



Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club

DRAFT Grounds and Facilities Improvement Plan

Version 1, May 2016

Introduction

As part of the ongoing improvement of club facilities, the committee has prepared the following grounds improvement plan as a means of identifying, costing and prioritising essential improvements to the grounds at Pine Avenue, Mullumbimby.

As a growing club wishing to maintain and enhance facilities for players and spectators, the club recognises that forward planning is required to identify needs and to match funding opportunities in a coherent and structured fashion. This plan summarises desired (and essential) improvements and sets them in order of priority, though priorities are not fixed and may be revised due to changing circumstances.

This plan is a working document that identifies facilities, equipment and improvements that are required via a process of needs assessment and feedback from players and spectators. It is anticipated the plan will be reviewed and updated annually as a part of budget planning. The plan will be adaptive in response to opportunities such as applications for grants, new sponsorship or co-contribution from Byron Shire Council.

The following action plan captures grounds and facilities improvements the club has identified for 2016, though some of these actions are older. The reasoning for each action or improvement is provided along with a priority (very high, high, medium and low). Timeframes for each priority respectively are immediate, 12 to 18 months, 18 to 36 months and 36 months to five years. Priorities for each action may be reviewed periodically as circumstances change or new needs arise. Cost estimates are preliminary and generally subject to obtaining of formal quotes unless stated otherwise. Large cost items may take several years to achieve as funds are raised incrementally.

The plan is managed by the club's management committee who may delegate responsibilities to other volunteers for specific tasks.

Action/Improvement	Purpose/Reason	Priority	Estimated cost
Purchase of new line marking equipment	Existing line marking equipment is slow and difficult to use	VH	\$1,500
Improve field drainage	Games are regularly cancelled due to wet weather making the fields unplayable. Improved drainage will reduce lost playing and training days and improve the general resilience of the fields to wear. Improvements will comprise installation of sub-drainage and importing of sandy loam media to improve soil structure.	H	\$50,000 to \$100,000
Shade/rain structures for spectators	The grounds have no shade apart from trees along the field's western boundary which create shade for the western field in the late afternoon. Shade structures over existing grandstands will be installed with the western stand being the priority which has a greater proportion of midday and afternoon games.	H	\$15,000 to \$25,000
New clubhouse, canteen	Existing facilities are dated and becoming rapidly undersized as the club grows. New facilities in the form of canteen, changes rooms, toilets and club house will increase the clubs appeal and improve revenue opportunities. New buildings will likely be delivered in stages.	M	\$250,000 to \$500,000

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Improved parking	Parking along Pine Avenue is informal, uneven, drains poorly and potentially dangerous for drivers and pedestrians when congested. Improvements required include, formalising of parking spaces, improvement of drainage and erection of signage.	M-H	\$100,000 to \$300,000
Purchase of additional training equipment	Additional training equipment can enhance training sessions and improve the appeal of the club. Equipment could include, weights, resistance bands, medicine balls etc.	L-M	\$5,000
Installation of a bubbler	A dedicated refill point for water bottles is required.	H	\$500
New barbeque	Essential for fund raising	VH	\$500