

Penistone Park



* Total area 5.71ha. * Proposed shared use site 1.95ha * Utilisation 27%

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The Department for Education and Training (DET) are proposing to consolidate the current Allenswood Primary School and Greenwood Primary School into one larger redeveloped school on the current Allenswood Primary School site, which is adjacent to Penistone Park. In 2007, the DET approached the City to develop a formal shared use arrangement for Penistone Park, to accommodate the proposed redevelopment, which has no provision for a sports oval in the current master plan.

Penistone Park is an active park comprising two (2) playing fields, cricket practice nets, two (2) community tennis courts, two (2) outdoor sports courts and a clubroom/changeroom facility.

The proposed shared use proposal between the City and DET would include the western oval of Penistone Park during school hours Monday to Friday, see Attachment 2.

DET indicated that use of the oval by the school would be minimal. DET advised that usage on the park would be five (5) hours per week with three (3) sports carnivals per year. DET indicated that a proposed 2760m² grassed play area as part of the new school development would be used by students in year two to four, which would reduce use of Penistone Park.

Current utilisation of the western oval of Penistone Park is 27.0% which is considered average as compared to other similar sized active parks. In this proposal, the school would have priority access to these facilities during school hours, with community usage outside of these hours. Penistone Park, as with all of the City's parks and sporting facilities, are under-utilised during school hours so this arrangement would have minimal impact on the current clubs and groups that use the park. The groups that currently use the park include;

- Warwick/Greenwood Junior Football Club
- Warwick/Greenwood Senior Football Club
- Greenwood Senior Cricket Club
- Warwick Greenwood Junior Cricket Club
- Wanneroo Lacrosse Club
- Wanneroo Sofcrosse/Modcrosse Club
- Greenwood Little Athletics Club

The anticipated increased usage on the park would have a limited impact on the wear and tear of the playing grounds, however should demand increase, an increased maintenance program would be required to ensure the quality of the park is maintained. To offset these increased costs, a contribution towards maintenance (option 3) should be included in any formal agreement with DET.

In 2008/2009 maintenance costs for the potential shared used area of Penistone Park is estimated at \$64,000.