

Strategic Focus Area: Protect. Enhance. Adapt.

Nagambie Recreation Reserve, Hot Water Upgrade

Problem and opportunity:

The Nagambie Recreation Reserve has outdated and inadequate hot water supply for the building. These five old gas units need to be replaced with a more environmentally and cost efficient solution. The old units have been unable to cope with the usage, these units were over installed 15 years ago, at are at life's end. The circulation of the existing pipework is not delivering any hot water to the outer perimeter of the building, and the showers in these rooms only provide cold water. Investigation by suppliers have quoted us on a solution that will fill current needs and allow for further growth or renovations in the future.

How does it affect or impact the community?

The Recreation Reserve is very well patronized, we have six user groups covering, junior and senior football (including women's football), junior and senior netball, junior and senior cricket, junior soccer coming to join shortly¹ Petanque and the swimming pool users. The combined membership of these user group clubs is 675 members. This of course doesn't include the members of the public who come to the pool or events at the ground and require change and shower access.

We are very fortunate to have a large representative number of community members and parents to provide strong support and involvement at the facility. We are hoping this will advantage us in our submission, as we can appeal to a very strong and large supporter base who acknowledge the advantages of lifting the standards at our building.

A recent grant enabled the installation of air conditioners in the meeting room upstairs, this has been an very welcome improvement, especially during the recent Breast Cancer Pink Stumps Fundraising Event that catered for 200 people and raised \$13,000. These are the types of events that will be advantaged by a better hot water supply for efficient and regulatory clean up procedures.

With the immanent connection and commissioning of our state of the art, competition grade lighting, soon to be put in place, which was enabled by a State Govt Grant and the Strathbogie Shire Grant input. We are anticipating a Community gathering as an Opening Ceremony, this will showcase the further opportunities provided and ways to use this enhancement to the reserve, it will affect and impact our community for the better in the future.

This all aligns perfectly into the 2021-2025 Council Plan objectives, ensuring the opportunity to deliver a series of events and initiatives to support healthy practices, reduced obesity and increased physical activity in the youth and other age groups involved in the sporting clubs of Nagambie. We are hoping the possibilities for the use of these improvements are endless.

What is your idea and what difference would it make?

Again our project aligns with the Council Plan objectives listed in the Council Plan document. Improving and providing better sporting and recreation facilities, whether they be passive or active spaces, continually adapting to meet the changing needs and growing population.

With a better hot water supply it enables us to maximize participation by all sexes, ages and abilities. With the Council's comprehensive strategic planning framework which outlines and guides long term capital works program to deliver a growing range of services, infrastructure

and facilities to support improved physical and mental health. We are sure this project fits perfectly with the need to improve this council asset and required budget planning.

This project also demonstrates exactly the difference our idea will make aligning perfectly with the Council's need to aid in the development and the provision of a growing range of facilities and infrastructure projects. The strategies and initiatives in place by the Council to help our community adapt, recover and minimize the disruption and adverse impacts on health and wellbeing caused by climate change, floods, covid and other events we have all endured.

With better facilities, we are able to offer use of the ground and building to locals and visitors alike. We have calls for campers to use the showers and toilets and it would be a boost to the town with this being opened up for further recreational uses.

We also rely on and align with Council on the significant contribution made to our society by volunteers to run the clubs and provide the management and individual committees. Many passionate and dedicated volunteers are needed to run a facility of this size and versatility to cover so many varieties of sport.

Further information:

The replacement of the current hot water system is part of a budget allocation included within our current Tenancy Agreement, which is already provided for in the Council budget in the future. We realize the limited funds have to be utilized to the full advantage of all rate payers each year, but we are hoping that the amount required to replace and improve the circulation of the hot water at the Nagambie Recreation Reserve, will be granted priority within the plans for budgetary spending and the Pitch. My Project Funding Grant amount.

This project will be supported by over 675 current members, then the families and friends associated with the members of the sporting clubs. Further support will be gathered by our marketing through the social media sites and our committee to encourage voting for our project. We are very hopeful that this will raise the profile of the active involvement of the Shire of Strathbogie in their ability to implement this much needed project upgrade.