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Executive Summary



Executive Summary

Sport and active recreation plays an important role in maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of the Yarriambiack community. The purpose of the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (the Strategy) is to provide a roadmap for further development of sport and active recreation to support strong communities through the provision of a diverse range of accessible sport and active recreation opportunities and infrastructure. It has been developed to identify sport and active recreation trends and challenges facing Yarriambiack Shire Council (the Shire) and provides direction to enable Council and other stakeholders to respond appropriately.

The Shire covers a large and diverse geographic area of 7,158 square kilometres, with an approximate population of 6,556 people (2021 ABS Census). The Shire stretches from the Wimmera River just north of the Grampians in the south to the centre of the Mallee in the north. Warracknabeal is the main service centre and is complemented by Hopetoun in the north and Minyip, Murtoa, and Rupanyup in the south, with another 13 smaller towns spread throughout the Municipality.

Sport and active recreation needs are influenced by the Shire's demographic profile. The key demographic factors influencing sport and active recreation demand within the Shire include a decrease in population over the past 5 years, from 6,674 residents in 2016 to 6,556 in 2021 and a significantly higher proportion of adults aged 60 to 85 years old (38.3%), compared to the Victorian state average (22.4%).

Demand will also be influenced by trends impacting sport and active recreation. In particular trends effecting small community clubs, such as a decrease in volunteer rates and a significant decline in participation among teenagers. Trends relating to the declining state of aquatic infrastructure in Australia were also found to be prevalent among the Shire's aquatic facilities.

During the development of the Strategy key documents from a range of national, state and local stakeholders were reviewed to ensure strategic alignment and collaboration. These

documents included the Shire's previous Sport and Recreation Plan (2016) and a review of key developments since its endorsement in 2016.

Prior to the development of the Strategy site audits were conducted to complete the facility inventory and provide a detailed understanding of the existing sport and active recreation facilities across the Shire including their condition, functionality and key infrastructure. The site audits also helped to verify the key issues and opportunities. Further information relating to the Shire's Sport and Active Recreation facilities and key issues and opportunities were collected through a detailed consultation process. The consultation process involved 12 community workshops, an online community survey, an online club/user group survey, stakeholder interviews and online community workshops.

The following key challenges and opportunities have been identified for sport and active recreation in the Shire through the development of this strategy.

Key challenges relate to:

- Duplication of facilities
- Ageing population
- Decreased volunteerism
- Ageing infrastructure
- Aquatics infrastructure
- Financial sustainability of providers
- Accessible facilities
- Changing Community needs and expectations
- Access to reliable information and data
- Asset management
- Changing operating environment
- Asset ownership

Key opportunities relate to:

- Increasing participation opportunities
- Improving participation of under-represented population groups
- Culturally sensitive spaces
- Gender equality
- Local economic activity
- Incorporation of relevant plans and guidelines

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A vision has been created that seeks to reflect the aspirations of the community in relation to planning for sport and active recreation.

“Supporting strong communities through the provision of a diverse range of accessible sport and active recreation opportunities and infrastructure”.

In order to achieve this vision, the following planning principles have been developed to guide the development, future provision and management of sport and active recreation across the Shire.

- Principle 1: Maximum community participation
- Principle 2: Shared precincts and community hubs
- Principle 3: Sustainability
- Principle 4: Partnerships
- Principle 5: Working together with clubs and community
- Principle 6: Maximised and validated community benefit
- Principle 7: Effective management and maintenance

Strategies and actions for developing sport and active recreation across the Shire have been identified under the categories of:

- Facilities
- Programs and events
- Clubs and service providers

Each strategy has a supporting rationale and addresses key trends. Each action has corresponding timeframes, partners and an estimate of required resources. The Strategy and Action Plan is guided by the planning principles and strives to achieve the Vision for sport and active recreation across the Shire.

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Introduction



Project Overview

Project Background

The Strategy is a ten-year municipal strategic plan. The strategy will enable a strategic and outcomes-based approach to the development of community sport and active recreation infrastructure within the Yarriambiack Shire Council (the Shire), and directly leverage health and wellbeing outcomes through sport and active recreation.

The Strategy will guide the next ten years of infrastructure planning and programming. The intention of the document is to understand the current and future Sport and Active Recreation needs of the Shire and ensure a sound strategic base to advocate for funding and resources from internal and external sources.

The Strategy provides the Shire with a blueprint for facility management and a new funding formula for support of sport and active recreation in the Shire, with due consideration to budget constraints.

Key Outcomes

Key outcomes of the strategy include:

- Increasing participation opportunities in sport and active recreation through the upgrade and/or development of new or existing infrastructure.
- Improving participation of under-represented groups such as minority groups and new arrivals and improve physical and mental health and wellbeing in communities experiencing long-term socio-economic disadvantage.
- Developing culturally sensitive spaces for key facilities through authentic engagement and self-determination.
- Supporting gender equality and inclusive participation in local sport by investing in well designed and high-quality facilities. With due consideration given to the State Government Fair Access Policy roadmap.
- Supporting strategic planning to ensure infrastructure and Council revenue investment is sustainable.
- Developing local economic activity through the planning, building,

management, and activation of redeveloped or new infrastructure.

- Incorporating outcomes from COUNCIL'S Council Plan – Strategic Objective 2: A Healthy and Inclusive Community.

Project Methodology

The five-stage project methodology is outlined below.

Stage 1: Background and Research

Stage 2: Sport and Active Recreation Facility and Programming Audit and Infrastructure Hierarchy assessment

Stage 3: Community engagement

Stage 4: Draft Strategy

Stage 5: Final draft Strategy and Action Plan

Key Definitions

For the purposes of this report, the following definitions have been used, aligning with those provided by Sport and Recreation Victoria and Clearinghouse for Sport.

Sport: *A human activity involving physical exertion and skill as the primary focus of the activity, with elements of competition where rules and patterns of behaviour governing the activity exist formally through organisations and is generally recognised as a sport.*

Organised Sport: *The degree of organisational structure that surrounds and influences the sport helps to distinguish whether an activity is classified as 'organised sport'.*

Physical Activity: *Any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that results in energy expenditure. It can be undertaken in many different ways.*

Active Recreation: *Active recreation is leisure time physical activity undertaken outside of structured, competition sport. It is a set of activities within the wider range of physical activity options that also include active living, active transport and sport.*

Yarriambiack Shire Council Overview

Regional Context

The Shire covers an area of 7,158 square kilometres with an approximate population of 6,556 people (2021 ABS Census). The Shire stretches from the Wimmera River just north of the Grampians in the south to the centre of the Mallee in the north. Warracknabeal is the main service centre and is complemented by Hopetoun in the north and Minyip, Murtoa, and Rupanyup in the south, with another 13 smaller towns spread throughout the Municipality. The Yarriambiack Creek is the main natural feature traversing the Shire. The area is also linked by road and rail systems that run in a north-south direction.

The Shire is recognised for engaging with its communities to build community spirit, planning for growth and the development of future facilities and services. Looking to the future, the Shire residents have shared their vision and priorities for the next 20 years. Their vision is to be a connected rural community who values its land and wellbeing. Council is committed to building on the regions' strengths to ensure the Shire is the place where people want to live, play, and invest.

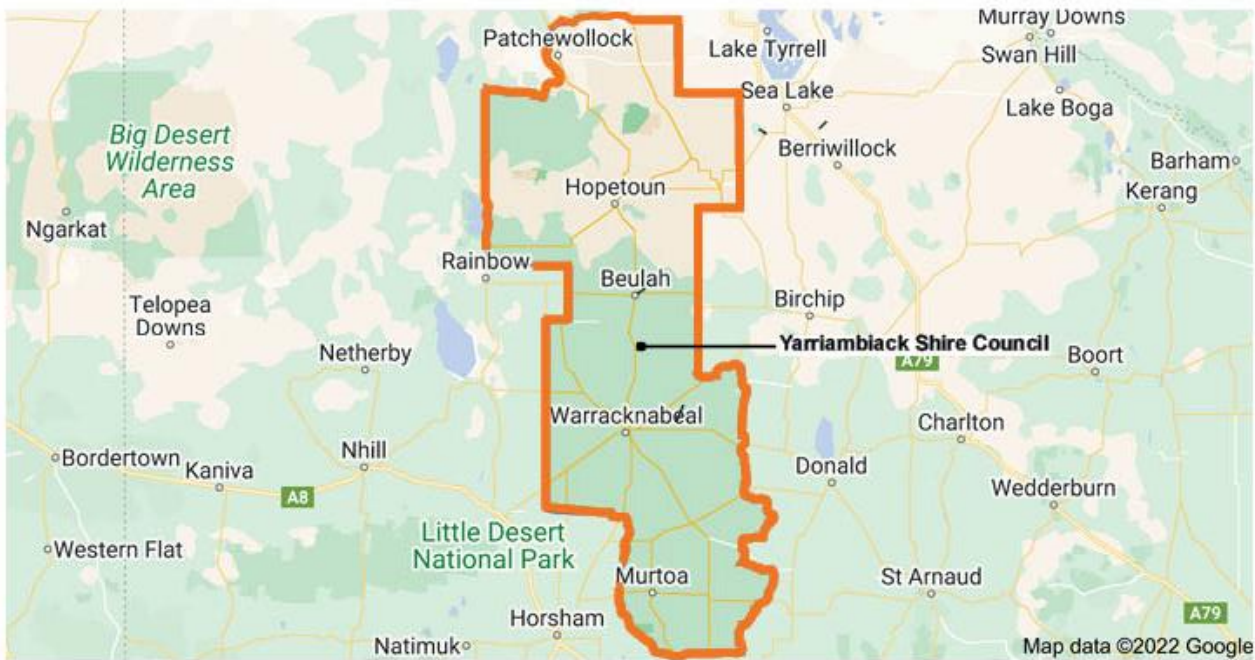


Figure 1: Yarriambiack Shire Boundary

Council’s Role in Sport and Active Recreation

Local government plays a major role in the development of sport and active recreation, particularly at the community level. Successful networks of sport and active recreation facilities, clubs and programs are dependent on partnerships and ongoing cooperation between a wide range of organisations, including all levels of government, peak bodies, state sporting organisations (SSOs), clubs and associations, and the wider community. Councils’ role in facilitating benefits and achieving positive outcomes for its community is outline in table 1.

Table 1: Council’s Role

Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning • Master planning • Policy development
Facility Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset management • Leasing and licensing • Compliance with legislation and industry standards
Partnerships and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating on behalf of the community and clubs • Partnering with other Councils, State and Federal Government • Strengthening relationships with sporting clubs
Service Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club development and training • Information provision • Sports club liaison/engagement • Special events • Inclusive programs
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants • Capital investment • Accessing external funding

Key Challenges for Community Clubs

Recent research (*Clubs Under Pressure 2023*) conducted by the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) has identified five key challenges clubs are currently facing.

1. Small community clubs (those with less than 200 members) are disproportionately under strain due to decreasing revenues and declining participation.
2. Challenging economic conditions and inflation are increasing pressure on many community sporting clubs, who have emerged from COVID-19 with depleted cash reserves.
3. A significant decline in participation among teenagers aged 15-19 years old. This is supported by previous studies showing older teenagers are the demographic cohort most likely to disengage from community sport.
4. Clubs are struggling with less volunteers, resulting in high rates of administrative pressure, with many clubs requiring high-level support to attract and retain volunteers.
5. Funding priorities for community clubs include improved facilities and venues, initiatives to keep teenagers in sport, increase volunteer numbers , expanding school programs and talent identification across all communities.

These challenges are especially prevalent with small community clubs (less than 200 members) which is the average club size across the Shire.

Demographics

In order to strategically plan for sport and active recreation, an understanding is required of the Shire's defining characteristics. Table 2 provides a summary of the Shire's key demographic indicators and their implications on sport and active recreation. The below data was sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Table 2: Demographics Analysis

Key Demographic Indicator	Implications on Sport and Recreation
<p>Population Age Structure</p> <p>At the 2021 Census, the population in the Shire had a significantly higher proportion of adults aged 60 to 85 years old (38.3%) compared to the Victorian state average (22.4%).</p> <p>Census data also shows a slightly lower proportion of younger people within the Shire aged 0 to 19 years old (20.8%) compared to the Victorian State average (23.6%).</p>	<p>Trends and preferences vary across age groups and life stages, and it is important that sport and recreation provision is relevant to the region's population. Provision of adaptable facilities which host a wide range of activities will support involvement from all age groups.</p>
<p>Population Changes</p> <p>2021 Census data shows over the past 5 years the Shire's population has decreased from 6,674 residents in 2016 to 6,556 in 2021.</p> <p>However, State Government population projections for the Shire suggest that the population number could potentially stabilise and achieve modest growth (up to 6,845 residents) by 2031.</p>	<p>Growth in population numbers will likely bring higher demand in number, capacity and diversity of sport and recreation facilities. It is important to ensure that new development areas are serviced with access to opportunities for both sport and recreation.</p>
<p>Education and Employment</p> <p>According to the 2021 Census data 66.5% of the Shire residents are attending educational institutions, this includes preschool, primary, secondary, and tertiary forms of education. This is lower than the Victorian state average of 79.1%.</p> <p>49.6% of residents aged 15 years and over reported to still be working (in the labour force), with 54.6% of these respondents working full-time. The top 3 industries of employment within the Shire are Grain Growing, Hospitals and Grain-Sheep or Grain-Beef Farming.</p>	<p>Through participation, sport and recreation helps to support education. Studies suggest that participation in sport and recreation has positive impacts on cognitive function and academic ability and performance, particularly in school aged children. Therefore, it will be important to provide improved sport and recreation opportunities for people of all ages, which in turn will improve outcomes for education.</p> <p>Sport and recreation cuts across many sectors representing a broad and diverse industry and contributes to economic growth through employment. There are currently a high proportion of agricultural workers in the Shire. Employment in these industries typically vary over time. It is important to invest in sport and recreation to enable growth and diversification of local employment opportunities.</p>
<p>Cultural Diversity</p> <p>Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people comprise a slightly higher percentage of the Shire's population (1.7%) than the average across Victoria (1.0%).</p> <p>15.2% of the Shire's residents were born overseas. Countries of birth include England, New Zealand, India, Philippines, and Netherlands.</p>	<p>Programs and services across the region need to encourage participation and be inclusive to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the proportion of people born overseas will increase in the future and that this will bring different sport and recreational preferences.</p> <p>It is important that the variety of sport and recreation opportunities offered cater for people from different cultural backgrounds.</p>

Key Demographic Indicator	Implications on Sport and Recreation
<p>Disability</p> <p>In the 2021 Census figures show 15.5% of the population in the Shire provided unpaid support for a person with a disability. This was compared with 12.9% across Victoria.</p> <p>The Shire provides a range of aged and disability services to people who have mobility issues, dementia, Musculo-skeletal problems, arthritis, various types of cancer and paraplegia/quadriplegia.</p>	<p>Accessibility, practicality, and safety are important aspects of sport and recreation planning. It is important to ensure that any upgrades to existing facilities adhere to minimum universal design principles and infrastructure standards with consideration of universal access.</p>
<p>Socio-Economic Disadvantage</p> <p>The Yarriambiack Region Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) measure the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage and/or advantage based on a range of Census characteristics.</p> <p>The SEIFA Index of Disadvantage for the Yarriambiack Region in 2021 was 946. Yarriambiack ranked 72 out of 79 local government areas in Victoria.</p>	<p>It is important that sport and recreation opportunities are affordable and accessible to all people, regardless of their level of affluence. Investment in sport and recreation should be strategically planned to ensure that resources are targeted, maximising community participation, encouraging active lifestyles and maximising community benefit. Future investment in sport and recreation assets should be sustainable.</p>
<p>Rate of Volunteering</p> <p>28.7% of Yarriambiack residents undertook voluntary work through an organisation or group (in the last 12 months). This is significantly higher than the Victorian state average of 13.3%.</p>	<p>Volunteers are recognised as an invaluable resource for communities across the Shire. It is imperative that volunteers are effectively supported, recognised, and valued in their role.</p>

Benefits of Sport and Active Recreation

It is well recognised that sport and active recreation activities provide social benefits, health benefits and economic benefits. Councils are key contributors through the provision of Council assets, including facilities and playing areas along with the provision of services and support. Without fit for purpose facilities being available, sport and active recreation clubs, groups and community organisations would not be able to exist, grow and prosper.

Social benefits are realised by bringing people together and providing opportunities for social interaction. Clubs and organisations provide a network and sense of belonging, drawing together people of different backgrounds, ages, religions, and cultures. Sport and active recreation clubs foster community pride and are the hub of community life, especially for regional and rural communities and they bind families and communities through shared experiences. Clubs and organisations create volunteer opportunities to develop life skills and leadership abilities, contribute to lifelong learning and assist with finding work/life balance.

Health benefits are realised through increased physical activity, reduced obesity, reduced incidence of non-communicable disease and improved mental health. This results in reduced healthcare costs and eases pressure on the healthcare system. Reducing the incidence of disease extends life, reduces the rate of early mortality, and increases quality of life.

Economic benefits are generated through creation of opportunities for events and tourism, particularly drawing participants, officials, and spectators who contribute significantly to the visitor economy. Economic benefits also arise from construction, maintenance and operation of sport and recreation facilities, and the creation of short- and long-term employment activities. Sport and recreation also contributes to increased productivity of those who are physically active and healthy.

While the benefits of sport and active recreation are particularly difficult to quantify, significant efforts have been made to quantify and publish the benefits of Australia's sport sector and community sport infrastructure, as illustrated in Figure 2 and Figure 3.



Figure 2: Benefits of Australia's Sport Sector

Source: Australian Sports Commission
2019 – 2022 Corporate Plan

COMMUNITY SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GENERATES AN ANNUAL VALUE OF MORE THAN

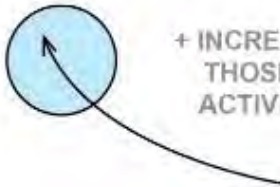


\$6.3 BILLION
WORTH OF ECONOMIC BENEFIT

+ CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



+ INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY OF THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE AS A RESULT OF SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE



\$4.9 BILLION
WORTH OF HEALTH BENEFIT

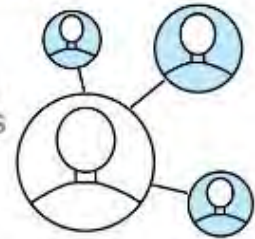
+ PERSONAL BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO ARE LESS LIKELY TO CONTRACT A RANGE OF HEALTH CONDITIONS WHICH ARE KNOWN TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH PHYSICAL INACTIVITY



+ THE BENEFITS TO THE HEALTH SYSTEM FROM A HEALTHIER POPULATION

\$5.1 BILLION
WORTH OF SOCIAL BENEFIT

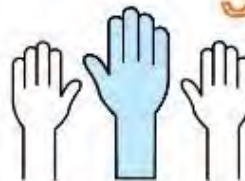
+ INCREASED HUMAN CAPITAL RESULTING FROM THE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS THAT ARE FACILITATED BY COMMUNITY SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



+ BROADER COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF PROVIDING GREEN SPACE

COMMUNITY SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IS SUPPORTED BY

56.5 MILLION
HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME ANNUALLY



+ IS USED BY
8 MILLION
PEOPLE ANNUALLY



Figure 3: Value of Community Sport Infrastructure
















Source: *The Value of Community Sport Infrastructure* (KPMG, 2018)

Trends

Sport and Active Recreation Trends

A range of trends have been identified and published by organisations such as Sport Australia which will influence sport and active recreation into the future. Table 3 outlines specific sport and active recreation trends.

Table 3: Sport and Recreation Trends

Trend	Description	Trend	Description
Individualised Activities 	Increasing popularity of individualised activities (such as yoga, gym, aerobics, and jogging) that align with increasingly busy lifestyles.	Increasingly Popular Modified Formats 	Modified formats of traditionally organised sports are increasing in popularity (e.g., T20, AFL 9s, Rugby 7s, Futsal), as are other activities previously considered as extreme or niche (e.g., BMX).
Sport to Get Fit 	Consumers are increasingly engaging in specialised products to get fit while traditional sport participation has declined.	Emergence of Fitness Apps 	Technological advances have introduced a range of fitness apps that promote participation in physical activity and provide platforms for individuals to compete against themselves or others.
Lifestyle and Community 	Consumers want to be part of something and are attracted to products that define them, their lifestyle or community.	Female Participation in Traditionally Male Sports 	Female participation in traditionally male dominated sports has exploded in recent years. This is placing pressure on facilities in terms of capacity (e.g., field use) and functionality (e.g., changeroom design). It is important to ensure facilities are appropriate and clubs/programs are inclusive.
Active Ageing 	Physical activities need to be diversified to meet the needs of the growing cohort of older Australians.	Asset Management 	Asset management is a key requirement and focus of local government who own and control a vast amount of infrastructure. It is a necessity to ensure that contemporary asset management principles are applied and lifecycle costings for proposed new facilities are identified.
Synergistic Policy Making 	Governments and companies are increasing their utilisation of sport and recreation to achieve their policy objectives.	Adventure Activities 	'Adventure', 'Lifestyle', 'Extreme' and 'Alternative' sports are increasing in popularity.
Corporatisation of Sports 	The corporatisation of sport is returning higher salaries at the elite level, placing pressures on less financially backed sports.	Synthetic Playing Surfaces 	Synthetic playing surfaces are becoming more widespread. Environmental, social, health and financial outcomes need to be considered.
Participation Costs 	Rising costs of participation in sport and recreation is now becoming a barrier for some members of the community.		
Changing Preferences 	The community's activity preferences are continually changing which directly impacts how a sport and recreation facility is utilised.		
Informal Recreation 	Participation rates in traditionally organised sports are broadly declining, with preferences trending towards recreation activities.		

Societal Trends

The broader societal trends which are likely to influence sport and active recreation in the Shire are outlined in Table 4.

Table 4: Societal Trends

Trend	Description	Trend	Description
Increasingly Busy Lifestyles 	Australians now have less time available for recreation, and a smaller proportion of that time is spent being physically active.	Climate Resilience 	Climate change is predicted to increase the number of extreme weather events, leading to more frequent bushfires, droughts, and floods. Open space is increasingly linked to climate change adaptation, with forward planning required to ensure resilience.
Virtual Lifestyles 	Consumers are increasingly moving online to connect, deliver and access services, obtain information, perform transactions and work.	Visitor Economy 	The visitor economy is now recognised at all levels of government as an intrinsic, sustainable, and driving part of economic development.
Personalisation 	Community members are increasingly seeking personalised experiences, with an expectation for these experiences to complement their individual identity.	Nature Based Tourism 	The emergence of nature-based tourism and increasing visitor numbers will place additional pressures on certain facilities, particularly trail networks and high profile regional open spaces.
Shared Economy 	Consumers are becoming less attached to the ownership of goods and are more often sharing services through peer-to-peer platforms.	Partnerships 	Public, private and community partnerships with schools, private providers and across all levels of government are essential moving forward to ensure provision of sustainable services which maximise community benefit.
Convenience 	Consumers expect instant gratification through the rise of on-demand services built upon speed and accessibility.	Urbanisation 	Australia is ahead of this global megatrend, with the majority of Australia's population already living in urban areas. This is relevant to major cities and regional centres as they attract populations from smaller towns.
Expectations of Governance 	Greater pressures on sport and recreation groups and clubs to establish corporate structures and formal methods of governance.		
Inactivity in Children 	Inactivity in children is growing, linked to a decline in sport in schools, less active commuting, and increased screen time.		
Emergence of Online Communities 	Sport and recreation is being transformed by technology. Social technologies have created online communities outside of traditional club structures.		

The State of Aquatic Infrastructure in Australia

The Shire includes 16 swimming pools across 8 venues throughout its major towns. A number of these are ageing and require maintenance to be compliant with modern standards. A recent study from Royal Life Saving Australia (RLSA) provides an overall outlook on facility infrastructure across the nation.

Key findings relevant to Yarriambiack Shire:

- The average public pool in Australia was built in 1968.
- 500 (40%) of public pools will reach the end of their lifespan this decade.
- \$10 million is the average cost to replace an outdoor swimming pool.
- Regional and remote communities are most at risk of missing out on updated or new aquatic facilities.
- Rising energy costs and labour shortages pose a serious threat to the ongoing availability of aquatic facilities.

Key Opportunities:

- Prioritising function over form and keeping new designs simple, modular, and scalable.
- Exploring new ways of funding swimming pool infrastructure, such as Public-Private-Partnerships, which can spread both risks and rewards.
- Considering lowering access barriers to increase the use and impact of existing aquatic facilities. In some cases, removing entry fees has resulted in net neutral operating costs while increasing asset utilisation and social value.
- Exploring opportunities for local governments to collaborate and partner on aquatic facility provisioning and sharing of costs and benefits.
- Considering how the private sector can provide benefits traditionally serviced by local governments while being mindful that some activities and facilities require subsidies, such as lap swimming and recreational swimming.



Images: Hopetoun and Murtoa Swimming Pools

Participation Rates

Participation rates in sport and active recreation across Australia are monitored through the national *AusPlay* survey, administered by Sport Australia.

In line with the national trends, the top five activities among Victorian adults in 2022 were primarily individual fitness pursuits that fit into people’s increasingly busy lifestyles. While organised sport is less popular, Basketball, Golf, Australian football, Soccer and Netball still feature within the top fifteen activities. The top fifteen adult activities in Victoria (VIC) are shown in Figure 4.

Children participate in sport and active recreation at different rates than adults. For example, their involvement in swimming is significantly higher than that of adults and is overall generally higher in sports such as netball and tennis. Children also participate in activities such as gymnastics and dancing at higher levels. The top 10 organised activities for children in VIC are shown in Figure 5.

It is also important to note the participation rate in non-playing roles, including volunteers. Community clubs and organisations rely heavily upon the assistance from volunteers, this is particularly prevalent within the Shire, which has a significantly higher volunteer rate compared to the state average as shown in Figure 7. The participation rate in non-playing roles for adults in VIC are shown in Figure 6.

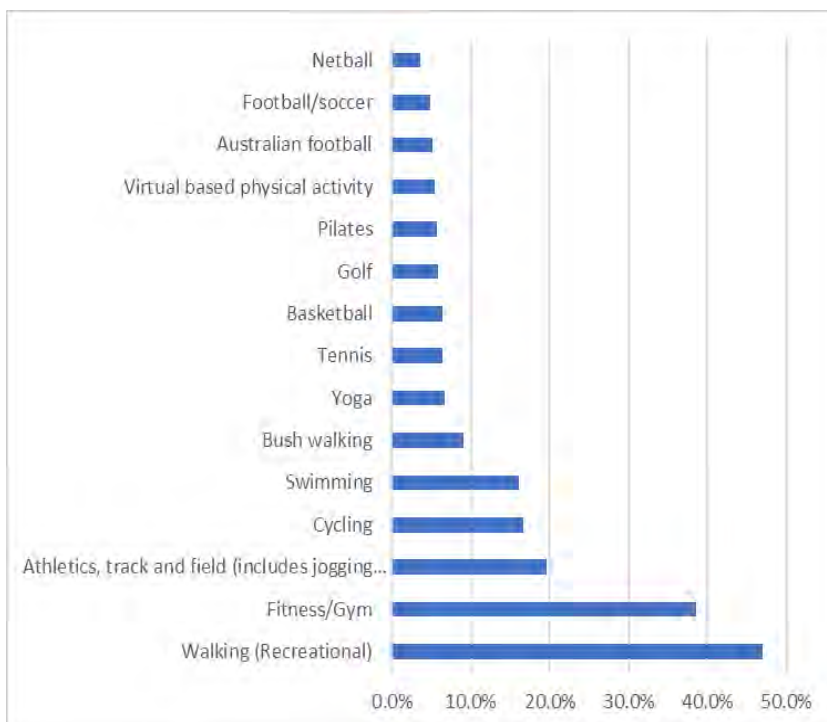


Figure 4: Top 15 Activities, VIC Adults, 2022

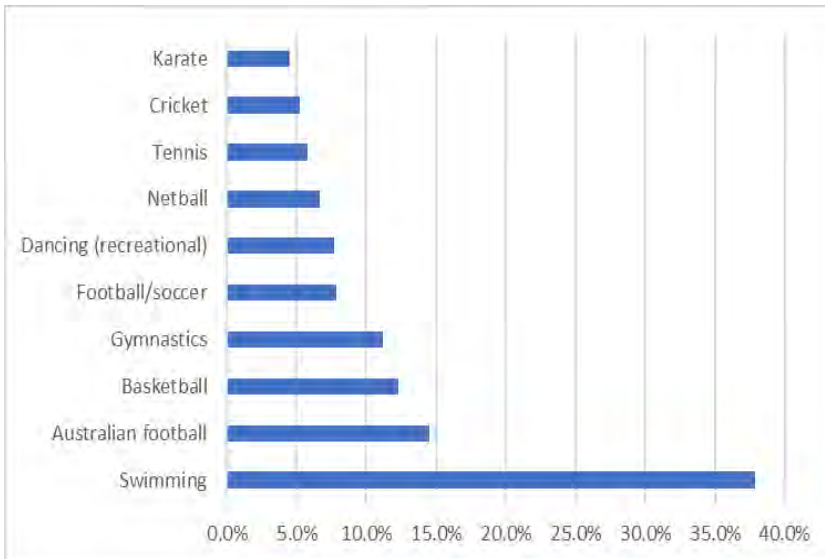


Figure 5: Top 10 Organised Activities, VIC Children 2022

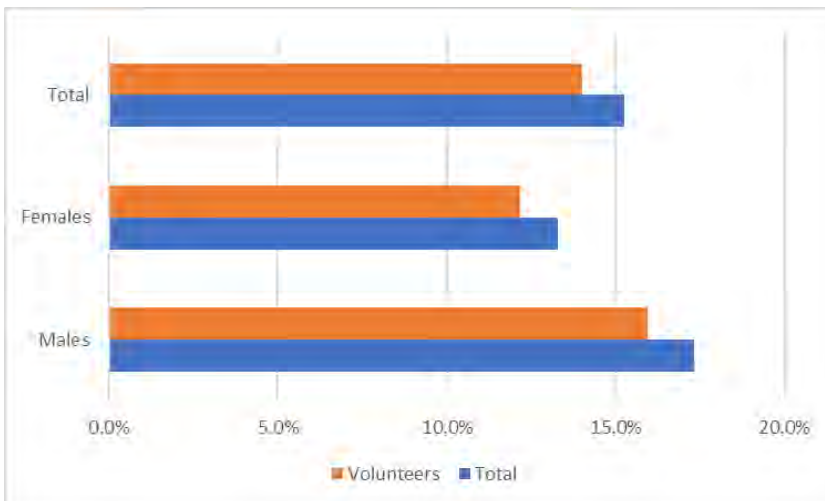


Figure 6: Participation in Non-playing Roles, VIC Adults, 2022

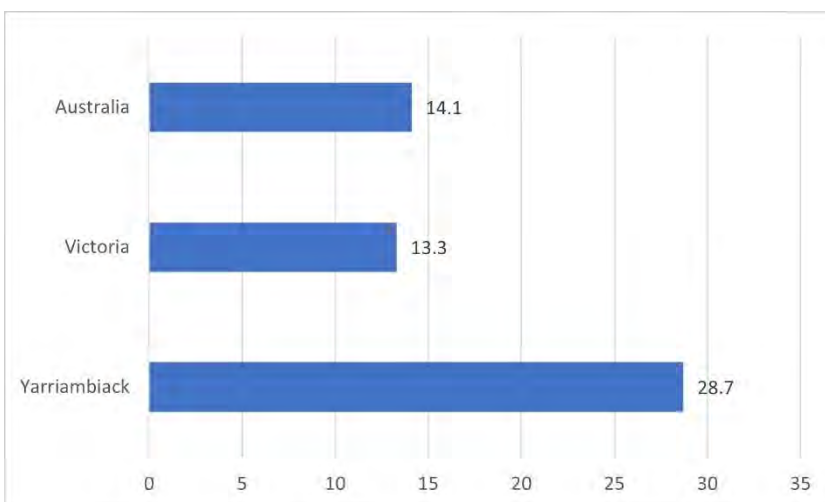


Figure 7: Volunteer Rates (%)

Figure 8 shows the top 10 activities participated in at least once per week by the Yarriambiack community. Although this is taken from a smaller sample pool of only 49 responses, there are still similarities in relation to the participation rate trends shown in the AusPlay data.

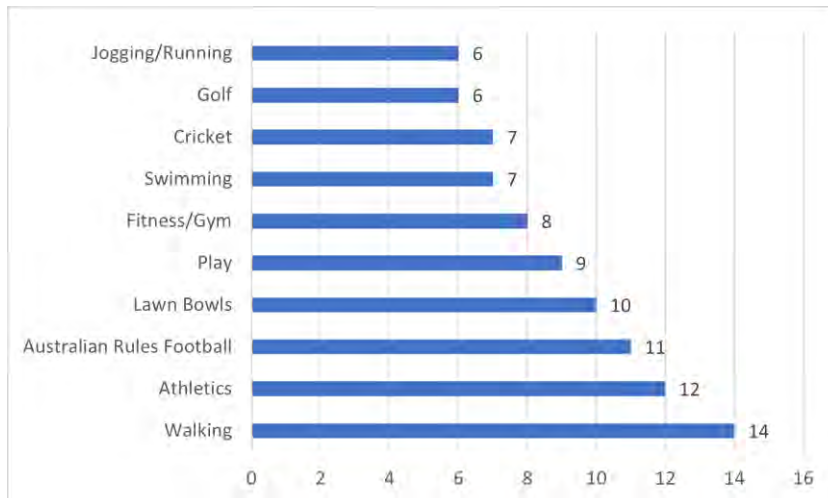


Figure 8: Top 10 Activities. Community Survey Results

Barriers Influencing Participation in Rural and Regional Australia

There are some barriers influencing participation in sport and active recreation identified in recent literature that are specific to regional, rural, and remote communities, such as:

- Transportation, including a lack of public transport or ability to get transport to training and/or events.
- Limited number of sports facilities including heated swimming pools and commercial gymnasiums.
- Climate related factors (e.g., hot and/or humid environments, heavy seasonal rains, etc.)
- Belief that 'rural work' provides sufficient physical activity so that it is not necessary to pursue physical activity during leisure hours.
- Lower socio-economic status resulting in inability to pay for sporting equipment and fees.
- Reduced access to health professionals that encourage participation in physical activity.

These barriers are all prevalent within the Shire on various levels and will need to be considered for effective planning of participation growth and community activation.

