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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Department:	General Manager's Office
Submitted by:	<i>Andrew Hopkins</i>
Reference/Subject:	Report 1 – Stronger Country Communities Fund – Project List

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for council to resolve its preferred list of projects to be submitted to the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two.

Resolving a preferred list of projects will enable council staff to refine scopes of work and budgets for Council projects. As only the Council can make application to the fund, resolving a preferred list will also enable community groups, who's projects are included upon the list, to refine their scopes of work and budgets.

Staff and community groups will need to have their refined project scopes and budgets ready for the April Ordinary Meeting so that Council can make a final determination about which projects will be selected and the priority ranking of those projects.

Staff and community groups, were relevant, will then need to undertake any modifications to their projects, complete the application material and submit to the State Government by the 4th May closing date.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- a) ***Endorse the following as its priority list of projects for submission to the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two:***
 - 1) ***Bundarra Courts.***
 - 2) ***Uralla Sports Complex – composite project.***
 - 3) ***Park Infrastructure – composite project.***
 - 4) ***Uralla Swimming Pool.***
 - 5) ***Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club – amenities building. Community initiated project.***
 - 6) ***Uralla Tigers Rugby League – disabled toilet and other upgrades. Community initiated project.***
 - 7) ***Uralla Tennis Courts.***
 - 8) ***Signage – composite project.***
 - 9) ***Pathways – composite project.***
 - 10) ***Uralla Arts – Alma Park performance stage. Community initiated project.***
 - 11) ***Uralla Arts – constellations project. Community initiated project.***

- b) *Instructs the General Manager to further refine the scope and cost of projects initiated by Council or which are proposed on Council owned or controlled land, specifically projects:*
- *Bundarra Courts.*
 - *Uralla Sports Complex – composite project.*
 - *Park Infrastructure – composite project.*
 - *Uralla Swimming Pool.*
 - *Uralla Tennis Courts.*
 - *Signage – composite project.*
 - *Pathways – composite project.*
 - *Uralla Arts – Alma Park performance stage. And*
 - *Uralla Arts – constellations project.*
- c) *Instructs the General Manager to include projects, in priority order, up to a value of ‘as near as possible’ to a limit of \$2 Million and that projects in the priority list which cannot be included within that limit are to be excluded.*
- d) *Instructs the General Manager to present the refined scopes and budgets of the Council initiated or owned projects, together with any community initiated projects, which have fulfilled their obligations with regard to the information required under this grant, to the 24th April Ordinary Meeting for ratification prior to submission to the State Government by close of submissions on 4th May.*

REPORT:

1.0 Background

The State Government opened Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) on 12th March 2018. A program guideline, frequently asked questions and other information about the fund can be obtained at this link <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities/>.

Uralla Shire will receive up to \$1.56M in this second round. At least 50% of that \$1.56M is to be allocated to ‘local sporting infrastructure’ and the balance is to be allocated to ‘community amenity projects’. Individual project applications must seek grant funding of at least \$50,000.

The SCCF guide identifies examples of the types of projects the government is looking for in the ‘community amenity’ and ‘local sporting infrastructure’ categories:

Community Amenity

- Community halls
- Playgrounds and parks
- Toilet blocks
- Libraries
- Shade cloth and pergolas
- Community kitchens, BBQs and recreation facilities
- Murals or community art instalments
- Town and tourism signage
- Seating, planting boxes, paving
- Memorials or statues

Local sporting infrastructure

- Oval or court lighting, sports field fencing or surfacing
- Sports field and golf course drainage and irrigation
- Sports clubhouses, change rooms and grandstands
- Skate parks and mountain bike tracks
- Aquatic facilities and pools
- Amenities for sports participants and spectators
- Indoor sports facilities
- Court resurfacing including synthetic surfaces
- Community fitness stations (fixed)
- Accessibility upgrades, walking or cycle pathways.

Page 7 of the SCCF guide includes the types projects which will not be eligible for grant funding.

2.0 Who can apply?

Only Council can make an application under this fund, however, Council is to consider projects which comply with the funding guidelines and which are put forward by community groups. If a community group's project is not put forward by Council, that group can seek a review of the Council's decision.

3.0 Consultation

Council contacted, via email, all known Uralla Shire based sports/community groups about the fund and advised them of the funding guidelines – including the specific requirements of the fund as it applies to those groups – see this link - <https://static.nsw.gov.au/nsw-gov-au/1520555550/Information-for-non-council-organisations-Stronger-Country-Communities.pdf>. Facebook posts were also put up on Council's Facebook page.

Community and sporting groups were requested to submit their proposals to Council by the 22nd March. Seven community initiated projects were received, including one from Council's s355 Committee in Bundarra.

4.0 Discussion

At the April 3rd Councillor Strategic Planning Workshop councillors were presented with the submissions received from community groups together with project suggestions presented by councillors and staff.

As noted at the workshop there was some overlap between community and councillor initiated projects.

The workshop also noted there were common elements to some projects and as a consequence it would be beneficial to create specific 'composite projects' which are specifically for 'like' elements, such as signage and pathways.

The workshop took the view that projects, particularly multiple projects identified for the one site – such as the Uralla Spots Complex, should be selected on the basis of providing the greatest benefit possible – such that improvements to common elements of the facility should be given priority over individual sporting pursuits. The workshop also took the view that projects should be allocated across the shire where possible.

The State Government program representatives have strongly recommended that councils submit more projects than achievable within their funding allocations. The reason for this is that there is no guarantee there will be a third round of this fund so if a preferred project is not granted funding, councils will have

'reserve' projects which will be considered 'next in line'. This means that when council makes its final determination of the projects it will be submitting, it will need to order those in priority order and include more projects than \$1.56 funding allocation.

Council should establish its priority preference list for projects now and discard any project on the priority list which triggers the overall composite value to exceed eg \$2M.

5.0 Projects for Selection

Based on the discussion undertaken at the Strategic Planning Workshop, the following list of projects, together with a brief description of them has been prepared for Council to endorse as its preferred list of projects to be worked up for further consideration at the April 24th Ordinary Meeting, whereat Council should determine its final list of projects and the priority ranking of those projects.

Please note – the listed inclusions under the project heading are suggestions only at this stage. This is an evolving project and these inclusions may change or may not eventuate.

5.1 Bundarra Courts (initiated by the Bundarra s355 Committee but also identified by councillors))

- Tennis court - fix base and new surface
- Netball and Basketball court - fix base and new surface
- Multi purpose court with cricket nets - base and surface
- Associated infrastructure
- Shaded seating/club house
- Storage sheds
- Car parking area
- Balance perimeter fencing

5.2 Uralla Sports Complex - Composite Project

- Multi purpose goal posts for 2 x sporting fields. League is 5.5m wide and soccer is 7.2m wide.
- Mini grandstand (possibly movable) x 2 for field sports - cricket, soccer, rugby, athletics.
- Seating - possibly trestle tables with roofs, earth mounds, terraces with retaining, bench seats or similar or mixture. Multiple – number to be determined.
- Modifications to change rooms - minor works only.
- Renewal of synthetic cricket wicket and practice wickets (x2).
- Barrier to stop soccer balls – need to determine length.
- Define car park area and driveway – bitumen seal.
- Upgrade entry sign - possibly render existing sign.
- One or two exercise stations.
- Water bubbler(s)

- Potentially playground equipment - in addition to the 'toddler' park allocated in round one.
- Squash courts - sealing of roof leaks and ceiling repairs, some internal works.

5.3 Uralla Tennis Courts (community initiated project also nominated by councillors)

- Resurface 2-6 courts and other works. Assume 3 courts.

5.4 Signage - composite project

Flora signage

- Alma park
- Bundarra nature reserve
- Mt Mutton lookout

Entry signage

- Uralla x 3
- Bundarra x 3
- Other x 1

Location reference maps or murals for towns - large

- Bundarra x 1
- Uralla x 3 (Alma Pk, Pioneer Pk, The Glen)

Location reference maps for specific places within/around towns

- Bundarra x 1
- Uralla x 5 (Goldfields, Mt Mutton, Thunderbolt's rock, etc)

Table top maps or murals

- Uralla x 10 (main st x 3, parks x 5)
- Other x 2

Information boards

- Goldfields x 10
- Pioneer park - historical information as part of redevelopment x 10 (these boards or signs may need to be of an public art type - eg tall, eg made in the form of human silhouettes from metal with etchings etc on them/or statues or other public art. May need to include these in the general park / urban amenity project).
- Bundarra nature reserve
- Thunderbolts rock
- Dangar's lagoon
- Other x 5
- Directional signage x 25

5.5 Pathways - composite project

Bundarra nature reserve

- Crushed stone, possible rope balustrade

Invergowrie

- Footpath/walkway from eg Cnr of Bundarra and Invergowrie Rd area to Mt Mitchell Rd area.

Uralla

- Walk track to and over Mt Mutton - upgrade
- Goldfields walking paths – inc' roped-off areas and warning signage
- Other paths or cycle ways

5.6 Park infrastructure - composite project

Bundarra

- Seating in nature reserve
- Shade to caravan park play area

Invergowrie

- Reposition (towards Invergowrie Rd) and replace play equipment. Include soft fall, shade, seating, tables chairs, lighting. Fence road facing part of play area and new park. Landscape as appropriate and demarcate from RFS area.

Kingstown

- Replace soft fall and edging to play equipment
- Shade cover to play area
- Seating as necessary?

Kentucky

- Swap out play equipment or expand offering.
- Attend to soft fall, fencing, shading and lighting.
- Check round one for inclusion or incorporation into that program.

Dangar's Lagoon

- Tidy up picnic area - audit required.

Uralla

- BMX track upgrade plus shaded seating.
- Lighting to BMX track toilet.
- Lighting to toilet at skate park.
- Check other toilet lighting (internal and external).
- Bubblers to Alma and Pioneer parks.
- Shade where required.

5.7 Uralla swimming pool

- Public art - internal and external.
- Shade - possibly additional roofed trestle tables.
- Fencing.
- BBQs.
- Upgrade pool interior floor and wall surfaces.

Community Initiated Projects

5.8 Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club - Amenity Building

- Separate building for showers, toilets and change rooms for outdoor sports (golf, cricket and rugby).

5.9 Uralla Arts - Alma Park Performance Stage

- Earthworks, formation of stage foundation, artificial grass surface, drainage, access way, conduits for power and equipment, removable equipment including stage, speakers etc. Council should adopt this as a council project if it is to be selected as a preferred project.

