing lips on entry.



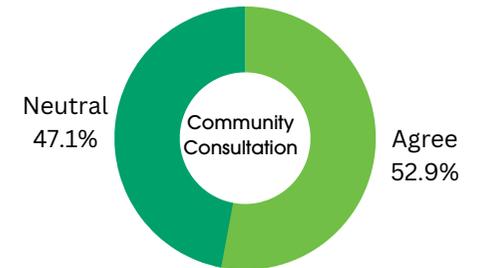
REPLACE EXISTING BBQ

Replace the existing Senior Rugby BBQ with a improved stainless steel portable BBQ. There may also be the opportunity for all MSC user clubs to access the BBQ.



INSTALL FENCE BETWEEN MAIN ENTRY & MSC

Install a fence with a gate between the main eastern entry and MSC hall, to limit general car parking in this area and improve child safety.



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3.8 Key Project and Lead Agency for funding

Key Projects	Lead Agencies
HIGH PRIORITY	
New field lighting	Goondiwindi Regional Council
New storage shed + solar panels	Inglewood Junior Rugby League
Skillion roof over bench seats on the southern field sideline	Inglewood Junior Rugby League
New two-storey building on the southern side of the rugby field - permanent grandstand underneath and officials box above + solar panels	Inglewood Senior Rugby League
MEDIUM PRIORITY	
Relocation of flood damaged gym to MSC	Inglewood Recreation Centre Inc
Additional solar panels	
Air-conditioning for the main MSC hall and the dressing rooms	Inglewood SES
Removal of existing canteen structure	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Refurbishment of kitchen	Inglewood Social Sport Club
Automatic pop-up irrigation installed on ovals	Goondiwindi Regional Council
Upgrade to electronic solar scoreboard	Inglewood Social Sport Club
Upgrade of PA communication system	Inglewood Senior Cricket Club
Redesign of bar area	Inglewood Senior Rugby League
LOW PRIORITY	
Training nets suitable for senior cricket	Inglewood Senior Cricket Club
Replace existing BBQ with improved portable, stainless steel BBQ	Inglewood Lions Club
Complete surface seal on southern carpark	Inglewood State School P&C
Convert storage for chairs, tables and 60s and Better into two separate rooms	Inglewood 60s and better
Senior rugby trophy wall created within MSC	Inglewood Senior Rugby League
Installation of fence with gate between eastern entry and MSC	TBC