Source: Sport in Rural and Regional Australia (Clearinghouse for Sport, 2021)

Background Documents

The strategic direction for sport and active recreation is influenced by a number of policies, plans, and strategic directions at international, federal, state, and regional levels. Partnerships and cross-agency collaboration allow for effective planning of sport and recreation facilities, programs and services which support various strategic outcomes, such as health and local economic development.

The following strategic documents may influence the directions for sport and recreation in the Shire and have been reviewed to inform this Plan. The relevant information from each of these documents is included in Appendix A: Background Review.

International Level Document

- *Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030* (World Health Organisation, 2018)

Federal Level Documents

- *Sport 2030* (Sport Australia, 2018)
- *Blueprint for an Active Australia* (Heart Foundation, 2019)
- *Sport Governance Principles* (Australian Sports Commission, 2020)
- *Sport Volunteering National Plan* (Australian Sports Commission, 2022)

State Level Documents

- *Active Victoria (Sport and Recreation Victoria, 2022)*
- *Victoria's infrastructure strategy* (Infrastructure Victoria, 2021)



Regional Level Documents

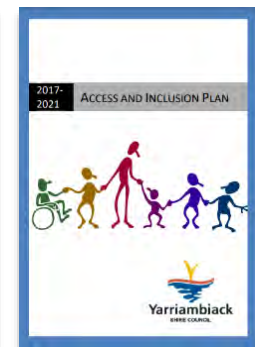
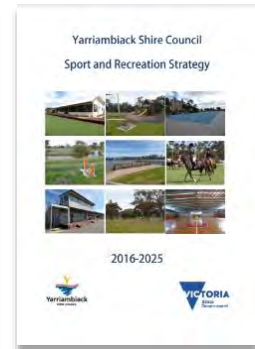
- *Council Plan (Yarriambiack Shire Council, 2021)*
- *Sport and Recreation Strategy (Yarriambiack Shire Council, 2016)*
- *Asset Management Plan (Yarriambiack Shire Council, 2022)*
- *Community Access and Inclusion Plan (Yarriambiack Shire Council, 2017)*

Masterplans

- *Murtoa Showyards Reserve Masterplan (Yarriambiack Shire Council and @leisure Planners, 2023)*
- *Anzac Park Warracknabeal Masterplan (Yarriambiack Shire Council and @leisure Planners, 2023)*
- *Warracknabeal Recreation Precinct (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2023)*
- *Rabl Park Masterplan (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2023)*
- *Hopetoun Recreation Reserve (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2023)*
- *Minyip Recreation Reserve (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2023)*
- *Beulah Recreation Reserve Masterplan (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2024)*
- *Brim Recreation Reserve Masterplan (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2024)*
- *Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Masterplan (Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning, 2024)*

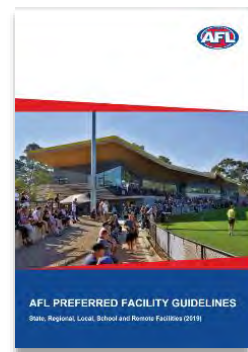
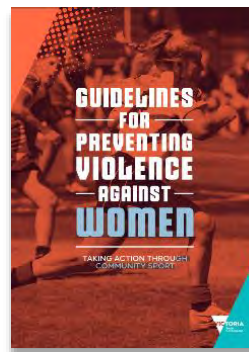
Facility Audits

- *Venue Inspection Final Site Reports (Australian Football League, 2017)*
- *Tennis Club Facility Audits (Tennis Victoria, 2019)*



Guidelines

- *Female Friendly Sport Infrastructure Guidelines (Sport and Recreation Victoria, 2017)*
- *Guidelines for Preventing Violence Against Women: Taking Action Through Community Sport (Sport and Recreation Victoria, 2022)*
- *Design for Everyone Guide (Sport and Recreation Victoria, 2017)*
- *Universal Design Principles (Sport and Recreation Victoria, 2017)*
- *Fair Access Policy Roadmap (VicHealth, 2022)*
- *Healthy Choices: Policy Guidelines for Sport and Recreation Centres (Department of Health and Human Services, 2016)*
- *Environmentally Sustainable Design*
- *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design*



Sport Specific Infrastructure Guidelines:

- *AFL Preferred Facilities Guidelines (2019)*
- *Netball Victoria Statewide Facilities Strategy (2017)*
- *Cricket Australia Community Cricket Facility Guidelines (2015)*
- *Victorian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy (2018)*
- *Tennis Australia Tennis Infrastructure Planning (2018)*
- *Victorian Golf Infrastructure & National Golf Facilities Guidelines (2021)*
- *Bowls Australia Construction and Refurbishment Guidelines (2015)*
- *Basketball Victoria Facility Planning and Development (2022)*

Review of the Sport and Recreation Plan (2016)

In 2016, Council endorsed the *Sport and Recreation Strategy (2016)* which provided direction for the development of sport and recreation. With the vision of a healthy, active community supported by strong community clubs and a diverse range of programs and accessible facilities, a series of planning principles were developed:

1. Of benefit to the community.
2. Designed to meet demonstrated community.
3. Accessible for people of all abilities.
4. Inclusive and welcoming.
5. Sustainable.
6. Multi-purpose in design.
7. Able to offer a diversity of opportunities.
8. Cost effective.
9. Designed to enhance and protect the natural environment and cultural and heritage values.
10. Designed to reflect the unique nature of the Shire.

Five key priority areas were identified for the purpose of the *Sport and Recreation Strategy (2016)*:

1. Participation
2. Facilities
3. Club Development
4. Support from Yarriambiack Shire
5. Collaboration with key stakeholders

Further relevant information from this document is included in Appendix A: Background Review.

Key Developments Since 2016

Since the endorsement of the Sport and Recreation Plan (2016) there has been a range of developments relating to sport and recreation, including new facilities, a resilient network of clubs and service providers, and a range of successful programs and events.

Key infrastructure projects over this period have included:

1. The development of masterplans for recreation reserves across the Shire:

- Anzac Park Warracknabeal
- Murtoa Showyards Reserve

- Rabl Park Murtoa
- Minyip Recreation Reserve
- Hopetoun Recreation Reserve
- Warracknabeal Recreation Precinct
- Beulah Recreation Reserve
- Brim Recreation Reserve
- Rupanyup Recreation Reserve

2. Installation of synthetic bowling greens across the Shire, helping to manage maintenance requirements and cost. New bowling greens were installed in the following towns:

- Woomelang
- Brim
- Rupanyup
- Murtoa
- Hopetoun
- Warracknabeal

3. The introduction of public gym facilities in both Hopetoun and Warracknabeal.

4. Updates to recreation reserve facilities including Rupanyup, Murtoa, Brim, and Beulah. These updates included improvements to playing surfaces, pavilions, and associated amenities.



Images: Recent upgrades at Rupanyup Recreation Reserve and Murtoa Bowling Club

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Image: Beulah Weir Pod

Audit Process

Prior to undertaking the site audits, the first step of the process was to identify all existing sport and active recreation facilities for inclusion in the facilities inventory, which was developed using Microsoft Excel. This initial audit process involved comprehensive desktop research and collation and review of information regarding the existing sport and active recreation facilities in the Shire. Aerial mapping programs such as Nearmap were used to confirm the existence of each sport and active recreation facility.

The subsequent site audits were undertaken for two weeks commencing Monday 6th of March. The site audits provided a detailed understanding of the existing sport and active recreation facilities across the Shire including their condition, functionality, and key infrastructure. The site audits also helped to verify the key issues and opportunities. The spatial information, data and findings from the field were collected and documented using the ESRI ArcGIS Collector Mobile Application. The new information gathered from the site audits was then added to the facilities inventory.

Facilities Inventory

The facilities inventory of existing sport and active recreation facilities across the Shire has been prepared based on information drawn from:

- Council website and key documents
- Nearmap aerial imagery
- Site audits to key facilities
- Consultation

The facilities inventory encompasses all the existing sport and active recreation facilities within the Shire, based on existing information and data. The facilities inventory does not include the following types of facilities:

- School facilities
- Halls and Senior Citizen Clubs
- Privately owned fitness centres/gyms
- Trails in national parks and informal trails

Facility by Locality

The following existing sport and active recreation facilities are categorised by locality with unique reference numbers.

Further details relating to each facility are included in Appendix B: Facilities Inventory.

Table 5: Facilities by Locality

A: Warracknabeal	
A1	Anzac Memorial Park
A2	Warracknabeal Leisure Centre
A3	Warracknabeal Racecourse & Show Yards
A4	Warracknabeal Golf & Bowls Club
A5	Warracknabeal Bowls Club
A6	Warracknabeal Rifle Range
A7	Warracknabeal Swimming Pool

B: Brim	
B1	Brim Recreation Reserve
B2	Brim Country Club
B3	Brim Bowls Club
B4	Reddas Park Reserve

C: Beulah	
C1	Beulah Memorial Recreation Reserve
C2	Beulah Swimming Pool
C3	Beulah Bowls Club
C4	Beulah Public Purpose and Camping Reserve

D: Hopetoun	
D1	Hopetoun Recreation Reserve
D2	Hopetoun Tennis Club
D3	Hopetoun Bowls Club
D4	Hopetoun Swimming Pool
D5	Hopetoun Golf Club
D6	Hopetoun Gym
D7	Lake Lascelles

E: Woomelang	
E1	Woomelang Recreation Reserve
E2	Woomelang Bowls Club
E3	Woomelang Swimming Pool
E4	Woomelang Park & Playground Reserve

F: Minyip	
F1	Minyip Recreation Reserve
F2	Minyip Bowls Club
F3	Minyip Caravan Park
F4	Minyip Field & Game
F5	Minyip Swimming Pool
F6	Minyip Golf Course

G: Murtoa	
G1	Murtoa Recreation Reserve
G2	Lake Marma
G3	Murtoa Swimming Pool
G4	Rabl Park
G5	Murtoa Bowls Club
G6	Murtoa Racecourse
G7	Murtoa Golf Course

H: Rupanyup	
H1	Rupanyup Recreation Reserve
H2	Rupanyup Golf Club
H3	Rupanyup Bowls Club
H4	Rupanyup Swimming Pool
H5	Rupanyup Memorial Park

I: Yaapeet	
I1	Yaapeet Recreation Reserve
I2	Turkey Bottom Lake

J: Patchewollock Recreation Reserve	
J1	Patchewollock Recreation Reserve
J2	Patchewollock Community Centre
J3	Old Patchewollock Railway Station

K: Speed	
K1	Speed Recreation Reserve

L: Tempy	
L1	Tempy Recreation Reserve
L2	Tempy Swimming Pool

M: Other	
M1	Sheep Hills Golf Club
M2	Boolite Recreation Reserve

Facilities by Type

The type and number of sport and active recreation facilities provided across the region are outlined in Table 6.

Further details relating to each facility are included in Appendix B: Facility Inventory.

Table 6: Facilities by Type

Type	No.
Oval	14
Sport Lighting	115
Clubroom	37
Grandstand	5
Netball Court	13
Tennis Court	40
Cricket Pitch (Turf)	10
Cricket Nets	13
Firefighting Course	2
Play Space	21
Skatepark	3
Multi-Purpose Court (Indoor)	3
Gym/Health Club	2
Squash Court	1
Table Tennis	2
Shooting Facilities	3
Racecourse	2
Showgrounds	1
Golf Course	8
Bowling Green	12
Swimming Pool	16
Amenities (Changerooms etc.)	11
Recreation Area (Campgrounds etc.)	9
Multi-Purpose Court (Outdoor)	1
Basketball Half Court	6
MTB Trail Facilities	1
Men's Shed	1
Cricket Pitch (Cement/synthetic)	4

Condition Rating

The condition of facilities across the Shire’s network vary considerably. This is often dependent on population numbers and the availability of community members to use and maintain these facilities.

Each venue has been given a rating to reflect an assessment of its current condition. The condition assessment ratings use the system outlined in the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia’s (IPWEA) *Condition Assessment and Asset Performance Guidelines*. The percentage of venues which fall within in each of the five condition rating categories is outlined in Figure 9.

Land Tenure/Management

Land tenure/management has been informed by Council’s geospatial data. The totals of both council owned, and non-council owned facilities are shown in Figure 10.

Details of each venue are provided in Appendix B: Facility Inventory.

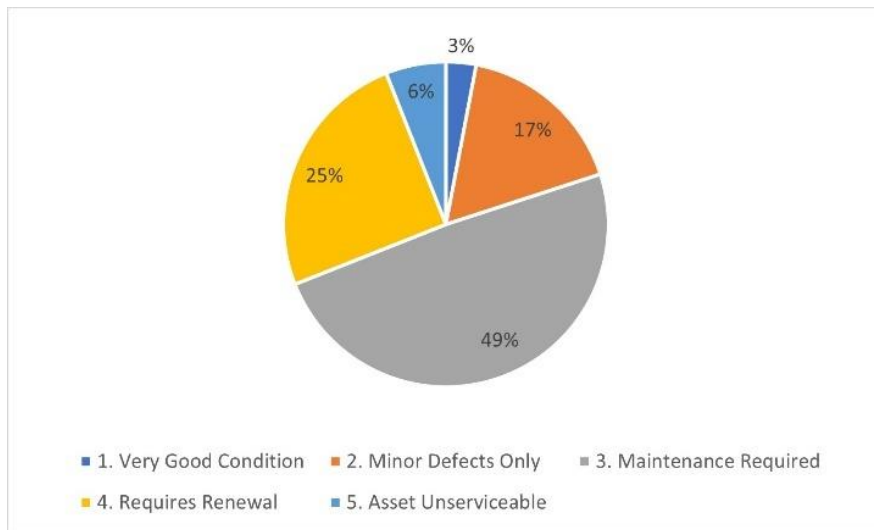


Figure 9: Condition Assessment Ratings

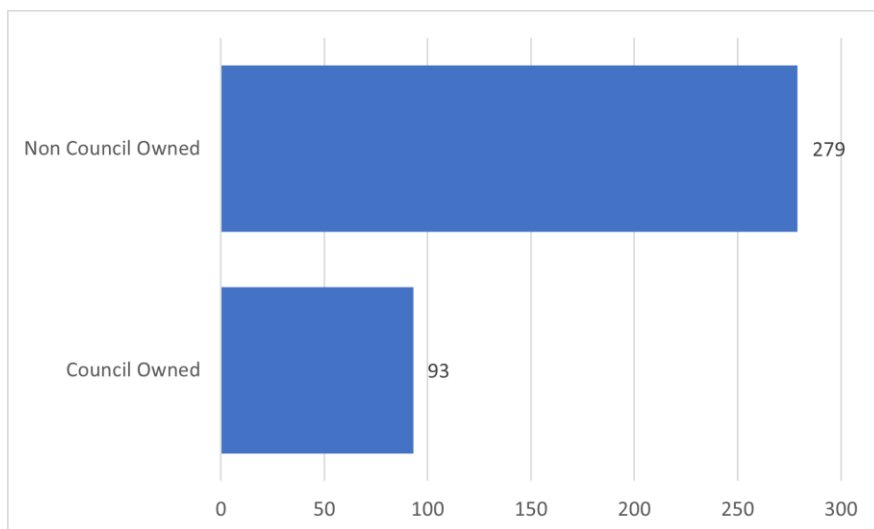


Figure 10: Land Tenure/Management Totals

Facilities Hierarchy

Establishing a hierarchy of sport and active recreation facilities assists in the review of existing facilities, and the planning of new facilities. This is particularly important when assessing service levels for each class of facility and in obtaining external funding, as many of the funding programs are aligned to one or more levels of a facility hierarchy.

The hierarchy can be used to guide the strategic distribution of facilities and to ensure

that service levels are appropriate to the intended level of usage and population catchment catered for. The hierarchy levels for sport and active recreation facilities are outlined in Table 7 and are informed by VIC Government classifications.

It is noted that community members often travel outside of the Shire to neighbouring towns such as Horsham to access a wider range of facilities and events.

Table 7: Facilities Hierarchy Overview

Classification	Overview	Example within Yarriambiack
International	A sporting facility that meets requirements to conduct training and/or competitive events at an international level. A recreation facility that draws users from international locations.	Not applicable to the provision requirements of the Shire
National	A sporting facility that meets requirements to conduct training and/or competitive events at a national level. A recreation facility that draws users from across Australia.	Not applicable to the provision requirements of the Shire
State	A sporting facility that meets requirements to conduct training and/or competitive events at a State level. A recreation facility that has a unique/high profile attraction that attracts people from wide catchments across VIC or beyond.	Not applicable to the provision requirements of the Shire
Regional	A sporting facility that attracts users from beyond the Council area. These facilities can cater for large numbers of people, teams or individuals. A recreation facility that offers a unique and enhanced recreational experience to those offered at district or local level facilities.	Warracknabeal Rifle Range Warracknabeal Swimming Pool
District	A sporting facility that has a catchment beyond a small number of towns/villages, without the level of infrastructure of a regional facility. A recreation facility that draws users from across the broader district.	Warracknabeal Leisure Centre, Warracknabeal Racecourse, Lake Lascelles
Local	Local recreation and sport facilities cater for activities primarily targeted at the population of a township or village.	Brim Recreation Reserve, Woomelang Bowls Club, Rabl Park

Figure 11 shows the number of facilities throughout the Shire and their hierarchy classifications, with the majority of facilities classified as local (90.38%). The Warracknabeal Rifle Range and the Warracknabeal Swimming Pool are the only regional level facilities, due to the unique sport and active recreation offerings.

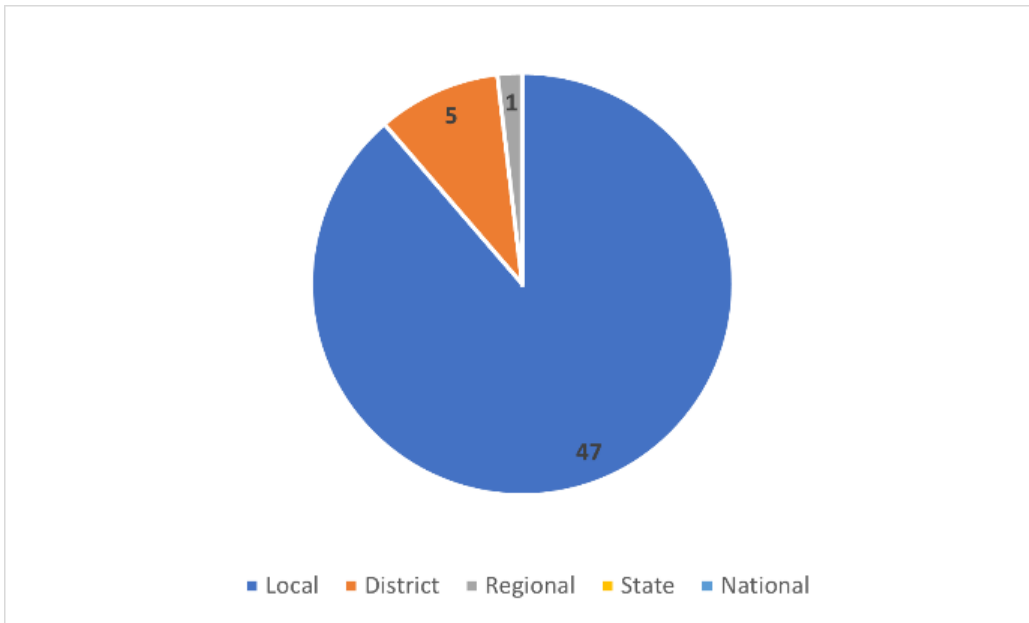


Figure 11: Number of Facilities by Hierarchy Classification

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Consultation



Consultation Process

The consultation undertaken as part of the Strategy was guided by a Communication and Consultation Plan which was developed at the beginning of the project. The objective was to ensure that the community and key stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy, and to ensure that the values and aspirations of the community and stakeholders are reflected in the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy.

The following mechanisms were used to engage with the community and key stakeholders:

- Community Online Survey
- Club/Organisation Online Survey
- Community Drop-in Sessions
- Key Stakeholder Interviews

A Project Information Flyer (refer Figure 12) was also developed which provided an overview of the project background and information regarding the various engagement mechanisms. The flyer also featured a QR code and link to the Community Online Survey and was promoted via Council’s social media and on community noticeboards.

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND
 The Yarriambiack Shire Council and Tredwell are developing a Sport and Active Recreation Strategy which will enable a strategic and outcomes-based approach to the development of community sport and active recreation infrastructure over the next ten years. The intention of the document is to understand the current and future Sport and Active Recreation needs of the Shire and ensure a sound strategic base to advocate for funding and resources from internal and external sources. The Strategy will provide Council with a blueprint for facility management and a new funding formula to support sport and active recreation in the Shire, with due consideration to budget constraints. Council is committed to building on the regions' strengths to ensure Yarriambiack Shire is the place where people want to live, play, and invest. Therefore, Council are seeking your input into the development of the Strategy through a number of consultation methods detailed on this flyer.

COMMUNITY ONLINE SURVEY
 A community online survey has been developed to capture your thoughts and ideas on the Yarriambiack Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. The survey will close on the 26th March 2023. Please scan the QR code or follow the link below to have your say.
www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSCSARS

CLUB/ORGANISATION SURVEY
 If your club is interesting in completing a club/organisation survey please email admin@tredwell.com.au

ONLINE WORKSHOPS
 You are invited to partake in one of our online Workshops. Please RSVP for your selected workshop by emailing: admin@tredwell.com.au

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS
 You are invited to attend the following community engagement sessions. Please RSVP for your selected session by emailing: admin@tredwell.com.au

Woomelang
 Date: Thursday 9th March, 2023
 Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
 Venue: Woomelang Multi-purpose Centre

Minyip
 Date: Tuesday 14th March, 2023
 Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
 Venue: Minyip Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Rupanyup
 Date: Wednesday 15th March, 2023
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Venue: Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Community Centre

Murtoa
 Date: Wednesday 15th March, 2023
 Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 Venue: Whitehouse Murtoa Recreation Reserve

Patchewollock
 Date: Thursday 16th March, 2023
 Time: 4:30pm - 5:00pm
 Venue: Patchewollock Community Centre

Speed
 Date: Thursday 16th March, 2023
 Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
 Venue: Speed Recreation Reserve Golf Club

Tempy
 Date: Thursday 16th March, 2023
 Time: 7:30pm - 8:00pm
 Venue: Tempy Hall

Brim
 Date: Tuesday 7th March, 2023
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Venue: Brim Community Centre

Warracknabeal
 Date: Tuesday 7th March, 2023
 Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 Venue: Warracknabeal Shire Office

Beulah
 Date: Wednesday 8th March, 2023
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Venue: Beulah Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Hopetoun
 Date: Wednesday 8th March, 2023
 Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 Venue: Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Yaapeet
 Date: Thursday 9th March, 2023
 Time: 5:30pm - 6:00pm
 Venue: Yaapeet Community Centre

Online Workshop 1
 Date: Tuesday 21st March, 2023
 Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online Workshop 2
 Date: Thursday 23rd March, 2023
 Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

FURTHER INFORMATION
 For any further information or inquires please email admin@tredwell.com.au or phone (08) 8234 6387.

Figure 12: Project Information Flyer

Community Online Survey

The community online survey was active between the 27th of February 2023 to the 26th of March 2023. Throughout this period, the survey attracted 49 respondents.

The key demographics of survey participants are represented in the following graphs:

The key information gained from the survey data is included in Appendix C: Consultation Summary Report.

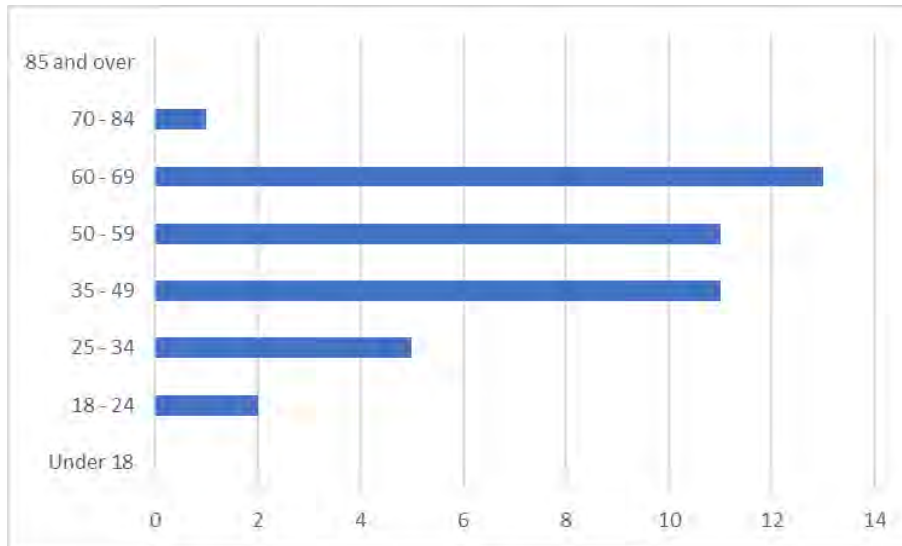


Figure 13: Participant Age Groups, Community Online Survey, 2023

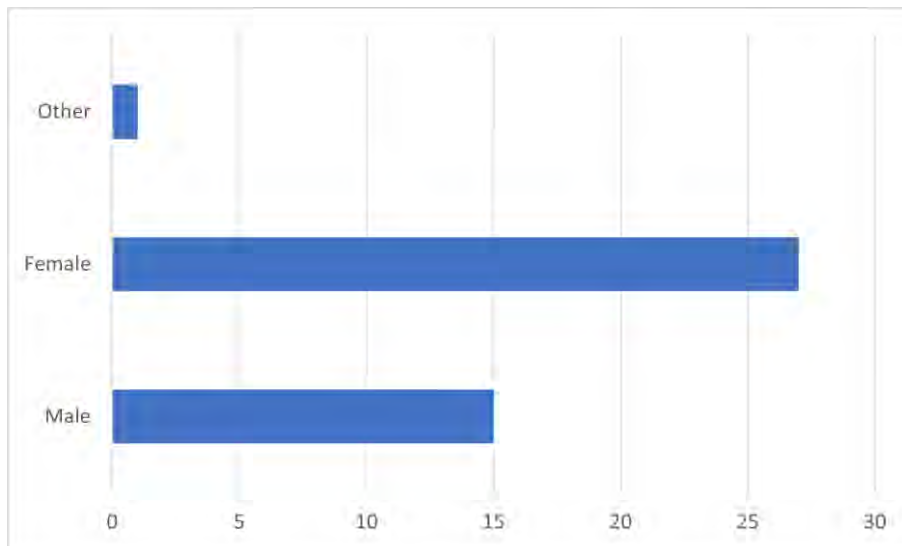


Figure 14: Participant Genders, Community Online Survey Participants, 2023

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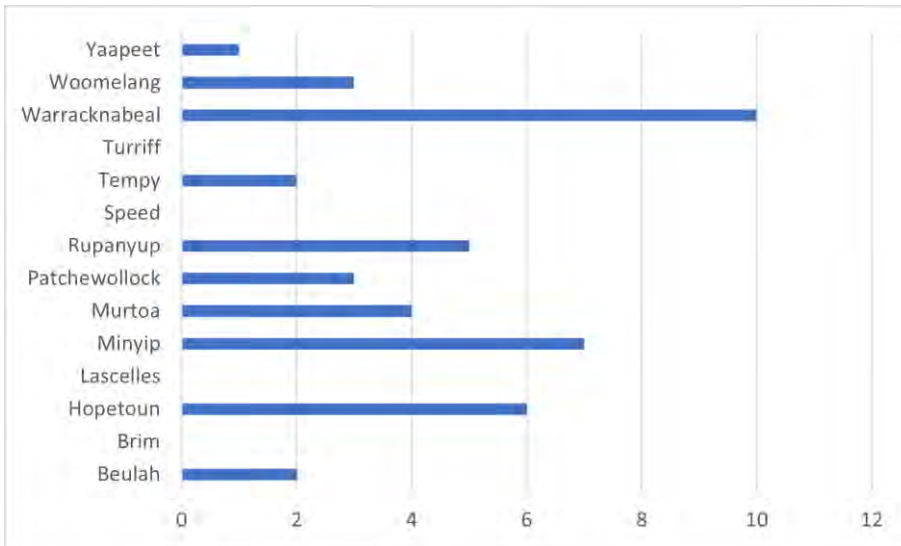


Figure 15: Participant Towns of Residence, Community Online Survey Participants, 2023

Club/Organisation Online Survey

The club/organisation online survey was active between the 27th of February 2023 to the 26th of March 2023. The survey was distributed to a president and/or secretary of clubs/organisations within the Shire.

Throughout this period, the survey attracted 18 responses from the following clubs/organisations:

- Warracknabeal Bowling Club
- Minyip Swimming Pool
- Murtoa Bowling Club
- Southern Mallee Giants
- Warracknabeal Rifle Clubs
- Woomelang Bush Nursing Centre
- Woomelang and District Development Association
- Minyip Oval
- Speed Recreation Reserve
- Hopetoun Swimming Pool
- U3A Dunmunkle
- Woomelang Bowling Club
- Murtoa Swimming Pool
- Southern Mallee Kart Club
- Hopetoun Golf Club
- Hopetoun Bowls Club
- Beulah Bowling Club

The key information gained from the survey data is included in Appendix C: Consultation Summary Report.

Community Engagement Sessions

The Community Engagement Sessions were held between the 7th to the 16th of March 2023 at the following venues:

- Brim Community Centre
- Warracknabeal Shire Office
- Beulah Recreation Reserve Clubrooms
- Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Clubrooms
- Yaapect Community Centre
- Woomelang Multi-purpose Centre
- Minyip Recreation Reserve Clubroom
- Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Community Centre
- Whitehouse Murtoa Recreation Reserve
- Patchewollock Community Centre
- Speed Recreation Reserve Golf Club
- Tempy Hall

The details of the community engagement sessions were included on the Project Information Flyer and promoted via Council's website and social media.

A summary of the key findings from the community engagement sessions are included in Appendix C: Consultation Summary Report.



Images: Community Consultation

Key Stakeholder Interviews

Tredwell conducted the key stakeholder interviews in early August 2023. The interviews were held online via Microsoft Teams with representatives from relevant state sporting organisations (SSOs) and state government departments.

The key stakeholder interviews provided relevant organisations the opportunity to provide input and share different perspectives regarding sport and active recreation in the Shire to inform the Sport & Active Recreation Strategy. The discussions included key topics such as:

AFL Victoria

- Importance of the AFL Victoria Infrastructure Strategy (2017) and its associated guidelines regarding the provision and development of facilities.
- Issues relating to clubs operating across multiple venues.
- The growth in female football building a sustainable female league within the region.
- The implementation of club development officers to assist clubs in the region, including support with policy compliance, rostering applications and funding for volunteer efforts.
- Changing trends and demographics within the region.
- The success of the Auskick Centre and high penetration rates for local schools.
- Facility lighting and the required upgrades to meet changing compliance standards.
- Gender neutral facilities.

Netball Victoria

- The decrease in participation rates among teenagers' due external factors such as travel and education.
- The ongoing negative effects the COVID19 pandemic has had on clubs and volunteers.
- Programs to assist volunteers such as compliance standards and child safe standards webinars.
- The Netball Victoria Statewide Facilities Strategy (undergoing redevelopment) and other relevant guidelines and policies

including child safeguard and inclusion policy.

- Issues relating to clubs operating across multiple venues.
- Recent government funded upgrades to netball facilities around the Shire and the positive effects they have had for local clubs.

Cricket Victoria

- Importance of the Victorian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy (2018) and its associated guidelines regarding the provision and development of facilities. This strategy is soon to be reviewed and updates will potentially be made.
- The need for gender neutral and compliant facilities to support diversity and participation.
- Possible funding opportunities relevant to the region including Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF).
- The focus on Junior programs in region to manage participation rates and retention of participants from juniors to seniors.
- Modern lighting standards and the issue relating to the required LUX level differences between crick and football.

Tennis Victoria

- Initiatives to assist volunteers and club administration, such as ClubSpark.
- Participation trends within the region and the shift from the more traditional forms of tennis.
- Increased popularity in night tennis and the required provision of suitable lighting.
- The collection and use of data collected through HIT assessments.
- Facility details such as surface preference (e.g., acrylic or synthetic) and the support of multipurpose courts catering for other sporting codes such as netball.

The key findings from each key stakeholder and small group interview are summarised in Appendix C: Consultation Summary Report.

Key Findings

The themes which emerged from the consultation processes are outlined in the tables below with regards to key positive feedback (Table 8) and key issues (Table 9). Site-specific findings have been included in Appendix B: Facility Inventory.

Table 8: Key Positive Feedback


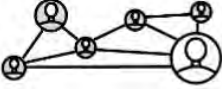
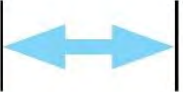











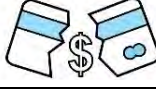







	Accessibility and location of facilities
	Community and social benefits
	Wide range of activities and facilities
	Friendly environments created by clubs and user groups
	Organisation and management provided by volunteers
	Success of recent upgrades to facilities
	Appreciation of natural recreation areas e.g., lakes and weir pools
	Success of gym facilities in Warracknabeal and Hopetoun
	Potential tourism opportunities relating to sport and active recreation
	Increase in female participation

Table 9: Key Issues Raised

	Outdated and ageing facilities
	Lack of facilities with disability access
	Facilities unavailable due to opening hours, travel distance etc.
	Issues relating to ageing aquatic facilities
	Maintenance demands and required upgrades
	Poor condition and provision of amenities (toilets, changerooms etc.)
	Lack of age-appropriate facilities and activities e.g., youth facilities
	Decreasing population effecting participation rates
	Increasing pressures on volunteers and high burnout rates
	Negative impact of communities losing clubs and facilities
	Lack of planning regarding rundown vacant facilities
	Travel to neighbouring LGA's to access sport and active recreation opportunities

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Challenges and Opportunities








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Challenges

The key challenges which have been identified for sport and active recreation in the Shire are outlined in Table 10.

