



LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN FOR HARRISON PARK (PARKES)

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Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this document the following terms have been defined:

“the Act” refers to the Local Government Act 1993.

“Public Land” is defined as land, including a public reserve vested in or under the control of Council, but does not include:

- A road (Roads Act 1993); or
- Land to which the Crown Lands Act 1989 applies; or
- A Common (Commons Management Act 1989); or
- Land subject to the Trustees of Schools of Arts Enabling Act 1902.

“Community Land” is defined as land that should be kept for the use of the general community. It must not be sold and cannot be leased for more than 21 years of which Section 46 of the Act applies. In addition, it may only be leased or licensed for more than five years subject to public notification (Section 47 Local Government Act 1993).

“Operational Land” is land that can be sold, leased or licensed without restrictions.

“Classification” refers to the labelling of public land as “community” or “operational” by resolution, if it has not already been deemed Community Land. The following categories of land, which are vested in or under the control of Council were automatically classified as Community Land under Schedule 7, Clause 6(2) of the Local Government Act:

- Public reserves;
- Land subject to a trust for a public purpose;
- Land dedicated as a condition of a development consent under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- Land, reserved, zoned or otherwise designated for use under an environmental planning instrument as open space; and
- Land controlled by a Council that is vested in the corporation constituted by Section 8(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

“Open Space” is the zone that collectively refers to the categories used to describe the Community Land. The categories are parks, sportsgrounds, general use and natural areas.



1 INTRODUCTION

Harrison Park is the primary venue for soccer in Parkes Shire, and is located on the southeast edge of Parkes Township. The park is bounded by Eugowra Road to the east, Goobang Creek to the south, the Orange Broken Hill Railway to the west, and an informal BMX and mountain biking area to the north. (See Figure 1)



Figure 1 – Aerial View of Parkes showing Harrison Park

Harrison Park is a Council-owned park, with a primary function as a sporting reserve. It comprises of two separate broad-acre sporting fields that are divided by Nash Street. The northern sports field accommodates three soccer fields and an amenities building, whilst the southern sports field accommodates up to six soccer fields of varying dimensions, a concrete cricket wicket, an amenities building, and an above-ground water storage tank. Gravel car parks are available along the eastern edge of both parks and along Nash Street between both parks.

In 2014, Parkes Shire Council commenced a process to prepare a master plan for Harrison Park in collaboration with the reserve user groups and local residents. The master plan responds to issues and opportunities identified, such as the condition of the sports fields, the functionality and condition of the existing amenity and canteen buildings, changes in facility standards, and improved linkages between both sporting fields.

This report provides an overview of the study process and background, describes the key findings, and outlines a new 'Vision' for Harrison Park, which is costed and prioritised.



1.1 STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Local Government Act 1993 outlines a specific approach to be adopted by councils for the classification and management of public land. The Act requires that all community land owned and controlled by councils be the subject of a plan of management.

In 2007, Parkes Shire Council adopted its Plan of Management for all Council Owned Community Land to meet the requirements of the Act. Under this plan Harrison Park is categorised as a 'Sportsground', with the plan providing the underlying strategy for the long-term management of this category of land. This master plan has been prepared due to the importance of the park and its associated facilities and spaces to the community, and provides additional detail for the future use and development of the park.

1.2 CORPORATE GOALS

The corporate goals in the strategic land management program in relation to parks, sportsgrounds, general use and natural areas are:

1. To ensure that all members of the Parkes Shire have a variety of enjoyable local recreational facilities available for use by the public.
2. To encourage multi-purpose use of recreational facilities.
3. To develop a quality system for the management of Council's community land.

1.3 CORE OBJECTIVES

The core objectives for the management of community land categorised as a 'Sportsground' are:

1. To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.
2. To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

1.4 DEMOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS

A review of the population characteristics of the Parkes Shire was carried out, being the catchment from which most of the users of facilities at Harrison Park are drawn. The review identified the following relevant demographic characteristics:

- Total population of the Parkes Shire was estimated at 14,592 people in 2011, which was an increase of 308 people since 2006¹.
- Parkes Shire has a higher proportion of children aged up to 17 years of age (27.1%) compared to all of Regional NSW (23.5%).

¹ Source: Profile i.d.



