

Community Feedback

DRAFT St Helens Sports Complex Concept Plan



The Concept Plan looks wonderful and if it goes ahead it will be a great asset to the community. My main interest is the inclusion of a pool, hydrotherapy pool and gym. I believe these are essential for our community and hopefully if the plan goes ahead these will be a priority. Already there are existing facilities for the sports and activities mentioned in the plan but our community is desperate for a good indoor pool. It will be of great benefit for all the community as it will be available all year round. It will be of particular benefit to us older residents as many of us can no longer do more vigorous sports or mountain biking but would like to be able swim and exercise all year around. In recent years I have been attending Aqua aerobics at the school pool but this only for 5 months of the year. Occasionally I get to swim there as well.

The pool and gym would provide older residents the chance to improve their fitness and strength necessary for good health and mobility.

It will provide all the community facilities for rehabilitation after injury or surgery. I have had conversations with GPs and physiotherapists who see these as essential facilities. Maybe there will be fewer trips to the doctor if older residents are healthier.

For me personally I would definitely use this facility a number of times a week.

I would like to add my voice to the concept plan that would include an Aquatic centre and community gym.

I have been attending Aqua classes with Susan Rigney which I found very beneficial. I have been unable to participate in her land based exercises due to various joint issues, and I was so happy to find a form of exercise that I could do safely.

The Council is to be lauded for this ambitious concept plan. It would greatly benefit the retiree community and preschool community that don't have access to a pool.

Whereas purpose built facilities exist within the St Helens township for the majority of activities listed, the stand out exception is the lack of a public gym and Aquatic Centre (public swimming and hydrotherapy pools).

I am also keen to participate in a gym. I moved to the area 4 years ago and this is an amenity that I miss the most.

It was hard to tell from the concept plan, but I think the allowance for the pool and gym should be bigger and that adequate parking is available. I found with the school pool the cold winds made the pool very unpleasant even though the water was warm. In the planning could the wind chill factor and sun exposure for young children be taken into account.

I am a retired physiotherapist. Considering the aged population in the area, a walk in ramp to the pool would allow access to a lot more people with mobility issues.

Thank you for your consideration

The Council is to be lauded for this ambitious concept plan which would see comprehensive use of this under-used public space.

In my opinion, for this plan to be progressed, it will be necessary to first seek specific community consultation in identifying priorities.

Whereas purpose built facilities exist within the St Helens township for the majority of activities listed, the stand out exception is the lack of a public gym and Aquatic Centre (public swimming and hydrotherapy pools).

Implementation of these facilities would be a major undertaking and impost. However, they would contribute immensely to the civic amenity for the increasing retiree and younger populations attracted to this area.

I note the General Manager BODC's response 04/22.11.2 - Request for Update - Motion regarding investigations for a swimming pool - Mayor M Tucker - BODC Minutes 20 April 2022, page 34:-

"The General Manager advised that with regard to a previous notice of motion, we have conducted initial investigations on proposed or new facilities at George Town, Circular Head and Southern Midlands and Council Officers will report back to Council on these investigations. It will be necessary for Council to engage professional assistance to progress the investigations and there will be a budget allocation required for this analysis to be undertaken."

Having successfully run group fitness and Aqua (water aerobics) classes over the past three years locally and using the limited St Helens District High School pool, I would like to contribute my expertise should Council proceed with the implementation of an Aquatic/Gym complex within this concept plan.

Just getting in my last minute thoughts on proposed plan It all looks great and especially the inclusion of a pool.

As our community grows in numbers we need to be pro active for the future.

A pool is useful for medical rehabilitation , particularly for ageing people and injured mtb riders!! Also as we are a fine weather destination it would be useful as a get away for those really rainy days!

And of course well being and fitness. As we know not every one is keen to dip in the sea for more than a splash.

I realise there are costs but it would serve the community well in the future.

And that is what we need to aim for in all things planned for our area.

would like to provide my feedback on the draft sports complex plan.

What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

I would very much like to see a gym and public pool in town, these are two things i was suprised were not already in st helens when i moved here.

