



Carpark proposal

Underground parking mooted for Kent Street bowling club

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THE Rockingham Bowling Club could be redeveloped to include an underground carpark if the Port Rockingham marina gets approval, according to the club's president.

President Colin Domney said the club was still having talks with marina developer Rosewood Grove about its proposal to build a carpark beneath the bowling greens and tennis courts.

Mr Domney said the club approved the proposal and on February 14 sent a letter to the developer saying it would like to "install a carpark underground over the entire bowls and tennis area with four (bowling) greens and six tennis courts at ground level".

The letter said the club also wanted a club room parallel with Kent Street installed.

Mr Domney said the developer had drawn up rough plans, which were up on the club's notice board.

Rosewood Grove director Paul Ogilvie confirmed his company had approached the bowling club with the proposal and said the talks were still in early stages.

Rockingham Mayor Barry Sammels said the council had not received a formal proposal, but the bowling club was on Crown land vested in the council meaning the council would be

able to negotiate for the developer to use the land for an underground carpark.

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— CR BARRY SAMMELS

“The council has not received a formal proposal, but it has discussed a number of options with Rosewood Grove, at its request, to establish additional parking in the vicinity of the site for the proposed Port Rockingham marina,” Cr Sammels said.

“One such option involves the establishment of some parking within the bowling and tennis club precinct.”

Rockingham Museum curator Wendy Durant said she was against an underground carpark in the area.

“Rockingham was built on a series of swamp lands and is below the water table level — you would need pumps operating (in an underground carpark) all the time,” Ms Durant said.

On Monday the Environmental Protection Authority said it had received about 40 submissions about the Port Rockingham marina proposal.