- For adults in the active age cohort of 18 – 34 years, Parkes Shire has a slightly lower proportion of people compared to all of Regional NSW (17.5% compared to 18.5%).
- Parkes Shire has a higher proportion of Australian-born residents compared to all of Regional NSW (88.0% compared to 83.8%).
- There is a lower unemployment rate in Parkes Shire (4.9%) compared to all of Regional NSW (6.1%).
- A lower proportion of households in Parkes Shire earn an average weekly income of more than \$1,000 (40.0%) compared to all of Regional NSW (42.8%), and a higher proportion of less than \$1,000 per week (Parkes: 48.8%; Regional NSW: 47.3%).

Population projections for Parkes Shire prepared by the NSW Department of Planning indicate that the Shire's population would decrease at an average rate of 20 persons per year (or 0.1% per annum) between 2006 and 2011. However, the Shire has experienced sustained population growth since 2006 (2.0% growth), and recent ABS Census data has estimated the Shire's population in 2013 was 15,148 (or up by 556 people since 2011). Population projections prepared by the AEC Group² forecast that Parkes Shire's population in 2036 will be 15,720, or an increase of 1,128 since 2011 (or 7.7%).

These population characteristics have general implications for the direction of the master plan. The increasing population will ensure there will continue to be local demand for sporting facilities and other recreational pursuits in Parkes Township and throughout the Shire in the future.

The overall 'young' population profile of the Shire combined with the small population growth largely supports a strategy of consolidation and renewal of existing facilities rather than a high demand for new facilities. However, some sports may enjoy higher than normal growth due to the high proportion of young people, particularly in Parkes Township, e.g. soccer, hockey and netball.

The high proportion of Australian born residents will further confirm demand for 'Anglo' sports, such as hockey, netball, touch football, rugby league & union, and cricket, as the dominant sports of choice of many residents. The emerging older profile of the community may make it important for Harrison Park to incorporate passive recreation opportunities, such as walking for fitness, walking for dog exercise, and installation of seating, however, its somewhat remote location from the dense residential areas of Parkes may make these improvements at Harrison Park a low priority.

² Source: Parkes Shire Economic Development Plan, AEC Group (2012).



2 CURRENT SITUATION

2.1 SITE HISTORY

Harrison Park initially comprised of the sports fields north of Nash Street and the northern section of the southern sport fields. The south section of the southern sports field was extended towards the creek only recently and developed as additional playing fields.

2.2 LAND DESCRIPTION

Harrison Park occupies 7.662 ha. It comprises of two land parcels separated by Nash Street, and whose legal descriptions are described below:

- Northern parcel is Lot 240 on DP 75019 (2.337 ha)
- Southern parcel is Lot 7032 on DP 1023740 (5.325 ha)

3 MANAGEMENT

3.1 EXISTING STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

Existing tools and strategies for the development and management of Harrison Park include:

- Plan of Management for Council Owned Community Land (2007)
- Parkes Shire Council's Parks and Gardens Maintenance - Procedures (2010)
- Parkes Shire Council Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Bike Plan (2008)

Resources involved in the management of the park include:

- Parkes Shire Council operational resources
- Parkes Sport Council, is a Section 355 Committee of Council charged with the responsibility of maintaining playing fields and surfaces
- Parkes & District Amateur Soccer Association and the Parkes District Junior Cricket Association, which provide input for the management of the available facilities

User group access is managed by Council, as the facility owner and manager, and is subject to demand and availability of facilities.

3.2 EXISTING USER GROUPS

The current regular user groups at Harrison Park and their player membership in 2013 are:

- Parkes & District Amateur Soccer Association (685 senior & junior players)
- Parkes District Junior Cricket Association (225 junior players)



Local schools also use Harrison Park for one-off activities and sports carnivals, and the park is used for community events, such as the start/finish location for the Parkes Rotary Fun Run (330 entries in 2014).

3.3 EXISTING FACILITIES

A review of the existing facilities currently available within Harrison Park is provided in this section. Overall, the quality of the facilities is generally adequate for their respective intended purposes, however, there are some deficiencies evident in either the quality or scale and scope of some facilities, which is now impacting their function.

3.3.1 Sporting Facilities

Northern Sports Field

The surface of the playing field at the time of inspection (February 2014) was in good condition (*see below*), however, the soccer users have identified poor drainage in winter as being an issue. The total area of the playing field provides flexibility to the Parkes & District Amateur Soccer Association as to the configuration and orientation of the soccer pitches each season.