5.10 Uralla Tigers Rugby League - Disabled toilet and internal upgrades

- Disabled toilet, upgrade to roof to clubhouse, internal upgrades.

5.11 Uralla Arts - Constellations project

- Recommencement of project. Creation of at least one more statue.

6.0 Cost Estimates

Preliminary estimates suggest the combined costs for the above-mentioned projects is in the order of \$2.64M, where as the allocated amount to council is \$1.56M.

Council may need to determine whether some of the projects identified in section 5.0 of this report are not pursued and/or the scopes for some of the identified projects are reduced.

7.0 Conclusion

The recommended list of preferred projects to be further advanced in terms of scope and cost and then presented to the 24th April Ordinary Meeting are as follows:

- Bundarra Courts.
- Uralla Sports Complex – composite project.
- Uralla Tennis Courts (it is understood this project may be the subject of a separate application to another fund. On this basis it would be prudent not to include it in the Uralla Sports Complex – composite project, even though it forms part of the complex).
- Signage – composite project.
- Pathways – composite project.
- Park Infrastructure – composite project.
- Uralla Swimming Pool.
- Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club – amenities building. Community initiated project.
- Uralla Arts – Alma Park performance stage. Community initiated project.
- Uralla Tigers Rugby League – disabled toilet and other upgrades. Community initiated project.
- Uralla Arts – constellations project. Community initiated project.

Council should assign priority to these projects and instruct staff to discard any project which has a priority ranking whereby the value of that project, when added to the composite value of all preceding higher (where the highest is number one (1)) priority projects in the priority list, would cause the total value of all preceding projects to exceed \$2M.

A recommended priority list is proposed as follows, for consideration:

1. Bundarra Courts.
2. Uralla Sports Complex – composite project.
3. Park Infrastructure – composite project.
4. Uralla Swimming Pool.
5. Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club – amenities building. Community initiated project.
6. Uralla Tigers Rugby League – disabled toilet and other upgrades. Community initiated project.
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All young people deserve opportunities and support to succeed in life.



22 March 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Bundarra is a lovely small town with community-minded people. There are not many facilities for young children and teenagers in the town. The town would greatly benefit from having sporting amenities such as a tennis court, basket court and netball court. In an age where obesity in children, cyber safety concerns and disengagement from community are concerns, building sporting facilities to bring young people together is critical in providing solutions to these issues.

These sporting facilities would also be great support to the Bundarra Central School as we would be able to offer a wider variety of sporting opportunities and experiences to our students. Currently we are very limited in our options. I am hoping that you will consider Bundarra favourably in the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Cox', written in a cursive style.

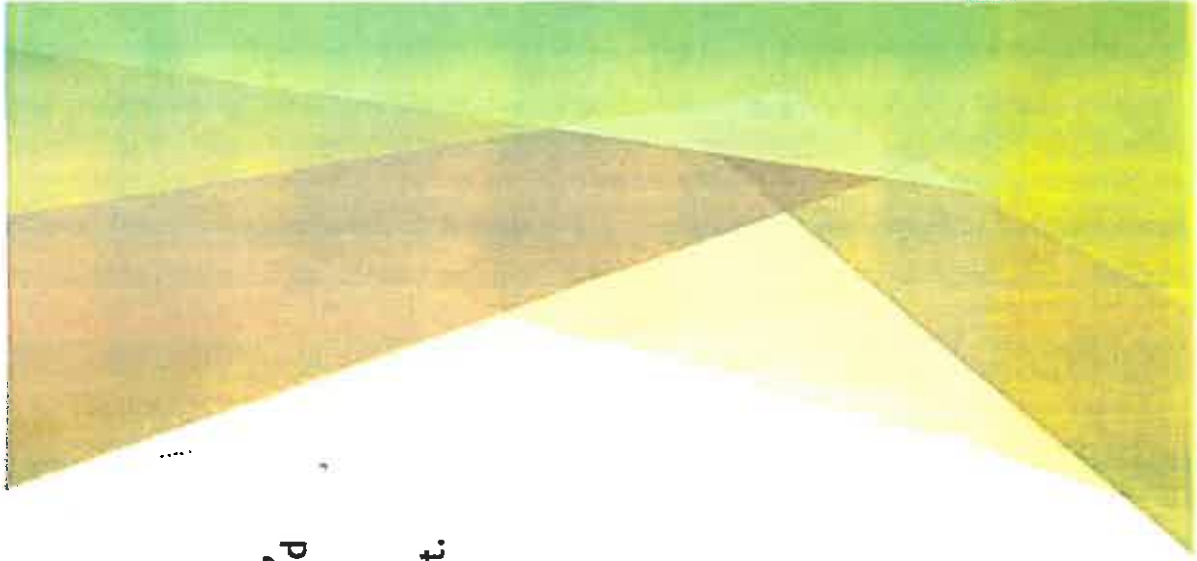
Jennifer Cox

Proposal from the Bundarra 355 Committee
to create a
Multi-purpose Recreation/Sporting Facility
through the
Stronger Country Communities Fund.



Our Proposal

- ▶ Our proposal is to refurbish/upgrade the existing Tennis Court site, (area of 3 courts), which are no longer functioning, located in Bundarra, on the corner of Bendemeer and Souter St, near the Nature Park, into a Multi-purpose Recreation/Sporting Facility.
- ▶ This facility could consist of a variety of outdoor sporting activities, such as: a tennis court, netball court, basketball court, cricket nets, soccer goal and fitness equipment. It could be constructed in acrylic, synthetic or cushioned rubber surfaces, whichever Council feels would be most suitable for its ongoing maintenance and depending on cost. There is also potential to upgrade the existing club house, so that it could function again as a clubhouse/canteen for the facility, plus add table and chairs to encourage both locals and passing travellers to use, it as a picnic area/ rest stop, and encourage use of the existing nature park due to its close proximity. Shade protection could also be of benefit.
- ▶ The Bundarra 355 Committee is willing to work with council to draw up and finalise plans for the facility.
- ▶ Example of idea shown, photo from Dynamic Sports Facilities, who specialise in these projects.



How the project will be operated and maintained after its completed

- ▶ As the tennis court site is currently not owned by the Uralla Shire Council, we believe that ideally the purchase of the courts by the council, from the Anglican Church would make it easier for this facility to be operated and maintained by the Uralla Shire Council once completed, under Council guidelines on how to manage its sporting facilities and parks.
- ▶ As we do not have final plans for what the facility surface would be made from at this stage, we believe that the operation and maintenance issue of the project, could be looked at in more detail if this project is successful in moving forward into the next stage of planning.



Evidence of how the project will meet the community's needs

- ▶ This project has the potential to benefit the entire community of Bundarra and its surrounds, as it could be used by:
 - ▶ Residents of all ages, whether it be the reformation of a social tennis club or another sport, or people using the facility socially for “a hit and a giggle”, helps people not to feel isolated or alone, but a part of something and improve their quality of life
 - ▶ Teenagers and younger residents using the facility after school, weekends and during school holidays, both for fun or to improve their skills in their chosen sport, such as netball, basketball cricket or soccer
 - ▶ Residents using the facility for social gatherings, such as birthday or Christmas parties, or just a get together with family and friends
 - ▶ Use by local groups for social events or fundraising activities
 - ▶ Use by the Bundarra Central school as a sporting facility for their students, supporting their activities at school and potential use for competition by the students
 - ▶ Use by exercise groups as a training area, thereby improving the health of people who participate
 - ▶ Bundarra Pre-School as a potential excursion destination, and for children to enjoy socially with their families

How our project meets the Fund guidelines.

- ▶ This project meets the eligibility of the fund guidelines because:
- ▶ It would improve the quality of life for residents in Bundarra and its surrounds, as it has the potential to benefit people of all ages in the community.
- ▶ There is evidence of community consultation with the Uralla Shire Council, through the Bundarra 355 Committee, the Open Spaces meeting and surveys, verbal support from the Bundarra Central School, its P&C, local businesses and the Bundarra Pre-school, who we can get letters of support from, as well as members of the community who support our proposal.
- ▶ The refurbishment is a major renewal or restoration of the existing tennis courts, with a number of activities to be carried out that cause material changes to the asset, how it looks and how it is used. There is potential to salvage fencing from the site if need be.
- ▶ The project will meet the budget guidelines as it will cost \$50,000 or more.
- ▶ The project can commence within 12 months of when a letter of offer is provided and be completed within 24 months of when a letter of offer is provided.

The project will boost the livability of the local community

- ▶ The project will boost the livability of the local community across all ages and spectrums, as there is currently no facility in Bundarra, that provides access to any of these activities, whether that be in a social or competitive capacity. This means that if residents of Bundarra and its surrounds, wish to participate in any of these activities, they are required to travel to another town centre to do so.
- ▶ The benefit of such a facility for outdoor recreation, sport and exercise, and social gatherings, being used by people of all ages, improves their quality of life, and results in a healthier, happier community.



Thank You

- ▶ The Bundarra 355 Committee hopes that our proposed project to refurbish the old Bundarra Tennis Courts, into a Multi-purpose Recreation/Sporting Facility, is successful with the Uralla Shire Council as a project for them to apply for funding through the Stronger Country Community Fund. We believe the project would benefit the entire Bundarra community, and have the support of the majority of residents of all ages.
- ▶ The issue of ownership and refurbishing the tennis courts with Councils assistance, is a project that the 355 Committee has been pushing for, for many years to improve the livability of our community.
- ▶ If it is successful, on being selected into the next stage of planning, the committee will work with the council to see this project come to fruition for the benefit of the whole Bundarra Community. We will work with the Council to finalise detailed project plans and budgets where we can, and gather evidence of support from the Bundarra Community, as members of the Uralla Shire, that this project is a priority for our village and its surrounds, in improving the quality of life for its residents.

Christine Gerard

From: Cameron Wood ·
Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 8:30 AM
Subject: Stronger country communities

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi,

I am from the Uralia Cricket club. I have read the specs for this and our project is not going to make it to the \$50000 required but thought I would try anyways.

We where wondering if we could get the wicket out at the the sporting complex and the two practise wickets also. The glue required is \$198 and need just under two per wicket. The synthetic turf is 9 foot wide and is \$112 a lineal meter. I'm not 100% sure how long it would take to do but would require some labour also.

Also a fence at the end of the practice wicket would help as well.

