

Gilbert Sporting Complex

update plan

As found in the Goondiwindi Sports Facilities Strategic Plan
October 2026

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Also located to the immediate north of the Macintyre River, but in the south-western aspect of town, the Gilbert Sporting Complex is a large outdoor sporting facility catering for the sports of rugby league, football (soccer), cricket, little athletics and touch football.

Facilities at the site catering for these sports include:

- ☐ two distinct playing field areas with quality playing surfaces:
 - two rugby league fields (with field lighting) in the northern area
 - the southern area providing various configurations for football (soccer) fields and junior cricket
- ☐ separate, well maintained clubhouses for rugby league and football (soccer)
- ☐ amenities blocks, change rooms and canteens for rugby league and football (soccer)
- ☐ synthetic grass and concrete cricket pitches
- ☐ a bank of three cricket practice nets in good condition
- ☐ grandstand seating (with some being shaded)
- ☐ scoreboard building
- ☐ central sealed and marked car park and on-street parking.

The site is managed by the Gilbert Recreation Association through a lease arrangement with Council.

Interviews were held with each of the tenant clubs with the main outcomes summarised summarised following.

Goondiwindi Senior Rugby League

- ☐ with 76 players, the Club is trying again to field a female team
- ☐ training occurs in the evenings from Monday to Thursday, with games held on Sundays and with pre-season training commencing in November, the club's season goes through to September each year
- ☐ female change rooms are needed
- ☐ there is a need for access for people with a disability in areas such as the car park, front entry and bar area
- ☐ increased shade over spectator areas is needed
- ☐ additional storage is needed and the area behind the scoreboard building is proposed as the best location.



Goondiwindi Junior Rugby League

- ☐ the Club currently has approximately 250 players and this has been steady over recent years
- ☐ the length of the season for the Club can depend on the availability of coaches but is currently from April through to August with training occurring Tuesday through to Thursday afternoons and games being held on Saturday mornings
- ☐ the main issue being faced by the Club is the lack of female change rooms and it is believed this could be achieved by building new change rooms next to the existing
- ☐ the canteen is only used for home games
- ☐ car parking is generally adequate but gets quite busy when sharing home games with football (soccer).

Goondiwindi Soccer Club

- ☐ Club player numbers is generally steady, currently with 200 juniors and 25 seniors
- ☐ games are held on Saturday mornings with training being held on Thursday afternoons
- ☐ lighting the playing fields is a priority
- ☐ the fields are in need of top dressing and a more appropriate drainage solution is needed in the area near the church
- ☐ vehicle barrier fencing is needed.

Goondiwindi Junior Cricket

Given that the Club operates at both Gilbert and Riddles Complexes, the wishes of the Club were detailed in the previous Riddles Sporting Complex section.

Goondiwindi Little Athletics

- ☐ Little Athletics currently has approximately 50-70 participants and this has generally been steady over the past few years
- ☐ training is held on Monday afternoons with Little Athletics Queensland holding one event per year
- ☐ it was noted that the current facilities work well at the location
- ☐ an additional shot put circle is required (adjacent to the existing circle) and the Club agrees that a vehicle barrier fence is required.

Mens Touch Football

- ☐ participation for the Club is currently at 240 players which the Club identifies is point at which the number of teams participating is limited (to a total of 16 teams)
- ☐ games are held on Thursday evenings from October through to March each year, using all four fields at the site
- ☐ the only facility need identified was the need for improved field lighting on the back field.

Gilbert Recreation Association

The Association agreed with many of the facility improvements suggested by the clubs:

- ☐ improved and new field lighting
- ☐ fencing for Barry McGregor Oval
- ☐ female change rooms
- ☐ new storage shed
- ☐ a digital scoreboard and ticket box at the front gate would also be beneficial.



It is noted that the condition report of the site (November 2025) was reviewed but only minor maintenance items were identified, none significant enough to impact on the development of recommendations for this Strategy.

ASSET AUDIT: GILBERT SPORTING COMPLEX

Number and comparative standard of facilities and infrastructure (and compliance with peak body standards and codes)	Quantity and quality of facilities meet compliance needs with minor improvements
Functionality of the space, the type of activities undertaken, apparent usage (eg desire lines, wear areas, intercept discussions with users) and capacity	Highly functional layout
Field and court layout and connectivity	Separation of playing areas is desirable, still with connection
Provision and standard of lighting	Upgrades would be beneficial, especially in regard to training
Adequacy of run offs	Good
Provision and general condition of ancillary facilities (clubhouses, seats etc)	Minor upgrades required (inc female facilities)
Provision of car and bus parking	Good central car park complemented by on-street parking
Accessibility and visibility (layout within surrounding streets)	Visible from main thoroughfare with easy access
Size and configuration, especially suitability for intended/current use and any potential for change of use – catchment considerations	Adequate size and general configuration
Safety and security including issues of a CPTED nature	No obvious issues
Signage – both to the area and at the site itself	Limited
Site constraints (eg too close to houses) and opportunities	Constrained to the east by highway
Opportunities to improve linkages to other open space or residential areas	Not relevant due to location