- What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan
Not sure how many people in st helens play croquet?

- Have we covered everything?

All the other towns like Latrobe, Georgetown, derby etc that have built mountain bike trails have also built a pump track, i think this is something that st helens' also needs either near the skate park, or at the trailhead.

- Are there any other comments you would like to make?
i think this would be a great addition to st helens.

I was excited to see the draft plan and have answered your questions below.

- What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

I like that everything is to be in the one space.

I love the inclusion of a pool and hydrotherapy.

- What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

It's not really a dislike of the plan itself, but from the plan one couldn't ascertain any details about the pool. Ideally, it would be an indoor pool with a minimum length of 25 metres. This would provide for an aged community and for those with health issues all year. It would also be amazing for our school children to be able to access an adequate length pool for lessons and carnivals.

- Have we covered everything?

I don't know if the pool includes changing facilities or toilet, but this might be something to consider if not.

- Are there any other comments you would like to make?

As a sufferer of a rare form of arthritis, I am currently very limited to only being able to do low impact water based exercise in summer. An indoor pool in St Helens would be a blessing!

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback in relation to the draft Sports Complex concept plan.

The location of amenities, such as toilets, needs to be prioritised in conjunction with the use of the space. For example, if a sports field is used twice a week for only part of the year then their need for amenities is considerably less than an area which is used daily all year round, such as the dog park, community garden and potentially the overnight camping area.

All users need to have access to toilets, so the location is critical.

It may be worthwhile investigating the model used in Sawston, which is the village where we used to live in England (population around 7,000) <https://www.sawstonsports.com/>. There is a swimming pool and sports complex offering squash, soccer, rugby, tennis, aerobics, pilates, and a gym (probably other things I have forgotten too). It is located on the school site and is shared between the secondary school (Sawston Village College) and the local council. We paid a small annual membership fee (around \$50) and then a small fee per class or swim. Everything was affordable to all and very well attended. There may be similar models being used in Australia, but I just thought this might be helpful.

I am very excited about the new sports complex plans, especially of the pool and hydrotherapy part.

I see that includes a gym as well. Could you please let me know the size of the pools and does changing rooms, showers and toilets be included in this area.

There are a few of us who have been going to the school pool regularly, even at 7 in the morning until Easter, so a full time pool in St Helens will be marvelous.

It is all so essential for us older ones to maintain our mobility and active life style that exercise in the pool helps us to achieve

It is amazing how much more movement we get in the water than on the land.

I do hope this is going to happen soon !

I myself like everything about this concept. I myself have knee problems with osteoarthritis and emphysema. being a part of B.B.FIT AQUA and participating has helped with my body's movement. Having a gym as well, would help with my recovery from a mastectomy from breast cancer for years to come. St helens has a lot of older citizens which would benefit from existing with out injury to joints from low impact exercise. A good start to keeping people out of hospital for longer. Another benefit is having them all in the same place it would save going all over the place.

I am writing to you about the new Rec ground proposal in particular the pool. I can't see the details of the size of the pool, but I believe it should definately be as big or bigger than the pool at St marys, and and also include a toddler pool and hydrotherapy pool with wheel chair access a must. Will it be an indoor pool to use all year round? I think it would be crazy not to make it indoor. also I can't see any parking for the pool area? will there be change rooms at the pool, or do people have to walk all the way over past the football club rooms to change. That seems a bit silly? I think if Council hasn't already done this, I would talk to the Dorset council about their pool center and the pro's con's of their pools. Onto the tennis courts, I think that's a great idea, however I would put a decent fence between it and the caravan stopover. Nobody wants to be playing tennis and watching someone emptying their toilet, or the smell of the rubbish bins. Overall I do like the look of the new design.

Congratulations BOD on getting this long overdue facility inderway. I hope with the fantastic increase in all year visitation generated by the mountainbike park presence is helping drive positive progress in the community. We have never seen St Helens so busy, for so much of the year!

