



AGENDA

Showgrounds Advisory Committee

To be held on Tuesday 3 December 2024

At 5:30 pm

Civic Centre, Council Chambers

24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850

The Chief Executive Officer of Katherine Town Council
hereby provides notice of Showgrounds Advisory Committee
in accordance with Section 97(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*

COMMITTEE

- Councillor Peter McDougall - Chairperson
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath
- Tim Delaney
- Mark Robertson
- Tia Solloway
- Kylie Leonhardt
- Leanne Bugg
- Annabelle Keith

OFFICERS

- Brett Kimpton – Manager of Environment and Municipal
- Ianna Lalim – Administration Officer (Minute Taker)

VISION:

Katherine is a place of opportunities. We celebrate diversity as we live, work, learn and grow together.

MISSION:

Together, we will work effectively today to shape our exceptional future tomorrows.

VALUES:

- 1. Accepting of diversity**
- 2. Sense of community**
- 3. Respect for people, environment, and culture.**

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1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

1.2 APOLOGIES

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members Disclosure Conflict of Interest

Committee Members must declare any conflicts of interest in accordance with the Council's Conflict-of-Interest Policy. A copy of this policy can be downloaded from www.katherine.nt.gov.au or obtained by emailing records@ktc.nt.gov.au

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

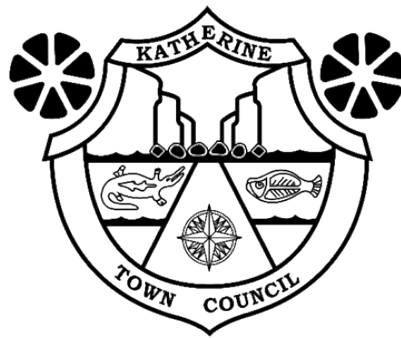
4.1 MINUTES OF THE SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Report Type: For noting

Attachments: 1. Showground Advisory Committee - 3 September 2024 - Minutes - Unconfirmed
[4.1.1 - 6 pages]

Recommendation

That the Showgrounds Committee confirm the minutes of the Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024 as a true and accurate record.



MINUTES

Showgrounds Advisory Committee

Held on Tuesday 3 September 2024

Civic Centre, Council Chambers
24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850



1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Councillor Peter McDougall (Chair)
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath
- Anna Kerwin
- Mark Robertson
- Kylie Leonhardt
- Leanne Bugg

OFFICERS

- Amanda Haigh - Manager Governance and Risk
- Brett Kimpton - Manager Environment and Municipal
- Ianna Lalim - Administration Officer (Minute Taker)

1.2 APOLOGIES

Tia Solloway apology for the meeting was noted.

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Councillor McDougall declared the Showground Advisory Committee - 3 September 2024 open at 5:35 pm.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil conflicts declared.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SHOWGROUNDS AND MULTI-PURPOSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 2 MAY 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ShAC-2024-1

Moved: Mark Robertson; **Seconded:** Kylie Leonhardt

That Council confirm the minutes of the Katherine Showgrounds and Multi-purpose Advisory Committee held on 2 May 2023 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 6|0

FOR: Councillor McDougall, Councillor Trembath, Anna Kerwin, Mark Robertson, Leanne Bugg and Kylie Leonhardt
AGAINST: Nil

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 ACTION UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ShAC-2024-2



Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded:** Anna Kerwin

That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 6|0

FOR: Councillor McDougall, Councillor Trembath, Anna Kerwin, Mark Robertson, Leanne Bugg and Kylie Leonhardt
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Noted that the register contains nothing completed as issues are recurring and ongoing.

Request for more information about the action register raised. Tree maintenance is always ongoing, aging infrastructure to be considered regarding the light towers.

Oval Light Towers do not pass Australian standards for show jumping. In their condition lighting was insufficient and interstate judges would have declined the event. Due to the age of these towers, replacement parts are difficult to source. Noted that if alternatives are sourced then the Katherine District Show Society should be consulted to ensure new infrastructure would comply with necessary standards. Lights should be audited and this takes place annually before the show with issues often raised prior by user groups.

The Katherine Dirt Kart Club had previous interest in a grant to support planting of trees around the Showgrounds track. Taken on notice.

The Katherine Dirt Kart Club raised questions about their Council accounts. Taken on notice.

6 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE - SHOWGROUNDS AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ShAC-2024-3

Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded:** Kylie Leonhardt

1. That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Terms of Reference for the Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre Advisory Committee.
2. That the Committee resolves to meet quarterly rather than bi-monthly.

CARRIED 6|0

FOR: Councillor McDougall, Councillor Trembath, Anna Kerwin, Mark Robertson, Leanne Bugg and Kylie Leonhardt
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Committee members were unaware of the Terms of Reference despite having been in place. Terms of Reference are now due for review. The discrepancies between the document stipulations and how the Committee truly functions were noted.



The Committee agreed to a quarterly schedule of meetings.

Councillors and user group members who are not appointed to the Committee are allowed to attend as observers but they do not have voting rights. Also noted that having a single representative allows for consistency.

The meeting allows all members to cross paths and come to an understanding but as issues arise in between meetings they can be discussed directly.

As no revisions were suggested the second officer recommendation was withdrawn.

Request for Katherine Dirt Kart Club access code to conduct working bees. Taken on notice.

6.2 GENERAL UPDATE - SHOWGROUNDS, KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL - 28 AUGUST 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ShAC-2024-4

Moved: Councillor Trembath; **Seconded:** Kylie Leonhardt

1. That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note:
 - a. The report containing major changes and challenges to the Showgrounds since its last meeting 2 May 2023.
 - b. The report containing Council publications for the new financial year 2024/2025 including its Municipal Plan and Fees and Charges.
 - c. The report of Council's recently launched platforms aimed at promoting community engagement and providing information about its facilities, including the Showgrounds.
2. That the Committee support the proposal submitted by ASHS (Australian Stock Horse Society) for a new commentary box and storage shed to be installed at the Showgrounds Campdraft arena (submitted for CBF grant).

CARRIED 6|0

FOR: Councillor McDougall, Councillor Trembath, Anna Kerwin, Mark Robertson, Leanne Bugg and Kylie Leonhardt
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Noted that issues regarding mowing of the bird breeding area resulted partly from confusion of ownership between Department of Lands and Planning and Council - it has been resolved that this is a Council area.

An issue with the Showgrounds large bore was identified late last year with efforts made to install a new bore beginning in February 2024. Installation and supply issues resulted in a period of dry ground for the oval that impacted the AFL season. Reports were received for injured players during this time but these could not be substantiated. AFLNT concurred that no formal reports were made, at least during the Committee member's time of June 2024 onward. The oval is now green and irrigation by the bore is currently controlled manually but will soon be under automatic control.

The Showgrounds is experiencing weed growth issues, particularly multiplication of Neem trees. Taken on notice.

It was asked that members and all users of the Showgrounds remain on formed roads and avoid driving



across green grass to minimise damage to the irrigation.

6.3 RESERVE MASTER PLAN - KATHERINE SHOWGROUND AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Kylie Leonhardt; **Seconded:** Anna Kerwin

1. That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Katherine Town Council Master Plan for the Katherine Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre – Draft V1.
2. That the Committee confirm their approval of the Master Plan draft for Council's review.

Discussion

Comments made that the Master Plan is already outdated and the Committee would prefer to read it more closely before reaching a decision.

The Plan was tabled to the Committee in 2021 but did not go to Council. The Plan is therefore re-tabled to see how it compares to the current Showgrounds and inform Master Plan practicality. Noted that a Master Plan is beneficial for attracting funding and guiding development.

Issues were raised with past administration of the Plan.

Committee preferred to have time to review and provide feedback, and the Master Plan be tabled at the next meeting.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION ShAC-2024-6

Moved: Mark Robertson; **Seconded:** Kylie Leonhardt

1. That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee review and provide feedback on the Master Plan for the Katherine Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre – Draft V1.
2. That the Master Plan and feedback are tabled at the next meeting.

CARRIED 6|0

FOR: Councillor McDougall, Councillor Trembath, Anna Kerwin, Mark Robertson, Leanne Bugg and Kylie Leonhardt
AGAINST: Nil

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

7.1 OTHER BUSINESS

The Australian Stock Horse Society were able to run their draft despite issues with the late wet season but noted that as their event grows it is more difficult to accommodate the higher number of campers. Provision of camping water is a necessary work in progress for the Master Plan. A suggestion was made to install water tanks at the Showgrounds.



The Katherine District Show Society reported a successful show without incidents. They recorded more than 37000 attendees.

AFLNT reported more than 1200 people at their Showgrounds grand final game. It was coordinated with the Katherine Police, Council and communities with no incidents recorded. The season's game times were scheduled for daylight hours which assisted in alleviating intoxication issues at games. It is noted that it was a relatively short season.

8 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Showground Advisory Committee - 3 September 2024 was declared closed at 6:31pm.

