

14.7 – Mallala Cricket Club Turf Wicket Proposal
dated 18 September 2017

Report and Attachment Under Separate Cover

 Adelaide Plains Council	14.7	Mallala Cricket Club Turf Wicket Proposal
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Correspondence has been received from Mallala Cricket Club Inc (MCC) to install a Turf wicket at the Mallala Oval. The cost of this project will be \$46,000, with ongoing maintenance cost that will be fully funded by the MCC.
- Mallala Cricket Club Inc has provided documentation outlining the project scope and funding strategy, and are seeking Council's endorsement.
- Internal consultation has been undertaken with Council Management who support the proposal and recommend that Council develop a lease agreement with the Mallala Cricket Club Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

"that Council, having considered Item 14.7 – *Mallala Cricket Club Turf Wicket Proposal*, 18 September 2017, receives and notes the report and in doing so resolve:-

1. **that Council grant consent for the Mallala Cricket Club Inc to undertake the Turf Wicket project as presented in Attachment 1 to this Report;**
2. **that the Mallala Cricket Club Inc be advised that the current lease agreement between Council and the Mallala Football Club will need to be amended to incorporate the Mallala Cricket Club Inc as a Sub-Lessee setting out their maintenance obligations including the use of the oval and associated infrastructure during the cricket season;**
3. **to authorises the Chief Executive Officer to seek the assistance of Norman Waterhouse Lawyers to amend the Lease Agreement between Council and Mallala Football Club Inc to incorporate the Mallala Cricket Club Inc as a Sub-lessee; and**

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4. to authorise, pursuant to Sections 38 and 44 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Lease Agreement between the Adelaide Plains Council and Mallala Football Club Inc."

BUDGET IMPACT

Estimated Cost:	\$ Nil
Future ongoing operating costs:	Fully funded by the Mallala Cricket Club Inc
Is this Budgeted?	Not Applicable

RISK ASSESSMENT

No potential risks foreseen.

Attachments

1. **Community Organisation Project Proposal Form** – Includes; Mallala Cricket Club - Letter to Council, Mallala Football Club - Letter of support, Project Quotation, Project Drawing –Pitch and Irrigation & Mallala Cricket Club Overview.

DETAILED REPORT

Purpose

1. The MCC has provided documentation outlining the project scope and funding strategy, which is presented in **Attachment 1** to this report, and is seeking Councils endorsement.
2. To seek Elected Members consent to enter into a Lease Agreement with Mallala Cricket Club Inc over the Turf Wicket Proposal.

Background/History

Correspondence has been received from Mallala Cricket Club Inc (MCC) to install a Turf wicket at the Mallala Oval. MCC is a member of the Barossa and Light Cricket Association (BCA) and has two (2) senior teams and two (2) junior teams within this competition.

The MCC A1 Reserves Team is currently competing in the BCA turf grade of the competition and as such needs to be progressing to the establishment of turf facilities of its own to remain at a high level and progress to the elite level of the competition.

The BCA is seeking to establish turf facilities at all of the club's within the Association ensuring an elite level competition attracting both senior and junior cricketers from metropolitan Adelaide and adjoining Regional areas looking to play cricket at the highest level.

Discussion

The Project

The MCC has provided documentation outlining the project scope and funding strategy, which is presented in **Attachment 1** to this report.

The project consists of the removal of the existing concrete pitch and the installation of 4x new turf pitches, 6x new potable water sprinklers, retrofitting 6x existing recycled water sprinklers and a potable water main to the centre of oval at a cost of \$46,000.

The turf consultant has recommended that bore water and recycled water not be used to water the surface as this will shorten the life expectancy of the pitch. Thus a new potable water line and 6x irrigation sprinklers are proposed to be installed. The exiting irrigation will be modified to ensure no bore water or recycled water is used on the new pitches.

MCC will fund the complete project internally with additional funding coming from South Australian Cricket Association (Club Facilities Grant Program \$5,000), the Association \$3,000, Australian Cricket Board \$10,000 and Mr Richard Konzag – Konzag Grains \$5,000.