The total area of the sports field is floodlit, however, requires upgrading to meet the minimum standard of 50 lux for training activities. The existing perimeter fence is a farmyard style mesh-wire fence supported predominantly by star pickets. Whilst its condition is currently satisfactory, it will need replacing in the future with a more permanent fence structure.

There is bench seating available along the northern edge of the sports field, adjacent to the amenities block. The amenities block comprises two change rooms, a canteen, male and female public toilets, and storage, but is basic in design and condition (*see right*).





Southern Sports Field

The surface of the southern playing fields at the time of inspection (February 2014) was also in good condition, as Parkes Sports Council carried out improvements to the surface in 2013 when it was extensively top-dressed and the irrigation system repaired. The soccer users also identified poor drainage as an issue for these fields in winter as well.

There is a concrete centre wicket centrally located within the sports field that is used for junior cricket during the summer. The irregular shape of the total area of the sport field creates opportunities for small-sided soccer pitches to be line-marked adjacent to the amenities block.

The southern sports field is not floodlit. The existing perimeter fence along the Nash Street boundary is a low-level chain-mesh fence (*see right*), whilst the Eugowra Road boundary fence is pipe and rail. Both fences are in good condition. The fencing along the Goobang Creek eastern boundary was installed in 2013 and is good condition.



Bench seating along the Nash Street edge of the sports field was recently installed and is in good condition.

The amenities block on the southern sports field (*see right*) comprises two change rooms, a canteen, storage, male and female public toilets, and a large undercover area. Similar to the amenities building on northern sports field, this amenities building is basic in design but is in good condition.



3.3.2 Traffic Management

There is currently adequate provision for car parking at Harrison Reserve. Both the northern and southern sporting fields have dedicated, unsealed car parks off Eugowra Road, with each adjacent to the main pedestrian access points into each reserve.

However, the car parks are not formed and their efficiency and effectiveness could be improved by better designating parking areas. (*see northern sports field car park right*).





There is angled car parking along Nash Street, which services both sporting fields, however, the through-traffic represents a safety risk to sporting participants and spectators moving between the two sporting fields. Traffic calming measures and the installation of one or two dedicated pedestrian crossing points will improve this. The master plan needs to explore options to resolve or mitigate the pedestrian safety issues.

3.3.3 Passive Recreation Facilities

There are no passive recreational facilities or spaces available at Harrison Park, such as playgrounds, picnic areas or walking paths. The location of the park in a predominantly non-residential area reduces the importance of these features being available. However, formalising the access between the two sporting fields by installing a sealed path will improve the amenity for spectators and players moving between both fields, particularly during or after periods of rain.

Perimeter tree planting is a feature along most sections of all boundaries of Harrison Park. Tree planting could be strengthened along the northern edge of the southern sporting field (Nash Street) to add additional shade for car parking and for spectators, and to offset the impact of prevailing northerly winds in the summer for the cricketers. Additional screen planting along the southwestern section of the southern sporting field will assist to further screen the railway line.

3.3.4 Other Observations

No housing immediately abuts Harrison Park so any improvements or increased use of the park is unlikely to impact upon the ongoing amenity of any residents.

Harrison Park is accessible to the general public at all times, other than when organised sporting activities are in progress, and this is expected to continue. Inclusive access has not previously been a significant design consideration for the facilities and spaces within Harrison Park. However, changes to legislation, improvements in technology and increased community expectations will require all new and renovated facilities to provide compliant access for people with a disability.

The existing above-ground water storage is located in one of the most prominent parts of the reserve – adjacent to Nash Street, just north of the amenities building (*see right*) – and its location detracts from the overall amenity of Harrison Park. Potential solutions to reduce its prominence would be to screen it with a fence or shrubs (least cost option) or to place it underground (high cost option).





4 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

In March 2013, consultation was held with the key stakeholders of Harrison Park, including representatives from the Parkes & District Amateur Soccer Association and the Parkes District Junior Cricket Association.

The positive and negative aspects of Harrison Park that were identified by the user group representatives are listed below. They also include developments and projects suggested as possible solutions to the issues identified, or as new works to further improve the functionality of Harrison Park.