The next Showgrounds Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2024.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 ACTION UPDATE

Report Type: For noting

Attachments: 1. Action Register - Showgrounds Advisory Committee 3 September 2024 [5.1.1 - 1 page]

Officer Recommendation

That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Action Update.

03/09/2024	Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting – 3 September 2024	6.2	General Update – Showgrounds, Katherine Town Council – 28 August 2024	In Progress
The AFL Oval Tower Light's custom parts have arrived however further issues have been identified. Currently awaiting delivery and installation of new parts to complete the works.				
03/09/2024	Showgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting – 3 September 2024	6.3	Reserve Master Plan – Katherine Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre	In Progress
Report for the Master Plan is included in the Showgrounds Advisory Committee meeting agenda.				

6 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE - SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Author: Ianna Lalim, Administration Officer
Authoriser: Ingrid Stonhill, Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: 1. Terms of Reference Showgrounds Advisory Committee V2 Approved [6.1.1 - 4 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note their revised Terms of Reference, approved during the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 October 2024.

Purpose of Report

To allow the Committee to review its Terms of Reference (TOR) document, which is now separate from the Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee TOR and has been updated to reflect operational changes.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.2 Ensure strong internal governance with updated policies and procedures in place.

Municipal Plan

1.1.2.3 Ensure compliance with other legislation applicable to Council

1.2.2.2 Improve Council advisory committees' governance compliance with their Terms of Reference (ToR)

3.1.2.1 Ensure conformance with advisory committee Terms of Reference requirements

Background

Prior to this review, the Showgrounds Advisory Committee was governed by the Showground and Multi-purpose Centre Advisory Committee Terms of Reference which addressed both the Showgrounds' and Sportsgrounds' Advisory Committees. This original TOR was due for review on 1 November 2024 and presented to both Committees in a report during their respective meetings in September 2024.

The Sportsgrounds and Showgrounds Committees resolved to make differing decisions regarding the TOR review resulting in the separation of these documents which have been revised to reflect each Committee's resolutions.

Discussion

In their review of the Terms of Reference the Showgrounds Advisory Committee considered the function of the meetings, schedule of meetings, and number of representatives from each club to the Committee. The Committee agreed to a quarterly schedule of meetings and noted that as in line with the TOR a single representative to the Committee allows for consistency. No revisions were suggested and the second officer recommendation for this report was withdrawn.

In summary the TOR was edited to govern only the Showgrounds Advisory Committee and address only the Showgrounds facility. Due to cessation of the position Director, Infrastructure and Environment, this position's requirements were removed from the Terms. The responsible officer was therefore updated to the Manager Environment and Municipal. Minor grammatical changes were made and further related documents were listed on the TOR.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

The Showgrounds Advisory Committee Terms of Reference govern this Committee and therefore any changes to the document must be reviewed by the Committee.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

The changes made to the Terms of Reference were approved by resolution of Council on 22 October 2024 and it has been established as a policy in Council's records system.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Type:	Terms of Reference		
Owner:	Chief Executive Officer		
Responsible Officer:	Manager Environment and Municipal		
Approval Date:	22/10/2024	Next Review:	22/10/2026
Records Number:	203973	Council/CEO Decision:	Council
Policy Reference:	Advisory Committee Policy		

1 PURPOSE

Katherine Town Council encourages input from the community about its services, operations and facilities. Council Advisory Committees are one way for the community to provide input or advice to Council on a specific topic or the strategic management of a facility on an ongoing basis.

The purpose of the Showgrounds Advisory Committee is to provide Council with strategic guidance and/or recommendations in relation to the Katherine Showgrounds on a regular basis. These Terms of Reference are to be read in conjunction with Council's Advisory Committee policy.

2 DETAILS

The Katherine Showgrounds provides important community infrastructure in Katherine.

The Showgrounds provides facilities including the racecourse, pavilions, campgrounds, grandstands, the oval, rodeo arena, storage sheds and ablution blocks.

Given the importance of this community infrastructure, it is essential that community members and groups that access the facilities have a mechanism to discuss key issues and engage with Council. The Advisory Committee will provide advice to Council in order to maximise the benefits to the Katherine community by supporting and enhancing agricultural and sporting activities in relation to facilities, infrastructure and events.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Advisory Committee will comprise of registered user members including:

- One (1) each registered user community organisation representatives, one of whom is under the age of 25 years, and
- Two (2) Councillors.

Relevant Council staff will assist in providing information in an observer capacity but will not be voting members of the Advisory Committee.

Membership of the Committee shall be for a period of two (2) years unless a recommendation to the contrary is adopted by Council at an Ordinary or Special Council Meeting.

An increase or decrease in the Committee membership must be approved by resolution of Council at an Ordinary or Special Council Meeting.

One month prior to the expiration of a member's term on the Committee, Council shall seek nominations for a replacement, with the successful appointee being approved by Council at an Ordinary or Special Council Meeting.

Appointment of community or community organisation members

The external membership selection process for this Advisory Committee will include Expressions of Interest sought through a range of channels as decided by the Mayor, Councillors or Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Councillors

Councillors will be appointed to the Advisory Committee by resolution at an Ordinary or Special Council Meeting.

Chairperson

The Chairperson may be a Councillor or other member of the Advisory Committee determined by the members' majority vote.

In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, the Chairperson shall nominate an acting chair for that meeting.

QUORUM

The quorum for the Advisory Committee shall be half the number of members of the Committee, plus one.

MEETINGS

The Advisory Committee will meet a minimum of four (4) times per annum. A schedule of Committee meetings will be developed and agreed to by the members and additional meetings shall be convened at the discretion of Council. If a voting member is absent for two consecutive meetings, the Chairperson will write to that member seeking an explanation on why they should remain on the Committee.

The meetings will be an opportunity for Councillors to interact with the Group and receive views and opinions on matters relevant to the Committee. Meetings shall be Chaired by one of the Committee members.

Council staff are not permitted to vote or move or second recommendations but can contribute advice during discussions on any subject.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee are to:

- provide Council with information and advice with respect to the views and concerns of all users and groups that use the facilities
- provide Council with a key link between the community, users and groups, and other community interest groups
- provide advice and recommendations to help inform Council's decision-making regarding services and policies related to the facilities, and
- assist Council to distribute information about relevant decisions to reach the targeted users and groups, and other community groups.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Katherine Town Council will provide administrative support to the Committee by way of distributing the Notice of Meetings, creating and circulating to the members an agenda, taking the minutes of each meeting, circulating to members the minutes of each meeting, writing an agenda report, and attaching the Committee minutes and recommendations made by the Committee to Council for inclusion in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.

Katherine Town Council staff will provide appropriate advice and administrative support to assist the Committee to meet its obligations.

REPORTING TO COUNCIL

Following each meeting, the Advisory Committee will provide a report of the meeting to Council with its guidance and/or make recommendations to Council.

The minutes of each Committee meeting shall be attached to an agenda report to be dealt with accordingly at the Ordinary Council Meeting following the Committee meeting.

3 ASSOCIATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Advisory Committee policy

Privacy policy

Confidential Information policy

SOP – Governance – Doc Assembler Create Meeting Agenda Papers

SOP – Infra Admin – Showgrounds and Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee Meetings

Nomination Form – Showgrounds and Sportsgrounds Advisory Committees

Revision History

Version	Approval date	Details of change	Responsible officer
1	22/11/2022	Created Records Number 171361	Director, Infrastructure and Environment
2	22/10/2024	Terms of Reference edited to govern only the Showgrounds Advisory Committee and therefore address only the Showgrounds facility	Manager Environment and Municipal

TERMS OF REFERENCE – SHOWGROUNDS AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

		<p>The position Director, Infrastructure and Environment has ceased, this position's requirements have been removed from the Terms</p> <p>Responsible officer updated to the Manager Environment and Municipal</p> <p>The following associated documents have been listed: SOP – Governance – Doc Assembler Create Meeting Agenda Papers, SOP – Infra and Admin – Showgrounds and Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee Meetings, Nomination Form – Showgrounds and Sportsgrounds Advisory Committees</p> <p>Minor grammatical changes</p>	
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6.2 RESERVE MASTER PLAN - KATHERINE SHOWGROUND AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

Author: Ianna Lalim, Administration Officer
Authoriser: Ingrid Stonhill, Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For noting
Attachments: 1. Katherine Show Grounds Reserve Master Plan - Final - 2018 - 6 October 2018 [6.2.1 - 20 pages]
2. Site Plan - Ashford Group Architects - Katherine Showgrounds Masterplan - 4 Apr 2019 [6.2.2 - 8 pages]

Officer Recommendation

1. That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Katherine Town Council Master Plan for the Katherine Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre – Draft V1.
2. That the Committee confirm their approval of the Master Plan draft for Council's review.

Purpose of Report

To request that the Showgrounds Advisory Committee review and confirm their approval of the Master Plan for the Katherine Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre – Draft V1.

Strategic Plan

3. SPORTS AND CIVIC EVENTS - 3.1 Sports and Civic Events - Provide sporting infrastructure and appropriate events to encourage community connectedness.

