



MSC 2025+

Club Infrastructure
and Development
Plan



Introduction

The Meckering Sporting Club Inc. (MSC) is a members based sporting club located in the central Wheatbelt town of Meckering. As of June 2025 the Club has a membership base of approximately 190, including ordinary (junior, sub-junior, adult, pensioner), country and life members.

Established in 1970, the Club has been a central part of Meckering's sporting and social landscape for over 55 years. The MSC Committee is committed to ensuring the Club remains a valuable asset to the community and continues to provide benefit to our members. To support this goal, the Committee has undertaken a forward planning exercise to identify key infrastructure and service priorities for the next 1 to 10 years.

2019 Investment Plan

In 2019, members were consulted on priorities for the Club over the short, medium and long-term. This process resulted in a list of proposed projects, which has guided the MSC Committee's efforts over the past six years. The following is a summary of progress made against these identified priorities.

Projects completed or partially completed

Project	Progress
Club Facilities	
Internal Acoustic Improvement Renovation (ceiling, wall cladding, carpet tiles)	New ceiling and new carpet in Club function space. Completed in 2019 as part of the REDS grant.
Diesel Generator for Emergency Power	The Shire of Cunderdin, DFES and Club funded the purchase and installation of a generator in 2025
External Door renovation (disability access)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New external doors installed in 2024. Funded by the Shire of Cunderdin.• Automated door installed to disabled toilet in 2025. Funded by the Club.
Playground fencing	The Shire of Cunderdin funded and organised new fencing in 2024/2025.

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Club Facilities	
Replace guttering and install rainwater tank & pump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain water tanks have not been installed. • Some guttering improvements have been made.
Carpets Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New carpet in Club function space in 2019. • New carpet in the office in 2024. Funded through the storm damage insurance claim.
Renew honour boards	A new honour board, which consolidates all sports and the Club committee, has been installed.
Club roof replacement	Completed in 2021 - 2022
Re-tile bar area	Bar has been re-tiled
Disabled toilet facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled toilet installed in 2023. Funded by the Shire of Cunderdin. • Concrete access to toilet, completed in 2024 and automatic door/sensor light installed in 2025. Funded by the Club.
Interior painting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen, hall to bathrooms, office and junior room painted in 2024 as part of a storm damage insurance claim. • Bar area and function space painted in 2019/2020. Funded through REDS grant.
Upgrade to secure entry keypads	Entry keypads have not been installed but the Club did fund the installation of CCTV in 2024.
Exterior Painting	Completed in 2019. Funded through REDS grant.
Toilet and bathroom facility renovation	New vanities were installed as part of the REDS grant in 2019, but a full renovation has not been undertaken
Playground furniture upgrade	New playground equipment was installed in 2022. Funded by Dowerin Events Management Grant and the Club.

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Commercial dishwasher for kitchen	A second hand commercial dishwasher was purchased in 2022
Club House	
Replace Kitchen	Kitchen was replaced in 2019.
Repair front veranda and stairs	Repairs were completed in 2019.
Renovate bathroom	Bathroom renovation completed in 2025. Although not planned, the house has also been painted throughout, and new carpets and vinyl were installed in 2024.
Sporting Facilities	
Hockey field Renovation	Hockey field renovation is currently being investigated
Hockey field lights	New lights were installed in 2024. Funded by the Shire of Cunderdin and Club – 50/50 contribution.
Synthetic greens on golf course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greens have not been changed but new tee-boxes were installed in 2025. This project was funded by a grant from GPG (solar farm). The Golf Club are replacing cups and flags in 2025. This is being funded by golf members and a CSBP grant.

Projects not progressed

Project	Reason not progressed
Install Solar Panels for Grid Connection through MSC facility	Insufficient funding/other priorities
Adult fitness outdoor equipment or gym within multi-purpose room	Insufficient funding/other priorities
Redevelop the old tennis courts into one or more uses	Insufficient funding/other priorities
Multi-Purpose Meeting/Function Room that can be accessed separately to the Club	Deemed to be unfeasible
Deep sewerage connection	Deemed to be unfeasible

Future Priorities

Through a comprehensive engagement process undertaken in mid-2025, the MSC Committee have identified and prioritised key infrastructure projects and member service improvements.

A Forward Planning Committee, comprising MSC Committee members along with the President and Secretary of each of the four affiliated sports clubs (hockey, tennis, golf, and bowls) was established to oversee this process.

Members of the committee gathered input from their respective sports groups and took part in a planning workshop held in late June. In addition, a member-wide survey was distributed in June 2025 to capture broader feedback from all club members.

The Forward Planning Committee reviewed and consolidated the input received through these mechanisms and prioritised the identified projects accordingly.

