

Project Name: Draft Centenary Oval, Kirton Point and Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans

Submission Summary 10 April 2025 - 9 May 2025

Project Overview

The City of Port Lincoln invited community feedback on the Draft Centenary Oval, Kirton Point and Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans from Thursday 10 April to Friday 9 May 2025. Developed in collaboration with local sporting groups and key stakeholders, these master plans provide a strategic framework to guide future projects at each precinct to enhance key sporting facilities to meet the needs of our community.

As part of the City's Sport and Recreation Strategy 2023-2027, adopted in February 2023, the development of these Master Plans was identified as a key strategic initiative to help Council and local sporting organisations prioritise investment in sporting and recreation infrastructure and to create a clear vision for each precinct. These Master Plans will be integral in supporting future grant applications and ensuring a more coordinated approach to facility upgrades, reducing the risk of piecemeal investment.

The proposed upgrades within the Master Plans aim to deliver high-quality, inclusive, and fit-for-purpose facilities that cater to both competitive and recreational users, that can be delivered separately over many years as funding becomes available.

The draft Master Plans propose a range of short, medium, and long-term projects across the three precincts:

Centenary Oval Precinct

- Short-term: Oval lighting upgrade, irrigation replacement, turf upgrade, new walking trail, exercise station, entry plaza upgrade
- Medium-term: New change rooms/canteen, player surface and lighting upgrade, village green improvements
- Long-term: Grandstand and carpark upgrades, artificial pitch, future land use opportunities

Kirton Point Sporting Precinct (including Kirton and Poole Ovals)

- Short-term: Lighting upgrade, future change facilities
- Medium-term: New change rooms/canteen, calisthenics building refurbishment, improved facility connections and shared facility opportunities
- Long-term: Grandstand and carpark upgrades, turf renovation, new parking and line marking

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Ravendale Sporting Precinct

- Short-term: Lighting upgrade, decommissioning of existing toilet facilities
- Medium-term: New change rooms/canteen, public toilet refurbishment, new court canopies, perimeter fencing replacement
- Long-term: Grandstand and carpark upgrades, artificial pitch, new undercover viewing areas, future soccer field, new gymnasium

The Draft Sporting Precincts Master Plans are available to view in the Key Documents section above. Hardcopies were also available at the Council Office and Port Lincoln Library throughout the public consultation period.

Centenary Oval, Kirton Point and Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans

Number of Submissions: 14

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Centenary Oval	Centenary oval also badly needs a new fence around the edge of the oval. The current fence is well past it use by date parts of it is rusted off and border line unsafe. A nice white picket fence would improve aesthetic of the oval.	-
2	CO 25/037	Priorities that I see in the master plans: Ravendale - defining ingress and egress clearly via a netball as against football/hockey entrance Poole - sealed car park Centenary - irrigation and lighting upgrade	1
3	Ravendale Sporting Precinct	The six clubs involved in Port Lincoln Netball Assoc Boston, Ravendale Storm, Tasman, Imperial, Saints, Wanilla, Wayback. We are in full support of the proposed plan. WE are hoping that the playground project will be a priority. The covering of some of the court area and resurfacing of courts will be a necessary upgrade required over the next 3 to 5 years. On a more urgent note It will also be necessary for the Wayback Football club, the PLNA and council to have talks and plan around the upgrading/renovating of the current netball clubhouse.	-
4	Submission - Draft Centenary Oval,	To whom it may concern, Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club would like to provide feedback on the Draft Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans as follows. Whilst in agreement with	Doc 73787

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	Kirton Point and Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans	all Plans, we will be working harder towards our own Master Plan for upgrading of the current Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club facility as a high priority. Year to year we are saving, planning and working towards a future, larger facility to cater for the increased participation and popularity of Gymnastics in our community.	
5	Council Resolution CO 25/037 - Draft Centenary Oval, Kirton Point and Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans - 17 February 2025	As of the Rangers Basketball Club, I would like to highlight the complete lack of facilities available within the Port Lincoln community for basketball. The YMCA court problems have dragged on for an embarrassing amount of time, this saw some games being played until 10pm at night, which was unavoidable on the associations behalf, as a parent it was certainly not ideal to have my 15 year old son playing at this time, if this continues we will see reduced numbers playing this sport. I'd also like to highlight that with Basketball betting played at the stadium 4 nights a week during the season, there is very little else available for any teams to train. This is extremely detrimental to our sport which shows when representative teams are sent to compete at regional carnivals. I would like to propose that 2-4 netball courts at the Ravendale precinct be converted to multi use allowing our club teams the opportunity to train as well as being another option for games to take place should our sport see growth.	-
6	Inclusion of Port Lincoln Basketball	Please see attached submission letter for details.	Refer Attachment 1 Doc 74261