3.1.3 Develop key sporting infrastructure such as an all-weather/multipurpose sports arena.

3. SPORTS AND CIVIC EVENTS - 3.2 Brand Identity - Develop and implement a brand identity that is uniquely Katherine's

3.2.1 Craft Katherine's personality and identity by playing to our strengths.

4. GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY - 4.1 Better Infrastructure - Identify infrastructure in need of upgrading, potential for new infrastructure, and develop long-term plans to anticipate opportunities for better infrastructure.

4.1.3 Review Council's available land to consider potential utilisation opportunities.

4.1.4 Investigate an all-weather multipurpose facility.

Municipal Plan

2.1.2.1 Assess the condition of public amenities throughout Katherine and implement remediation where required

2.2.1.1 Secure funding for the Katherine Sports Precinct expansion to include AFL field, Conference and Evacuation centre, improved gym facilities and undercover sports courts

2.2.3.1 Provided a continually developing calendar of free and accessible community events that cater for our diverse community

3.1.2.1 Ensure conformance with advisory committee Terms of Reference requirements

3.1.2.2 Work with all users to ensure maximum utilisation of facilities

3.1.3.1 Incorporate indoor sports facilities in the design of the proposed multipurpose sports and recreation precinct

4.1.4.1 Funding for the multipurpose sport and recreation precinct expansion to include AFL field, conference and evacuation centre, improved gym facilities and undercover sports courts

Background

This report was included in the agenda for the Committee's meeting held on 3 September 2024. The

Committee noted issues with the Master Plan and preferred to have time to review and provide feedback. It is noted that there has been turnover of Committee members since the Plan was first presented. The Master Plan is therefore re-tabled in this meeting.

The 2021 Master Plan was developed with community members, user groups – sporting, show, and event – the Committee and Council, and is part of the larger Katherine Town Council Sport and Recreation Master Plan. It is intended to guide strategic planning to allow optimal use of the Showgrounds as a Precinct of recreational, cultural, and sporting activities.

Discussion

The Showgrounds Advisory Committee is requested to confirm their approval of the 2021 Master Plan draft to advise Council on this vision for the Showgrounds as a Precinct.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



Acknowledgement

This document was compiled by Sharyn Innes Consultancies Pty Ltd with the assistance of the Katherine community, Katherine Town Council staff, information from various Government Departments and reports.

Information in the plan was sourced through User groups surveys, face to face meetings, community meetings and records of minutes of meetings. Assistance with costs were gained through the Katherine Town Council, through contractors, specialist consultants and the services of a quantity surveyor.

We thank all the various groups and individuals who had input into this document for their time, their contribution and input.

Sharyn Innes

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KATHERINE SHOW GROUNDS AND MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE MASTER PLAN**1 The purpose of the Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre Master Plan**

The Katherine Show Grounds and Multi Purpose Centre Master Plan (the Master Plan) has been developed, in conjunction with the Katherine Town Council (The Council), sporting groups, Katherine and District Show Society (KDSS), event and attraction organisers, and interested community members. Aspects of the Master Plan have been under discussion for several years through the Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). This Master Plan pulls the various consultations with Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre (the Precinct) interest groups and the work of several consultancies together in one document.

This Master Plan forms part of the Katherine Town Council Sport and Recreation Master Plan which covers three key sporting and recreation precincts under the ownership or management of the Katherine Town Council.

These documents will guide The Council in its forward planning to maximise use of the Precinct for formal sporting facilities, for active recreation facilities, for cultural activities, for major events and general community use.

2 The Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre Vision

Several workshops have been held and in May 2016 a vision was determined along with Positioning and Mission Statements for the Precinct.

The Purpose of the Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre (the Precinct) is:

“The Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre is a versatile, affordable multipurpose community facility which enables the facilitation of a wide range of local and regional events”

The Katherine Town Council (the Council) and the Katherine Community will achieve this vision by providing a quality community facility which:

- Is flexible and attractive for a wide range of sporting organisations, community events and recreational activities
- Provides a quality venue for our Show, our community and cultural events
- The User Groups and the Council working together for the common good
- Is affordable for our primary User Groups
- Has a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities
- Can generate funding from a range of sources to invest in the facilities
- Is created through joint investment in infrastructure and facilities
- Is marketed to our wider community as an enjoyable location to have an event.

A possible positioning statement is:

- The Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre is the sporting, social and recreational heart of the Katherine Region.

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3 Ownership

The Council is the freehold owner of the Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre (the Precinct). As such, is responsible to the community for the development and maintenance of the Precinct. The Council consults with User Groups of the Precinct through the Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre User Advisory Group (Advisory Group) which meets on a bi-monthly basis. This consultation provides comment to Council on the Precinct's development and maintenance. The Precinct is in Katherine South and is the Katherine community hub for a wide range of event, sporting and cultural activities.

4 History

4.1 Overview of development of the grounds

The Precinct first came into being as a Show Grounds in the late 1960's. Since that time the Precinct has been slowly developed with new infrastructure being constructed as funding became available. Much of the infrastructure was developed through partnerships between the Council, Government and community organisations working together with a common aim. Funding of projects is often sought by the User Groups as well as Council.

There are currently nine primary User Groups who utilise the facilities and the grounds of the Precinct, some use the grounds on a daily basis others two or three times a week and others utilise the facility several times a year for major events.

The Precinct has developed into a multipurpose facility which caters for a range of sports, voluntary organisations, community events and the general recreation needs of Katherine and its regional community.



5 Sports and Active Recreation Master Plan

The Sports and Active Recreation Master Plan (the Plan) recommends the sharing of sporting and recreation facilities across multiple sports and for multiple users. The Plan also recommends on page 36, that the preparation of Strategic Master Plans are required for Multi-Use Precincts and highlights the Katherine Show Grounds as one of those Precincts. The Katherine Show Grounds and Multipurpose Centre Master Plan, when implemented, will ensure there is good multi-use access to the site, shared car parking, dedicated areas for sporting activity, cultural events, informal activity areas and that core infrastructure is shared, ie the new rodeo and camp draft arenas which can be used for a number of different equestrian and dog competition activities.

The Precinct is a multipurpose facility which caters for a wide range of sports, recreational and cultural pursuits and is home to a wide range of User Groups who encourage community and individual participation in recreational and cultural pursuits.

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6 General Information

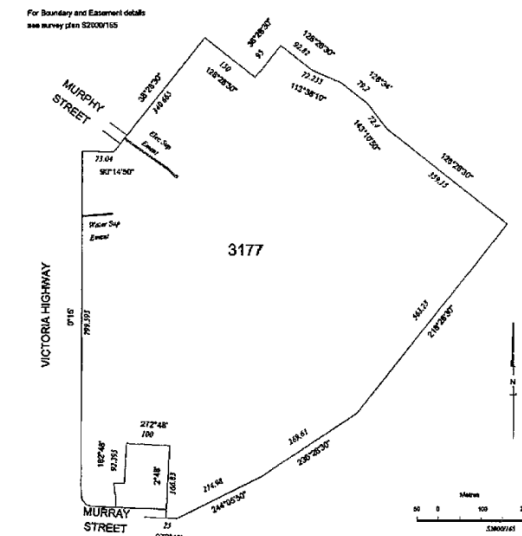
6.1 Overview

The Precinct is located on Lot 3177, Town of Katherine and comprises 70 hectares 3300 square meters of land within the parcel. The parcel is owned freehold by the Katherine Town Council.

The zoning is Organised Recreation (OR) and all uses comply with that zoning. The land is located on the Victoria Highway approximately 2km from the town centre and is in the heart of the Katherine South community. It is within a short walking distance for most of the Katherine South community including the Katherine South Primary School. The boundaries fronts on to the Victoria Highway, parts of Katherine Country Club and adjacent commercial properties. The boundary is partially fenced.

There are two easements on the site to allow for the supply of Power and Water. These easements do not constrain the general development of spaces on the parcel of land.

The site's development is constrained due to the Precinct's location within the Katherine Flood Plain. All infrastructure development takes this flood constraint into consideration.



6.2 Access

There are two access roads to the Precinct being the Murphy Street, Victoria Highway entrance and the back entrance off of Murray Street. Recently the design of accesses has been reviewed by Tonkin and Associates who have redesigned the heavy vehicle access requirements. This review will result in all heavy vehicles accessing the site from Murray Street and driving around the far boundary of the race track and accessing the rodeo and camp draft area.

The result of this rerouting has three key benefits:

- Improved pedestrian and vehicle safety during major events with the separation of traffic
- Increased access to the far side of the track opening opportunities for potential user groups and other uses
- Ability for separation between horses and livestock and pedestrians during major events.

A pedestrian access exists with an entry booth on the Victoria Highway access providing controlled access during major events such as the Katherine Show and Territory Day.

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The Council manages the maintenance and works on the ground including landscaping, general repairs, irrigation and the booking of the site for events. The Advisory Committee meets six times per year to advise Council on the operation of the Precinct and its future development.