Priority ratings have been defined as follows:

- High Priority: 1 to 3-year focus
- Medium Priority: 3 to 5-year focus
- Low Priority: 5 to 10-year focus

Infrastructure Projects

Club Facilities (General)

Project	Priority	Justification	Possible Funding Sources
Establish a working group to investigate the feasibility of redeveloping the old tennis courts.	High	Underutilised asset with potential to add value for members	Corporate sponsorship (signs on fence) GPG solar Shire community grants
Install solar panels to club (main building and/or ancillary buildings)	Medium	Reduce electricity costs	Government subsidies GPG solar
Rainwater tank & pump	High	Emergency water supply, reduce water costs, reduce scheme water use	Department of Water & Environmental Regulation DFES
Leach drains	High	Poor drainage, increased load, structural deterioration	Shire annual budget allocations

Sporting Infrastructure

Project	Priority	Justification	Possible Funding Sources
BOWLS			
Bowling green reconstruction/ resurfacing	High	Existing surface nearing end of life Sub-base degradation Surface damage	Club reserves, Shire, CSRFF grant
Score board replacement	Low	Improved spectator/player experience	Bowling club fundraising/sponsorship
Bowling green lights upgrade	Low	Currently unable to fixture night games	Club Night Lights program
TENNIS			
Tennis Shed refurbishment	High	Functional improvements required Electrical and plumbing insufficient for user needs	Shire annual budget allocations Club reserves Tennis Australia infrastructure grants
Tennis court resurfacing	Low	Existing surface nearing end of life. Planning for replacement in the next 5 years is required.	CSRFF grant Tennis Australia infrastructure grants Club reserves Shire forward planning budget allocation
Tennis lights – upgrade of existing globes and lighting of additional courts.	Medium	Friday night is a good option for pennants but currently cannot fixture night games Only one court is lit.	Club Night Lights program Tennis Australia infrastructure grants
GOLF			
Indoor Simulator	Medium	Coaching opportunities All weather play New competition opportunities	Golf WA grants

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GOLF			
Driving nets	Low	Enhanced training/coaching opportunities for members	Golf club fundraising/ sponsorship
Toilet on course	Medium	Inclusiveness – encourage more women to play	Golf club fundraising/ sponsorship
HOCKEY			
Field re-surfacing	High	Field surface compromised due to poor drainage and run-off Soil structure not appropriate	Shire annual budget allocations Club reserves Hockey club fundraising/ sponsorship
Add additional lights to existing poles to cover dark areas.	Low	Improved visibility over whole field - new lights do not provide full coverage Opportunity to host night games	Hockey club fundraising/ sponsorship

Member Services

All members were invited to suggest additional events, activities, and programs that could enhance the Club's service offering. A variety of ideas were received and assessed using the following criteria:

- Member Interest – How likely are members to participate or find value in the activity?
- Membership Growth Potential – Could the activity attract new members or engage non-members?
- Revenue Potential – What is the potential for the activity to generate income for the Club?
- Volunteer Capacity – How feasible is it for volunteers to plan and deliver the activity?
- Overall Value – Taking all factors into account, how beneficial is the activity for the Club?

Based on these criteria, the Forward Planning Committee identified a number of activities that will be explored further for potential implementation:

- A summer sports festival
- Mid-week darts club
- Quiz night
- Junior bowls coaching (rookie rollers)
- Family fun barefoot bowls night
- Club tea members draw (win a club tea voucher)
- Mid-week pool competition
- Junior golf coaching

Other suggestions received were considered outside the scope of the Club Committee's core role but would be supported if a community member or group chose to pursue them. These included:

- School holiday program (in conjunction with the Cunderdin CRC)
- Craft group morning cuppa
- Jam night at the Club for local musicians
- Senior's night at the Club (for over 50's)
- Sip and paint night

Additional Recommendations

Some general recommendations for the Club Committee to consider moving forward are outlined below. These are aimed at strengthening operations, increasing engagement, and supporting long-term sustainability:

Member Communication and Engagement: Improve communication channels with members, such as regular emails and active use of social media to ensure members are informed and engaged.

Membership Growth: Promote membership opportunities through a flyer on the community notice board and a one-off mailbox drop. Develop an online membership form for ease of applying.

Diversify and Grow Revenue Streams: Consider new fundraising initiatives, sponsorship opportunities, or facility hire options to create additional income sources and improve the club's financial sustainability. Actively promote the Club as a venue for hire.

Expand Social and Community Activities: Introduce more social and informal events to encourage member engagement. Collaborate with members to identify and deliver additional sport-based activities—such as one-off events or short-season programs—with a particular focus on juniors, to help increase facility usage and attract younger participants. Ensure all events and activities are actively promoted to both members and non-members to maximise visibility and participation.