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7	Feedback on draft sporting plans	Could the proposed multipurpose court include basketball? There is a significant lack of facilities in Port Lincoln for basketball training and games.	-
8	Draft Sporting Precincts Master Plan	It has come to my attention tonight that there is a consultation process closing tomorrow regarding the draft sporting precincts master plan. I am the President of Boston Basketball Club. In 2011, there were 3 basketball clubs in Port Lincoln and my then 7 year old was unable to join any of the clubs due to limited team numbers. Hence myself and 5 other mums decided to reform the Boston Basketball Club which had been in operation some 20 years prior. 14 years later I remain at the helm and am invested in continuing to provide basketball opportunities for our local kids. In the time I have been involved, local basketball has grown considerably. Two further clubs have joined the Association and our team numbers in Country Carnivals around the state have also grown exponentially - as has our success at many carnivals, including state. But despite the work of many to grow our sport, our facilities are not growing commensurately- nor even maintained to an acceptable standard. We are unable to play games within a reasonable timeframe throughout the week, have had to cap the number of teams able to play and certainly cannot accommodate training venues for all clubs. I therefore plead for consideration to include basketball in the upcoming plans to ensure our growing sport can continue to thrive and our kids have the opportunities other regions and city centres have to play. Thank you	-

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9	Basketballs input to Master Plans proposed	Please find attached letter	Refer Attachment 2 Doc 74262
10	Draft Kirton Point Sporting Precinct Master Plan	Playing on multi-line courts is confusing. Would prefer to see the investment in netball courts directed to the central location at Ravendale.	-
11	Ravendale Sporting Precinct	Good to see that additional carparks are being added. Concerned that car park from Phillip Street entrance would no longer be able to be accessed from Windsor Avenue. This would require 3 sets of 'gate duty' people on game day. Phillip Street entrance is already closed on football game days. Great to see canopies for netball courts. Could 3 more courts be included please? So all matches within a timeslot could be accommodated. The plan doesn't show where disabled parks will be located. How is the netball site accessed? The new football club building to form 1 building appears to block access to the courts. Will there be replacement storage for the netball storage sheds that turn into carparks/service access? At the moment there is vehicle access through double gates to the 'courtside' netball plaza e.g. donut van, BBQ trailer access, Would this be possible via the new "service access"? Has SAAS been consulted with regarding space requirements for Ambulance vehicles to access the netball site? Vehicles can currently pull up in front of the building. New perimeter fencing appears to go around the new football building and cut the soft grandstand in half. When attending meetings at night at the PLNA building there is no external lighting. People have to walk to their vehicles in	-

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		the dark. The loss of the parking in front of the netball clubrooms will require people to walk to the Phillip Street carpark or Windsor Street carpark in darkness. This is a safety issue.	
12	Re: Inclusion of Basketball and Emerging Sports in Outdoor Recreational Spaces	Dear Council Team, I hope this letter finds you well. I've recently reviewed the proposed master plans for the Centenary Oval and Ravendale Sporting Precincts, and while I commend the work and vision behind these projects, I'd like to raise a concern about the omission of basketball facilities in the current proposals. Basketball continues to grow rapidly in Port Lincoln, yet we face an ongoing shortage of court space, particularly for training. With upgrades already being considered for tennis and netball, this is a timely opportunity to incorporate outdoor basketball courts—either as dedicated facilities or as part of multi-use surfaces. Additionally, I encourage Council to consider the inclusion of pickleball courts, given it is one of the fastest-growing sports in Australia and can also be accommodated within shared spaces. As someone who has been heavily involved in many local sports and worked extensively within the sport and recreation environment, I know firsthand the value that well-planned facilities bring to a community. These aren't just upgrades to infrastructure—they're investments in our town's physical and mental wellbeing, social connection, and future participation in sport at all levels. It's essential we take a long-term, inclusive view and consider how these precincts can support the widest range of users possible. The holistic health outcomes delivered through regular sport and physical activity are immense and should be a higher priority in our community planning. Thank you for your time and for your continued efforts to improve recreational opportunities in Port Lincoln.	-

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13	Draft centenary oval, Kirton Point and Ravendale sporting precincts master plans	To whom it may concern, Hi there, My name is, and on behalf of Southern Eyre South cricket club I have attached a submission of our thoughts on the plans. Please get in touch if there are any questions. Kind regards	Refer Attachment 3 Doc 74264
14	Submission - Draft Centenary Oval, Kirton Point and Ravendale Sporting Precincts Master Plans	Good Morning, On behalf of Tasman Imperial Sporting Club Inc, we submit the following comment on the Ravendale Sporting Precinct Master Plan: -Overall, we support the planned upgrades and changes. - We would like to ensure that the current parking and drive-around set up close to the main building is retained to allow for staff parking, deliveries, emergencies and rubbish collection. - We are pleased to see planned turf, lighting and scoreboard upgrades for the main oval, and upgrades to the netball facilities. We particularly look forward to updates to the football change rooms. - We remain committed to working with Council to help "iron out the kinks" that may occur as the project proceeds. regards Sporting Club Inc.	-

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Date: 8th May 2025

City of Port Lincoln Council

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Dear Members of the City of Port Lincoln Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Port Lincoln Basketball Association to express the concerns and needs of our members, clubs, and management committee regarding the proposed Kirton Point and Ravendale sites. We seek your support in providing court markings and allocations at these sites to assist with training facilities that meet the requirements of our state counterparts.