Table 10: Key Challenges

<p>Duplication of Facilities</p> 	<p>The Shire has a wide range of facilities in varying condition, in some cases towns have access to multiples of the same facility type e.g., two bowling clubs. Some of these clubs are experiencing a decline in participants and may benefit from amalgamation and the use of a single facility, allowing clubs to concentrate limited funding and maintenance efforts into a single facility, resulting in a higher facility standard, participation rates and participant satisfaction.</p>
<p>Ageing Population</p> 	<p>The Shire has an overall ageing population, with significantly higher proportion of adults aged 60 to 85 years old (38.3%) compared to the Victorian state average (22.4%). As ageing is often associated with a decline in health, there is a need to further develop preventative health measures, such as physical activity through sport and active recreation. In order to exploit these associated benefits, Council needs to ensure appropriate provision of suitable facilities and programs to meet the needs of the increasing ageing population within the Shire.</p>
<p>Decreased Volunteerism</p> 	<p>Volunteers contribute to the social and economic value of sport and active recreation, especially at the community level. Many clubs and organisations would not be able to run without volunteers who fill many critical roles. The Shire faces many issues relating to volunteers including volunteer participation, retention, and burnout. Research and evidence indicate that a planned approach to managing volunteers and their volunteer experience will enhance satisfaction and improve retention. Developing and implementing a Volunteer Management Plan, or similar, helps ensure volunteers are managed in accordance with best practice principles, including suitable recognition and appreciation and appropriate training and supervision.</p>
<p>Ageing Infrastructure</p> 	<p>Much of the sport and active recreation infrastructure in the Shire was constructed many years ago to service a larger population in the past. Many of these ageing facilities are no longer used, having deteriorated to a stage where they are, requiring extensive maintenance, upgrade and/or replacement (e.g., Woomelang Recreation Reserve). The facilities still in use face maintenance issues related to their age and in many instances do not meet modern compliance standards.</p>
<p>Aquatics Infrastructure</p> 	<p>The majority of aquatic facilities throughout the Shire are reaching the end of their useful life and either require significant maintenance or renewal. The costs associated with keeping these facilities up to modern standards is too high for Council without the assistance of external funding and partnerships. Rising energy costs and labour shortages also pose a serious threat to the ongoing availability of aquatic facilities.</p>

04 Challenges and Opportunities







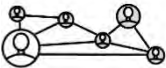
<p>Financial Sustainability</p> 	<p>Community sporting organisations and clubs are dependent on membership income as a primary source of revenue. A significant drop in paid membership due to cost-of-living pressures is currently having and will likely continue to have a devastating impact on community sport from a national and local level. The flow-on effect will likely see a reduction in the sport and physical activity opportunities available to community members and a subsequent physical health and mental wellbeing decline.</p>
<p>Accessible Facilities</p> 	<p>Due primarily to the ageing of facilities throughout the Shire there is an overall lack of compliance regarding modern accessibility standards. This was expressed by the community throughout the consultation process and poses the threat of excluding some members of the community from participating in activities and accessing facilities. Council should ensure access for all abilities when planning for upgrades or additional facilities.</p>
<p>Changing Community Needs and Expectations</p> 	<p>A changing community profile, demographics and expectations, are all factors that will affect the way Council plans for the provision and utilisation of sport and active recreation facilities within the Shire. Managing the community's expectations is also important to ensure that fit-for-purpose and sustainable facilities and services are provided.</p>
<p>Access to Reliable Information and Data</p> 	<p>Ensuring the community and Council has access to robust, reliable information and data that form the basis and justification for Council decision making. Access to such data will allow Council to strategically allocate resources and ensure facility provision has a planned approach, ensuring asset management of sport and recreation infrastructure maximises community benefit.</p>
<p>Asset Management</p> 	<p>The rising cost of asset development, acquisition, renewal, replacement, and maintenance across a diverse and complex and inequitable portfolio. It is essential to ensure that facilities and clubs remain viable and are self-supporting. This encompasses financial, social, and environmental sustainability. Reducing the impacts of external factors on community sport and becoming more sustainable will keep downward pressure on the rising costs of asset management throughout the Shire.</p>
<p>Changing Operating Environment</p> 	<p>Changing operating environment – Navigating a constrained fiscal environment, where Council's financial support is to be fair and equitable across the Shire. This includes balancing provision to meet the needs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and competitive sports • Traditional sports and emerging recreational activities • All ages and abilities • Individual townships and communities
<p>Asset Ownership</p> 	<p>There is an inconsistency across the Shire when it comes to asset ownership for recreation reserves, swimming pools and parkland. It is key for Council to define the asset ownership for each facility, ensuring the community is aware of who is responsible and what can be expected.</p>

04 Challenges and Opportunities

Opportunities

The key opportunities which have been identified for sport and recreation in the Shire are outlined in Table 11.

Table 11: Key Opportunities

<p>Increasing Participation Opportunities</p> 	<p>Through the implementation of an effective strategy there is opportunity to increase participation opportunities in sport and active recreation through the upgrade and/or development of new or existing infrastructure. The Shire has a range of sport and active recreation facilities with capacity to sustain higher levels of usage. It is important that opportunities to utilise these facilities are promoted across the Shire and volunteers are supported to facilitate further participation.</p>
<p>Improving Participation of Under-Represented Groups</p> 	<p>A key opportunity is to improve participation of under-represented groups such as minority groups and new arrivals and improve physical and mental health and wellbeing in communities experiencing long-term socio-economic disadvantage. Inclusivity in sport and active recreation is an important aspect of development within a community. The benefits of active lifestyles are obtainable by all community members if opportunities are inclusive and accessible.</p>
<p>Culturally Sensitive Spaces</p> 	<p>Developing culturally sensitive spaces for key facilities through authentic engagement and self-determination. Providing a culturally sensitive spaces includes being aware and respectful of different cultures and religions in the community and making clubs and facilities safe, welcoming places that caters for diversity and reflects the wider community.</p>
<p>Gender Equality</p> 	<p>There is opportunity for Council to further support gender equality and inclusive participation in local sport by investing in well designed and high-quality facilities. With due consideration given to the State Government Fair Access Policy roadmap. Currently, many women and girls don't have access to the best courts or grounds, have facilities of lesser standard or no facilities at all, or are relegated to less convenient competition and training times. These barriers make it difficult for many to participate or reach their potential.</p>
<p>Strategic Planning</p> 	<p>Supporting strategic planning will ensure infrastructure and Council revenue investment is sustainable. Several facilities in the Shire are past their useful life and require significant upgrade or redevelopment. Undertaking strategic planning gives Council the opportunity to seek make informed decisions on the equal distribution of finite resources.</p>
<p>Local Economic Activity</p> 	<p>There is opportunity to develop local economic activity through the planning, building, management, and activation of redeveloped or new sporting and active recreation infrastructure. The opportunity to provide special events for sport and active recreation activities such as fun runs, cycling rides and walks is a great way of improving participation outcomes whilst also contributing positively to the local community.</p>
<p>Incorporation of Relevant Plans and Guidelines</p> 	<p>With the implementation of a new Strategy there is the opportunity to incorporate current plans and guidelines from peak bodies and government organisations. In particular the Strategy should incorporate outcomes from Council's Council Plan - Strategic Objective 2: A Healthy and Inclusive Community.</p>

05

Funding Demands



Funding Demands

The Shire has in place the Community Assistance and Fee Waiver Policy (CAFWP) and community grants program known as the Community Share Grant Program (CSGP) to support sport and community groups throughout the Shire.

The CAFWP provides an overarching framework to determine the nature and level of support to community groups through:

- a) Fee waivers;
- b) Financial assistance support with grant co-contributions; and
- c) The supply of materials and resources.

The policy applies to community groups and asset committees which would include most sport and recreation associations.

The policy does not appear to place any limits on the amounts of financial assistance provided and does not have any specific criteria to meet with the exception of where there are "broader community benefits provided".

In relation to the CSGP the objectives are more specific in that the aim is to work in partnership with the community to encourage, develop, support and sustain a wide range of local recreational, cultural, social, community support and business group initiatives that make:

- A positive contribution to the Shire community; and
- Strengthen the development of strong local communities.

The program provides funding through four streams, the most relevant to sport and recreation organisations being the community events, community building minor (up to \$3000) and major (up to \$10,000) which requires a 25% contribution from the community group).

The Shire also provides annual funding for the maintenance of recreation reserves which is primarily based on the population of the town and also a set of criteria which considers the

number of sports catered for at the reserve, whether the reserve is Council owned, whether schools use the reserve and whether income is derived from operating a bar. In 2023/24 this totalled \$183,496 and has steadily increased over 8 years from \$157,850 in 2016/17.

Council also provides funding for the maintenance and operations of the swimming pools located in the Shire and again this is primarily based on the population of the town and also a set of criteria which considers the main pool area, whether it is Council owned, if it provides toddlers pool/s and whether it generates a revenue stream. In 2023/24 this totalled \$183,713 and has steadily increased over 5 years from \$168,500 in 2019/20. In addition \$75,000 was provided per annum over this period for management and lifeguarding of the pools. \$40,000 per annum is provided for emergency maintenance of the pools.

There have been concerns raised about both of these funding mechanisms for recreation reserves and swimming pools as there is a skew towards larger townships and also whether the facilities are Council owned or Crown owned.

Council also provides funding for halls insurance and an administration fee (\$42,944.91 in 2023/24) and funding for insurance for weir pools (\$37,997.02 in 2023/24) and progress associations (\$17,475.48 in 2023/24).

The total funding provided to provide sport, recreation and community facilities in the Shire was \$540,627.28 in 2023/24 which has increased by \$99,608.88 or 22.6% from \$441,018.40 in 2014/15. This is a significant annual investment by the Shire into the provision of sport, recreation and community facilities.

05 Funding Demands

Each of these funding programs and/or mechanisms is further discussed within the Funding Review paper included as Appendix D. This includes recommendations on how to meet the following brief requirements:

- *Establishing a standardised methodology that is outcome driven to inform Council's contribution towards weir pools, swimming pools and sporting grounds (reserves). This would include factoring in demand, based on township population.*
- *Developing a clear methodology to outline Council's maintenance investment and contribution at recreation facilities that is fair and equitable across the Shire.*

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Vision and Principles



06 Vision and Principles

Vision

A vision has been created that seeks to reflect the aspirations of the community in relation to planning for sport and active recreation. The achievement of this vision requires partnerships between the Shire and the wider community, sport and active recreation clubs/groups, state and federal governments, agencies, and peak bodies.



“Supporting strong communities through the provision of a diverse range of accessible sport and active recreation opportunities and infrastructure”.

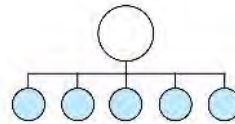
Key Components

Planning for sport and active recreation is multifaceted and interrelated. Consideration needs to be given to the three major components of planning: facilities, clubs and service providers; and programs and events which are detailed below. These components cannot be considered in isolation.

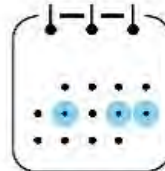
Facilities



Clubs and Service Providers



Programs and Events




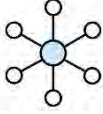





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Planning Principles

The planning principles outlined in Table 12 have been developed based on community aspirations and industry best-practice, to guide the development and management of sport and active recreation across the Shire.

The planning principles underpin the Strategy and Action Plan. These relationships of the components of sport and active recreation planning are illustrated in Figure 16.

Table 12: Planning Principles

<p>PRINCIPLE 1 Maximum Community Participation</p>		<p>Facilities, clubs and programs offer a range of accessible recreational opportunities targeted to the needs of the community and deliver associated health benefits to all people regardless of age, socio-economic status or ability.</p> <p>A balanced approach to the provision of facilities across community-level participation, as well as elite pathways, programs and events.</p> <p>A balanced approach to the provision of facilities which facilitate active lifestyles through informal recreation activities as well as through competitive sport.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 2 Shared Precincts and Community Hubs</p>		<p>Where appropriate and practical, facilities are clustered and co-located with compatible users to optimise use whilst maintaining organisational identity and individual needs through adaptable and flexible designs.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 3 Sustainability</p>		<p>Facilities, clubs and programs effectively integrate long and short-term economic, environmental, social and cultural considerations.</p> <p>Facility and program developments strategically align with Council strategies to meet current and future community needs and provide value-for-money.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 4 Partnerships</p>		<p>Collaborative approaches are used to plan, deliver and manage facilities, clubs and programs with the community, government, clubs, associations, educational institutions and the private sector.</p> <p>Partnerships are utilised to achieve community outcomes beyond sport and recreation.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 5 Working Together with Clubs and Community</p>		<p>Clubs and the wider community are effectively engaged in the planning and design of sport and recreation facilities and programs.</p> <p>An inclusive culture of sport and recreation is achieved through club development programs, positive relationships and provision of facilities that support opportunities for all.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 6 Maximised and Validated Community Benefit</p>		<p>Community benefit is identified, validated and maximised through the investment of sport and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Investments which demonstrate the maximum local and regional community benefits are prioritised.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLE 7 Effective Management and Maintenance</p>		<p>Facilities are managed and maintained in a manner that promotes safe condition, minimises financial liability and complies with relevant legislation, policies, and standards.</p>

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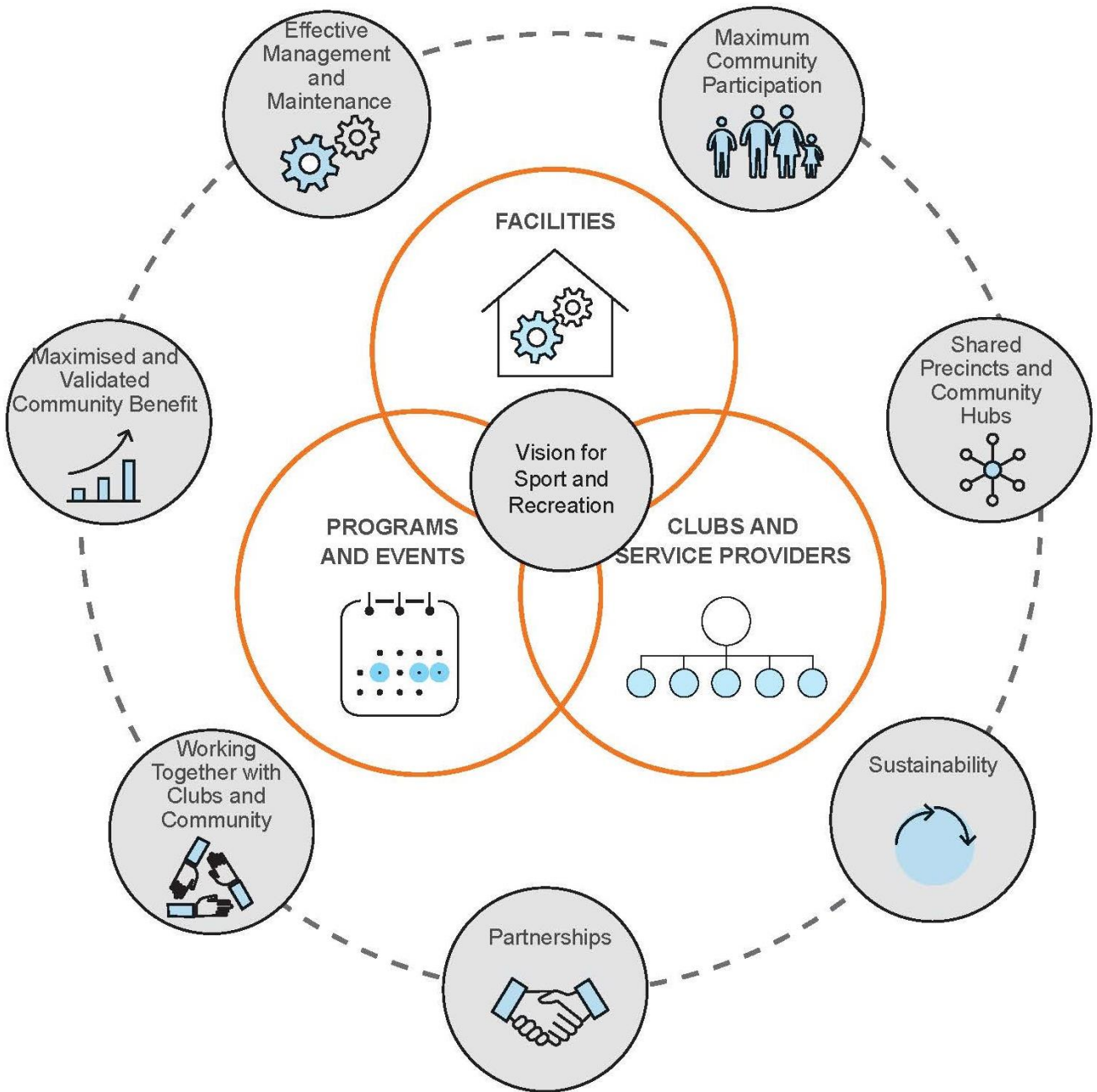


Figure 16: Interrelated Components of Sport and Recreation Planning

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Strategy and Implementation Plan



07 Strategy and Implementation Plan

Overview

The Strategy and Implementation Plan for developing sport and active recreation across the Shire is detailed over the following pages. Each of the components of sport and active recreation planning have been addressed through a series of strategies and actions, which are guided by the planning principles, and strive to achieve the vision.

Each strategy is provided with a supporting rationale and a series of actions with corresponding timeframes, partners and estimated resource requirements.

The Strategy and Implementation Plan has been prepared with the intention of remaining flexible to adapt to dynamic influences such as community needs, funding opportunities and technological advances.

Timeframes

In assessing the priority for each of the strategies, the following factors have been considered:

- Alignment with the vision
- Alignment to strategic plans
- Identified need
- Community support
- Level of planning undertaken
- Feasibility
- Safety

Based on this assessment, timeframes have been indicated for each action using the following scale:

- Immediate (2024 – 2025)
- Short (2025 – 2028)
- Medium (2028 – 2032)
- Longer (2033 onwards)
- Ongoing

The timeframe identified for the completion of each action is indicative and should be reviewed annually. The staging of investment will allow maximum value from the existing facilities as well as the sustainable provision of new facilities, services, and programs.

Partners and Council's Role

The delivery of sport and active recreation across the Shire is achieved through partnerships between all three levels of government (local, state and federal), schools, state sporting organisations, associations, clubs, community groups and the private sector. Without these collaborative arrangements to plan for and provide facilities, services and resourcing, sport and active recreation infrastructure and activities would not exist in the form they do today. These partnership arrangements need to be preserved and strengthened to ensure the ongoing development of sport and active recreation in the Shire. Regional planning and collaboration with relevant agencies should continue to be pursued along with specific initiatives to strengthen and support local service delivery through clubs and associations.

Partners who may be able to assist the Shire with the delivery of the strategies and actions detailed with the Strategy and Implementation Plan have been identified. It is stressed that without partner support it is unlikely that many of these actions will be achieved. The lead partner/s are identified in bold alongside the assisting partners.

Acronyms used:

YSC – Yarriambiack Shire Council

SSO – State Sporting Organisation

SRV – Sport and Recreation Victoria

Council's role will vary depending on the type of strategy and action and who is primarily responsible for delivery. The various Council roles are outlined in Table 13 and for each action detailed in the Strategy and Implementation Plan.

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Table 13: Council's Role

Role	Example of Activities
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbal and written lobbying• Letters of support• Provision of supporting information
Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in reference groups, steering committees, regional/State/Commonwealth organisations
Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convening meetings• Establishing, supporting, and overseeing advisory committees and working groups• Providing referrals and introductions• Assisting in project development through terms of reference, briefs or calls for quotation
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applying for grants and loans and entering into associated agreements• Commissioning consultants, contractors and other suppliers• Managing project reference groups and steering committees• Project reporting
Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertaking capital works and/or operational projects using in-house Council resources

Resources

Implementation of the Strategy and Implementation Plan will require significant resources from the Shire and its partners. An estimation of the financial resources required to implement each action have been identified. These are broad indicative estimates and should be reviewed prior to implementation.

There has been no financial commitment from the Shire to implement the actions identified and relevant actions will be considered as part of normal annual business planning/budgeting and long-term financial planning processes.

The Strategy and Implementation Plan provides the following indicative financial resource requirements:

- Low (\$0 – \$100,000)
- Medium (\$100,000 – \$500,000)
- High (\$500,000+)

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The 24 strategies which form the framework for the Action Plan are categorised into facilities, clubs and service providers, and programs and events are summarised below.

The complete strategy, with corresponding rationale and actions is provided on the following pages.

Facilities

Overall Objective: A balanced and high-quality network of sport and active recreation facilities across the Yarriambiack Shire which ensures community needs are met, participation is maximised, encourages active lifestyles, attracts a wide range of events and optimised usage of both current and future facilities.

Strategy	Title
1	Warracknabeal
2	Brim
3	Beulah
4	Hopetoun
5	Woomelang
6	Minyip
7	Murtoa
8	Rupanyup
9	Yaapeet
10	Patchewollock
11	Speed
12	Tempy
13	Swimming Pools
14	Weir Pools
15	Consolidate Sporting Venues Across Communities

Clubs and Service Providers

Overall Objective: Empowered, valued, and supported sport and active recreation clubs and service providers across the Yarriambiack Shire.

Strategy	Title
16	Governance, Training and Development

Programs and Events

Overall Objectives: A calendar of high-quality, well-promoted and inclusive sport and recreation programs and events across the Yarriambiack Shire.

Strategy	Title
17	Events

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Facilities

1. Strategy: Warracknabeal

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Warracknabeal with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Warracknabeal is the biggest town within the Shire with a population of 2,359 (2021), it is the business and services centre of the region. The town also provides both a primary and secondary school, attracting young families, which helps support junior participation rates in the area. Home to some of the Shire's largest clubs and venues, such as ANZAC Memorial Park and the Warracknabeal Leisure Centre, it is important to have a balanced range of actions to ensure the continued development and activation of all sport and active recreation assets in the town.

With masterplans for both ANZAC Memorial Park (including the swimming pool) and the Warracknabeal Recreation Precinct (including the Leisure Centre) completed it is important for Council to continue the development of these sites, working in partnership with current and potential user groups to ensure optimal usage and community needs are met. The plans for the introduction of new and upgraded community facilities such as pavilions and all access and gender changerooms, provides the opportunity to create all-inclusive multi-use facilities, with a community focus.

It is also important to support some of the smaller venues and clubs, offering unique sport and active recreation opportunities such as the Warracknabeal Rifle Range, bowls clubs and the golf club. There is potential for these activities to benefit from shared use facilities and further programming of events and competitions.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>1.1 ANZAC Memorial Park: ANZAC Park is located on the south side of the Warracknabeal township, bordered by Arnold St, Molyneaux St, Gardiner St and Scott Street and is the largest community sport and recreation space in the town. Progress with the recently developed Master Plan to guide enhancement as a regional level sport and active recreation precinct which caters for a variety of sports as well as informal community use, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis (4 upgraded tennis courts, with lighting and better support facilities) • AFL (oval lighting upgrade, goal netting) • Swimming pool (redevelop changerooms to be universally accessible/all gender, provide access hoist to the pool, upgraded kiosk and entry including a first aid room, complete plant room assessment) • Netball (2 upgraded courts, with lighting and better support facilities) • Cricket (upgrade cricket practice nets) • Community Centre (upgrade to provide a more functional layout) • Changerooms (new multi-use) • Grandstand (retain and upgrade) • Playground (upgrade) • Green space (upgrade drainage and use as events space) • Improved storage, parking and public toilets 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Advocacy, Representation and Facilitation) • SSOs 	High

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Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>1.2 Warracknabeal Recreation Precinct: The 1.2ha site is located between Jamouneau, Lyle and Anderson Streets, with road frontage to all three. Located one street from the centre of town and includes the Warracknabeal Leisure Centre and skatepark. Continue the development of the precinct in line with the Masterplan vision to ensure the precinct provides a diverse range of community recreation opportunities, programs and events, and sporting activities, for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities and key recommendations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure Centre (make better use of unused space and improve security including re-purposing the squash courts) A new flexible-use community hub space New 'street-style' Skate Plaza Install small nature based play features Proposed harbour structures with integrated seating and climbing vines for shade and improved amenity Formalise vehicle access and on-site car parking Upgrade landscaping and path network 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs/User Groups YSC (Management and Delivery) SSOs 	High
<p>1.3 Recreational Trails: Perform maintenance and upgrades to the current trail around the creek, to increase accessibility and promote usage (e.g., surface and lighting). This can be supported by undertaking a trail development plan and/or an overall Shire trails strategy to inform further development.</p>	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Management) Community 	Medium
<p>1.4 Warracknabeal Bowls Club and Warracknabeal Golf & Bowls Club: Work collaboratively with the two local bowls clubs in Warracknabeal to explore the opportunities to share a single facility, to counteract issues regarding low participation rates and volunteer burnout. Continued provision of both lawn bowls and golf facilities which are used and valued by the community, host events and encourage active lifestyles. Explore facility upgrades including: Synthetic Bowling Green replacements (at end of life), kitchen upgrades and painting, upgrade of player shelters, upgrade of carpark</p>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warracknabeal Bowling Club Warracknabeal Golf and Bowls Club YSC (Advocacy and Representation) Community 	Low
<p>1.5 Warracknabeal Racecourse Reserve: Prepare a master plan to guide the enhancement of the Reserve as a recreation precinct which caters for a variety of activities and events as well as informal community use.</p>	Longer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Advocacy) Clubs/User Groups Community 	Low
<p>1.6 Warracknabeal Rifle Range: Support and encourage the continued provision of a high-quality accessible shooting facility which is valued by members in the community, host events and encourages active lifestyles. Facility improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrades to the toilets to increase accessibility Improvements to clubrooms and supporting infrastructure to cater for national, state, and local events 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs/User Groups YSC (Advocacy) Community 	Low

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2. Strategy: Brim

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Brim with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: The township of Brim is a small agricultural community between Warracknabeal and Beulah, with a population of 181 residents. Sport and active recreation facilities within Brim include the recreation reserve, country club, bowls club and Redda's Park Reserve.

The recreation reserve is the largest facility, acting as a community hub and hosting many activities such as football, cricket and netball. With recent upgrades to the netball courts and pavilion, it is important to support these new developments and explore opportunities to activate the reserve further.

Brim is also home to Redda's Park, a bushland setting with amenities, walking tracks, powered and non-powered camping sites as well as BBQ facilities. This area is popular among locals and visitors to the Shire, offering a space for recreational activities. There is potential to further promote and develop this area to increase tourism and recreation options for both the Shire residents and visitors to the Shire.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>2.1 Brim Recreation Reserve: Progress with the recently developed masterplan to guide the enhancement of facilities at Brim Recreation Reserve to ensure that facilities are provided to a high standard and meet the needs of the community. Key considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal design of change rooms and toilets • Upgrade of Cricket nets • Sustainable facilities (e.g., repair of solar panels) • Upgrade oval Lighting • Upgrade to oval perimeter fencing • Upgrades to support social use of facilities • Reviewing the golf club operations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brim Sports and Social Club Inc. • SSOs • YSC (Management) 	Low
<p>2.2 Brim Bowls Club: Support the club in seeking funding to upgrade the clubrooms and amenities which are in poor condition and do not meet universal access standards (e.g., female friendly and gender-neutral amenities), the synthetic bowling green when due for replacement and the provision of additional shade.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brim Bowls Club • Bowls Victoria • YSC (Facilitation, Management and Delivery) 	Medium
<p>2.3 Redda's Park: Continue to develop the Redda's Park area, to provide recreation opportunities to both locals and visitors, such as trails, outdoor gym equipment, pump track and fishing.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low

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3. Strategy: Beulah

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Beulah with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: The township of Beulah is a prosperous agricultural community, home to 312 residents, located in between Hopetoun and Brim. The town features the picturesque Yarriambiack Creek, with walking tracks and picnic and camping areas. There is also a caravan park including the new Creekside cabins with public amenities located beside the creek.

Other sport and active recreation facilities in the town of Beulah include the recreation reserve, bowls club and the swimming pool.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>3.1 Beulah Memorial Recreation Reserve: Progress with the recently developed masterplan to guide the enhancement of facilities, including the pavilion, swimming pool, bowls club and camping reserve at Beulah Memorial Recreation Reserve, ensure that facilities are provided to a high standard and meet the needs of the community. Key considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support further programming to activate the swimming pool. • Upgrade the Beulah Swimming Pool and surrounds • Upgrade to pavilion and changeroom facilities • Upgrade the bowls club and its facilities in line with the needs of the Club including synthetic green replacement, upgrades to toilet facilities including providing universal access, new curbing and footpaths and upgrades to kitchen facilities. • Support continued enhancement and activation of the Reserve and associated active recreation opportunities (e.g., walking tracks, fishing and camping). 	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy, Representation and Facilitation) • Clubs/User Groups • Community 	Low

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4. Strategy: Hopetoun

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Hopetoun with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Hopetoun is a unique rural community of approximately 586 people, the area is predominantly supported by agriculture and businesses which support Victoria's grain industry. Hopetoun's proximity to natural features such as Lake Lascelles and National Parks makes it a popular stop for visitors in the region. Both Lake Lascelles and Lake Corrong offer unique recreation opportunities including walking trails, swimming, fishing, boating and water skiing. With master plans in place for both the former school site and the recreation reserve it is important to continue the development of these sites in line with the Masterplans recommendations, seeking external funding for sport and active recreation related projects. The planned upgrades for the recreation reserve provide the opportunity to create shared use facilities that cater for additional user groups such as the golf club. It is foreseen that there are financial challenges ahead due to the age and condition of the Hopetoun Swimming Pool. If maintenance and infrastructure renewal is not considered it is likely that the facility will become unreliable and suffer service interruptions and/or will fail to meet required standards and community needs.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>4.1 Hopetoun Recreation Reserve: Continue the development of the recreation reserve in line with the Masterplan recommendations, seeking external funding for related projects. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL and cricket oval (extend and upgrade irrigation system to cover all grassed areas) • Gravel track (develop as a community walking/cycling track) • New youth precinct including a BMX / pump track, a half basketball court with rebound wall and picnic shelter • Netball courts (retain existing netball courts and upgrade player dugouts and lighting) • Playground (upgrade and provide additional natural and built shade) • Relocate outdoor fitness equipment • Netball clubhouse (upgrade existing toilet and change facilities) • Cricket practice nets (retain existing two synthetic grass nets and potential for one additional net if demand is demonstrated) • New connecting paths • Formalise car parking • Sports buildings (retain existing and extend main pavilion roof to provide additional shade) • Toilet block (refurbish existing) • Surplus buildings (remove buildings as indicated on the Master Plan) 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Management and Delivery) • Community • SSOs 	High
<p>4.2 Hopetoun Tennis Club: Upgrade sports lighting, resurface the tennis courts and update the outdoor basketball rings, include multi-purpose line marking to allow for flexible use.</p>	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Management and Delivery) • Tennis Victoria 	Medium

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Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>4.3 Hopetoun Bowls Club: Upgrade clubrooms to facilitate both the bowls and tennis clubs and assist the transition to sharing a single clubroom facility, which complies with universal access standards (e.g., female friendly and gender-neutral amenities).</p>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopetoun Bowls Club • Hopetoun Tennis Club • YSC (Management and Delivery) 	Low
<p>4.4 Hopetoun Swimming Pool: Seek funding and plan for major works to the Hopetoun's Swimming Pool, in line with the recommendations from the recent <i>Detailed Inspection and Report of Hopetoun Outdoor Swimming Pool</i> prepared by Lacus Consulting.</p>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Management and Delivery) • Hopetoun Swimming Pool Committee 	High
<p>4.5 Hopetoun Golf Club: Decommission the golf clubrooms in their current form and seek opportunities for a new clubroom facility to provide adequate amenities onsite at the golf course including storage, changerooms and toilets with universal access. As an alternative, further investigate the shared use of the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve clubrooms as a social space.</p>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopetoun Golf Club • YSC (Advocacy) 	Medium
<p>4.6 Lake Lascelles: Continue to support the development of Lake Lascelles as a recreation area for both locals and visitors. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved waste management • Traffic management and appropriate speed limits • Development of recreational trails noting YSC maintains and upgrades the existing track 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy and Representation) • Land Owners/Managers • Community 	Low

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5. Strategy: Woomelang

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Woomelang with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Woomelang is home to 191 residents, the town services a productive farming area, and provides a range of community and sporting facilities. These include the recreation reserve, bowls club, swimming pool, park and playground reserve. With an overall ageing population, it is important to maintain a diverse range of accessible recreation activities. As well as facilities that appeal to younger families such as the pool and playspaces. With the community feeling the negative impact of losing the football and netball club, it is crucial to support the remaining groups servicing the community.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
5.1 Woomelang Bowls Club: Continue to support the development of the bowls club (noting a new synthetic surface has recently been installed) as a key facility and social hub for the local community. Incorporate upgrades to improve its capacity as a community hub and social space.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woomelang Bowls Club • YSC (Facilitation, Management and Delivery) • Community 	Medium
5.2 Woomelang Swimming Pool: Explore the feasibility of installing solar heating for the pool, which will assist in the extension of opening hours and make it more suitable for the towns ageing population.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woomelang Swimming Pool Committee • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
5.3 Woomelang Recreation Reserve: Preserve and maintain the Recreation Reserve assets and services that continue to operate from the facility including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Courts • Community Gym • Polhner Room 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy and Representation) • Woomelang Recreation Reserve Committee • Community 	Low
5.4 Community Walking Tracks: Explore a community walking track that connects the Cronomby Tanks area with the Town Centre	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy) • WDDA • Community 	Low

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6. Strategy: Minyip

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Minyip with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: The township of Minyip is a small agricultural community located north of Rupanyup and Murtoa, with a population of 525 residents. Sport and active recreation facilities within Minyip include the recreation reserve, bowls club, golf club and swimming pool. With a recent masterplan developed for the recreation reserve (including the swimming pool), it is an opportune time to plan for strategic investment into the town's facilities to meet the community's current and future needs. Recommended upgrades from the masterplan will not only cater for the current user groups, but any potential new user groups, creating further opportunities for community members to participate in sport and active recreation.

It is also important to support some of the smaller venues and clubs, offering unique sport and active recreation opportunities such as the Minyip Field and Game shooting facility and the golf club. There is potential for these clubs to continue to benefit from Council's consideration and support in relation to facility upgrades and further programming (e.g., events and competitions) to further activate these spaces.

