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CONSTRUCTION TENDER

As we lodge the DA for assessment, we will invite interested and suitably resourced parties to tender for the construction of this facility. To address some of the potential issues with building timeframes in King Island weather and with King Island freight, we're also inviting pre-fab and modular builders to tender for this project. We'll choose the successful builder based on their price, quality, and ability to plan for the various risks and obstacles of building and shipping to King Island. You will see the tender advertised during October and the outcome will be decided by Council in December 2023.

OUTDOOR COURTS

While much of the conversation and work to date has focused on the new gym and wellbeing facility, the grant deed requires us to also resurface some of the existing outdoor courts at the Currie Oval precinct. And our community has told us loud and clear that this is an important part of the project for them! Over October and November we will be engaging with specialist suppliers to determine just how much we can do with the money we have available. We'll provide an update in November 2023.

COUNCIL OWNED AND OPERATED

Council has determined that the best way to make this facility work for the entire community is to operate it directly, rather than leasing the building to a single company or organisation. The next step in confirming this approach is making a recommendation to Councillors that this model be reflected in the FY2024-25 operating budget. This recommendation will be put to an open Council meeting before Christmas 2023.

As Council pursues this approach, we are mindful of the services already offered on the Island through private businesses and community groups and seek to complement, not compete with these.

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION READY FOR LODGEMENT

The project team have prepared a Development Application package which will be formally submitted to Council for assessment this week. Once the initial assessment is completed, the full package will be put on public exhibition and all members of the community and other stakeholders will be able to lodge representations around the detail of the plans.

The DA will be advertised in The King Island Courier and The Advocate, and you will also find a link on the Council website. If you want to be contacted directly when the DA is open for public exhibition, please contact our Growth & Strategy Manager, Helen Thomas, and you will receive a notification the same day that advert is in The Courier.

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FEB-22

Grant Deed executed. Project confirmed by Council.

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SEP-22

Consultant team engaged. Stakeholder consultation commenced. Concept design developed.

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SEP-23

Stakeholder consultation embedded and final design confirmed.

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DEC-23

Construction contract issued and timetable confirmed.
DA in place.
Council resolution on operating model.

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JUL-24

Fees & charges confirmed in FY2024-25 budget. Memberships and commercial user agreements available.

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NOV-24

Community Gym & Wellbeing Facility, including outdoor courts, open and in use.

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