

5.5. PROPOSED RELOCATION OF ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD - AFL CROCS PORT DOUGLAS SPORTING COMPLEX

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GENERAL MANAGER Darryl Crees, General Manager Corporate Services
DEPARTMENT Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

1. Approve the relocation of the electronic scoreboard as per site plan drawing No 4-7-16 on Part of Lot 99 SP150469 subject to the following conditions:
 - 1.1. All relevant development approvals are obtained prior to the commencement of works.
 - 1.2. A safety barrier/fencing is erected around the area prior to commencement and for the duration of the works.
 - 1.3. All works are completed by qualified tradespeople.
 - 1.4. Both areas are left in a clean and tidy condition once the works are completed.
 - 1.5. Council is not responsible for the cost of the works; for the ongoing maintenance, repair or restoration of the scoreboard; or for any compensation to the Club or any successor.
 - 1.6. Approval is received from the Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection (EHP) for the proposed project prior to the commencement of any works.
 - 1.7. Native Title issues are resolved to the satisfaction of Council prior to the commencement of any works;
2. Deny the request to install gates on the north eastern boundary;
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, determine or resolve all matters associated with the relocation of the electronic scoreboard.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Port Douglas Football Club (The Club) has sought permission from Council to relocate the existing electronic scoreboard from the eastern side of the oval to the southern pocket on the mounded area of the oval. The proposed relocation will allow spectators to more easily read the scoreboard, as the current location is being affected by the afternoon sun.

The Club has also verbally requested that Council install gates on the north eastern boundary adjoining on Lot 1 SP219663.

The Club has asked if Council would be able to pay for or share the relocation costs with both the scoreboard and the installation of the proposed gates.

BACKGROUND

The Port Douglas Sporting Complex is located on a Reserve for Recreation Purposes R1256 Lot 99 SP 150469 of about 14.87ha of which Council is Trustee. This site is used by various sporting clubs. Also on site is a children's playground as well as a skate park.

The existing electronic scoreboard was placed on top of the original scoreboard structure however it has been found that the information on the scoreboard is unable to be clearly read in the afternoon. By relocating the scoreboard to the southern pocket side of the oval, spectators from all viewing areas of the oval will be able to see and read the information displayed without any impediments.

The Club has supplied all certified engineering plans of the relocation of the electronic scoreboard.

The Club has also requested that Council install gates on north eastern boundary adjoining Lot 100 SP219633 on which a Council building has been constructed. The Club has suggested that the installation of these gates would restrict non-members from entering the grounds with alcohol which is currently putting the clubs liquor licence at risk.

COMMENT

Should the relocation of the scoreboard works involve penetrating past the clay layer, the Club will be required to obtain all necessary permits from EHP. The reasoning is that this site is a former landfill and as such, a site management plan exists with the Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection (EHP).

The Port Douglas Sports Complex site is under Native Title Claim however as the proposed location was a former landfill/sanitary depot, Native Title may well be extinguished. Council staff are in the process of having this site removed from the Native Title claim. The time frame for this process unknown.

All user groups of the Port Douglas Sporting Complex have been asked for comment on this proposal and Council has not received any negative comment associated with the proposed relocation of the electronic scoreboard. Comments were also sought from within Council and no objections were raised to the proposal.

The Port Douglas Football Club has also requested to install gates and fencing to restrict access however this Club is not the only user of the Sporting Complex. The proposed gate installation will restrict other users and the general public from using other facilities located within the precinct. Council is Trustee to this allotment and it is a requirement that the general public must have unrestricted access to this public space. Council Officers recommend that the Club explore other avenues to restrict alcohol from entering the sporting complex and do not support the installation of gates and fencing as proposed.

PROPOSAL

It is recommended to approve the relocation of the electronic scoreboard only and deny the request for the installation of additional gates.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Club has requested that Council pay for or share the cost of the relocation of the electronic scoreboard. No costings or quotes have been provided to Council for consideration. It is recommended that the cost of relocating the scoreboard should be borne by the Club.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: Nil

Environmental: Nil

Social: Moving the scoreboard will improve the amenity and the functionality of the facility.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

1.1.5 - Support local non-profit community, sporting and cultural organisations to build their capacity.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Asset-Owner Meeting the responsibilities associated with owning or being the custodian of assets such as infrastructure.