The town is expecting growth with the introduction of Astron Limited in the area, a mineral sands mining company, It is expected the opening of the mineral sand mine will create more jobs in the area, attracting new residents. The introduction of a large-scale company such as Astron will also provide opportunities to work collaboratively to benefit the community and sport and active recreation in the Shire.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>6.1 Minyip Recreation Reserve Masterplan: Continue the development of the recreation reserve in line with the Masterplan recommendations, seeking external funding for related projects. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgraded amenities • Play and picnic space • Upgraded swimming pool and supporting facilities (kiosk, changerooms) • New netball and tennis courts • New cricket nets • Additional junior sized oval • Upgraded BMX dirt jump track 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Advocacy and Representation) • Community • SSOs • Astron 	High
<p>6.2 Minyip Bowls Club: In consultation with the bowls club and the community, review the function of the club in its current location and state, while seeking funding to upgrade to a synthetic Bowling green surface.</p>	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minyip Bowls Club • YSC (Advocacy and Representation) • Community 	Low
<p>6.3 Minyip Golf Club: Encourage the continued provision of the golf course which is used and valued by the community. Support upgrades to the club house and its amenities including the toilets ensuring they are universally accessible, kitchen and social space.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minyip Golf Club • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
<p>6.4 Minyip Field & Game: Support and encourage the continued provision of the shooting facility and its associated club, which is valued by members in the community, host events which benefit the local community and encourages active lifestyles.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minyip Field & Game • YSC (Advocacy) 	Low

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7. Strategy: Murtoa

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Murtoa with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Murtoa is one of the larger townships within the Shire, with a population of 897 residents, situated around Lake Marma on the Wimmera Highway, 30 kilometres east of Horsham. The towns sport and active recreation facilities are based around the lake, featuring a playground, tennis courts, swimming pool and fishing jetty. Rabl Park, to the North of Lake Marma is a series of waterways and ponds, including a skate park, playground, fishing and recreation areas.

With master plans in place for both Rabl Park and the Murtoa Recreation Reserve it is important to continue the development of these sites in line with the master plans recommendations, seeking external funding for sport and active recreation related projects where appropriate.

Council should also consider other facilities within Murtoa such as the bowls club and the racecourse, to support and encourage the continued provision of these facilities which are used and valued by the community and host events beneficial for the community.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>7.1 Murtoa Recreation Reserve: Progress with the Master Plan for Murtoa Recreation Reserve to guide enhancement as a high-level sport and active recreation precinct which caters for a variety of sports as well as informal community use, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace the community centre which would include dividable multipurpose social space for 180 people, toilets, commercial kitchen/canteen, bar, cool room, storage, decking north side and spectator cover south side • Spectator facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain and improve spectator shelter with additional seating - Provide additional covered seating for oval viewing • Oval and associated facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrade irrigation to maintain surface and reduce water loss. Consider irrigation technology that monitors soil moisture and adjusts irrigation system accordingly - Install goal netting at south end - Replace the synthetic turf wicket strip and cover the whole concrete block - Install a drink fountain/s near oval and courts • Change rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide all gender change and shower facilities for players and bring them in line with AFL Victoria Facility Guidelines – Local Level Facility standard - New netball change rooms x 2 plus umpires' room, first aid, store, admin, shade (Min 160m²) as per Netball Victoria guidelines. West side of court/s to link to community centre • Cricket facilities 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Advocacy, Representation, Facilitation and Management) • Community • SSOs 	High

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Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace nets in long term - Add power at cricket nets for bowling machine use • Show pavilion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove Show pavilion and incorporate storage, display and social space in new community centre 			
<p>7.2 Lake Marma: Continue to provide tennis courts for community and club use, maintaining and resurfacing courts as required. Consider opportunities to create multi-purpose courts (e.g., basketball rings), enhance support facilities and seek external funding as required.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
<p>7.3 Murtoa Swimming Pool: Maintain provision of the Murtoa Swimming Pool and programs to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murtoa Swimming Pool Committee • YSC (Advocacy) • Clubs/User Groups • Community 	Low
<p>7.4 Murtoa Bowls Club: Maintain provision of the bowls club and its facilities in line with the needs of the Club.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murtoa Bowls Club • YSC (Advocacy) 	Low
<p>7.5 Rabi Park: Progress with the Master Plan for Rabi Park to guide enhancement as an active recreation area which caters for a variety of informal community uses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Skate park • Re-purpose existing skate park as a youth space including half court, rebound wall etc. • Update playground (preferably with shade cover) • Dog off-leash area • Upgrade pathway network to provide continuous, shady walking loop • Provide additional lighting, CCTV and updated picnic facilities 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Delivery) 	Medium
<p>7.6 Murtoa Racecourse: Support and encourage the continued provision of the racecourse which is used and valued by the community and hosts events beneficial for the community.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murtoa Marma Racing Club • YSC (Advocacy) 	Low
<p>7.7 Murtoa Golf Club: Encourage the continued provision of the golf course which is used and valued by the community. Support upgrades to the club house and its amenities including the toilets ensuring they are universally accessible, kitchen and social space.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murtoa Golf Club • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low

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8. Strategy: Rupanyup

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Rupanyup with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: The township of Rupanyup is a small community located in the south-east of the Shire, with a population of 545 residents. Sport and active recreation facilities within Rupanyup include the recreation reserve, golf club, bowls club and the swimming pool. The recreation reserve is the largest facility, home to clubs and user groups such as the football, netball, tennis and cricket club. With recent state government funded upgrades to the netball courts and attached pavilion, including female friendly changerooms. With the success of the recent upgrades there is potential for further planning to bring the remaining facilities within the reserve to a similar standard.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>8.1 Rupanyup Recreation Reserve: Implement the master plan to guide the enhancement of facilities at Rupanyup Recreation Reserve to ensure that facilities are provided to a high standard and meet the needs of the community. Upgrades to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade entry • Improve vehicle movement and parking • Upgrade play node • Upgrade oval precinct • Redevelop court precinct • Install goal nets • Redevelop the Indoor sport stadium • Update boundary fencing • Redevelop additional areas as specified 	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Management and Delivery) • Clubs/User Groups • Community 	Low
<p>8.2 Rupanyup Golf Club: Support the continued provision of the golf course which is used and valued by the community. Support upgrades to the club house and its amenities considering the toilets to ensure universal access, kitchen and social space.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rupanyup Golf Club • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
<p>8.3 Rupanyup Bowls Club: Continue to support and activate the Rupanyup Bowls Club to meet modern standards, including compliance with universal access standards, to provide club-based competition and social events.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rupanyup Bowls Club • YSC (Advocacy) • Community • Bowls Victoria 	Low
<p>8.4 Rupanyup Swimming Pool: Maintain provision of the Rupanyup Swimming Pool and programs to meet the needs of the community now and into the future. Encourage shared use and collaboration with the neighbouring primary school.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rupanyup Swimming Pool Committee • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low

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9. Strategy: Yaapeet

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Yaapeet with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Yaapeet, located 30kms west of Hopetoun is the gateway to Lake Albacutya Regional Park and Wyperfeld National Park. The region offers fantastic 4WD and motorbike tracks, picnic spots and great look outs. Yaapeet is a small but passionate community, helping maintain both the recreation reserve and Turkey Bottom Lake as their town's main venues for sport and active recreation. Although there are limited options in the form of organised clubs and group within the town, residents travel to neighbouring locations to access further opportunities.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>9.1 Turkey Bottom Lake: Consult with Parks Victoria to discuss further development of the Turkey Bottom Lake recreation area. Developments could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail management • Recreation opportunities e.g., fishing and boating • Public toilets • Signage 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks Victoria • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
<p>9.2 Yaapeet Recreation Reserve: Support the community to increase the use of the hall including hosting social events and suitable indoor activities (e.g., indoor bowls, yoga etc.).</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
<p>9.3 Camping Grounds: Promote the use of camping facilities at the recreation reserve, especially among adventure tourist who frequently visit the region. There is potential to use the oval to accommodate campers if usage increases.</p>	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocacy and Representation) • Community 	Low

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10. Strategy: Patchewollock

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Patchewollock with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Patchewollock is a small wheatbelt town in the north of the Shire, with 149 residents, it is notable for its location regarding both the Wyperfeld National Park and the Wathe Flora and Fauna Reserve. There are currently a lack of sport and active recreation opportunities within the town itself requiring residents to travel to neighbouring towns to access organised activities.

The recreation reserve is currently not being used for any organised sport and the facilities have become run down and do not meet community standards. There is potential for the reserve to be repurposed as a park with more of a casual recreation focus, including a multipurpose court, shared use path and facilities for visitors such as toilets, showers and other camping amenities.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>10.1 Recreation Reserve: Undertake a masterplan to repurpose the recreation reserve as a park with more of a casual recreation focus, including a multipurpose court (e.g., netball, basketball and tennis), shared use path and facilities for visitors such as toilets, showers and other camping amenities. Further explore the opportunities for sporting “come and try” sessions, along with instructors to host “come and try” recreation and fitness activities such as yoga, tai chi, martial arts etc</p>	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/user groups • YSC (Advocacy and Representation) • Community 	Low

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11. Strategy: Speed

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Speed with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Speed is a small locality in the north of the Shire, well known as the venue of the Mallee Machinery Field Days. With an ageing population, the community has seen many of its sport and active recreation clubs fold due to declining population and participation rates. The Speed Recreation Reserve is the town's only sport and active recreation venue, most recently home to the former Speed Golf Club. The reserve is still maintained by volunteer and the clubrooms are used occasionally for social events and aged care groups.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
11.1 Recreation Reserve: Support the usage of the recreation reserve pavilion for sport and active recreation opportunities suitable for older members of the community.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Advocacy) • Community 	Low
11.2 Shared use path: Further develop existing recreational trails to ensure suitability for all residents.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Management) • Community 	Low

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12. Strategy: Tempy

Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced provision of sport and active recreation facilities within the township of Tempy with strategically distributed, high quality, fit-for-purpose, universally accessible and diverse provision of facilities.

Rationale: Tempy is a small rural town located in the north of the shire, home to 62 residents. Although the town is small the community is greatly involved in sport and active recreation, in particular cricket.

The Tempy Recreation Reserve is the town's main venue for sport and active recreation, with a focus on cricket, it also acts as a social hub for residents and is located within the town. The local community is invested in the development of the reserve to increase the standards of its facilities and its usage. With recent works completed including a new playspace and shading, there is potential to carry out further projects to enhance the reserve.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
<p>12.1 Recreation Reserve: Explore funding options and support further maintenance and upgrades to the recreation reserve, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades to the cricket nets • Replacement of storage shed • Basketball halfcourt and rebound wall • Shared use path • Compliant and universally accessible clubrooms and changerooms • Upgrades to kitchen and hall • Cost of effective watering system. 	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs/User Groups • YSC (Facilitation, Management and Delivery) • Service Providers • SSOs 	Low

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13. Strategy: Swimming Pools

Ensure the provision of a diverse range of sustainable swimming pools across the Shire, meeting community needs and servicing all localities.

Rationale: The majority of the Shire’s existing swimming pools are examples of last century design and services, with a main pool of water (50m, 33m or 25m), an intermediate pool and in some cases a toddler pool. Many of these facilities are outdoor and unheated and are generally only open seasonally in the warmer months. The Shire currently has 16 swimming pools all of which are community owned and operated, with the exception of Hopetoun which is owned by the YSC, located across 8 venues.

It is foreseen that there are financial challenges ahead due to the age and condition of many assets. If the maintenance and infrastructure renewal gap is not reduced there is a strong likelihood that facilities will become unreliable and suffer service interruptions and/or will fail to meet required standards.

Significant challenges facing swimming pool owners and managers are increasing utility costs, skills shortages (life guards and plant operators) and increasingly onerous legislative requirements.

It is important to note that YSC is an advocate only for swimming pool capital projects as it does not own the assets, with the exception of the Hopetoun Swimming Pool. YSC will not be a funding partner for non-Council owned swimming pools but will advocate for external funding for swimming pool upgrades in conjunction with the local pool committees and communities.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council’s Role	Cost
13.1 Supply Annual Funding: YSC will continue to provide annual funding for swimming pool operations and maintenance in line with the recommended funding contributions outlined in Appendix D.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Delivery) 	Low
13.2 Capital Improvements for non-Council Swimming Pools: YSC will advocate for external funding for capital improvements for non-Council owned swimming pools.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Advocacy) Community SRV 	Low
13.3 Capital Improvement for Council Swimming Pool (Hopetoun): YSC as owner will invest in the upgrade of the Hopetoun Swimming Pool in line with the recommendations of the recent Hopetoun Outdoor Swimming Pool Report. YSC will advocate and seek external funding to implement the required capital improvements in partnership with the Hopetoun Swimming Pool Committee.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Management) Hopetoun Swimming Pool Committee SRV 	
13.4 Provision Review: Review the function and needs of aquatic facilities in rural localities across the Shire to ensure that a strategic approach to provision is adopted. This may involve working with local communities to adapt, consolidate or repurpose facilities in locations where it is not sustainable to continue to provide and operate aquatic facilities. Support collaboration between communities to consolidate and share aquatic facilities in the future.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Facilitation) Pool Committees Community 	Low

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14. Strategy: Weir Pools

Ensure the provision of weir pools across the Shire are meeting community recreation needs.

Rationale: The YSC has six weir pools located at Lake Marma, Warracknabeal, Brim, Beulah, Lake Lascelles, and Yaapeet. Council supports weir pools through providing funding support for the purchase of recreational water and maintenance of the weir pool and surrounds.

Weir pools facilitate positive social health and wellbeing outcomes through enabling fishing, water recreation activities such as canoeing, boating, skiing, and swimming.

The YSC is currently actively championing the interests of the community, advocating to safeguard the long-term security of recreational water for the six weir pools within the Shire.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
14.1 Supply Annual Funding: YSC will continue to provide annual funding for the insurance costs for the six weir pools within the Shire.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Delivery) 	Low
14.2 Capital Improvements for Weir Pools: YSC will advocate for external funding for capital improvements for the six weir pools located within the Shire.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Advocacy) Community 	Low
14.3 Securing Recreational Water for Weir Pools: YSC will advocate and lobby to ensure the long-term security of recreational water for the weir pools within the Shire.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YSC (Advocacy) Community 	Low

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15. Strategy: Consolidate Sporting Venues Across Communities

Encourage and assist relevant sporting clubs in the process of consolidating venues across multiple locations into a single venue.

Rationale: There is currently a number of community sporting clubs operating over two venues, in particular football and netball clubs operating over two reserves. This is a result of amalgamation in the past of clubs within close proximity, to counteract one or both of the clubs which may have been struggling either financially, or to attract and increase members and volunteers.

Amalgamated clubs operating over two venues are experiencing negative impacts regarding an increase in maintenance requirements and costs, allocation of finite funding and resources and an increase in governance and compliance obligations. Working collaboratively with amalgamated clubs to plan for the use of a single facility creates potential benefits such as:

- Greater financial viability
- Decreased costs through financial savings
- Greater availability of volunteers and resource personnel
- Greater pool of resources and equipment
- Simplified administration at club level
- Ability to offer increased quality or quantity of services/programs
- Increased marketing and sponsorship opportunities
- Shared management experience
- Increased prospects of securing funding and grants
- Opportunity to develop a sports hub or super venue

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
15.1 Facilitate meetings with clubs to discuss the feasibility and interest of operating from a single venue, with a focus on potential benefits and the future use of the new consolidated venue.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Facilitation) • Clubs/User groups 	Low
15.2 Create a medium to long term plan to consolidate venues. Including key elements such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required upgrades to the preferred facility • Changes to competition and training schedules • Repurposing or decommissioning of facilities that are no longer required • Maintenance schedules and responsibilities • Management models • Funding opportunities 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Management) • Clubs/User groups • SRV • SSOs 	Medium
15.3 Once the feasibility of consolidating facilities is determined, YSC and the relevant clubs should liaise and collaborate with relevant peak bodies (e.g., SRV, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria) to discuss potential resources to assist in the transition to the new consolidated venue.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Representation) • SSOs • Clubs/User groups • SRV 	Low

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Clubs and Service Providers

16. Strategy: Governance, Training and Development

Advocate for training and development opportunities for volunteers and administrators of sport and recreation clubs, associations and service providers to continually improve their governance and management.

Rationale: Local government can play a key role in supporting local clubs, associations and service providers through the advocacy of training and development opportunities for volunteers, staff, coaches and officials. Organisations such as the Australian Sports Commission, Volunteering Victoria, Sport and recreation Victoria and various SSOs/peak bodies provide training opportunities and there is an opportunity for organisations such as the Regional Sports Assembly, clubs and user groups to partner with these organisations to deliver training and development programs. Up-skilling key stakeholders who manage provision of sport and active recreation will assist in ensuring a more professional and effective service will be provided to the community.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
16.1 Training and Development: Advocate for members of the Shire's volunteering community to upskill and attend relevant training courses which enhance the operations of sport and active recreation clubs and build upon community-based leadership capacity. This may include training in subjects such as strategic facility planning, child protection requirements, recruitment, retention and management of volunteers, event planning, financial management, risk management and governance.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocate) • Clubs/User Groups • Service Providers • Volunteering Victoria • SSOs • Community 	Low
16.2 Club Accreditation: Encourage all sport and active recreation clubs to become accredited with relevant schemes such as Good Sports and the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS), which encourage good governance, and safe and inclusive environments which maximise community participation.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocate) • Clubs/User Groups • Service Providers • SSOs 	Low
16.3 Healthy and Inclusive Cultures: Advocate for the promotion of active and healthy lifestyle choices across all sport and active recreation providers (i.e., responsible alcohol consumption, healthy eating) to encourage community involvement and facilitate a healthy, inclusive culture.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YSC (Advocate) • Service Providers • SSOs • Community 	Low

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Programming and Events

17. Strategy: Events

Manage sport and active recreation events in the Shire in accordance with the recently developed Event Management Process.

Rationale: Sporting and active recreation events can have a variety of positive impacts for individuals, communities and the economy at a local level and beyond. Successful events can help to bring communities together, encourage people to participate as players and volunteers, and boost economic activity. While direct effects may be short term, they can help to provide a catalyst for ongoing development and engagement.

The Shire has recently established an Event Management Process to ensure the necessary planning is undertaken to ensure a successful and safe event. This includes developing an Event Management Plan and Risk Assessment.

Actions	Timeframe	Partners & Council's Role	Cost
17.1 Events: Manage sport and active recreation events hosted in the Shire in-line with the Shire's Event Management Process.	Ongoing	• YSC (Management)	Low

Appendices



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International Documents

Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030, World Health Organisation

Background

Regular physical activity is proven to help prevent and treat noncommunicable diseases, hypertension, overweight and obesity and can improve mental health and quality of life.

Societies that are more active can generate additional returns on investment including a reduced use of fossil fuels, cleaner air, and less congested, safer roads.

This Action Plan provides a framework of effective and feasible policy actions to increase physical activity at all levels. It shows the need for a whole-of society response to achieve a paradigm shift in both supporting and valuing all people being regularly active, according to ability and across the life course.

Current Situation

Worldwide, 1 in 4 adults, and 3 in 4 adolescents (aged 11-17 years), do not currently meet the global recommendations for physical activity set by WHO. As countries develop economically, levels of inactivity increase. In some countries, levels of inactivity can be as high as 70%, due to changing patterns of transportation, increased use of technology and urbanisation.

Physical activity levels are also influenced by cultural values. In most countries, girls, women, older adults, underprivileged groups, and people with disabilities and chronic diseases, all have fewer opportunities to access safe, affordable, and appropriate programmes and places in which to be physically active.

The global cost of physical inactivity is estimated to be INT\$54 billion per year in direct health care, in 2013, with an additional INT\$14 billion attributable to lost productivity. Inactivity accounts for 1-3% of national health care costs, although this excludes costs associated with mental health and musculoskeletal conditions.

Opportunities

Physical activity can and should be integrated into the settings in which people live, work and play. Sport and active recreation can help promote physical activity for people of all ages and abilities. Globally it can be a key driver of tourism, employment, and infrastructure, and can also help in humanitarian programmes.

Investing in policies to promote walking, cycling, sport, active recreation and play can contribute directly to achieving many of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

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National Documents

Sport 2030 National Sport Plan, Australian Sports Commission

Vision for Australian Sport in 2030

Australia is the world's most active, healthy sporting nation, known for its integrity and excellence.

Mission:

- reduce inactivity by 15% by 2030
- international sporting success
- a fair, safe and strong sport sector
- a thriving sport and recreation industry.

Strategic Priorities

- Build a more active Australia — More Australians, more active, more often
- Achieving sporting excellence — National pride, inspiration and motivation through international sporting success
- Safeguarding the integrity of sport — A fair, safe and strong sport sector free from corruption
- Strengthening Australia's sport industry — A thriving Australian sport and recreation industry

Targets

- Improve the physical health of Australians — including reduced risk of chronic conditions
- Improve the mental health of Australians — including the improved management of mental illness and greater social connectedness
- Grow personal development — being active can help everyone endeavour to be their best self
- Strengthen our communities — through improved cohesion and reduced isolation
- Grow Australia's economy — building on the already significant contribution of sport to the Australian economy.

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Blueprint for an Active Australia (Third Edition) – National Heart Foundation (2019)

Synergies

Active living plays a key role in broader economic and social goals for our nation:

- Walking, cycling, and public transport are affordable and sustainable solutions to traffic congestion.
- These same behaviours contribute to cleaner air, reduced carbon emissions and sustainable environments.
- Active neighbourhoods and cities are more liveable, with higher levels of social capital and community cohesion and lower levels of crime.
- In the context of an ageing community, physical activity enables older Australians to live more active lifestyles with reduced risk from disabling and costly chronic diseases.
- Fit and active workers are more productive, take fewer sick days and make a positive contribution to our economic wellbeing.

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Our daily dose of physical activity can significantly reduce the risk of Australia's leading killers: heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some cancers. Physical activity can also improve mental health.

The health effects of physical activity are compelling. However, the potency of physical activity as a policy investment for Australia extends far beyond health.

Definitions

Sport has been defined as 'a human activity involving physical exertion and skill as the primary focus of the activity, with elements of competition where rules and patterns of behaviour governing the activity exist formally through organisations and is generally recognised as a sport'.

Active recreation has been defined as those activities 'engaged in for the purpose of relaxation, health and wellbeing or enjoyment with the primary activity requiring physical exertion, and the primary focus on human activity'. Participation in these activities is linked positively to physical, social and cognitive health.

Importance of Sport and Active Recreation

The value of sport has been calculated to be of great value to the Australian economy. It provides an estimated \$83 billion in combined economic, health and educational benefits each year, with a return on investment of \$7 for every dollar spent. In 2017, it was estimated that sport creates \$29 billion of net health benefits each year.

The latest sports and physical recreation participation data for Australia shows that:

- 45% of children aged 0-14 engage in after school physical activity or organised sport at least once per week
- physical activity participation is increasingly supported by technology, with 39% of Australian adults utilising a form of activity tracker or wearable device.
- 81 % of Australian children are not meeting the recommended Australian guidelines for physical activity
- nearly 70 % of adults are either sedentary or have low levels of physical activity
- two-thirds of adults and one-quarter of children are overweight or obese.

What can be done?

Implement policies to promote sport and active recreation, such as:

- continue funding local government to maintain, improve and expand local sporting and recreation facilities
- develop public open-space policies
- protect existing public open space
- design for 'multifunctional open space'
- facilitate cooperative planning, funding and management partnerships

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- joint use agreements to overcome resource constraints/ensure equitable access
- strengthen the corporate and governance structures
- all-weather sports pitches such as artificial playing surfaces.

Improve sport and recreational facilities, such as:

- improve the quality and functions of public open spaces to attract more user groups
- sports buildings such as pavilions, clubhouses, change rooms should be valued and maintained
- sports building design should also consider inclusion of ancillary facilities that help enable people to participate • identify opportunities to integrate sports activities and equipment with other uses
- integrating fitness trails and outdoor gym equipment into public open spaces.

Promote participation in sport and active recreation among at-risk groups and across their lifespan, such as:

- programs to promote and maintain participation during key life transitions
- provide training and education of high-quality coaches at all levels of sport
- provide opportunities for people of all abilities, gender, ethnicity and religion
- use sport as a tool to create social change • provide subsidies for participation costs
- recognise the growing importance of technology to improve access.

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Sport Governance Principles (Australian Sports Commission, 2020)

Purpose

These principles were developed by the Australian Sports Commission to help sporting organisations to deliver more positive sport experiences more regularly, the principles were last updated in 2022. The document reflects the evolution of sport governance over the preceding decade.

Principle 1

The spirit of the game - values-driven culture and behaviours

An organisation's culture and behaviours should be underpinned by values which are demonstrated by the board and embedded in its decisions and actions.

Principle 2

The team - aligned sport through collaborative governance Across a sport, board.

Across a sport, boards should work together to govern collaboratively and create alignment to maximise efficient use of resources and implement whole-of-sport plans.

Principle 3

The gameplan - a clear vision that informs strategy

The gameplan—a clear vision that informs strategy The board is responsible for overseeing the development of the organisation's vision and strategy as well as determining what success looks like.

Principle 4

The players - a diverse board to enable considered decision-making

A board should be a diverse group of people who, collectively, provide different perspectives and experience to facilitate more considered decision-making.

Principle 5

The rulebook - documents that outline duties, powers, roles and responsibilities

The rulebook—documents that outline duties, powers, roles and responsibilities An organisation should clearly define and document its structure and the duties, responsibilities and powers of members, directors, committees and management.

Principle 6

The playbook - board processes which ensure accountability and transparency

Through effective processes and continual review of its performance, the board is able to demonstrate accountability and transparency to its members and stakeholders.

Principle 7

The defence - a system which protects the organisation

To proactively protect the organisation from harm, the board ensures the organisation has and maintains robust and systematic processes for managing risk.

Principle 8

The best and fairest - a system for ensuring integrity

An organisation should have measures and protocols to ensure integrity of the sport and safeguard its participants.

Principle 9

The scorecard - embedded systems of internal review to foster continuous improvement

The board must have an appropriate system of internal controls to enable it to monitor performance, track progress against strategy and address issues of concern.

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Sport Volunteering National Plan - Australian Sports Commission (2022)

Background

The vision of the Sport Volunteer Coalition is to effect change at multiple levels across the volunteering ecosystem. The outcome of this change will result in a rich, inclusive volunteering workforce that truly reflects the Australian community. In the same way that sport has a place for all Australians, volunteering should offer the same inclusive opportunities. The Coalition is seeking to drive change for individuals (behavioural), the sector and the community (societal). These changes will start to emerge through the delivery of the Sport Volunteer Coalition Action Plan.

Inputs and Enablers

Celebrate

Communicate the broad value of sport volunteering through powerful storytelling.

Deliverables:

- Develop and release a marketing and communications plan to communicate the value of sport volunteering to Australia.
- Showcase the contribution of sport volunteers in community sport and major events.
- Activate Sport Volunteer Ambassadors to share volunteering messages.
- Establish a nationally coordinated set of activities to promote volunteering in sport as part of National Volunteer Week.
- Explore the establishment of a The ASC and the Sport Volunteer Coalition established the ASC Sport Volunteer National Sport Volunteer Award as part of a broader awards program.

Empower

Support and connect volunteers in sport.

Deliverables:

- Conduct an environment scan of available training and resources for sport volunteering and create a one stop shop for best practice resources.
- Continue partnership with Volunteering Australia to connect sport volunteering with the broader volunteering ecosystem.

Reimagine

Support the sector to re-design the sport volunteering experience.

Deliverables:

- Establish partnerships with major sporting event organising committees to maximise volunteering opportunities throughout the event and beyond into community sport delivery.
- Identify opportunities, including major sporting events, to deliver 'reimagined volunteering opportunities' including micro volunteering (bit size), flexible and online roles.
- Strengthen relationships with the secondary and tertiary education sector with a view to better enhance the engagement of students in sport volunteering.

Innovate

Drive and stimulate innovation in sport volunteering.

- Develop a sport volunteering stream for secondary school students in the ASC Sporting Schools program.
- Regularly publish and share national data on sport volunteering through the ASC's national AusPlay survey.
- Introduce a National Sport Volunteer Register to connect major sporting event volunteers with opportunities in community sport.

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State Documents

Active Victoria – Sport and Recreation Victoria (2022 - 2026)

Vision

To build a thriving, inclusive and connected sport and active recreation sector that benefits all Victorians.

Background

The Victorian Government developed Active Victoria in 2017 to provide a strategic framework for sport and active recreation in Victoria to meet demand; broaden and make participation more inclusive; build resilience and industry capacity; and connect investments in events, high performance, and infrastructure.

Objectives

1. Connecting Communities

All Victorians have access to high-quality environments and appropriate participation opportunities.

Outcomes

Sustained participation

More Victorians participate equitably in sport and active recreation.

Infrastructure

Victoria has inclusive, accessible, and respectful places and spaces for sport and active recreation.

Key Directions

- Increase and promote opportunities so Victorians can participate in ways that suit them.
- Target efforts towards individuals and communities who participate less.
- Improve community sport and active recreation infrastructure coordination to better meet demand, with a focus on areas and populations who need it most.
- Deliver inclusive, multi-use and sustainable community sport and active recreation infrastructure.

2. Building value

The sport and active recreation workforce create positive experiences for people.

Sector capability

The sport and active recreation workforce is highly skilled and leads a strong, sustainable industry.

Good governance

Sport and active recreation is a safe, inclusive, and resilient sector.

Key Directions

- Attract and retain a skilled sport and active recreation workforce (paid and unpaid).
- Promote more financially sustainable organisations that reduce duplication and inefficiencies in service delivery.
- Implement frameworks to create safe and inclusive sport and active recreation settings.
- Build insights through better use of evidence and data.

3. Enduring Legacy

A connected system that generates long-term benefits for the sector and Victoria.

High performance

Victorians can achieve success at the highest level.

Events

Victoria maintains a strong pipeline of sporting events within the Victorian events calendar.

- Develop a world-leading suite of major stadium and state facilities.
- Connected and co-ordinated pathways exist to pursue sport at the highest level.
- Invest in state infrastructure that can host international and regional events and support event content that boosts the Victorian economy.
- Partner to maximise leverage from investment in Victoria's major events.

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Victoria's infrastructure strategy – Infrastructure Victoria (2021 – 2051)

Institute better maintenance and asset management.

Keeping infrastructure in good working condition can reduce the need to upgrade and rebuild it, but much of Victoria's infrastructure is ageing and becoming run-down.

Many community facilities are reaching the end of their working lives and will require replacement.

Better maintaining these assets, upgrading them to modern accessibility and energy efficiency standards, and redesigning them for contemporary service needs, means we can extend their useful life and will not need

Foster regional Victorians' health, wellbeing, and inclusion.

Update community infrastructure.

Fund regional councils in the next five years to update, repurpose or retire outdated community infrastructure for better service delivery.

Many regional council facilities are no longer fit for purpose, limiting service quality. Councils face complex challenges in managing these facilities well. Often, communities have strong attachments to old assets, and some have heritage value, even when they are no longer meeting wider community needs. This can result in resistance to selling old assets, particularly where sale proceeds are not reinvested in the area, even when it can help fund higher quality services.

Many regional councils struggle to afford the facility upgrades required for efficient service delivery. They spend more on facilities per person than Melbourne councils, having smaller populations, larger land areas, and their costs are growing faster than inflation. Short of revenue, regional councils rely on grants, but few can be used for maintenance and renewal of ageing assets.

Deliver multipurpose shared social service facilities in the regions

In the next year, start regional planning for social services to identify opportunities for multipurpose shared services facilities, then deliver them where appropriate, over the next five years, in partnership with local governments and community organisations.

Shared facilities improve access to a range of services including sport and recreation. When services are located together it can also improve service quality, by bringing together diverse skills and staff capabilities, reducing the professional isolation of practising in rural areas, and providing opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Shared service facilities can be easier to access in the regions because people need only travel to a single place, especially if transport planning aligns with these locations (see recommendation 83).

Upfront building costs of shared facilities can be more expensive than single purpose facilities but can generate efficiencies through scale and shared maintenance. With flexible design, shared facilities can adapt more readily to changing needs compared with single purpose facilities.

Create climate-adapted facilities for rural communities.

In the next five years, fund local governments to plan and help deliver a network of designated, accessible climate-adapted community facilities, to manage the health impacts of extreme heat and bushfire smoke.

The Victorian Government should help establish a network of accessible climate-adapted community facilities to reduce the health impacts of exposure to heat, and prolonged smoke from bushfires. These would not duplicate emergency relief centres, but instead provide safe places for temporary respite for people whose homes are without cooling or air filtration during the worst parts of hot days and bushfire smoke events.

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Regional Documents

Council Plan – Yarriambiack Shire Council (2021 – 2025)

Community Vision

“A connected rural community who values its land and wellbeing...”

A Healthy and Inclusive Community

Community Values	Challenges	Council Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having modern recreational facilities. • Engaging youth in activities outside of sport. • Intergenerational activities. • Support Volunteers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth have access to minimal extracurricular activities and are experiencing extreme disadvantage and hardship. • Tyranny of distance preventing residents to participate in sport or physical activities not locally available. • A large network of sport and recreation facilities that are being underutilised and are at end of useful life. • Sport participation above state average with a high reliance on volunteerism in an increasingly governed environment. • An ageing population in need of passive recreation opportunities are unable to find suitable environments such as accessible walking tracks. • The pool of volunteers is decreasing and reliance on their services is increasing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting funding to support Early Years and Youth activities across the Shire and region. • Master planning for future sport and recreation facilities. • Maintaining a contemporary Sport and Recreation Strategy to ensure appropriate investment of resources. • Developing strong relationships with key sporting funding agencies and peak bodies. • Providing opportunities for passive recreation such as accessible walking tracks. • Supporting volunteers to maintain their high level of service provision. • Assisting Communities to develop and identify their own development profile through Community Action Plans.

A Robust and Thriving Environment

Community Values	Challenges	Council Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect our recreational water. • Ensure all towns have access to recreational or environmental water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High value recreational water supply access creates a strong community and tourism product that is vulnerable in variable climate conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with regional partners to ensure an ongoing supply of recreational and environmental water to Yarriambiack Shire waterways and looks at opportunities to increase supply.

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Sport and Recreation Strategy – Yarriambiack Shire Council (2016 – 2025)

The five key priority areas of the Strategy are:

1. Participation:

Work in partnership with organisations such as Rural North West Health, Dunmunkle Health Services, schools, Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly and Deakin University to promote, encourage and facilitate physical activity opportunities and healthy lifestyles for the Yarriambiack community.

2. Facilities:

Continue to ensure that sport and recreation facilities and amenities such as walking / cycling tracks, weir pools, parks, sports grounds, sports courts, skate parks, community centres, etc in Yarriambiack Shire are developed, upgraded, and maintained to an acceptable standard and designed according to Universal Design (UD), Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) guidelines and requirements.

