

**PROPOSED WCE MONDAY AND THURSDAY GAME DAYS SUMMARY
27 October 2021**

The following defined terms and acronyms are referred to in this Game Days Summary:

AFL	Australian Football League
AFLW	Australian Football League Women's
DA	Development Approval
FFC	Fremantle Football Club
MRP	Mineral Resources Park
PFC	Perth Football Club
Town	Town of Victoria Park
WAFL	Western Australian Football League
WAPC	Western Australian Planning Commission
WCE	West Coast Eagles

Trigger:

Any impact to the AFLW season caused by a COVID-19 event (either in WA or the Eastern States) that creates the requirement for the AFL to establish a hub in Perth.

Justification:

- Due to the changing landscape of scheduling Australian rules football games across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the AFL to become agile in the scheduling of games with some being held on non-traditional days of the week due to games being cancelled then rescheduled at short notice to allow for the competitions full season's to be completed.
- When State Governments have imposed restrictions limiting travel of interstate teams the AFL has implemented hub scenarios to remove the requirement of teams travelling across the country.
- A hub for AFL men's and AFLW games is defined as the congregation of multiple teams in the same location due to the inability to play games in their home city from COVID-19 enforced lockdowns or border restrictions limiting free travel between states.
- Hubs have been implemented by the AFL in 2020 and 2021 to ensure the men's seasons were not cancelled. A compressed fixture has then been implemented by the AFL in these hubs to accommodate the rescheduled or yet to be played matches so that all games required in a full seasons fixture are completed.
- The AFL has recently confirmed the 2022 AFLW season commencement date has been delayed to January 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 border restrictions.
- The AFL seeks to avoid cancellation of the AFLW season as this would be detrimental to the progress made in the previous seasons completed to date and the ongoing development of female players filtering down to the local and underage competitions in Perth.

- While it is still unknown when border restrictions will be lifted the WCE anticipate the AFL may implement a hub scenario for the 2022 AFLW season to proceed which could be located in Perth.
- If a hub is established in Perth it is expected the AFL will request games be held at Optus Stadium and spread across the WAFL venues. Hub games cannot be held solely at Optus Stadium due to other sporting codes and entertainment events scheduled at this venue during the AFLW season.
- Consideration is sought by Council to include approval of games on both Monday's and Thursday's at MRP to accommodate matches that would be played under the Perth hub scenario. WCE anticipate matches played on a Monday or Thursday would be a rarity.

Criteria Based Assessment:

All of the following criteria based assessment must be met in order for the AFL to schedule AFLW games to be played on Monday and Thursday:

- ✓ A COVID-19 event has occurred and can be evidenced with reference to a formal acknowledgment published by a State Government Health Department.
- ✓ AFLW season has been impacted due to a COVID-19 event.
- ✓ Number of games for the current calendar year have not exceeded 45 game days.
- ✓ Number of AFL 'pre-season' games for the current calendar year have not exceeded 3 game days.
- ✓ Transport Impact Assessment, Parking and Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan have been implemented.
- ✓ Acoustic report with relevant environmental requirements has been implemented.
- ✓ Community impact mitigation measures have been implemented.
- ✓ Two week notice period provided.
- ✓ Spectator numbers limited to no more than 6,500 or 3,500 if outside the 3 year DA approval period.
- ✓ No pre-existing unremedied breach or default.

Additional Conditions:

In addition to the terms and conditions contained within the Terms Sheet, WCE must adhere to the following conditions:

- WCE will comply with all COVID-19 directions issued by the Australian Federal Government and Western Australian State Government.
- WCE will not schedule games with crowds should COVID-19 restrictions be imposed in Western Australia.
- AFLW hub matches on a Monday or Thursday would not include a derby match between WCE and FFC.
- If PFC training sessions were required to be rescheduled to accommodate a hub match on Monday or Thursday WCE will reallocate PFC access to Oval 1 on that day and/or provide additional access to Oval 1 on an alternative day.
- Hub games played on Monday or Thursday are to comply with the 2020 Development approval conditions which WCE and PFC adhere to for playing of games at MRP.

- WCE will implement appropriate stakeholder engagement and provide two weeks' notice to the Town and residents within the immediate MRP catchment area, should a game need to be played on Monday or Thursday.
- Hub matches will be managed as per a normal match in accordance with the approved Management Plans and conditions referenced within the Terms Sheet.
- Night games may be played in accordance with the terms of clause 9 of the Terms Sheet save and except that the first bullet point of clause 9 shall be amended to read as follows:

“Maximum of 10 games played under lights per calendar year with a minimum period between night games of 2 days”.

Reference Documents

WAPC Approval Letter – 22 December 2020

Reference: 32-50045-7

Mineral Resources Park Transport Impact Assessment – 10 March 2021

Reference: W202980

Mineral Resources Park Travel Plan – 17 February 2021

Reference: W202980

Lathlain Park Management Plan – 17 July 2017

Reference: 851/02/32/0005PV

Acoustic Report: Noise Management Plan – March 2021

Reference: 27229-3-21058

Mineral Resources Park - Crowd Management Plan

Provided to the Town of Victoria Park 14 October 2021

WCE Parking Management Plan – 22 September 2021

Reference: 301401169

WCE Traffic Management Plan – 7 February 2020

Reference: TMP No 9420

Proposed WCE Terms Sheet Summary – 13 October 2021