

FORESTVILLE HOCKEY CLUB & UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALL-WEATHER PLAYING SURFACE

Presentation to the City of Mitcham

19 September 2023



We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

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Introduction



Grant criteria

Grant Criteria

The Council in principle support and \$140,000 funding contribution is subject to meeting the following criteria:

- Appropriate engagement with local school community and local residents.
- Selecting an environmentally friendly artificial pitch.
- Forestville Hockey being granted access to Unley High School's on-site car parking.
- Council funding contribution is subject to Forestville Hockey Club being successful in receiving the remainder of funding to complete the project.
- Council notes that the Department for Education, Unley High School and Forestville Hockey Club acknowledge that given the development is on State Government Land, that Council will not be contributing to any ongoing operating costs associated with the project.



Project Benefits & Project Information

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Project Information, key reports:

- Dash Architects & sub-consultants – Concept Plans
- Alexander Symonds – Site Survey
- Rees Sports Lighting – Plan Plan
- URPS – Engagement Report
- GAMA Consulting – Stormwater Management Plans
- CIRQA – Traffic and Parking Report
- Landowner Consent Form



Project Benefits & Project Information

Overall Project Benefits:

- Increase participation & development
- Enhancing mental and physical wellbeing
- Improve accessibility
- Develop Community partnerships
- Provides Economic Benefits
- Responsible capital investment



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Unley High School Benefits

Access for physical education, organised student outdoor activities

Access for multiple sports (Netball, touch football, hockey, etc.)

All year-round use, when natural grass is not accessible

Opportunity to develop joint programs for the school & hockey

Promotes good health practices, improve physical & mental wellbeing

Forestville Hockey Club Benefits

Reduced travel distances for local members

Provides quality facilities to support children & youth participation

Home facility for the oldest hockey club in Australia

Provides a Premier League standard venue

Provide facilities in the Southeast promoting increase community participation

Family friendly facilities that support women's participation

Community Engagement

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Community Engagement & Information (Local community, school & residents) :

- **2021** - Public information about the project on the FHC website
- **2021** - Project rationale & initial concept plans publicly available
- Ongoing engagement with the school and school community
- **Early 2022** - FHC presented the proposed development) to both the City of Mitcham and the City of Unley by deputations to public meetings
- **February 2023** - the FHC wrote to Kingswood and Netherby residents (with 250m approximately 709 homes), introducing the project, provided FAQs & contact details.
- **June 2023** - FHC Project Steering committee members and UHS Principal provided an invitation to the resident's group to discuss how any improvements could be made
- **July 2023** – Formal Community consultation process was facilitated by URPS, with a dedicated website with project information and an online survey

Community Engagement

An Engagement Report has been prepared by URPS, which is attached to our report

A summary of the findings of the report, include but not limited to:

- There was a strong response to the survey, 662 responses in total.
- Of the responses, 69% of respondents were supportive, 28% were unsupportive of the project and 4% were neutral or did not respond to key questions.
- While overall there was support for the project it is clear some residents do not support the development.
- The survey highlighted concern, amongst some local residents, in areas which were anticipated by the FHC who have sought expert advice to address residents' concerns.

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Environmental Merits of the Pitch selection:

- **Artificial surface & Shock pad inputs** – significant components which are derived from recyclable materials or renewable inputs.
- **Recyclability of artificial surface** – Our pitch supplier/ us will have access to Australia first industry focus solution to recycle synthetic turf waste, will be fully operational in 2024.
- **Local Australian manufacturer**
- **Low energy light spill**
- **Minimising heat island effect** - through pitch colour selection and use of sand dressed surface.
- **Stormwater & filtration systems** – design to include additional filtration system to prevent materials (microplastics) from entering storm water

