

Ballina indoor sports and event centre
Site options review

April 2013

QA Review

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Executive summary

Ballina Shire Council have requested Pdt to conduct a review of three selected sites (Kingsford Smith Park, Old Depot Site and Ferngrove Estate) This review is to include an analysis of the physical characters of the sites as well as their location and access. The review also includes an overlay of the approved building footprint, together with a four court option on each site.

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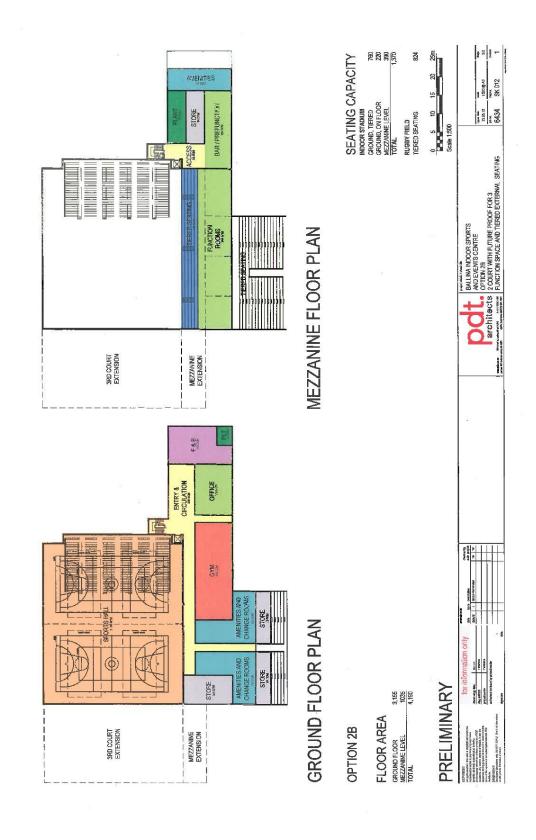
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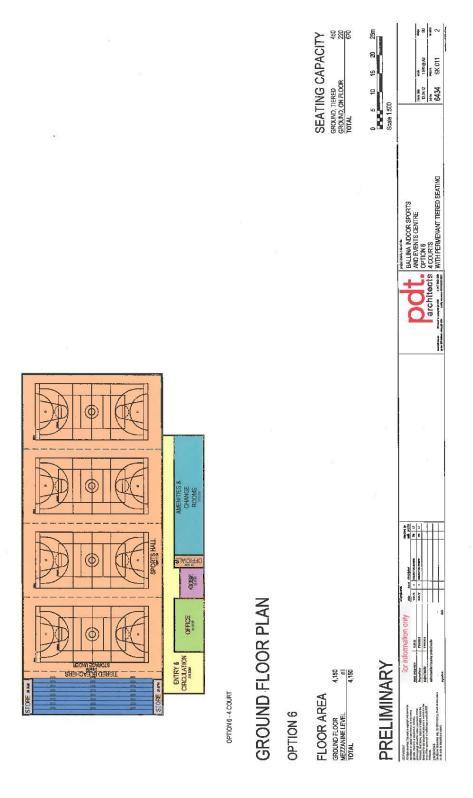
Ballina Indoor Sports and Event Centre

Scale of 1 - 5, 1 = poor, 5= best

Criteria	Kingsford Smith Park	Old Depot	Ferngrove Estate
Site procurement	2	2	
Adequate site area	3	4	4
Provision for future expansion	3	4	4
Access to existing infrastructure	4	4	3
Flooding constraints	4	2	2
Environmental Constraints	4	2	4
Vegetation Cover	3	4	4
Contaminated land constraints	4	1	4
Land slope	5	4	5
Good site aesthetics	4	4	4
Significant landscape or other features	4	4	4 .
Easement and access constraints	4	3	3
Extent of ground works required	4	2	4
Other attractions at Site	5	3	2
Compatibility with surrounding land uses	5	3	3
Residential amenity impacts	3	4	3
Adjacent to other sporting facilities	5	2	2
Site profile and visibility	4	5	3
Proximity to overnight accommodation	5	4	2
Capacity for overflow parking on site	4	5	4
Offsite overflow parking	4	5	3
Proximity to public transport	4	5	3
Walk & cycle access from residential	5	4	4
Proximity to town centre	5	. 4	2
Local access to site	5	4	4
Regional access to site	3	4	4
Total Score	105	92	89