If required could we do a sporting complex application and do maybe the squash courts tennis club and cricket grounds if we need to get over the \$50000 mark

Thanks for your time Cameron Wood

Sent from my iPhone

Christine Gerard

From: Steward, Karen
Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 2:14 PM
Subject: Stronger Country Communities Fund Submitting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Andrew,

We at Uralla Junior Rugby League only received the email regarding the Stronger Communities Funding 2 days ago so we haven't had time to get quotes and information together. However we as a club would like to put forward some ideas for upgrades and facilities at the Sporting Complex.

We feel that the following would benefit all users of the complex,
Movable Grandstand/Seating

A covered seating area for bad weather day's.

A Full sized Football field with dual purpose goal posts that could be used for Soccer, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

Separate Girl's and Boy's change rooms.

We would appreciate your consideration of these idea's.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of our committee regarding these issues.

President - Matthew Steward

Vice President - Dan Baker

Treasurer - Karen Steward

Thanking You

Karen Steward

Uralla JRL

This message is intended for the addressee named and may contain
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are not the intended recipient please delete it and notify the sender.

Kelly Walters
Junior Coordinator
Uralla Netball Club

Andrew Hopkins
General Manager
PO Box 106
Uralla NSW 2358

20th March 2018

Dear Andrew,

Expression of Interest
Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF)

I am writing in response to your email correspondence dated 14th March regarding the *Stronger Country Community Fund* grant applications.

I am currently the Junior Coordinator of the Uralla Netball Club and have completed this role for quite a few years now. I have actively supported and worked to maintain representation of Uralla Netball teams in the Armidale District Netball Association competition. In my association spanning approximately ten years, the Uralla Netball Club has ranged from hosting two teams in our lowest year to seven teams in our greatest year. Teams fluctuate as the interest and hence numbers of registrations fluctuate. Last year we entered three junior teams and this year early numbers are suggesting that we will enter three Junior teams and one senior team. In conjunction with my long association with Uralla Netball Club, I am also a parent (and previously a teacher) at St Joseph's school and a Uralla resident since I was a child.

To brief, the purpose of my expression is not to 'apply' for a particular project or 'propose' an idea for infrastructure that would benefit *my* club alone. I intend to provide an overview of the Sporting Complex grounds that you may or may not be aware of and paint a very strong landscape for the need to implement infrastructure *of any kind* at the Uralla Sporting Complex

that would benefit not only the girls and their families who I represent, but the greater community. It is my belief that using a large sum of money could be considered at a macro level. By doing this, major infrastructure implemented by this grant funding will obviously improve the conditions of Uralla Netball Club participants, as well as improving the training and game experiences of the other strong and vibrant sporting groups.

Firstly, the Uralla Netball Club is thrilled with the newly surfaced courts and the girls love training on the hard courts. Unless you are a keen netballer, it is hard to articulate the thrill of training on a 'hard court' as opposed to grass. One feels professional... elite... and at times quite pleased with oneself. As a result, training then is now a well attended event by our Club as the nature of training has significantly improved. The hard courts have improved the girls skills, increased their enthusiasm and raised the standard of netball experiences for everyone. We train once a week out at the Uralla Sporting Complex and do not have a 'game day' as the structure of the competition is held in Armidale every weekend.

Looking further abroad at the other clubs that use the Uralla Sporting Complex, it is hard to ignore that those grounds are a vibrant hub of sport *year round*. Attached below is a simple summary that clearly outlines the volume of use the Uralla Sporting Complex (that I am aware of, and maybe there is more) receives: a facility that is accessed by many community sporting bodies. Pretty impressive for a small town!

If I were to consider solely the needs of the participants I represent, our sporting group would propose infrastructure by way of a new public toilet block as we currently use the existing public toilets. These toilets are in very poor condition and are by no means a sound facility that reflect the amount of sporting traffic that uses them over a year. Another proposal could be drink fountains. Children need easy access to water, as does the general public who also use the grounds on a recreational basis.

If the Uralla Shire Council were to receive proposals from the other the sporting groups that use the Uralla Sporting Complex facilities proposing the above two suggestions, consequently their proposals would have the endorsement of the Uralla Netball Club.

In closing, I would encourage your grant application process to consider looking at the grounds from a collective angle. Could one bucket of money efficiently benefit more than one sporting body at the Uralla Sporting Complex? If funds are limited and stretched, this is only a win-win for all!

Regards,

**Kelly Walters
Uralla Netball Club**

	Summer	Winter	All Year
Netball Club		One training per week with 3+ teams Inter School games for Uralla Central School Primary and Secondary teams	
Soccer Club		One training per week with 10-12 teams One game day every second week	
Football Club		Two trainings per week with 5 teams One game day every second week	
Tennis Club	One training per week One game day per week		
Cricket Club	Two trainings per week with 4 junior teams and 1 senior team One game day per week		
Squash Club	Courts are used almost every night of the week by approx 60 members		
Athletics Carnival			One carnival per year St Joseph's School
Cross Country			One carnival per year St Joseph's School
Other one off events			Hogs for Homeless Gala Day Weekly sport by Uralla Central School secondary students

Christine Gerard

From: Deborah Pulkkinen ·
Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 1:39 PM
Subject: Uralla Squash Club
Attachments: Squash proposal.docx; Project-Budget-Template-Stronger-Country-Communities-Fund2.xlsx

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To whom it may concern

Please see attached our submission for the 2nd round of Stronger Country Communities fund. We thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions at all, please contact either Paul Byrnes or myself
Cameron Woods

Thank you
Deb O'Brien (secretary Uralla Squash Club)

Project Title: Squash Court repairs, rejuvenation and refurbishment.

Description: Uralla squash courts require rejuvenation after years of use and no maintenance. The main area of concern is the roof which leaks. The squash court building has also in recent time lost its guttering and further diminishing the structural integrity of the roof. This is of our primary concern, but others would include, carpeting, painting of the courts, repairing damage caused by rain (see structural integrity of roof), heating and cooling solutions and possibly sealing of the newly constructed gravel carpark.

Location: Squash courts, Uralla Sporting Complex, Plain Ave, Uralla, 2358

Proposed Scope of Works: Replacing and repair of roof structure, including guttering. Replacing carpet. Painting of squash courts. Repairs to flooring from roof leaks. Bitumen sealing of car park (used for not only squash but all other members of the sporting community)

Eligibility: We believe that these projects will meet the fund guideline of construction of new or refurbishment/upgrade of existing local sporting infrastructures.

We believe that roof replacement and repair, replacement of floor coverings and painting, carpark improvement and other repairs of the building come under the definition of 'refurbishment' which is outlined in the fact sheet as

refurbishment is a major renewal or restoration of existing infrastructure. 'Major' means a number of activities are carried out that cause material changes to the asset – how it looks or how it is used. For example, replacement of multiple components such as roofs, walls, floor coverings and external landscapes

We also believe that the projects stated including painting, carpet replacement, painting, general maintenance and heating and cooling would also fall under what would be enhancement and maintenance of the existing squash courts building structure.

Project Budget: Please see attached to email. Project Budget template

Quote: Unable to be supplied at this stage due to late notice. Will be supplied upon request. Please note in budget template only estimates are given.

Boost to the Community: According to the Australian Sports Commission, 108,300 people play squash on approximately 3,500 courts. This suggests approximately 31 players per court. With Australia having a population of 24.13 million people (ABS 2016), this would make the amount of people playing squash per 100 people in Australia, 0.045. Uralla is a township of 2743 people (ABS 2016) which would make the density of people playing squash in Uralla (the squash club on average contains at least 60 people) as 0.291, which makes it far greater than the national average. This means that Uralla simply loves its squash! Squash is a fantastic all ages sport that combines aerobic and anaerobic activity. Uralla Squash club has a very strong policy of encouraging junior members to start playing squash. We believe that our squash is integral to the community, not only in terms of fitness and junior development, but also as a strong social contributor and way for people to meet.

Community Need: As explained above, there is a proportionally extremely high amount of squash players in Uralla. Dwindling facilities we believe are not encouraging to new and old players alike to continue with squash. We believe more attractive, rejuvenated facilities will add to the comfort of ongoing members and new members alike. We also believe that it will increase numbers of squash players in our locality, adding to its popularity and the general health and wellbeing that can be sought from such high intensity sport within the community.

Maintenance: The project will be maintained by the strong squash community that already exists in Uralla. Uralla Squash has an executive committee and formalised club that up until this date has been already maintaining the facilities through the collection of competition fees. After the project is completed, we would continue in the same vein.

Thank you: Due to previous correspondence, you are aware that this is a long overdue and long standing issue. We thank you for your consideration and invitation to participate in applying for a grant within stage 2 of the Stronger country communities fund.

22nd March 2018

Uralla Shire Council
32 Salisbury Street
Uralla NSW 2358

Dear Uralla Shire Council General Manager,

Please see attached proposed project submission for the Stronger Country Communities Fund. The Uralla Tennis Club would like to thank Uralla Shire Council for giving us to opportunity to apply for this funding.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the writer on

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nicole Williams', written in black ink.

Nicole Williams
Secretary of Uralla Tennis Club

Stronger Country Community Fund Application

Submitted by – Uralla Tennis Club

- The project title, description, location and proposed scope of works.

Title –	Uralla Tennis Facility Upgrade
Description –	Replacement of existing 4 tennis court surfaces (courts 1,2,3 and 4), upgrade of 2 currently unplayable tennis court surfaces (courts 5 and 6), Installation of additional lighting (on courts 5 and 6), upgrade to existing lighting (on courts 1,2,3, and 4), replacement of net posts (on all courts) and replacement of all fencing that has not recently been upgraded.
Location –	Uralla Sporting Complex, Plane Ave, Uralla NSW 2358.
Scope of works –	Demolition – Removal of old fencing from courts 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 Removal of old surfaces from courts 1, 2, 3 and 4 Formwork – Preparation of bases for courts 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 Surfacing – Installation of surfaces on courts 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 Electrical – Replacement of lighting to courts 1, 2, 3 and 4 Installation of new lighting on courts 5 and 6 Connection of electricity to main power Fencing – Installation of fencing around courts 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 Installation of fencing along the front of the multipurpose courts.

- Information that demonstrates the project meets the eligibility requirements of the fund guidelines.

The Uralla Tennis Club has reviewed the Stronger Country Communities Fund Guidelines. We have identified that our proposed project falls within the classification of “construction of new or refurbishment/upgrade of existing local sporting infrastructure”. More specifically the various components of our proposed project have been listed on page 6 under the Eligible Project Examples; Oval or court lighting, sports field fencing or surfacing and Court resurfacing including synthetic surfaces.

