



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY:

INDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRES



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INDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRES

Indoor sport and recreation centres are facilities designed to cater for individual and group physical activities that take place indoors. These facilities provide a safe, all year round environment for a range of activities, such as team competitions and training, individual sport and recreational pursuits, play and fitness activities, and casual hire.

Indoor sport and recreation centres usually contain indoor sports courts, typically used for structured sports, such as basketball, netball, volleyball, indoor hockey, soccer, badminton, as well as unstructured recreational sports booked casually (e.g. casual basketball). These facilities may also include supporting amenities, such as club and community spaces, gyms, changerooms, toilets, canteens, and spectator areas.

CURRENT DELIVERY

There are 2 community indoor recreation facilities provided in the City of Canning. They are outlined below:

Facility	Hierarchy	Components	Strength	Weakness
Willetton Basketball Stadium	Regional	8 indoor courts	Provides state level provision for basketball and is the provider of pathways for training and development of players, coaches, referees and officials, staff and volunteers. Adjacent to district shopping centre and good access via public transport.	Due to the demand and operator the facility prioritises basketball. Has some spare capacity during off peak times. Peak time usage at capacity. Limited general community access
Cannington Leisureplex	Neighbourhood	2 indoor basketball courts	Courts are part of multi-use facility which includes Aquatic Centre, Gym, function and meeting rooms and community library and café. Well serviced by public transport (train, bus)	At capacity during peak times. Number of courts restricts capacity for running large multi-team competitions. Minimal space for any expansion of sporting courts.

*Riverton Leisureplex is not included in this Community Infrastructure Type, instead forms part of the Aquatics Type.



CASE STUDIES



WILLETTON BASKETBALL STADIUM

Willetton Basketball Stadium is located at Burrendah Boulevard, Willetton.

The Centre is a highly utilised regional indoor sports centre which caters for Basketball up to State level competition. The Centre includes:

Eight Basketball courts, including a stadium court. Additionally, the multi-court configuration of the stadium also provides for up to 15 badminton courts, four netball courts, and two volleyball courts.

A range of meeting rooms and a function room available as bookable spaces to the general community.

The Centre provides district level competitions at senior and junior level for both males and females.

The Willetton Basketball Association provides a range of skills and accreditation sessions, including after school skills programs, holiday camps, domestic basketball academy, and coach and officials' development programs.

The Centre is well serviced by public transport, with 3 bus routes providing access to train stations and is adjacent to Southlands Boulevard Shopping Centre.



CANNINGTON LEISUREPLEX (SPORT COURTS)

Cannington Leisureplex- Corner Wharf and Sevenoaks Streets, Cannington.

The Cannington Leisure plex is a multi-functional facility featuring the following:

Indoor 10 lane 25m lap pool

Indoor Leisure pool, Wellness Suite-Spa, sauna, steam room

Outdoor splash pad

Waterslide

Gym

Two sports courts

Function centre

Indoor playground

Crèche

Café

Cannington Leisureplex is well located serviced by public transport being adjacent to both Cannington and Queens Park Railway stations and associated bus connections.

INDUSTRY PROVISION RATES AND BENCHMARKING

Parks and Leisure Australia, Western Australia (PLA WA) have developed a provision standard which assesses number of community facility types against the percentage of population of facilities within a catchment. It also reinforces industry's reticence to provide single sport facilities, which aligns with the City's CIS principles.

As it relates specifically to indoor basketball, benchmark data indicates approximately 86% of the City of Canning population live within the designated catchment for an indoor basketball facility.

Volleyball across the state is considered to have a significant shortfall in the availability of facilities. PLA WA and Volleyball WA have identified the need to increase access to existing indoor space or provide additional indoor court facilities.

Netball provisions rates within the PLA WA guidelines for the central metropolitan areas (which includes the City of Canning) articulates that the current provision of netball courts (both indoor and outdoor) is at adequate provision standard.

