

CLS PLAYING FIELD AND POND

For several years from its inception, neither Chumkriel Language School nor the adjoining Chumkriel State School had any playing field for the students to play sports. In the dry season a rice paddy by the school was the only location where children could kick a football or play other sports.

In 2014 funds were provided by Australian supporters to allow development of a playing field on vacant ground within the CLS property.



Fill was required to raise the level of the site above wet season water levels. This was extracted from one section of the CLS land and spread on the adjacent section where the playing field oval was to be constructed.

A secondary benefit from extracting the fill for the playing field was that a deep hole remained which became a pond. This pond was to become a critical dry season water source for the CLS vegetable garden.



Once the site had been filled, sand was imported and spread to provide a soft playing surface, and a high fence was installed around the perimeter. The finishing touch was placing soccer goals at either end of the field.



Since its construction, the playing field has proved a major asset to both the school and the local community. It is in constant use by children from CLS, students from the adjoining State School, and staff of CLS and the State School. Outside school hours it is used by children and adults from the neighbouring community.



It is used for formal sporting competitions and fun days for local and visiting schools, as well as for games amongst children and adults of the school and the surrounding community.

And the pond is a valuable water source in the dry season when it supplies water for both the CLS vegetable garden and for local villagers who use to it to meet domestic water needs