

5.2. CORONATION PARK - FIELD RELOCATION 2019

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DEPARTMENT People and Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Rescinds the Council resolution made on 28 June 2016 to relocate the rugby league playing field at Coronation Park.**
- 2. Delegates authority under Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any and all matters associated with the above matter.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Coronation Park rugby league field relocation was approved in an Ordinary Council Meeting 28 June 2016. The conditions of the resolution have not been completely met. Coronation Park is utilised by a number of clubs and not for profit organisations inclusive of the Mossman Sharks Rugby League Club. The number of users of the facility has grown since the field relocation was approved Council has since allocated funding to masterplan Coronation Park. Moving the field could minimise future development options and could increase the risk to the community.

BACKGROUND

A proposal by the Mossman Sharks made to relocate the rugby league field which forms part of Lot 92 or SR81, Grogan Street, Mossman was approved during the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 June 2016, at which Council resolved that the field could be moved subject to the following conditions.

detailed site plan, drawn to scale, must be provided to Council and endorsed by the Manager Infrastructure prior to commencement of works. The site plan is to detail:

- i. the existing and proposed new location of the playing field;*
 - ii. existing buildings and structures, including lights, and any proposed relocation of same;*
 - iii. the location of all existing trees; and*
 - iv. proposed changes to the perimeter fence of the oval.*
- b. An estimate of the cost of the proposed works and evidence that the Club can meet these costs, must be provided to Council prior to commencement of works.*

- c. *Existing vegetation on the subject land must be retained and adequately fenced off for protection purposes prior to and during construction work.*
- d. *Fences are to comply with the relevant Australian Standards prior to commencement of use of the playing field.*
- e. *Fence setbacks are to comply with the National Rugby League Preferred Facility Guidelines for Grassroots Rugby League 2014 prior to commencement of use of the playing field.*
- f. *Fences that are damaged or relocated as a result of construction activities are to be replaced or repaired at the Club's cost and to the satisfaction of the Manager Infrastructure prior to commencement of use of the playing field.*
- g. *Relocation of fences must not detrimentally impact use of the Mossman Showground for other events or by other current users.*
- h. *Relocation of the playing field is to have a no worsening effect on the current existing light lumens. No additional luminaires are to be placed on existing light poles.*
- i. *In the event that any part of the existing electricity infrastructure or Council's existing sewer or water infrastructure is damaged as a result of construction activities occurring on the site, the Club must notify Council immediately of the affected infrastructure and have it repaired or replaced at the Club's cost, prior to commencement of use of the playing field.*
- j. *All initial and ongoing costs, associated with the relocation of the playing field, including adjustments to floodlights, are to be borne by the Club. There is to be no increase in scheduled maintenance costs to Council.*
- k. *A robust risk management plan is to be provided to Council by the Club's contractor engaged to coordinate the relocation of the playing surface prior to commencement of the works.*
- l. *Council will not be responsible for any increase in ongoing maintenance costs as a result of the relocation of the playing surface. All identified costs will be billed to the club on a monthly basis.*
- m. *Council takes no responsibility for the satisfactory outcome of the project and will not contribute financially to any rectification works resulting from this project.*

To date the Mossman Sharks Rugby League Club has not been able to produce evidence that all conditions have been met. A sufficient detailed plan has not been produced to scale. Measurements, trees and electrical structures were excluded from the plan. Evidence that the club can meet any costs associated with the field relocation has also not been supplied.

The Mossman Sharks Rugby League Club does not have a lease in place for Coronation Park.

In June 2019 Douglas Shire Council has allocated \$50,000 in the 2019-2020 Annual Budget for master planning Coronation Park. Master planning will assist Council in obtaining future funding for the facility and therefore upgrade the facility.

COMMENT

The masterplan of Coronation Park will map current use and infrastructure as well as map future use of the facility for sports and community events. Moving the field would reduce planning options with the move being permanent. The sports field is being moved to be closer to the Sharks Rugby Clubrooms, a Council building which is aged and in need of replacement into the future. The masterplan will create grant opportunities for the future development which may include a new club room for the Sharks Rugby League Club which could be positioned into a more suitable area.