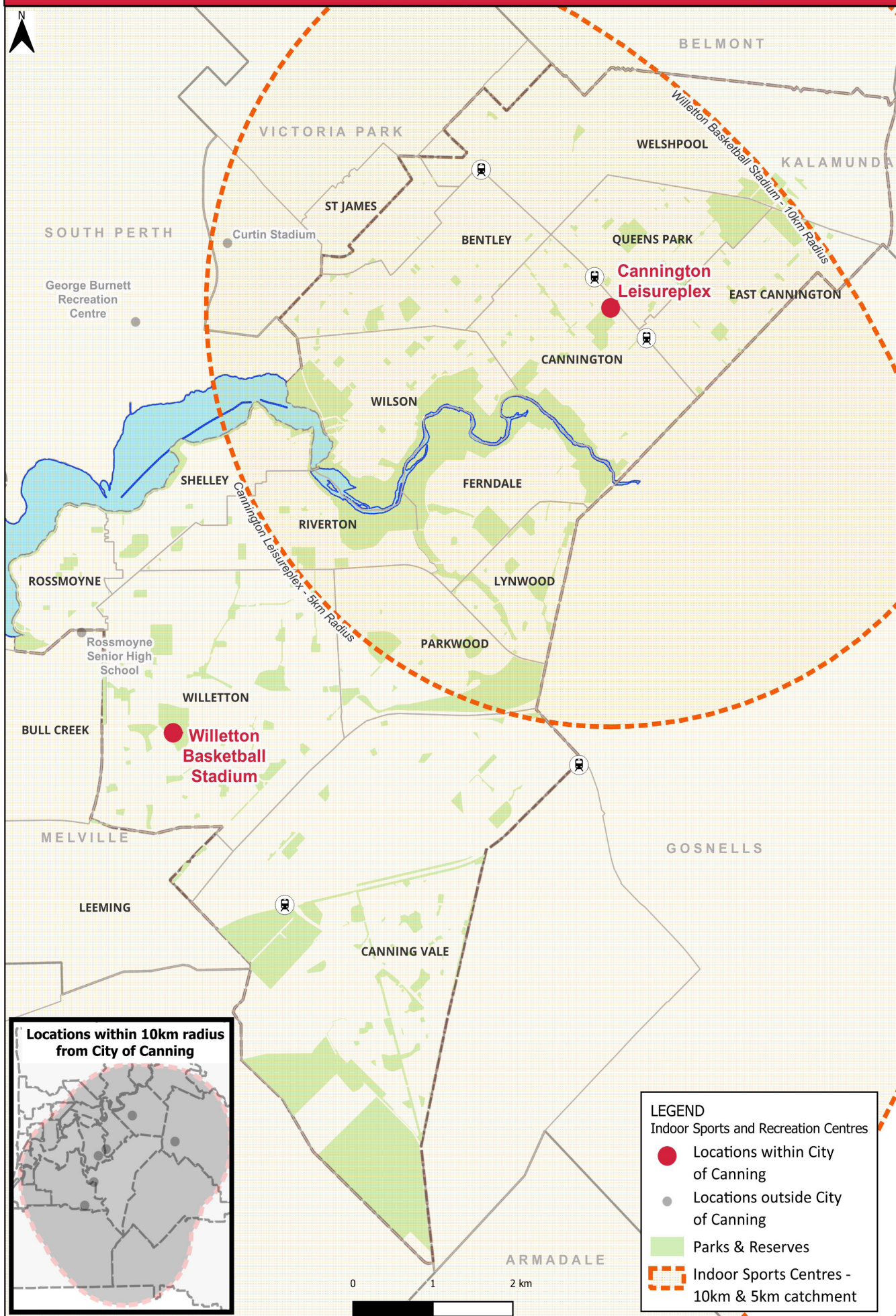
The PLA WA Community Infrastructure Guidelines 2020 provide the below provisions for indoor sport and recreation centres.

Facility	Hierarchy	Components	Strength	Weakness
Indoor Sport and Recreation Centre (Dry)	A multi-functional sport, recreation and community meeting place. A minimum 3 court facility with ancillary spaces, including changerooms, storage, café, offices/reception, gym, fitness rooms	1:30,000-50,000	Neighbourhood	1-2 court facility within 5km catchment to provide neighbourhood recreational level opportunities
		1:30,000-50,000	District	2- 4 courts within 5km When combined with other functional uses
		1:50,000-100,000	Regional	4+ courts with Association level facilities within a 10km population catchment

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INDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRES



CURRENT BY CANNING

The current City of Canning provision of indoor sports courts is 10 courts, within two facilities as follows;

A two court facility with associated gym, meeting and function rooms and café.

An eight court facility with associated meeting/function rooms and café. This facility is classified as Regional and those in the local community often find it difficult to access. Willetton Basketball Stadium is also under a tenancy arrangement of a ground lease. Willetton Basketball Association manages and operates the Stadium, with no operational influence by the City.

Under the provision standards, the City's provision is adequate. However, given the private nature of the Willetton Basketball Stadium and its predominant focus on basketball, access provisions indicate a shortfall both now and into the future.

A review of similar facilities surrounding the City of Canning shows six indoor sport facilities within a 10km catchment.

All of the six facilities are classified District level, in terms of industry standards and benchmarking, based on their number of sports courts. A District catchment for sports courts is 5km. These facilities therefore provide opportunities for City of Canning residents.

