



# Officer Presentation

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**Mr J Bird, Manager Natural Areas & Parks**  
**Mr J Coten, Director Environment & Infrastructure**



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**Melville**

## Council Resolution

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council (OMC) held on 21 June 2022, the Council resolved the following:

• *“That the Council directs the CEO*

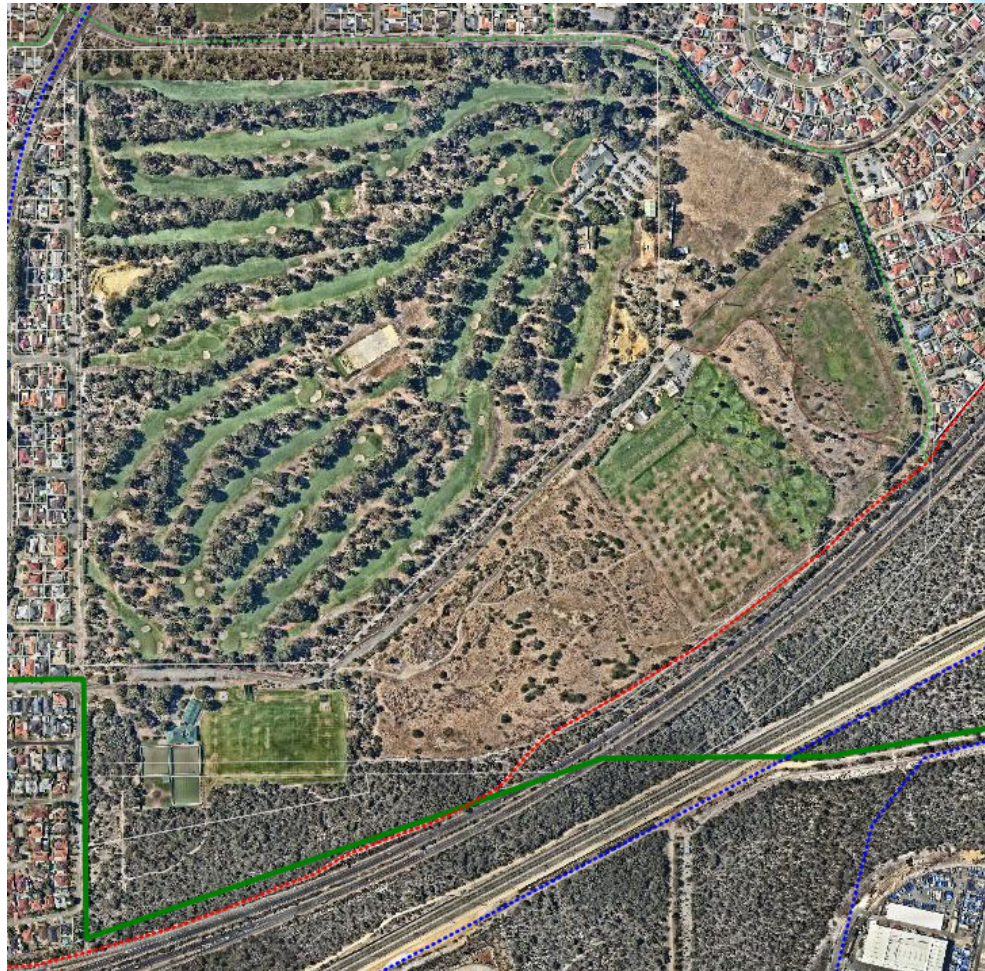
*1. to provide authorisation to the president of the Leeming Spartan Cricket Club to submit a vegetation clearing application for an area of 0.65ha to the east of the existing playing fields to accommodate the oval extension to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulations.*

*2. to advise the Clubs that it is the City's preference to work in conjunction with the clubs to manage the planning, design and construction works associated with the oval extension, should this proceed.”*

## Key Points

- The Leeming Spartans Cricket Club Inc. (the Club) submitted a clearing permit which was accepted by DWER on 14 August 2023.
- On 30 June 2025, the Club (as the applicant) and the City were advised by DWER that the clearing permit application was approved subject to a 21-day appeal process.
- There were no appeals in the 21-day period, and the official permit was granted on 21 July 2025.
- As part of the 2025-26 Annual Budget process, an amount of \$100,000 was requested to further detail the design and costs associated with of the sporting field extension and Clearing Permit.
- The Council would need to consider and approve the John Connell sports field extension project including detailed design, oval option analysis, construction methodology, implementation of the proposed offset revegetation and rehabilitation plan and funding arrangements for the project, including any clearing, to proceed. A report is planned to come to Council by April 2026

