

Muchea Hall Redevelopment

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The Muchea Hall Redevelopment Project, now referred to as the Muchea Recreation Centre (MRC), has kicked off with the appointed Reference Group members meeting alongside Site Architecture Studio representatives to consider the site placement of the new building.

The original site proposed to Council by MHUG



ORIGINAL SITE POSITION

Negatives of this option:

- Doesn't allow activity space connection with the centre of activity on the oval – it is off to the side and potentially worse off than the original hall.
- Very limited opportunity to build an outdoor spectators area due to level changes and the boundary of the oval.
- Disjointed / disconnected from Netball and playground.
- Limited opportunity for future development of the site or building extensions.

In summary, there are some serious constraints with the position of the building that doesn't exploit the full benefit to all users.

PREFERRED SITE POSITION

Site Architecture Studio proposed this option as it provides:

- Centre viewing of the pitch and oval.
- Centre access to change rooms, emergency vehicle access, and kitchen/canteen.
- connects well with circulation of netball and oval sports, with the capacity for an internal function area that connects both playing areas.
- Allows the existing building to be retained until the end of the build.



As the preferred site location of the MRC Reference group, the following negatives will need to be considered.

- The removal of a netball court will require resurfacing works to the old court on the north end of the facility to ensure use of 3 courts. Netball will need 4 useable netball courts within the next few years to accommodate local competition through SMNA. With preference of 2 & 2 placement of the courts but this is not essential.
- Well established trees would be impacted by this decision. Potential for new planting to replace these.

Positives of this option:

- Could facilitate more parking at the entrance to the facility on the site of the existing hall. Also clear access for emergency vehicles to playing areas and change rooms.
- Opportunity to reposition the playground with visual connection for parents between activities and kids on the playground.
- Could envisage a covered walk way between the buildings, providing shelter and an activity space with connection to inside activities (bar/kitchen/toilets).