As follows thoughts on the plan,

What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

- That at last this facility will be available to the Break Oday community providing essential modern sporting facilities to support the community's health and well-being.
- What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan
- that the scale is not quite helpful - is that a full-size pool?
- Can kids/adults train for competitive swimming?
- it would be good to see a consistent walking track around whole facility for elder citizens, one with no bumps of tree roots or path traffic, suitable also for mums with prams, maybe set up a Strava segment for community challenges?
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- Have we covered everything?
- as above re circuit for walking around facility
- a strong cycle/walking path from town to link town and the facility
- changes in parking or tip access
- where is the facilities parking?
- Is that a open swale through the dog exercise area? Will it be waterlogged?
- will the overnight camping provide waste disposal? Will there be 24hr toilet/shower facilities available to campers? Marked parks to limit volumes of campers?
- Are there any other comments you would like to make?
- A well-received plan I hope, with much feedback, this community has helped bring so much tourism and growth to the area, it's great to see some positive changes

St Helens Pool. We desperately need this

Not sure how this works but would like to put our support behind council putting a pool gym and hydrotherapy into the forward plan for the sports complex.

We feel the town badly need this facility not only for recreation but to serve the many people in our town that would benefit from it medically.

I think the idea of a swimming pool and gym for St Helens is the most wonderful news I've heard so far this year. I've been working on a proposal for a heated indoor pool for quite some time. There are sporting grants and health grants that can be applied for to assist with construction. The whole town benefits, the pool covers every demographic and all levels of ability or non ability. I'm sure the doctors will be delighted to have the hydro therapy part of the pool. It will help so many in this basically retirement town.

There will be employment for quite a few people as a bonus too.

There are so many groups who could use the pool, lessons, aerobic classes, lap swimmers, school sports carnivals, polo teams, sea scouts. People can learn scuba basics in a controlled environment, canoe rolling can be taught as well. The sea scouts can also use it.

The concession stand for food could be run on a rotating roster for other sporting groups, in their off season. So the pool would support other community groups.

Hopefully, the Neighbourhood Centre could provide people to learn life saving skills, pool cleaners and reception.

The sky's the limit.

Have a look at a centre in Canberra, the Gungahlin Leisure Centre in Harrison, part of YMCA group. A wonderful pool that covers all of the above. It's biggest plus is the ramp down the side of the pool for access for people of all mobilities. The only thing they got wrong was placing a fountain inside for kids to run under, the acoustics were horrendous.

The one thing that could be added is a pool solely for kids to jump into, instead of on your head as you do laps and touch at the shallow end.

The gym could also aid people with rehab after surgeries etc as well as people just wanting to exercise after/before work.

As a resident of St Helens, I would like to provide my feedback on the St Helens Sports Complex Area.

- What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

I fully support the plan. I appreciate how it brings many sporting and activity centres together in the one area, which is very family friendly. I love the idea of a good sized pool for swimming, aqua aerobics and hydrotherapy for fitness and to support well-being.

- What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan

I'd prefer to have the overnight camping area very well away from the sports-ground complex, given the number of children who would be participating in activities and potentially roaming around.

- Have we covered everything?

I'd be extremely keen to allow skateboards in a section of the park, something similar to a bicycle track, that can be used for skateboarding/skatesurfing - see this video, track starts at 1:03.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ASKa_2V1TQ

The many surfers in town would appreciate it too, I'm sure.

The current skate park in town isn't suitable for this type of skating, and the roads/paths aren't great for skating (especially for beginners like myself).

I would also like to see a bike track from town to the complex, suitable for bikes, scooters, escooters, walkers, skateboards.

- Are there any other comments you would like to make?

I would be interested in having more input into the proposed facilities/equipment within the gym area when the time comes. I am a personal trainer/corrective exercise coach, as well as a naturopath, and would like to have an area where I can do one-on-one training in a fairly private space, as well as a space for small group workshops and activities.

Fantastic, especially on the therapy pool! Much needed and looked forward to.

I just thought is drop you a line to say how much a sports complex would benefit our community I have alot of clients who often say how they would use a complex for themselves being elderly and there children, the school etc.

As a member of the community I wanted to give you some feedback on the above concept plan. As a concept, I think it looks fantastic. It brings all these valuable community and sporting activities into one precinct.

