



City of Bunbury draft Sport & Recreation Strategy 2019 - 2029 Official submission from BBA Board - October 2019

Grateful

On behalf of the Bunbury Basketball Assoc. (BBA) Board, members and supporters, collectively we are extremely grateful for the City of Bunbury establishing this draft Sport & Recreation Strategy (CoBSRS) plus the opportunity to provide a submission on the strategy.

BBA acknowledge 'provide additional indoor multi-sports courts for sports' has been listed as the first action item, out of a total 22 actions listed under Action and Opportunity, page 31.

BBA fully support this action item and hope its remains the number one preferred action item, as stated in the strategy, page 31.

BBA's Concern

BBA's concerns extend to the strategy (CoBSRS) and acknowledge substantial funding is needed to provide a quality regional indoor sports facility at the South West Sports Centre (SWSC), which will cater for all the participation needs of South West indoor court user groups and be built to specifications needed to host national indoor court championship events.

BBA would like a Bunbury City Council to approve an action item listed as 'South West Sports Centre – additional multi-use indoor courts' to be included in the City of Bunbury's Long Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2033/34, page 25, preferably listed in the 2020/21 financial year.

BBA would like Bunbury City Council to approve funding in the current City of Bunbury Budget to fund a Business Case, which includes a Needs Analysis Study, Feasibility Study and detailed concept plans for additional multi-use indoor courts built at the SWSC.

With the strategy (CoBSRS) placing many other actions in addition to the main priority and key requirement of providing more indoor courts. These new indoor sports courts must include facilities and services for 1500 - 2000+ spectators to support national sporting events such as national basketball, netball, volleyball, indoor hockey & soccer championship events, professional National League team fixtures, International Masters competitions for all sports not to mention community expo's, exhibitions, conventions and trade shows.

If we get this right, this facility will future proof the increased participation and development of all indoor sports, user groups plus become a major Regional draw card and local economic booster.

BBA supports the submission letter from Basketball WA, which is included with this BBA submission.

BBA feedback: Action & Opportunity items listed in the strategy (CoBSRS), page 31

Redevelop South West Sports Centre dry sports facilities

First Action Item listed:

Provide additional indoor multi-use courts for sports including basketball, netball, volleyball, indoor hockey, futsal/indoor soccer and SWSC programs for adults and juniors, including a marked show court for occasional use; redevelop associated changing and spectating spaces (including consideration for retractable seating). Provide space for junior activities (term and holiday), training opportunities for sporting clubs, health development initiatives with WACHS and casual play activities.

BBA Feedback – This Action to be the ‘**leading**’ action in a “Two Stage Development Strategy”

The strategy (CoBSRS) is a considerable plan in its entirety. BBA believes the City of Bunbury should consider a staged development to ensure adequate funding is available to provide a quality regional multi-sport facility as a priority over the other 21 actions. Our concern is that many of the other 21 actions are lesser of a community priority, which will require considerable funding.

Considering all actions in one development, in our opinion, is likely to water down what BBA, other indoor court user groups and the community see as the key requirement, which is clearly additional indoor sports courts at the SWSC.

BBA recommends a ‘Two Stage Development Strategy’, refer to stage 1 & 2

Stage (1): Actions and Opportunities, page 32

First Action Item listed: Additional indoor sports courts with supportive amenities

BBA Board recommends all these aspects of a new indoor sports courts facility be considered:

1. addition of more indoor courts be the main focus, with appropriate amenities & equipment.
2. existing sports hall lengthened by a minimum of 12-15 metres to ensure all courts are FIBA standard and public OH&S safety concerns are resolved.
3. existing sports hall equipment, scoreboards and court lines re-aligned to the extended sports hall.
4. renovation of existing sports hall toilets and change rooms
5. establish a significant new sports hall with up to five new courts
6. main court 1000 seat built-in grandstand above change rooms with a further 1000 seats on a retractable moveable grandstand to be stored at the southern end of the main hall. This would be 2000 seats permanently available at the new hall with the option of adding an additional 1000 seats behind the portable/scaffold grandstand to expand the capacity to 3000. Appropriate exits and toilets will need to cater for a capacity of 3500 people at one time at a main event.
7. new sports entry, reception desk and foyer
8. new sports cafe including tables and chairs area
9. Second Level - new offices for sports administration and sports development
10. 4 x home and away team change rooms to meet National championship standards
11. referee’s change rooms
12. first aid room for three treatment benches and appropriate cupboard storage.
13. function room facilities overlooking the northern end of Sports hall (1) & the southern end of sports hall (2)
14. equipment storage facilities
15. quality glass basketball backboards with solid heavy-duty basketball rings (not Acromat!)
16. one large State Basketball League quality scoreboard and all other courts to have West Australian Basketball League quality scoreboards all courts with Shot Clocks.
17. equipment to accommodate other indoor sports including netball
18. solar panels, it would be responsible to utilise this massive roofing structure to accommodate a solar energy producing installation to minimise the cost of powering the lights with a consideration given to housing a battery that would service the whole SWSC after hours when the sun goes down.

