School Duty of Care Risks

1) NORTHERN AFL FOOTBALL GOAL LOCATION

RISKS

- Injury to students due to lack of runoff area behind the northern AFL goals which includes paved surfaces and walls well within the Departments recommended 5m run-off distance beyond field boundaries.
- Potential damage to the Gym from footballs kicked through the goals due to the gyms close proximity to the goals.
- Potential disruption to classes in the Gym due to footballs clattering onto the side or roof. Balls stuck on the roof
- Any future fix required if not addressed now could also be potentially out of Doubleview's School budget when it is a design issue.

PROPOSED MITIGATIONS

- Relocate both set of goals so they are position NE and SW ends of the oval rather than N and S.
- Or relocate the northern set of goals further away from the Gym sufficiently that also prevents balls hitting the Gym
- Others?
- Given this is a design issue it should be addressed by the Department to fix.

ADDITIONAL OR SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

Primary School Design Brief states the following for oval run-off.

Sports Ovals

(a) A flat, well drained, natural grass surface must be provided to allow for a variety of sporting activities, including AFL football, rugby and cricket.

(b) All associated fixed elements, such as goal posts and cricket pitch, are to be provided by Project Co, in accordance with Quality Standards, including DSR Guidelines. All fixed elements must be suitably treated for outdoor environments, with all exposed steel elements being hot dipped galvanised with cold galvanised coating for welds, or alternative protective coating approved by the State.

(c) Line markings for Sports Ovals must be in accordance with Quality Standards, including DSR Guidelines for football, rugby and cricket.

(d) The playing field boundary dimensions for the Sports Ovals must be as follows:

(i) Primary Schools – 118m x 84m, or the equivalent of a DSR Youth Football field. A clear run-off perimeter of 5m beyond the playing field boundary must be provided; and

Pictures of the highlighting the potential problems at the oval.

Picture shows only 3 posts as one was removed for building works. Thus the closest three posts are shown.

Below Shows middle two posts. Goal post line is only has about ~2.5m to paved area and around ~4.5m to wall.

2) CRICKET NETS

RISK

The western cricket net to be provided for both ISWA and Doubleview is potentially unsafe thus creating a risk for both schools that they do not meet their duty of care requirements. The lack of netting/fencing protecting cricket balls from going onto Grand Promenade and visual obstruction for seeing oncoming traffic on Grand Prom due to crest at northern end of oval means a student could run onto the road to retrieve a cricket ball that hasn't been stopped by appropriate fencing and gets hit by a car that they couldn't see coming. In addition, there could be damage to property or the public from balls going out of the school grounds due to the lack of fencing. The ISWA plans do not appear to have additional high enough fencing to alleviate this risk.

They Cricket nets also do not appear to meet the Departments design standards.

PROPOSED MITIGATION

- Put up additional high fencing (2-4M) on the school boundary at the side of the cricket nets to prevent balls from going onto the road
- Potential for sole funding by Department due to Design Error or joint funding between ISWA and DVPS schools, Education Department, and P&C to reduce individual organisations cost.

ADDITIONAL OR SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

Primary School Design Brief states the following for Cricket Nets

Cricket Practice Nets
(a) A flat, well drained, synthetic or approved alternative surface must be provided for the purpose of cricket practice.
(b) Dimensions, in-ground stump holders and line markings for Cricket Practice Nets must be in accordance with **Quality Standards, including DSR Guidelines for cricket pitches.**

DSR Guidelines - Guide to shared use facilities

https://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/guide-to-shared-use-facilities

Website States: *"Two cricket practice nets generally attached as a composite of the hard courts and on the edge of the oval where possible and opening out onto the oval."*

Guide to Shared Use Facilities - p21
https://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/guide-to-shared-use-facilities

The Department of Education considers this on a case-by-case basic ensuring that the education services and outcomes can still be effectively and efficiently delivered. In the case of new generic design primary schools, infrastructure suitable for community purposes includes:

- *Central cricket pitch and two cricket practice nets generally attached to the hard courts and directed towards the oval (on an alignment cognisant of the arc position of the sun).*

Below are Examples of Cricket nets built at other new Primary Schools where their cricket nets open up to the oval. If our nets had been angled opening out on the oval ie NNW to SSE, then this probably wouldn't have been an issue.

Southern Grove
Primary School

Aveley North
Primary School
Vidalia Dr
Egerton Dr

Wellard Primary School

Broadstone Vista
Oakwood Primary School
18
Pinecknoll Gardens
32
34
36

Doubleview's Cricket Nets. Just under 10m from pitch to the path then road.

Cricket net plans – from page 689. JDAP Agenda - No 202 - City of Stirling 2018

3) CRICKET PITCH

ISSUE

Students and school community are missing out on a core sporting facility and standard infrastructure of a cricket pitch that as per the Guide to Facilities Schedule existing schools are required to have "***A concrete cricket pitch, often centrally located on the oval and possibly finished with synthetic turf."*** This is also a requirement for all new schools. It is also a requirement under the Guide to Facilities Schedule and Primary School Briefs that all new schools have cricket pitches.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

- Put in a cricket pitch on the school oval
- Potential to share cost between the schools and P&C or request for the Department to fund this 100% in next years school budget due to the obligation to provide this infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL OR SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

Guide to Shared Use Facilities – p17 available off
https://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/guide-to-shared-use-facilities

Facilities schedule – existing schools

Every existing school will have facilities, particular in nature, size and purpose, which may be suitable for community or third party use for recreation or physical activity. The facilities that may be accommodated at a particular school may include, but is not limited to:

Primary and district high school

• A junior football oval up to 118 x 84 metres, including some over-run.

• A concrete cricket pitch, often centrally located on the oval and possibly finished with synthetic turf.

• Two cricket practice nets on the edge of the oval and generally opening out onto the oval.

• Two multi-marked basketball/netball courts up to 30 x 15 metres (with over-run possibly up to 41 x 37 metres) overlain at right angles with two tennis courts. Generally, courts have a bitumen or acrylic finish.

• A covered assembly building up to 280 sqm² in area, which can be used for physical activities.