I am particularly over the moon to see provision being made for a public swimming pool and gym. To date these facilities have been sadly missing in St Helens and I am sure they would be very well supported by the community.

Obviously, there is much more detail to come and there are so many questions.

1. Is the swimming pool indoor or outdoor ?
2. Are there change facilities ?
3. Is it going to be a 25m pool ?
4. Is the hydro therapy pool separate ?
5. Will the gym/pool operate on a membership basis ?

I currently use the gym at St Marys which is great, but with a 100km round trip it can be a bit of a disincentive to get there as often as I would like. I swim in the sea, as many others do, but conditions sometimes limit the opportunities. Swimming and weight bearing exercise is proven to keep people active and mobile longer, not to mention the mental benefits.

Other comments;

 Sealed roads – great

 My older friends at the croquet club will be disappointed that the toilet facilities have moved further away. Is there an opportunity to make a provision for dedicated toilets for the club ?

Overall, I am delighted that council is championing health and recreation in our community.

I for one, although I believe I speak for many, am thrilled at this development, in particular the addition of swimming facilities and in my case a hydrotherapy pool.

I used hydrotherapy facilities weekly, for over 25 years whilst living in the Burnie/Wynyard regions. I had to give this up with my move to St. Helens.

Wynyard Fitness has a great centre and pool that is heated to hydrotherapy requirements. The dimensions of this pool are required to adequately meet the needs of those requiring hydrotherapy and any instructors.

This will be a tremendous opportunity for our council to meet/upgrade the important health needs of our community.

I have had a look at your St.Helens Recreation Ground Draft Plans..The Plans are set out for the benefit of the wider community of the BODC municipality. However I would like to make note that your Plan has allowed for 2 Tennis courts. Number 7 which shows Netball and Tennis and Number 15 which shows Tennis. Also Number 14 shows Community Gardens, I find that putting a community garden in the School grounds would be more effective than at the Recreation grounds..The school would benefit more from the education it would provide for the younger students.

The next point to consider is when will this go to Council, will it be funded by a government grant scheme and if approved approximately when 5years or 10 years.

I would like to express my interest in having a public pool and hydrotherapy pool in the St Helens area.

Without ageing population we all need to have a hydro pool for exercise for better health and mind set.

It can boost immunity and reduce stress and pain.
It helps those who struggle to exercise on land to actually be physically fit.

Please help us and provide these much needed facilities

I would firstly like to say that the Concept plan looks really good. Well planned out and appears to cover all that is required. Even a dog park and a free camping area.

I did think that those 2 areas would have been good if they were close together, so that Nomads can walk their dogs nearby. Just a thought? But as the dog park is already in that area, it might be too difficult to move??

All of the sporting areas appear to have been covered, however my concern is the size of the area allocated for the Swimming pools and gym. I am not sure how far the plans have gone, in deciding the size and lay out etc.. ???

With all of the other areas, I would assume that they would have clubs / teams / committees etc already in place and will possibly have their say in the final decisions in what is needed for their given sports. I was wondering if there are people involved in the decision making for the pools and gym? How far has the planning gone? How much input have the local community already had in the plans?? Have I missed it??

If it is not too late, I would like to be involved and have some sort of input into the Pool and hydro pool please. As a disabled person who has used many many pools, and hydro-therapy Pools, I am certain that my insight could be helpful.

The idea of a pool is very attractive for therapy, recreation and for swimming instruction. But, how will the huge maintenance cost be managed. What will the rate increase be to manage it? It would be nice if the precinct included lawn bowls so that all local sports are in close proximity.

I'd like the opportunity to give you some feedback about the draft for the St Helens Sports Complex, in particular the Pool, Gymnasium & Hydrotherapy area.

As a swimmer I've experienced the frustration of the lack of a year-round pool that provides a pool for recreational use, plus a laned pool for lap swimmers. I believe this facility will be a fabulous resource for not only our St Helens community, but also for visitors to the area.

The Day Camping Area would benefit greatly with the addition of shade trees.

I work at the VIC in St Helens and have been asked on many occasions whether St Helens has a gym and pool that they could utilise.