	Good Aspects	Issues or Constraints
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing surface • Cricket pitch (synthetic surface) • New bench seats • Location of park away from residential areas and traffic • Quality of parking • Availability of floodlighting • Space for training wall for soccer practice or for a cricket warm up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor drainage across the fields • Playing surface needs top dressing (gets very hard) • Toilets / change rooms need upgrading • Location of cricket pitch • Graffiti on the amenities buildings • Deteriorating seats at the northern sporting field • Soil around the concrete pad under the new bench seats needs to be back-filled against the footings and re-turfed • Unsealed car parks get very dusty (need sealing) • Cars parking in front of the gates leading into the sports fields block emergency vehicle access • Age of the floodlighting is making it difficult to source replacement fittings (e.g. light globes) • Fencing should be improved around the northern sporting field • Sprinkler system gets damaged from vandalism



5 HARRISON PARK MASTER PLAN

5.1 PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Harrison Park Master Plan was developed through consideration and analysis of information collected during the project from the following sources:

- Local influences, including the demographic profile of Parkes and the directions of relevant strategic plans and reports.
- Site analysis by Council staff and the consultant team.
- Consultation with user groups, the Parkes Sports Council, Shire Councillors and other stakeholders.
- Assessment of various options and scenarios to improve and upgrade the park and facilities.

There was an opportunity for stakeholders and residents to provide feedback on the draft master plan and study report during their public exhibition from June to September 2014. However, no feedback was received.

5.2 AIMS

The aims of the Harrison Park Master Plan are to:

1. Respond to the changing needs of stakeholders;
2. Direct sustainable management and development;
3. Adhere to Council's corporate goals for strategic land management; and
4. Meet Council's obligations for the management of community land.

5.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Harrison Park Master Plan are to:

1. Guide the development of built facilities so that they meet the demonstrated needs of stakeholders;
2. Preserve existing sporting facility assets and further develop these facilities, incorporating major capital works as funds become available;
3. Ensure facility development is financially sustainable;
4. Ensure there are opportunities for the community to contribute to the development and implementation of this plan; and
5. Ensure facility development is environmentally responsible.



5.4 KEY VALUES

The key values pertinent to Harrison Park include:

- Quality of existing facilities;
- Accessibility;
- Co-operation amongst existing user groups in the use of shared facilities; and
- Visual amenity.

5.5 KEY DIRECTIONS OF THE MASTER PLAN

Harrison Park is an important sporting precinct predominantly catering for the needs of soccer and cricket. Due to the location of Harrison Park being in a predominant non-residential zone, the master plan has little focus on further enhancing the site as an open space area with the capacity to support a range of passive and informal recreation uses. As a result, the master plan generally builds on the focus of the precinct as a sporting venue.

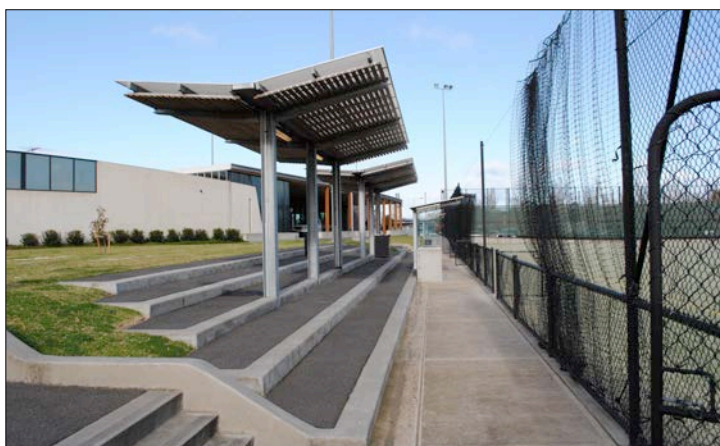
The key directions and recommendations identified in the master plan are described below (and are in no particular order or priority), and should be read in conjunction with the landscape master plan in Appendix 1. The projects have been developed to respond to issues and opportunities raised by the user groups and other stakeholders.