- A detailed project budget, set out in the template provided at nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities

Please see Project Budget attached.

- A detailed project plan, set out in the template provided at nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities

Please see Project Plan attached.

- At least one quote (from a tradesperson or qualified contractor) or detailed estimate (from a quantity surveyor or other suitably qualified person) for each component of the project.

Please see quotes attached.

We have based our proposal on the information provided by Court Power; however we have also included pricing information from two other court construction companies that we have been in communication with.

LED Lighting is the most economical and easily maintained form of lighting. There is existing lighting on courts 1, 2, 3 and 4, which was installed by the Uralla Tennis Club many years ago. This lighting was considered poor quality but that was all the Uralla Tennis Club could provide at the time. We need additional lighting on courts 5 and 6; however we have obtained pricing for all 6 courts. This pricing has allowed for the use of the existing lighting poles. We have also provided pricing for fencing around all 6 courts for your consideration. We have received a verbal quote from Wayne Howard from Nell Howard Electrical indicating that the connection of electricity to main power will cost no more than \$2000 per court.

- Information on how the project will help boost the liveability of the local community

Tennis facilities attract visitors and new residents to our town. These facilities provide opportunity to engage in physical activity resulting in enhancement in a person's physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing as well as creating invaluable social opportunities. The Uralla Tennis Club is passionate about working with our local council to make high quality facilities and tennis events available to our local community and visitors to our town. By improving our existing tennis facilities it will help eliminate the need for our local community to seek these benefits from other surrounding towns/cities. Improved tennis facilities will help keep our local people involved and focused on the Uralla community and build on what our town has to offer its residents and visitors.

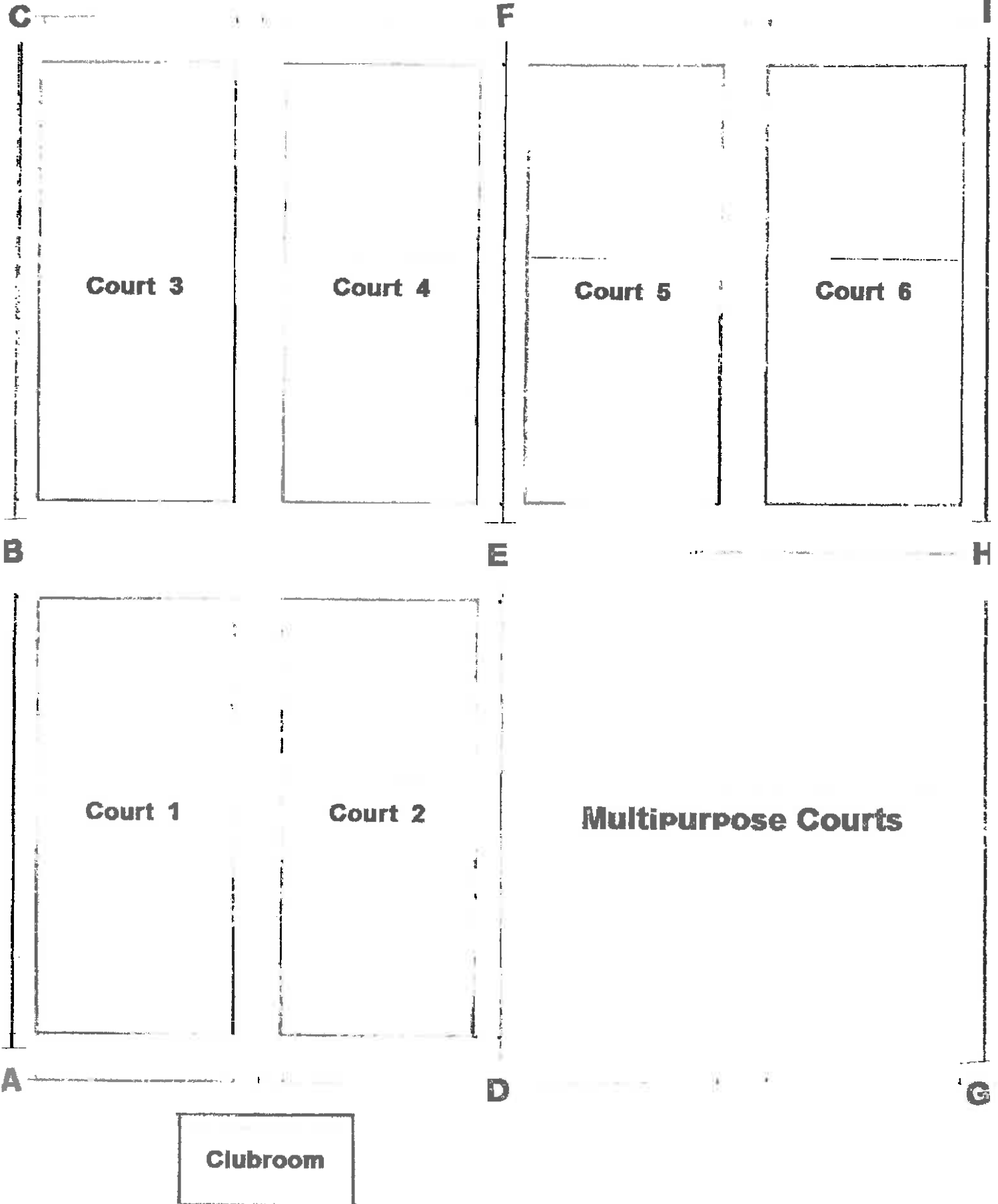
- Evidence on how the project will meet a community need, including who and how many people within the community will benefit from the project

The Uralla tennis facilities are an invaluable asset that is available to the entire Uralla community. The Uralla Tennis Club has seen impressive growth in membership in recent times, with our current memberships now exceeding 120 showing the growing interest in this sport within the Uralla community. We have in the past had restricted use of the tennis facilities due to the aging surfaces, raised lines and drainage issues causing safety concerns. An upgrade to the Uralla tennis facility would provide safer and more usable courts allowing the Uralla Tennis Club to better accommodate our local community and expand on the events that we are already offering. Currently we run Wednesday Night Social Tennis and a Junior Tennis Hotshots Program on Saturday mornings. Both of these events are drawing an exciting number of players. We have identified that summer sporting options offered in Uralla are limited and we believe that the strong number of Juniors, participating in our Junior Tennis Hotshots Program, demonstrates that we are meeting community needs. We have increasing interest in weekend family social tennis and we are in the process of trialling Friday morning social tennis. Upgraded surfaces will support and create opportunity for our junior players to be able to compete at regional/state/national level. The Uralla Tennis Club has discussed other ideas that we intend to explore further in the future. We are in the process of issuing a survey to the wider Uralla community to help us ensure that the Uralla Tennis Club is meeting the community needs as best we can. The age variance of our regular players exceeds 70 years with our youngest hotshot players being as young as 4, highlighting that tennis is a sport that is commonly played by people of all ages; this demonstrates that an upgrade to the Uralla tennis facility will offer great benefits to the wider Uralla community.

- Information on how the project will be operated and/or maintained after it is complete

The Uralla Tennis Club will continue to provide competitions, coaching and seek guidance from Tennis NSW to ensure that we can continue to service community needs. The Synthetic grass surface requires regular sweeping, regular court cleaning and occasional replacement of sand. The Uralla Tennis Club members will carry out the regular upkeep of the surfaces.

Uralla Tennis Facilities





Specialising in Synthetic Grass Installation, Resurfacing & Cleaning

Attention: Nicole Williams
Uralla Tennis Club
Uralla, NSW,
Email: urallatenniscub@gmail.com

22nd March 2018

Quotation

Hi Nicole,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote on the refurbishment of your tennis courts at Uralla Tennis Club.

Supply & Install 6 x Synthetic Grass Tennis Court Surfaces @.....\$ 204,254.00

- ✓ Supply & install 6 x "Fieldturf Club 40" 19mm green synthetic grass surfaces
- ✓ Pull up & remove 4 worn synthetic grass court surfaces
- ✓ Supply adhesive & backing tape
- ✓ Dig out, remove & replace 6 sets of existing net posts
- ✓ Supply & Spread 240 tonne kiln dried sand, groom & level

Base Preparation Laser Level & Stabilise @.....\$ 23,600.00

- ✓ Courts 5 & 6: Supply & spread approximately 160 tonne crusher dust
Supply & spread 4 pallets of cement dust, compact & roll, Laser level & prepare base
- ✓ Courts 1,2,3,4: Base preparation cement slurry & level

Install concrete dish drain southern end courts 1 & 2 @.....\$ 6,870.00

Tennis Court fence installation @.....\$ 44,950.00

- ✓ Dismantle & remove from site old fencing
- ✓ Supply & Install: 374 LM, 3.6mtr high galvanised chain wire fencing
galvanized 32nb pipe top rail, 80nb size corner posts, 40nb intermediate posts

Supply & install 24 x 600watt LED tennis court lights @.....\$ 94,009.00

- ✓ Courts 5 & 6 only: Supply & install 4 x 10mtr galvanized light posts
- ✓ Courts 1,2,3,4: Lights installed on existing light posts

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ All Prices INCLUDE GST
- ✓ All work carried out by myself & our fully insured experienced team, No sub-contractors.
- ✓ Fieldturf 8 year manufactures warranty, All materials Australian Made to Australian/International standards & UV stabilized, Power Court 2 year installation warranty

I look forward to your reply, if you would like further information or amendments to this quote please contact me.
This quote is valid for 30 days.

Yours in Tennis
Mark Keating

Quote accepted by:.....
Date:.....

Email: powercourt@powercourt.com

"It's not just the luck of the bounce, but how the ball bounces"



Specialising in Synthetic Grass Installation, Resurfacing & Cleaning

22nd March 2018

Time estimate of works Uralla Tennis Club

Supply & Install 6 x Synthetic Grass Tennis Court Surfaces @.....16 days

- ✓ Supply & install 6 x "Fieldturf Club 40" 19mm green synthetic grass surfaces
- ✓ Pull up & remove 4 worn synthetic grass court surfaces
- ✓ Supply adhesive & backing tape
- ✓ Dig out, remove & replace 6 sets of existing net posts
- ✓ Supply & Spread 240 tonne kiln dried sand, groom & level

Base Preparation Laser Level & Stabilise @.....10 days

- ✓ **Courts 5 & 6:** Supply & spread approximately 160 tonne crusher dust
Supply & spread 4 pallets of cement dust, compact & roll
Laser level & prepare base
- ✓ **Courts 1,2,3,4:** Base preparation cement slurry & level

Install concrete dish drain southern end courts 1 & 2 @.....3 days

Tennis Court fence installation

- ✓ Dismantle & remove from site old fencing @.....10 days
- ✓ **Supply & install:** 374 LM, 3.6mtr high galvanised chain wire fencing
galvanized 32nb pipe top rail, 80nb size corner posts, 40nb intermediate posts

Approximate time to carry out work @..... 40 Days Weather permitting

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ All work carried out by myself & our fully insured experienced team, No sub-contractors.

