

Anembo Arena Upgrade Project

Project funded by a \$30,000 grant from the NSW Community Partnership Building Programme secured by Duffys Forest Residents' Association.

Preliminary costing: Restoration & Resurface

Base	\$12,800.00	
Poles	free	
Place Poles	\$3,200.00	
Spread surface	\$4,000.00	
Sand (300m3 @ \$56)	\$16,800.00	
Transport Poles	\$1,000.00	
Remove existing surface:	\$4,000.00	
TOTAL	\$41,800.00 + GST	= \$45,980.00

Additional costs since grant approval

Stone retaining wall	\$15,000 covered by council funding
Telegraph poles	\$6,000 poles have not been sourced free of charge

Following the success of the grant application, Councils Bushland department in March this year suddenly imposed an additional condition requiring a retaining wall be built along the length of the low side of the arena running east west. This wall is for environmental reasons and council would not accept a batter on the sides as was originally proposed.

The additional works for this wall will cost approximately \$15,000 and fortunately a commitment from Council to fund this additional expense has been secured.

Additional environmental aims of the restoration were to improve the outcomes for the bushland adjacent to the arena which has become seriously degraded by the overflow of rubber into the bush.

Community Support

Additional support includes a \$5 000 donation from NSH&P and a \$2 500 donation from the Duffys Forest Residents Association. Local instructor Jill Severn has kindly pledged \$1000 as has a local couple walking. Local Letters of financial support have been received from Northside Riding Club and Forest Hills Pony Club.

The final amount yet to be raised is \$7,500 and \$6,000 for poles which come to \$14,480.00.

You Can Help

Riders and Users are encouraged to sponsor a pole to help support the project and can do so by contacting Jenny Harris on 0408 512 060

Works scheduled to begin 10 July 2010.

During Works

The arena will remain partially open when machinery is not in use on site. The contractor will endeavour to keep it open for as long as possible.

The arena will be closed completely for a period of time as it is impossible to resurface the arena any other way. The Forest Hills Pony Club arena took approximately 2 months to be completed. As the Duffys Forest arena is 2.5 times the size of a standard arena the expected time frame subject to weather would be the same at a minimum.

There are no clear timelines available for this closure.

Council is keen to stick to the planned time frame of 2 months and will be monitoring progress.

During this time alternative riding areas can be found at JJ Hills, the horse grounds next to Rat park in Warriewood and St Ives Showground.

Thank you for your understanding.

Plan of Management

Within the Plans of Management published in 2007 for the reserve Council have specified that they will be addressing a user pays system for the horse arena possibly as a way of providing funding to maintain the arena. This is likely to occur when the arena is finished but there are no indications to the process council would use to collect monies.

The plans of management for the reserve can be read and are available on Warringah Council's website under publications.

There are currently no ongoing maintenance plans available from Council.

Further Equestrian Facilities

Application is in place for the same funding grant to provide a small 40 x 20 arena in Kinka Reserve. If this was successful it would be great for horse riders offering an alternate facility and also reduce the wear and tear on Anembo Arena.

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