General Reserve Upgrades

- Install directional signage and functional signage throughout the park
- Undertake tree planting throughout the reserve, particularly along the southern side of Nash Street and along the railway line
- Install bench seating, as required

Sporting Infrastructure

- Install sub-surface drainage across all fields
- Upgrade/ Replace the floodlighting on the northern sports field to achieve 50 lux for training
- Replace the perimeter fence around the northern sports field
- Upgrade and extend the amenities building on the northern sports field to provide improved player and referee change rooms, public toilets, canteen facilities, and some undercover seating (*see example right*)
- Upgrade the amenities building on the southern sports field to provide improved player and referee change rooms, public toilets, and canteen





Traffic Management

- Install a path around the eastern boundary of the northern sports field that connects to the southern sports field
- Install a raised pedestrian crossing (speed hump) on Nash Street adjacent to the southern amenities block to provide a safe crossing (*see example below*)



- Install a speed hump at the western end of Nash Street
- Form and seal the car park servicing the northern sports field to better define the car parking areas and to create efficiencies
- Form and seal the car park servicing the southern sports field to eliminate the impact of dust and to reduce ongoing maintenance costs



5.6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MASTER PLAN

The Harrison Park Master Plan was adopted by Parkes Shire Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 4 November 2014 (see Appendix 3) and recommends more than 15 separate but interconnected projects for the park. The total estimated cost for full implementation of the master plan is approximately \$2,090,000.

Whilst projects have been prioritised after consideration of urgency, likely cost, and the degree of complexity of implementation, the practicality and final order of implementation of all projects will be subject to a number of factors and criteria before proceeding, including:

1. Availability of funding.
2. Current and future priorities of Council, the user groups and other stakeholders.
3. Future sporting and community needs.
4. Further investigation, research and consultation.

The Master Plan Implementation Plan is shown on the following pages. Where a number is assigned to a project, that number corresponds with the numbered symbol on the master plan. Priorities are based on the following three timeframes, and the input from user groups has assisted in this prioritisation process (refer Appendix 2):

- 1 – 4 Years
- 5 – 8 Years
- 9+ Years

Important Notes

1. Capital cost estimates shown in the table are based on the works being undertaken by contractors, and includes consultant fees associated with design development and project administration (@ 7.5%).
2. The project costs are indicative only, and are based on similar projects undertaken in the past 18 months.
3. It should be noted that some capacity might exist for cost savings during the implementation of the capital improvement program, by combining/packaging projects into one larger contract.
4. The projects and directions outlined in the master plan do not commit the Parkes Shire Council, the user groups, or any other organisation to a responsibility for funding projects.



MP No.	Project	Indicative Project Prioritisation and Estimated Cost			Project / Category Total	Likely Funding Source	Expected Outcomes
		1-4 Years	5-8 Years	9+ Years			
	General Items						
	Install occasional bench seating (up to 10), rolled out over 10 years	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 15,000	PSC capital allocation	Improved facilities for spectators
	Install identification and directional signage at strategic locations, rolled out over 6-8 years (allowance for 6 signs of different sizes)	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,500		\$ 6,500	PSC capital allocation	Improved understanding of the location of facilities and spaces by visitors
	Undertake tree planting throughout the park, rolled out over 6-8 years (allowance of up to 30 new plants)	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,500		\$ 14,000	PSC capital allocation	Improved landscape amenity Increased provision of natural shade, wind breaks
	Consultant Fees (design, contract docs) @ 7.5%	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,013	\$ 450	\$ 2,663		
	Sub Total	\$ 17,200	\$ 14,513	\$ 6,450	\$ 38,163		
	Sporting Infrastructure						
	Oversow and fertilise the playing surfaces	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500		\$ 8,500	PSC capital allocation	Improved quality of playing surface for players and officials
1	Install sub-surface drainage 1st Stage: northern sports field 2nd Stage: southern sports field	\$ 180,000	\$ 250,000		\$ 430,000	PSC capital allocation	Improved quality of playing surface for players and officials
2	Assess feasibility of retaining the existing floodlighting and upgrade to achieve 50 lux (allowance is for full replacement)		\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	Soccer Association PSC capital allocation State/ Federal grant	Training standard lighting compliant to 50 lux Improved player safety
3	Replace the perimeter fence around the northern sporting field (in stages)		\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 65,000	PSC capital allocation	Improved safety Improved landscape amenity
4	Upgrade and extend the amenities building on the northern sports field 1st Stage: extension and upgrade of amenities 2nd Stage: install undercover seating (cost/ scope of project to be determined by seating capacity - allowance an indicative estimate only)		\$ 350,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 600,000	Soccer Association PSC capital allocation State/ Federal grant	Amenities and other associated facilities become fit for purpose Improved comfort for spectators Improved opportunity to host regional events
11	Upgrade the internal areas of the amenities block on the southern sports field			\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	PSC capital allocation	Amenities and other associated facilities become fit for purpose
	Consultant Fees (design, contract docs) @ 7.5%	\$ 13,800	\$ 66,338	\$ 26,250	\$ 106,388		
	Sub Total	\$ 197,800	\$ 950,838	\$ 376,250	\$ 1,524,888		
	Traffic Management						
5	Install a sealed path along the eastern side of the northern field to connect the southern field to the northern amenities building (approx. length 225m)		\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	PSC capital allocation	Improved link between the two sports fields
6	Install a raised pedestrian crossing in Nash Street between the two sports fields	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	PSC capital allocation	Improved player and spectator safety through traffic calming
7	Install a speed hump in Nash Street (western end)	\$ 6,500			\$ 6,500	PSC capital allocation	Improved player and spectator safety through traffic calming
9	Formalise the two main car parks 1st Stage: Northern sports field (64 spaces) 2nd Stage: Southern sports field (80 spaces) (includes kerb and channel to control stormwater overland flow)		\$ 200,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 440,000	PSC capital allocation State/ Federal grant	Improved comfort for user groups and visitors Risk management (safety) Improved opportunity to host regional events
	Consultant Fees (design, contract docs) @ 7.5%	\$ 1,238	\$ 17,250	\$ 18,000	\$ 36,488		
	Sub Total	\$ 17,738	\$ 247,250	\$ 258,000	\$ 522,988		
	TOTAL MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)	\$ 232,738	\$ 1,212,600	\$ 640,700	\$ 2,086,038		



