

Emerald Park, Edgewater – proposed clubrooms refurbishment

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the community engagement?

To seek community feedback on a proposal to extend and refurbish the existing clubrooms facility at Emerald Park, Edgewater.

Why is the City proposing to refurbish the clubrooms at Emerald Park?

The existing clubrooms consists of a hall, kitchen, meeting room and playgroup room, toilets (accessed externally only), two change rooms and storage. The clubrooms are currently hired by four community groups and two sporting clubs.

The current size, condition and layout of the toilets, change rooms and storage is considered inadequate to service the current and future needs of these groups as well as the needs of the wider community.

The proposed refurbishment could accommodate a senior community level AFL club to be based at the clubrooms and the park in the winter months.

What works are being proposed as part of the refurbishment?

The proposed refurbishment includes the following works:

- extension and refurbishment of the existing change rooms
- construction of a new umpires' change room
- refurbishment and reconfiguration of the existing external toilets (to be accessed internally)
- construction of a new kitchen for the hall
- construction of additional storage for the hall
- construction of an external unisex accessible park toilet.

Other minor works proposed include:

- replacement of flooring in the hall
- replacement of windows and doors in the hall
- new security screens in the hall
- rendering and painting of the exterior of the clubrooms.

During the construction works, temporary facilities, including a meeting room and toilets would be provided for existing user groups. An external unisex accessible park toilet would be provided for the wider community that use the park. The proposed location for these temporary facilities is shown on the site plan.

What works are not proposed as part of the refurbishment?

It is not proposed to do any works in the playgroup room or the meeting room. Other infrastructure at the park e.g. playground, path networks, park benches or sports floodlighting are not being considered as part of the project.

Will the hall and toilets be available during the works?

No, the existing hall, male and female toilets would not be available during the works to ensure the health and safety of staff, user groups and the general community.

A temporary external unisex accessible park toilet would be available for use by the community, as indicated in the temporary facilities area on the site plan.

Some community groups that currently hire the hall would be relocated to nearby facilities. Hirers of the playgroup room will not be impacted by the works.

Will any trees or vegetation be removed as part of the project?

No. The proposed works will not impact on any of the existing trees or vegetation at the site.

Will I still be able to use the park for informal recreation activities (such as walking, jogging, dog walking etc.)?

Yes. Access to the park itself will not be affected by the works.

As public open space, the area would continue to be accessible to the local community. As is the case currently, when sport is being played at the park, informal recreation activities can still be undertaken around the perimeter and in any space that is not booked.

Will the playground, tennis court or car park be impacted as part of the refurbishment?

Other infrastructure at the park are not being considered as part of the project.

However, during construction works access to the northern car park will be reduced to accommodate the temporary facilities and builders compound as shown on the site plan.

Will there be any changes to the existing sports floodlighting as part of the project?

No. It is not proposed to make any changes to the floodlighting as part of the refurbishment project. However, the City is proposing to upgrade the sports floodlighting in 2020/21 with community consultation on this proposal to be conducted in mid 2019.

How will the refurbished facility and park be managed and how will it be used?

Similar to the existing facility, use of the refurbished clubrooms and the park will continue to be managed by the City and be available for hire by sporting clubs, schools, community groups and individuals. Bookings would continue to be managed in accordance with the City's existing hiring process. Not-for-profit community groups would be able to hire the facilities at a subsidised rate in accordance with the City's *Facility Hire Subsidy Policy*.

It is expected that the usage of the hall would increase as a result of a more functional layout and improved amenities. The additional usage is anticipated to occur during the day by local community groups due to the improved functionality, it is also anticipated that existing and new user group bookings will increase in the early evenings.

Who is being engaged on this project?

The City is directly engaging the following stakeholders:

- local residents within a 200 metre radius of Emerald Park
- representative from the Edgewater Residents Association
- representative from the current clubrooms and park user groups
- Community Engagement Network members residing in Edgewater.

In addition, all information about the proposed refurbishment is available on the City's website. Anyone interested in the proposal can complete the comment form with responses limited to one per person or group.

When is the engagement period open?

The community engagement period is open between **Friday 8 March 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019**.

What happens next?

The results of the community engagement will be collated and presented to Council seeking endorsement to progress to detailed design and construction.

The outcomes of this engagement will be available for viewing on the community consultation section of the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au

Who do I contact for more information on the proposal?

For further information please contact the City's Leisure Planning team on **9400 4090** or via email at info@joondalup.wa.gov.au

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 Builders compound and temporary facilities (construction only)

 Proposed facility extension areas