I absolutely think a gym and pool would be vital in providing assistance to the physical and mental health of our community.

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Love the proposed changes, particularly the pool and hydrotherapy – make it happen!

I've recently moved to St Helens from Hobart and the only thing that I feel is missing out in this beautiful town is a gym

All for it.

Great for families and an endorsement to community health and wellbeing and for tourist and potential people coming to start new businesses in area. Great attractions for new families to move in too.

The concept plans look great for the sports centre proposal .

Just some thoughts ;

Is there a community meeting room for visiting community talks ie nutrition and a commercial kitchen next to it - and a multipurpose room for yoga , salsa dancing etc
Storage for bikes etc for spin classes, put away chairs , tressel tables etc.

Could you please tell me ;

What are the timelines for this

Including funding application timelines if still required.

1? 2? 3 years ?

Who is funding this ?

I was thinking of setting up a temporary gym to meet community needs but may not need to which is fine by me if this will be up and running soon .

Hi there i think the draft looks great all sports activities in the one area. Pool and hydrotherapy 100% needed great plan

I stumbled across someone else posting about the sports complex concepts at <https://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/st-helens-recreation-ground-01.04.2022.pdf>

I'm newish to the area, having lived all over the mainland. In particular I'm interested in swimming, I used to swim for Queensland in the late 90's and have visited many, many pools.

So I guess I'll stick to what I know. The rest of the plan looks good to me, I'll certainly use many areas there. For me, parking close to the pool would be crucial. I believe the driveway leading from Young St currently has a locked gate, which I assume would not be the case if this goes ahead?

For the pool (surely it will be heated?), and I know this is no small undertaking, would have to be permanently covered to have any chance of being open for the entire year. And I assume the lap pool would be 25m long and hopefully 8 lanes? Personally I think there's no point doing any less. Which would then allow a St Helens swimming club. I know several people (and lots of kids) who would be into this. You need warm showers (and ideally heated or very well insulated) change rooms too.

My final point would be food. People attend sporting events and in my ideal world, would have a healthy choice of food. Not necessarily in a permanent kitchen..perhaps space for a food truck or two would be wise to allocate? Somewhere central in the whole complex. Allow a couple of 15amp power outlets for them to connect to..you could lease out the space on 3 month terms or something, you might start a great meeting spot and could be utilised by all of the sporting events happening.

It's a big area, and feels underutilised so I'd love to see this happen. And I know many others who would too.

Please let me know if you would like to bounce any ideas around.

 What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

The concept plan is fantastic and long overdue. Especially including a swimming and hydro pool, the plan does not say that this will be indoors? With longer wet months than sunny days, I hope the pools will be housed indoors so it can be accessed all year.

I do love that there will finally be a gym in town, a space in the gym so group training can be held would be great, also boxing ring indoors would be a great thing to engage youth in.

 What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan

I'm wondering why the navy cadets have a space? Are they still running in town? Were they not incorporated with scouts now and ran from the scout hall?

 Have we covered everything?

Yes.

 Are there any other comments you would like to make?

No, I feel this is a great move forward for our community.

Looks good, and thorough, Just wondering if you have considered something similar to the Scottsdale set up for kids in regards to pool set up? We have frequented this establishment several times and there are always multiple st Helens families there. Also hydrotherapy that is wheel chair/hoist suitable this would benefit so many people in the community.

What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

Really love that everything is in the one place and will encourage people to be active and proud of such an amazing Sports Ground/ Complex.

What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan

I would like to ask if No4 (kiosk and amenities) are for everyone including cricket? Cricket only have access to the old toilet block near the football changerooms. Will this be upgraded or taken down?

will there also be a BBQ or Kiosk type facility closer to the cricket oval?

Pool location - is it allowing enough space? could it be swapped with the Tennis courts? ease of parking? ease of access.

what size lap pool will be going in?

will it have the learn to swim pool option?

Are we in any way able to model our facility off Scottsdale's Aquatic Centre? This is a truly amazing facility and I think would be a great guide for our Municipality.