High priority facility developments include:

Town	Facility	Proposed development
Beulah	Beulah Memorial Park	Construct female change facilities at netball / tennis courts.
Brim	Brim Memorial Bowling Green	Access cheaper water. Upgrade lighting for bowls.
	Brim Recreation Reserve	Construct female change facilities. Upgrade oval and irrigation system.
Hopetoun	Lake Lascelles / Corrong	Develop a walking track
	Hopetoun Recreation Reserve	Upgrade community centre and change rooms. Upgrade lighting on oval.
Minyip	Minyip Recreation Reserve	Upgrade change facilities.
	Minyip footpaths	Construct more footpaths and walking tracks.
Murtoa	Murtoa Showyards Reserve	Install a compliant ramp and accessible toilets in the community centre. Access cheaper water.
	Murtoa Swimming Pool	Upgrade existing change rooms/ toilet facilities.
Patchewollock	Open space	Develop shared cycling / walking paths. Upgrade park.
Rupanyup	Footpaths	Upgrade footpaths.
Warracknabeal	Warracknabeal Golf Club	Upgrade the irrigation system over the entire golf course.
	Anzac Memorial Park	Develop change rooms for female players and umpires. Increase access to irrigation water.
	Warracknabeal Walking / cycling trails	Upgrade existing walking / cycling trails.
	Warracknabeal Weir Pool	Upgrade facilities at the weir pool.
Woomelang	Cronomby Tanks	Develop a walking track.
Yaapeet	Yaapeet Wetlands (Turkey Bottom Ponds)	Develop a walking track.

3. Club development:

Continue to support sport and recreation clubs through training; information sessions; newsletters; grant writing assistance; assistance with volunteer recruitment and recognition; use of technology; and utility cost audits. Advocate on behalf of clubs to State Government, State Sporting Associations and GWM Water for changes to grants, club development assistance and water rates.

4. Support from Yarriambiack Shire: Ensure greater integration of sport and recreation planning across all areas of Council; review and update user agreements and community grants programs; develop policies to guide the provision of sport and recreation delivery in an equitable and transparent manner; promote sport and recreation opportunities more broadly to the community; work in partnership with other relevant organisations to share resources; and seek additional resources to assist with sport and recreation planning and delivery within Council.

5. Collaboration with key stakeholders:

Liaise with relevant government departments in the planning and delivery of sport and recreation opportunities.

Background Review

Asset Management Plan – Yarriambiack Shire Council (2022 – 2032)

Buildings and Other Structures

Buildings range from halls and libraries, through to the clubrooms and other sporting facilities. Buildings are maintained to be fit for purpose for their allocated service with regard to the specific needs of the service they deliver. This can mean very different maintenance needs and schedules with buildings such as seasonal sporting clubroom may only have minimum standards of presentation.

For Buildings, the focus is on:

- Increasing utilisation, especially for single use facilities.
- Rationalisation-Plans for redundant or decommissioned buildings.
- Equity across the townships in relation to Buildings maintenance and renewal.

Open Space

Council's Open Space Asset class includes:

- Playing courts (excluding buildings).
- Park and land.
- Playgrounds.
- Swimming Pools

The open space portfolio consists of BBQ, floodlights, irrigation, playgrounds, sign panels and post, and soft and hard surfacing. Except the playgrounds, the condition of other assets is not assessed but able to provide the expected service level due to regular monitoring of such assets either by renewal program, upgrading or routine maintenance

For Open Space, the focus is on:

- Patronage usage Functionality for all age cohorts.
- Active recreation opportunities.
- Increased utilisation.

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Community Access and Inclusion Plan – Yarriambiack Shire Council (2017 – 2021)

Key Issues

- Accessing Council owned footpaths, pathways, parks, and recreational reserves.
- Accessing Council owned buildings and facilities.
- Accessing transport options.
- Accessing Council and community services.
- Accessing appropriate parking.
- Accessing Council information in alternative formats.
- Complying with building code legislation and standards.
- Providing services as an equal opportunity employer.
- Planning for our ageing population.

Objectives and Actions Relevant to Sport and Active Recreation

Objectives	Actions
To improve people's ability to move around the Shire	Ensure that walking tracks around towns are maintained and safe for all users.
To plan ahead for our ageing population	Support the development of community groups that address social and recreational need for elderly groups within the community.
	Improve disabled and elderly access in all Shire swimming pools by installing hand rails to assist patrons entering and exiting the pool steps.
To enhance the feeling of community connectedness and inclusion	Provide information on what is available across the Shire to meet social and recreational needs of residents particularly the older less connected residents.
To provide leadership around building processes	Ensure all Council building and facility upgrades and redevelopments are accessible for people of all abilities.
	Ensure all new buildings seeking Council permits comply with the building code and are DDA compliant.

Completed Masterplans

Murtoa Showyards Reserve Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and @leisure Planners (2023)

Vision

To provide a sustainable community space that promotes recreation, social and business opportunities.

Objectives for Change

- To function as a central hub for community sport, recreation and events in Murtoa.
- To maintain in balance: facilities that serve people from a broad range of age groups and abilities, for unorganised and club competition sport, recreation, and natural elements that provide shelter and shade, restorative values and habitat and high-quality landscape amenity.
- To embrace environmental sustainability in relation to building and ground management, playing and traffic surfaces and asset development.
- To support the growth and development of clubs and user groups.

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LEGEND

1. COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Replace in medium term
- Include a flexible multi-purpose social space for 180 people, toilets, commercial kitchen/canteen, bar, cool room, storage, docking north side, spectator cover south side
- Maximise views to lake and oval
- Shaded coverage be provided over outside decking (roofing, shade sails or electric awning)
- Construct an outdoor BBQ area on the decking with stainless steel benches, water and power

2. ENTRY

- Maintain north entry off Lake St. and upgrade ticket booth to include power
- Maintain south entry for off Lake St. for vehicle entry for football/netball games and major events
- Maintain entry off Racecourse Rd. for training nights and service vehicles

3. SPECTATOR FACILITIES

- Maintain and improve spectator shelter with additional seating
- Provide additional covered seating for oval viewing

4. OVAL AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

- Upgrade irrigation to maintain surface and reduce water loss
- Consider irrigation technology that monitors soil moisture and adjusts irrigation system accordingly
- Install goal netting at south end
- Replace the synthetic turf wicket strip and cover the whole concrete block
- Install a drink fountain/s near oval and courts

5. EXISTING CHANGE ROOMS

- Provide all gender change and shower facilities for players and umpires and bring them in line with AFL Victoria Facility Guidelines - Local Level Facility Standard

6. STORAGE SHED

- Retain existing shed for user group storage

7. CRICKET NETS

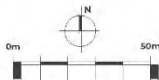
- Upgrade synthetic grass over existing concrete
- Replace nets in long term
- Add power at cricket nets for bowling machine use
- Add small cricket storage shed near nets

8. PARKING/OVERFLOW PARKING/OPEN SPACE

- Consider improving area south of Racecourse Rd. to cater for overflow parking during major events e.g. Murtos Show, particularly for large vehicles
- Retain flat open area for carnival zone on Show Day between north entry and Community Centre
- Formalise car parking, with disabled bays to service, community rooms, netball and oval
- Upgrade hardstand area. Maintain as pedestrian zone on game days
- Main open space in southeast for large vehicle parking
- Allow oval fence parking from scoreboard end to change rooms
- Reduce paved surfaces, especially dark surfaces to allow rainwater to permeate the surface and help reduce the heat island effect
- Develop a Traffic Management / Parking Plan for the Murtos Recreation Reserve

KEY

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|---|---|
|  Existing trees |  Existing building |
|  Existing trees to be removed |  Existing building to be removed |
|  New planting |  New building |
|  New vehicle access |  New playground location |
|  Existing walking trail/footpath | |
|  Green/pedestrian zone | |
|  Existing sportsfield lighting | |



9. TREE PLANTING/GREEN SPACE

- Continue to maintain existing trees and plant out site boundaries and provide shade trees in key locations
- Primarily plant indigenous and trees and vegetation suited to the climate and soils to increase survival rates and benefit local fauna
- Improve the soil condition of the root zones of trees with mulch and compost

10. NETBALL COURTS

- Construct second netball court in area of current A and P Building, including lights (100-200 lux), team bench, players and officials shelter and fencing (court fencing and new boundary fence)
- Address change of level on existing court edge
- Fence south end to retain balls
- Consider multi-line court for tennis/basketball x 1
- Review existing court, rebuild or reseat with acrylic resin
- Maintain existing lights of 200 lux

11. SHOW PAVILION

- Remove show pavilion and incorporate storage, display and social space in new community centre
- Retain pavilion mull - Potential location for mural as part of new fence line after second netball courts constructed

12. NEW NETBALL CHANGE ROOMS

- New netball change rooms x 2 plus umpire's room, first aid, score, admin, shade (2 in 160sq m) as per Netball Victoria guidelines
- West side of courts to link to community room

13. SCOREBOARD

- Maintain scoreboard and replace with electronic scoreboard in long term

14. CRICKET WICKET

- Replace synthetic grass and extend over concrete base in medium term

15. PLAYGROUND

- Relocate playground with sight lines to oval, netball courts and community room so that parents/careers can view sporting and social events while supervising children

16. PERIMETER FENCE

- Upgrade boundary fence along Lake St. to replace rural fence with style befitting a regional sports reserve

17. PUBLIC TOILETS

- Remove toilet block as south end of reserve - relocate between change rooms and storage shed include accessible and family friendly features
- Incorporate toilets into new community centre that service internal and external use
- Remove outdoor men's toilet

18. SALES BOOTH

- Retain and maintain sales booth

19. NEW CRICKET STORAGE

- Included installation of power



MURTOA RECREATION RESERVE MASTERPLAN
MASTERPLAN - PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PC01

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Client:
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OPTION 3 - PROPOSED SITE OVERALL

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MURTOA RECREATION RESERVE MASTERPLAN
MASTERPLAN - PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PC01

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MURTOA RECREATION RESERVE 51 LAKE STREET MURTOA VICTORIA 3290
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CONCEPT FLOOR PLAN - COMMUNITY CENTRE - OPTION 3

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CONCEPT FLOOR PLAN - NETBALL PAVILION

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Background Review

Anzac Park Warracknabeal Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and @leisure Planners (2023)

Vision

To reflect its history as an important regional sports ground, but function as a central hub for community sport and recreation in Warracknabeal.

To maintain in balance: facilities that serve people from a broad range of age groups and abilities, for unorganised and club competition sport and recreation, and natural elements that provide shelter and shade, restorative values and habitat and high-quality landscape amenity.

To consider environmental sustainability in relation to building and ground management, playing and traffic surfaces and asset development.

Objectives for Change

1. Netball

- To provide 2, upgraded netball courts, with lighting, side by side running n/s with support facilities close by.
- Retain view of the oval for netball spectators.
- Provide better support facilities with views of the courts.

2. Tennis

- To provide 4 upgraded tennis courts, with lighting as a priority retaining space for 2 additional courts to be upgraded at a later date. Provide courts side by side running n/s with support facilities close by (preferred on the north).
- Retain view of the oval through netball.
- Provide better support facilities with views of the courts, Shared change rooms with and a shelter on the north.

3. Grandstand

- Retain grandstand due to heritage significance and for spectator viewing
- Address issues raised by engineers and continue to provide viewing to oval on north side of ground.

- Retrofit the area under the grandstand for RSL memorability and meeting as well as storage for reserve users.

4. Trees

- Retain as many trees as possible on the reserve surrounding the sports facilities for shade and amenity value.
- Protect the stand of trees in the southwest and east and manage with a clear root protection zone extending out beyond the canopy.
- Trim trees in preference to removing them for example those in the east.
- Extend the tree planting around the reserve to provide a consistent row of street trees around the site, limbed up if necessary to encourage views in.
- Continue to plant street trees around all surrounding streets.

5. Playground

- To upgrade the playground to enhance play value and encourage intergenerational play, for people of all ages and abilities. Expand the fenced area so allows for play and interaction of family members.
- Retain viewing of the oval from the play space.
- Retain location on the reserve edge of the reserve so is prominent and seen as a community play space.

6. Molly Taylor Pavilion

- To record the history of this building before replacing it with an accessible spectator shelter on the north of the oval and storage behind.

7. Community Centre

- To provide functional community centre for all clubs on the reserve, community and other sports activities that has views to the oval and behind.
- Provide more functional layout for meetings, administration, food and beverage and social activities.

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- Provide new compliant all gender and ability and family friendly toilet change facilities and storage for clubs in a separate but proximate building to the CC.
- Provide viewing of the oval between the buildings for users of the netball courts.

8. Storage

- Minimise the number of separate storage facilities on the site. • Provide adequate storage for all activities and ensure storage is managed efficiently within each pavilion/sports area.

9. RSL

- Relocate the RSL function into smaller suitable premises - such as under grandstand and remove the RSL building in the long-term or at the end of its function life.

10. Swimming Pool

- Replace the functionally obsolete change rooms to provide fit for purpose, all gender and all ability facilities backing on to those for netball and tennis.
- Provide hoisted access into the pool from the new building.
- Remove and replace existing change rooms.
- Upgrade kiosk/entry and provide a first aid room.
- Demolish the kiosk entry building but retain all signage etc.
- Relocate the entry and car park to the south of the reserve minimise the distance to drive through the reserve and potential conflicts with other users.

11. Green Social Space and BBQ

- Retain a large area of green space west of the netball courts that can be used for sports development drills as well as community events and some training and play activities.
- Upgrade the levels, drainage, and turf in this area for these uses.

12.

Car Spaces

- Confine the areas for parking and vehicle movement to specific areas servicing each of the main facilities on the reserve, and several areas directly overlooking the oval and provide direct vehicle access to each.
- Minimise the area and upgrade areas of asphalt on the reserve to improve safety, permeability and improve aesthetics.

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LEGEND

1. CRICKET NETS x2

- Adequate number for current use
- Reconfigure cricket nets approximately 20 degrees and redevelop
- Allow for additional 3rd net in long term
- Address drainage around nets

2. SPECTATOR VIEWING

- Grass and regrade north-east bank and install spectator shade
- Shelter included in change room and Community Centre development

3. OVAL

- Install goal net at west end. Explore the possibility to upgrade oval lighting to 150 lux to suit night matches

4. MOLLY TAYLOR BUILDING

- Replace it with an accessible spectator shelter on the north of the oval and storage behind

5. GRANDSTAND

- Seek funding to renovate and improve structural integrity
- Redevelop undercroft
- If playgroup relocates allow for meeting space and storage and future location for the RSL

6. PARKING

- Council to investigate lined parking bays surrounding the ANZAC Park Precinct

7. GARDENS & TREES

- Install irrigation system into small garden beds, mulch and control vehicle movement
- Protect the trees on the reserve and surrounding the sports facilities
- Mulch around the trees on the west
- Extend the street tree planting around the reserve to provide a consistent row of trees
- Ensure new courts have root barriers to limit invasion by tree roots

8. HOCKEY

- Remain on oval
- Shere new change rooms
- May use upgraded green space for drills etc.

9. CHANGE ROOMS

- New change rooms to meet minimum standards of AFL Victoria guidelines to be used for football, hockey and cricket

10. COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Upgrade to provide more functional layout for meetings, administration, food and beverage and social activities
- Provide a wide veranda on the building in front, oval side and allow viewing to south for netball, tennis and green space
- Integrate existing netball change rooms and make accessible

11. BBQ

- Remove BBQ structure

12. GREEN SPACE

- Upgrade for drainage and use as events space
- Improve space for long jumps, and athletics field events or hockey if not developed at schools

13. TENNIS

- Provide 4 upgraded tennis courts (two to be line-marked with netball), with lighting on each court
- Retain space for an additional 2-4 standalone tennis courts to be upgraded in the future if funding and demand permits
- Remove existing shelter

14. NETBALL, TENNIS, SWIMMING POOL CHANGE ROOMS

- Demolish the existing swimming pool changeroom
- Design and construct a new netball / tennis changeroom pavilion onto the swimming pool changerooms
- Design and construct new swimming pool changerooms with netball / tennis changerooms (but with separate areas for security and safety). Include upgraded kiosk, entry, storage, and first aid room.

15. NETBALL COURTS

- Redevelop 2 side by side netball courts, line-marked for tennis including lighting and player shelters on both courts
- Construct a new tennis/netball pavilion on backing on the swimming change rooms, to replace existing

16. NETBALL CHANGE ROOMS

- Integrate into Community Centre redevelopment and make accessible, including any viewing area

17. SWIMMING POOL

- Design new change room with netball and tennis amenities (but with separate areas for such for security and safety). Include upgraded kiosk, entry, storage and first aid room
- Relocate water tanks to accommodate car park if required
- Demolish existing kiosk entry and relocate historic signage etc.
- Complete pool plant assessment

18. TOILET BLOCKS x3

- Remove existing behind Molly Taylor Pavilion once grandstand is upgraded
- Replace blocks at Scott St. and Molyneux St. entries

19. STORAGE

- Provide a new storage space under the Grandstand and in conjunction with the adjacent proposed shelter
- Relocate 2 storage sheds from pool fence line

20. CFA TRAINING TRACK

- No change

21. SCOREBOARD

- Remove - club has purchased an electronic scoreboard which can also be operated by a generator if required

22. RSL BUILDING

- Retain

23. ANZAC PARK MAINTENANCE SHED

- No change

24. REFRESHMENT AREA

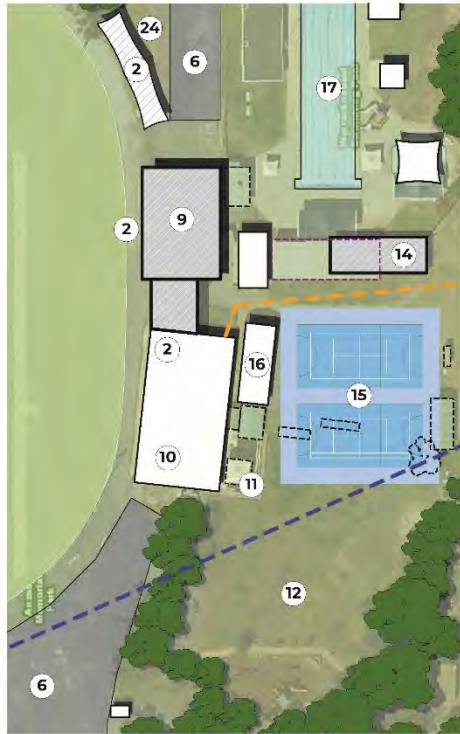
- Develop a refreshment, family, shaded and grassed area

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| Existing trees | Existing water supply | New shade structure |
| Existing trees to be removed | Existing sewer line (indicative) | Building to be relocated |
| New planting | Existing sportsfield lighting | New storage shed location |
| New car park/road | Existing building | New cricket net |
| Pedestrian Crossing | Existing building to be removed | Potential future additional 2-court upgrade |
| New walking trail/footpath | New building | |



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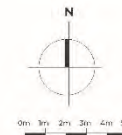


PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT - SITE PLAN
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ANZAC PARK RECREATION RESERVE COMMUNITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR ACCESSIBILITY

NO.	NAME	QUANTITY	AREA (sqm)
1	Main Function Room	1	350
2	Meeting Room	1	20
3	Circulation Area	1	30
4a	Bar (incl. child)	1	25
4b	Small bar area	1	10
5a	Main kitchen (incl. bar area)	1	48
5b	Open plan / child	1	10
6a	Traverse - Main & Terrace	1	35
6b	Traverse - Accessible & Family Room	1	6
7	Services	1	3
8a	Store 1	1	2
8b	Store 2	1	2
8c	Store 3	1	15
9	Entrance	1	1
Total Building Area			approx. 600
10	Construction Removal	1	25
11	Excavated site	1	100



PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT - FLOOR PLAN
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ANZAC PARK MASTER PLAN
MASTER PLAN - CONCEPT PC01 - FINAL

Project No: AZ2125

Client: YARRIAMBLACK SHIRE COUNCIL | @el6ur6

Location: ANZAC PARK RECREATION RESERVE 320 SCOTT STREET WARRACKNABEAL VICTORIA 3393 AUSTRALIA



Name: **PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT**
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Background Review

Minyip Recreation Reserve Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2023)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for the Minyip Recreation Reserve is:

to ensure quality facilities that meet the needs of all existing formal user groups and provide a wide range of appealing and inclusive recreation and community event opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with one another.

Opportunities and Constraints

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Movement		
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> While the Recreation Reserve does not have an obvious arrival point or 'front door', it is easily accessed given the significant (and multiple) road frontage <input type="checkbox"/> There is very little naming signage within the site <input type="checkbox"/> Potential exists to establish both a park and picnic entry and a formal sports entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop entry gateway signage (and landscaping) in conjunction with the development of the new play and picnic node <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the formal sport entry on South Street with signage and landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Provide inviting arrival signage at the Swimming Pool entrance on Foundry Street
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Recreation Reserve has suitable area required for parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure patrons can park around the northern, eastern and southern sides of the Oval <input type="checkbox"/> Restrict parking along the western side of the Oval when training and matches are scheduled
Pedestrian network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No existing pedestrian network <input type="checkbox"/> Regular visits from Dunmunkle Lodge residents in wheelchairs (or with additional mobility issues) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure the Recreation Reserve has key areas that are highly accessible <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a network of walk/cycle opportunities across the site (combination of sealed and unsealed surfaces)
Fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Existing fencing is appropriate across much of the Recreation Reserve (and the oval includes perimeter fencing preventing inappropriate vehicle access) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replace the chainmesh as it nears the end of its useful life <input type="checkbox"/> Repair damaged pipe rails (resulting from limb drops)
Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There are currently a number of vehicle access points across the site. Proposed facility changes will require vehicle access to be altered slightly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the primary vehicle entry point on South Street <input type="checkbox"/> Retain (and upgrade) the secondary vehicle entry point on R. Learmonth Rd adjacent to the sheep pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Close existing vehicle entry points on Foundry Street (establish a single service vehicle entry point on the west side of the Reserve)

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Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Precincts		
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The 4 existing tennis courts are nearing the ends of their useful life with a number of maintenance issues. Perimeter fencing around these courts is in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> 3 abandoned courts remain (and are an eyesore) <input type="checkbox"/> The small clubroom is in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> With tennis fixtures currently in recess in the area, a re-think of infrastructure is required <input type="checkbox"/> 3 courts are required to host fixtures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remove all existing tennis facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Re-develop a tennis precinct on the western side of the Recreation Reserve that includes 2 tennis courts (unlit) and 1 shared tennis/netball court (lit). Provide shaded spectator areas around courts
Football, netball and cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Football and cricket have access to a high quality playing field <input type="checkbox"/> While the single netball court has recently been resurfaced, the underlying sub-base issues remain. Access to 2 lit netball courts would alleviate training-related scheduling issues <input type="checkbox"/> The netball pavilion and changeroom pavilion are no longer fit-for-purpose <input type="checkbox"/> The community pavilion is in good condition and provides quality viewing opportunities across the oval (and netball court). The facility is also Minyip's key community space <input type="checkbox"/> The WIMPAK building (former commentary booth) is no longer required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the netball pavilion, changeroom pavilion, netball court and WIMPAK building <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a new main pavilion that includes changerooms suitable for netball, cricket and football players and officials. Ensure the building is designed so that it can be accessed from the pool. Include public amenities and link with the social space in the community pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a lit netball court and lit shared netball/tennis court south of the new main pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the lighting on the oval to provide for evening cricket
John A Cromie Memorial Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The pool is an inviting venue with well-maintained assets and aquatic facilities <input type="checkbox"/> The kiosk is in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> The amenities and changeroom facility is beyond its useful life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the amenities and changeroom facility <input type="checkbox"/> Construct new amenities (accessed via the pool) within the proposed main pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Update the entry kiosk

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Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/ Design Drivers
Additional open space areas		
Men's Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> While the Men's Shed is a conglomeration of small buildings, it is in fair condition and the internal fitout appears appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the Men's Shed in its current form
Eastern amenities building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The eastern amenities building is in poor condition. However, structurally appears to be sound. As the only amenities building on the eastern side of the Reserve, it should be retained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake a simple update to the eastern amenities building
War Memorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The War Memorial is a key site for Anzac Day Commemorative activities - yet is in poor condition and somewhat hidden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the War Memorial as part of the wider park and picnic node development <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the Memorial Gates as the pedestrian 'entry' to the Recreation Reserve
BMX dirt jump track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The dirt jump track is located at the far southern end of the Reserve in amongst a small treed area <input type="checkbox"/> The facility is largely rundown but provides an alternate recreation use for BMX riders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Work with local young people to re-establish the BMX dirt jump track (in its current location)
Storage sheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Turf Main Pavilion is a large fully walled storage shed located on the western side of the Reserve. While it is in fair condition, it limits opportunities for infrastructure development on this side of the site <input type="checkbox"/> The open shed on the eastern side of the site is particularly large and provides a significant lockable storage area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the Turf Main Pavilion
Grandstand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The timber and iron grandstand located on the western side of the Reserve is in disrepair and has not been safe for use for a number of years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the grandstand
Recreation area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There are currently no play or picnic facilities within the Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> There are currently small play and picnic facilities in the main street (Lions Park) and adjoining the caravan park (Minyip Wetlands and Recreation Reserve). Neither site is particularly inviting <input type="checkbox"/> A feature play and picnic facility at the Minyip Recreation Reserve would be a key community asset and build upon the community hub proposed in the Master Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a feature play and picnic node in the northern end of the Reserve - leading from the War Memorial across the area that currently includes the netball court, netball pavilion and changerooms <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a sealed path link from the play and picnic node across to the main vehicle entry (and Dunmunkle Lodge) on South Street

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LEGEND

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| 1. Formal entry statement | 15. Community pavilion |
| 2. Entry booth | 16. Grassed viewing area |
| 3. Fence (repaired) | 17. Quality lit oval (with goal nets and scoreboard) |
| 4. Formal path connection | 18. Pool arrival signage |
| 5. Men's Shed | 19. Updated Pool kiosk |
| 6. Helipad | 20. Amenities and changeroom pavilion |
| 7. Upgraded amenities | 21. Lit netball court |
| 8. Nose-in parking | 22. Lit netball/tennis court |
| 9. Machinery and storage | 23. Two tennis hardcourts |
| 10. Play and picnic node | 24. Additional on-street car parking |
| 11. Formal entry statement | 25. 2-net cricket practice facility |
| 12. Upgraded War Memorial | 26. Foundry Street entry |
| 13. Upgraded pool | 27. Junior oval |
| 14. Covered viewing area | 28. Upgraded BMX dirt jump track |

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**MASTER PLAN
MINYIP RECREATION RESERVE**

Minyip VIC 3392

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Date: OCTOBER 2023

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Background Review

Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2023)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve is:

to ensure quality facilities that not only meet the formal sporting needs of the community but also provide a diverse range of community recreation opportunities and events for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

Opportunities and Constraints

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Movement		
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The existing entry from Strachan Street is not obvious or inviting <input type="checkbox"/> The informal entry off Cummings Street detracts from the main entry <input type="checkbox"/> There is very little naming signage around the site <input type="checkbox"/> There is the opportunity to better promote the proposed pump track/recreation node at the main entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a more welcoming Strachan Street entry with improved signage and landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Include promotional and directional signage for the proposed pump track/recreation node at the upgraded Strachan Street entry <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the entry from Cummings Street, but only for the operational use of the tenant clubs
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Only minor improvements required through the improvement to the existing sealed car park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Formalise existing sealed car park with line marking and necessary repairs to edges <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the long term development of additional sealed parking on Mitchell Place if a significant demand is demonstrated following completion of the pump track/recreation node
Pedestrian network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No existing pedestrian network <input type="checkbox"/> Site well used for casual walking <input type="checkbox"/> Connect key nodes with pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Seal the existing gravel track to better cater for community walking and cycling and to provide easy pedestrian access around the site <input type="checkbox"/> New concrete paths between car park and recreation node and netball area
Fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Existing fencing could be replaced over time with more attractive alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replace existing fencing with powder coated and pvc fencing that blends better into surrounds
Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed entry and car park improvements will reduce ad-hoc vehicular movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage use of improved entry and sealed car park <input type="checkbox"/> Retain informal parking areas for large events

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Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Precincts		
Football, netball and cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Large, well maintained playing field with additional area to the south, but uneven irrigation coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Large, functional main pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Limited shaded spectator areas <input type="checkbox"/> Netball club rooms with limited toilet/change facilities and shaded spectator areas <input type="checkbox"/> Two synthetic grass cricket practice nets in good condition <input type="checkbox"/> Football and netball player dugouts small, old and basic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extend and upgrade as required irrigation system to provide even coverage over all grassed areas <input type="checkbox"/> Extend main pavilion roof to provide shaded speactator area <input type="checkbox"/> Create small spectator 'hill' as additional viewing space <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade netball toilets/ change facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade football and netball player dugouts <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly add turf cricket practice net to existing (if demand is demonstrated)
Recreation node	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park very basic elements and with no shade or supporting features and showing evidence of little use <input type="checkbox"/> No connection from main entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replace skate facility with new pump track feature <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping within recreation node to include shade (natural and built) and water bubbler <input type="checkbox"/> Connect to main entry with pathway <input type="checkbox"/> Provide additional seating and tables <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporate other features into final design such as half basketball court and rebound wall <input type="checkbox"/> Existing outdoor exercise equipment could be relocated to recreation node if demand is demonstrated
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shaded and in fair condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade existing play features when at the end of life with modern features (including shade canopy if necessary)
Various small buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Horse stables, 'chook' shed and sheep yards identified as surplus to needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Remove horse stables and 'chook' shed and remove sheep yards from within sheep pavilion (but retain building)
Public toilets (Mitchell Place)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Well located to service proposed recreation node and pump track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Renovate public toilets for expected increased use as result of new recreation node and pump track <input type="checkbox"/> Connecting pathway from main entry (as per recreation node)
Grandstand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hopetoun Community Grandstand currently unsafe and unused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake necessary renovations to grandstand (including ceiling of area underneath)

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01. Retain existing AFL and Cricket ovals and extend/upgrade irrigation
02. Retain existing gravel track. Apply a dust suppressant product (e.g. Dustex™) to reduce dust and erosion, and to lessen ongoing maintenance needs
03. Remove existing skate facility and replace with a new Youth Precinct that includes a BMX/pump track (shown indicatively), a half basketball court with rebound wall, and picnic shelter
04. Retain existing netball courts (x2)
05. Upgrade existing playground at end of life
06. Possible relocated outdoor fitness station with associated shade and amenity
07. Netball clubhouse with upgraded toilet/change facilities
08. Retain cricket practice nets (x2) with possible new turf pitch added as demand demnsotrated
09. New concrete paths with a variety of large canopy trees to provide shade and amenity
10. Formalise car parking areas adjacent to key destinations within the Reserve
11. New entry statement
12. Overflow parking areas
13. Plant trees and understorey vegetation to reduce dust and erosion
14. Maintain existing club buildings (but extend main pavilion roof to provide shaded spectator area)
15. Retain and refurbish existing public toilets
16. Removed surplus buildings
17. Retain existing buildings (but remove sheep yards)

MASTER PLAN

HOPETOUN RECREATION RESERVE

Hopetoun VIC 3393



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Background Review

Warracknabeal Recreation Precinct Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2023)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for the Warracknabeal Recreation Precinct is:

to ensure the Precinct provides a diverse range of community recreation opportunities, programs and events, and sporting activities, for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

Opportunities and Constraints

Element	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The existing squash courts and mezzanine area is currently unused <input type="checkbox"/> Users of the gym currently have access to the entire Centre due to current layout of toilet/change facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Table tennis utilising reduced space <input type="checkbox"/> Council is undertaking replacement of basketball rings and retraction systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate the removal of the squash courts to provide additional space for court run-offs and possibly table tennis <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the above investigations, existing toilets/change facilities could be relocated to current table tennis area with two distinct entries for gym and general Centre use (if squash court area is appropriate for table tennis)
Skate Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Relocate and renew towards Anderson Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Higher visibility in more appropriate location <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to improve with modern and various skate features <input type="checkbox"/> Makes space available for creation of new community hub in centre of Precinct
Senior Citizens Club and Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improve connection between Senior Citizens Club and library <input type="checkbox"/> Renovate the interior of the Senior Citizens Club and encourage increased multi-use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To allow co-operative delivery of programs <input type="checkbox"/> To maximise the multi-use of each facility
Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop break-out area for Council staff <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade Precinct perimeter landscaping (including that around existing Primary School plaque) <input type="checkbox"/> Install picnic, seating and shade trees across common areas of site <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade landscaping across site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To provide pleasant, alternative space for staff and visitors <input type="checkbox"/> To enhance the amenity of the Precinct and attract more use <input type="checkbox"/> To provide a range of passive recreation opportunities making the Precinct attractive to a wider range of potential users
Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connect main Precinct features with (where possible) 1.5m wide concrete paths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To provide all abilities access to all features of the Precinct <input type="checkbox"/> To improve general connectivity
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to formalise parking areas on Jamouneau Street (between Senior Citizens Club and Technical Services) and existing informal area to the immediate north of Leisure Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To cater for anticipated increase use

Background Review

Legend

EXISTING

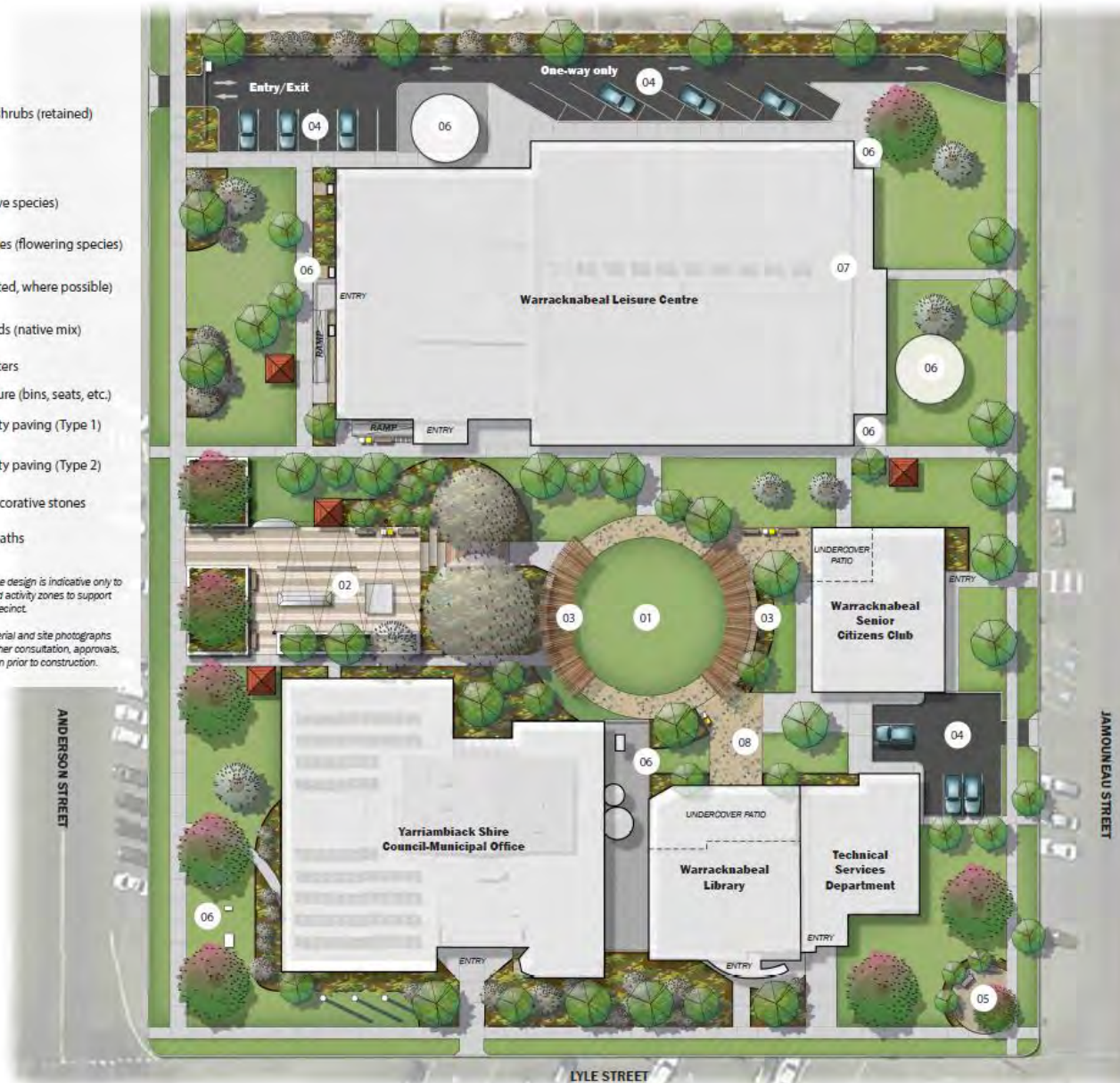
- Trees and shrubs (retained)

PROPOSED

- Trees (native species)
- Feature trees (flowering species)
- Turf (irrigated, where possible)
- Garden beds (native mix)
- Picnic shelters
- Park furniture (bins, seats, etc.)
- High-quality paving (Type 1)
- High-quality paving (Type 2)
- Gravel / decorative stones
- Concrete paths

Disclaimer: This landscape design is indicative only to demonstrate key links and activity zones to support public activation of the Precinct.