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MCC will also be responsible for all ongoing maintenance and associated costs which includes but is not limited to; cricket pitch maintenance, irrigation system and potable waterline maintenance, Water supply, fertiliser, weed control, insect control, mowing, and rolling.

The MCC has not requested financial support or internal plant or labour support from Council.

Community Benefits

The community benefits of the project include but are not limited to the following:

- The Mallala Football Club Incorporated (MFC) has been unable to secure hosting AFL and SANFL trial games as a result of the current concrete wicket. Concrete wicket surfaces are not allowed in the AFL and SANFL regulations. As such removing the concrete wicket would facilitate such opportunities in the future.
- Hosting Australian Championships and State based competitions. The provision of a turf pitch would provide Mallala the opportunity to host some of the Bank SA Cricket Series/Challenge Cup matches.
- Access to a turf pitch will attract both junior and senior cricketers to the MCC. The ambition of many cricketers is to play on turf wicket. Having this option available in APC will not only attract new members but ensure that current members are not lost to turf playing club's which has been the case with the MCC in the past 2-3 years. A turf pitch is likely to attract locals back to the district and more importantly the MCC.
- A turf pitch will provide an exceptional development opportunity for junior cricket not only for the youth of Mallala but the entire District. While Mallala currently facilitates Milo Cricket Development a turf pitch will allow for specific cricket clinics to be held and hosted by the MCC, again greatly assisting in the development of youth, senior cricketers will also develop their technique and skills irrespective of their age.
- The provision of a turf pitch will ensure that high grade finals games can be played at Mallala drawing a greater viewing attendance and such revenue to the MCC and Mallala Township.

Lease Agreement

Subject to Council agreeing to the installation of a turf wicket at the Mallala Oval, there will be substantial ongoing maintenance costs that will be the responsibility of the MCC particularly the watering costs which will require connection to SA Water and payment of quarterly accounts.

The MCC does not have a lease agreement with Council, nor is the Club mentioned as a Sub-Lessee in the current lease agreement with the Mallala Football Club (MFC).

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Whilst the MFC is supportive of the proposal, it is recommended that the MCC be incorporated into the existing MFC lease agreement as a Sub-Lessee and their responsibilities be detailed accordingly.

As the Mallala oval is situated on land classified as Community Land any lease agreement over Community Land would normally require Public Consultation, particularly if a separate lease agreement was entered into with the MCC.

Amending the MFC lease agreement to incorporate the MCC as a Sub-Lessee would not necessitate Council undertaking the public consultation process pursuant to Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Regulation 22(1)(b) of *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013* provides for an exemption from undertaking the Public Consultation process pursuant to Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 1999* if there is no substantial change in the use of the land (disregarding trifling, insignificant or subsidiary uses).

The amendment of the MFC Lease to incorporate a turf wicket for the MCC would meet this criteria.

It is essential that the MCC be recognised in the MFC Lease Agreement to indemnify both Council and the MFC, particularly if there was a dispute in regard to future maintenance of the turf wicket.

Conclusion

The MCC is seeking to maintain and develop its member base, in particular youth, through this project and will continue to promote and develop cricket and sport within the community.

It is proposed that Council endorse the Mallala Cricket Club's Turf Wicket project proposal, and consent to enter into a Lease Agreement with Mallala Cricket Club Inc over the Turf Wicket.

References

Legislation

Local Government Act 1999

Council Policies

Public Consultation Policy

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Council Strategic Plan

4.1.1.2 – Vibrant Community – *Provide support and promote facilities and programs that enable people to be healthy, active, learn and participate in community life*

4.3.1.5 – Great Places & Infrastructure – *Provide and maintain people and cycle friendly attractive streetscapes, public places and open spaces*