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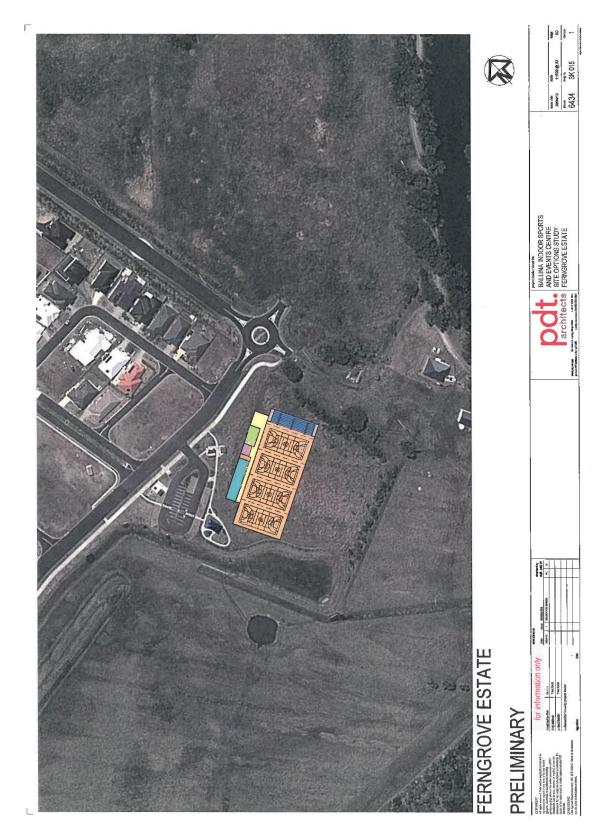












Summary

For the success of a facility and its economic sustainability, it is important that the facility has the capability of being highly flexible with the ability of accommodating wide diversity of events and programmes, while providing for the range of regional and community sporting and other interest groups. To achieve this, the centre needs to be well located and provide a full range of highly flexible services and spaces, through good design and strong management.

In terms of differential between an **Events Centre** and a "skin and bones", 4 court hall, there are many issues which Council needs to consider.

Including:

- The Events Centre model will obviously cost more as it will not only provide greater and more flexible functional spaces but it will have far greater and complex fit out items and component engineering systems.
- Council needs to decide what needs they are intending to satisfy. A 3/4 court hall, in simple format, ONLY satisfies the need of a few ball sports (basketball, netball futsal etc) which is fine but it will not provide a diverse community offering in many aspects of sport & recreation including weights and conditioning, dedicated spaces such as for gymnastics of for sports climbing, meeting and consultation rooms, greater social spaces, greater amenities and certainly greater spectator seating options etc.
- A "skin and bones" 4 court sports hall option will not afford sophisticates and flexible spectator seating systems
 nor sophisticated services for air conditioning/ventilation, sports and event lighting, ESD measures which
 reduce the buildings operational costs.

In short, the base 4 court model will not operate at full efficiency and will struggle to offset its annual operating costs. It will not become an integrated community asset such as the Logan metro centre is to Logan City Council and the surrounding Logan community.

We would make the valid point that the community today are far more discerning then they were even ten years ago. The sporting groups and the broader community want an attractive, functional and flexible facility which is comfortable for them to participate and recreate in. They want an attractive and social, family friendly facility which becomes a proud community hub...the old "tin shed" will not cut it anymore.

In terms of site selection, if moving away from the central CBD site, other sites should be bench marked against the close proximity of schools and a high level of public profile. Ease of access for schools and young participants on bike is very important.

enquiries refer

Cr David Wright
in reply please quote

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12 April 2013



Hon Don Page MP Member for Ballina Don.Page@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Page

Re: Old Depot Site - Ballina

As you are aware Council is pursuing a suitable location for the construction of a sports / events centre in Ballina. One of the preferred locations is what is commonly known as the Old Depot Site, being the crown land opposite Ballina Fair and adjacent to the Clarke Street Industrial Estate. A site map of that location is attached for your information.

To date we have written to the Department of Primary Industries asking whether they would allow Council to utilise that site for the proposed centre and the response we have received is somewhat unclear in respect to this issue. A copy of that response is attached for your information.

Due to the history of the site as a former landfill, Council has recently had prepared a soil contamination report for the site and pleasingly that report did not identify any impediments that rendered the site unsuitable for the centre. A copy of that report is attached for your records.

Council now wants to ensure that any site we evaluate is a viable option and due to the Department of Primary Industry's rather ambiguous response, we are seeking to meet with you so that you can provide darity to Council and the community as to the viability of the Old Depot site. It is important that the State Government makes it clear as to whether Council should pursue this site any further and if it is to be made available what conditions would be placed on the use of the land by the State Government. For example would Council be paying a commercial lease for the land, or would we be required to purchase the land at market price?

Council has recently resolved for me to seek a meeting to discuss this issue with you and also in attendance will be a representative from BRISA (Ballina Regional Indoor Sporting Association), which is the community group representing the potential users of the centre.