User Groups contact the Council direct for day to day maintenance issues which ensures a quick response to maintenance issues which poses a risk to the public and User Groups. Longer term maintenance is planned on a regular basis to address infrastructure issues. Occasional events organisers contact the Council direct to arrange bookings for use of the grounds or facilities.

7 Status of Current Infrastructure

There are 22 buildings on the site varying from the grandstand to pavilions and ablution blocks. In addition there are horse/cattle holding pens, a sewerage pump station, a drum enclosure, a bus shelter, a model aero club airstrip, animal show pens, horse stables and a rodeo arena and associated areas. Other infrastructure includes two bores and associated pumps, 2350 meters of irrigation, plus electrical services and distribution boards. A new pavilion for the Turf Club has recently been completed.

The current infrastructure varies in age greatly with some infrastructure being in place for over thirty years and some infrastructure has just been constructed. Replacements of some of the older buildings will have to start occurring systematically from around 2022. The replacement value for the building infrastructure is valued at \$4,783,400 and improvements valued at \$686,600. ⁱ

**7.1 Power**

Main power access is off of the Victoria Highway to the main switchboard. Power is distributed to a number of switchboards, pillars, lights and light poles. The power facilities including pillar boxes were upgraded a number of years ago with the assistance of the Northern Territory Government. As new infrastructure is installed the total requirements of the site will need to be reassessed, particularly where air-conditioning and additional tower lighting is required.

7.2 Water

The site is well serviced through both town reticulated water and two bores. One bore is located near the old Secretary's Office and the other near the Rodeo Ground. These provide ample water for irrigation purposes. They are bore numbers RN020 188 and RN004 881. There are reticulated water supplies to all key areas. When a new oval comes on-line the water usage at the Precinct will need to be reassessed to determine if an extra allocation from the Tindal aquifer is required. If it is determined that water is required that water will need to be "traded" before the development commences.

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There is one sewerage pump station located near the existing Rodeo Ground. This station services all the ablution blocks and the various facilities. When toilets and showers are built in the proposed camp ground on the southern side of the racing track, negotiations will need to occur with PWC regarding the utilisation of a septic system for this area due to the distance from the sewerage pump station. When the new oval is constructed there will need to be a further pump station to cater for the facility's requirements.

7.4 Fire Services

There is a system of hydrants and fire hose reels to the site. When a new oval is developed the hydrant lines and fire hoses systems will have to be extended. Normal fire requirements are covered in all areas.

7.5 Site drainage

The site has a number of low lying areas which have poor drainage during heavy rain events. These areas do present constraints to the usage of the land currently. During the life of this plan the drainage of the site will be addressed and additional drainage systems developed to assist with the development of some of the areas within the Precinct.

A detailed survey of the site will be required, identification of problem soils and drainage areas, development of solutions so that all year round use for all major user areas. The storm water drainage system will need to flow into the open drainage system of Katherine or alternative there will need to be the creation of a drainage water feature on the site or on adjacent sites ie, Katherine Country Club.

The area between the Race Course and the Katherine Country Club and the area between the Race Course and the Motor Sports area and the area notated as future sports over will need good hydrology design to assist with long term drainage and soil improvement.

7.6 Facilities Status

There are a range of facilities which are available for sporting and recreational groups or individual bookings including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandstand and change rooms with offices above 	Offices used by KDSS throughout the year Change rooms used most days during the dry season and Wednesday nights during the wet season Grandstand is used for a wide range of events and sporting fixtures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Jackson Race Course 	Used for Race Day and for equestrian groups for exercising horses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuart Memorial Hall 	Scouts home location used two night each week for the full year and for hire for other events throughout the year including the Show
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse stalls and stables 	Used during the Show, equestrian events and during Turf Club events A resting location for horse during transport

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	Holding area for horses during training sessions
	Rodeo and camp draft events and at various times per year
• Rodeo and Campdraft arenas	By equestrian groups and individuals for small events, for exercise and for equestrian training sessions
• Model air plane landing ground	Events most weekends and for practice flights and testing during the week
• Parks and Wildlife Pavilion	Use during Show Week and some conferences and events
• Burt Nixon Pavilion	Show Week and some conferences and events
	Use Saturdays and every week night during the dry for AFL fixtures and training, used during the wet for training and fixtures.
• Football Oval/Show arena with lights	Used during Show week as the main arena for a wide range of events over a five day period
• Buntine Pavilion	Show Week plus hire for events during the year
• Turf Club Pavilion (new)	Race Day event and proposed future regular usage by community groups
• Norforce Pavilion	Show Week for displays
	Martial Arts Training Group every afternoon and evening of the week year round
• Cattle Yards	Show Week
• Polo Cross field	Show week and several fixtures during the season, used for training and excise for equestrian events
• Ablution Blocks in various locations	Five ablution blocks servicing areas of the oval and rodeo arenas
• Transport and Works Display shed	Show Week and for storage at particular times
• Rotary food hall area	Show week, Race day events and larger conferences
• Equestrian Shed storage facility	Used throughout the year

7.7 Buildings on sites vary

The buildings on-site vary in their condition from new to very old. Additional works on a number of the sheds and pavilions is required to bring them up to a standard which will ensure that the buildings usable life is extended. These works are noted in the Section 12 and vary from painting to recladding buildings. The Agricultural display area needs the cladding reaffixed or replaced. The covered enclose verandah between the needlework and agriculture pavilion needs the lattice work removed and replaced.

Ablution blocks vary in their condition and minor works are required on several of the ablution blocks to bring those blocks up to an acceptable standard. These works including painting, new fixtures including hand driers and tap ware.

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There are few formal internal parking areas with the Precinct. Parking for patrons is generally outside the fence line of the Precinct on the Victoria Highway side of the site. This can be highly unstructured during some events. This parking requires a simple effective Traffic Management Plan.

Large vehicle parking is made available within the site during events. Groups such as the Show Guild, equestrian participants and vendors have designated areas for parking with movements during events restricted to ensure public safety.

A separate consultancy has assessed the external parking issues adjacent the Victorian Highway. Solutions and signage to direct patrons and participants will need to be considered and installed. Once this consultancy is finalised the solutions will need to be implemented.

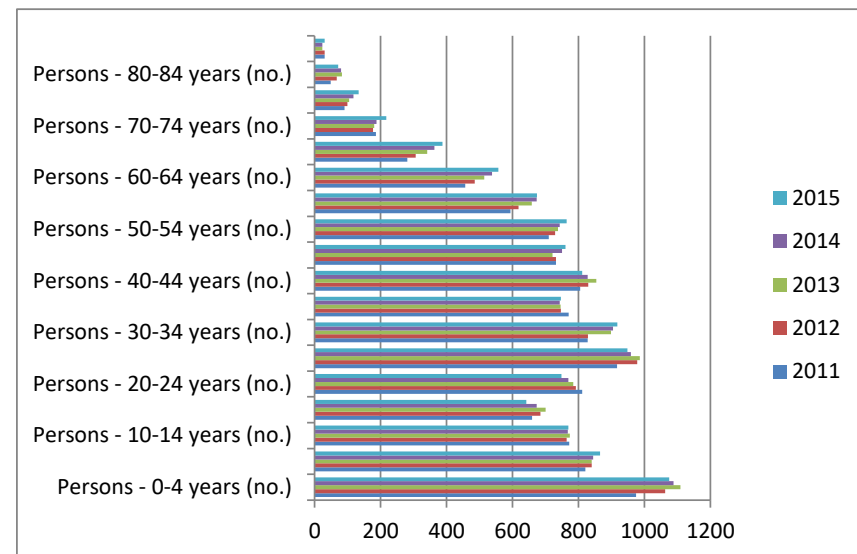
7.9 Environmental Issues

Due to years of hot burning and clear felling the soils are in potentially poor condition in several of the unused areas. To assist with improving the biodiversity of the site, the Council, in conjunction, with the Katherine Country Club (funded through the Green Future Fund) have planted over 600 trees on the site and removed many of the weed infestations. These plantings have assisted in improving the general ambience of the site in specific areas. The plantings have been planned around future infrastructure improvements to ensure that strands of shade trees will in place once new venues are developed.

The issue of the Turf Club race track remediation will have to be addressed. The track has been treated with sump oil and planning needs to be put in place to look at the regeneration and replacement of the track over the next ten years. This program is not covered in this Master Plan as a separate environmental consultancy will need to make recommendations on the remediation of the track.

8 Katherine Demographics

The population within the Katherine Town Boundary area was stated to be 11,188 people in 2015 (Statistical data Katherine Town Council, LGA Region, ABS period 2015). ABS stated that 25.5% of the Katherine LGA is Indigenous. The LGA has an average median age of 32.3 years which is seven years below the average median age in Australia Katherine is the service centre for over 24,000 people.



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There are about 800 more males than females. The demographics indicate that the groups of ages are quite stable overall with the 5 -15 cohort being incredibly stable over the past five years. The town and region has a higher than normal percentage of people who engage in sport and with new sports and activities being introduced every year.