If the field is moved, the safety of the players and other users of the field could be placed at risk with electrical structures within the playing field run off. The recommended playing field run off is detailed in the National Rugby League Preferred Facility Guidelines for Grassroots Rugby League 2014.

The field relocation would have a major effect on the lighting of the field and it would be necessary to upgrade the existing light infrastructure. The cost of upgrading the lighting of the field would cost \$380,000. This upgrade may not have the appropriate capacity in the future masterplan designs.

On 2 August 2019 Mr Jason Fasano sent a letter to Mayor Julia Leu advising of his frustrations in this and requesting Council consider two options of 1) completing the works to relocate the field in conjunction with the master plan or 2) reimburse the Mossman Sharks Rugby League Club \$2,600 for the work in the sketch plans that were provided for the relocation project.

PROPOSAL

The proposal is for Council to

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2. Delegates authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any and all matters associated with the above matter.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial resource implications should Council rescind the resolution to relocate the rugby league playing field.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There will be no risk management implications should Council rescind the resolution to relocate the rugby league playing field.

There is an increase in risk to be public if the field is relocated due to electrical structures being within the field rugby league run off area.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: Nil

Environmental: Nil

Social: Nil

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

Goal 1 - We will celebrate the diversity of our community and ensure that all infrastructure, programs, and services are underpinned with inclusiveness and accessibility.

Goal 2 - We will deliver programs and services that protect and enhance the liveability of our beautiful Shire.

Goal 3 - We will develop programs that promote health, well-being and safety in the community.

Theme 2 - Fostering Sustainable Economic Growth

Goal 1 - We will build appropriate infrastructure and deliver services that connect and support businesses.

Theme 4 - Inclusive Engagement, Planning and Partnerships

Goal 2 - We will develop forward looking strategies for the future of our communities and we will ensure balanced and appropriate planning decisions.

Theme 5 - Robust Governance and Efficient Service Delivery

Goal 3 - We will make sound financial decisions by ensuring robust strategic planning, financial management and reporting.

Operational Plan 2019-2020 Actions:

1.1.1 - Implement the Community Facilities Revitalisation program.

1.2.1 - Develop open spaces principles and guidelines.

1.2.2 - Implement the Open Spaces Renewal and Revitalisation plan.

1.3.2 - Develop a Sports and Recreation strategy.

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:

Custodian Council owns and manages infrastructure, facilities, reserves, resources and natural areas. In fulfilling its role as custodian, Council will be mindful of the community, the economy, the environment, and good governance.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Peter Logan – Coordinator, Public Spaces
Mark Halstead – Technical Officer Building Facilities

External: Alastair Hart, Director, Mangoes Mapping.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil until master plan process commences

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Ord Mtg 28 06 16 to Sharks club relocate field [5.2.1 - 3 pages]
2. Reason for moving field and plan of proposal relocation of rugby field from Mossman Sharks Club [5.2.2 - 4 pages]
3. Field relocation mapping [5.2.3 - 6 pages]

OUR REF: 778576

29 June 2016

Mossman-Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Football Club
PO Box 230
MOSSMAN QLD 4873

Attention: Mr Jason Fasano

Dear Sir

**RELOCATION OF RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYING FIELD
CORONATION PARK, MOSSMAN**

Reference is made to the request (Council document references 426610 and 764900) and subsequent deputation to Council on 26 April 2016 regarding a proposal to relocate the rugby league playing field at Coronation Park (Mossman Showground).