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# John Connell Reserve – Club Concept Design Proposal



## John Connell Master Plan



- Work commenced on the John Connell Master Plan in September 2022.
- Significant engagement has been undertaken to shape the current Master Plan which is currently on hold.
- Should Council resolve the Notice of Motion, a summary of the engagement will be included in the April 2026 report.
- The April 2026 report will include the engagement results of the scenario testing undertaken in relation to the options of extending the oval to accommodate the Club proposed sports oval extension and the creation of an oval on the former landfill site.
- To date, the Draft Master Plan has been put on hold due to:
  - Outcomes of the clearing permit process
  - A Council decision to proceed with the John Connell sports oval extension
  - A more thorough understanding of the remediation requirements (including costs) for the contaminated areas of the site to meet the vision of the Master Plan.

## Bushland Condition—December 2020



- Excellent – Purple
- Good - Green
- Degraded – Yellow
- Completely Degraded - Orange

# Ken Hurst Park

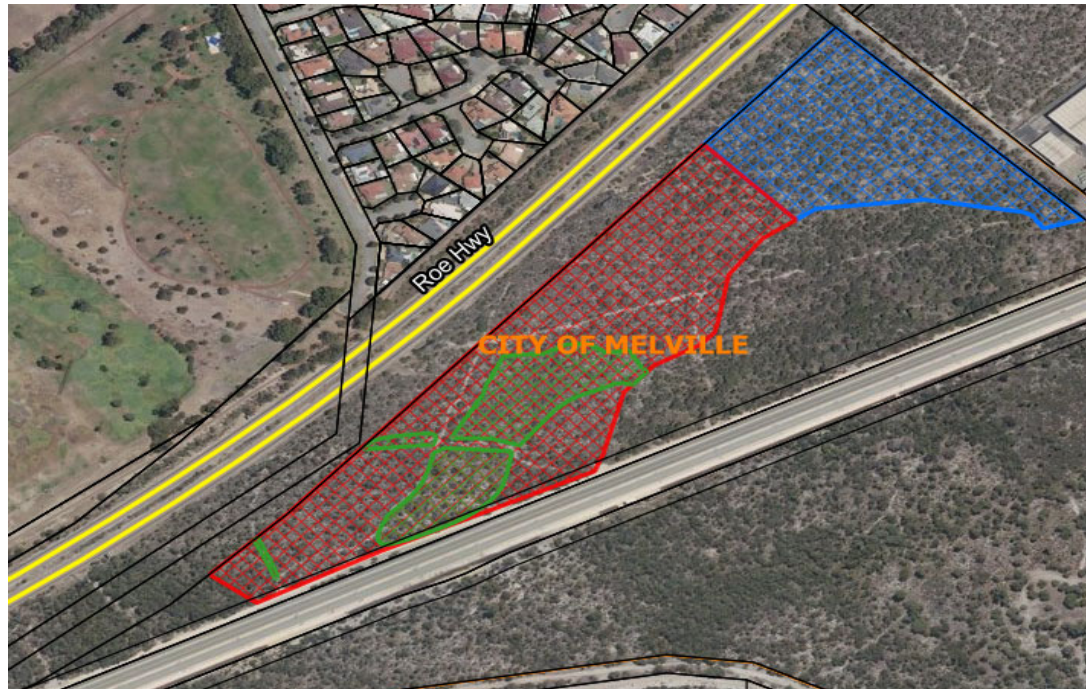


## Clearing Conditions

- The permit holder must commence work before 23 July 2027.
- Avoid, minimise, and reduce impacts and extent of clearing.
- The permit holder must take the following measures to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of weeds and dieback.
- The permit holder must commence construction activities no later than three (3) months after undertaking the authorised clearing activities to reduce the potential for wind erosion.
- The permit holder must conduct clearing activities in a slow, progressive manner in a single direction towards adjacent native vegetation to allow fauna to move into adjacent native vegetation ahead of the clearing activity.
- The permit holder must, within 12 months of the commencement of clearing authorised under this permit and no later than 23 July 2028, implement and adhere to the Ken Hurst Revegetation Management Plan



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- Weed Control

### Revegetation Area - 1.63 Hectares

- Planting or direct seeding
- 65,200 plants - Year 1
- 50,000 plants (Total) Years 2, 3 and 4
- 70% of seedlings planted to survive by the end of year 4

## Banked Area – 3.28 Hectares

- The condition is designed to allow the permit holder to rehabilitate an additional area in line with the *Ken Hurst Revegetation Management Plan* and bank it for potential future use as an offset, if desired.