It creates inclusion for all people and not dependant on your swimming capability.

Thank you for everything that is starting to happen. We as a community will be so lucky to see this all come together.

The concept looks great as the pool is near other facilities which would be great if parents had children doing different activities at the same time.

How long the pool will be? A 20-25metre would be perfect for fitness so as it can be used for laps whilst also being wide enough to have a play area to one side of the pool.

It would also be great to see a small splash pool for younger children or a smaller pool to be used for learn to swim classes.

I understand that it may take more room and money than you have allocated however if you are going to do this for the community it would be great if it was accessible for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on this initiative. I hope it's goes ahead.

Just a quick email to say the plans for the sports centre is brilliant.

Really looking forward to the gym & pool.

As a permanent resident at Binalong Bay, I support development of a public pool, hydrotherapy pool and gym in St Helens. My personal health would benefit from these facilities and services. Water activities and strength building will help manage the chronic pain issues that I live with. Being able to access a pool all year round will help me keep active and mobile, especially as I age. My partner and I plan to live here into our retirement and wish for the best facilities to be available for health and wellbeing.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts and consideration of my needs. I look forward to seeing the pool, hydrotherapy pool and gym as a hub of health and vitality in our community.

What do you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan?

That it includes a pool, gym and hydrotherapy.

What don't you like about the DRAFT CONCEPT plan

Lacks context – would be good to know who uses the existing areas, how, why and when and what their input has been.

Lacks detail – this is a map not a concept.

Lacks pros/cons or a ranking of needs/wants.

Have we covered everything?

Lacks context – what is the aim of the St Helens sports Complex? What is council trying to achieve? Then we could answer the question.

Who is Chris Hughes? What is your position? What is your role?

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

That the responses should be made public

When will you provide timeframes for next steps:

§ Business Case

§ Funding

§ Further community consultation

Croquet is a challenging sport which requires low physical impact but a lot of skill and therefore makes it suitable for those who want to stay active and maintaining their physical fitness without strenuous impact on muscles and joints. Some of our members who had been avid golfers throughout their life have chosen to play croquet because of the gentler physical requirements of the game compared to golf. The tactical side of Croquet stimulates the brain immensely in a similar way to playing a game of chess!

In the short time since we joined the club, membership has grown consistently with the majority of members being mostly retirees.

The toilet block which we currently access is some distance from the clubhouse and this has proven embarrassingly challenging at times for some members, it is also extremely old and not the cleanest and is to be reconstructed at another location within the oval precinct.

Therefore as members of the St Helens Croquet Club we would like you to consider the following reasons for the Croquet Club to be assisted in the process of constructing our own loos:-

- Close proximity to our clubrooms which is only to be considered civilised in this day and age
- Control over cleaning and access by club members only
- To ensure and maintain the current membership of the club as well as attracting future members because of the club having appropriate facilities
- To promote the health and well being of people who choose to participate in an outdoor activity which provides a good social, mental and physical environment

I have sighted the plan on line of the proposed upgrades to the sports ground and would like to comment on the lack of toilet facilities for people playing croquet.

At present there are toilet facilities near the Croquet Club rooms however on the plan I could not see them.

I have a medical condition which makes it necessary for me to be in reasonably close proximity of toilet facilities. My concern is that I and many other older members of the Croquet club would not be able to "make it" to the toilets on the other side of the ground.

The Croquet Club operates 4 days per week with up to 25 players participating, the average age of the members is about 70.

I have been made aware of the lack of toilet facilities adjacent to our croquet club. Without this facility within a short walk from our club many of our members would not be able to attend we hope a adjacent toilet will be included in the new plan

I am a new resident and rate payer of your beautiful town but would like to bring to your attention the urgent need for toilet facilities at the Croquet Club.

As a senior citizen I have been very grateful of the opportunity to join this diligent group of people who are doing a real community service.

It is most unsatisfactory that senior citizens have to traverse rough ground in order to use the adjacent football ground toilets.

These people would all be rate payers in your town and deserve better treatment.

