

# Kevin Richards Memorial Oval

## Community Engagement Summary

### 2010

- Workshop and investigation coordinated by the Karratha Community Association in regard to the Karratha Co-located Facility.
- Investigation conducted by UDLA and Josh Byrne & Associates and report produced.
- The City attended the workshops to understand the project and the community need.
- Attendees included Karratha Arts and Learning Centre, Rotary Men's Shed, Karratha Community Association – Community Garden Group and Artsource.
- Refer to Karratha Co-locate Community Facility: Opportunities & Directions Report, dated 18 February 2011.

### 2012

- Community garden group established and secured some space at Kevin Richards Memorial Oval to establish garden.

### 2014

- City met with Karratha Community Association, Rotary and Karratha Arts and Learning Centre to revisit Karratha Co-locate Community Facility report and the investigated sites.
- Richardson Way site favoured by the stakeholders due to the playground and space, low traffic and potential for community garden.
- Kevin Richards Memorial Oval favoured by the City due to the current infrastructure on site and synergies with the oval and Rotary Club. The pavilion to provide a reduction in construction costs for the co-located facility and community garden already established on site and progressing very well. Child Health Clinic potentially become available to allow a community group to use the building.
- After discussion about Kevin Richards Memorial Oval site, all stakeholders agreed that this was now the preferred site for the co-location facility.
- Millars Well Primary students use the green space, however they will still have full access to the oval for their activities in facilities are located at the green space.
- Storage for community groups are needed and Kevin Richards Memorial Oval has the space to accommodate a facility.

### 2015

- City Officers undertook further planning of Kevin Richards Memorial Oval

User	Feedback
Karratha Kats Football Club – Users of Kats clubrooms, Oval and pavilion change rooms (Shane Harris, Murray Levis, Chris Schilling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karratha lacks a dedicated football oval</li><li>• Kats look to extend clubrooms eastward (towards the oval) in the future</li><li>• No cricket pitch on oval</li><li>• No removable goal post sleeves</li><li>• The oval is currently lacking shade for spectators</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting upgraded to WAFL (West Australian Football League) standards</li> <li>• Do not want a redevelopment of Kats clubrooms – the facility was originally built by members 40 years ago</li> <li>• Large amount of storage required</li> <li>• Agree with formalising car park</li> <li>• Agree with punching through Teesdale Place to Tilbrook Close</li> <li>• Family-oriented area</li> <li>• Needs good emergency service access</li> <li>• Play Space to be close by to the clubrooms</li> <li>• Proposed location of change rooms (north of the clubrooms) is not desired by Kats Club due to the distance it will create between home and away change facilities. Preferred option is utilising current beer garden, or the existing hardcourts.</li> </ul>
Karratha Roosters Rugby League Club – Users pavilion change rooms and oval (Dallas Ellmers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running track replaced with oval to enhance functionality</li> <li>• Large amount of storage required</li> <li>• Larger play spaces for all ages</li> <li>• Play space for younger children – Possibly fenced</li> </ul>
Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service – Users of running track (Craig Watts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running track is a required facility</li> <li>• Not adverse to a relocation of the running track to elsewhere on site or in Karratha, provided a like-for-like facility is constructed (includes power, water, vehicle access, north/south orientation, storage, existing peppercorn lease conditions and a safe area for major hose tests)</li> </ul>
Karratha Community Association and Karratha Arts & Learning Centre – Future users of the Karratha Co-Located Facility (Stuart Otto, Judy Wright, Gary Slee, Rob Sleator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Millars Well Pavilion is the best site for the Karratha Co-Located Facility due to the synergies with the Oval, existing Community Garden and RSL</li> <li>• Storage is required for all groups</li> </ul>
Millars Well Primary School (Weston Jackson, Erin Smith)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not want to lose green space that students currently spend recess on</li> <li>• Are supportive of the Karratha Co-Located Facility project</li> </ul>
Other community groups interested in the use of NFP Offices/Meeting Spaces and Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilbara Multicultural Association</li> <li>• Karratha Soroptimists Group</li> <li>• Karratha Aeromodellers</li> <li>• Karratha Autumn Club</li> <li>• Koura O Ngakau Maori Culture Group</li> <li>• Alcoholics Anonymous</li> <li>• Karratha Community Association</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karratha Choir</li> </ul>
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## 2016