Stage (1): Actions and Opportunities, page 32

Fourth Action Item listed: Sports Offices

Develop 'club hub' space providing administrative space for SWSC user groups, other sporting clubs, DLGSC Regional Office, State Sporting Association Regional Officers, SWAS and shared function/meeting spaces. This space also to cater for growing demand from SEDA Group (Bunbury) Sports Development Program which delivers hands on multi-sport education programs for Year 11 and Year 12 students in association with Manea College.

BBA Feedback – See item 9 above, the second level of the new main entry foyer would accommodate sports offices

Seventh Action Item listed: Netball Courts

Relocate existing netball courts to current SWSC southern car park and provide integrated link to indoor multi-use courts. This will provide 18-22 indoor/outdoor courts located in close proximity and improve participation opportunities for a number of sports

BBA Feedback – BBA feels that there will be a co-habitation with Netball having use of the indoor court facilities as a provision for domestic fixtures, Regional leagues, State League fixtures and championship events. The BBA feels that the Bunbury Netball Association should also continue to operate and fixtures games and events at their current out-door courts facility.

Eighth Action Item listed: Car Parking

Replace lost car parking at SWSC south with car parking between existing SWSC north car park and Bunbury Tennis Club. Extend existing SWSC north car park to provide additional parking to service the extended centre.

BBA Feedback – The new indoor courts will definitely need additional car parking bays

Twenty second Action listed: Hay Park – SE Quadrant Bushland Area

Work with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to establish opportunities to access this space for active recreation pursuits such as walking and trail cycling

BBA Feedback – This would complement the new indoor courts

Stage (1): Vision of Development

‘proposed additional indoor courts added to the SWSC’



From This

To This



Stage (2): focus on other SWSC facilities

Second Action Item listed: Health Club

Redevelop health and fitness facilities to provide combined and sub dividable gym space (currently the gym is split into 2 locations), relocate group fitness facilities, upgraded spin studio and provide dedicated male and female changing spaces.

BBA Feedback – The leading strategy for Stage (2) development

Third Action Item listed: Squash Courts

Relocate squash court facilities to integrate with existing badminton centre, with 4 to 6 glass backed courts.

BBA Feedback – Totally unnecessary in our view, with building costs at well over \$1,000 m2, this would become close to a \$1,000,000. Our recommendation would be to renovate and recommission the existing courts with new surfaces and glass back walls.

Fifth Action Item listed: Medical Services

Provide 'commercial' space for allied health facilities to develop integrated health and physical activity provision for the community (for example General Practice, Physiotherapy/ Chiropractic). This space would be integrated into the SWSC but accessed separately from the main entrance to facilitate after hours operations.

BBA Feedback – Not a priority with plenty of services and facilities away from the South West Sports Centre. It would be important that consideration be given to spaces where temporary facilities could be set-up to allow for service during major events and carnivals.

Sixth Action Item Listed: SWSC Foyer

Upgrade SWSC internal foyer to improve customer navigation, access security, access to commercial spaces, incorporate modified and updated South West Hall of Fame

BBA Feedback – The new entry to the sports halls will be enough for Stage (1) development however the improvement to the current SWSC would be consider as part of Stage (2)

Ninth Action Item listed: 25m Pool

Redevelop indoor 25m teaching pool to provide 6 lane 25m pool with adjustable depth floor separated from reconfigured free form leisure pool.

BBA Feedback – This facility would be great for rehabilitation for dry sport injuries

Tenth Action Item listed: Hydro Pool

Develop hydrotherapy pool/spa facilities within/adjacent to existing pool hall.

BBA Feedback – A very costly facility for a small service to the community. There is no significant benefit to indoor sports to have this facility close by and consideration must be given to prevent condensation from occurring in the sports courts which would be a health and safety issue. The further away from the indoor courts the better.

Stage (2): focus on other SWSC facilities (continued)

Eleventh Action Item listed: Club Hub

Develop aquatic 'club hub' facilities adjacent to north east corner of existing 50m pool hall including administrative spaces for clubs and shared meeting space

BBA Feedback – It would be great for other SWSC clubs to have these facilities.

Twelfth Action Item listed: Outdoor Pool Facilities

Develop outdoor pool facilities – specifications to be determined at a later stage.

BBA Feedback – This one action could be the most expensive action item stated in the Strategy (CoBSRS). With such a small statement with huge cost consideration, the council could have been a lot more descriptive of the types and size of this facility item.

Other Actions and Opportunities regarding the SWSC and should be considered in a “Two Stage Development Strategy”.

Action 13 - Forrest Park – Bunbury Bowling Club

Action 14 - Hay Park Netball Courts – See our above comments Stage One Development and Seventh Action Item: Netball Courts

Action 15 - Hay Park Hockey

Action 16 - Hay Park North and Central

Action 17 - Hay Park North cricket training nets

Action 18 - Moorabinda Croquet & Bunbury Tennis Club

Action 19 - Payne Park

Action 20 - Sportsground Lighting – sportsgrounds other than Hay Park

Action 21 - Kelly Park