

7th July 2010

Open Letter
Bombay Community

Dear members of the Bombay community,

As trustees of the Bombay War Memorial Sports Grounds Trust we have recently considered what the future holds for our community's sport and recreational services and facilities.

In considering the future we are mindful of the large number of independent sporting clubs and community groups and initiatives. We have recognised the crucial role of Bombay School and the ongoing demands placed on it. We are a growing community and over time demand for existing and additional sport and recreational facilities and services will only increase. As a result we would like to explore the viability of a new multisport complex.

We have recognised the issues associated with the pickup and drop off zone for the school, and how beneficial an underpass linked to a parking area could be. Fridays and Saturdays can also present traffic management issues. Land is often a constraint when contemplating such matters and we are aware that approx. 11 acres of land next to the existing rugby fields may be available for purchase in the near future. There will of course be other ideas and opportunities.

We also believe that any potential developments or plans will require the support of Council. We believe that Council will want to deal with a unified and organised community on such issues.

These are just a sample of some of the considerations that have given us cause to show some initiative.

We are of the view that we need to take a coordinated and collective approach to developing a plan for the future.

We are therefore proposing to form a working group consisting of a nominated representative from each of the existing rugby, netball and tennis clubs, a nominated representative from Bombay School, two representatives of other sports clubs / community groupings, three selected members of the community who add value and ourselves.

The working group will be focused on opening dialogue with the Council, consulting with the various stakeholders (i.e. existing clubs, school and other groupings) and wider community, assessing some potential options for the future and reporting back as part of a comprehensive process of consultation.

Copies of this letter and personal approaches have been made to the School, existing clubs (where practical) and Council.

The ultimate objective is a plan that has stakeholder, community, and Council buy in and support, is able to be funded and meets the sport and recreational needs of our community in the future.

In order to further understand this approach we are inviting members of the Bombay community to a meeting at the **Bombay War Memorial Hall on Monday 2nd August 2010 at 7.00pm.**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Introduction
2. Outline of proposal
 - a. Existing facilities and services – an overview
 - b. Interested parties
 - c. Land
 - d. Council
 - e. Examples of successful multi sports venues
 - f. Potential concept
3. Confirmation of Working Group
 - a. Makeup
 - b. Purpose
 - c. Key questions to answer
4. Next Meeting

We trust this letter finds you well and look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact one of us.

Kind regards

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Trustees of the Bombay War Memorial Sports Grounds Trust