

# Weengallon Recreation Grounds

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## Introduction

The following Master Plan document has been prepared for Council to support forward planning of resource allocation, and to maximise usage of the Weengallon Recreation Grounds.

In identifying future capital expenditure and potential future use of the facility, a Master Plan allows all parties to appropriately prepare for funding opportunities to facilitate the proposed upgrades and improvements at the facility.

On endorsement from Council of this Master Plan, referenced user groups can progress with confidence that they have in-principle endorsement of the proposal. Noting it is essential that project implementation on Council owned and operated facilities require a strong working relationship to ensure that the project meet all compliance requirements and are within Council's on-going maintenance capacity.

This Master Plan was developed in consultation with Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Incorporated.

## History and Context

Around 1934 -1935 the first Weengallon Rodeo, to include a campdraft, was organised to raise money for the Catholic Church in Goondiwindi.

By the 1960's the event had built into the Weengallon Bushman's Carnival which included a ball with dancing till daylight.

The Hall was a joint project of residents of the district and the former Waggamba Shire Council, and was officially opened on 16 November 1968.

In 2007, the Weengallon Campdraft Committee hosted the national finals for the Australian Campdraft Association. It was the largest and most successful Finals ever staged by a Campdraft Committee and attracted competitors from all over Australia.

The Weengallon Campdraft Committee won the 2008 Waggamba Shire Council Australia Day Award for Community Event of the Year.

It was also the host of the Weengallon Pink Ladies Day from 1999 – 2019.

Council has been engaged with the Weengallon Show and Sporting Association through a MOU agreement since 2018.

## Link to Council Plans

- Goondiwindi Regional Council Economic Development Strategy
- Goondiwindi Region Sport and Recreation Statement
- Goondiwindi Regional Council Asset Management Plan

## Existing Infrastructure

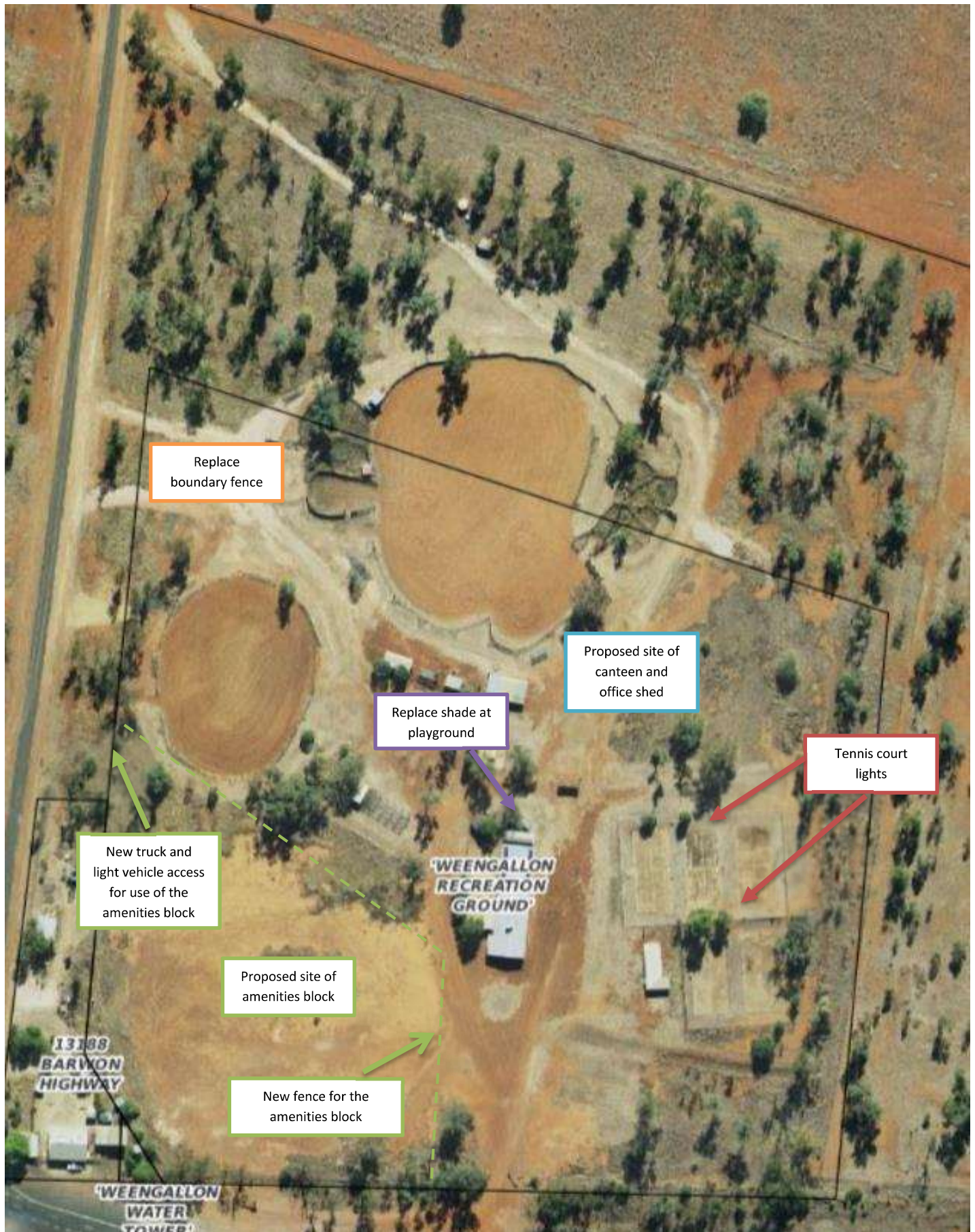
- Hall with kitchen, stage and supper room
- Amenities building (attached to hall)
- Tennis Clubhouse, 5 x tennis courts fully fenced with lights (disconnected)
- Canteen with open covered area and lockable cold room space
- Open Can Bar
- Open Servery