- Officers provided information to Karratha Community Association on status with funding applications.
- Applied for funding through the Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF to construct the Millars Well changerooms.
- Officers held a public meeting with Peta Mott (KCA), Gary Slee (Men's Shed/Rotary), Shane Harris & Murray Levis (Kats Club) and Gina Hipworth (KALC)
- To recap the group, it was highlighted the Opportunities Report for a 'Karratha Co-located Community Facility' was presented to the City by a number of community groups to create a 'community hub space' that included;
  - o KCA/Karratha Community Garden
  - o Rotary Men's Shed
  - o Karratha Arts and Learning Centre (KALC)
  - o ArtSource
- The groups came together and the City advised that a suitable site would be investigated. A number of options were presented to the group at the next meeting (10 March 2015) and the Millars Well Pavilion was agreed as the best possible location.
- To expand the capability of the pavilion building for KALC, new change rooms are required to be constructed.
- Council requested City Officers complete a whole-of-site master plan to ensure the change room location was the most appropriate, and this master plan was endorsed (April 2015) with the change rooms to be constructed next to the Karratha Kats clubrooms. The 2015 master plan aims to bring the oval facility to a WAFL standard.
- Officers have applied for external funding through Department of Sport and Recreation for construction of the change rooms for the past two years, with a third application being submitted in September 2016 – expected to be announced February/March 2017.
- Council have now budgeted the design and construction of the change rooms into the Long Term Financial Plan, and once funding is approved (via external, or Council), it will take approximately 12 months for design and construction of the facility.
- Once change room construction has been completed, the City will be ready to explore the next stage of works. That being the refurbishment of the pavilion for KALC.
- City has attempted to gain approval from Department of Education to allocate a portion of the oval (surplus land) for Men's Shed however to date, Dept. of Education has not agreed to this. Robin Vandenberg and Brendan Grylls are now in discussions with the Ministers Office.
- City agreed (at the meeting) to consider the possibility of a change room facility on the eastern side of the oval. At this time there is no commitment from any party that this will progress, it is for consideration only based on long term objective to bring oval to WAFL standard. Would require further consultation and input from other clubs.
- KCA to send proposal to City regarding interim storage sheds for NFP/Community groups, to be situated to the south of the existing basketball courts.
- Rotary are funding construction of the Men's Shed.
- Gary suggested that the Men's Shed will not be alcohol-focussed and that a purpose-built facility will be constructed.

- The City will look to create a like-for-like running track for the Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service at an alternative location when the time comes. Whilst discussions to date with KVFRS show they are supportive of the move (subject to getting a like-for-like track), this will be further explored and considered as the stages of construction progress. A carpark could not be placed on top of the running track due to below-ground infrastructure (such as hydrants and pumps) not being designed to cope with weight loads.
- Officer's will make contact with the group around March 2017 to give further update on the status of funding.

## 2017

- Karratha Community Association prepared funding application to construct the Community NFP Storage Shed.
- The City notified that the CSRFF funding application, for the Millars Well changeroom, submitted in 2016 was unsuccessful.
- Officers met with Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Pilbara manager Brendan to discuss the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund application for 2017. The advice received was to present the masterplan and show the greater benefits to the community and longer term outcomes.
- Officers updated the masterplan based on the changes and progress with some areas of the plan for Kevin Richards Memorial Oval site since 2015, further feedback received from the user groups of the site, annual sports and community surveys, feedback from Club Development Officer based on understanding having regularly met and attended many local sporting groups annual general meetings.
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User	Feedback
Karratha Kats Football Club – Shane Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved clubroom facilities and looking to expand the club into other sports will encourage greater participation in the off season and sustainably grow the club ie. cricket team in the summer has approximately 50 members</li> <li>• Currently the AFL and cricket users are the main patronage, however encouraging other sporting groups to use facility</li> <li>• Presently using the facility 25 hours a week however looking to increase the hours of usage in the future</li> <li>• Members are currently at Seniors 150 and Juniors 250-300 for the winter season</li> <li>• Outgrown current clubroom for the past 5-7 years without any local or state government support and has withstood the slowing economy</li> <li>• The grassed area at the front of the Kats building is currently leased to Kats Club on a 5-year lease expiring December 2018. The intention is to provide a 10 plus 10 lease</li> </ul>
Karratha Community Association (KCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided 2017-18 ACADS Millars Well Storage Shed proposal to the Community Engagement team with the cover letter noting how the project will contribute to the masterplan inclusive of the co-located facilities and services, proposed</li> </ul>

	<p>Men's Shed and the KCA's new home at the former Infant Health Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided update at August meeting about CSRFF funding application going to September Council regarding the redevelopment of Kevin Richards Memorial Oval</li> <li>• Supportive of the Men's Shed location as part of the co-location of facilities/services at Millars Well</li> </ul>
Karratha Roosters Rugby League Club – Dallas Ellmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved amenities at the oval and change rooms on site</li> <li>• Upgrade sports lighting</li> <li>• Undertake works for the masterplan sooner rather than later</li> </ul>
Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (KVFRS) – Craig Watts, Klinton Flood, Luke Mitchinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running track is a required facility for training purposes and future competitions</li> <li>• Liaise with Department of Fire &amp; Emergency Services in regards to the lease</li> <li>• 21 years lease and will expire 2024</li> <li>• Supportive of masterplan as long as current track can be relocated off site to an appropriate site or re-orientated in a south to north direction and retain a run-off space</li> <li>• Nickol Bay Bush Brigade 2017/18 20 members</li> <li>• KVFRS 36 members for 2017/18</li> <li>• Track is used on average once a month by each unit (2 per month total) for training purposes. Pit is also used for hard suction training (ie. drafting water) and the hydrant tunnel is used for confined space rescue training. Track as used two times per year for hose pressure testing</li> <li>• Asfalt track has two lanes with start and finish lines, together with lines dependent on the type of race being run</li> <li>• Existing pump is currently offline and fire truck is being used in the interim</li> <li>• Support the proposed changes elsewhere within the master plan and the track being reorientated</li> </ul>
Community Groups providing letters of support for the Community NFP Storage Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilbara Multicultural Association</li> <li>• Soroptimist International</li> <li>• Apex Club of Karratha</li> <li>• Lions Club Dampier Karratha</li> <li>• Rotary Club Karratha</li> <li>• Karratha Community Garden</li> <li>• WA Football Commission</li> <li>• Karratha Community Association</li> <li>• Karratha Arts and Learning Centre</li> <li>• Karratha Dampier Ladies Darts Association</li> <li>• North Pilbara Football League</li> </ul>