Gilbert Sporting Complex Master Plan

Key design directions, indicative costs and timings for the Gilbert Sporting Complex are summarised below:

<i>Element</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Rationale</i>	<i>Indicative cost (\$)</i>	<i>Timing</i>
1. Change rooms extension	Extend change rooms to allow for female rooms	To better cater for increased female participation	690,000	Short-term
2. New shed	Install new storage shed	To improve operating conditions	25,000	Medium-term
3. Spectator shade	Construct new shade covers over spectator areas	To improve visitor and player experience	131,200	Medium-term
4. Accessibility path	New pathway connecting front entry, car park and bar area	To improve access for people with a disability	44,000	Short-term
5. Field lighting	Upgraded field lighting to main (120 lux) and back field (60 lux)	To improve operating conditions	120,000	Long-term
6. New lighting	Install new training lighting (60 lux) to Barry McGregor Oval	To provide greater training flexibility and reduced field wear	681,900	Long-term
7. Shot put circle	Install new shot put circle adjacent to existing	To improve operating conditions	4,000	short-term
8. Car park extension	Extend existing parking along Andersen Street	To provide increased formal parking	193,600	Long-term
9. Vehicle barrier fencing	Install new post and rail fencing	To minimise vehicular access to playing fields	14,000	Medium-term

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NORTH

CUNNINGHAM HIGHWAY

ANDERSEN STREET

MARSHALL STREET

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Andersen Street, Goondiwindi

Legend / Notes:

- 01. Female change rooms extension
- 02. New shed
- 03. Additional shade over spectator seating
- 04. Accessible path around bar-deck
- 05. Upgraded field lighting
- 06. New field lighting to oval / athletics / fields
- 07. Second shot put circle (adjacent to existing)
- 08. Extension of sealed car park
- 09. New post and rail vehicle barrier

Scale: 1:1500 at A3

PREPARATION DATE: 20 August 2026

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STAGE: Masterplan Design Stage

ESTIMATE OF COSTS

ELEMENT	QTY	UNIT	RATE	SUB TOTAL	TOTAL	COMMENT
1 Change room extension					690,000	
Extend existing amenities for new amenities to match existing	138	m2	5,000	690,000		Assumption that the extension is 60% of the existing building
2 New storage shed					25,000	
Provide and install medium size storage shed	1	No	25,000	25,000		
3 Spectator shade					131,200	
New shade over spectator area	136	m2	438	59,500		2 Stretched shade structures with approximate size of 17 x 5.30m wide
Concrete to shaded area (to the right)	60	m2	188	11,200		
Seating to shaded area (to the right)	1	No.	60,500	60,500		12m - 4 tier (96 adults)
4 Accessibility path					44,000	
New pathway connecting front entry, car park and bar area	229	m2	188	44,000		
5 Field Lighting					120,000	
Upgraded field lighting to main (120 lux)	16	No	5,000	80,000		Allowance for 4 new luminaires per pole (4 Poles). No upgrade to pole, remain as is.
Upgraded field lighting to back field (60 lux)	8	No	5,000	40,000		Allowance for 2 new luminaires per pole (4 Poles). No upgrade to pole, remain as is.
6 New lighting					681,900	
Install new training lighting (60 lux) to Barry McGregor Oval	6	No	82,100	492,600		
Allowance for excavations	520	m3	81	42,300		
Allowance for 2 x 100mm conduits and 16mm2 4C cables	650	m	131	85,400		
Allowance for electrical pits	11	No	4,800	52,800		
Allowance to upgrade of Distribution board	1	Item	8,800	8,800		
7 Shot put circle					4,000	
Install new shot put circle adjacent to existing	1	No	4,000	4,000		Allowance only. Depending on ring material (Steel/Aluminium), the cost might vary.
8 Car park extension					193,600	
Extend existing parking along Andersen Street	780	m2	240	187,200		
Allowance for Bollards around existing light pole	4	No	1,600	6,400		
9 Vehicle Barrier fencing					14,000	
Install new posts	12	No	500	7,000		
Install new chain fencing	70	m	100	7,000		
SUB-TOTAL (Trade Cost) (exc GST)				\$ 1,903,700	\$ 1,903,700	
Preliminaries	11.00	%			209,000	
Margin	5.00	%			106,000	
Design Contingency	10.00	%			222,000	
SUB-TOTAL (Contract Sum) (exc GST)					\$ 2,440,700	
Design, Consultant and Legal Fees	10.00	%			244,000	
Project Management Fees	3.00	%			73,000	
Insurance and Statutory Fees	1.75	%			48,000	
PROJECT COST - NON CONTRACT COST					\$ 365,000	
Contract Construction Contingency (10%)	10.00	%			281,000	
Escalation - Construction Works					Excluded	
GROSS PROJECT COST (exc GST)					\$ 3,086,700	