I fully understand the difficulties of budgeting for town facilities but some assistance with perhaps obtaining a government grant would make this very pleasant and healthy activity for the towns senior citizens most worth while.

The members of the St Helens Croquet Club are very concerned that the toilets are being moved away from the lawns where we play. Please consider the average age of the members is approximately 70 we would be greatly disadvantaged if we had to walk far to the toilets

Croquet club - would like more accessible toilets for those who play croquet - currently there is a short walk which most of the members can undertake but we believe the new plan shows the toilet facility to be about 150 metres away and this is a problem - would like to see a toilet block closer to the croquet facility

A summary of the report prepared - which is attached - While the land is a community sporting venue it also has the natural and amenity values which need to be maintained. Diversity of native plant species growing at the Sports Complex in remnant patches as well as there being extensive areas where native grasses are predominant such as the pony/equestrian. Area. A detailed Management Plan for the whole sports complex area needs to be done which identifies and protects the natural values of the site including remnant bushland areas and areas which have been planted with native trees and shrubs. (See attached list provided within the original report). The sports complex provides habitat for a range of native fauna species. A list has been provided in the attached report. There is also an active population of bandicoots evident from regular diggings observed on the soccer ground. The proximity of the Medeas Cove Conservation Area to the sports complex means that native animals from time to time to frequent the sports complex and this needs to be taken into account in managing the complex site. There needs to be greater resources allocated for weed management. Cape weed is out of control as well as Spanish Heath, Rats Trail Grass etc. It is important that stormwater quality that runs off the site is as pollutant and sediment free as possible. Don't support the bitumen for car parking around areas such as soccer, football and netball courts as well as some of the roads - this will have a range of negative impacts including decreasing the filtration benefits of grassed/vegetated areas, increasing impervious surfaces leading to more rapid run off of poorer quality water and also diminishes the rural character and natural amenity of the complex.

St Helens senior cricket and junior cricket have now incorporated as one club.

We have many things we would like to see happen to our cricket oval and nets with a future plan in place (attached document).

(1) Our main priority is to relocate the nets approx 90 degrees, so players are not bowling into the sun and can have required run up area for bowling ect, also provides safe car parking area with practice balls being hit adjacent to the oval area.

Currently St Helens Cricket Club is awaiting/applying for community sports grants to fund this project, With a possible amount of \$\$ input from Council? Not known at this stage.

(2) Removal of self-sown trees around the cricket oval for the safety vision of players, coaches and parents during game and training, Currently this is a safety hazard with balls going directly into the bushes and players having to enter bushes to get balls out with tree branches sticking out and currently a dumping ground for bottles, glass and rubbish ect., also jack jumpers have nested within the tree roots which is also a hazard as we have players anaphylaxis to jack jumpers at current.

(3) Removal of tree roots on the far side of the cricket oval, currently forming a trip hazard for fielding players.

(4) Proposed new fence, to help maintain the quality of turf, ball retrieval ect, approx 400m around the boundary line of the current oval, with the allowance of 1x ambulance access gate, 4x pedestrian gates for players access and ball retrieval.

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(5) Combined outdoor BBQ area to be used by cricket and also the football club, currently BBQ's are our form of revenue raising for our club, and provides lunch for our senior and tea for our junior players.

(6) Proposed watering system, the oval during cricket season is under turfed and forms a dust bowl, proposing something similar to the football club oval watering system of some sort.

Temporary solution to use a council sprinkler that was used for the football oval before the upgrade of the watering system to water over the summer months/cricket season, mains water would need to be located near oval in either situation.

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Why do we need a second tennis court - the existing one is not fully utilised

If all sport facility at one place (Recreation Ground) how about safety - particular for female individuals in evening - (isolation area)

The swimming pool and hydrotherapy pool should be separated as 2 x pools - due to different purposes/usage - pools are needed in the community

Croquet club toilets

Don't support the proposed increased amount of bitumen. Maintaining grass, trees and gravel roads maintain the aesthetic and rural feel of the site. The Sports Complex is both a valuable sporting venue but also valuable open space. There needs to be a comprehensive Management Plan developed for the whole site which considers natural values, landscaping, stormwater etc