

**Cove Sport and Community Club  
Survey Report  
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**1. Summary of issue.**

With the moving of the Soccer and BMX club from the Hallett Cove Sport and Community Club to the new sports complex being built at Majors Road the City of Marion must decide what to do with rest of the land.

Amanda released a survey to residents to hear what the local community what with the future of the site to assist the City of Marion.

Overwhelmingly survey respondents believe that the Site should continue to be used for both Sport and Recreational. The current common use for the Sport and Community Club are used for Sporting events and local sporting club fixtures including players, spectators and a way for the community support their local teams

**2. Short-term issues identified to help support growth**

With the overall respondents supporting both Sport and Recreational opportunities at the site some suggestions include the addition activities to encourage a more active lifestyle while also using the site to encourage a better community atmosphere.

**a. Urgent upgrading of facilities**

Community members highlighted that an upgrade of the current amenities is desperately needed, with several respondents requesting an upgrade of the toilet amenities, better lighting to make the oval feel safer in the evening and more access to water for those taking part in exercise or physical activity. Including the opportunity for female change rooms to better support the growth of female sports

*“At present the clubs have toilet Facilities but they are NOT OPEN when there is no activities at the clubs”*

*“a COMPLETE overhaul of the toilets as the female toilets have broken at every home football game this season and there are no other toilet options.”*

*“The amenities are VERY run down especially toilets and in the change rooms, which doesn't cater for women's football teams AT ALL.”*

**b. Increased seating**

People who currently use the facility to watch sport or for a picnic would like to see greater seating available for spectators to allow more access to shade/cover during the summer and winter months.

*" better seating options for patrons to view matches; for example, more shade. in summer (cricket) it's HOT and in winter it rains with minimal cover!!"*

**c. Better parking and road access is needed**

Complaints about the current access to the facility including small car park spaces, narrow road from the round about makes access via car difficult and can present a risk to vehicle accidents.

*"Better parking facilities - not enough for the current demand, and spaces are pretty tight. Better lighting by the parking (think solar or the like)."*

*"The road, from the roundabout to the club urgently needs widening and allowance made for more parking as the exiting parking is not adequate on game days."*

**3. Future Expansion opportunities**

With the moving of the Soccer and BMX Club this will present a need for long term planning about the future of the site and how we encourage potential new sporting and recreational opportunities.

**a. Expanded Bar and Restaurant/Pub facility**

There is a desire from respondents that an expanded bar, or restaurant café is required to encourage people to make use of the site. Survey respondents suggested something similar to Club Marion which is located next to the Marion Football Club would be a good basis to model something off.

*"It would be nice to see it open to the public for meals on Friday & Saturday nights for the community to gather at"*

*"Increased opening hours, food/meal specials, Yummy/alternative foods that make people want to eat there, Memorabilia from the sports clubs on the walls - or something to make the walls less white!"*

*"A decent cafe/kitchen with really really good prices that will bring people regularly."*

**b. Other sports and recreation options**

**i. Lawn Bowls**

Some survey respondents have suggested that a growing need for sport and recreational activities to support older people accessing the site.

*Lawn Bowls (artificial surface). There are at least 200-300 bowlers who reside in Hallett Cove who have to travel to Brighton, Marion, Reynella, Morphett Vale or Christies Beach & Noarlunga to get a game of bowls.*

*"There is now a growing aged population in Hallett Cove, lawn bowls and any sport older people can do."*

**ii. Track and Field**

There is an opportunity to bring in new sports with a strong grass root sports

such as track and field to help retain children who take part in Little Athletics who currently must travel to access these sports.

*“Track and Field Athletics facilities with synthetic track running lanes, throwing facilities, jumping pits and pole vault pit” The south of Adelaide has no synthetic track and field facilities. Pt Adelaide area has recently had synthetic track lanes laid and a new track and field facility similar to SA Athletics Stadium is nearing completion at Salisbury. Athletes in the south must commute to Mile End SA Athletics Stadium to train. Little Athletics is strongly supported in the south and many clubs hire school facilities and run on grass to compete in this sport”*

**iii. Gymnasium / Large hall for indoor based sport**

Many suggested that if upgrading the facility there be use for large multiuse hall gymnasium that could be used for several indoor related sports to attract new sports and clubs.

*“Indoor universal stadium suitable for volleyball, netball, soccer, basketball.”*

**4. Encouraging the use of the Cove Sport and Community Club**

**a. Increased Awareness and more community events & better access to book the facility**

**Market Stalls & community fairs and showcases**

The survey respondents would like to see the City of Marion increase the advertisement and encourage the community to see what they have access too. Some suggestions from the community include, Market Fairs that would also support small businesses, more access for community groups to host activities out of the facilities and art exhibits to show case local artists.

*“Market events that sells handmade stuff and second-hand goods, home grown veggies...etc, arts and craft workshops (like bookbinding), or even used as small local competitions and fetes like flower arranging or baking competition...etc”*

**i. Easier booking system**

Some respondents suggested that the booking system could be moved online or more easily accessible to make the booking process simpler.

*“At present the Hallett Cove Sport and Social Club are near impossible to contact in respect to have activities at the Club.”*

**More recreational activities**

Many respondents also mention the use of the ovals for physical activity such as walking their dogs, fitness activities such as walking and use of the playground for children.

**ii. Dog Park**

Many Residents suggest that with the large amount of dog walkers already using the oval to exercise their pets and off leash fenced dog park would make perfect sense.

*“Could the soccer oval be fenced and used by local dog owners as an exercise area for dog activities.”*

*“Why not a doggy park. Many dogs in the area would benefit from this.”*

**iii. Walking Trails and Fitness Circuit**

Many councils provide walking trails including the city of Marion, it would great if a trail could be built around the natural habit within Hallett Cove to allow people to access nature. Public Gym equipment often seen in other LGAs could also be provided to encourage a more active community.

*“A free outdoor gym space and walking trails. In a hub like the one at Aquatic Reserve West Lakes or spread along a trail like the one along the Torrens River Linear Park. Walking trails into the Field River Reserve, with specially built paths to ensure the habitat is preserved.”*

**5. Summary**

In summary this survey clearly outlines the need for both sport and recreational activities to co-exist while Soccer and BMX will find a new home on Majors Road in the near future, this presents a unique opportunity for the Cove Sport and Community Club to reshape the Hallett Cove Community and be a place where members of the community can come, socialise, stay active and support their local sporting clubs.