CONSULTATION

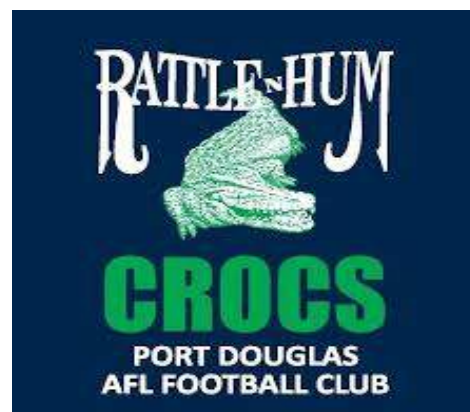
Internal: Manager Governance
 Manager Finance
 Manager Infrastructure
 Manager Sustainable Communities
 Planning Coordinator
 Executive Officer

External: Port Douglas Cricket Club
 Port Douglas Netball Club
 Port Douglas Rugby
 D.I.R.T Riders Club

ATTACHMENTS

1. AFL Crocs Request to Relocate Scoreboard **[5.5.1]**
2. AFL Crocs Aerial and Site Plans **[5.5.2]**

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FEBRUARY 9, 2017

To Robert Donovan,

I am writing regarding a formal submission to the move of our electronic scoreboard from its position now on the eastern side of the ground to the southern pocket side of the ground on the mounded area.

At the time the sensible place to put it was on top of the original scoreboard for cost effectiveness but the afternoon sun makes it impossible to read.

I have attached all relevant details for the relocation and would ask if council would be able to pay or share the cost.

Regards,

Chris Bradsworth. President, Port Douglas Football Club Inc.



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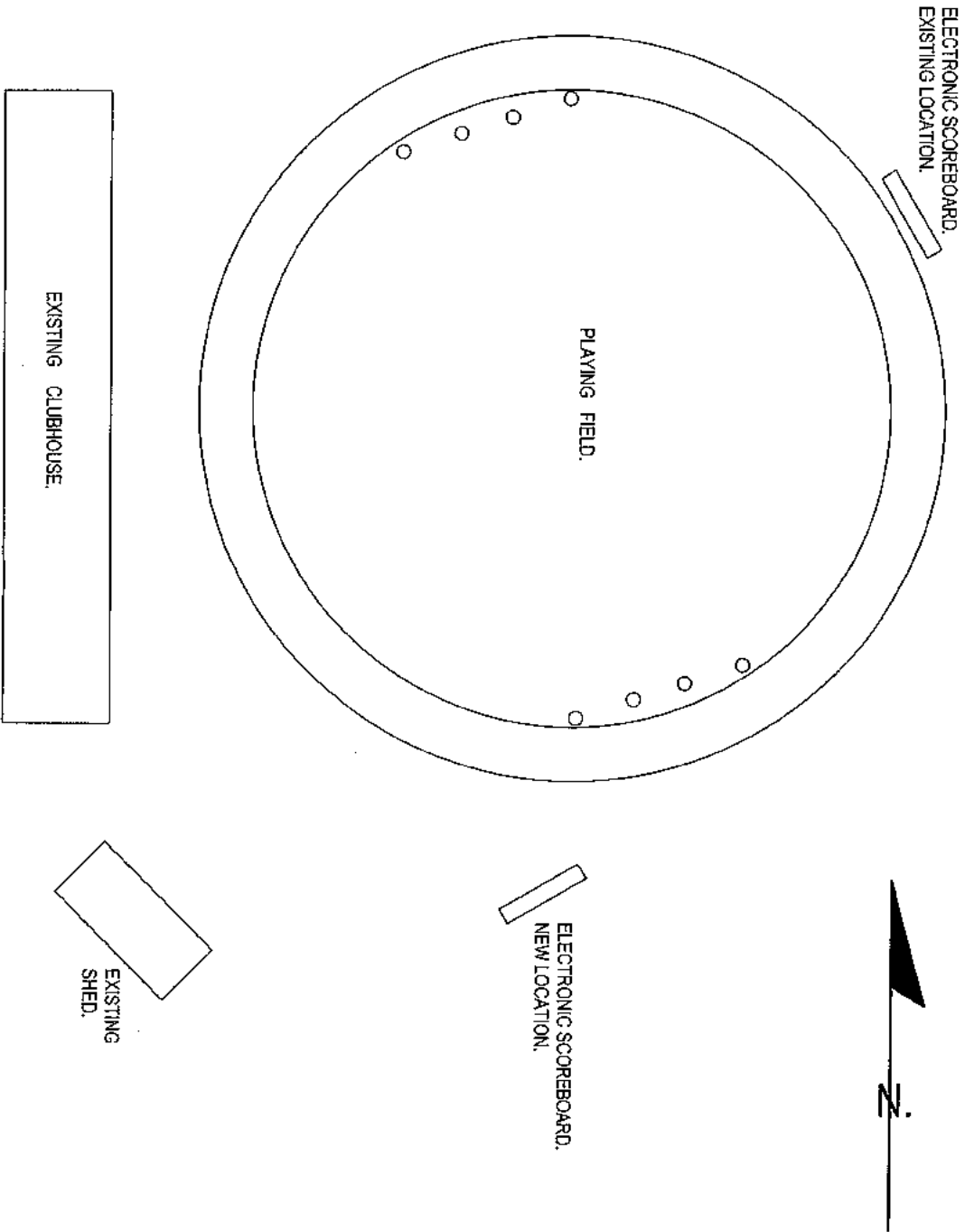


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