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Taringa's Lexie Poteri
and Cr Julian Simmonds
do not want the bowls
club developed.

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THE Indooroopilly Bowls Club saga has taken a turn for the worse for unhappy residents after liquidator Worrells applied to have the site assessed for a childcare centre despite hopes it would be retained as recreation space. **PAGE 5**

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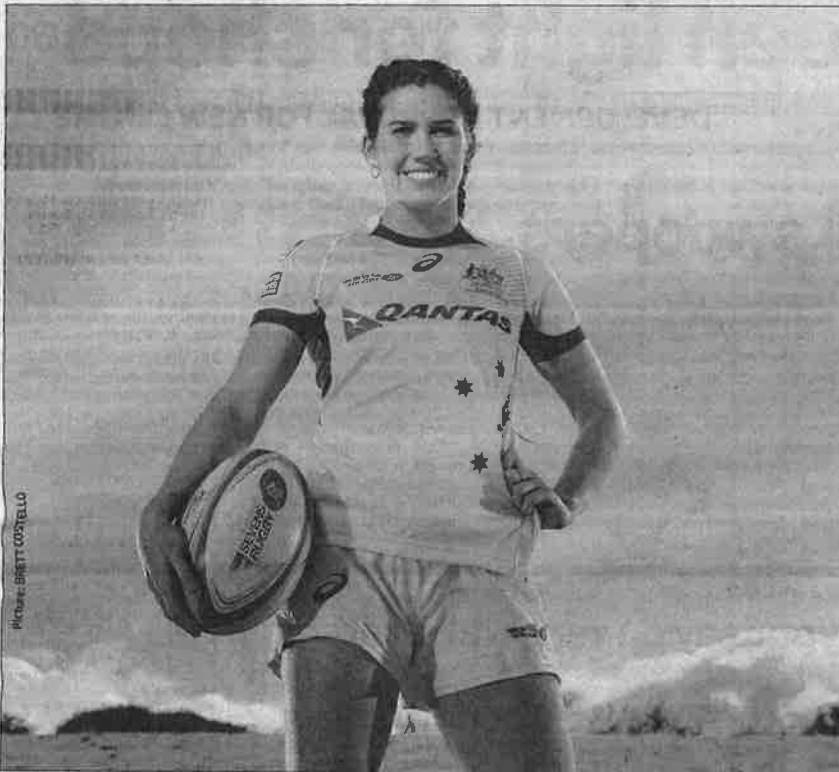


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Conquering world one game at a time

Douglas Estwick

CHARLOTTE Caslick's whirlwind rise to the top of rugby sevens continues with the 20-year-old now a key leader of the Australian women's squad.

The Corinda product is preparing for the Central Coast International Rugby 7s Tournament next month before heading to London in November as a nominee for World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year.

Caslick (pictured) made her sevens debut in Amsterdam in 2013 and has since crossed for 29 tries in her 12 tournament appearances for Australia.

Her first taste of the sport was watching her brothers play for Taylor Bridge at Graceville and Caslick said she now felt at home in the green and gold.

"I'm one of the leaders now and in my position as halfback, I have to lead the troops around the field," Caslick said.

"Every time I play, I want to play the best and be the best halfback in the world."

"But I couldn't do anything I do without the other girls in my team. We've got an awesome forward pack that gets us on the front foot and then I've got girls like Emilee Cherry and Ellia Green outside me."

The World Rugby Women's Sevens Series begins in December in Dubai and Caslick said the squad was reaping the rewards of three months in pre-season training.

"Our pre-season was awesome and the more time we are spending together, the better we are getting," she said.

Caslick was nominated for the Player of the Year alongside Russia's Nadezhda Kudinova and New Zealand's skipper Sarah Goss and prolific try-scorer Portia Woodman.

Australian women's coach Tim Walsh said Caslick was one of the most gifted attacking players in the game.

"Charlotte is one of the most dangerous players with ball in hand and a lot of our strategy is built around getting the ball to her in space," Walsh said.

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Bowls club boiloover

Douglas Estwick

LIQUIDATORS behind the Indooroopilly Bowls Club have used a Brisbane City Council planning loophole that may see the recreation space turned into a child-care centre.

Councillor Julian Simmonds (Walter Taylor) said the liquidator, Worrells, applied to have council assess an application for a child-care centre under City Plan 2000, which listed the site for mixed-use purposes.

Cr Simmonds said City Plan 2014, which came into

LIQUIDATOR APPLIES FOR CHILDCARE SITE UNDER OLD PLAN

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- Cr Julian Simmonds

effect last year, listed the site for sport and recreation.

However, council allowed applications to be considered under either plan until June 30. Worrells applied to be considered under the old plan in May.

Cr Simmonds said a child-

care centre development would not be impact-assessable under City Plan 2000.

"There isn't the advertising period, there isn't a formal submission period, there isn't the opportunity to appeal," Cr Simmonds said. "I am deeply disappointed that the liquidators have chosen this path rather than face the more rigorous planning and community assessment contained in council's new City Plan."

A Worrells spokeswoman said the bowls club had been

marketed with its current use approvals, liquor and gaming machine licence.

"After an extensive marketing campaign, Worrells accepted the highest offer to purchase the assets of the Indooroopilly Bowls Club Inc (in liquidation)," the spokeswoman said.

"This offer is currently the subject of a contract."

"The contract of sale is subject to both Brisbane City Council and body corporate approval."

A council spokeswoman

said council had no legal right to refuse assessment.

Cr Simmonds said the liquidator had six months to submit a formal development application and encouraged the community to send feedback to him.

Taringa resident Lexie Poterl said: "I think it's a sad thing they could lose their recreation area here when the community is growing."

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Signs trial for parking woes

A pilot signage program for the Lang Park and Gabba Traffic Management Areas is under way, with more than 1250 signs to be installed to reduce illegal parking on game days.

This pilot program will run for six months and if the signage proves effective, Brisbane City Council will look to roll it out to other traffic and parking control areas. About 700 signs will be installed in streets around Suncorp Stadium.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said council was also launching a trial to better highlight inner-city loading zones.

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