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How did this project come about?	<p>The Central Coasts Open Space and Recreation Plan 2012 - 2022 identified that a number of underutilised and problematic grounds will be due for major asset upgrades and/or replacement in the short to medium term and that such replacement would not provide the same benefits as redirecting those funds to improving or establishing new grounds that do not face the same constraints. The plan concluded that relocating the users and facilities at Penguin Recreation Ground to a preferred location will sustainably meet a variety of sport and recreation activities over the long-term. The Dial Sports Complex Master Plan 2013 identified that its redevelopment can integrate the current users of Penguin Recreation Grounds with the existing users of Dial Sports Complex to increase the standards available for these sporting codes and their spectators. The development will also provide improved facilities and opportunities for a number of other potential sport, recreation and community users to be determined throughout the project, ensuring the facility will meet the growing needs of the area.</p>
When will construction start?	<p>Preliminary Design for the project will be completed by the end of 2015 and detailed design planned for early 2016. Construction will be staged with the two sports ovals and access road to commence mid-2016 and the remaining facilities such as the shared pavilion, car park, irrigation, lighting and drainage works to be completed by the end of 2017.</p>
Why can't we continue to use Penguin Recreation Ground into the future?	<p>Many of the facilities at Penguin Recreation Ground are due for renewal/replacement within the next 10 years. If the facilities at Penguin Recreation Ground are continually utilised beyond their due replacement in 10 years, the public and the Council will be exposed to unnecessary risk of injury and/or deterioration of facilities. Renewal of the facilities once the 10 years has been reached would not provide the same benefits as redirecting those funds to improving or establishing new grounds that do not face the same constraints. The ground is also substandard in size to adequately cater for football and cricket.</p>
How will this project be funded?	<p>The project is estimated to cost over \$6.5 million with funds to come from the Council's budget, the sale of surplus land, loan borrowings and external grants. The surplus land has been identified east of the Dial Sports Complex and will be prepared for sale to help fund the improvements.</p>
What happens if the Council isn't successful in obtaining a grant to fund the project?	<p>There are a number of potential funding programs where the Council will be eligible to apply for all or parts of the Dial Sports Complex Development. The Council is confident that the demonstrated need for the project and the robust process being undertaken will lead to a successful application. However, if the Council remains unsuccessful with external funding then separate funding strategies will be pursued.</p>

<p>Doesn't Crown Land and Education Department own part of the land? What does this mean for the project?</p>	<p>Yes, part of the land proposed for redevelopment is owned by Crown Land and the Education Department. Preliminary discussions have been held with representatives from the Department of Education and support for the project has been expressed. Negotiations with the land owners will commence as soon as possible to prevent any delays to the project.</p>
<p>How can I share my thoughts on this project?</p>	<p>All stakeholders will be notified of their opportunities to share their views through local media, social media, flyers and postcards, the Council's website or direct mail. Opportunities for stakeholders to share their views will include workshops, meetings or community forums, pop-up displays in public spaces, in writing and online. Visit www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au to find out more details.</p>
<p>As a club or community organisation how do we get to use this new facility at the Dial Sports Complex?</p>	<p>New users of the facility will be considered on a submission basis. A management model for the facility will be developed in parallel with the design phase. If you are a club or community organisation that is interested in becoming a user of the Dial Sports Complex, make this known to your governing body, sporting code regional coordinator or write to the Council expressing your interest. Also ensure that your views on facility requirement needs are shared during the community consultation. Find out how to comment and when by visiting www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au</p>
<p>What is a Master Plan?</p>	<p>A Master Plan is a long-term planning document that outlines a vision to guide growth and development. The Dial Sports Complex Master Plan 2013 provides guidance on how the complex will be developed over seven years to meet the needs of the community into the future.</p>
<p>What is a Concept Plan?</p>	<p>A concept plan provides a scaled drawing of the project area, proposing layout and suggest works. The concept plan is a design concept only and cannot be issued for construction but is often used to obtain a high level cost estimate for the project.</p>
<p>What are Schematic Designs?</p>	<p>Schematic Designs are more detailed than concept plans and may consist of approximate floor plans/field dimensions, simple elevations, quick 3D views and general location of lighting, field goals, car park spaces, doors, windows etc. Schematics designs will help people visualise what the redevelopment will look like once completed and can provide a more detailed cost estimate.</p>
<p>What are Detailed Designs?</p>	<p>Detailed designs outline every detail of the final facility to be constructed. They can guide a more realistic cost for a project and are used to seek tenders for the construction. The company that is awarded the contract for construction is able to use the detailed design documentation to build the facility.</p>

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