The design is based on aerial and site photographs only and is subject to further consultation, approvals, survey and detailed design prior to construction.



- Remove existing skate park. Replace with a new flexible-use community hub space, which can cater to hosting a range of community events, gatherings, and various activities.
- New 'street-style' Skate Plaza. The new plaza also serves as a civic space for hosting community gatherings and events. Festoon lighting shown over the proposed plaza is optional, however, would support night-time activation. Note: the infrastructure and layout shown are indicative only and subject to detailed planning.
- Proposed arbour structures with integrated seating and climbing vines. The arbour creates structure to the space and provides shade, amenity and seating framed by landscaping.
- Formalise vehicle access and on-site car parking areas to serve existing buildings.
- Upgrade landscaping around the existing Warracknabeal Primary School plaque.
- Maintain access to existing infrastructure for maintenance and loading purposes
- Investigate the removal of the squash courts to allow alterations as described
- New connection between Senior Citizens Club and Library

MASTER PLAN

WARRACKNABEAL RECREATION PRECINCT

Warracknabeal VIC 3393

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Background Review

Rabl Park Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2023)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for Rabl Park is:

to balance quiet reflective areas with inviting play and picnic elements ensuring that the Park is attractive to all ages and abilities.

Opportunities and Constraints

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Movement		
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Potential exists to build upon the existing 'in-and-out' entry off the Wimmera Highway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop entry statements at the two entrances off the Wimmera Highway on the eastern side of the Park <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the entry driveways on the eastern side of the Park
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The car park adjoining the amenities and picnic node is large enough to meet demand (and suitable to allow vehicles with trailers and small trucks to access) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Seal the internal roadway and car park on the eastern side of the Park
Pedestrian network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No existing sealed network <input type="checkbox"/> Regular use for walking, cycling and dog-walking <input type="checkbox"/> Regular visits from Dunmunkle Lodge residents in wheelchairs (or with additional mobility issues) <input type="checkbox"/> The two timber bridges have been decommissioned given their decayed condition <input type="checkbox"/> The former Railway Bridge is a key community asset but requires maintenance and upgrade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure the Park has key areas that are highly accessible (particularly around the play, picnic and recreation node) <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a network of walk/cycle opportunities across the site (combination of sealed and unsealed surfaces) <input type="checkbox"/> Install additional rest points with shaded seating at regular intervals along the pedestrian network <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the northern and southern timber bridges. Replace the southern bridge with a culvert alternative. Enhance the aesthetics of this crossing where practical <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to maintain and upgrade the former Railway Bridge as a key community open space asset <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a pedestrian link from Degenhardt Street into the western side of the Park
Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There are currently vehicle access points off the Wimmera Highway on the eastern side of the Park and at the southern and northern ends of the Uhe Track. The Uhe Track is a shared pedestrian and vehicle link. It is also the only walk/cycle opportunity on the western side of the lake. However, from a vehicle perspective this is merely a short cut between Breen Street and the Highway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the entry driveways on the eastern side of the Park <input type="checkbox"/> Close the Uhe Track to vehicles. Lockable bollards should be installed across the track entrance so that vehicle access can be arranged on the rare occasion that vehicles need to access this area

Background Review

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/ Design Drivers
Precincts		
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The older-style mobile steel skate elements are aging and become incredibly hot. The concrete pad these elements are placed on remains in good condition <input type="checkbox"/> The bark chip sofffall under the two play nodes is not fully accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a small concrete skate facility directly east of the existing facility <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the mobile skate elements and convert the area into a youth ball activity zone with half court basketball, rebound wall and handball court <input type="checkbox"/> Erect shade over the two play nodes and install rubber sofffall <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a small shelter (with access to water) at the southern end of the recreation precinct
Picnic and amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The picnic settings, preparation bench and barbecue are all aging <input type="checkbox"/> The picnic and amenities area has been vandalised on-occasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replace the picnic settings and update the preparation bench and barbecue <input type="checkbox"/> Repaint the picnic shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Install additional lighting and CCTV in the picnic and amenities area <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a simple community gathering space (yarning circle) near the lake edge to the west of the amenities building
Additional areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There are currently no picnic facilities on the western side of the lake <input type="checkbox"/> The Park is a popular destination for dog walking and off-leash play <input type="checkbox"/> The open drain on the western side of the Park is unappealing <input type="checkbox"/> Weed species (casuarina and cumbungi) are impacting key areas within the Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Install a picnic node on the 'island' (former Easter event space) overlooking the lake on the western side of the Park <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a fenced dog off-leash area on the western side of the Park <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake suitable re-vegetation of the open drain running the length of the western side of the Park <input type="checkbox"/> Remove weed species from the Park (and ensure native species are preferred)

Background Review

LEGEND & NOTES

- 01. New entry statement, driveway and car parking area in Rabl Park
- 02. New skate park
- 03. Re-purpose existing skate park as a new Youth Space, including half basketball court, rebound wall, handball courts, etc.
- 04. Pump track
- 05. New play equipment (preferably shade cover and seating provided)
- 06. Proposed yarning circle / community gathering space
- 07. Proposed dog off-leash area
- 08. Upgrade pathway network to provide continuous, shady walking loop
- 09. Provide pedestrian connection and footbridge over existing drainage channel at the park entry off Degenhardt Street
- 10. New picnic node overlooking lake
- 11. Install rest points with seating at regular intervals along the path (include charging points where practical)
- 12. Re-vegetate existing drainage channel with a mix of suitable native species
- 13. Provide additional lighting, CCTV and updated picnic facilities



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RABL PARK MASTER PLAN
Murtoa VIC 3390

Scale: 1:1500 AT A3

Date: NOVEMBER 2023

Issue: REVISED (FINAL)

Background Review

Beulah Recreation Reserve Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2024)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for the Beulah Recreation Reserve is:

to increase the range of recreation opportunities for the Beulah community while still meeting the formal sporting needs of tenant clubs, thus creating a true community hub

Opportunities and Constraints

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Movement		
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The existing main entry at the corner of Deaking and Higginbotham Streets is inviting, but could be improved with signage and minor landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> There is very little naming signage around the site <input type="checkbox"/> There is the opportunity to better promote features within the site, especially the pool and proposed new features (and identification of the bowling club's location) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop an improved main entry with improved signage and landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Include promotional and directional signage for the swimming pool, bowling club and proposed new features
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minor improvements proposed near the pavilion and with the oval's perimeter track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Some shaping and marking of areas near pavilion and a widened, levelled perimeter track
Pedestrian network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improved connections between activity nodes <input type="checkbox"/> Site could be better used for casual walking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways between new and existing nodes <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage use of existing track around oval by the community for recreation walking
Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The existing layout works well for vehicular traffic (with the minor improvements noted above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to parking near pavilion and perimeter track (as above)

Background Review

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Precincts		
Football, netball, cricket and bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Large main pavilion but with limited functionality <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket practice nets in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> Spectator 'hill' location could be improved <input type="checkbox"/> Netball/tennis courts and associated building new and in excellent condition <input type="checkbox"/> Oval perimeter fencing in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> Shaded spectator options limited to front of pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Field irrigation could be improved <input type="checkbox"/> Public toilets near bowling club ageing <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling club with old kitchen facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade pavilion interior in such areas as toilet/change, canteen/kitchen, bar and function room <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade/replace cricket practice nets <input type="checkbox"/> Extend pavilion roof to increase shaded spectator area <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade oval perimeter fencing and additional bench seating <input type="checkbox"/> Extend/relocate spectator 'hill' <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate necessary field irrigation improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade public toilets near bowling club <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate renovations to bowling club kitchen
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Old with some natural shade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade existing play features and expand on existing natural shade
Old tennis courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Unused and unattractive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop new small pump track with family nodes
Old netball court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Resurface to flat open hard surface area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A multi-purpose hard surface for use by RC cars/trucks, scooters, bicycles, etc
Picnic area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Limited connection to pavilion and Reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improve connection to encourage increased interaction

Background Review



Background Review

Brim Recreation Reserve Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2024)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for the Brim Recreation Reserve is:

to ensure quality facilities that not only meet the formal sporting needs of the community but also provide community recreation opportunities and events for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

Opportunities and Constraints

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Movement		
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The existing main entry from Simson Street is not obvious or inviting <input type="checkbox"/> The more informal entry just to the east of the main entry detracts from the main entry <input type="checkbox"/> There is very little naming signage around the site <input type="checkbox"/> There is the opportunity to better promote features within the site, especially the golf course and new tennis/netball courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a more welcoming main entry with improved signage and landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Include promotional and directional signage for the golf course and tennis/netball courts <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the eastern secondary entry from Simson Street, but only for the operational use of the tenant clubs
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Only minor improvements required through the improvement to the existing informal parking area near courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Level area and resurface with gravel (not fully sealed)
Pedestrian network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No existing pedestrian network <input type="checkbox"/> Site could be better used for casual walking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage use of existing track around oval by the community for recreation walking
Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The existing layout works well for vehicular traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to main entry and informal parking area (as above) only improvements required

Background Review

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Precincts		
Football, netball and cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Large, functional main pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Limited shaded spectator areas <input type="checkbox"/> Outdated player dugouts at oval <input type="checkbox"/> Two synthetic grass cricket practice nets in good condition <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket practice nets not in ideal location <input type="checkbox"/> Oval perimeter fencing in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> Scoreboard in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> Footballs impacting on other activities behind goalposts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade toilet and change facilities within pavilion ensuring a gender neutral design <input type="checkbox"/> Internal pavilion improvements such as kitchen upgrade <input type="checkbox"/> Install shade structure between barbecue area of pavilion and oval <input type="checkbox"/> Replace football player dugouts with movable structures <input type="checkbox"/> Re-align practice nets <input type="checkbox"/> replace oval perimeter fencing with picket-style fencing and additional bench seating <input type="checkbox"/> Replace/renovate scoreboard <input type="checkbox"/> Install netting behind goalposts
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shaded and in fair condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade existing play features when at the end of life with modern features (including shade canopy if necessary)
Other buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Two old and unattractive equipment sheds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replace existing sheds with one large, consolidated equipment shed

Background Review



Legend:

01. Renovate existing toilets/change rooms to meet gender neutral needs
02. Consolidate two existing equipment sheds into one new structure
03. Re-align cricket nets to run north-south along fence line
04. Upgrade existing playground with modern play equipment and replacement of both shade sails
05. Replace existing perimeter field fencing with new white picket fencing, incorporating new bench seats at appropriate locations
06. Demolish and replace, or significantly renovate, existing scoreboard
07. No improvements required for recently completed three tennis/netball courts
08. Level existing informal parking area and apply gravel surface (not sealed) in time
09. Replace coaches boxes with movable structures at appropriate time
10. Minor enhancements to main entry statement (including ticket booth area) with signage and landscaping
11. Continue maintenance practices for oval and turf wicket block
12. Install netting behind goalposts

MASTER PLAN

BRIM RECREATION RESERVE

Brim VIC 3391



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Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Masterplan – Yarriambiack Shire Council and ROSS Planning (2024)

Vision

The medium- to long-term vision for Rupanyup Recreation Reserve is:

to ensure quality facilities that meet the needs of all existing formal user groups whilst also providing community event and unstructured physical activity opportunities for residents and visitors.

Opportunities and Constraints

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Movement		
Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A quality entry statement with War Memorial gates, landscaping and ticket booth has been established at the Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> The second entry point toward the north-west corner of the Reserve is unsigned and uninviting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the entry off Gibson Street in the north-west corner of the Reserve with signage and safety rails (preventing access into the drain)
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Car parking across the Reserve is appropriate to meet demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Construct bollards that restrict vehicles parking on the western side of the Oval when training and matches are scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Construct fencing, pedestrian and vehicle gates at the southern end of the grass car parking area in the north-west corner of the Reserve
Pedestrian network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No existing pedestrian network <input type="checkbox"/> Regular use for walking and dog-walking <input type="checkbox"/> Existing unsealed path links the Reserve with the CBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to encourage incidental use of the oval, courts and surrounds for unstructured community physical activity <input type="checkbox"/> Exclude vehicles from the area between the community pavilion and tennis/netball pavilion. Remove the existing 'roads' and turf this area to provide a more attractive pedestrian node
Vehicle movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Numerous entrances/exits off Gibson Street provide easy access to the Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Unsealed loop continues around much of the Oval <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle and pedestrian movement is difficult at the pinch point between the community pavilion and netball/tennis precinct caused by the location of the Charles Ayrey Pavilion and play node <input type="checkbox"/> The small storage shed and pump shed are in poor condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replace the Charles Ayrey Pavilion (and rainwater tanks), small storage shed and pump shed with a new storage facility toward the northern boundary of the Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Exclude vehicles from the area between the community pavilion and tennis/netball pavilion. Remove the existing 'roads' and turf this area to provide a more attractive pedestrian node <input type="checkbox"/> Retain emergency vehicle access to the southern end of the community pavilion via the southern side of the Oval <input type="checkbox"/> Construct bollards that restrict vehicles parking on the western side of the Oval when training and matches are scheduled
Overnight stays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rupanyup Memorial Park provides spaces for overnight stays for travellers. On occasion, these areas become full 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate opportunities to establish the Reserve as an overflow overnight stay option for travellers (using the internal roadway and amenities building in the north-east corner of the Reserve)

Background Review

Issue	Opportunities/Constraints	Desired Outcomes/Design Drivers
Precincts		
Oval (AFL and cricket) precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The oval surface is poor with uneven grass cover, ineffective irrigation and inappropriate drainage <input type="checkbox"/> The existing scoreboard is aged and due for replacement <input type="checkbox"/> The AFL league is encouraging clubs to establish junior fields <input type="checkbox"/> The community pavilion is a quality facility. However, it requires suitable access from the western side and better links toward the court precinct <input type="checkbox"/> The former kitchen/social room near the central amenities is now only used for overflow storage <input type="checkbox"/> The central amenities are appropriate but aging <input type="checkbox"/> The grandstand is large enough to meet demand. However, it can be a very cold and wet place to spectate from during inclement weather <input type="checkbox"/> The existing 1-net cricket practice facility is in poor condition and does not attract regular use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Undertake field surface upgrades (including re-shaping, new irrigation and drainage) <input type="checkbox"/> Construct catch netting behind the AFL goals <input type="checkbox"/> Establish a junior field in the south-west corner <input type="checkbox"/> Install an electronic scoreboard that can be operated from the community pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Replace the oval perimeter fence with recycled plastic picket fencing <input type="checkbox"/> Install aluminium bench seats around the oval across to the dugouts <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a covered deck to provide an entry to the western side of the community pavilion. Provide a covered link between this community pavilion deck and netball/tennis pavilion <input type="checkbox"/> Demolish the former kitchen and social room and replace with an open gathering area with barbecue (with views to the oval, across to the court precinct and down to the new play node) <input type="checkbox"/> Update the central amenities building <input type="checkbox"/> Install transparent wall panels at either end of the grandstand <input type="checkbox"/> Replace the existing cricket practice facility with a quality 2-net facility
Court precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The middle bank of tennis courts are in fair condition while the southern bank are in disrepair <input type="checkbox"/> Dust and gravel are blown from the grain facility (to the west of the court precinct) onto the adjoining courts <input type="checkbox"/> There is currently limited spectator seating for the two recently re-developed courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor use of the middle courts before determining any demand for upgrade <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the southern bank of tennis courts <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a suitable barrier (such as mass planting or fence screens) between the courts and adjoining grain facility <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a suitable ground surface (paving or synthetic grass) and covered spectator seating between the new pavilion and northern fencing
Indoor sport facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The indoor sport stadium is in appropriate condition for a facility of its nature. However, the run-offs are too small to accommodate formal netball training or matches <input type="checkbox"/> The external walls and northern surrounds are unappealing (particularly given their position as an 'arrival point') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Re-develop the indoor sport facility with synthetic grass and retractable (removable) netting to allow for cricket practice, for physical training for additional sports and to remain available for community events <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate opportunities to establish a gym and administration area within the stadium <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance the external indoor sport facility walls through artwork/murals <input type="checkbox"/> Pave or concrete the area between the northern end of the stadium and the entry fence
Additional areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The play node is aged and unshaded <input type="checkbox"/> The Reserve can be significantly impacted by strong wind at times <input type="checkbox"/> The Reserve has many large roofs <input type="checkbox"/> The eastern amenities are appropriate but aging <input type="checkbox"/> The former CFA training facilities are derelict and disused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the existing play node <input type="checkbox"/> Plant additional wind break trees along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries <input type="checkbox"/> Install solar panels on large buildings across the Reserve to offset electricity costs <input type="checkbox"/> Update the eastern amenities building <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the former CFA training facilities but retain a hardstand area for live fire training

Background Review



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01. Upgrade the north-west entry (signage and safety rails) 02. Upgrade the entry (fencing, vehicle and pedestrian gates) 03. Upgrade the existing play node 04. Remove the Charles Ayres Pavilion 05. Remove the road infrastructure and create a turf pedestrian node 06. New electronic scoreboard (operated from the community pavilion) 07. Aluminium bench seats around the oval 08. Covered deck to provide an entry and an additional gathering space to the western side of the community pavilion 09. Covered link between the community pavilion and netball/tennis pavilion 10. Demolish the former kitchen/social room. Replace with a gathering area with barbecue and western wall (for wind protection) 11. Update the central amenities building 12. Indoor sports facility upgrade (synthetic grass and retractable netting) 13. Indoor sports facility - northern entry hard surface upgrade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Indoor sports facility - external wall enhancement (art and/or mural) 15. New storage facility 16. Remove the former CFA training facilities (but retain the hard surface road) 17. Additional wind break trees 18. Update the eastern amenities building 19. Oval upgrade (re-shaping, irrigation, drainage, goal catch nets and recycled plastic picket fencing) 20. Grandstand upgrade (transparent wall panels) 21. New 2-net cricket practice facility 22. Covered hard surface spectator zone 23. Remove the southern bank of tennis courts 24. Establish a suitable barrier (such as mallee planting or fence screens) 25. Restrict unnecessary vehicle access on the western side of the oval (retain ambulance access to the community pavilion) 26. Establish an irrigated junior field space. |
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**RUPANYUP RECREATION RESERVE
MASTER PLAN**
Rupyup VIC 3368

Scale: 1:2000 AT A3

Date: 13 MAY 2024

Issue: FINAL

Background Review

Tennis Victoria Facility Audits

Patchewollock Tennis Club

Comments

Courts are significantly undersized and showing greater deterioration and cracking since last audit in 2019. Shotgun casings on court 2 so may have found a different use!

Unsure if there is any organised or casual tennis use although several racquets lying around the shelter.

Sheep Hills Tennis Club

Comments

Derelict. Significant weed growth around enclosure perimeter prohibiting access.

Heavy weed growth through slab joints. Surfaces dirty with silt and bird droppings. Slabs undersized.

(Did not enter enclosure as weed growth too dense - snake risk).

Have included some photos from 2020 audit for comparison.

Woomelang Tennis Club

Comments

Lines are sharp and clear; however, surface has deteriorated somewhat since last audit. Court surfaces are very dirty with large areas of ponding. Major ant infestation in southern run off. Netball post covers are not flush with the surface. Most of the slab joins do not have any visible filler material.

Yaapeet Tennis Club

Completely compacted SFAG surface, dirty with silt deposits. Undersized

Beulah Tennis Club

Comments

Courts 4 and 5 no longer in use and not included in audit. Courts 1 - 3 have been resurfaced since 2019 audit. Courts showing areas of silt deposits and could do with cleaning. Areas of discolouration (spilt material?) around tennis net posts. This should be removed as soon as possible to prevent permanent staining.

Minyip Tennis Club

Comments

Courts 1-4 only ones being used. Courts 5-7 abandoned and sit in separate area to the other 4. 3 x bitumen courts sound across the playing surface although a little rough in patches. Cracking in box shape around court run-offs, baselines, and net-lines. Need to monitor for eventual trip hazards. Not sure if courts being used at present. Court 4 playing surface sound but dirty. NE corner silt deposits suggest water ponding in this area - no visible drainage infrastructure.

Murtoa Tennis Club

Comments

Courts 1 and 2 playing surface sound with minimal cracking, (predominantly NW corner) although dirty with silt deposits. (Courts 1 and 2 at aquatic centre end. Court 1 closest to clubhouse)

Background Review

AFL Victoria Facility Audits

Anzac Park (Warracknabeal)

Total Overall Rating: 94/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- 3/5 (moderate) overall rating of both home and away player changerooms.
- No strapping room in the away players changerooms.
- Insufficient pan toilets located in the umpire facilities and away players changerooms.
- Umpire facilities require another shower and locks installed on all showers.
- Administration area/office has no separate office or meeting room.
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.

Beulah Memorial Park

Total Overall Rating: 85/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- Both the home and away changerooms require two more pan toilets installed.
- 3/5 (moderate) overall rating of both home and away player changerooms.
- The strapping room in the away changerooms is too small (less than 10m²).
- Umpires room is too small (less than 20m²).
- Umpires room requires an additional shower and pan toilet.
- Administration/office area is too small (less than 15m²).
- Social/community/multi-purpose room size is too small (less than 100m²).
- Public toilets (provided within the pavilion / clubrooms) do not meet female and accessibility standards.
- Internal storage area is too small (less than 10m²).
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.

- No separate ground maintenance storage provided.

Brim Recreation Reserve

Total Overall Rating: 81/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- Both the home and away changerooms require one more pan toilet installed.
- 3/5 (moderate) overall rating of both home and away player changerooms.
- Umpires room is too small (less than 20m²).
- Umpires room requires an additional shower and pan toilet.
- Administration/office area is too small (less than 15m²).
- Public toilets (provided within the pavilion / clubrooms) do not meet female and male standards.
- Pavilion/clubrooms do not have an internal or external storage area.
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.
- Playing field lighting is not up to standards (only 50-99 lux).

Hopetoun Recreation Reserve

Total Overall Rating: 93/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- Both the home and away changerooms require one more pan toilet installed.
- The strapping room in the away changerooms is too small (less than 10m²).
- Umpires room requires an additional shower and pan toilet.
- Administration area/office has no separate office or meeting room.
- Pavilion/clubrooms do not have an internal or external storage area.
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.

Background Review

Minyip Recreation Reserve

Total Overall Rating: 77/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- Both the home and away changerooms require one more pan toilet installed.
- 3/5 (moderate) overall rating of both home and away player changerooms.
- The strapping room in the away changerooms is too small.
- Umpires room is too small (less than 20m²).
- Umpires room requires an additional shower, pan toilet and both showers to be enclosed.
- Administration area/office has no separate office or meeting room.
- Public toilets (provided within the pavilion / clubrooms) do not meet female and male standards.
- Pavilion/clubrooms do not have an internal or external storage area.
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.
- The concrete cricket pitch is detrimental for football use.
- The interchange bench for both home and away teams is too small (smaller than 4.8m long x 1.2m wide).
- Playing field lighting is not up to standards (only 50-99 lux).
- No separate ground maintenance storage provided.

Murtoa Recreation Reserve

Total Overall Rating: 93/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- Both the home and away changerooms require one more pan toilet installed.
- Umpires room is too small (less than 20m²).
- Umpires room requires an additional shower, pan toilet and both showers to be enclosed.
- Administration area/office is too small (less than 15m²).

- Pavilion/clubrooms do not have an internal or external storage area.
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.
- The concrete cricket pitch is detrimental for football use.

Rupanyup Recreation Reserve

Total Overall Rating: 93/111

Compliance Issues

- Open showers in both the home and away player changerooms.
- The home changerooms require one more pan toilet and the away changerooms require two more.
- The strapping room in the away changerooms is too small.
- Umpires room is too small (less than 20m²).
- Umpires room requires an additional shower, pan toilet and both showers to be enclosed.
- Pavilion/clubrooms do not have an internal or external storage area.
- There is no separate cleaner's storeroom in the pavilion/clubrooms.
- The concrete cricket pitch is detrimental for football use.
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Appendix B

Facility Inventory



Image: ANZAC Memorial Park Grandstand

Version Control

Revision	Date	Details	Authorised
-	09/08/2023	Yarriambiack Sport and Active Recreation Strategy - Appendix B	Neil Tredwell
R1	13/02/2024	Yarriambiack Sport and Active Recreation Strategy - Appendix B	Neil Tredwell
R2	16/05/2024	Yarriambiack Sport and Active Recreation Strategy - Appendix B	Neil Tredwell

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Background

To support comprehensive analysis of sport and active recreation issues and opportunities across the shire, twelve 'precincts' have been used to categorise geographic areas.

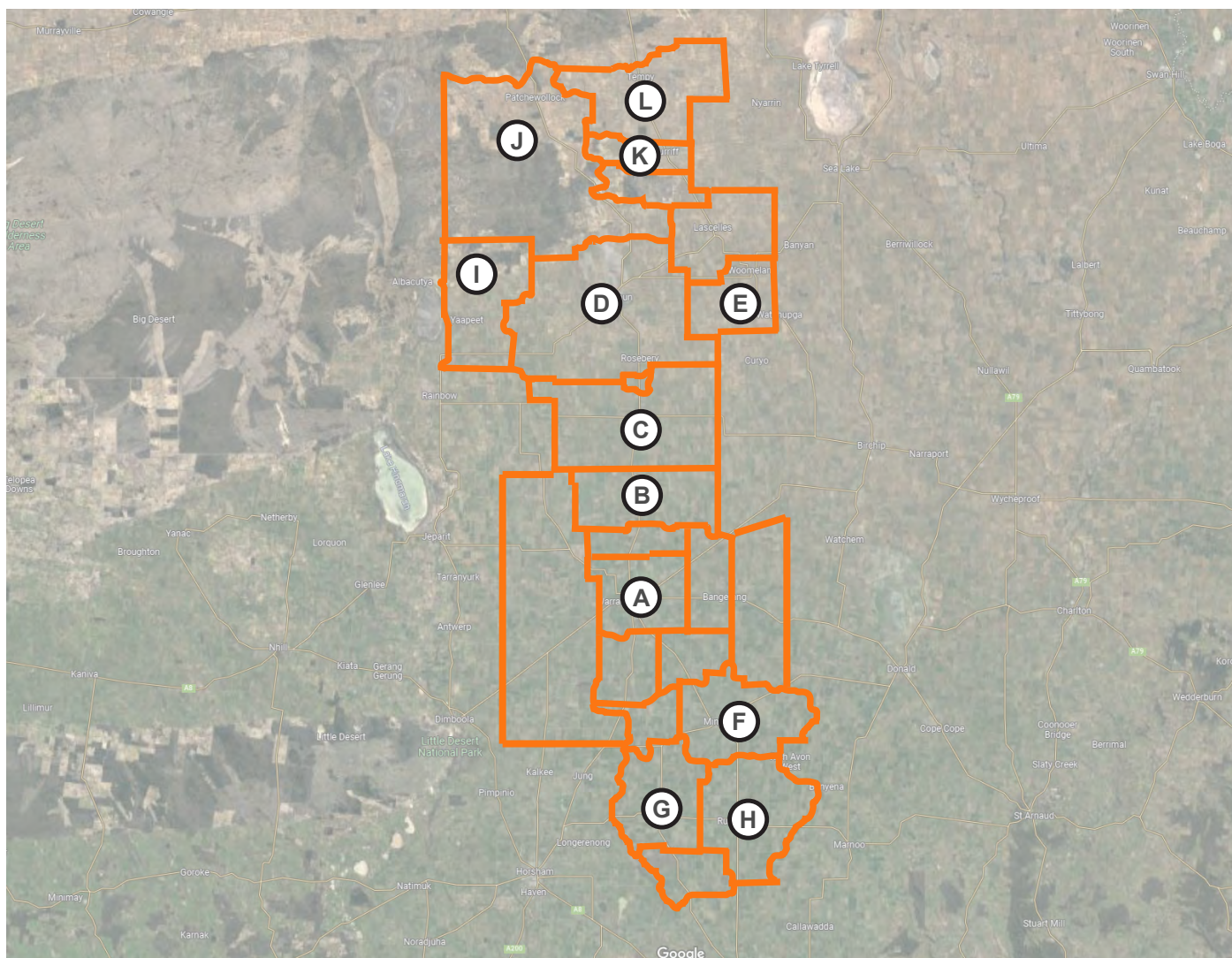
These precincts are based on the twelve major townships in Yarriambiack Shire. These precincts have been aligned with the data provided by the Australia Bureau of Statistics, which outlines data for the region relating to population demographics and economic indicators.

The precincts are outlined on the following pages and maps with a unique reference code.

Precincts

Precinct Locations

Yarriambiack Shire Council Area



Precinct Index

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Condition

Assessment Rating System

The condition assessment ratings have used the system outlined in the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia's (IPWEA) Condition Assessment and Asset Performance Guidelines, as outlined below.

Rating	Description of Condition
1	Very Good Condition: Only normal maintenance required
2	Minor Defects Only: minor maintenance required (5%)
3	Maintenance Required: significant maintenance required (10 - 20%)
4	Requires Renewal: significant upgrade/renewal required (20 - 40%)
5	Asset unserviceable: over 50% of asset requires replacement

A: Warracknabeal

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
2,359



Median Age
(2021):
50



Households
(2021):
1,259

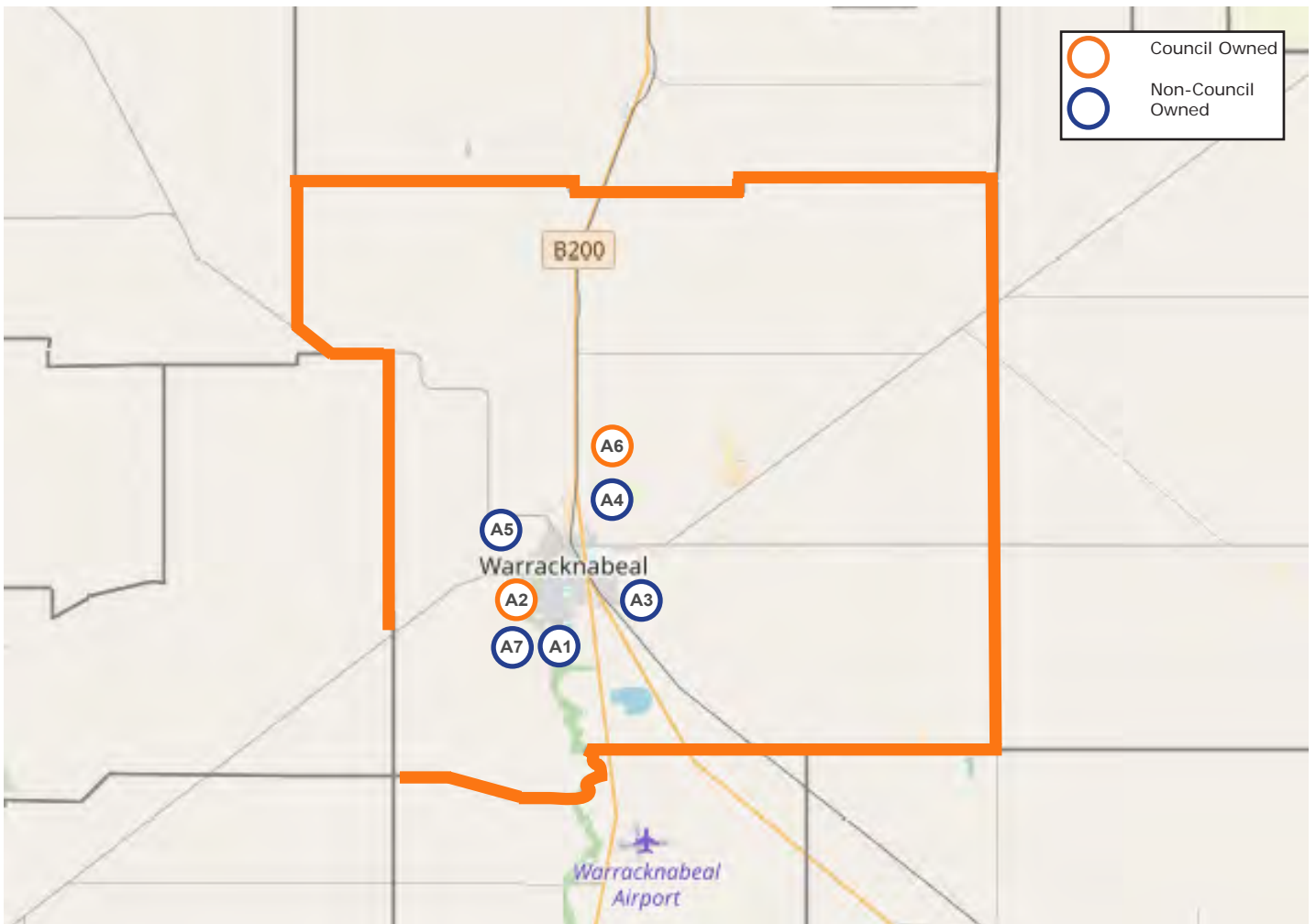


Families
(2021):
598



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.8

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

A1	Anzac Memorial Park	A5	Warracknabeal Bowls Club
A2	Warracknabeal Leisure Centre	A6	Warracknabeal Rifle Range
A3	Warracknabeal Racecourse & Show Yards	A7	Warracknabeal Swimming Pool
A4	Warracknabeal Golf & Bowls Club		

A: Warracknabeal

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 15.7% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 25.8% of the population.
- There are slightly more females than males with 50.5% of the population female and 49.5% male.
- The average household size is 2 persons per household.