Indoor Sport and Recreation Facilities Outside the City of Canning

Venue	LGA	Operation	Facilities
George Burnett Recreation Centre	City of South Perth	Community	4 x multi-sport courts 4 x meeting/seminar rooms No kitchen Facilities
Hartfield Park Recreation Centre	City of Kalamunda	Community	2 x Multisport courts Gym Fitness and Lifestyle Room Multi-purpose Room Creche
Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre (Dry)	City of Belmont	Community	3 x multi-sport courts Gym/Fitness Centre Creche Cafe
Rossmoyne Senior High School	City of Melville	Education (limited public access)	1 multi – sport court
Curtin Stadium	City of South Perth	Education (limited public access)	3 x multi-sport courts Gym Fitness rooms breakout rooms
Striker	City of Melville	Private	2 sports courts 7 squash 3 netted courts Gym a Group fitness

TRENDS

There are a number of trends regarding indoor sports facilities that need to be considered, including:

Limited availability at peak times due to high demand. Peak hours are 3:30pm - 8:30pm weekdays and weekends all opening hours.

Facilities increasingly being designed to accommodate multiple sports and activities. This allows facilities to be used by a wide range of programs, making them more versatile, less restrictive and more cost effective.

Indoor sports courts increasingly being used as community destinations. Many facilities offer programs and events that are open to the public.

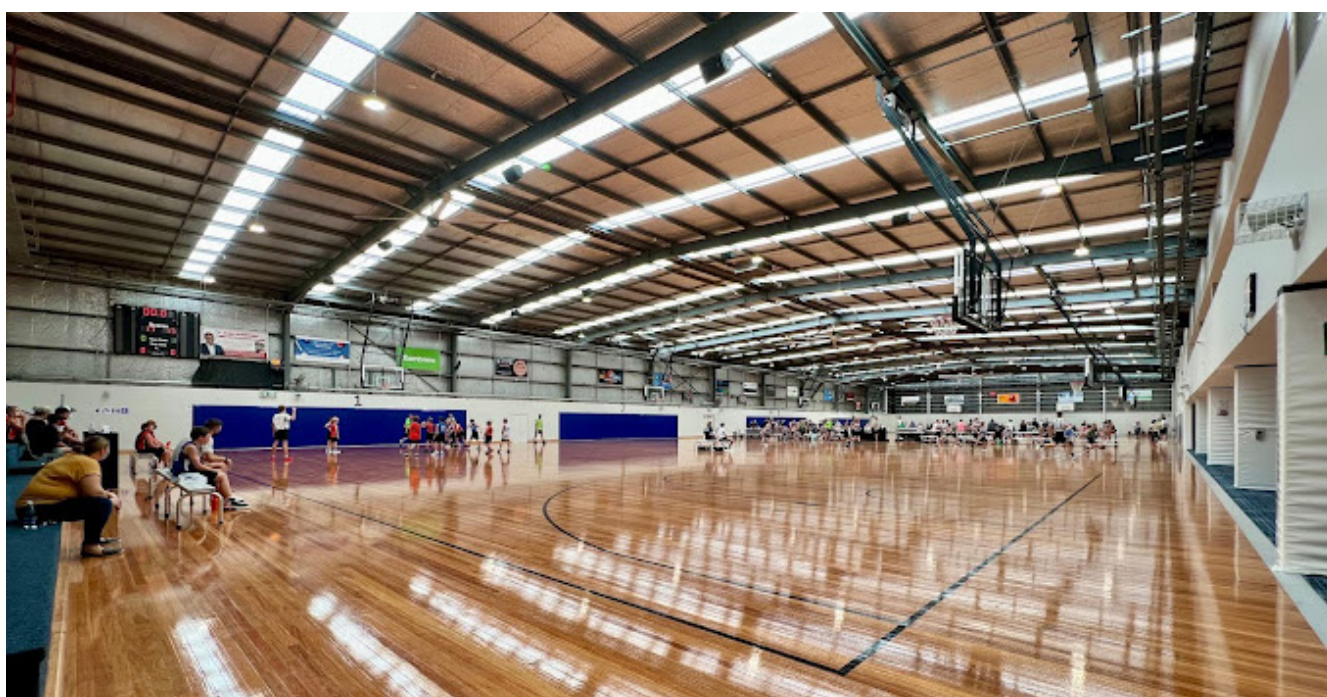
Limited provision for basketball and volleyball indoor facilities across the state, as identified by PLA WA.

SportsEye data suggesting that basketball is ranked sixth in participation for males aged 15+. This is not dissimilar to the trends for females, with netball ranked third and basketball seventh amongst the same age group.

Sports participation data from sporteyes indicates:

- There are approximately 2,000 **Basketball WA** members who live in the City of Canning, 30% of those having to play outside of the City of Canning to access facilities.
 - There are 787 **Netball WA** members who live in the City of Canning, 73% of those having to play outside the City of Canning to access facilities.
 - There are 275 **Volleyball WA** members who live in the City of Canning, 100% of those having to travel outside the City of Canning to access facilities.
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Indoor play for Volleyball and netball is restricted to other operators, such as commercial operators or school facilities due to lack of opportunity at peak times within City facilities. These facilities prioritise other uses restricting access to, and growth of these sports.