The proposal was considered at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 June 2016, at which it was resolved that Council:

1. *Advise the Mossman-Port Douglas Sharks Senior Rugby League Football Club (the Club) that it gives in-principle support to the proposed relocation of the playing field at the Mossman Showgrounds, which forms part of Lot 92 on SR81, Grogan Street, Mossman, subject to the following conditions:*
 - a. *A detailed site plan, drawn to scale, must be provided to Council and endorsed by the Manager Infrastructure prior to commencement of works. The site plan is to detail:*
 - i. *the existing and proposed new location of the playing field;*
 - ii. *existing buildings and structures, including lights, and any proposed relocation of same;*
 - iii. *the location of all existing trees; and*
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- d. *Fences are to comply with the relevant Australian Standards prior to commencement of use of the playing field.*
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 - k. *A robust risk management plan is to be provided to Council by the Club's contractor engaged to coordinate the relocation of the playing surface prior to commencement of the works.*
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 - m. *Council takes no responsibility for the satisfactory outcome of the project and will not contribute financially to any rectification works resulting from this project.*
2. *Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to determine and finalise any and all matters associated with this request to relocate the playing field at the Mossman Showgrounds."*

Should you require any further information or assistance, please contact Michael Kriedemann, Manager Infrastructure, on telephone number 07 4099 9435 or by email at michael.kriedemann@douglas.qld.gov.au .

Yours faithfully

Joanne Jacobson
MANAGER GOVERNANCE

Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Football Club

PO Box 230

Mossman

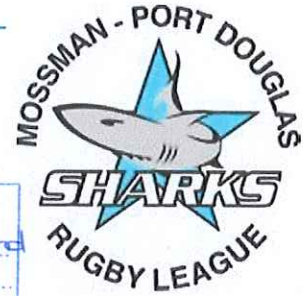
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| Information | 426610 SER copied ✓ |

Date: 2nd January

To – Douglas Shire Council

RE – Coronation Park; relocation of rugby league field

The Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club approached the council some time ago in relation to the above. We received correspondence back which asked us to get an acceptable plan drawn up and to explain the main reasons behind the wish to relocate the field.

Our club has engaged the service of a draftsman who has been able to do a plan for us which we hope shows the details you require. The plan is attached. If you have any queries on the plan or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

There are a number of reasons for moving the field and these are as follows:

1. At our home games, due to legally not being able to search cars, alcohol is snuck into the grounds and consumed in non-licensed areas. Due to some parts of the field being closer to the eastern side of the oval that is where the problem area occurs.

cc to Mayor & All councillors

2. We receive numerous complaints regarding older people not attending games any more due to the distance from the playing field. They simply cannot see this distance. This badly affects our revenue.
3. Moving the field closer to the grand stand and club house will enhance the whole experience of a rugby league game.
4. Moving the field will take a lot of extra work away from our small number of volunteers. It currently takes about 4 hours for 2 people to set up for the home games. With the field being closer to the clubhouse we estimate the setup times will be halved.
5. As mentioned above we strongly believe this will increase our revenue base by having more people around our club house. With the canteen takings being half of our estimated revenue and the cost of running a club always increasing (our insurance last year was over \$10 000.00 dollars) we really need this extra revenue to keep our club a float.

It is very important and we wish to stress these points again.

1. The entire project would be over seen by Martin McHugh from Kenmac Constructions, a council approved contractor.
2. Our club is not asking for any funds from the council however if you happen to be able to help in any way it would be appreciated.
3. No current infrastructure would have to be moved or relocated apart from what is marked on the plan. This being the western fence line and the show society's horse ticketing stand. Also

the northern and southern fence line would also be realigned to meet the rectangular shape of the field.

4. Our club sees no issues with the lighting however if this does arise our club is willing to move games to Sunday afternoon instead of Saturday evening.