It would therefore be appreciated if your office could contact Sandra Bailey on 6686 1273 to arrange a suitable time to meet. It would assist greatly at that meeting if you were in a position to address some of the uncertainties in respect to the Old Depot site.

I look forward to hearing from you and if you wish to discuss this matter further prior to our meeting please call me on 0415 965 403.

Yours faithfully

Or David Wright Mayor Encl.

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30 August 2012

The General Manager Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450 BALLINA NSW 2478

Attention: Mr Chris Allison

Dear Mr Allison

Re: Location of Proposed Sports and Events Centre

I refer to your letter of 30 July 2012 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries – Crown Lands (Crown Lands) as to whether or not Kingsford Smith Reserve, being Crown Reserve 82164 for Public Recreation notified 20 November 1959, would be a viable option for a proposed multi-use sports and events centre, and regarding the process that would need to be followed in order to progress the matter if the Reserve were to be considered viable.

Crown Lands considers that Kingsford Smith Reserve provides a logical location for the proposed centre given the notified purpose of the Reserve (Public Recreation), its current and proposed zoning under local environmental plans (6(a) Open Space and RE1 Public Recreation respectively), and the fact it is already within an established sporting precinct.

Crown Lands has registered Council's interest in the Old Council Depot Site, comprising Crown Reserve 755684 for Future Public Requirements notified 29 June 2007 and Crown Reserve 57352 for Sanitary Purposes notified 1 August 1924, as a fall-back option to Kingsford Smith Reserve. Whilst there is no in-principle objection to locating a recreational facility on this Site, the land appears to possess more planning and environmental constraints than Kingsford Smith Reserve. For example, it may be contaminated as a result of its former use as a Council dump and/ or night soil depot. Additionally, there may be other opportunities for the Site that would be more in keeping with its surrounding land uses. For example, the land may be more suitably developed in the future as an expanded industrial area.

It is noted Kingsford Smith Reserve is under the care, control and management of the Ballina Kingsford Smith Reserve Trust, of which Council is the appointed Manager. If the Trust were to construct and maintain the centre (that is, if the Trust were to own the building), then there would be no need for a separate interest in the land to be created. However, it is Crown Lands understanding that Council in its Council capacity and not as the Reserve Trust Manager intends to construct and maintain the centre (that is, Council will own the building). If this is the case, then the Trust in theory could grant Council tenure over the land, which in effect would mean Council would issue a lease or licence for the facility to itself.

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Current Crown Lands policy (prepared in consultation with the Division of Local Government and the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW), however, provides that where a council is seeking to establish major infrastructure on Crown land and the associated improvements are to vest in council, then the land should be acquired under Section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993. Compensation is generally to be at market value. A lease or licence under the Crown Lands Act 1989 is generally not considered appropriate in cases where major Council-owned infrastructure is proposed on Crown land.

If Council ultimately decides to lodge a development application (DA) for the proposed sports and events centre and the DA involves Crown land, Crown Lands will require written confirmation from Council it is prepared to acquire the land needed to accommodate the centre at a value to be determined by the Valuer General. This undertaking will be sought prior to the lodgement of the DA.

It is noted Council does not have suitable interest in all of the Crown land under consideration as part of this proposal. To assist in preparing a DA encompassing Kingsford Smith Reserve or the Old Council Depot Site, Council is invited to apply for a licence for investigation over the Crown reserves. This will allow Council to enter onto the reserves to conduct all necessary preliminary investigations. To this end, please find attached an 'Application for a licence over Crown land'. Please forward the completed application form and fee of \$383.60 to this office at your earliest convenience. Please note Crown Lands will be seeking, as a condition of the licence, access to all intellectual property and copyrighted material prepared or collated under the authority of the licence.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, please feel free to contact \(\text{tan Hanson, Group Leader Natural Resources and Property Services, on 02 6840 3436 or at \(\text{ian.hanson@lands.nsw qov.au}. \)

Yours sincerely,

Brad Crispin A/ Senior Manager Far North Coast Crown Lands

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10 May 2013

Cr David Wright

Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450

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Mayor

Dear CrWright

Thank you for your letter and attached document regarding the Old Depot Site in Ballina opposite Ballina Fair.

I note Council is pursuing this location as an option for the construction of a sports/events centre in Ballina.

Whilst I am agreeable to your request to meet, I have also made representations on your behalf to the Hon A Stoner MP, Deputy Premier regarding some of the uncertainties in respect of the Old Depot Site.

I shall contact you as soon as I receive a response from the Deputy Premier.

Yours faithfully

Don Page MP MEMBER FOR BALLINA

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