SECTION 1 – APPLICANT DETAILS

Date	04/9/2017		
Organisation Name	Mallala Cricket Club		
Mailing address	Po Box 122		
Town	Mallala	Postcode	5502
Email (<i>If applicable</i>)			
Website (<i>If applicable</i>)			
Contact person for this project	Kelly Curnow		
Position in organisation	President		
Mailing Address	16 Dublin Road		
Town	Mallala	Postcode	5502
Email	kl.curnow@bigpond.com		
<i>PLEASE NOTE: All correspondence will be sent to this address</i>			
Phone	0422423366		
Is this organisation incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1985?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Incorporation Number	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If you are unsure, complete a search online at www.asic.gov.au or call the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 1300 300 630</i>	
Do you have public liability insurance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Please attach current copy	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>You must provide a current copy with each application.</i>	

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DETAILS

Location of project	Mallala Oval		
Town	Mallala		
<i>Must be the physical site of the project</i>			
Who is the owner of the land where the project is to be located?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government		<input type="checkbox"/> State Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth (Crown)		<input type="checkbox"/> Private (attach evidence)
Does your organisation have a lease or licence over the site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Date lease expires	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If no, who has the lease?	Mallala Football Club
Is the leaseholder aware of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Attach evidence	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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the project?	<i>Please note – you cannot commence a project on Council land without a lease over the site or evidence of permission from the leaseholder/landowner.</i>			
Is the site Heritage Listed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
What does your project involve?				
Removal of concrete cricket pitch. Installation of new turf wicket and mains sprinkler system. Retrofit existing sprinkler system so that bore and recycled water does not water new cricket pitches.				
<i>Please attach details of project including site plan and any drawings.</i>				
Proposed start date	1/01/2018		Proposed completion	
Is there a requirement for the disconnection or introduction of any utilities?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please select	<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Effluent	
Is there any demolition required as part of the proposed project?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes provide details below		
Concrete cricket pitch				
Does this project address -	<input type="checkbox"/>	New programs or activities within the community		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structural or minor upgrades to community facilities		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major upgrades/extensions to community facilities		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction or major building works to a community facility or on council land		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction of public assets – monuments/street furniture/ vegetation projects		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	Please list	
What are the anticipated benefits of the project?				
Promote and develop cricket and sport within the community				
Who will complete the project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractors	<input type="checkbox"/> Council	
<i>Select all that apply</i>				
<i>Please provide names and contact details of all volunteers and/or contractors who intend to work on the project on the attached spreadsheet (Attachment A)</i>				
Which of the outcomes and strategies does your project align with in Council's Strategic Plan?				

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4.3.1.5 - Provide and maintain people and cycle friendly attractive streetscapes, public places and open spaces.

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SECTION 3 – PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

What is the total cost of the project?		\$46000 <i>Please provide in whole dollar amounts</i>	
Please attach calculations for the project			
How will this project be funded? (select all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self funded		<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Funded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (provide details)	
Details			
Will Council be required to complete any works relative to the project?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Evidence of funding			
Evidence of costs			
Have you listed all anticipated costs relative to the project?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Before sending your proposal ensure you have:

- Answered all the questions
- Provided all relevant and required documentation
- Provided current copy of Public Liability Insurance
- Evidence of consent for the project from the leaseholder (if the applicant is not the leaseholder)
- Provided site plans or drawings if applicable
- Attached quotes or valid estimates
- Completed the volunteer / contractor forms including contractor insurance

It is highly recommended you discuss your project with Council prior to proposal submission

If you have any questions or would like assistance in completing this form please contact Council

PH: 8527 0200

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ATTACHMENT A

VOLUNTEER/CONTRACTOR DETAILS				
Please list all volunteer and contractors who will be working on the project.				
Please note – contractors will be required to provide a copy of insurance				
Volunteer Details				
Name	Contact number			
Contractor Details				
Please provide copy of current insurances and trade qualifications				
Contractor trading as:				
Contact person	Name	Trent Kelly - TK Turf Services Pty Ltd	Position	Director
Contact details	Phone	0413681411	Email	trent@tkturfservices.c
Trade qualification			Attach Insurance	
Contact person	Name		Position	
Contact details	Phone		Email	
Trade qualification			Attach Insurance	
Contact person	Name		Position	
Contact details	Phone		Email	
Trade qualification			Attach Insurance	
<i>Please feel free to print additional Volunteer and Contractor Details forms if required</i>				

RECEIVED
11 Feb 2016

BY: *[Signature]*



MALLALA CRICKET CLUB INC.