Email: powercourt@ozgpona.com

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Summerland Tennis

SPECIALISING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL WEATHER TENNIS COURTS

318 Molesworth St, Lismore NSW 2480

Telephone Mobile 0414662 135- email phfi.homan@bigpond.com

A.B.N - 54 932336922

17 March 2018

Nicole Williams
Uralla Tennis Club
Uralla

Re: Tennis Court Construction

Dear Nicole,

Summerland Tennis is delighted to be able to supply you and the Uralla Tennis Club committee our scope of works proposal and quotations as per your letter.

Scope of Works

Option 1 2 courts synthetic grass 4 courts Plexipave

To remove old synthetic grass from site.

To import approx 500 ton road base, per court, (required to achieve a .8% fall), laser levelled, rolled and compacted within a concrete edge beam. Also stabilised crusher dust laser levelled over surface.

ROAD BASE PLATFORM 2 courts TOTAL \$58,600.00 Plus gst

Synthetic grass

To supply and install Tiger turf tournament 1000 synthetic grass, kit form. Laid and sanded with special kiln dried washed river sand ex Newcastle.

SYNTHETIC GRASS 2 COURTS TOTAL \$56,500.00 plus gst

CONCRETE PLATFORMS 4 COURTS

Sub Base works as per road base but not including edge beams

To place and finish 100 mm thick concrete platform, 25mpa, f72 reinforcing, all concrete pumped, all steel tied and on bar chairs, placed on plastic over laser levelled sand base.

key joint through centre, Key joints along fence line between courts all control joints soft cut.

4 CONCRETE PLATFORMS INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS \$278,800.00 plus gst

SURFACE COATING

To apply 3 coat system Plexipave including line marking to 4 courts

TOTAL \$52,200.00 plus gst

OPTION 2

4 COURTS SYNTHETIC GRASS 2 PLEXIPAVE

4 SYNTHETIC COURTS TOTAL \$223,600.00 plus gst

2 PLEXIPAVE COURTS \$167,800.00 Plus gst

OPTION 3

6 COURTS SYNTHETIC GRASS

6 SYNTHETIC GRASS COURTS TOTAL \$318,600.00 plus gst

LIGHTING OPTIONS

To supply and install 4 of led lamps on 8 mtr poles per court total 6 poles per 2 courts 7.5 mtrs from centre

TOTAL \$39,000.00 plus gst PER 2 COURTS plus electrical connection

FENCING

To supply and install 3.00mt high gal chain wire fence, top rail, bottom rail, 2 rows straining wires, access gates as directed. Plus double gate for access to cherry pickers etc
all fence posts inside concrete platform (not on outside) able flex around posts to allow for expansion of concrete

50 nb blue band posts throughout, this strengthens fence for shade cloth advertising, etc
32 nb top rail, bottom rail. Mid rail braces to corners

TOTAL PER METER \$130.00 plus gst PER MTR

Summerland Tennis would like to thank you and the Uralla Tennis Club committee for the opportunity to prepare and submit this quotation and we are confident of being able to exceed the expectation of the members of the tennis club should be successful with our submission.

Should you require further information or have any questions regarding our proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile phone.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Homan
Summerland Tennis
Ph. 0414 862 135
E. phil.homan@bigpond.com

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ABN: 25 730 070 865

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87 Nanbarce Drive, BRAY PARK 4500

Date: 21-Mar-18

Customer: Urala Tennis Facilities

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Mobile:

Email: uralatennisclub@gmail.com

We accept your quote of:

\$ 281,100.00 + GST

We would like you to start on approx. / /

Job Address: Print name:

Payment terms: *50% Deposit

*50% Completion

Our workmanship is covered by the life of the manufacturers warranty.

Further comments:							
Make all cheques payable to: Grassman's							
Direct Debit Details:							
National Australia Bank							
B.S.B.	084134						
Account.	183105587						
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS							

SCCF Project Budget

Urealla Tennis Facility Upgrade
 Urealla Shire Council
 \$373,682.56
 \$373,682.56

Project budgets MUST be GST exclusive.

Where administration costs are included as part of the application, they must not exceed more than 15% of the funds being sought from SCCF.

Administration/Fees				
- Project Management Fees				
- Consultant Fees				
- Authority Fees				
- Planning Fees				
- Specialist Consultants				
- Costs for Measurement and Evidence of Outcomes				
Tendering				
- Assessment Fees				
- Specialist Advice				
Construction				
Management Plans				
- Safety Management Plan				
- Environmental Management Plan				
- Traffic Management Plan				
Site Works				
- Preliminaries				
- Site Establishment - Sheds, Traffic Management, Fencing				
- Demolition				
- Earthworks				
- Trades - List all				
Synthetic Grass Surfaces - incl all removal	6 courts	\$80,947.58		\$185,685.45
Base Preparation	6 courts	\$3,575.76		\$21,454.55
Concrete Drainage	1 drain	\$6,245.45		\$6,245.45
Fencing	374 metre	\$109.26		\$40,863.24
Lighting				\$85,462.73
- Services - mech, elec, hyd				
- Equipment - List all				
- Disposal				
- etc				
Contingencies				
- Design				
- Construction - Based on %10 of construction costs			\$33,971.14	\$33,971.14
TOTAL				\$373,682.56

**Funding Submission
under the
Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF).
Funding Round 2**

Location

Uralla Showground, King Street URALLA NSW 2354
Managed by the Uralla Showground Trustees.

Purpose – Improving equestrian facilities and main arena.

To create a community hub by improving and enhancing the Uralla Showground infrastructure to ensure it is safe and fit for use by existing equestrian activities and has the potential to attract new users to a safe, usable and sustainable facility in the local area.

Scope of Work

In recent years the condition of the horse infrastructure at the Uralla Showground has fallen into disrepair which is limiting the potential for future use and growth of this important community facility as an activities hub.

Funding is being sought to complete the following work:

- **Dismantle and replace existing timber yards**
These yards are in a state of disrepair, not fit for purpose and are unsafe.
- **Main arena resurfacing**
The main arena is currently compacted and uneven creating an unsafe surface for users
- **Erect covered stable block x 20 stables**
There are no safe usable stables available on the showground following the loss of a covered stable block some years ago.

Improving the equestrian facilities will make the showground more attractive to existing and potential new users which will ensure the showground remains a sustainable resource for the community into the future.

Uralla Tigers Rugby League



Date: 21/03/2018

Uralla Shire Council
PO BOX 106
Uralla NSW 2358

To General Manager Andrew Hopkins,

Please take this as our expressions of interest for funding under the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund. Our clubhouse built by Uralla Rugby League Football Club in 1981, 37 years old hasn't had a funding opportunity like this to upgrade its facilities.

The priorities identified by the club are as listed.

- The provision for disabled toilet facilities currently not on site.
- Clubhouse Roofing upgrades, replace existing inadequate roofing
- Internal upgrades- canteen and food facilities, floor wall and window coverings.

The estimated cost for these above projects are to be between \$120,000-\$130,000, the disabled toilets being top of our list.

Sincerely,

Abby Smith

Vice President

Dear Kevin,

Please find below a little more detail with respect to the projects I feel have merit when considering the expenditure of a quantity of grant money. As previously stated, I am delighted that community consultation has occurred to identify possible places and/or actions that will make our shire an even better experience to live (and visit). I love where I live and try to educate anyone silly enough to ask me about the area. Information where appropriate would add to the value of being in and part of our unique Shire.

1. The overall picture:

- **a series of maps/murals**, strategically located where tourists aggregate and/or where locals avail themselves of the natural environment and history of our shire would provide visitors with an overview of the attractions we have to offer.
- **Paper copies of the map** could also be made available around town. If the town presents a warm and welcoming outlook to visitors, pride in our town would encourage visitors to find out more, and thereby promote and maintain a neat and tidy outlook, problems of litter left by passers through could be reduced – particularly if on the map, locations of waste disposal facilities (nests of bins for recyclable materials, food scraps and rubbish) are clearly marked.

Similar to that in other towns, the stylised map could provide directions to, and information about, our wonderful shire. The council could even provide local businesses with the opportunity to ‘purchase’ a bit of advertising space around the edges of the map as I have seen, for example, in Bellingen.

- **History/Interest** – our shire is steeped in history, geologically and pre- and post- ‘white’ settlement, AND has a number of unique features both natural and man-made. One thing from which our shire could greatly benefit would be signage, or should I say information on signs, that offers a precis of the historically significant landmarks around the shire. These signs/information boards would be located at the specific sites of interest. Numbering these would cross-reference the sites to the main map/mural suggested above.

Costing – I would propose the involvement of local schools and societies (especially the Historical Society) and clubs (especially those offering sporting experiences such as the Golf and Bowling Clubs) in designing such a mural style map with acknowledgement of the successful design contributors on the map. The men’s shed could be approached to construct the maps and local artists do the actual painting of the mural-type content. Hence, materials would be the only cost attached to the project. The signage could be put in place at several locations with local detail about our surrounding ‘attractions’ – not only to educate visitors, but also our shire residents as places of interest and recreation. For murals/signage maps to be located at Pioneer Park, the Lagoon, the Lookout, and the Grange in Uralla, and at other appropriate sites such as Rocky River, Bundara, Invergowrie, Kingstown and others. Having considered the costs, material for sign frames, printed signs and on-costs for maintenance would be the only expenses to be claimed against the grant money. **Costing:** I have been advised that Thunder Graphics provide signs with dimensions of 1200mm X 600mm at a cost \$460 each. I would anticipate that the signs for the identified places of interest would cost less than \$10000 – impressive, informative (history, interest, location relevant to other points of interest). The coalescence of geological, fauna, flora, human history, and unique features of the area can only further emphasise the wonder of the Shire. Further, if local business houses were offered the opportunity to purchase

advertising space on these maps, I would anticipate that most of the on-costs could be allayed by their 'sponsorship'.