A1 Anzac Memorial Park



Consultation Themes:

- All current facilities are valued and functional, but overall could do with an upgrade.
- There is a supply of a diverse range of programs and activities in the town. The choice and variety helps increase junior participation.
- Problems associated with a decrease in participation/ population across all clubs and sports.
- Ensure even distribution of funding to all clubs and activities.

Hierarchy	Regional
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Cricket, Australian Rules Football, Netball, Tennis
Facility Types	Oval Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Grandstand, Court (Outdoor), Tennis Court, Cricket Pitch (Turf), Cricket Nets, Firefighting Course, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

A: Warracknabeal

A2 Warracknabeal Leisure Centre



Hierarchy	District
Land Ownership	Crown Land - Council Managed
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Skate, Basketball, Gym, Squash, Table Tennis
Facility Types	Skate Park, Multi Purpose Court (Indoor), Gym/Health Club, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport, Community Recreation

Notes:

A: Warracknabeal

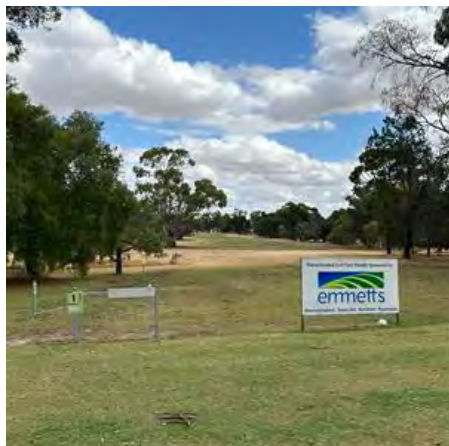
A3 Warracknabeal Racecourse Reserve



Hierarchy	District
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Equestrian Sports, Shooting, Other
Facility Types	Racecourse, Clubroom, Shooting Facilities, Showgrounds
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport, Community Recreation
Notes:	

A: Warracknabeal

A4 Warracknabeal Golf & Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Golf, Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Golf Course, Clubroom, Bowling Green
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

A5 Warracknabeal Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Sport Lighting, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

A: Warracknabeal

A6 Warracknabeal Rifle Range



Hierarchy	State
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Shooting
Facility Types	Rifle Range, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

A7 Warracknabeal Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Regional
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Changeroom
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

B: Brim

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
179



Median Age
(2021):
50



Households
(2021):
85

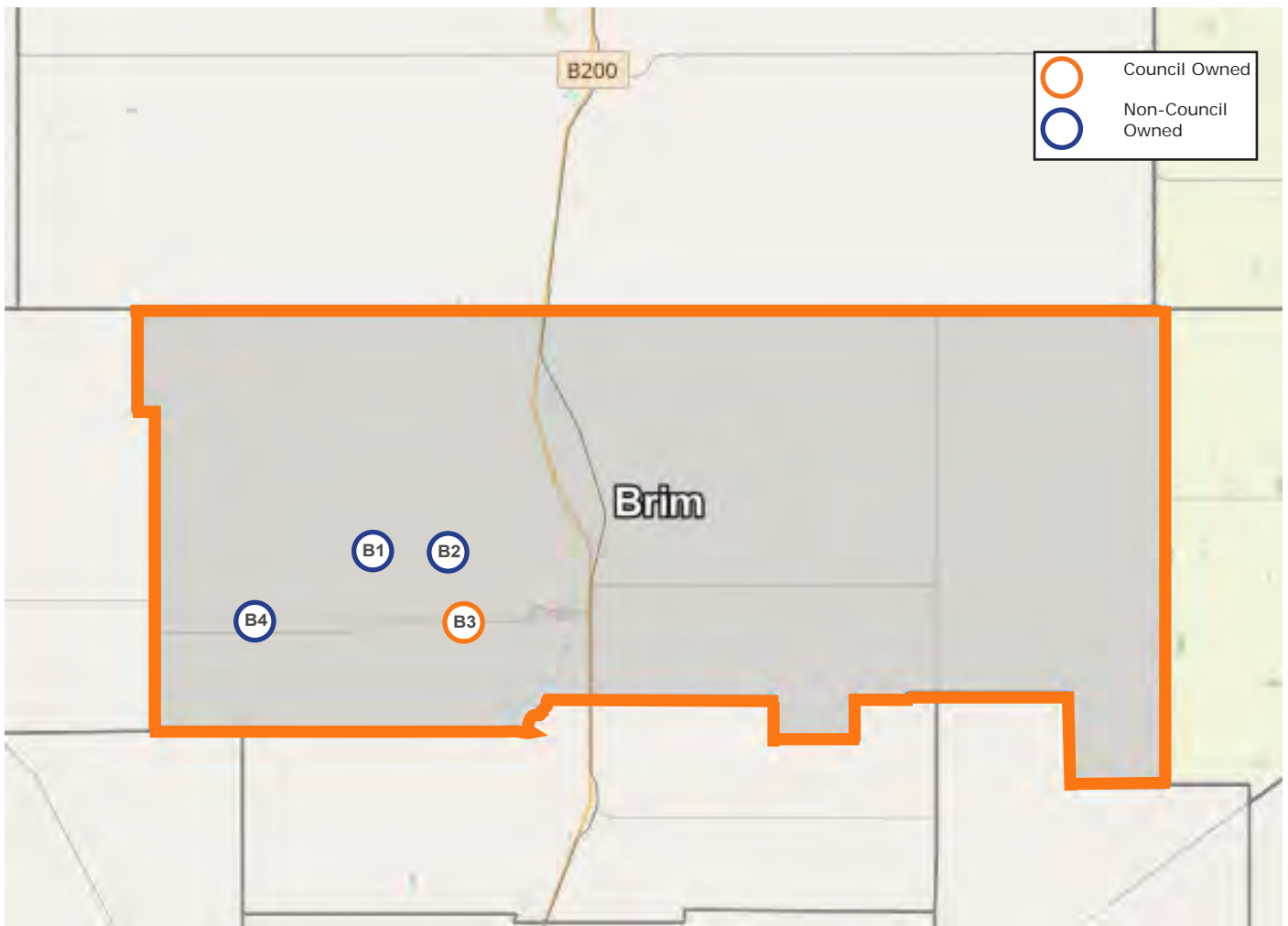


Families
(2021):
52



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.8

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

B1 Brim Recreation Reserve
B2 Brim Country Club

B3 Brim Bowls Club
B4 Reddas Park Reserve

B: Brim

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 15.3% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 21.3% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 50.3% of the population male and 49.7% female.
- The average household size is 2.5 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- Maintaining existing facilities is a large focus of the community.
- Lack of volunteers within the community.
- Programming clashes between clubs.
- Increasing maintenance costs for old facilities.
- Women’s facilities need to be upgraded to meet current standards.
- Lack of space within the recreation reserve for additional facilities.

B1 Brim Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	2. Minor Defects Only
Overall Functionality	2. Good: Meets program/service delivery needs in an acceptable manner
Key Activities	Cricket, Australian Rules Football, Netball, Tennis
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Court (Outdoor), Tennis Court, Cricket Pitch (Turf), Cricket Nets, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

B: Brim

B2 Brim Country Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Golf
Facility Types	Golf Course
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

B3 Brim Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	2. Minor Defects Only
Overall Functionality	2. Good: Meets program/service delivery needs in an acceptable manner
Key Activities	Skate, Basketball, Gym, Squash, Table Tennis
Facility Types	Lawn Bowls
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

B: Brim

B4 Reddas Park Reserve



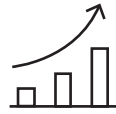
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Play, Other
Facility Types	Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

C: Beulah

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
312



Median Age
(2021):
56



Households
(2021):
170

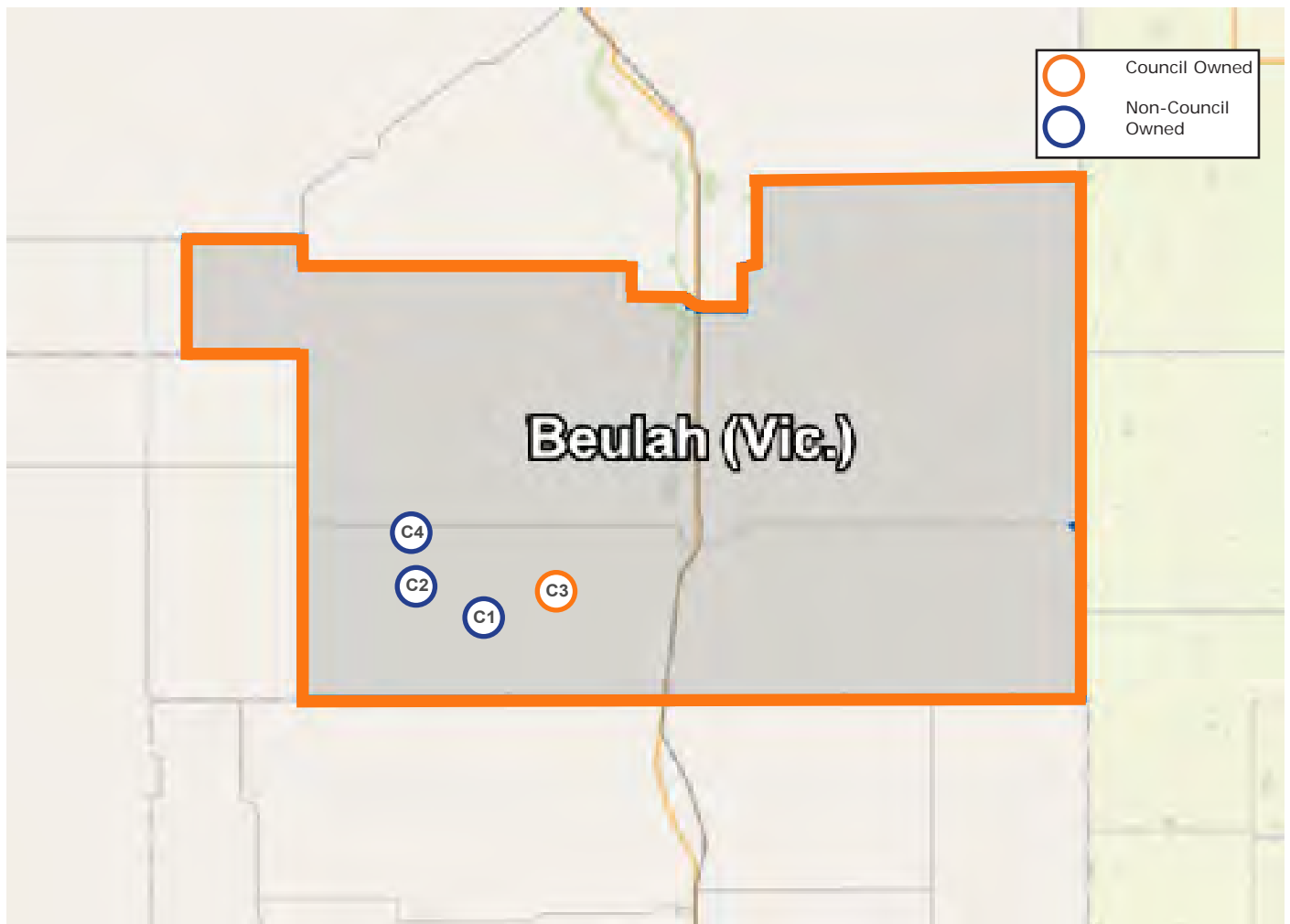


Families
(2021):
82



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.8

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

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|----|------------------------------------|----|---|
| C1 | Beulah Memorial Recreation Reserve | C4 | Beulah Public Purpose and Camping Reserve |
| C2 | Beulah Swimming Pool | | |
| C3 | Beulah Bowls Club | | |

C: Beulah

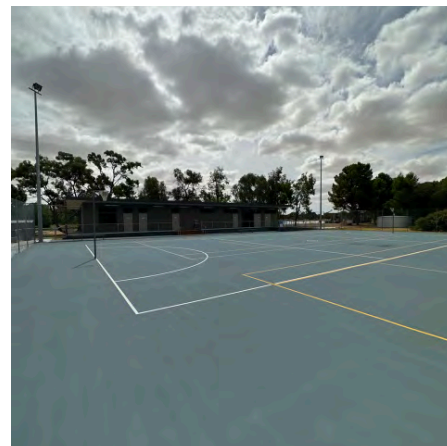
Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 12.9% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 29.5% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 53.3% of the population male and 46.7% female.
- The average household size is 2.2 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- Community values all current facilities, especially due to already losing the tennis and cricket club.
- The multi-use of facilities as this is favorable for funding applications.
- Support of events such as music festivals and fishing competitions.
- Volunteers are required to write grant applications and they are becoming more difficult.
- Issues with vandalism at facilities and local school.

C1 Beulah Memorial Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Cricket, Australian Rules Football, Netball
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Court (Outdoor), Cricket Nets, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

C: Beulah

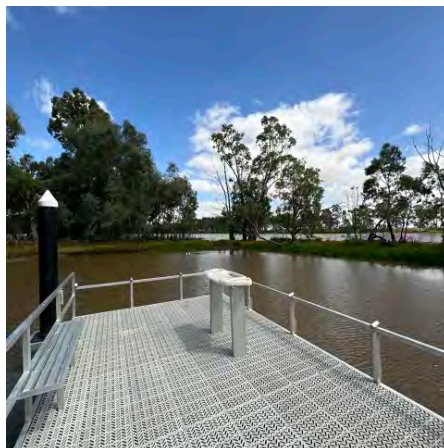
C2 Beulah Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool (Splash Pool), Changerooms
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

C: Beulah

C3 Beulah Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Sports Lighting, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

C4 Beulah Public Purpose and Camping Reserve



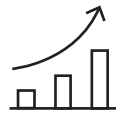
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Other
Facility Types	Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

D: Hopetoun

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
694



Median Age
(2021):
56



Households
(2021):
403

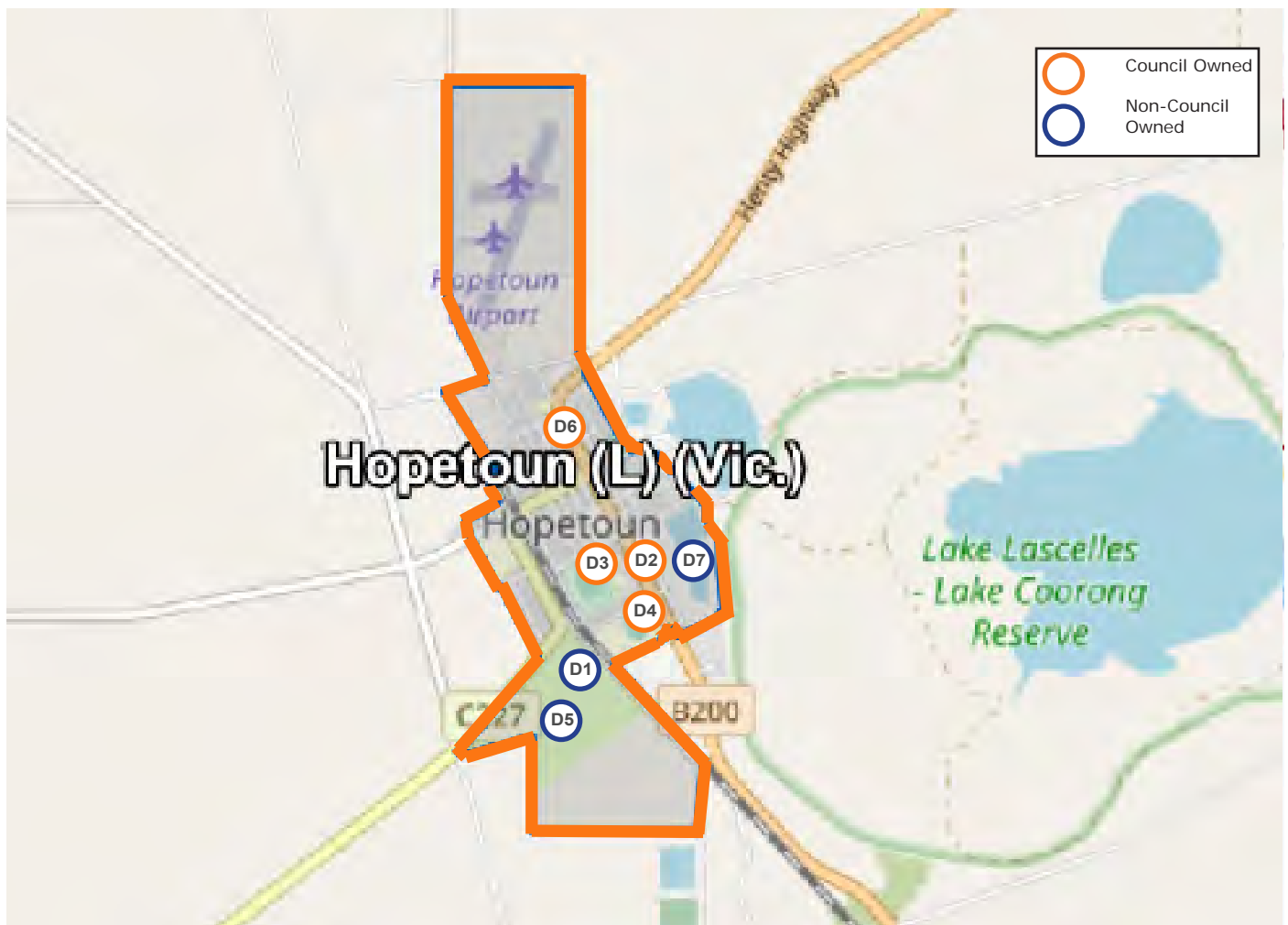


Families
(2021):
195



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.9

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

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|----|-----------------------------|----|--------------------|
| D1 | Hopetoun Recreation Reserve | D5 | Hopetoun Golf Club |
| D2 | Hopetoun Tennis Club | D6 | Hopetoun Gym |
| D3 | Hopetoun Bowls Club | D7 | Lake Lascelles |
| D4 | Hopetoun Swimming Pool | | |

D: Hopetoun

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 13.3% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 35.8% of the population.
- There are slightly more females than males with 50.4% of the population female and 49.6% male.
- The average household size is 2.1 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- Community is grateful for all the facilities and clubs they do have, but many are ageing and require a lot of maintenance.
- Issue relating to participation and volunteers throughout the community.
- Tourism in the town is steady and Lake Lascelles is a large contributor to this.
- Lack of well-maintained and accessible recreational trails/walking track within the town and surrounding areas.

D1 Hopetoun Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	2. Minor Defects Only
Overall Functionality	2. Good: Meets program/service delivery needs in an acceptable manner
Key Activities	Cricket, Australian Rules Football, Netball, Skate, Play
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Netball Court (Outdoor), Cricket Pitch (Turf), Play Space, Grandstand, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

D: Hopetoun

D2 Hopetoun Tennis Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Tennis, Basketball, Play
Facility Types	Tennis Court, Sport Lighting, Basketball Half Court, Play Space
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

D3 Hopetoun Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Sport Lighting, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

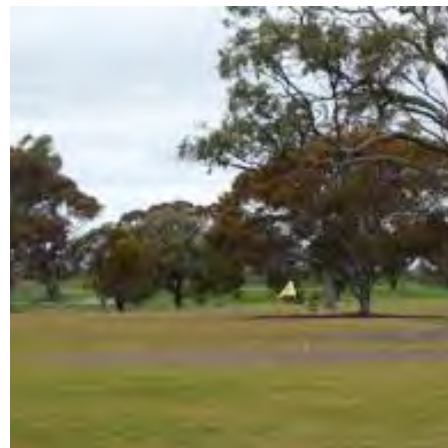
D: Hopetoun

D4 Hopetoun Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Swimming, Play
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

D5 Hopetoun Golf Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Golf
Facility Types	Golf Course, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

D: Hopetoun

D6 Hopetoun Gym



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Gym
Facility Types	Gym/Health Club
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
<p>Notes:</p> <p>Hopetoun and District Neighbourhood House are in the process of paying for the property and will be transferred once final payment made. Final \$10,000 payment due 20/03/2024.</p>	

D7 Lake Lascelles



Hierarchy	District
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	2. Minor Defects Only
Overall Functionality	2. Good: Meets program/service delivery needs in an acceptable manner
Key Activities	Other
Facility Types	Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
<p>Notes:</p>	

E: Woomelang

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
191



Median Age
(2021):
63



Households
(2021):
125

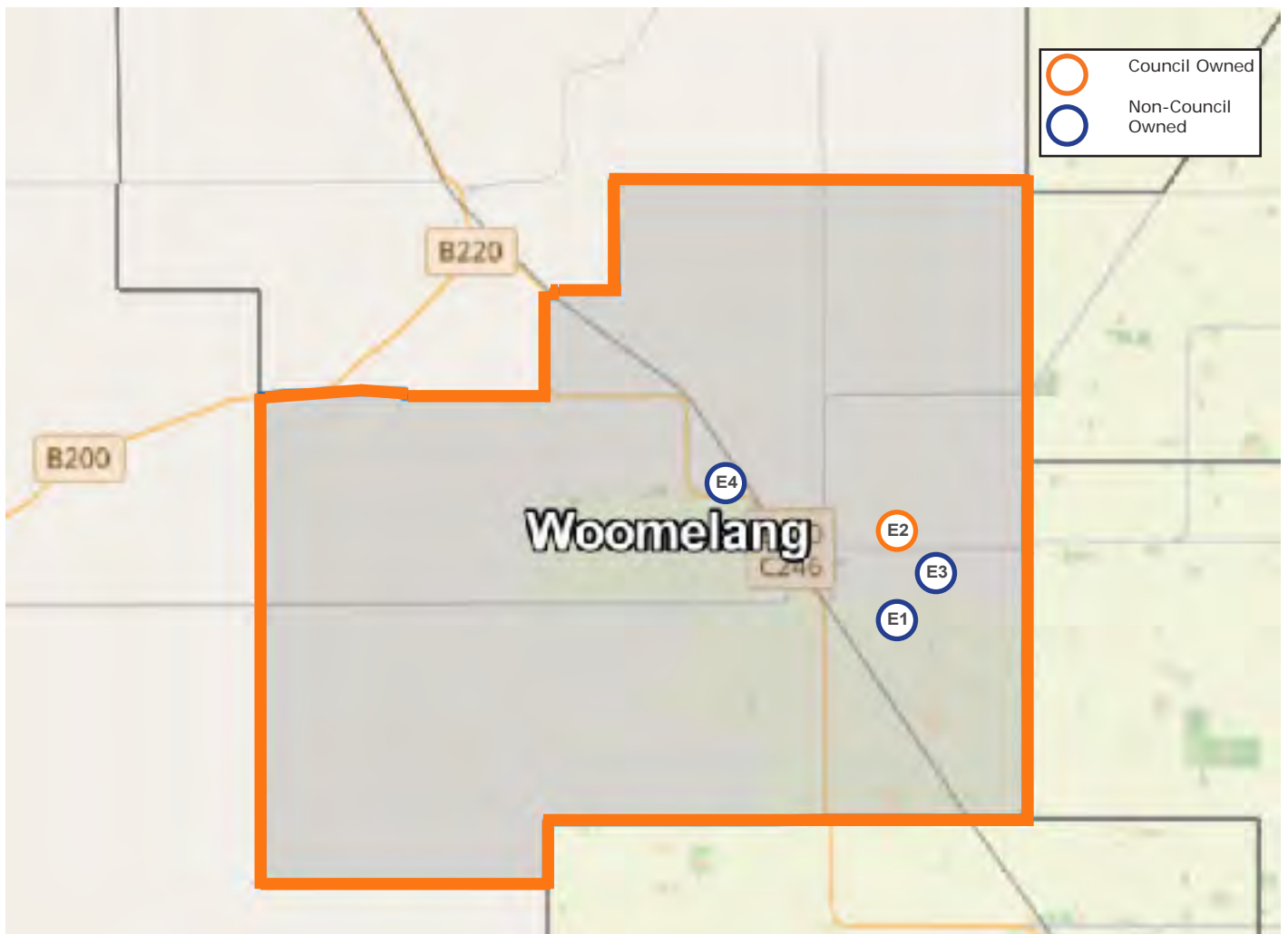


Families
(2021):
46



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.6

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

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| E1 | Woomelang Recreation Reserve | E4 | Woomelang Park & Playground Reserve |
| E2 | Woomelang Bowls Club | | |
| E3 | Woomelang Swimming Pool | | |

E: Woomelang

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 5.5% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 47.2% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 51.1% of the population male and 48.9% female.
- The average household size is 1.8 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- The importance of maintaining current facilities as the community realised the negative effect of losing the football club.
- Issues associated with volunteer burnout and a decrease in volunteer participation.
- Potential for a historical town walk/ride.
- There is a large amount of activities and it could be beneficial to concentrate efforts on a select few.

E1 Woomelang Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	5. Very Poor: is crucially deficient, does not meet program/services delivery and is neither efficient nor effective
Key Activities	Australian Rules Football, Netball, Tennis, Play
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Netball Court (Outdoor), Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

E: Woomelang

E2 Woomelang Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

E: Woomelang

E3 Woomelang Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Changerooms
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

E4 Woomelang Park & Playground Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Other
Facility Types	Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

F: Minyip

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
525



Median Age
(2021):
57



Households
(2021):
288

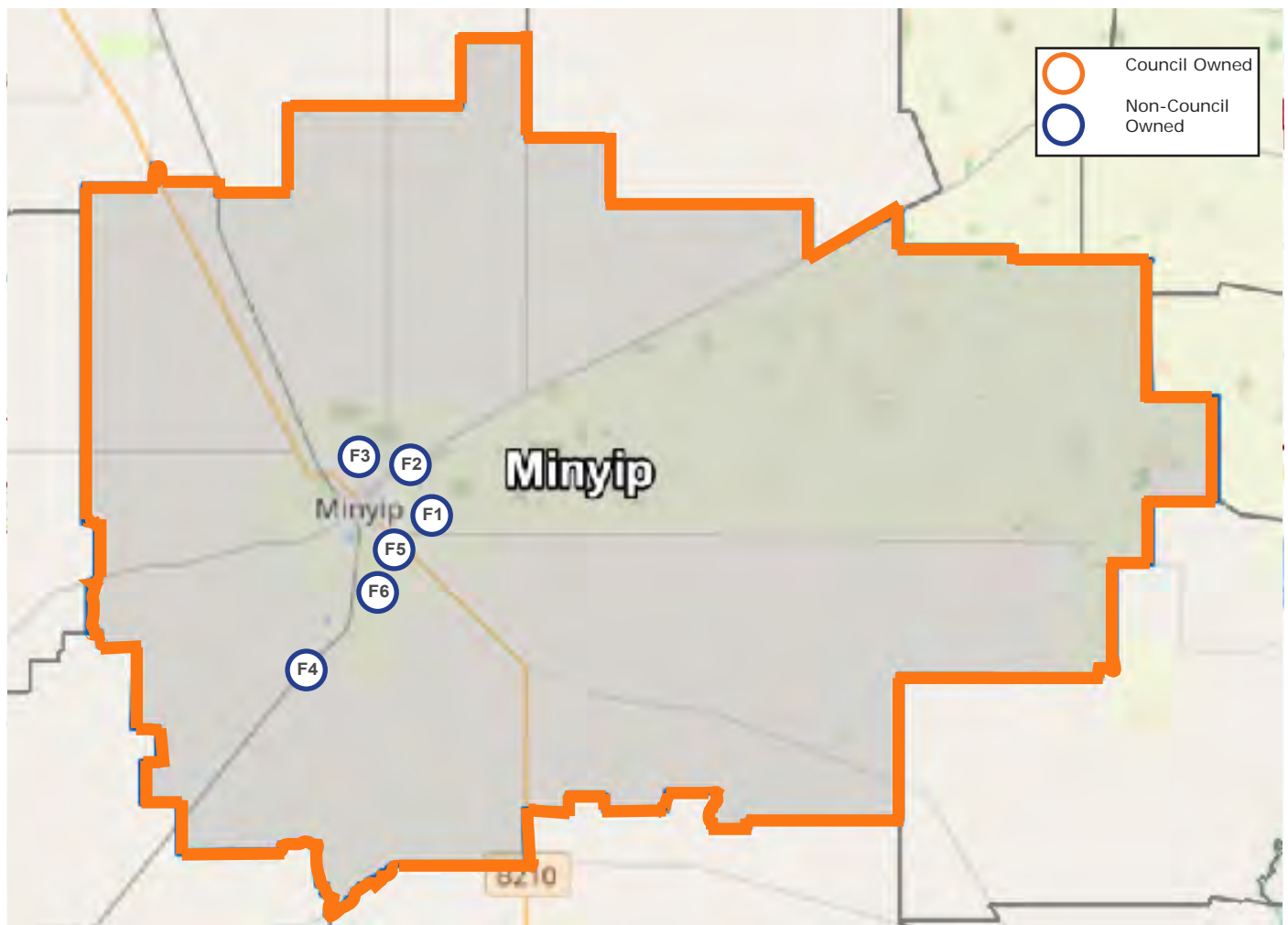


Families
(2021):
136



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.7

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

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|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| F1 | Minyip Recreation Reserve | F5 | Minyip Swimming Pool |
| F2 | Minyip Bowls Club | F6 | Minyip Golf Course |
| F3 | Minyip Caravan Park | | |
| F4 | Minyip Field & Game | | |

F: Minyip

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 10.3% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 34.7% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 50.3% of the population male and 49.7% female.
- The average household size is 2.1 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- All sport and active recreation facilities are valued by the community. The priority is to keep all current facilities and increase maintenance.
- Removal or re-purposing of current facilities that have reached the end of their useful life and do not meet current standards.
- There is support to centralise all facilities in the one location, ideally the recreation reserve.