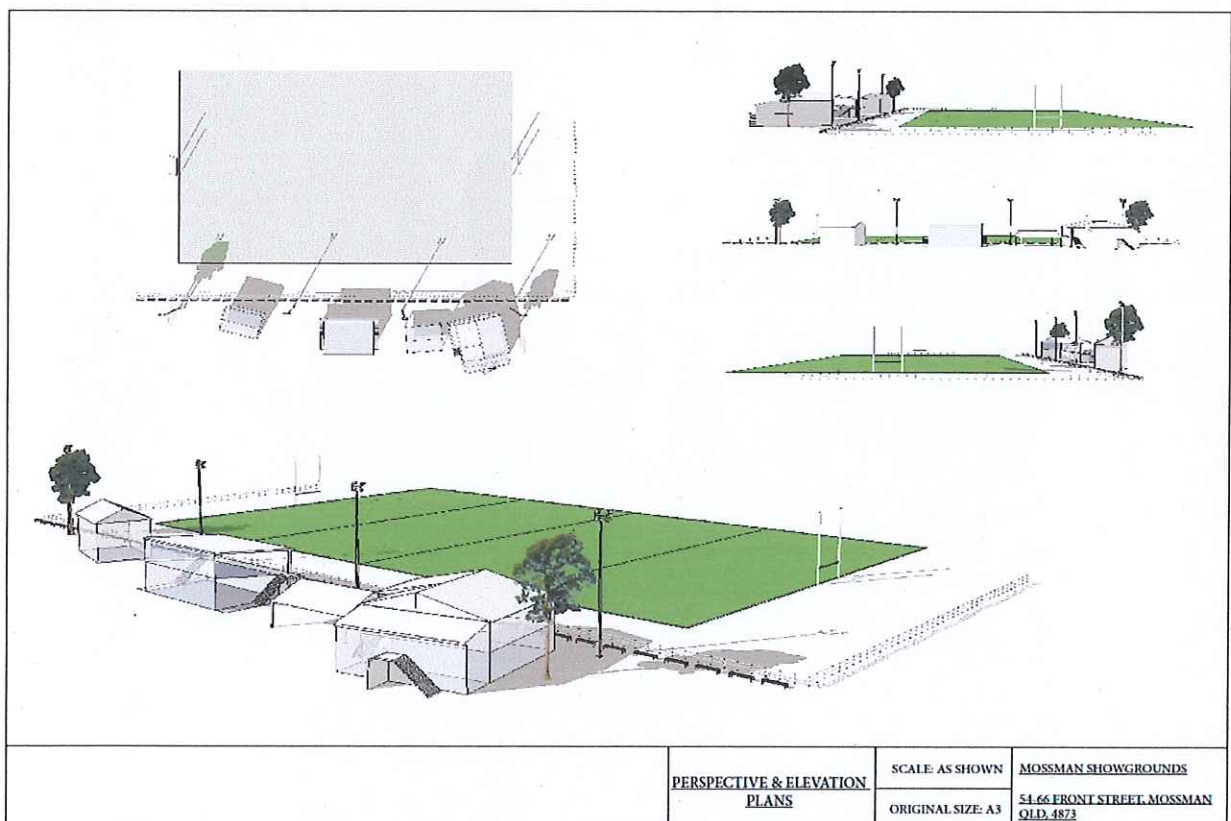
As the Cairns and District Rugby League season does not start till April, and we only have three home games between April and June, it would help our club enormously if the work could be completed by April. It is estimated that the work required will take one week.

