

Tuffins Lane Sporting Precinct Drainage Improvements

Timeline

-  **October 2022** Councillors resolved to purchase TLSP
-  **December 2022/January 2023** Council purchased the TLSP
-  **March 2023** Councillors seek public feedback on inclusion of drainage design work in the OP2324
-  **21 April-21 May 2023** Draft Operational Plan on public exhibition; Tuffins Lane Sporting Precinct drainage improvement detailed design included in OP2324 consultation
-  **June 2023** TLSP drainage consultation included in OP2324 report to OCM for consideration for inclusion in the OP2324

Tuffins Lane Sporting Precinct (Tuffins Lane) supports local sporting needs including touch football, cricket, and oztag in summer; football in winter; school games and events. The availability of this facility also delivers more than **\$13 million** per annum to our local economy by hosting major events.

Following the purchase, many stakeholders advocated for immediate investment in a system to improve drainage for the Tuffins Lane fields. **Councillors are seeking community feedback on whether to include \$200,000 for design work in the draft 23/24 Operational Plan**, which is currently on public exhibition.

Drainage Improvement Works

The site has several environmental constraints and is largely impacted by wet weather due to the lack of drainage. To ensure the facility is fit for use for both the local user groups and future events, there are several actions needed before any work can be undertaken on the site.

The initial step is to engage a consultant to undertake a detailed design for the drainage solution. This will cost **\$200,000** and take between 3-6 months to complete.

Subsequent activities could take up to 2 years to complete, with a construction cost of around **\$3.1 million**. Other works include:

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Development Application
- Procurement
- Electrical upgrade
- Construction

Even with the most effective drainage system in place, Tuffins Lane fields will still be subject to closures in wet weather where there is 75mm of rain per day.

Have Your Say

The detailed design for drainage improvements is not included in the draft OP23/24. Please let us know if you consider this a high community priority and should be considered as part of the OP23/24 funding allocations.

You can do this by completing the draft OP23/24 survey where we have included a question on Tuffins Lane.

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