

Information sheet

Community consultation regarding a proposal by the Boroondara Netball Association (BNA) to construct four additional netball courts in the Myrtle and Macleay Parks

Option 1 - Installation of four courts and lighting on Macleay oval 5

There are currently eight netball courts at the Boroondara Netball Centre. This option would involve the development of four additional netball courts, run off areas and lights on Macleay oval 5. An overview picture below illustrates this option.

What would be involved?

This option would create a 12 court netball hub which would assist in meeting netball demand with the current courts being at capacity on a Saturday. It would also increase the capacity for additional netball training and competition. The courts could also be used for passive recreation such as roller blading and bike riding when formal netball activities are not taking place. This location is close to the existing courts which would help volunteers, players and umpires with concurrent matches in both areas.

It would allow additional netball games to be scheduled which would result in an increase to parking and traffic in the Myrtle and Macleay Park area, particularly on a Saturday.

There would also be a decrease in the availability of green open space with the surface of Macleay oval 5 being replaced with a hard surface suitable for netball. This area is also currently a dog off leash area.

This option would result in the inability to program school usage and overflow junior soccer to Macleay oval 5, placing pressure on other grounds to cater for the displaced usage.

How would this change the current usage of the Boroondara Netball Centre?

The Boroondara Netball Association (BNA) has a licence agreement with Council to operate the netball courts and pavilion. As part of this, the BNA can use the facility from 7:30am until 7:30pm on weeknights, 7:30am until 6:00pm on Saturdays and 9:00am to 5:30pm on Sundays.

If the additional courts were installed, an updated licence agreement would be required to operate the four additional courts. It is not expected the times of use in this updated licence agreement would be any different to those listed above.

The number of games and training sessions scheduled throughout the week would increase.

Option 1 - overview picture



Option 2 - Installation of four courts and lighting on Macleay oval 3

Four additional netball courts, run off areas and lights would be installed on Macleay 3 Oval. An overview picture below illustrates this.

What would be involved?

This option would create a 12 court netball hub which would assist in meeting netball demand with the current courts being at capacity on a Saturday. It would also increase the capacity for additional netball training and competition. The courts could also be used for passive recreation such as roller blading and bike riding when formal netball activities are not taking place. This location is close to the existing courts which would help volunteers, players and umpires with concurrent matches in both areas.

It would allow additional netball games to be scheduled which would result in an increase to parking and traffic associated with the Myrtle and Macleay Park area, particularly on a Saturday. This option would also result in the removal of green open space and replacement with a hard surface suitable for netball.

This option would result in the inability to program school usage on Macleay oval 3, placing pressure on other grounds to cater for this displaced usage.

Macleay oval 3 is host to soccer matches with the oval being line marked for two soccer fields. Junior games are scheduled over the course of a weekend. This seasonal soccer usage would be displaced from Macleay oval 3 with limited capacity at other Boroondara sites to cater for the displaced usage.

Macleay oval 3 has a number of cricket matches scheduled throughout the week during summer, including Wednesday nights, Friday nights, Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoons. This option would result in the removal of a synthetic cricket pitch and the associated usage on this ground would need to be catered for at other sites. Boroondara grounds have limited ability to cater for this additional cricket usage.

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Option 2 - overview picture



Opportunities to increase court usage by the BNA which do not require court construction

1) Upgrade and installation of lights

The Boroondara Netball Centre has eight courts. Only three of these courts are lit and the lighting is not up to competition standard.

This opportunity would involve upgrading the current lights and installing new lights on the other five courts. This would allow all eight courts to be lit and support evening netball training and matches.

What are the issues to consider?

This opportunity would allow an increased usage and capacity to support netball participation. In the past BNA have finished use at around 6:30pm and is licenced to use the venue until 7:30pm. BNA would continue to operate within their current licenced hours.

The lighting would be installed to direct light spill towards the courts and not residential houses. There would be additional light poles added to the facility.

The ability to program further games and training will likely create additional parking and traffic to the area.

What would be involved?

This option would see a total of 12 light poles at the Boroondara Netball Centre. Of these poles, eight would be 18m high and four would be 12m high. The 12m high poles would illuminate the middle two courts, while the 18m high poles would illuminate the outer courts. The pictures below illustrate this.

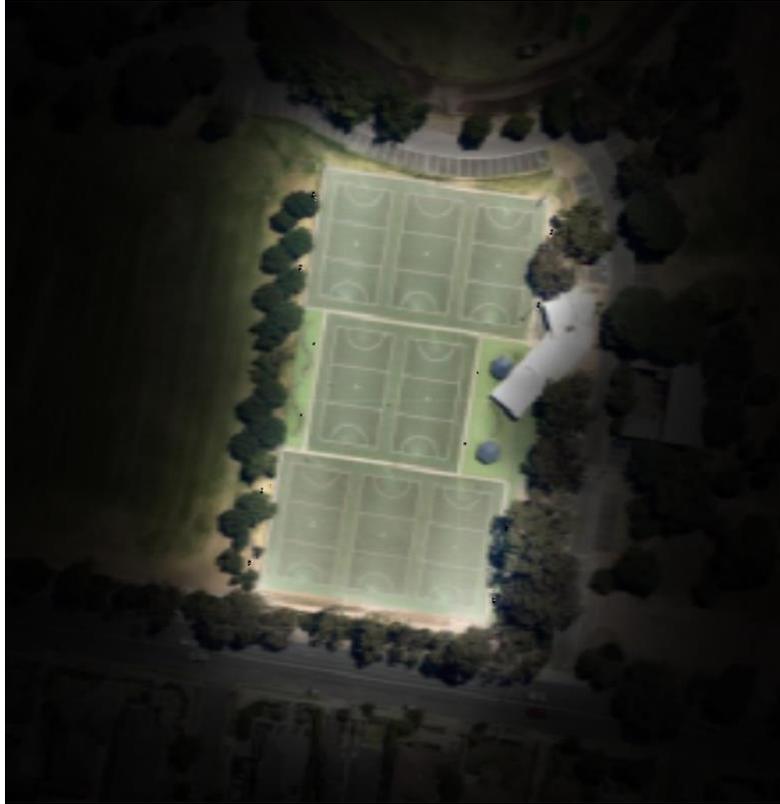
The approximate LUX level of these lights would be 200 lux. This meets Netball Victoria Facilities Standards for competition.

How would this change the current usage of Boroondara Netball Centre?

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Currently BNA schedule court usage until approximately 6:30pm weeknights. If the lights are installed, BNA will continue to operate within their current licenced hours.

An aerial of expected lights during the evening



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2) Increase Sunday usage

Sundays are currently used by BNA on an ad-hoc basis to support initiatives such as annual tournaments and umpire training.

This opportunity would increase the amount of competition played on a Sunday to alleviate some of the pressures from Saturday competition.

What are the issues to consider?

Adding Sunday usage would require volunteers from BNA to support this. Volunteer availability can be a challenge in local sporting clubs. Sunday usage does not provide the playing, umpiring and coaching pathways provided on a Saturday given the volume of matches played in different age groups.

There is a need to consider other user groups at Myrtle and Macleay Park on a Sunday, including structured sport on the ovals and families using the netball courts for bike riding and scootering.

What would be involved and how would this change the current usage of Boroondara Netball Centre?

Netball matches would be scheduled on a Sunday.

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BNA would continue to operate in line with their licenced hours.