President: Kelly Curnow
Treasurer: Josie Curnow
Secretary: Derek Lawson

Po Box 122
Mallala SA 5502
0422 423 366

11 January 2016

Mr. James Miller
Acting Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Mallala
Mallala SA 5502

Dear James,

The Mallala Cricket Club Incorporated (MCC) is a member of the Barossa & Light Cricket Association. The MCC has two (2) senior and two (2) junior teams within this competition with the Club having approximately fifty players and associated family members. The Club has a strong social, community and family based goal and atmosphere with the view to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for the community to enjoy sport.

The MCC has a strong standing reputation within the Association and was successful in winning the A1 Reserves premiership last season. The Club has been very successful in managing its own requirements financially and administratively and until recent years was very proactive in assisting with grounds maintenance, specifically the practice area. The Club greatly appreciates the ongoing labour and financial resources provided by Council in maintaining one of the best regarded surfaces and environments for playing cricket within the Association.

The MCC is looking to further improve the cricket playing experience at the Mallala Oval through the provision of turf wickets. The Association is seeking to have all top grades install turf wickets in the coming years and the MCC is hoping to accomplish this during the 2016-2017 season.

The provision of turf wickets would greatly approve the level of cricket within the current squad, would attract current District cricketers back to Mallala and more importantly would provide an excellent development base for the Districts youth.

Indicative quotes for a turf wicket proposal for the Mallala Oval are approximately \$45,000 (excluding associated maintenance plant). The MCC has in-principal support



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from the Mallala Football Club, South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) and Barossa & Light Cricket Association. The MCC has already been assured funding from SACA (\$5,000) the Association (\$3,000) and Mr. Richard Konzag – Konzag Grains – (\$5,000) towards the Club's proposal in addition with our own funds and grant funding applications to be submitted over the coming year. In addition to this the MCC has support from within the local community for the use of plant and equipment.

For the MCC to be successful with its grant funding applications we require Land Owners Consent from the Council. In addition to this however we would like Council's support and cooperation with our proposal.

Prior to this however we would welcome the opportunity to have a meeting with you, Mr. Paul Cleghorn and Mr. Keith Earl to outline our proposal. We feel it would be beneficial for all to meet and discuss our proposal at the beginning ensuring that Council understands what we are seeking to do and the associated infrastructure and financial requirements, in addition to determining what financial and / or in-kind support the Council may be able to assist with.

The Mallala Cricket Club strongly believes that turf wickets will further develop and contribute to the Club's success, will provide outstanding youth development, not only athletically but social, and will attract a high level of competition to the District.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally, at a time and place convenient to you, to discuss this great sporting and community opportunity.

Yours Sincerely,

Kelly Curnow
President
Mallala Cricket Club Incorporated

Mallala Football Club Inc

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6 July 2017

Re: Proposal to turf installation

To whom it may concern:

The Mallala Football Club fully supports the Mallala Cricket Club's proposal to install turf on the cricket pitch.

The Football Club has for a long time, had a close relationship with Cricket Club, and without their involvement in the local Community would be a huge loss to the players, families and the greater Community of all ages as well as our own Club.

Being the hub of our town, with limited activities on offer the Cricket Club and the Football Club work together and are the heart-beat of our community. Generations of families and the local community involved with both our clubs wouldn't have great opportunities like we have to offer our players and supporters, and with this we need safe facilities to play, socialize and support each other.