9 Community Usage of the precinct

9.1 Overview

The Precinct caters for a wide range of community groups within Katherine and Katherine region area. It is truly a Multipurpose Centre which caters for a diverse range of User Groups both casual and permanent.

Users for the Precinct include sporting and community groups from Katherine and the Greater Victoria Daly Regional Council Area and from the Roper Gulf Regional Council area. Regional football groups utilise the AFL Oval for a range of fixtures. The Show attract vendors, displays, participants and visitors from the wider Katherine Region catchment area as well as from across the Territory and interstate.

9.2 Current User Groups

The User Groups listed below use the Precinct consistently. Some organisations and individuals on a daily bases, some several times a week, some monthly, some occasionally and several on a yearly basis for major events.

Regular User Groups	Activities level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training nights, Saturday fixtures, regional teams and visitors to matches The average match attracts between 300 – 400 people, plus teams and support personnel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp draft events Katherine and District Show Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three times per year with the potential for expansion Headquarters and offices of the Show Society Fundraising events Yearly Show event lasting seven days with preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model Airplanes Scouts Rodeo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly use during the day for practice and on weekend for Club events Twice weekly and several weekends per year Three times a year currently, potential for expansion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrel and Roping Group Polocrosse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the Show and for training and horse strengthening During the Show and casual use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Eagle Fitness Group NT Western Riding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five afternoons and nights each week year round Four events a year and Show participation Practice and training sessions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katherine Horse and Pony Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple events per year and show participation

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• Australian Quarter Horse Association	• Multiple events per year and show participation
	• Practice and training sessions
• Stock Horse Association	• Multiple events per year and show participation
	• Practice and training sessions
• Defence force camping location	• Utilised as an overnight stay when exercises are held
• Campers with livestock and horses	• Number vary throughout the year, the grounds are used as a resting place between Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs
• Police Horses	• Overnight and training sessions
• Evacuation Centre	• During major flood events in the Region
• Pound for large animals	• During cyclone events and for animals during transport
Major Community Events	
• Territory Day	• Utilise the oval, grand stand
• Katherine Turf Club	• Race Day and training
• Conventions and special events	• Each year there are weddings, wakes, NLC meetings, seminars and a range of other events held each of these events can have several hundred participants.
	• Wake and exhibition sales also featured in the bookings along with NCL events and the circus.

Source: Surveys of Club and Katherine Town Council booking schedule for 2016 and 2017

In addition to these formal groups there are many residents and family groups who use the Precinct for active recreation pursuits including unstructured activities such as:

- Walking and running
- Walking their pets
- Unstructured football and other sports
- Cycling

The table below is an estimate of visits to the Show Grounds Precinct during the 2016/2017 year with Show figures relating to the 2017 year.

Sporting /Users Groups	2016/17 estimate
Katherine AFL	19540
Camp draft	1730
Katherine and District Show Society during the year	1500
Model airplanes club	3250
Katherine Scouts	2450
Equestrian groups	1240
Polocrosse	660
Blue Eagle Fitness	8550

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Territory Day	4550
Turf Club	2450
Katherine and District Show Society Show Event 2017	28900
Conferences/weddings/wakes and seminars	10200

Estimated Total	83020
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10 Improvements and Future Infrastructure requirements**10.1 Overview**

The consultation phase with all User Groups (through the Advisory Meetings, surveys and one on one interviews) who utilise the Precinct indicated a wide array of infrastructure requirements. The infrastructure requirements have been prioritised according to the potential number of User Groups and the ability of the Council or User Groups to undertake the works or source funding.

11 Infrastructure Costs

The estimated infrastructure costs are based on the following figures. The figures are reflective of January 2018 costs and escalations should be built into figures after that year. The services of a Quantity Surveyor or a construction organisation should be gained before projects are committed.

Area	Cost Base
Road Infrastructure	Estimated with the assistance of a local contractor who has worked in the Katherine region for many years. Secondary Road based on \$140,000 per kilometre
Car parks	Based on \$120 per square meter or \$120,00 per 100m2 or per 4 parks including road infrastructure and swale drainage
Oval and other infrastructure	Discussed with specialist design architect and engineers
Building costs	Estimated by a Quantity Surveyor based in high level estimates
Specialist items	Discussions with suppliers and several quotes for specific works

11.1 Funding the Master Plan Projects

Katherine Town Council and the various community and sporting groups could access capital and improvement works funding from a range of sources both within and external to the community. These sources could include:

- Northern Territory Government Community and Sports Grants
- Federal Government Community Development and Sports Grants
- Katherine Town Council maintenance and capital works funding

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- Sponsorship from businesses and licence Clubs
- Club members volunteer time and fund raising efforts
- Grants through Community Benefits Grants and other sporting, cultural and events grants
- Equipment and time given by business and volunteers for construction of Club venues
- Private Developer partnerships.

The following plans are based on a yearly spend and priorities can be moved according to funding arrangements. Some projects will be over several years due to the finance and grants required, planning implications, contract arrangements and funding payments as construction progresses. Planning, documentation and building approval processes can take between 12 months to 20 months lead in time.

12 Proposed Improvement and Capital Works Program

12.1 Year One Priorities

The following priorities are seen as base level priorities which will have benefits for multiple organisations.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Replacement/relocation of the Rodeo/Equestrian arena and construction of a Campdraft/Equestrian area and bring the Rodeo Ground up to Safety Standard compliance requirements and to create a separate rodeo/camp draft/equestrian area and fenced suitably for dog shows	\$ 420,,000
Improvements to signs both inside the Precinct and external to the Precinct as per the Traffic Management Consultancy requirements	\$ 12,500
Improvements to the Grandstand with the installation of new access stairs, between the seats, which comply	\$ 5,500
Minor upgrades to the amenities blocks including painting, cladding renewal and hand driers, mirrors etc	\$15,000

12.2 Year Two Capital Works

The following works ideally should take place in the second year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. It is envisaged that a number of User Groups will source some funding through their fund raising and grants to assist with the Capital Works Program.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Ticket entry box at the Murray Street entrance to assist with major events traffic flow	\$ 15,000
Upgrade of lighting to Main Oval	\$ 250,000
Improvements to Turf Pavilion by the Turf Club second stage works, addition of amenities area	\$ 50,000
Improve Security Fencing to perimeter of Precinct – will need several access gates to let patrons in under controls	\$ 30,000

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Upgrade of several pavilions/sheds to meet User Group requirements including painting internally and externally	\$ 30,000
Initial works to the ring route road near the Campdraft and Rodeo arena	\$ 45,000
Detailed land and soil survey to develop drainage solutions and soil improvement strategies	\$ 17,500

12.3 Year Three Capital Works

The following works ideally should take place in the third year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Formalising the camping area at the back of the Race Track including amenities block with disabled toilet, water supply and barbecues and additional tree plantings	\$ 230,000
Further works to the Turf Pavilion including the installation of a cold room, full lining and additional glazing	\$ 65,000
Resealing of access roads	\$ 18,000
Fencing to enable the movement of horses from one area to another and separated from patrons	\$ 42,000
Design of new oval for AFL along with full cost for venue with lights, irrigation and change rooms and amenities	\$250,000
Construction of the initial phases of the ring route around the race track to bring in road trains and heavy vehicles during events – gravel finish	\$ 90,000
Planning and approvals for the new shade area 12 x 30 with concrete patterned floor	\$ 8,000
Containerised kiosk for rodeo, camp draft, equestrian area including connection to services	\$ 75,000

12.4 Year Four

The following works ideally should take place in the fourth year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government. Construction works for the oval would flow over the dry from one year to the next financial year.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Air conditioning to the Turf Pavilion	\$ 85,000
New shade area 12 x 30 with concrete patterned floor	\$ 220,000
Landscaping and irrigation to rodeo and camping areas to provide additional shade for patrons and animals	\$ 38,000
Initial works on the AFL Oval – civil and land fill	\$1,800,000

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The following works ideally should take place in the fifth year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government. Construction works for the oval would flow over the dry from one year to the next financial year.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Additional works for the new AFL oval	\$ 3,500,000
Extensions to the Turf Pavilion – extended external space	\$ 75,000

12.6 Year Six

The following works ideally should take place in the sixth year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government.

Capital works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Shelters for grandstands	\$ 20,000
Planning and design for shelter over equestrian area	\$25,000

12.7 Year Seven

The following works ideally should take place in the seventh year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Construction of several shaded tier grandstands for equestrian/Campdraft arena	\$28,000
Planning and design for the relocation of the Cattle Sales Yard to the sites	\$ 80,000

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The following works ideally should take place in the eighth year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Construction of Cattle Sales Yards	\$1,280,000
Additional road infrastructure for access to the cattle yards	\$ 95,000
Documentation of shade for equestrian arena	\$ 20,000

12.9 Year Nine

The following works ideally should take place in the ninth year of the Master Plan depending of funding gained. Again is envisaged that a number of these will be joint funded by User Groups, Council and Government.

