

Councillor Martin - QoN - Adelaide Comets

Tuesday, 27 February 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

Could the Administration advise if;

1. The height of the Comets player facility and club function room complex on Ellis Park exceeded the height from the base to the highest point of the roof initially agreed by Council, and, if so, by how much?
2. If the agreed other works on the complex have been completed to the satisfaction of the Council Administration and, if not, what needs to be completed?
3. If the redevelopment of the car park detailed in the initial design for the complex and presented to Council for approval was completed in line with the agreed plan and, if so, when?
4. Has the Administration had occasion to raise with the Comets Football Club any concerns about the observance of its Park Lands lease and licence provisions at Ellis Park or at other locations leased or licensed to the Comets and, if so, what was the nature of such communications?

REPLY

Building

1. On 28 June 2017, the Adelaide Comets Football Club (the Club) received \$3.5million from the Minister for Recreation and Sport to develop a new multipurpose community sports building in Park 24.
2. A proposed design concept of the building was provided to Council Administration on 8 September 2017. This design did not indicate a building height but showed the new building at its highest roof point to be approximately 10.4 metres above ground level.
3. On 21 September 2017, the Adelaide Park Lands Authority considered and advised Council of its support for the building design. The proposed design presented a building approximately 10.4m above ground level at its highest roof point.
4. Following consideration by the Authority, the Club made further improvements to the proposed design in order to reduce the visual impact of the building by doubling the height of the east and west mounds to 1.2m.
5. At its meeting on 10 October 2017, Council approved the community sports building concept design for Park 24 including the location and associated landscaping features intended to reduce the visual impact of the two level design. The approved design presented a building approximately 10.4m above ground level at its highest roof point.
6. The final planning documents submitted for Development Approval stated a confirmed building height of 9.4 metres, which the City of Adelaide's Development Assessment Panel determined as an acceptable building height.
7. Development Approval was granted on 13 March 2018.
8. The building was constructed and funded by the Club.

Other Works

- 9. As approved, two existing leased buildings in Park 24 were removed, and the area was satisfactorily remediated.
- 10. Construction of the approved building included three public toilets, which the City of Adelaide manages.
- 11. Landscaping works, including pathways, were constructed, providing equal access to the facility and the public toilets for people with living with disability.
- 12. In October 2019, the club informed Administration that due to project cost increases, some external landscaping works would not be achieved as proposed in the concept design.

Car Parking

- 13. While initial designs may have included carparking, the concept design approved on 10 October 2017, did not include car parking.
- 14. It should be noted that in regard to car parking more broadly, Administration has informed the Club to advise their members and visiting teams of the areas where parking is and is not available to them, and also to ensure Football South Australia are aware of the parking limitations and capacity to host multiple games on one day.

Lease Compliance

- 15. Administration coordinate inspections on community-leased buildings and licenced areas within the Adelaide Park Lands on annual basis. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that leaseholders are adhering to their lease obligations.
- 16. Administration has received no complaints about the Club or their management of their leased and licenced areas in the Adelaide Park Lands.
- 17. The Club currently has leases for the buildings and licences for the sporting areas in Parks 19 and 24 respectively. Through coordinated inspections, the following lease compliance matters have been identified and raised with the Club in the last five years.

Inspection Date	Location	Matter to be addressed by the Club
8/01/2022	Park 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weed spray between pavers and concrete swale • Park Lands concrete seat to be moved back into the Park Lands • goals require securing when not in use • confirm cleaning schedule of main areas (windows, tables, carpets, etc) • store rooms require storage solutions and maintained once organised • changerooms require regular cleaning and storage solutions • regularly empty bins • keep fire exits and fire fighting equipment clear
11/04/2022	Park 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean gutters • paint the building in same colour as the rest of the building when removing graffiti • clean and paint the inside of the building
7/09/2023	Park 24	Following the completion of turf and drainage works, the Club was directed to remove temporary fencing around a section of their licensed area.

- 18. These matters have all been addressed by the Club to Administration’s full satisfaction and the Club is compliant.

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Councillor Giles - QoN - Soft Plastic Trial

Tuesday, 27 February 2024
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Council Member
Councillor Janet Giles

Public

Contact Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Janet Giles will ask the following Question on Notice:

What has happened to the Curby soft plastic trial?

REPLY

1. The kerbside soft plastics recycling trial commenced in December 2022 and was open to 1000 City of Adelaide residents.
2. The trial is being led by the Central Adelaide Waste and Recycling Authority (CAWRA), with the support of the National Plastics Recycling Scheme (NPRS) and Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC).
3. The trial is part of the National Plastics Recycling Scheme project (NPRS) by Australia's food and grocery manufacturing industry. The South Australian portion of the trial includes the Cities of Adelaide, Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield and was supported by Green Industries SA.
4. The intent of the trial is to:
 - 4.1. Inform the design of a scalable model for 'bag-in-bin' kerbside collection and sorting of soft plastic packaging / test additional services using existing kerbside systems.
 - 4.2. Accelerate the development of a viable and efficient advanced recycling industry for soft plastics in Australia.
 - 4.3. Support delivery of the National Plastics Plan 2021 with targets including 70% of plastic packaging being recycled or composted and 50% average recycled content within packaging.
 - 4.4. Collect data to inform government agencies and assist with the development of product stewardship schemes, such as the NPRS.
 - 4.5. Show leadership in facilitating circular economy and resource recovery activities including recovering more valuable materials from landfill.
 - 4.6. Better understand the likely costs of a full-scale soft plastic recycling service.
5. The trial was due to conclude in December 2023 however an optional extension was continued in the first quarter of 2024 for participating residents.
6. The 1,000 residents currently participating in the trial can continue to present their soft plastics through the kerbside service until further advice is received from CAWRA.
7. CAWRA is due to provide advice before the end of the 2023/24 financial year on the continuation or otherwise of the trial. Preliminary advice is that the service may not be offered at scale at this point in time due to the immaturity of the recycling services sector for the waste material.