Mallala is a proud club with a great history, is a well-respected club within the Adelaide Plains and the Cricket Club would truly benefit.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Jones
Secretary
0409 671 633

7 August 2017

Mr Trent Kelly
TK Turf Services
Via Email; trent@tkturfservices.com



Dear Trent

It is with pleasure that we submit the following costing for the construction of the wicket table at Mallala Oval as per our discussion on the 19th August 2016 and the request for an irrigation price on the 4th August 2017

Our quotation allows for the complete management of the project as outlined below.

Construction of 4 Wicket Table

construct 1 x new 4 pitch wicket table and surrounds. The cost includes

- Site set out
- Poisoning of existing turf grasses
- Excavation and removal of the existing concrete cricket wicket. Concrete to be left onsite or the club to dispose of.
- Excavation of 29m x 16 metres x 50mm deep to accommodate new pitches with 2 metre couch buffer around outside. Excavated material to be left onsite for the club to dispose of.
- Aeration of base and leveling to mirror finished surface level.
- Supply and installation of black clay to a depth of 125mm
- Laser level of wicket table
- Supply and installation of 30 ton sandy loam to shape surrounds to match wick table to surrounding oval levels
- Supply and lay 300m² Washed Santa ana sod
- Supply and lay 165m² un-washed Santa ana sod
- Roll and Fertilise
- Provide strip drainage within buffer zone and solid pipe from South East corner of the wicket table to a location to be determined in the south eastern corner of the oval surrounds
- Provide irrigation to the new wicket table, Price subject to a static pressure of at least 350KPA being available at the supply point at the northern end of the oval and at least 60 Litres per minute flow.
 - Battery operated controller
 - Backflow prevention at existing supply point to irrigation system
 - 6 x Hunter PGP sprinklers
 - 2 x soleniod Valves
 - Potable water to come from the northern end of the oval
 - All trenches to be sodcut and returfed

Total Cost \$45286.00 Ex GST

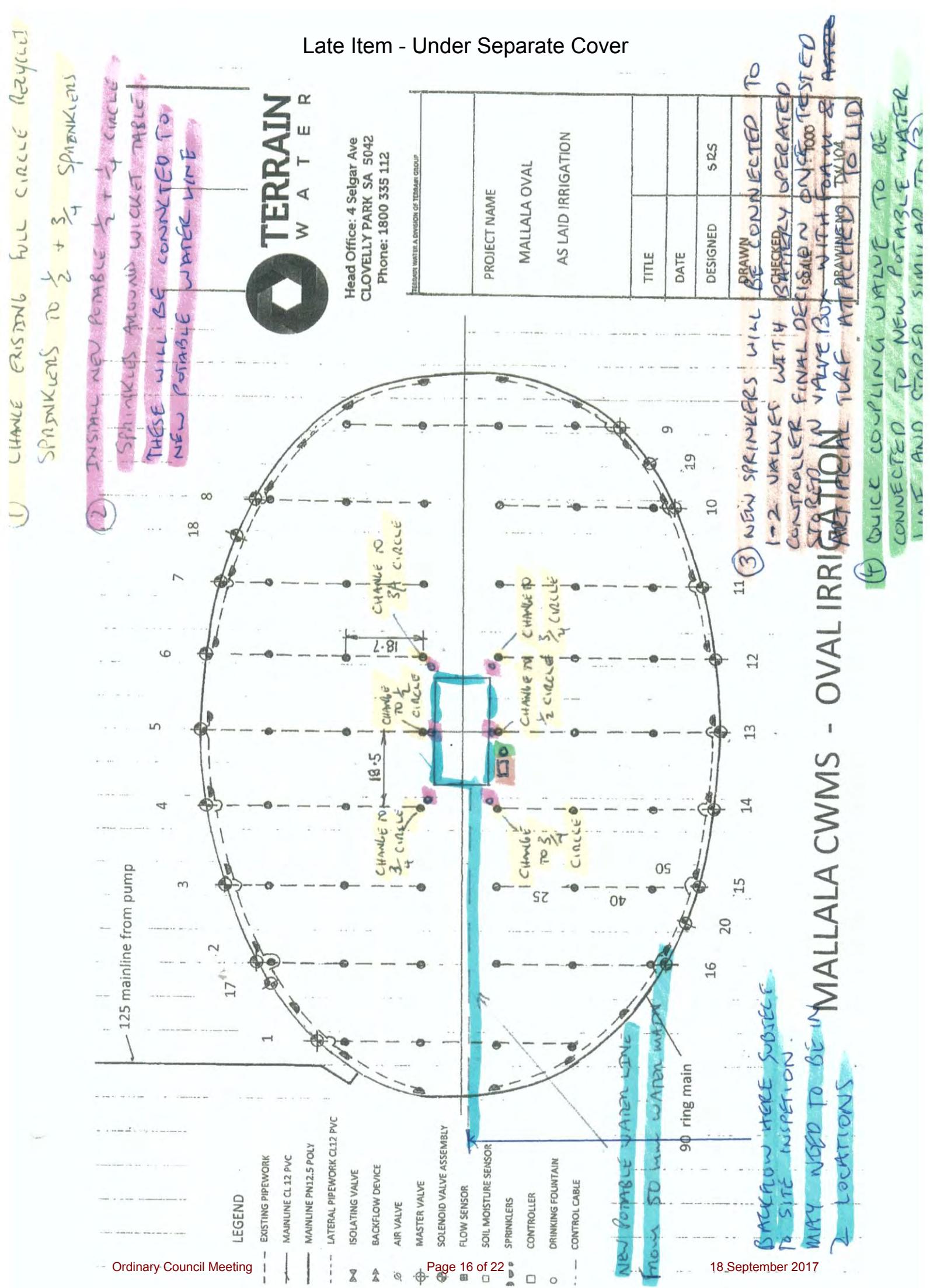
I thank you for the opportunity to quote on this project. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 8276 9243 or 0418 831 874

