
Centre facilities plan

Why develop this tool for Centres?

The recently completed State Facilities Plan project highlighted an extensive array of facility priorities for Centres across the State. Indeed, every Centre has identified demand for at least one facility upgrade or development. Whilst acknowledging this need for facility change is a key step, understanding the process required to achieve change and developing clear prioritisations requires careful planning.

This planning tool can assist Centres to prioritise facility demand and to assist committee members to focus efforts. Many committees face regular turn-over. Having an adopted facility plan can help to ensure that preferred directions and priorities are not lost. The tool (and facility development progress) can become a standing agenda item at regular committee meetings.

Additionally, undertaking this planning process will ensure Centres are well positioned to seek funding. The tool has been developed to mirror the expectations of the vast majority of grants and should reduce the 'burden' often associated with preparing applications.

What should our key facility priorities be?

The State Facilities Plan included consultation with each Centre, extensive site inspections and analysis of preferred delivery models for Little Athletics (and athletics more widely). The Plan includes a prioritised facility action list for each Centre and should be the starting point for any Centre looking to complete the facilities plan tool. It is important to recognise that priorities may change over time as memberships change, as various forms of funding become available and/or as landlord expectations and preferences alter.

In order to complete the tool, as a committee (or facility development sub-group) you should consider how you are servicing your members....

ATHLETES Do our athletes need:

- quality synthetic approaches for the jumps and javelin?
- suitable concrete throwing circles with cages?
- to be competing on a level, well-grassed and irrigated track (or perhaps a synthetic track)?

OFFICIALS, COACHES and VOLUNTEERS Do our 'workers' have access to:

- adequate areas for storage (including equipment, uniforms, machinery and administration requirements)?
- administration areas for handling registrations, carnival nominations etc?

AND WHAT ABOUT

- shade at event sites?
- shade for spectators along the main straight?
- access to toilets?
- demand for a servery or canteen?

FACILITY ACTION These may be new facilities, redevelopments or upgrades	RATIONALE Why is this a priority action (e.g. increasing membership, aging facilities, changes in technology, hosting carnivals)?	GETTING IT DONE What are the steps involved in undertaking the project (e.g. seeking designs, quotes, gaining building approval)?	TIMING and CONTRACTOR When is the most appropriate timing for the project (e.g. at the end of season 2019)? Is there an obvious person/business to undertake the project?	INDICATIVE COST What is the expected cost? Have you sought quotes?	FUNDING OPTIONS What are the options for funding the development (e.g. from savings; community benefit funds; local, state or federal government grants)?	CENTRE DELEGATE Who from the Centre is responsible for driving the project?
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MEDIUM PRIORITY (Medium-term) ACTIONS						
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LOW PRIORITY (Longer-term) ACTIONS						
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