8. Administration will update Council Members and trial participants when advice is received from CAWRA.
9. In line with CoA's strategic goals, Administration continues to advocate for less reliance on problematic materials like soft plastics and improved recovery and recycling of these materials, including a submission to the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of South Australia on Recycling of Soft Plastics and Other Recyclable Materials in September 2023.

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Councillor Noon - QoN - East End Park Lands

Tuesday, 27 February 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

Contact Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

'How many weeks of the year were the East End Parklands (between Botanic Road and Greenhill Road) not accessible to the public during 2023 calendar year?'

REPLY

1. For the purposes of this response, the East End Park Lands is defined as:
 - 1.1. Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13)
 - 1.2. Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)
 - 1.3. King Rodney Park / Ityami-itpina (Park 15)
 - 1.4. Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
2. It is important to note that at no time in 2023 were:
 - 2.1. all four East End Park Lands (Park 13, Park 14, Park 15, Park 16) occupied by events at once.
 - 2.2. entirely not accessible to the public.
3. The following points are provided in response to the question:
 - 3.1. Rundle Park / Kadlitpina (Park 13)
 - 3.1.1. Areas within Park 13 were occupied by events for 20 weeks of the 2023 calendar year.
 - 3.1.2. During this time access to parts of Park 13 were still publicly accessible.
 - 3.2. Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)
 - 3.2.1. Areas within Park 14 were occupied by events for 22 weeks of the 2023 calendar year.
 - 3.2.2. During this time access to parts of Park 14 were still publicly accessible.
 - 3.2.3. The City of Adelaide's Rymill Park Lake Renewal project commenced in Park 13 in late August 2023, occupying an area surrounding the lake for 18 weeks in the 2023 calendar year to undertake the necessary renewal works.
 - 3.3. King Rodney Park/ Ityami-itpina (Park 15)
 - 3.3.1. Areas of Park 15 were occupied by events for eight weeks of the 2023 calendar year.
 - 3.3.2. During this time access to parts of Park 15 were still publicly accessible.
 - 3.4. Victoria Park/ Pakapakanthi (Park 16)
 - 3.4.1. Areas of Park 16 were occupied by events for 26 weeks of the 2023 calendar year.
 - 3.4.2. The VAILO Adelaide 500 represents 18 weeks of this total period.

3.4.3. During this time access to parts of Park 16 were still publicly accessible.

3.4.4. The 26 weeks of event occupation in Park 16 does not include a variety of small community activities and events that occur in this Park each year that in no way restrict public access to the East End Park Lands.

4. The following points provide further context to these figures:

- 4.1. In 2023, areas of the East End Park Lands were only inaccessible to the public (unable to be reached or entered) when events were under construction or being demounted or Council's Rymill Park Lake renewal works were occurring.
- 4.2. Events rarely utilise an entire Park Land location. When major events were held in the East End Park Lands in 2023, parts of individual Park Land locations were not utilised by each event.
- 4.3. Many major events, such as those held in Parks 13 and 14 as part of the Adelaide Fringe, are free to attend and, therefore, publicly accessible during their event operation.
- 4.4. In cases where some events charge a fee to enter the event, they aren't exclusive and technically remain accessible for the public to attend as audience members.
- 4.5. In the example of Harvest Rock II, the event organisers worked with the City of Adelaide to ensure that the Quentin Kenihan Inclusive Playspace was not only able to be accessed by non-ticket-holding members of the public it was also programmed for children and family focussed entertainment.
- 4.6. In 2023, public event attendance at these significant East End Park Land events exceeded 1.5 million people. This level of attendance and utilisation of the Park Lands is greater than when it is not programmed with this content.
- 4.7. Attendance at events and activities in the Adelaide Park Lands promotes community celebration and showcases the unique Adelaide Park Lands.
- 4.8. The VAILO Adelaide 500 was the longest East End Park Lands event occupancy in 2023, spanning 18 weeks. This event operates under the *South Australia Motorsport Act 1984*. This event implements a staged build process, so for vast periods of their occupation, it only utilised a small portion of Victoria Park, leaving wider areas of the Park Lands accessible.
- 4.9. With assistance from Administration, event organisers have become increasingly proficient at setting up their events in 'increments', and not occupying large areas of the Park Lands for their setup periods when it is not required. Whilst their approval may be for a larger area, they don't always occupy that full area for the full duration of their approval.
- 4.10. The conclusion of Council's waiving of Park Lands fees instituted as a response to COVID-19, saw the reinstatement of Park Lands fees that have been effective since October 2023. Event Organisers have reevaluated how much Park Lands area they require and the period the area is required. Event site fees are charged based on the amount of area used.
- 4.11. The East Park Lands are synonymous with longstanding events and festivals which define Adelaide as one of the world's great festival cities. On this basis, Council has undertaken significant investment into event based infrastructure to support major events within these Park Land settings. In summer each year, the precinct is transformed during the Adelaide Fringe. The entire precinct attracts many local, national and international event visitors. With its proximity to the East End district, it plays an important role in stimulating the local economy and enriching the cultural life of Adelaide as 'the City in a Park'.

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