2. The walking track around Mt. Mutton is becoming increasingly popular for both locals and visitors alike. I am sure the 'overview' map idea suggested above would increase the patronage of such a wonderful resource. Signage (historical and geological) around the track and at the lookout (about the town and its location in the NE Tablelands) would add significant value to the visitor (and locals) who use the resource – and even encourage further exploration of other sites, experiences and businesses. However:
 - In an increasingly litigious society, I strongly recommend that the gravel path from Alma Park up to, and around, Mount Mutton be re-gravelled or covered somehow with a less-slip surface. **Costing:** Wayne Poss has indicated that the supply of sieved gravel, its spread and necessary rolling for compaction would cost in the vicinity of \$10000. It would also be circumspect to consider the provision of hand-rails down the steeper sections and I would need to seek approximate quotes for such, although I understand the engineering department of the Shire are capable of designing and fitting such rails.
 - To add to the 'healthy community' image to which we aspire, the inclusion of activity stations at regular intervals around the track from Alma Park to the track around Mount Mutton. Such 'outdoor static exercise equipment' sites are well patronised in all places they are provided – from Rosebay in Sydney to Dallas Texas and beyond. I can provide additional detail and examples if the proposed idea is considered appropriate.
 - If we are to be proponents of a sustainable future, the southern slope of Mount Mutton needs some tender loving care. It is crown land and as such falls under the Council's umbrella of responsibility to maintain such areas in a weed free-way. As you are aware, as adjacent landholders to this area, I am fighting a constant battle to keep cotoneaster, pyracantha, two finger pine and St. John's wort off our property. This, however, is of minor consequence when we consider the image that visitors to the walk take with them when they walk around and look to the south and cannot see a native tree. Further, despite approaches to various authorities, this overgrown understory and grove of self-planted pines is a major fire hazard to the infrastructure and communications hub situated on the top of the mount. When I arrived in Uralla over 20 years ago, I enjoyed walking through the bush on and adjacent to our property. I have witnessed how the feral plants identified above have infested and overcome almost all native vegetation. Testament to the resilience of our land, since we have cleared the pines from our property, native grasses, shrubs and many seedling trees have sprung up in the previously infested soil. Addressing this infestation could therefore have more than one benefit.
3. As a 'previous life' geologist, the gold mining heritage of the lands in our Shire is fascinating and unique. History again, but this area was once the richest source of alluvial gold in the world and many of the (now filled in) mine shafts would have a wealth of stories, some tragic, to tell. There is, for example, a Chinese cemetery on Rifle Range road – few people would know if it. I propose, therefore, that a committee representing various individuals, societies and interest groups be established to look at the complexities of the geological and mining history. This group could seek further advice from local experts and relevant documentation to investigate and promote ways that this history can be offered to visitors and locals with an interest in our district and its resources – past and present. In support of

this, may I ask you to consider the publicity given to gold strikes in other small towns such as Hill End, Nundle, Sofala, Gulgong and many others. This publicity, and well-presented information boards in the town and at sites of significance, provides many a tourist dollar to these towns. We do not promote our past wealth in order to create wealth for our present and future rate payers and businesses by offering reasons to make Uralla a destination (that goes back a few years now). The Rocky River goldfields provide an excellent opportunity for the development of such an initiative – where people can walk, learn and even try their luck. We would have to be careful, however, of public liability and hence, legal advice should be sought before such invitations to the public are given in such possibly dangerous areas.

Costing: I would propose that the aforementioned committee be allocated a budget for the provision of appropriate signage to the attractions and information boards at the identified sites.

4. And, a new one – I am sure an audio file downloadable to a mobile device and linked to the numbered locations/attractions throughout the local area would appeal to generations of technologists now and into the future. Easily editable, these could be readily updated to include events that may be of interest to visitors to the area. **Costing:** I would expect the professional writing of a script (containing similar information to the signs posted at the identified locations) and recording of same would be a variable but could be consolidated with a few phone calls.

In closing, may I offer my enthusiasm for the projects identified by the valuable consultation process, and hope that it will result in further community involvement in, and proud ownership of, our Shire. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Bruce McMullen

24 Lookout Road

URALLA

mcmull@bigpond.net.au

mobile: 0419013560

Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club

To Uralla Shire Council

Attn: Christine Gerard

The Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club would like to put a submission into the council for their consideration to the Stronger Country Communities Fund program.

The club would like to submit a project to build a building that would have separate toilets, showers and change rooms for our outdoor sports that include golf, cricket and rugby league as well as the Bundarra Central School to use for their sporting events and to invite other schools to compete in all sporting activities.

The building would be of steel frame construction with a Colourbond roof and scyon wall sheeting to the walls.

The size of the building would be 9m x14m with a verandah at the front overlooking the ground.

Internally it would have shower and toilets for male and female plus area for change rooms and storage.

The town has no official sports ground and facility to encourage our young and old to play more active sports this would benefit our town and have an area for our school to invite other schools to our town for sport.

The approximant cost of this building would be \$175000.00

Yours Sincerely

John Layton

President

Alma Park Performance Stage Costing Estimate

Cost area	Source	Cost \$
Pre-Construction Costs		
project design	Council or sub-contractors	
engineering design	Council or sub-contractors	
engineering fees	Council	
Construction		
earthworks for underground structures	Council or sub-contractors	
earthworks for shaping surrounding ground	Council or sub-contractors	
concrete work	Council or sub-contractors	
underground cable runs to stage area and surrounding light poles if fitted	Electrical Contractors	
Fitting Out		
surfacing stage area	Council or sub-contractors	
resurfacing grassed areas	Council or sub-contractors	
fittings in stage area - sockets for poles, projection screen, etc	Council or sub-contractors	
electrical fittings in stage and surrounds	Electrical Contractors	
surface for terraced seating areas	Council or sub-contractors	
Associated Equipment		
portable projection screen complete with associated fittings	Suppliers	
portable lighting equipment complete with supporting structures, brackets and cabling	Suppliers	
portable sound equipment complete with supporting structures, brackets and cabling	Suppliers	
portable screens for stage work and other screening	Suppliers	
video projection equipment	Suppliers	
portable aluminium lattice staging and frames to support other equipment.	Suppliers	
trailer for storing and transporting equipment back to a safe storage location	Suppliers	
Maintenance		
develop a catalogue of equipment with checklist	Council or sub-contractors	
develop a set of manuals for the set of equipment	Council or sub-contractors	
develop an after use condition check for equipment	Council or sub-contractors	
develop a maintenance schedule for equipment	Council or sub-contractors	
develop a maintenance schedule for the stage site	Council or sub-contractors	



A Performance Stage for Alma Park – proposal prepared by Uralla Arts

Uralla Arts proposes construction and fit out of a performance stage for Alma Park. The stage would become a major and popular asset to the town and be achievable at relatively low financial cost.

The installation is a multi-purpose event staging area intended for use by any group within the town for:

- outdoor theatre
- movies
- music
- festivals – eg. Uralla Lantern Parade, Thunderbolt's Festival and Carols By Candlelight

and for hire to outside groups for more of the same or for any other private functions such as family gatherings or weddings.

Structure and Equipment

The installation would include a level stage of approximately 200 m² bounded on 3 sides by 2 rows of terraced seating area.

It is envisioned that the stage and terraced areas will need to be supported by concrete structures underground so that they maintain their shape. The surfaces may also need to be covered with synthetic grass or other low maintenance durable coverings.

In ground “sockets” should be included in the ground to support various items of portable equipment envisioned in the project - such as projection screen, lighting, sound equipment and anything else that may become necessary to operate the stage effectively.

Power connections will need to be fitted in recessed in pockets in the stage or nearby. Uralla Arts can specify how many at each location and what type to support the type of equipment used at outdoor entertainment events.

There will be **Portable equipment** to be purchased for use with the stage. Detailed specifications will be prepared by Uralla Arts, including some estimates of cost of purchase.

- Lights
- Poles for lights
- Cables for lights
- Speakers, cables etc
- Projection screen
- Projector
- Power cables, various
- Portable aluminium lattice staging and frames to support other equipment.

- Portable screens for use when presenting theatre productions - for costume changes etc. These could be portable gazebos.
- A trailer to transport and store all items. The trailer may need to be kept in the Council depot.
- and anything else that may become necessary to operate the stage effectively.

Landscaping

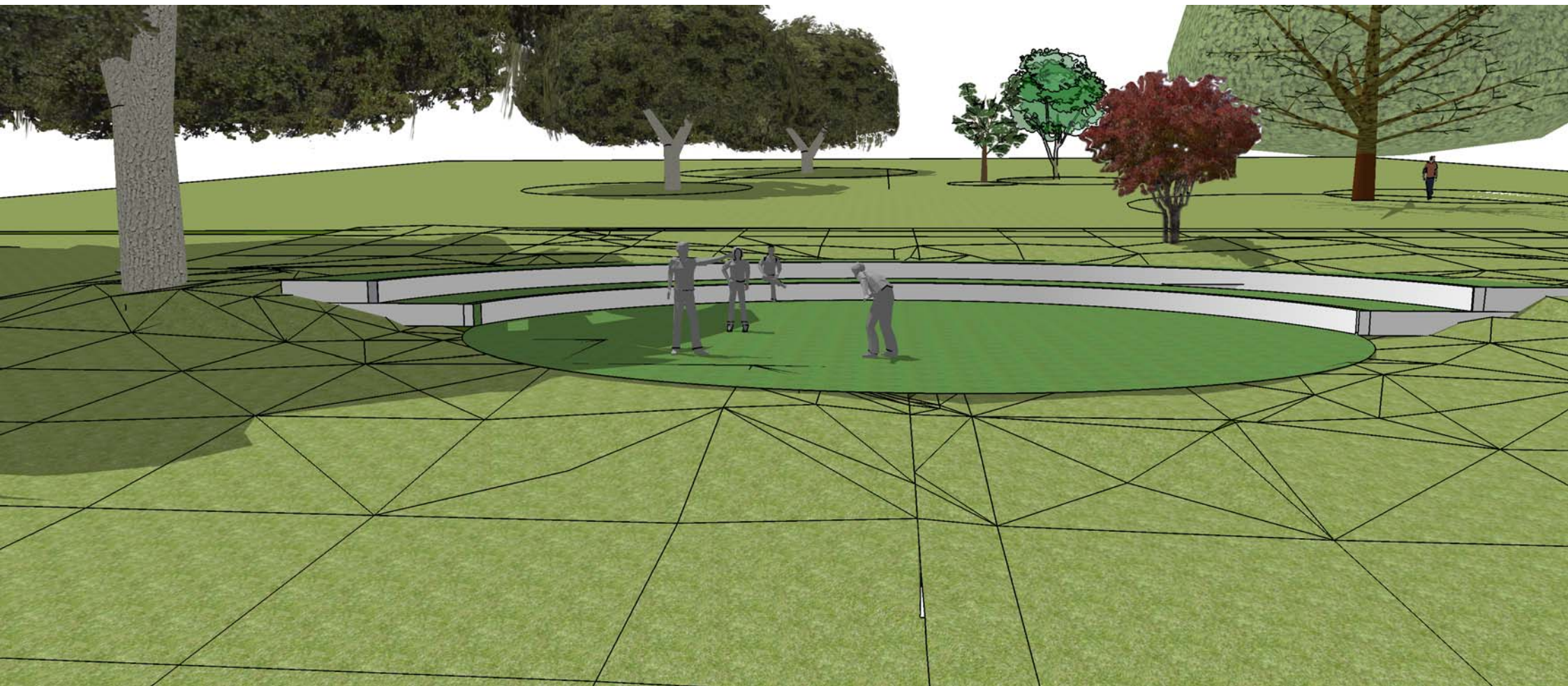
The surrounding areas should be shaped and landscaped to provide the best and safest surfaces for access by visitors, workers and those operating the site. Small vehicles will on occasion need to park near the stage to deliver equipment which so may require a strip of ground levelled from the adjacent roadway. Access and surfaces clear of obstructions for regular mowing needs to be considered in the design.