Yours sincerely,

Simon Foord
Director
M: 0418 831 874

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Mallala Cricket club turf

The Mallala cricket club is seeking approval from the council to install 4 turf wickets at the Mallala oval. The installation would occur during January 2018. All planning, installation, maintenance, any alterations and cost will be at the responsibility of the Mallala cricket club. This will grow our club to being the centre of cricket in the plains.

How much?

The cricket club will cover all costs. These considerations have been taken seriously as our last few years in raising money has proven we can afford to maintain the turf wickets.

The total cost of the project will between \$60000 and \$100000. These costs vary depending on how much the contractors allow us to volunteer our labour. One of the quotes allows for a lot of volunteer work where as the other wants no volunteer assistance. The pitch would cost between \$40000 and \$70000 and the equipment would cost between \$10000 and \$20000.

Mallala cricket club

After the collapse of the Lower gilbert cricket association in 2011, Mallala cricket club moved to the Barossa & light cricket association looking to grow our club from 1 senior team and 1 junior team. Since joining 6 years ago our club has nearly doubled our teams in that time. With 2 teams established in the senior grades and 2 more junior teams

and maybe more this year. Our club has grown and is looking to continue with this growth in the future. Our club conducts cricket activities from under 8 level (in2cricket program set out by the ACB), for both boys and girls all the way up to senior level. And provides a pathway for juniors to play district cricket in Adelaide. Playing in Adelaide's top competitions requires you play on turf. The installation of turf at Mallala would make it the centre of cricket in the plains with interest coming from cricketers all over the district and other clubs from neighbouring associations looking to take their cricket to the next level. The Mallala cricket club is committed to improving our facilities. Over the last 4 years we have completely rebuilt our net area in conjunction with the council and have joined with the football club in building a storage shed. We have spent close to \$20000 in that time improving our equipment and facilities.

BLCA

The Barossa & Light cricket association has a strategic plan to become an all turf completion. Talks started with the association 3 years ago to install turf at Mallala. Since that time 5 clubs have installed turf. South Gawler, Angaston, Greenoch, Freeling and Saddleworth. This makes a total of 10 clubs now with turf wickets. The BLCA is providing support in both funding and guidance on how to install and maintain turf wickets. The 6 original clubs that installed turf have been in since the early 2000's. By installing turf also strengthens their ability to host national, state and local carnivals as to have more available ovals. The association in the past has hosted country cup state carnivals to under age national men and women's carnivals in 1 or 2-week carnivals.