Currently, our clubs face significant challenges in accessing suitable training facilities. The school facilities available are not ideal due to limited access and space constraints during competition times. Our current stadium space is heavily utilised, with games being played four nights a week, further exacerbating the issue of training and developing our junior players.

To address these challenges, we request the following:

- 1. Line markings on the proposed court areas to suit basketball court specifications.
- 2. Potentially removable basketball rings to facilitate training and competitions.

The Port Lincoln Basketball Association is willing to negotiate and financially participate in any projects related to these areas. The Port Lincoln Netball Association has also supported the proposition above for the Rayendale site.

These enhancements will provide easier access to training facilities, align with state requirements, and support the development of our junior players. We kindly request your consideration and support in making these improvements a reality.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your positive response and are available for further discussions at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Carly Thomson
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Dear Members of the City of Port Lincoln Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Breakers Basketball Club to express our concerns and needs regarding the proposed Kirton Point and Ravendale sites. As a new and developing club, we face significant challenges due to our limited funds and access to suitable training facilities. We seek your support in providing affordable court markings and allocations at these sites, which would greatly assist our efforts in achieving training facilities that meet state specifications.

Currently, our access to training is hindered as the available school facilities are not ideal due to limited hours and space constraints, particularly during competition times. Our club, still in its infancy, finds it tough to secure proper training areas, especially with our current stadium being heavily utilized for games four nights a week, leaving little room for our juniors to develop their skills.

To support the growth of our club and nurture our junior players, we respectfully request the following:

- Line markings on the proposed court areas that adhere to basketball court specifications.
- Removable basketball rings to accommodate both training and competitions.

By enhancing access to these training facilities, we can align our resources with state requirements and significantly aid in developing our junior players. We kindly ask for your consideration and support in making these necessary improvements a reality for our club.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your positive response and are eager to discuss this opportunity further at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Carly Thomson
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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

On behalf of the Southern Eyre South Cricket Club, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input regarding the planning and development of the Centenary Oval, Kirton Point, and Ravendale sporting precincts. As a key stakeholder in local sport and community engagement, we write to stress the importance of maintaining and enhancing turf wicket facilities within the City of Port Lincoln.

Turf wickets offer a unique playing surface for our local cricketers that synthetic alternatives cannot replicate. They are essential for player development, ensuring our cricketers—especially junior and emerging talent—gain experience on surfaces comparable to those used at representative and elite levels. Our club alone had more than 10 junior cricketers represent our region over in Adelaide this season, playing cricket exclusively on turf wickets. These junior cricketers would be at a huge disadvantage if there was no turf pitch.

Southern Eyre South Cricket Club has long contributed to the local cricketing landscape by fostering sportsmanship, community connection, and youth engagement. To continue this role, access to a high-quality turf wicket within Port Lincoln is vital. With the growing popularity of cricket across genders and age groups, we must provide facilities that meet both current and future demand. The current curator is a member of our club.

We respectfully urge the City to:

- 1. Prioritise the inclusion and long-term maintenance of a turf wicket in the final planning for Centenary Oval, Kirton Point, or Ravendale, ideally aligned with club and association needs.
- 2. Ensure that facility developments remain in consultation with local cricket stakeholders to reflect community use, sporting requirements, and heritage value.
- 3. Recognise the importance of turf wickets in attracting regional competitions, tournaments, and representative matches to Port Lincoln, contributing to the local economy and regional pride.

4. Encourage council to support the maintenance and upkeep of the turf wicket through financial contributions.

In summary, a turf wicket is not just a playing surface—it is a foundation for sporting excellence, community involvement, and the continued success of cricket in the Port Lincoln region. The turf pitch at Centenary is one of only two turf wickets on the Eyre Peninsula, and has a huge amount of history, having even been graced by Sir Donald Bradman, and touring England teams. While we understand the challenges of operating a turf wicket, we believe it is an integral part of junior and senior development, and every opportunity to keep it going should be explored.

We are eager to work constructively with the City to ensure cricket infrastructure reflects our shared commitment to sport and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Damian Green

President Southern Eyre South Cricket Club