Several small and older trees currently in poor condition should be removed because of their state and facilitate audience viewing from the sloping ground above the stage. Several new trees with tall clean trunks and a spreading form should be planted in carefully selected locations to provide small pockets of shade to audience members.

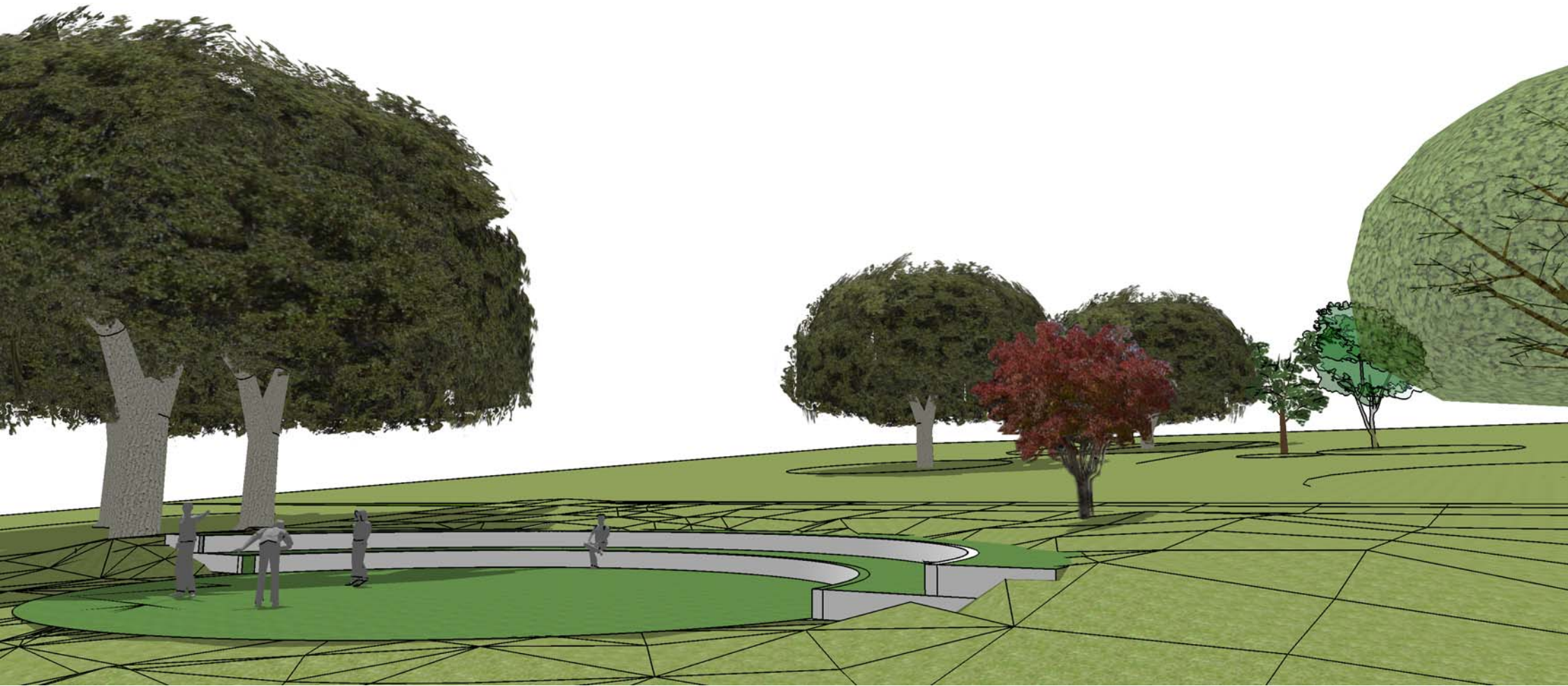
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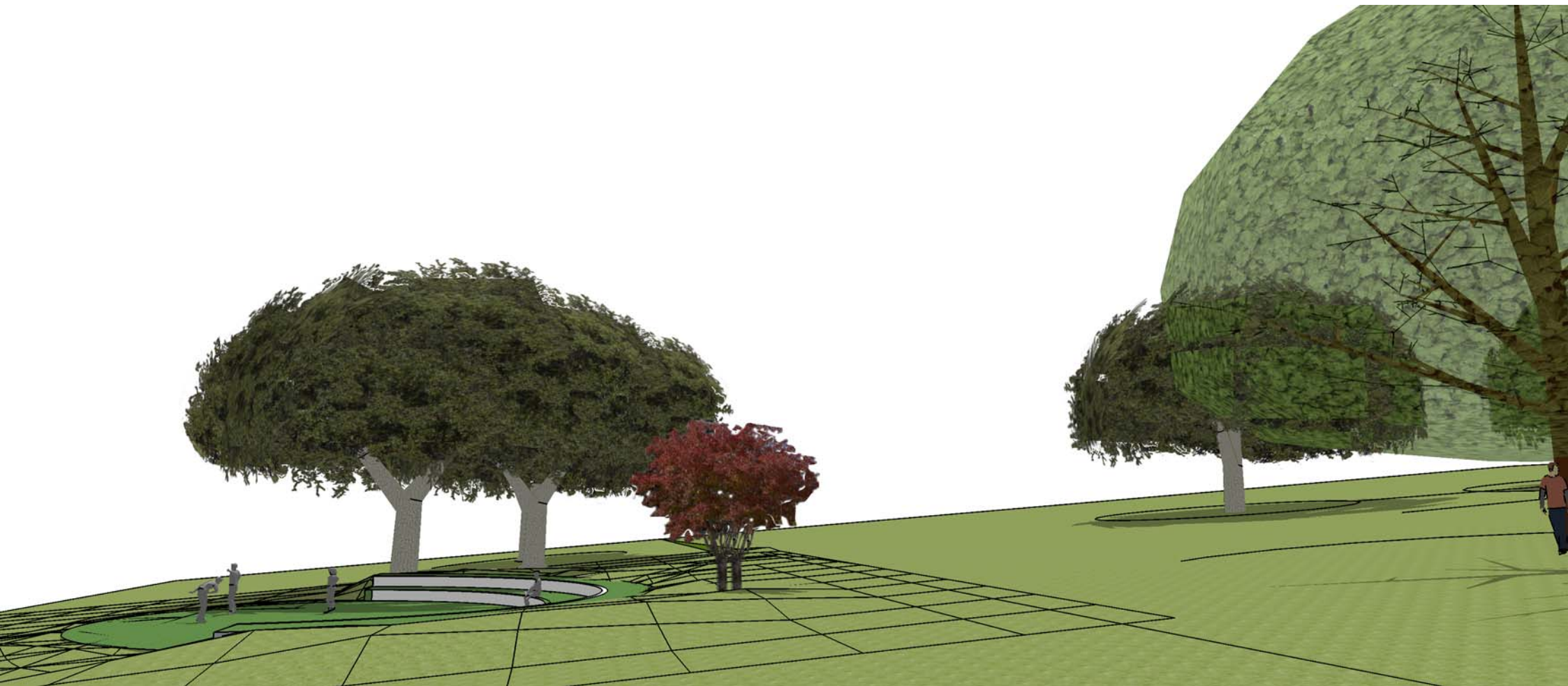
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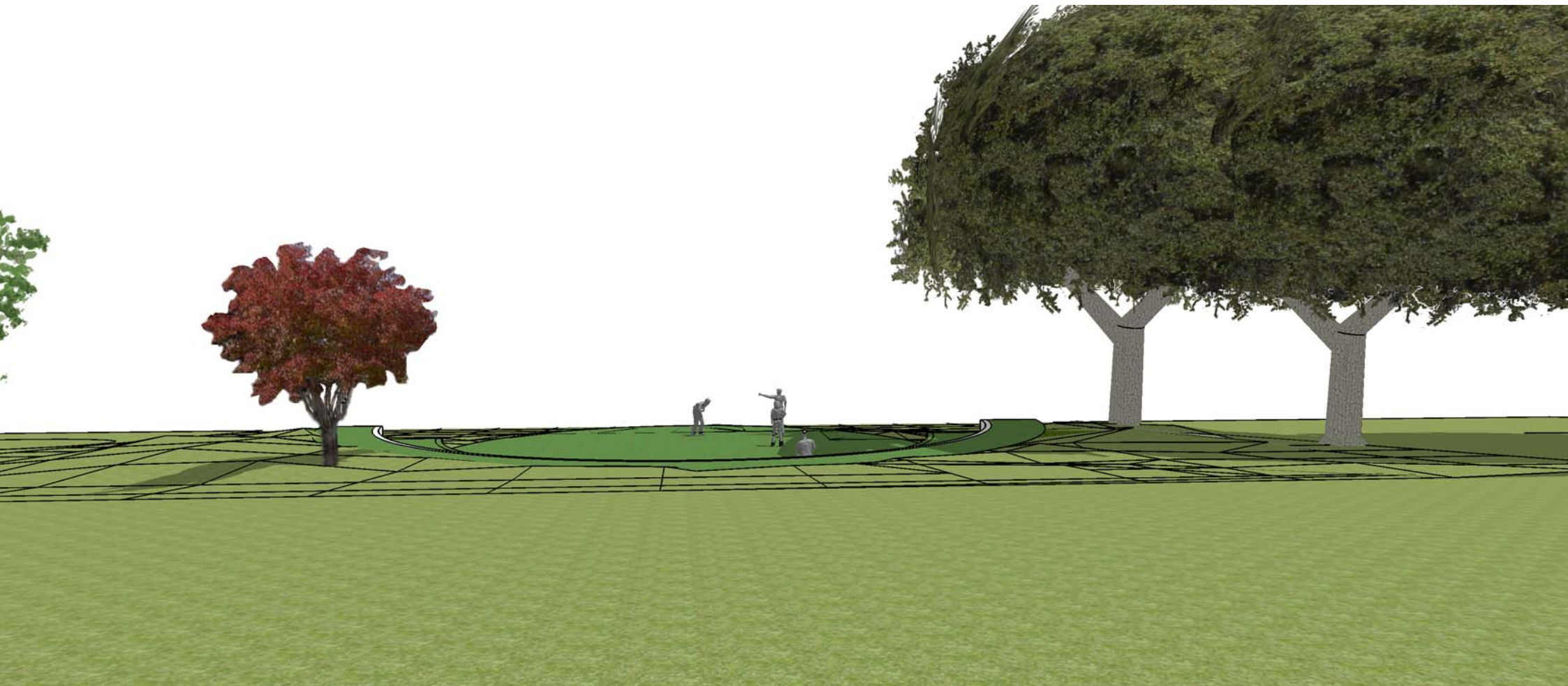