SACA & ACB

The South Australian Cricket Association is in full support of the association moving to an all turf competition. They see this as a great pathway for cricketers in the association moving forward. Saca has been present in nearly all meeting with the association offering any assistance with the installation and guaranteed funding. The Australian Cricket Board is also in full support and is offering 2 for 1 in funding for what the saca is providing. The association has caught the eye of the ACB as being one of the strongest competitions outside of metro areas in Australia.

Community support

The Mallala football club (cotenant) is in full support of the cricket club to installing turf. This gives Mallala the opportunity to host SANFL and AFL preseason games as the removal of the concrete pitch allows the oval to host these events. This again is bringing people into the town and areas to use our facilities.

The lions club has also expressed interest in the on going maintenance of the wickets

Volunteers

Volunteers at different times will be providing assistance with the project. Local farmers will provide the haulage of the soil from south of Adelaide to reduce the overall cost. Removal of soil and old pitch.

Grants and funding

All funds from the Mallala cricket club are to be used. We having been raising money for the last 3 years and have close to \$40000 of our own funds. BLCA is providing \$3000 for any new installations. SACA is \$5000 and the ACB will be \$10000. Without any other grants we are close to \$58000 at the moment.

Equipment

2 main pieces of equipment are required to maintain a turf wicket. A roller and a specialised mower. Both items to be purchased maintained and stored by the cricket club. Any other equipment can be hired on a short term to perform the work required. (Scarifying) all equipment to be stored at the oval in our shed. The cricket club has a garage bay at the end of the football club gym. There is enough storage for all equipment.

On going support

On going support will be provided by the association, SACA and the contractor. In recent years the association has provided funding for contractors to set out a plan for the year. Support is also provided in the way of info sessions held in the Barossa through out the year. Les Burdett who was formally the curator at the Adelaide oval for 30 years has held these info sessions. The contractor will also provided on going support. These info sessions will also be at the cost of the Mallala cricket club.

Maintenance

Maintenance starts when the game finishes Saturday afternoon. And Sunday is when a lot of prep work starts when preparing the wicket for next week's game. This work is to be carried out by volunteers of the cricket club.

Watering, mowing and rolling are all that is required from a week to week. Rolling early in the week with hand watering required and mowing and rolling later in the week and on game day.

Treatment water

Treatment water CAN NOT be used in the watering of the wicket area.

Talking with different contractors this is absolutely not an option for watering the wicket area. The water will kill off the wicket area within 3 years. Mains water must be used to water the area. The cricket club will be responsible for the cost of the watering of the pitches and whatever alterations are to be made to the existing sprinkler system. In talking with the contractors, they deal with these issues at other grounds in which they maintain. This consideration has been taken into account when planning for the cost of the project and its ongoing cost.

Installation

Installation must commence in January. The association would schedule all home games until Christmas and during the second half all would be away games. Our second team would play at alternative venues at our cost for the season. Games and pitch preparation would not commence until the

following season. Allowing the surface 9 months of growth before use. First use of the wickets would happen in October.

Contractors

Two contractors have been asked to quote the job as these two have either constructed wickets or are currently used by the association. One of the contractors that we have contacted has a lot of knowledge of the Mallala oval. He works in conjunction with Blair turf. Blair turf has been hired before by the council and has an understanding of the soil composition and drainage. They have been used in the past to core the oval to improve drainage.

What's involved?

- Removal of old concrete pitch and deposited of by the Mallala cricket club
- Contractor to commence work in January and complete all excavation.
- Volunteers will contribute. Haulage of soil
- Irrigation to be installed using mains water to water the square. Including hand-watering station.
- Alterations to existing sprinkler system
- Installation of 4 wickets and boarder.
- Purchase of equipment. Roller and mower
- Storage of equipment