Capital Works and improvements	Estimated Cost
Construction of cover for equestrian Campdraft arena	\$850,000

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The Precinct is the primary ground in the Katherine Region and teams from Barunga, Beswick, Lajamanu, Kalano, Tindal and others who utilise the oval for fixtures. AFL operate both during the dry and wet season, with the wet season team being part of the Darwin League. The grounds are used every night of the week during the dry season for training, Auskick, the emerging Women's and Girls AFL. Access to an additional oval would enable AFL NT to expand the league and to play side by side games on the weekend. AFL NT in the coming years want to be able to operate additional youth diversionary programs, but currently the oval is in full use. The AFL NT Katherine League recommend the follow facilities are required to expand the sport, run diversionary programs and have multiple fixtures being played on a Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday:

- New competition standard irrigated oval with scoreboard
- Lighting for night games
- Amenities block with change rooms, public toilets, kiosk, storage rooms and small meeting/office space
- Car Parking and ticket box
- Fencing to assist in controlling access during games.

13.2 Katherine Turf Club

The Turf Club pavilion will be continually developed over the next five years to provide a facility which can be used by multiple user groups and the community for events, seminars and a wide range of activities. These improvements have been built into the overall Capital Works program to the Precinct. The Turf Club will raise a considerable portion of the funding and leverage that funding with Government Grants and community sponsorship. Additional works to the Turf Club pavilion include:

- Lining of the Turf Club Pavilion
- Installation of a cool room, bar, store room
- Building of amenities block
- Air Conditioning of the Pavilion
- Installation of bi-fold doors to two sides of the building
- Extension verandahs/shade.

In addition to these works the Turf Club views the following infrastructure as important to improve the operation of their event.

- Access road around the race track to allow overnight camping of large rigs
- Camping ground on the southern side of the race course to enable camping for trainers and their crews during the Turf Club event.

13.3 Katherine and District Show Society (KDSS)

The KDSS have a number of areas they highlighted for infrastructure improvements. Most of the improvements benefit multiple User Groups. These improvements include:

- Relocation and separation of the Rodeo and Campdraft arenas and creation of areas which can be used for multiple equestrian sports and dog trials
- Ticket Box at Murray Street Entrance
- Road resurfacing to improve public safety
- Upgrade of several existing sheds, including painting and recladding

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- Upgrades to ablution blocks
- Access road behind the race track for improved public safety
- Extra camping facilities for exhibitors, equestrian event and camp draft participants including an ablution block
- Improvements to the access to grandstand
- New shaded function area for food court area.

13.4 Katherine Scout Group

The group operates from the Stuart Memorial Hall on the Precinct. They have been in operation from this location for a number of years. The Scouts often host other scouting groups to Katherine. The Precinct is a great location for them as they learn bush crafts amongst their many other skills. The area to the south of the racing track is an area that, if developed with amenities, could be used as an extended camping area. This would allow them to host scout camping groups in Katherine plus hold Jamborees on the Precinct. Having a large camping area for use would enable them to grow their Group and have adventures in a safe environment. The Katherine Scout Group highlighted the following infrastructure improvements:

- Camping facilities on the southern side of the race track which includes an ablution block, shade area, barbecue and fire pit areas
- Access road to the area (part of the ring route).

13.5 Equestrian Groups

There are a number of equestrian groups which use the Precinct during the year. These groups have been using the Rodeo/ Campdraft area which is not ideal for all equestrian events due to set up and break down of the rodeo barriers. The development of a camp draft and rodeo arenas will assist the various equestrian sports to grow. The Katherine Pony Club have their own grounds close to the Precinct and it is specifically layout out for their events.

The Equestrian Groups represented at the meetings (both Clubs and individuals) indicated the following infrastructure improvements are required over the coming years to ensure the Precinct can cater for the needs of this growing group of users.

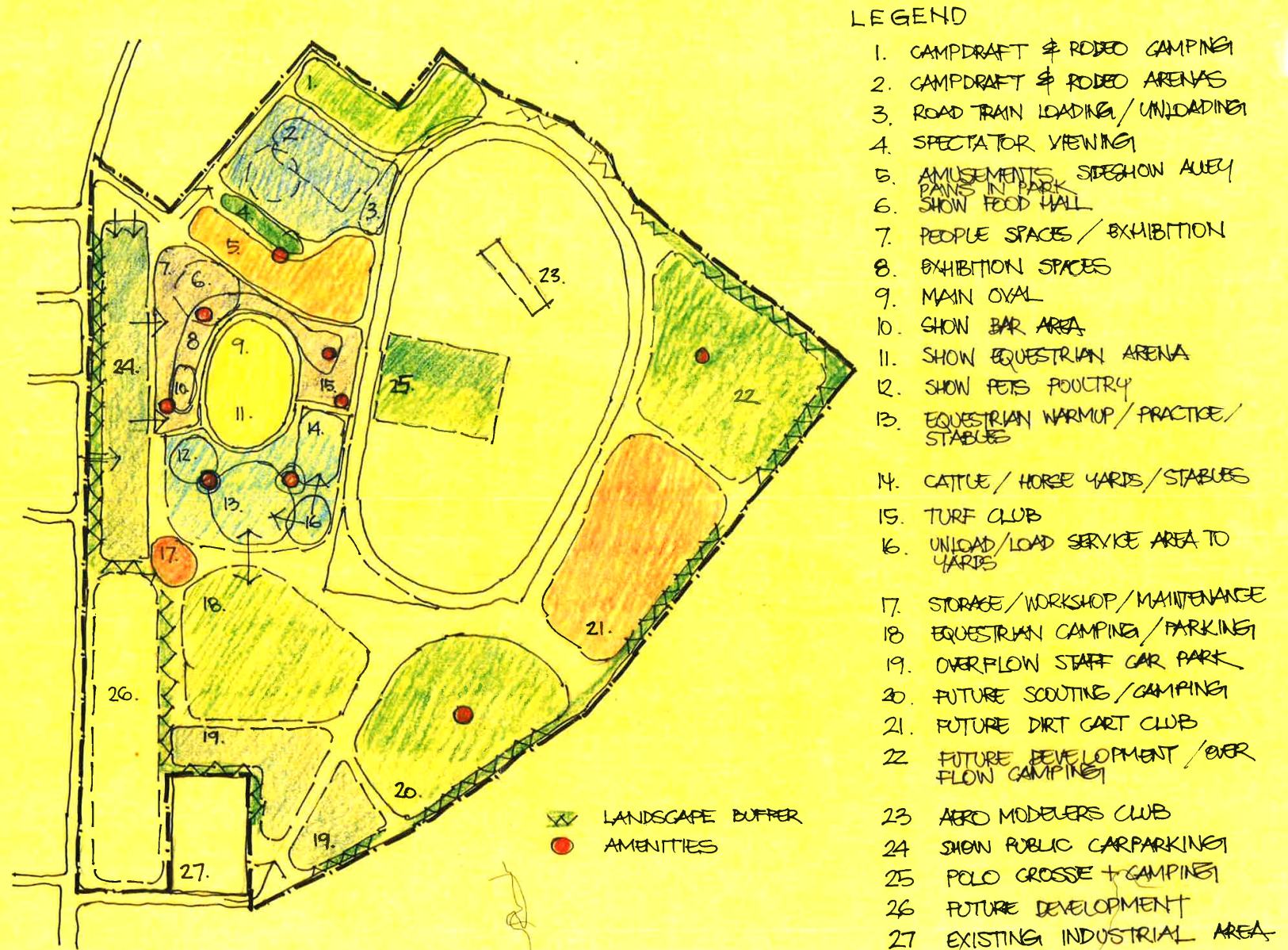
- Campdraft arena for multiple use activities including camp draft, horse and rider training, polo crosse horse training and strengthening, and general smaller events
- Raising the height of the fence between the main oval and the warm up area to prevent shying animals from racing on to the oval and to comply with Australian Standards for Equestrian events
- A containerised canteen area which can be located near the new arena areas to assist with fund raising during events
- Shade covers over small grandstands adjacent to the arenas
- Stables at the Campdraft area
- Cover over Equestrian area – 5 meter high clear span 30 meters with judges stand for year round use
- Agistment yards near the equestrian area.

13.6 Other Groups

There are various other groups who utilised the Precinct and their needs are either included within the Master Plan or their facility is of the quality they need so they do not appear in the list of requirements.