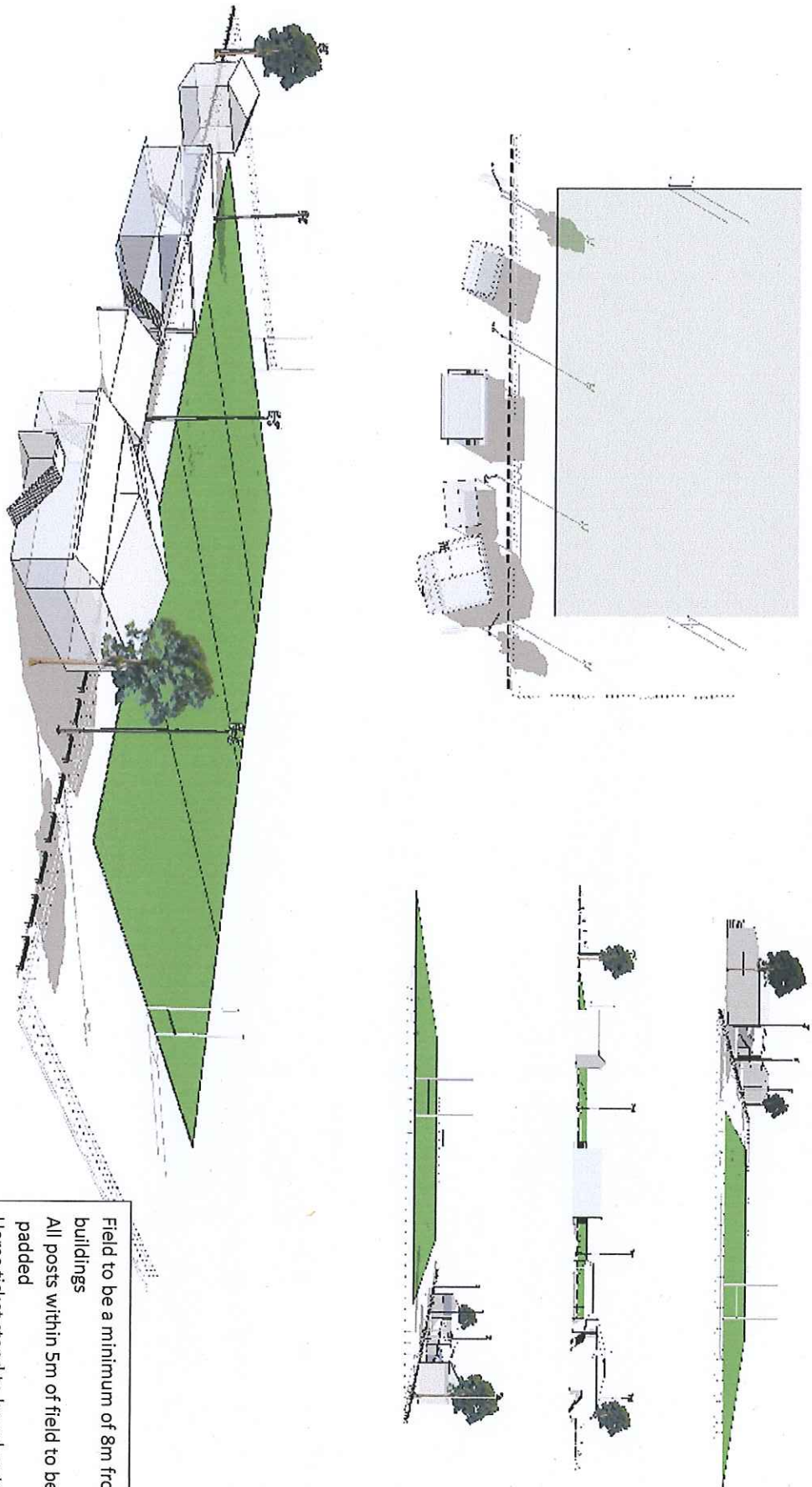
Looking forward to a favourable response.

