

## **RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL**

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**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 7.6 – Scoping - Gunyama Park and Green Square Aquatic Centre, Zetland – At Council - 29 February 2016

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### **Recommendation**

That the Lord Mayor and Councillors note the information contained in this memo.

### **Background**

At the meeting of the Environment Committee on 22 February 2016, further information was sought on public consultation with key sporting groups, previous scoping designs, field design and use. Separately, the CEO advised that a briefing would be provided to Councillors once detailed plans are finalised.

#### Public consultation with key groups

In addition to broader community engagement outlined in the report, the City has undertaken targeted consultations with key park user groups, from January 2015 to February 2016, which included representatives from:

- Football (Soccer) NSW
- Australian Football Leagues AFL NSW ACT
- Rugby Union NSW
- Hockey NSW
- Rugby League Juniors
- NSW Touch
- Eastern Suburbs Football Association
- Sydney OzTag

This consultation has informed aspects of the design, including the field and overrun size, edge treatments, netting, spectator areas, amenities, change rooms and storerooms.

The City also consulted with a local water polo club to inform the size and configuration of the program pool. The heated program pool, located within the pool hall, is 25m long by 20m wide with a moveable floor allowing for a depth of 2m, suitable for water polo training.

Two further targeted consultations were held to seek the views of young people who would be using the park. These were the sessions at Weave Youth Services in Waterloo on 15 October 2015, and a creative facilitated session at Green Square Community School on 22 October 2015. Insights and suggestions from youth and students have helped shape the pool facility and the new playground design.

## Field Design and Use

There are currently 36 sport fields within or near the City of Sydney Local Government Area, 13 of which are owned or managed by the City.

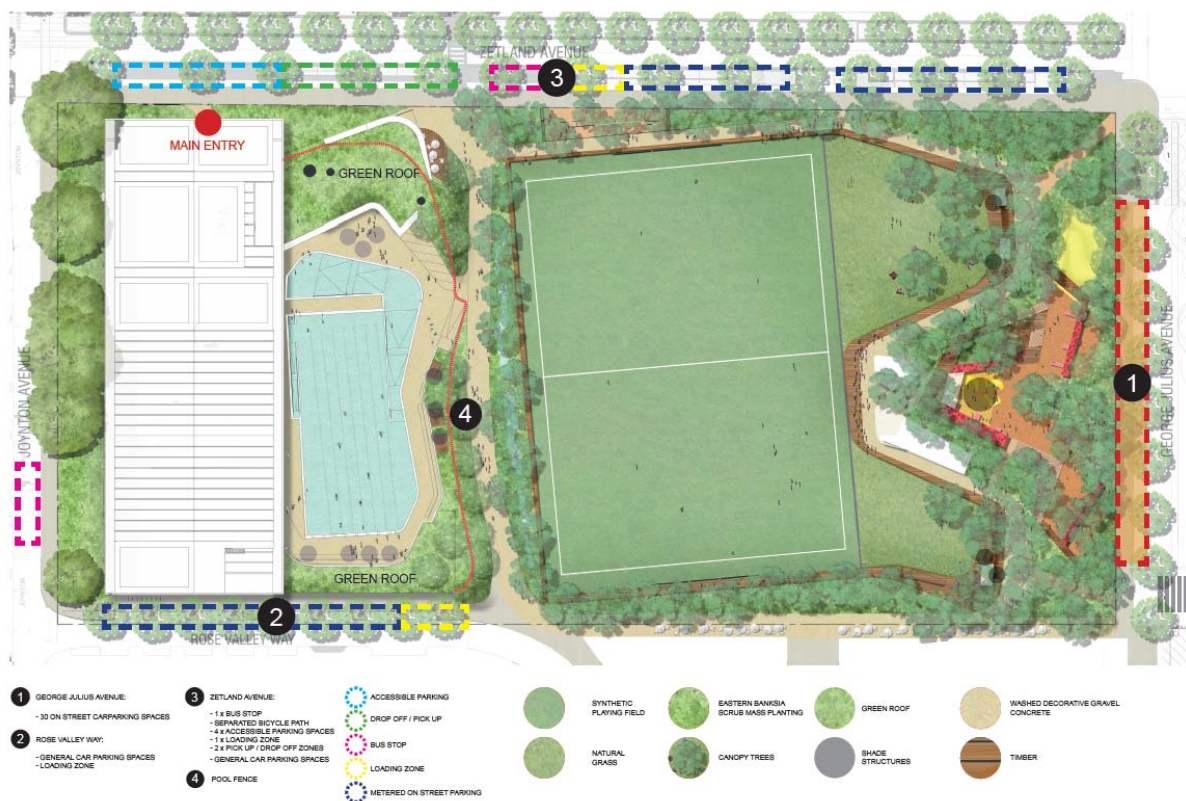
The multipurpose field (sized at 90m long by 65m wide plus overrun area) will cater for community level club use, training and cross field games as well as community use.

The proposed synthetic field at Gunyama Park can be used more hours per week than grass fields and in all weather conditions which eliminates field closures.

To maximise field usability and flexibility, the field edge and centreline only will be line marked. Marker plates will be installed around the edge to help set out different field configurations. Temporary chalk line marking can be installed for club games. This line marking arrangement is currently being used successfully at Redfern Oval.

Fully line marking the field for all sporting codes using the field is not practical as the multitude of different lines and colours makes dividing the field and playing community level sports difficult. Line marking the field for a specific sporting group excludes other sports.

All sporting groups are satisfied with the proposed line marking, with the exception of Football (Soccer) NSW which has indicated it would only use the field for training and cross field games, due to the limited line marking.



Once the field is operational, additional permanent line marking can be added (cut in) to the field surface should the need arise. A formal Expression of Interest for use of the field will be undertaken approximately six months before the field is open for use.

The City is currently undertaking a feasibility study to identify other fields in the local government area that may be suitable for the installation of synthetic surfacing.

### Previous scoping designs

Development work to date has consisted of project scoping and cost estimates, site selection and procurement work as follows:

- On 10 December 2007, Council endorsed a services mix of aquatic, recreation and community functions for this project. Refer to Agenda Item 7.20, Green Square/ Southern Area Community and Recreation Facilities and Pool.
- On 6 April 2009, Council endorsed the project site location in Zetland and the name of the centre to be changed from “Southern Area Leisure Centre” to “Green Square Health and Recreation Centre”. Refer to Agenda Item 8.3, Green Square Community Facilities – Southern Area Leisure Centre (SALC) Endorsed Services Mix, Site Selection and Site Studies Update.
- On 29 July 2013, Council endorsed the use of an open design competition to procure design services for the project. Refer to Agenda Item 6.15, Green Square Update.
- On 18 November 2013, Council endorsed the master plan (site layout) for the project, and that planning and preliminary design works progress to enable a design competition to commence in early 2014. Refer to Agenda Item 9.2, Green Square Update.
- On 15 September 2014, Council endorsed cogeneration for this project to heat the pools and supply electricity to the park and aquatic centre as well as the City buildings and facilities connected to the local private wire network. Refer to Agenda Item 7.4, Green Square Private Wire and Green Square Aquatic Centre Trigeneration Plant.
- On 3 November 2014, Council endorsed the awarding of the design competition tender to Andrew Burges Architects in association with Grimshaw to provide head design consultancy services for the project comprising design, documentation, construction and post construction services as well as subconsultant management and coordination. Refer to Agenda Item 6.11 Design Competition Tender – Green Square Aquatic Centre and Gunyama Park, Head Design Consultancy Services and Project Scope.

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