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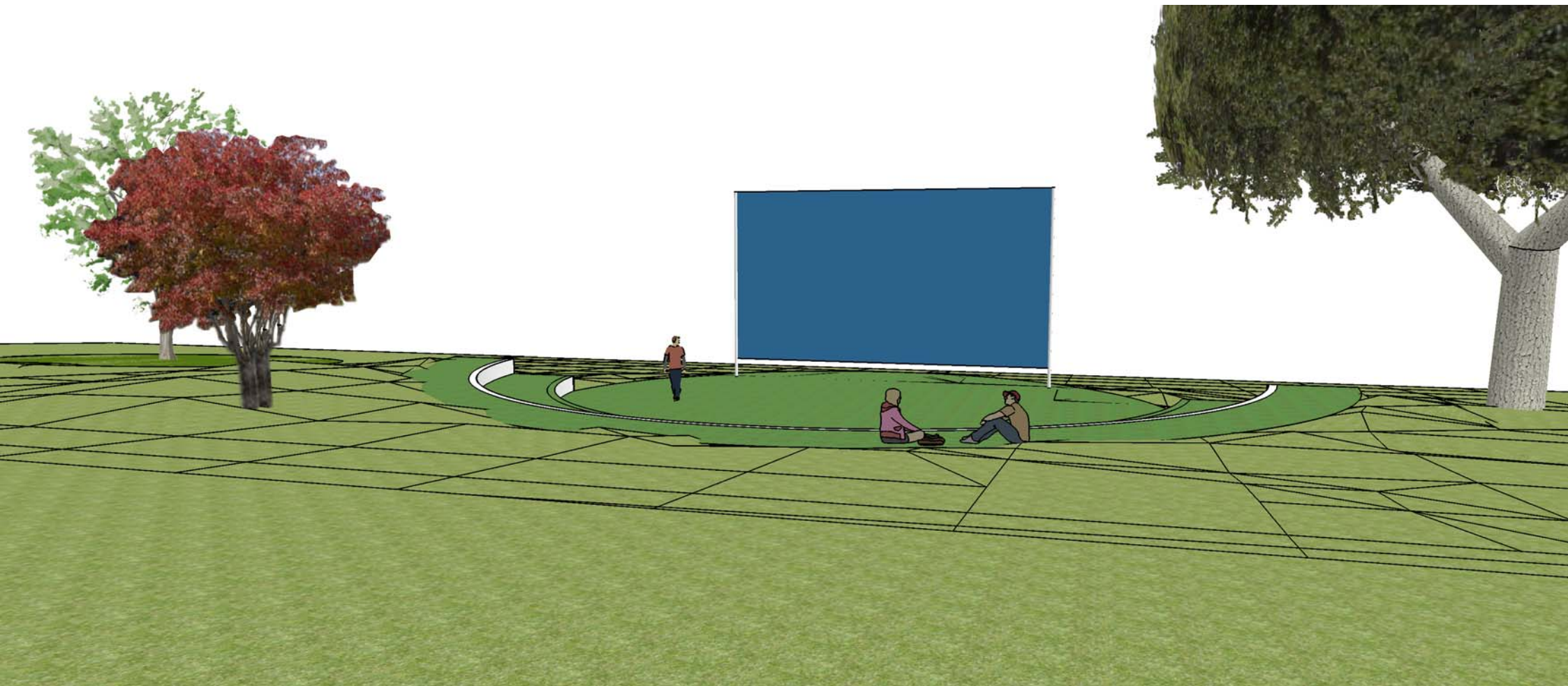
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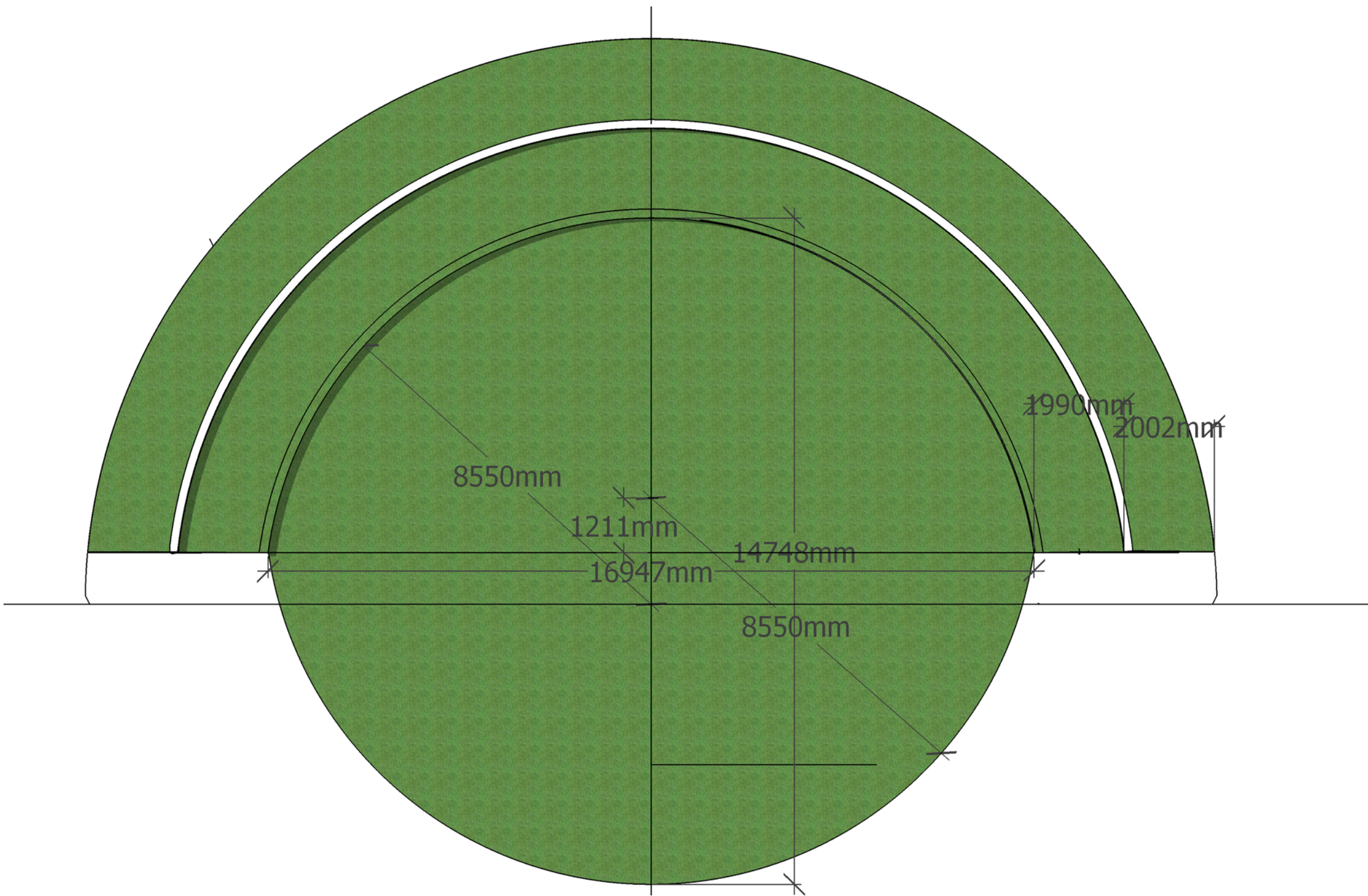
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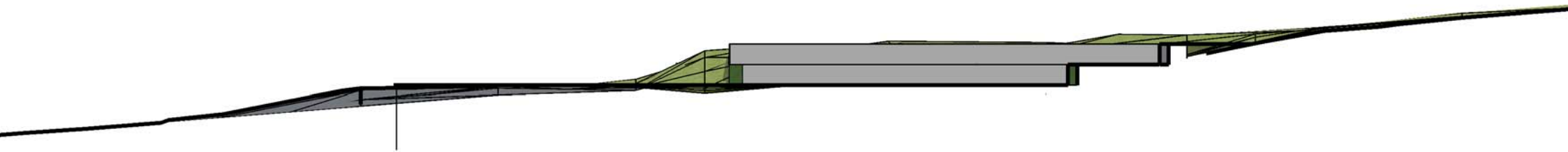


Alma Park Theatre Stage proposal 4.1 with projection screen raised



Uralla Arts Alma Park Theatre Stage proposal 4.1 plan view.

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Alma Park Theatre Stage proposal 4.1 section view from the East

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