



From sand pits to sporting facilities

Transforming Perth's outer suburbs into more liveable communities

The Problem

Seventy-five per cent of Perth's population growth is occurring in the outer metropolitan communities, and yet these communities have very few major sports facilities.

Families living in these communities often face long commutes to and from major sporting precincts. Many of these families will simply forgo the active recreation opportunity in the face of these travel costs. Due to a lack of sporting facilities, many of our communities are entrenched into a pattern of disadvantage and denied the access to public open space and sporting facilities. Residents are then further disadvantaged with higher rates of obesity and a range of other lifestyle issues and associated risks.

There are too many district sports facility projects that have sat on plans for years. Many other precincts lack key facilities. A lack of funding will doom them for years to come to remain just blueprints. That is why we have come together to advocate for change.

Who are Growth Areas Perth and Peel?

Growth Areas Perth and Peel (GAPP) comprises of 11 outer metropolitan Perth councils representing more than 50 per cent of Perth's population. This is one of the largest collaborative projects ever pursued by local governments in Western Australia.

GAPP aims to improve the liveability and desirability of Perth's outer metropolitan communities through the development of a dedicated special purpose fund for sport and recreation facilities.

What are GAPP trying to achieve?

The lack of major sporting and recreation facilities in Perth's fast-growing outer suburbs has unified the local governments to lobby the Federal Government for a contribution of up to \$350m for a special purpose fund.

The fund will enable the WA State and Local governments to collaborate and build major outer metropolitan sporting facilities. Complementary investments from GAPP Members, the State Government and development contribution schemes would also be made to the fund.

With a cap of \$30m for any individual project from the fund, there will be sufficient funds to build the precincts over the next six years. The special purpose fund would not only develop much needed sporting facilities, but result in significant job growth and creation, and provide a major economic injection into local and WA economies.

Benefits to the Community

These facilities will be used by the wider community including seniors, veterans and families who will all benefit from easy access to recreational facilities. For our senior and veterans specifically, this means remaining connected to the community through active and healthy lifestyles.

Sport and recreation bring communities together and provide a safe and welcoming environment for new members of the community. For many residents with migrant backgrounds, recreational facilities play an instrumental role in making new friends and getting to know their community.

The fund would not only assist to fight rising obesity levels but give kids from Perth's outer suburbs the same access as those from Perth's established communities to high quality sporting facilities and training to help them aim for and fulfil sporting dreams.

The development of the facilities would also provide homes for many local sporting clubs and organisations and become much needed community hubs.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Alkimos Regional Open Space**
\$50 million
(City of Wanneroo)
- Butler North District Open Space**
\$22 million
(City of Wanneroo)
- Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex**
\$6.5 million
(City of Wanneroo)
- Ellenbrook Indoor Leisure Centre**
\$50.2 million
(City of Swan)
- Don Dixon Reserve**
\$30 million
(City of Cockburn)
- Canning Vale Regional Sports Complex**
\$115 million
(City of Canning)
- Ray Owen Reserve**
\$18 million
(City of Kalamunda)
- Sutherland Park Reserve**
\$119.6 million
(City of Gosnells)
- Armadale Regional Recreation Reserve**
\$114.9 million
(City of Armadale)
- Serpentine-Jarrahdale Regional Sporting Complex**
\$75 million
(Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale)
- Baldivis District Sporting Complex**
\$56 million
(City of Rockingham)

GROWTH AREAS PERTH AND PEEL IS AN INITIATIVE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNCILS



"In 2011, outer metro communities accounted for just 60 per cent of Perth's metro population growth. By 2050, they will account for almost 70 per cent of the metro population growth."

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