THE FUTURE

Participation data shows that availability of indoor courts is not sufficient. The City of Canning will need to consider additional courts.

Based on current memberships and demand predictions, a District level indoor sports facility will need to be added to meet Community need (a focus for this should be for indoor netball and volleyball in the first instance).

PROVISION STANDARDS

PLA WA has very general guidelines for standards of provision for indoor sports centres. However, there are more specific hierarchy levels of provision for specific sports, including netball, basketball and badminton. With consideration of each of these standards, the below proposed hierarchy of provision standard for indoor sports in the City of Canning has been developed.

City of Canning Provision Standards

Amenity	Neighbourhood (<30,000)	District (30-50,000)	Regional (50-150,00)
Courts	1-2	2-4	8+ (with show court for competition)
Reception	optional	required	required
Changerooms	required	required	required
Umpires room	Not required	Optional	required
Canteen/kiosk	Optional	required	required
kitchen	Optional	required	required
Toilets	required	required	required
Sports courts viewing	Courtside only	Courtside only	Included courtside and provision of seating for one showcourt
Meeting space	required	required	required
Community room / multi use space	Not required	optional	required
Club/user store	Optional	Internal storage for clubs and furniture. 20m2	Internal storage for clubs and furniture. 20m2
Furniture store	Required	required	required
First aid room	Optional	required	required

CONSULTATION FINDINGS

This Type received 12 responses, 11 from within the City with 10 respondents currently using this infrastructure. There are five strategic directions/recommendations proposed and all were supported.

Summary of Consultation	
Survey Questions	Results
Surveys Completed	12
From a suburb within the City of Canning	11
Already using Indoor Sports and Recreation Facilities in Canning	10
Addition consultation activities specific for this Type	Direct emails to Willetton Basketball Association Direct email to all regular users of community halls Cultural Ambassador Huddle Youth Consultants Network workshop

Survey Response Results

	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Strategic Direction 1 - The current provision of indoor sports facilities does not meet current needs, coupled with forecasted population growth and likely growth of indoor sports such as basketball, netball and volleyball this will be further exacerbated. The City will need to consider the provision of increased access to indoor recreation facilities.	13	0	0
Strategic Direction 2 - These new facilities will provide opportunities for a diverse range of indoor sports activities and be designed to adapt to changing needs and demographics of the community. This is to ensure the community has access to quality indoor sports facilities.	12	0	1
Strategic Direction 3 - Ensure future developments are co-located with other recreation and/or community infrastructure. (e.g., Aquatic Centres, gyms, fitness centres)	12	1	0
Recommendation 1 - Develop a business case to address indoor sport court shortfall within the City of Canning, with a focus on development of a district level indoor sports facility co-located with other community infrastructure. Business case to consider extension of existing facility and/or new.	8	5	0
Recommendation 2 - Investigate and consult on any planned future provision of indoor recreation facilities within neighbouring local governments.	9	3	1

KEY THEMES

Capacity and Access: Consistent feedback from respondents that existing facilities are fully booked during peak hours, and an extensive waiting list for some sports.

Indoor Sports Centres: The Bentley/St. James/Wilson areas were identified as lacking adequate indoor sports facilities, which respondents believe are needed.

KEY FINDINGS

There was very high levels of support by respondents to the strategic directions and recommendations.

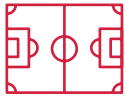
Community Engagement: Residents express a strong desire for the City to consider their feedback in planning and upgrading indoor sports facilities to ensure they meet current and future needs.

Feedback related to the location and design growth of indoor facilities can be further explored through the business case development outlined in Recommendation 1. Comments highlighted the importance of strategically placing new facilities and expanding existing ones to meet community needs. These insights will inform the planning and feasibility studies to ensure optimal site selection and design improvements.

CONSULTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. No changes to the Strategic Directions
2. No changes to the Recommendations

STRATEGIC DIRECTION



The current provision of indoor sports facilities does not meet the current needs. This will be further exacerbated by increasing sporting trends and participation, as well as the City's forecast population growth to 2041. The City will need to consider the provision of increased access to indoor recreation facilities.



These new facilities will provide opportunities for a diverse range of indoor sports activities and be designed to adapt to the changing needs and demographics of the community to ensure the community has access to quality indoor sports facilities.



Future developments should be co-located with other recreation and/or community infrastructure. (e.g. aquatic centres, gyms, fitness centres etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS



Develop a business case to address indoor sport court shortfall within the City of Canning, with a focus on development of a District level indoor sports facility co-located with other community infrastructure. The business case needs to consider the extension of existing facilities versus developing new facilities



Investigate and consult on any planned future provision of indoor recreation facilities within neighbouring Councils.