Yours in Rugby League

Jason Fasano

Ph – 0427744 625



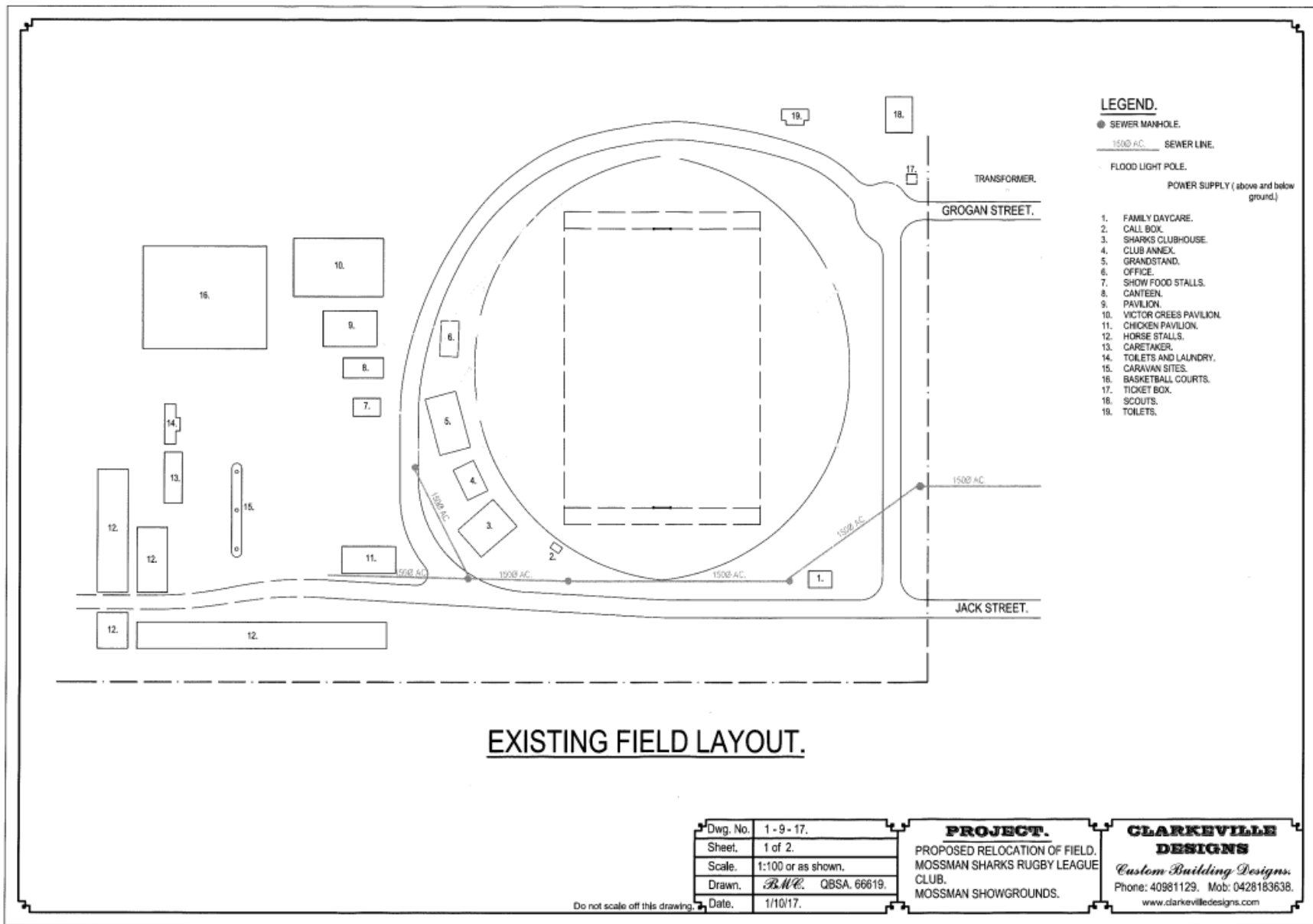


**PERSPECTIVE & ELEVATION
PLANS**

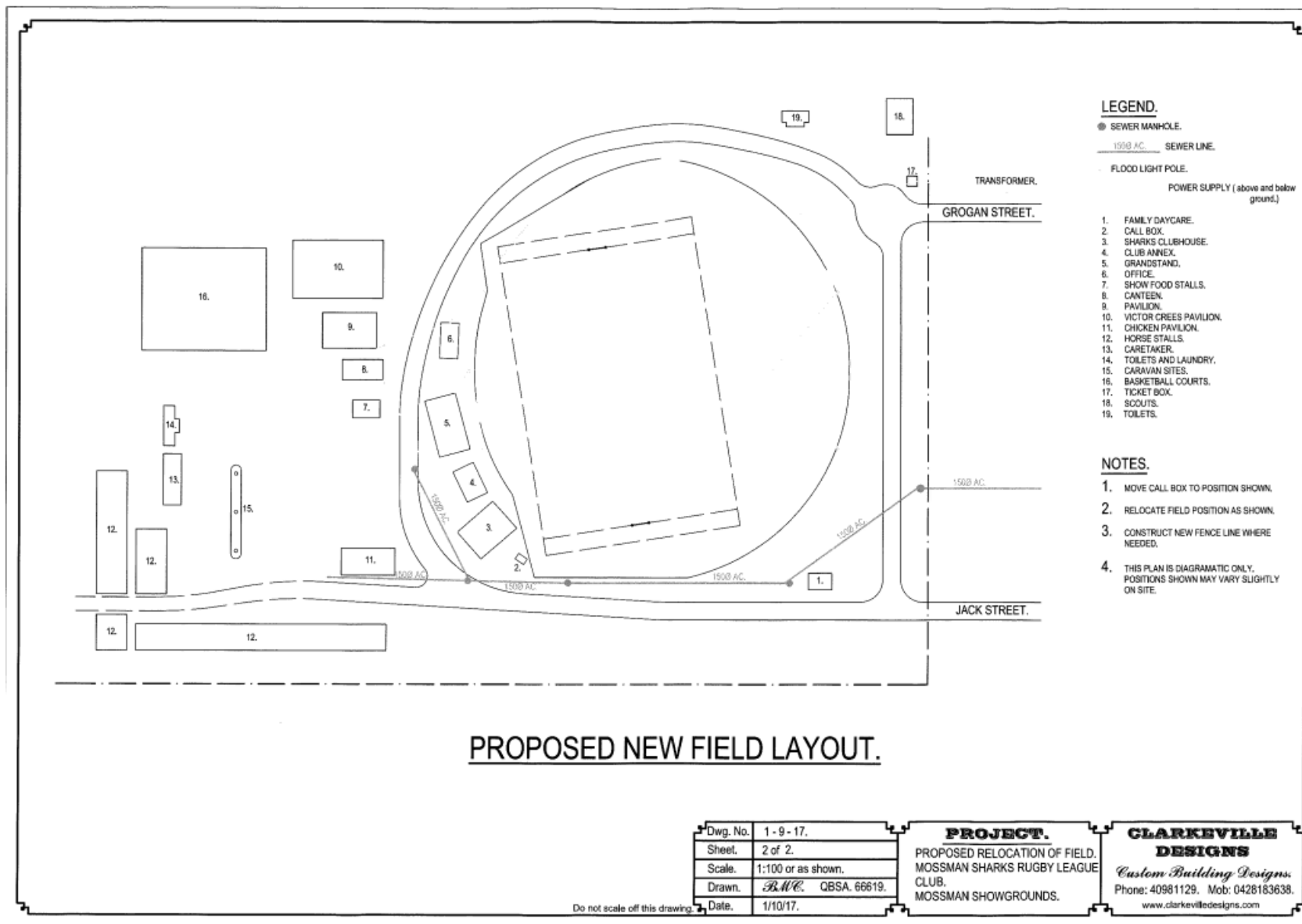
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| SCALE: AS SHOWN | MOSSMAN SHOWGROUNDS |
| ORIGINAL SIZE: A3 | 5466 FRONT STREET, MOSSMAN QLD, 4873 |

Field to be a minimum of 8m from buildings
 All posts within 5m of field to be padded
 Horse ticket stand to be relocated to new location