APPENDIX 1

Harrison Park Master Plan





APPENDIX 2

Indicative Prioritisation of Projects by Stakeholders

The stakeholders were asked to categorise projects regarding complexity and cost:

- **Easy** Completed relatively quickly with nil to minimum expense or planning
- **Moderate** Completed relatively quickly with minimum expense or planning
- **Difficult** Completed over a period of time with major expense and planning required.

Some of the responses were overly optimistic in relation to the cost and complexity or indicate a lack of understanding of these attributes. They do however reveal a high degree of commonality of needs for the different stakeholders.

Harrison Park			
	1st Priority 1 - 4 years	2nd Priority 4 - 8 years	3rd Priority 9+ years
Easy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a reflector on the light behind the power box on the northern sports field • Install identification signage around the park • Install more bench seating • Upgrade the fencing around the northern sports field • Clearly identify male/female public toilets on the northern sports field, and display 'No Smoking' signs • Back-fill soil around the footings of the new bench seats on the southern sports field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a training wall • Install traffic calming infrastructure along Nash Street 	
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake topdressing of the playing surface • Form and seal the car park servicing the northern sports field • Install garbage bins at gates on both grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install some undercover grandstand seating either side of the amenities block on the northern sports field 	
Difficult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade the floodlighting on the northern sports field to 50 lux • Upgrade the amenities buildings and canteen facilities • Investigate feasibility of putting the water storage tank underground • Investigate the benefit/feasibility of installing CCTV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install sub-surface drainage across both sports fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the feasibility of expanding Harrison Park in a northerly direction



APPENDIX 3

Council Resolution Adopting the Master Plan

Agenda Report

User Instructions

The following action is a result of a Council resolution made at the meeting held on **4 November 2014**. If necessary to view the original Agenda Item, double-click on 'Agenda Report' blue hyperlink above. Action is required for the following item as per the Council Decision or Resolution under Delegated Authority.

Subject: (DES) Sporting Field Master Plans

Executive Summary

Submissions have been received on the draft master plans for various sporting precincts within Parkes Shire.

The submissions are included in this report as are recommendations to amend the draft plans as a consequence of those submissions. The master plans and their reports are attached to this report.

The final drafts of the Sporting Fields Master Plans have been received by Council. They detail the preferred future developments and long term planning of the sporting precincts, along with ongoing management of the facilities. Clearly the completion of any works identified in these plans will be entirely dependent on availability of funds.

Recommendation

1. That the Master Plans for the sporting precincts:
 - Cheney and McGlynn Park, Parkes
 - Berryman Oval, Trundle
 - Lindner Oval, Peak Hill
 - Harrison Oval, Parkes and
 - Spicer, Northparkes and Pioneer Ovals, Parkes

as amended now be adopted.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That Council investigate alternative projects for the \$15,000.00 grant recently received from CMOC Board Northparkes Mines for use at Northparkes Oval.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

CARRIED