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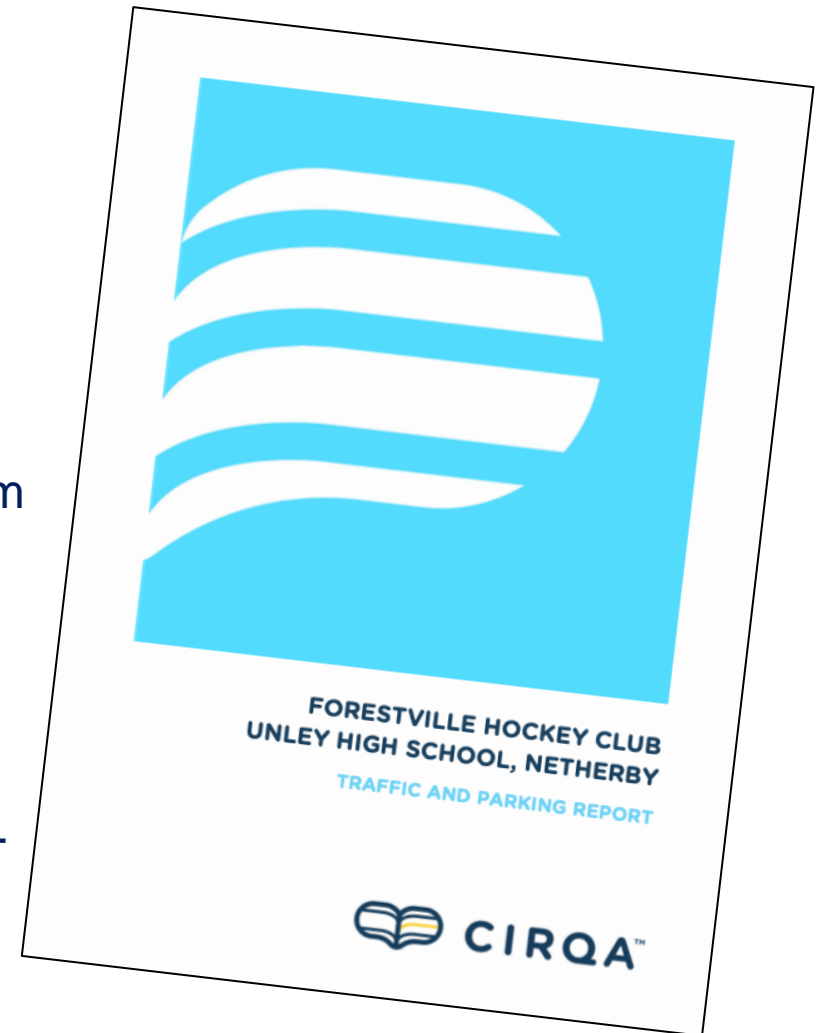
Indirect environmental benefits from the pitch including:

- Avoiding extensive use of water, fertiliser, chemical other inputs to maintain the existing natural turf
- It is anticipated that the expected **water reduction** by installing the synthetic pitch instead of maintaining a natural grass surface is approximately **6,906,600L per year**.
- Avoiding the environmental impact of significant out of district travel by residents of the City of Mitcham, and other southern suburbs, to train and play.
- The anticipated **reduction in carbon emissions** (based on a standard passenger car and SUV) for reduced travel by club members is between **17,140.5 – 18,898.5kg per year (171 – 188 tonnes** over a 10-year period).

Access to onsite car parking

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- The Unley High School has confirmed that Club members and visitors to the new pitch may use the School's car parks.
- The independent traffic report concludes that the maximum parking demand related to use of the new pitch can be accommodated in the school's on-site car-parking with any overflow parking being readily accommodated through on-street parking on Kitchener Street, when rarely required.



Access to funding

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- When the Club approached the City of Mitcham, we were working with a project budget of \$4M .
- The State Government has committed to and paid \$3 million in total to the club for the Project- these funds are current held in a dedicated bank account.
- The Federal Labor party committed to provide an additional \$1,120, 000 at the last election and, and we have been invited to apply for this funding through a non-competitive grant process.
- The club has submitted a grant application which, we believe demonstrates we fully meet the grant criteria, and we are now waiting for confirmation of the Federal Government grant. We anticipate receiving this within a month.



Thank you



QUESTIONS

