

15. PARKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to advise of the progress on the Parklands Community Centre Project.

Bushnell Builders, the contractor awarded the Parklands Community Centre Project, although commencing the contract approximately four weeks late are well underway with the contract. The City Design Unit, overseeing the contract, advise that the contract is now one month ahead of schedule.

It is anticipated that the contractor will meet the completion date of early July 2001.

The delay in the commencement of construction was due to a proposed purchaser not meeting an understanding of the Parklands United Sports Club that the onsite prefab building (the Sports Club's clubrooms) would be removed by 1 November. Council officers assisted the Club to negotiate a satisfactory solution for the removal of the prefab to allow work to commence in December.

The majority of the tenants/users of the Community Centre have moved to other venues whilst the building proceeds.

The Parklands United Sports Club have now occupied the existing building and will be leasing that part of the building once the Centre is completed. A Heads of Agreement has been negotiated with the Sports Club.

Some alterations (new fire exit doors) will be made to the existing building to meet the fire safety egress requirements.

The Club has also made an application to the liquor licensing authority to transfer its licence from the prefab building previously onsite to the new location within the Community Centre.

The Community Development Adviser and I will be meeting with the community groups who have previously used the Centre to make arrangements for their move back.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

Options for management of the Centre have been considered and it is recommended that a Management Committee of Centre users and local residents be established to oversee the operation of the Centre. This will also involve a representative(s) of the Parklands United Sports Club, which will be leasing the current space at the Centre. It should be noted that the Club will rent this area out for community use as appropriate.

Recommendation: That the Management Committee concept including representatives of users of the Centre and residents be endorsed by the Board.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.