

FACILITIES REPORT – December 2019 (for GC)

Ashbourne:

A productive site visit at Ashbourne on 29th October as attended by Natalie from the Health Department and Jacob Duvall from Education Corporate – Asset Standards and Environmental Management unit who both confirmed the need for UV filters to be supplied and fitted as a corporately funded project. We asked for it to be in place by the beginning of the 2020 school year as there was currently no other source of drinking water on site.

We will continue to monitor this for the timeline to be met, through our DPTI Facilities Manager, Rob Clark. While there it was noted the concrete water tanks for firefighting water were leaking and application has been made for the repair to be corporately funded due to the school's location in a department-declared Bushfire Risk zone.

Langhorne Creek:

The site visit Tuesday 29th October highlighted the many failing buildings. An APA (Asset Performance Assessment) has been lodged for all buildings, including the JP House. We acknowledge this is well overdue and a process needs to be followed and we will continue to monitor and agitate the department's Asset Services unit for some action through our DPTI Facilities Manager as is the procedure.

Milang:

Milang is the only campus we haven't visited with our DPTI Facilities Manager, Rob Clark. We are co-ordinating the visit with Susannah's admin days and this time of year is proving particularly busy so we will aim for early 2020.

SR-6:

The odd defect is still appearing and we follow the process of reporting through our Facilities Manager, Rob Clark, who promptly contacts the correct contractor then reports to us when the defects have been attended to such as a leaking sink, broken door stops, etc.

The Basketball Association have met with us a number of times to work through tasks required to tidy up the Gym/Stadium so it becomes a more inviting venue for students and for prospective Basketball players from the local community.

Old, unused electrical fittings have been removed – most notably the fluoro lights that have been replaced with very efficient LED lights – old gymnastic equipment that is no longer used and was dangerous where it was attached to the walls. Some more unused fixtures have been identified and we are working through removal of these with the Basketball Association.

The Joint Use Agreement for this building has been given to the Basketball Association who have indicated they are happy to have it roll over for another 5 years. It will just be a matter of formality to have the agreement signed by the department the Basketball Association.

7-12:

As we move closer to the school holidays the place is abuzz with contractors coming to do repairs, maintenance and minor works and our Groundsmen are busy shifting and repairing furniture, tidying and refreshing garden beds, sorting out water issues, retrieving footballs from rooves and so on.

The front oval is used over Summer for local cricket, the back oval is used by the local football club and softball club as well as our other outdoor areas being used by fitness groups which are ways in which we strengthen our community connections.

GRANT:

We have heard no advice, yet, regarding the Federal "Local School's Community Fund" grant. Successful schools will be advised at the end of December 2019.

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