14 Project Management

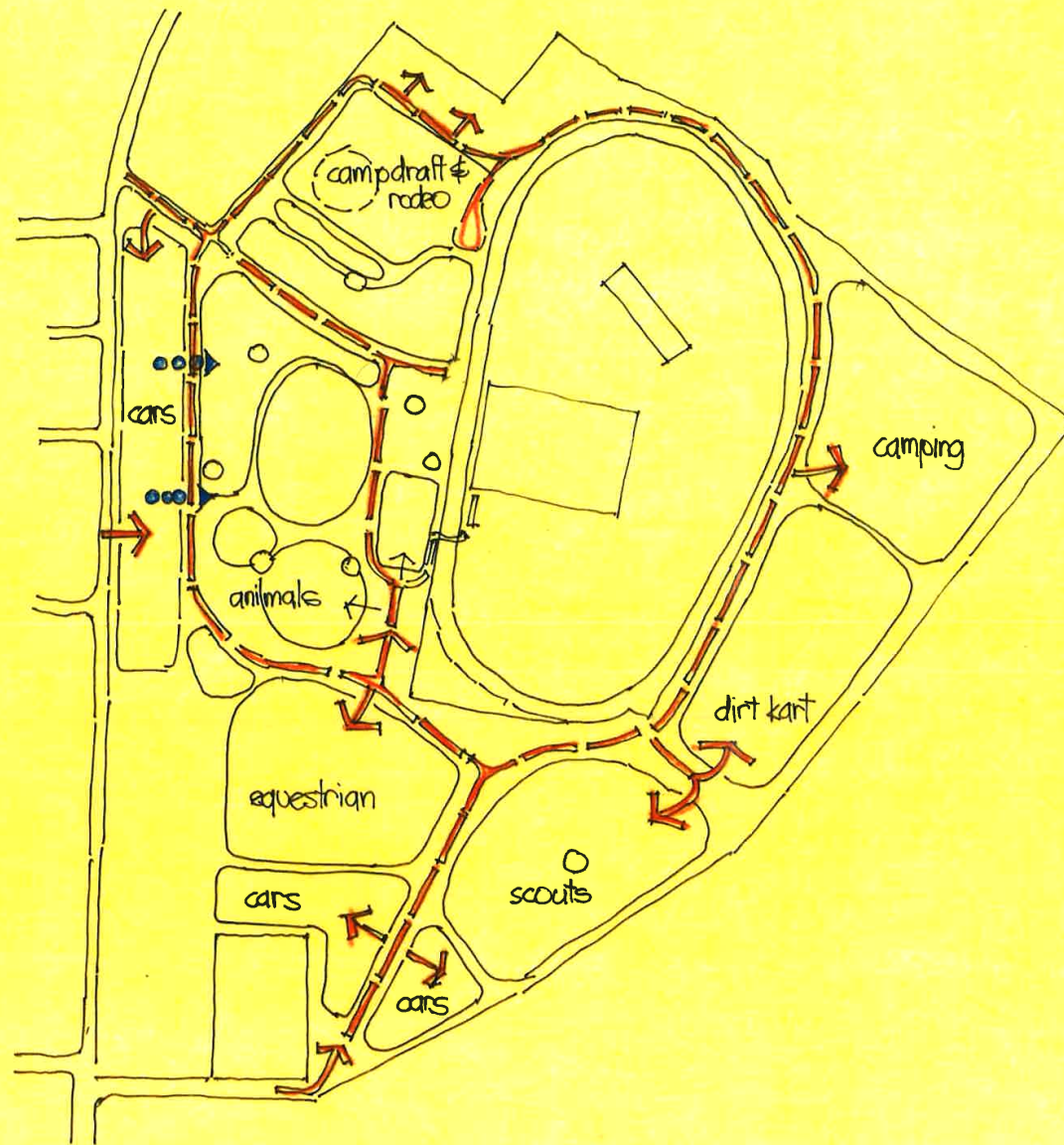
The Katherine Town Council owns the Showgrounds and as such project managers most of the construction on the property. There are specific developments which have been handled by individual Clubs. In such cases, permission to develop, Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy are on Council records. This process enables Clubs to develop infrastructure which meets their needs, is compliant with the relevant regulations and can maximise community sponsorship and donations. This procedure Council has in place ensures full compliance when the building, facility or structure is handed over to Council. Council is then responsible for the maintenance of the asset in conjunction with the Club. The asset is then gifted to the Council and becomes their asset.



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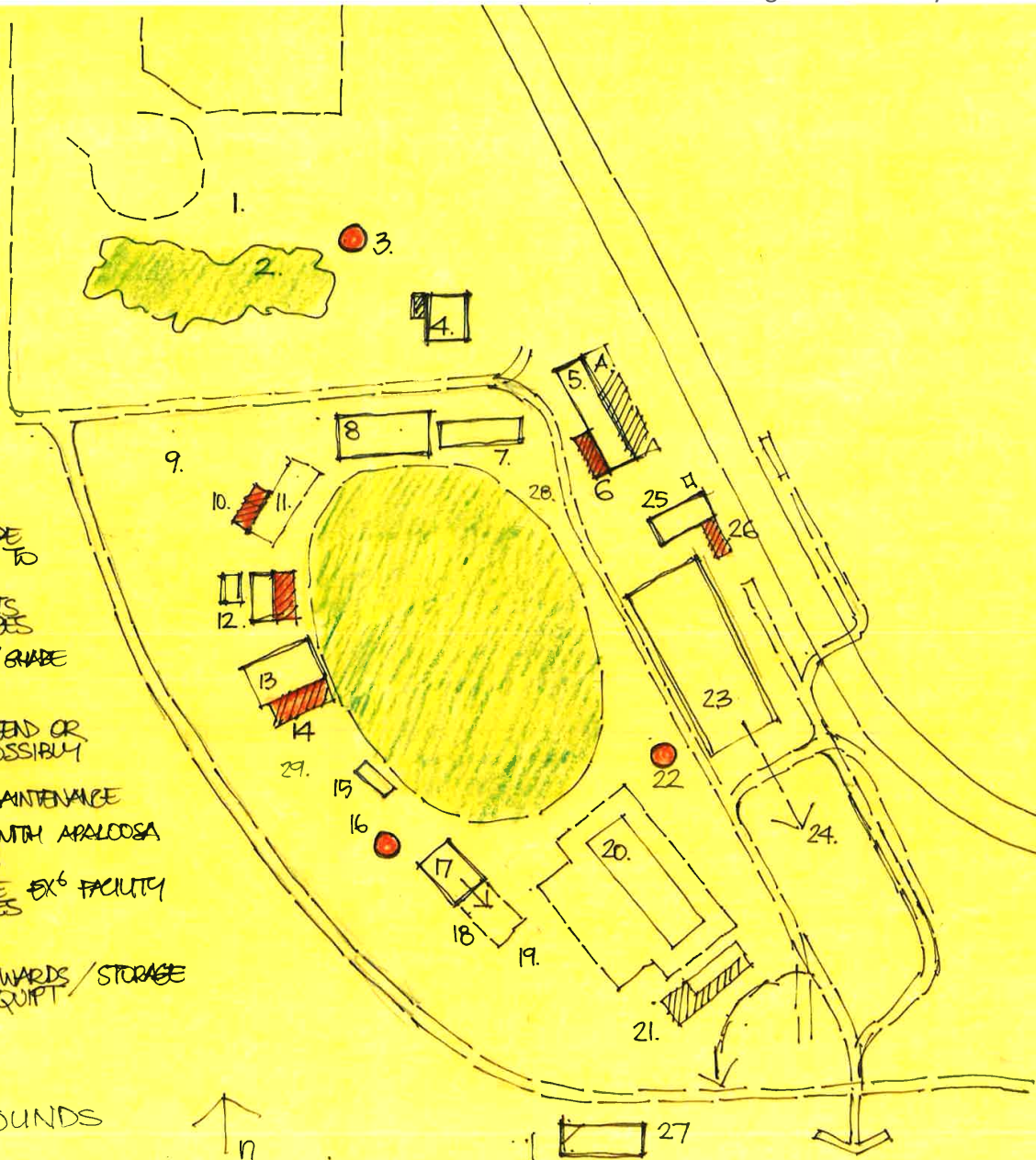


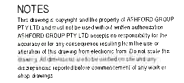
ASHFORD GROUP ARCHITECTS

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1. DEVELOP NEW CAMPDRAFT & RODEO FACILITIES YARDS
2. RETAIN SPECTATOR VIEWING MOUNDS
3. POTENTIAL AMENITIES SITE
4. RELOCATE PAVILION MUACI THAI STORAGE OF EQUIPT SHOW WEEK AT 27 TOP FLOOR TO PREVENT FLOODING
5. BUNTIME PAVILION
 - A. ADD FUTURE UNDERCOVER VERANDAH
6. POTENTIAL AMENITIES SITE
7. EXHIBITION PAVILION (TOP FLOOR TO PREVENT OCCASIONAL FLOODING)
8. EXHIBITION PAVILION (FUTURE A/C AS PUBLIC RESPIRE)
9. FOOD COURT OR FUTURE EXHIBITION SPACE
10. POTENTIAL AMENITIES
11. NEW PAVILION FOR AGRIC & HORT BY STRUCTURES HAVE BEACHED THEIR USE BY DATE & FLOOD WHEN GROUNDS ARE WATERED
12. EXHIBITION SPACE / PART-TIME CAMELS CLUB / POTENTIAL AFL CHANGEROOM / AMENITIES FOR AFL POSSIBLE STORE RM FOR CAMELS SPORTS CLUB
13. EXISTING GRANDSTAND REFURBISH CHANGEROOMS / STORE RM. & UPGRADE GANTRY TO ALLOW FOOD/DRINKS TO BE SOLD.
14. ADDITIONAL CHANGEROOM / TOILETS FOR AFL MATCH DAY INC UMPIRES CHANGEROOM
15. SHOWGROUNDS BAR / WET AREA / SHADE FOR AFL
16. POTENTIAL AMENITIES BLOCK
17. ANIMAL PAVILION ALLOW TO EXTEND OR BUILD NEW SHED FOR PETS. (POSSIBLY RELOCATE 7.)
19. RELOCATE EQUIPT SHED TO MAINTENANCE / COMMUNITY STORAGE SHED
20. EQUESTRIAN ARENA / SHADE WITH APALLOOSA
21. STABLES / FUTURE EXPANSION
22. POTENTIAL AMENITIES UPGRADE EX6 FACILITY
23. YARDS / CATTLE / HORSE STABLES
24. FUTURE YARD EXPANSION
25. TURF CLUB
26. TURF CLUB JOCKEY ROOM / STEWARDS / STORAGE
27. SHOWGROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPT COMMUNITY STORAGE
28. RELOCATE PETS TO 18
29. RELOCATE PARKS SHELTER