Exiting Field layout



Proposed Field layout

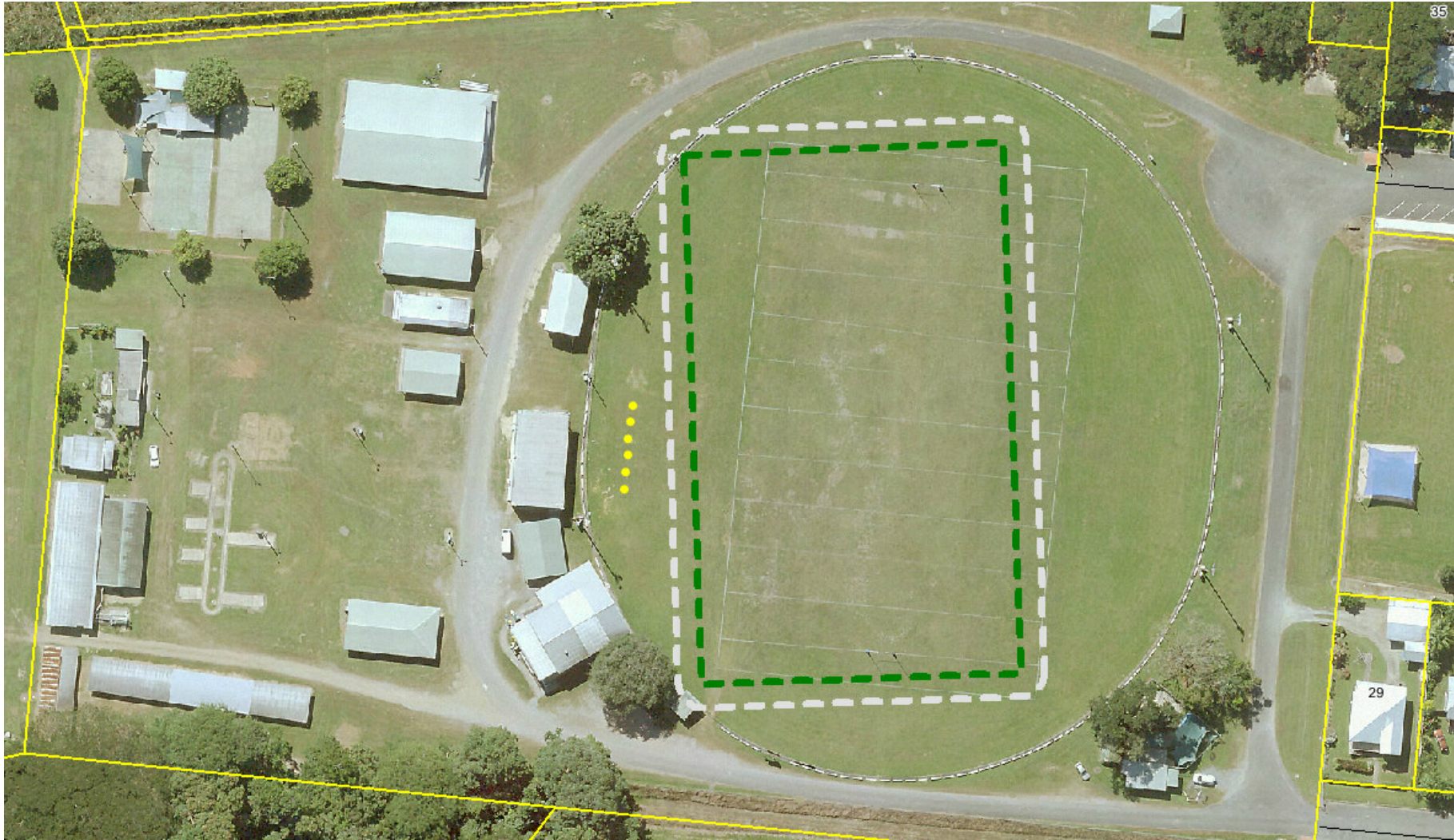


Engaging with a professional mapping consultant, maps were overlaid onto a satellite image. Unfortunately, the Sharks plan (previous) was not to scale and measurements were taken from the angles provided.



Proposed Field Layout

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Proposed Field Layout
Lighting structure in safety buffer



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