- Rodeo Yards and Campdraft arena (permanent and portable panels)
- Announcers Box
- Play Equipment with shade structure
- 2 x storage sheds
- 4 x tiered grandstands
- Shipping container
- Bucking Chutes
- 2 x portable loading ramps
- Water tanks and associated infrastructure

### Existing Arrangements

- The Weengallon Recreation Grounds is Council owned facility operated and managed by the Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Inc.
- Council has a MoU arrangement in place with WSSA Inc. for their use of the facility.
- The WSSA Inc. committee have a Community Grants and Donations allocation to assist with in-kind support of slashing the grounds ahead of their June and December annual events, to a value of \$2000.
- The WSSA Inc. hold two major events a year – the Junior Campdraft and Rodeo in June, Open Campdraft in September and their Community Christmas Tree gathering in December. In other times of the year, the grounds are used for rodeo practices and schools, and sporadic community and private gatherings.
- The hall is also used on Tuesdays by Gullivers Travels preschool.

## Site Map with Master Plan Projects



**Scope of 5 year Master Plan - Capital**  
(excluding general maintenance requirements)

Priority	Activity	User groups receiving significant benefit from improvements	Estimated Cost of improvement	Estimated annual ongoing operational cost	Proposed source	Likely Completion Date
<b>1</b>	New Amenities Block – showers and toilets (to replace TMR block).	Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Inc	\$150,000			
<b>2</b>	New shed with office and canteen facilities (to replace current termite impacted buildings)	Road users – truck drivers, etc Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Inc	\$240,000 (to be broken down into 4 x stages)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Gambling Benefit Fund Super Round Queensland</li> <li>Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	Tennis Courts Lights (replaced or fixed, currently disconnected)	Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Inc	?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Gambling Benefit Fund Super Round Queensland</li> <li>Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program</li> <li>Tennis Australia National Court Rebate</li> </ul>	

### Scope of 5 year Master Plan – General Maintenance and other non-capital items

Priority	Activity	User groups receiving significant benefit from improvements	Estimated Cost of improvement	Estimated annual ongoing operational cost	Proposed Funding source	Likely Completion Date
2	New shade cloth over playground equipment	Gulliver's Travels Preschool	\$2500		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRRR</li> <li>Cancer Council</li> </ul>	
3	Purchase more updated tables and chairs	Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Inc Gulliver's Travels Preschool	\$2000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Gambling Fund</li> <li>FRRR</li> </ul>	
1	Replacement of boundary fence	Weengallon Show and Sporting Association Inc	?		Council to supply materials and committee build	