KATHERINE SHOWGROUNDS
MASTER PLAN





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6.3 GENERAL UPDATE - SHOWGROUNDS, KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL - 22 NOVEMBER 2024

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Officer Recommendation

That the Showgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note this report containing updates regarding the Showgrounds since the Committee's last meeting 3 September 2024.

Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with an update about matters concerning the Showgrounds since the Committee's last meeting.

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.3 Improve transparency around issues affecting the community.

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.2 Partner in progress - Provide strategic leadership on economic development issues to promote Katherine's reputation and improve business confidence.

1.2.2 Act as a connector on key issues affecting the community as a member in key reference groups.

3. SPORTS AND CIVIC EVENTS - 3.1 Sports and Civic Events - Provide sporting infrastructure and appropriate events to encourage community connectedness.

3.1.2 Improve participation in user advisory groups and improve coordination of these groups on Council land.

Municipal Plan

3.1.2.2 Work with all users to ensure maximum utilisation of facilities

Background

Developments continue to occur for the Katherine Showgrounds and for matters relating to this facility.

Discussion

Updates

Katherine Races Preparation

Great efforts were made by the Katherine Turf Club, Depot team, and wider community to prepare the Showgrounds ahead of the Katherine Races, which was held on the 17th of August 2024.

Local tree contractors carried out trimming and maintenance to several trees including remedial works to save the large tamarind tree next to the Turf Club pavilion.

Replacement of Showgrounds Fence (North Corner)

In early October, replacement of approximately 440m of deteriorating chainmesh fence was completed by MMA & Co Construction Services at the Showgrounds north corner, reinforcing this section.

Control of Weeds

A first round of weed spraying was completed at the Showgrounds in early November. The second round of spraying is scheduled for December and will target the cattle yards, rodeo camp draft arenas and

infrastructure surroundings.

Pest Control

Major ginger ant infestations were treated prior to infrastructure damage. Mosquito fogging was also completed at the Showgrounds due to a large population of mosquitos living in the drain at the front of the Showgrounds.

South Levee – Katherine Flood Mitigation

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) made a presentation to Council regarding plans to construct a Southern Levee as part of Katherine Flood Mitigation initiatives. It is anticipated that construction will begin in January 2025 and that the first stage will occur along the Showgrounds frontage. DIPL expect that they will provide further information regarding access and detour plans in April.

The presentation slides are included as an attachment to this report.

Committee members and user groups are requested to advise of event and activity dates planned for 2025 so planning can be undertaken by DIPL for access during the construction period.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

Within current service delivery budget and resource.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

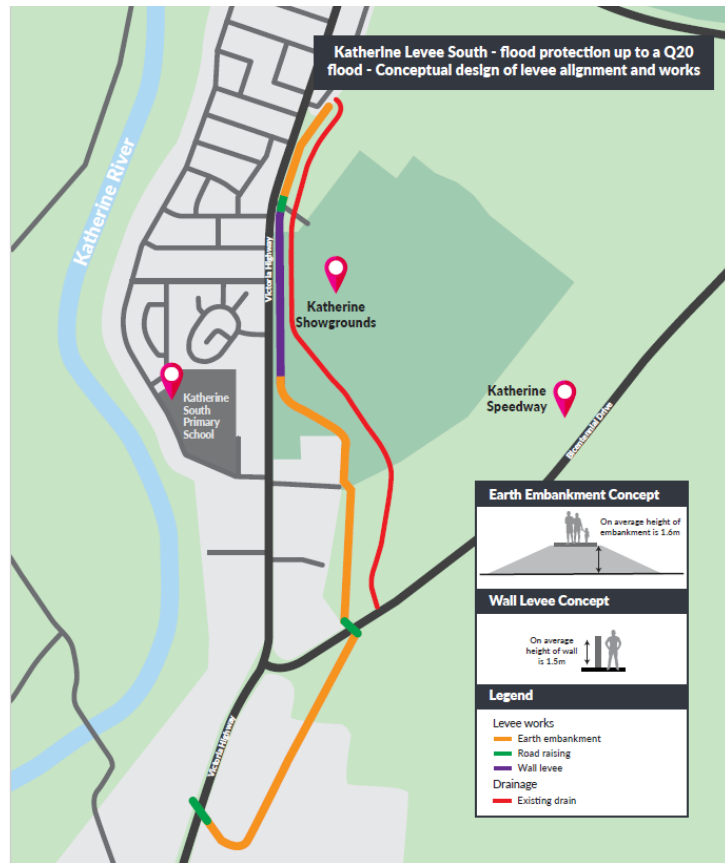
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Logistics

Katherine Flood Mitigation – Southern Levee

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Southern Levee



- The Katherine South levee has funding of \$9.4 million through the AG under the National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program. Letter of support was provided by KTC.
- Design includes;
 - earth embankment with an average height of 1.6m and a wall embankment with an average height of 1.5 metres; and
 - road raising on Murphy Street, Murray Street and Bicentennial Highway and potentially Victoria Highway.
- Design Approval received by Council in 2020 (North) and 2022 (South).
- Initial construction date for Southern Levee of 2023 delayed associated with addressing cultural heritage concerns raised. Cultural Heritage Surveys now completed and awaiting final reports.

Key Milestone Dates for Delivery

- Construction completion forecast for 2025 under the National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program.
- Key delivery milestones:
 - Construction tender advertising – October 2024
 - Construction commencement – January 2025 (weather permitting)
 - Construction completion – October 2025 (weather permitting)
- Construction works will be separated into stages to facilitate efficient delivery.
- Anticipated that the concrete wall section along the Katherine showgrounds frontage will be delivered as the first stage.

Construction Delivery Considerations

- Main interface with the public and other community stakeholders will be at locations where the levee crosses existing roads.
 - Katherine Country Club access road
 - Murray Street
 - Murphy Street
 - Bicentennial Road
 - Victoria Highway
- Temporary road closures and detours will be implemented by the construction contractor in consultation with the relevant road authority.
- Construction delivery and sequencing of site activities will be coordinated with KTC and other stakeholders, to avoid disruption to planned community events

7 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

7.1 ELIGIBLE GRANTS FOR SHOWGROUNDS FUNDING

Committee Mark Robertson
Member:
Attachments: Nil

Strategic Plan

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.1 Strong Leadership - Lead a strong local democracy with a community that is actively engaged in Katherine's strategic direction.

1.1.2 Ensure strong internal governance with updated policies and procedures in place.

1.1.4 Learn what the community wants to know through community engagement strategies.

1. STRONG LEADERSHIP - 1.5 Financial - Have long-term financial sustainability in Council to allow for continued growth and development.

1.5.3 Pursue grants for new and upgraded infrastructure and programs.

Municiple Plan

1.1.2.3 Ensure compliance with other legislation applicable to Council

1.5.3.1 Seek funding for projects outside of Council budget

3.1.2.2 Work with all users to ensure maximum utilisation of facilities

3.1.4.1 Funding for the multipurpose sports and recreation precinct which will include an AFL field, conference and evacuation centre, improved gym facilities and undercover sports courts

7.2 PROPOSAL FOR CULVERT INSTALLATIONS

Committee Mark Robertson

Member:

Attachments: Nil

Strategic Plan

2. COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES - 2.2 Prioritise Recreation - Collaborate and innovate with the private and public sectors for positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

2.2.1 Foster growth for a recreational precinct that connects sports, culture and recreation.

Municiple Plan

1.1.2.4 Encourage presentations to Council on issues affecting the community

2.1.2.1 Assess the condition of public amenities throughout Katherine and implement remediation where required

3.1.2.2 Work with all users to ensure maximum utilisation of facilities

8 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The next Showgrounds Advisory Committee meeting will be held on 4 March 2025.