F1 Minyip Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Australian Rules Football, Netball, Tennis, Cricket, Other
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Grandstand, Clubroom, Netball Court (Outdoor), Tennis Court, MTB Trail Facilities, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

F: Minyip

F2 Minyip Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Private
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

F: Minyip

F3 Minyip Caravan Park



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Play, Basketball, Other
Facility Types	Play Space, Recreational Trail, Basketball Half Court
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

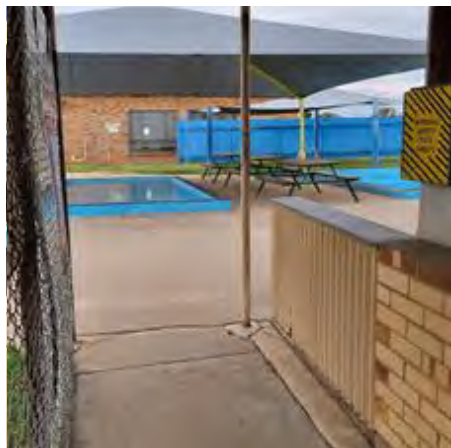
F4 Minyip Field & Game



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Private
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Shooting
Facility Types	Shooting Facilities
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

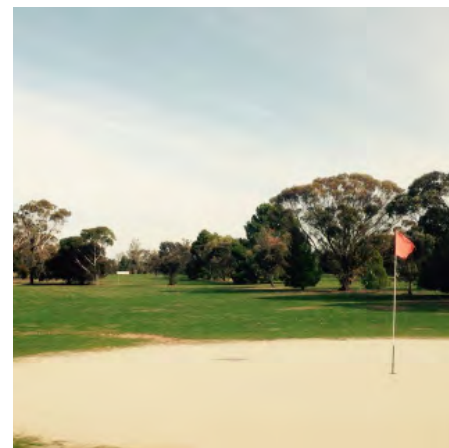
F: Minyip

F5 Minyip Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Changerooms
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

F6 Minyip Golf Course



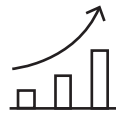
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Golf
Facility Types	Golf Course, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

G: Murtoa

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
897



Median Age
(2021):
48



Households
(2021):
479

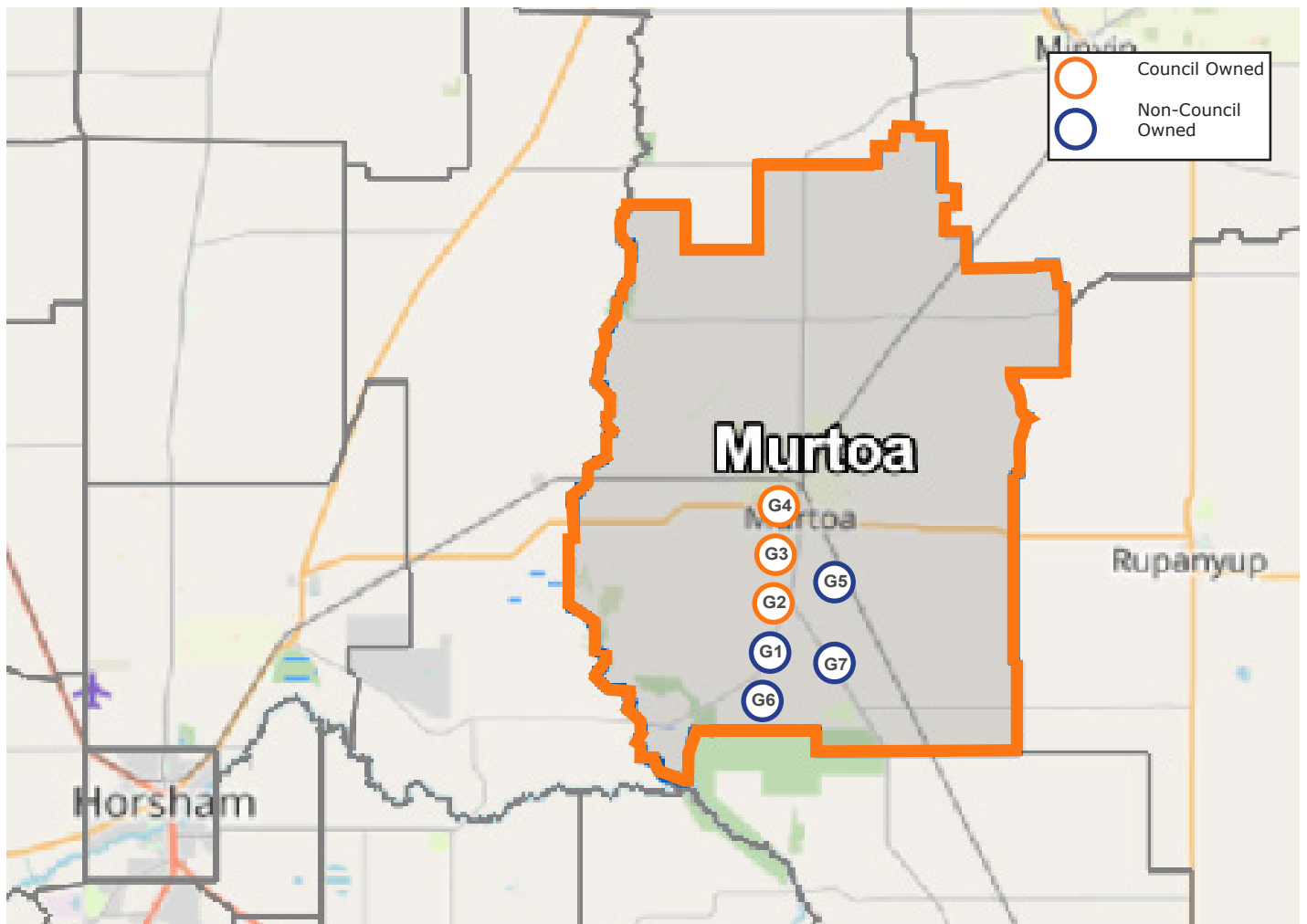


Families
(2021):
241



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.9

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

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|----|---------------------------|----|--------------------|
| G1 | Murtoa Recreation Reserve | G5 | Murtoa Bowls Club |
| G2 | Lake Marma | G6 | Murtoa Racecourse |
| G3 | Murtoa Swimming Pool | G7 | Murtoa Golf Course |
| G4 | Rabl Park | | |

G: Murtoa

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 18.6% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 25.4% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 51.9% of the population male and 48.1% female.
- The average household size is 2.2 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- All sport and active recreation facilities are valued by the community. The priority is to keep all current facilities and increase maintenance.
- Overall lack of female and accessible facilities.
- Increase of volunteer burnout across all clubs and committees.
- Increase of younger families within the community, with limited sport and recreation opportunities.

G1 Murtoa Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Australian Rules Football, Netball, Cricket, Play, Other
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Netball Court (Outdoor), Community Service Centre, Community Hall, Sports Field Amenities, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

G: Murtoa

G2 Lake Marma



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Tennis, Play, Walk, Other
Facility Types	Clubroom, Tennis Court, Sport Lighting, Firefighting Course, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

G3 Murtoa Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	2. Minor Defects Only
Overall Functionality	2. Good: Meets program/service delivery needs in an acceptable manner
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Changerooms
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

G: Murtoa

G4 Rabl Park



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Skate, Play, Australian Rules Football, Other
Facility Types	Skate Park, Play Space, Oval, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

G5 Murtoa Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Private
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Sport Lighting, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

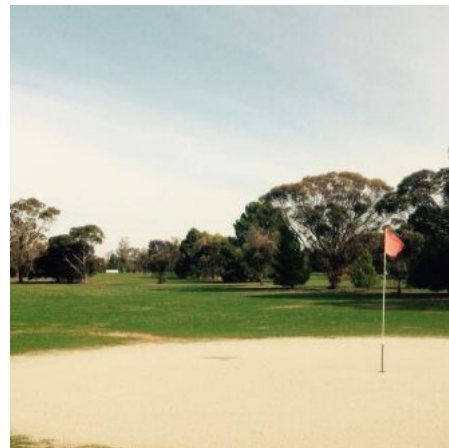
G: Murtoa

G6 Murtoa Racecourse



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Other, Play
Facility Types	Racecourse (Horse), Clubroom, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

G7 Murtoa Golf Course



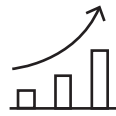
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Private
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Golf
Facility Types	Golf Course, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

H: Rupanyup

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
353



Median Age
(2021):
56



Households
(2021):
188

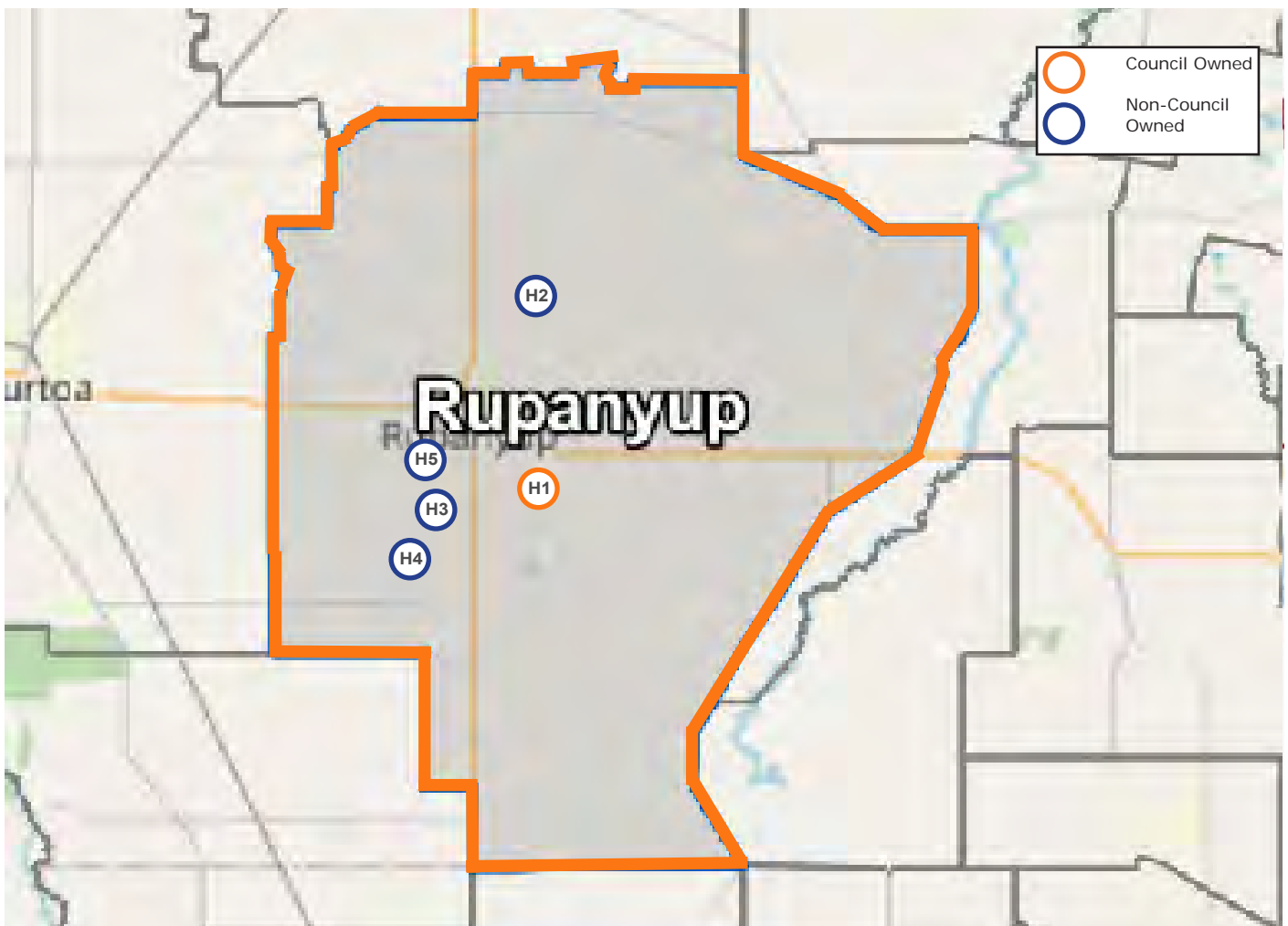


Families
(2021):
99



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
1.7

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

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|----|-----------------------------|----|------------------------|
| H1 | Rupanyup Recreation Reserve | H4 | Rupanyup Swimming Pool |
| H2 | Rupanyup Golf Club | H5 | Rupanyup Memorial Park |
| H3 | Rupanyup Bowls Club | | |

H: Rupanyup

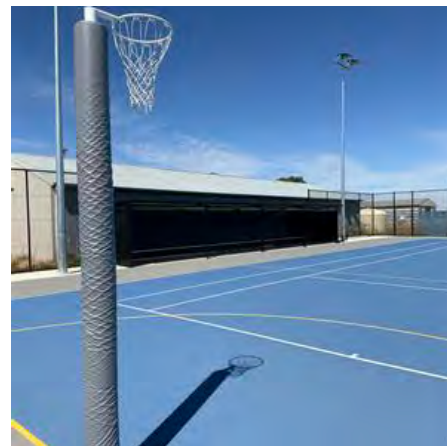
Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 11.4% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 31.5% of the population.
- There are slightly more females than males with 50.4% of the population female and 49.6% male.
- The average household size is 2.1 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- The town foresees an increase in population due to introduction of larger business e.g. mineral mine.
- There is strong community support of sport and recreation including volunteers.
- There are existing popular walking tracks and potential for further developments.
- Supportive of the multi-use of facilities for social events as the town is lacking a social space such as a pub.

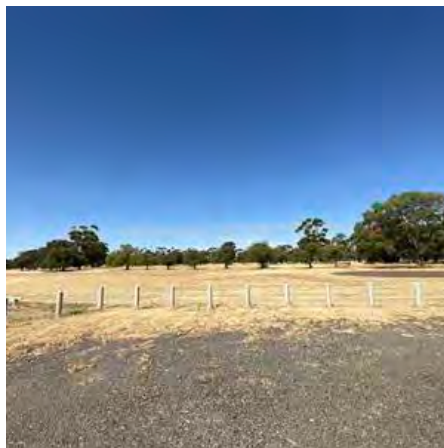
H1 Rupanyup Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	2. Minor Defects Only
Overall Functionality	2. Good: Meets program/service delivery needs in an acceptable manner
Key Activities	Australian Rules Football, Cricket, Netball, Tennis, Play, Other
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Changerooms, Grandstand, Netball Court, Multi Purpose Court, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

H: Rupanyup

H2 Rupanyup Golf Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Golf
Facility Types	Clubroom, Golf Course
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

H3 Rupanyup Bowls Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Lawn Bowls
Facility Types	Bowling Green, Clubroom, Sport Lighting
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

H: Rupanyup

H4 Rupanyup Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Department of Education
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool, Changerooms
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

H5 Rupanyup Memorial Park



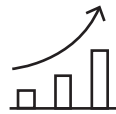
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown (Council is the COM)
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Play, Other
Facility Types	Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

I: Yaapeet

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
75



Median Age
(2021):
46



Households
(2021):
55

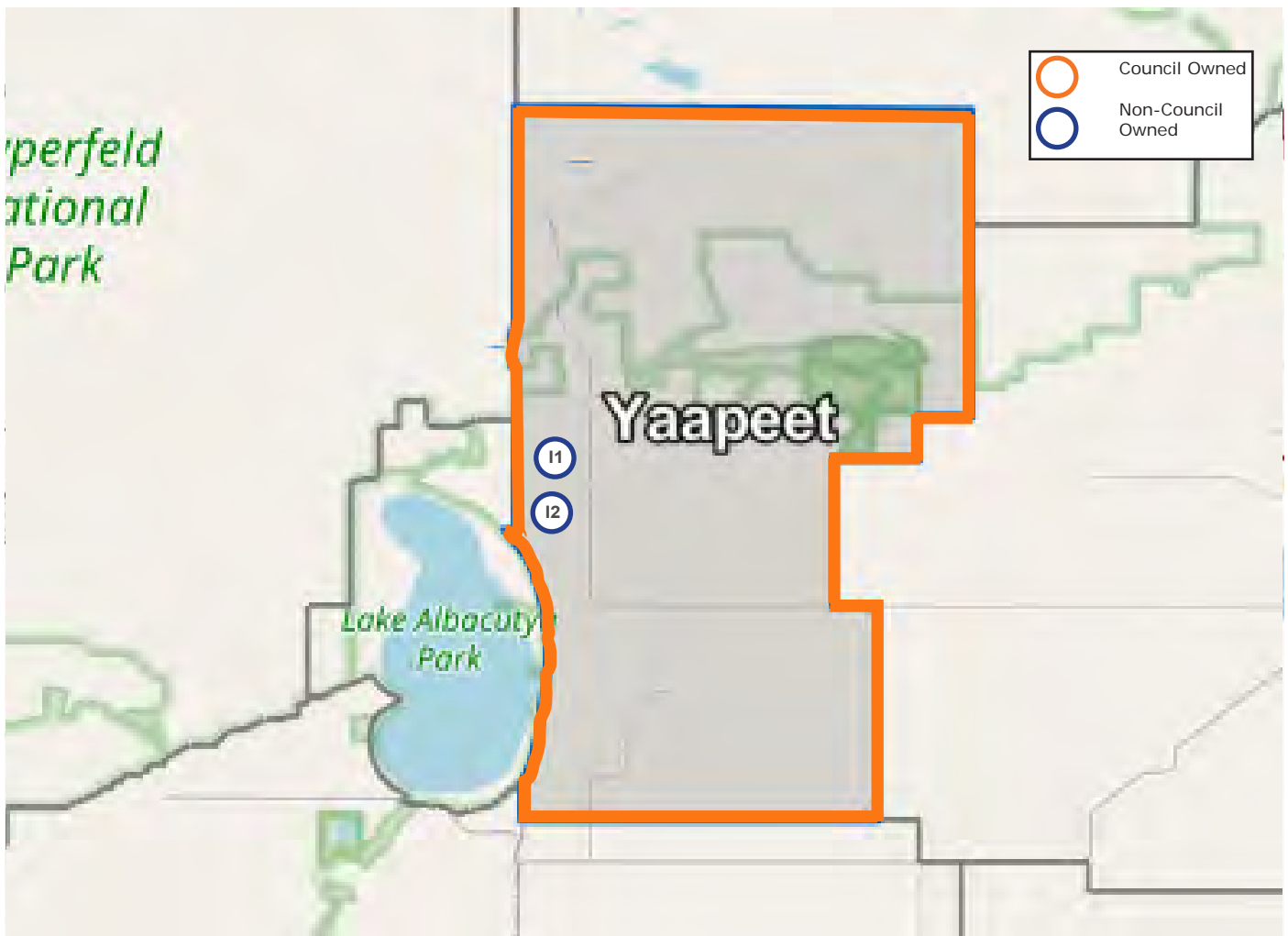


Families
(2021):
21



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
2.9

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

- I1 Yaapeet Recreation Reserve
- I2 Turkey Bottom Lake

I: Yaapeet

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 32% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 9% of the population.
- There are slightly more females than males with 52% of the population female and 48% male.
- The average household size is 2.4 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- The hall has been kept in great condition and is a value space used regularly by the community.
- Yaapeet locals have to travel to surrounding towns for sport and recreation opportunities.
- The unique landscape surrounding the town attracts adventure tourists e.g. motorcyclists.
- Turkey Bottom Lake is a valued recreation area and would benefit from further development.

I1 Yaapeet Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Australian Rules Football, Meetings, Parties & Celebrations, Tennis, Play Other
Facility Types	Oval, Sport Lighting, Clubroom, Community Hall, Tennis Court, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

I: Yaapeet

I2 Turkey Bottom Lake



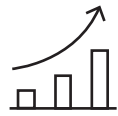
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Other
Facility Types	Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

J: Patchewollock

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
149



Median Age
(2021):
47



Households
(2021):
80

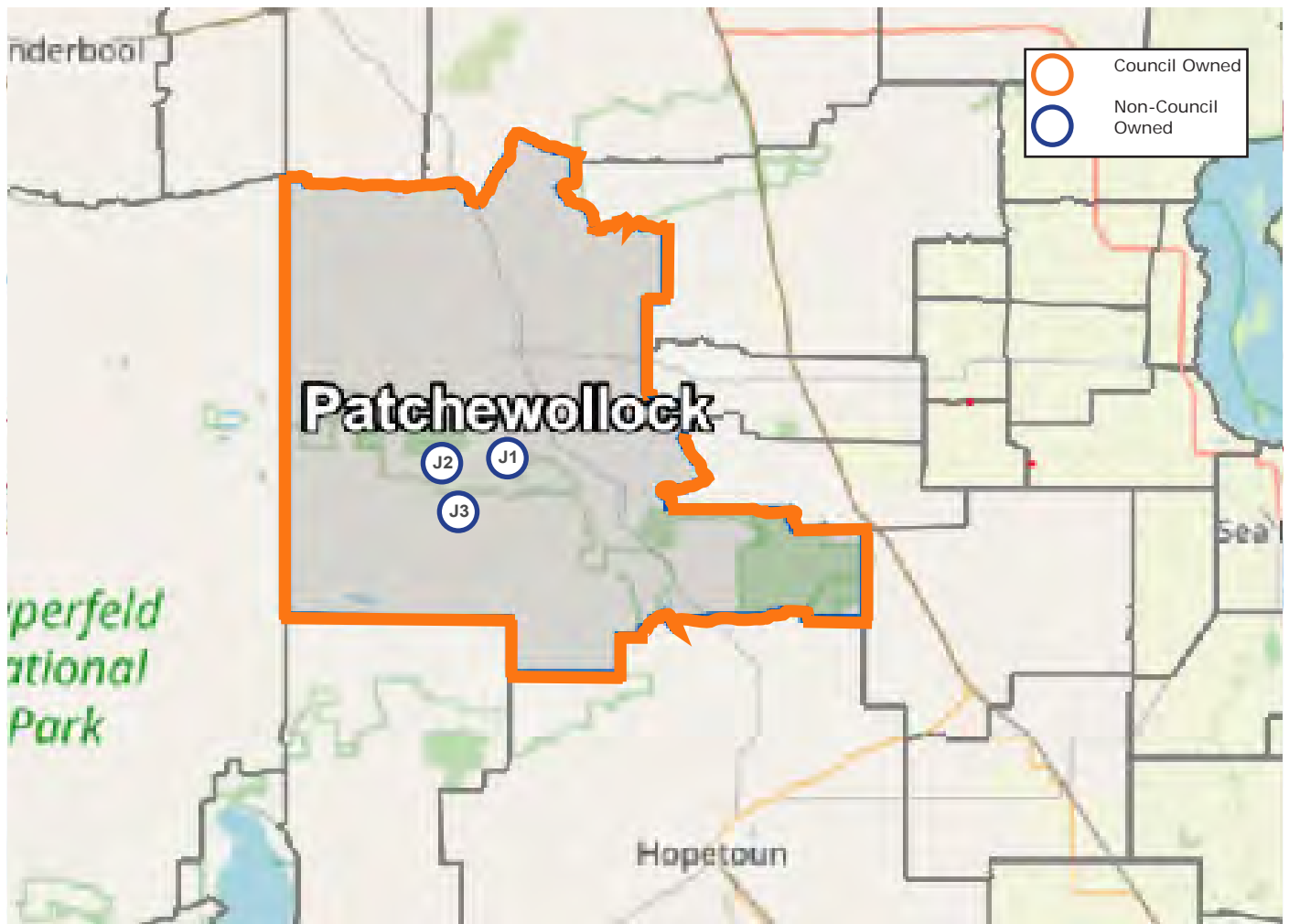


Families
(2021):
37



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
2.2

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



Reference

- J1 Patchewollock Recreation Reserve
- J2 Patchewollock Community Centre
- J3 Old Patchewollock Railway Station

J: Patchewollock

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 18.5% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 19.9% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 50.3% of the population male and 49.7% female.
- The average household size is 2.4 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- Town has an overall ageing population, with fewer young people to participate in organised sports.
- Locals have to travel to surrounding towns for sport and recreation opportunities.
- The existing facilities on the recreation reserve have not been maintained and require renewal or re-purposing.
- There is a general lack of local sport and recreation opportunities for all age groups.

J1 Patchewollock Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Australian Rules Football, Cricket, Netball, Tennis, Play
Facility Types	Oval, Clubroom, Netball Court, Tennis Court, Sports Lighting, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation

Notes:

J: Patchewollock

J2 Patchewollock Community Centre



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/ service delivery needs
Key Activities	Other
Facility Types	Community Service Centre
Primary Purpose	Community Service
Notes:	

J3 Old Patchewollock Railway Station



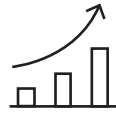
Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	1. Very Good Condition
Overall Functionality	1. Very Good: Meets program/ services delivery needs in a efficient and effective manner
Key Activities	Other
Facility Types	Community Hall
Primary Purpose	Community Service
Notes:	

K: Speed

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
53



Median Age
(2021):
54



Households
(2021):
37

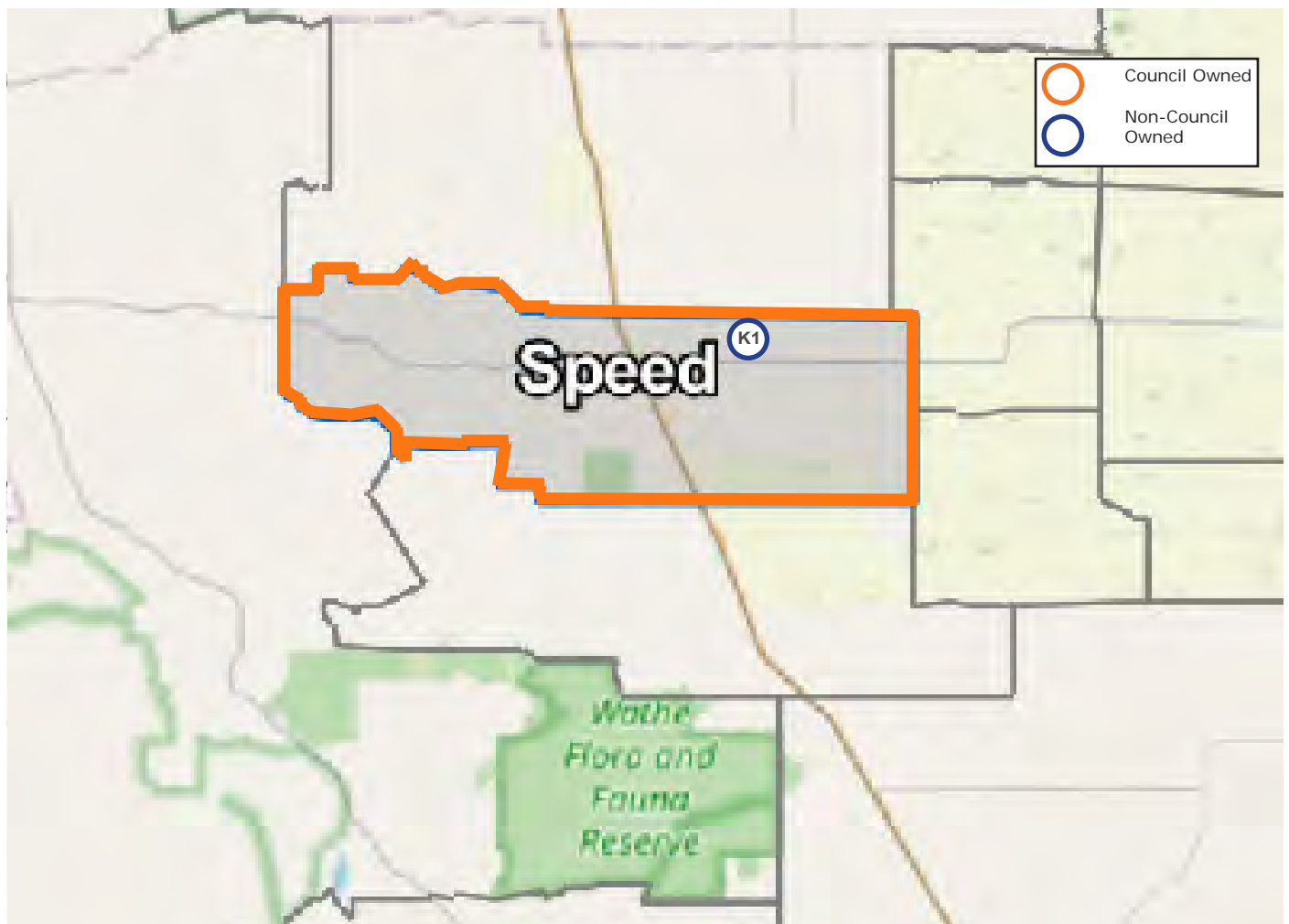


Families
(2021):
17



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
2

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



K1 Speed Recreation Reserve

K: Speed

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 11.3% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 20.8% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 53.4% of the population male and 46.6% female.
- The average household size is 2.1 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- Town has an overall ageing population, with limited options to participate in age appropriate activities.
- Majority of the community clubs and organisations have folded over the years do to lack of participation.
- Elderly activity groups held at the recreation reserve have been successful and there has been an increase in community interest.

K1 Speed Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/service delivery needs
Key Activities	Golf, Other
Facility Types	Golf Course, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation

Notes:

L: Tempy

Precinct Overview:



Population
(2021):
62



Median Age
(2021):
41



Households
(2021):
34

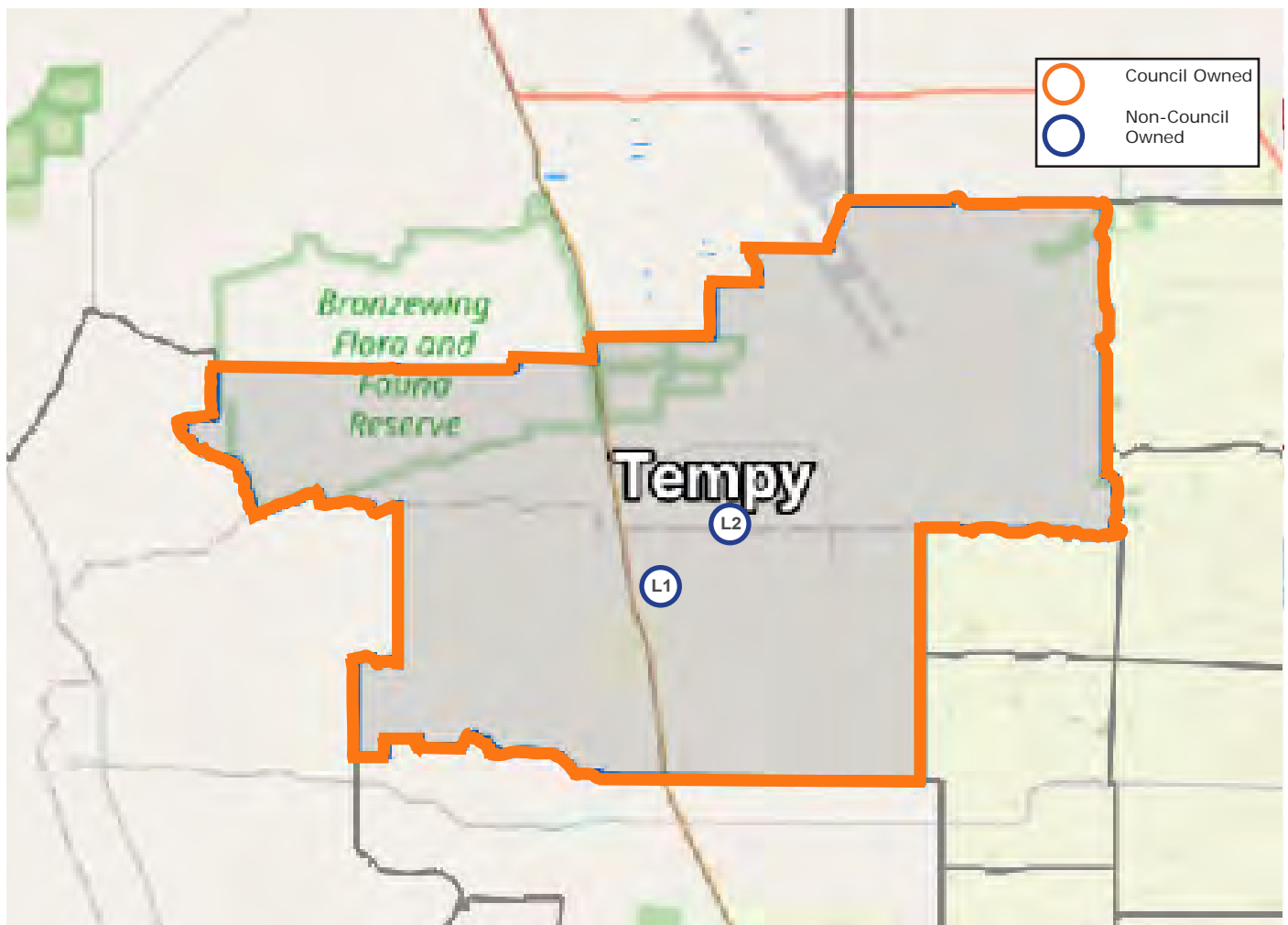


Families
(2021):
13



Average Children
Per Family
(2021):
3

Existing Sport and Recreation Facilities:



- L1 Tempy Recreation Reserve
- L2 Tempy Swimming Pool

L: Tempy

Key Demographics:

- Children aged 0-14 make up 25.8% of the population.
- People over the age of 65 years made up 29% of the population.
- There are slightly more males than females with 53.3% of the population male and 46.7% female.
- The average household size is 2.6 persons per household.

Consultation Themes:

- Town has had a recent increase in younger families and requires sport and recreation provision to suit this.
- The cricket club and its success has been a major contributor to the community.
- Recent developments such as the playground at the recreation reserve have been popular, but unfinished e.g. require edging.
- Existing facilities have been used successfully as multi-purpose spaces for social events, markets etc.

L1 Tempy Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Local Government
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Cricket, Tennis, Play, Other
Facility Types	Oval, Clubroom, Tennis Court, Sport Lighting, Play Space, Other
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

L: Tempy

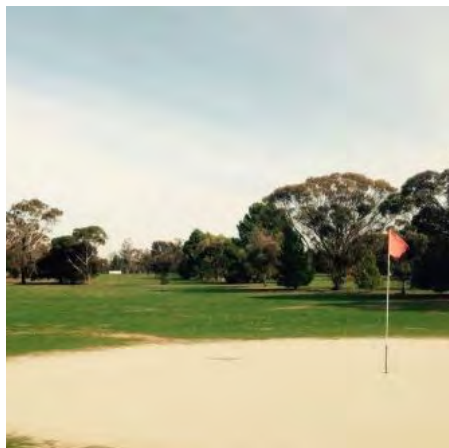
L2 Tempy Swimming Pool



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Private
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/ service delivery needs
Key Activities	Swimming
Facility Types	Swimming Pool
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

M: Other

M1 Sheep Hills Golf Club



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	4. Requires Renewal
Overall Functionality	4. Poor: Limited ability to meet program/ service delivery needs
Key Activities	Golf
Facility Types	Golf Course, Clubroom
Primary Purpose	Organised Sport
Notes:	

M2 Boolite Recreation Reserve



Hierarchy	Local
Land Ownership	Crown
Overall Condition	3. Maintenance Required
Overall Functionality	3. Fair: Meets most program/ service delivery needs and some inefficiencies and ineffectiveness present
Key Activities	Cricket, Other
Facility Types	Community Hall, Oval, Cricket Pitch
Primary Purpose	Community Recreation
Notes:	

Appendix C

Consultation Summary Report



Acknowledgements

We acknowledge that the activities that will form the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy are being held under the traditional skies and in the waterways and lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people, and Council pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging as the custodians of the environment.

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1. Introduction

Consultation Process

The consultation undertaken to inform the development of the Yarriambiack Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (YSARS) was guided by a *Communication and Engagement Strategy* which was developed in collaboration with Council during Stage 1 of the project in February 2023.

The objective was to ensure the community and key stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the YSARS and to ensure that the values and aspirations of the community and stakeholders are reflected in the YSARS.

Engagement Mechanisms

The following mechanisms were used to engage with the community and stakeholder:

- Online community survey
- Online club/user group survey
- Community and online workshops
- Stakeholder interviews

Communication and Marketing

In line with the project's *Communication and Engagement Strategy*, the opportunities for engagement were widely promoted across the Shire via the following mechanisms:

- Online
- Social media posts
- Media release
- Distribution of the flyers to sport and active recreation clubs and other relevant community organisations.

A flyer and project overview sheet were developed to support the communication process refer Figure 1.

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

TREDWELL Yarriambiack

PROJECT BACKGROUND
The Yarriambiack Shire Council and Tredwell are developing a Sport and Active Recreation Strategy which will enable a strategic and outcomes-based approach to the development of community sport and active recreation infrastructure over the next ten years. The intention of the document is to understand the current and future Sport and Active Recreation needs of the Shire and ensure a sound strategic base to advocate for funding and resources from internal and external sources. The Strategy will provide Council with a blueprint for facility management and a new funding formula to support sport and active recreation in the Shire, with due consideration to budget constraints. Council is committed to building on the regions' strengths to ensure Yarriambiack Shire is the place where people want to live, play, and invest. Therefore, Council is seeking your input into the development of the Strategy through a number of consultation methods detailed on this flyer.

COMMUNITY ONLINE SURVEY
A community online survey has been developed to capture your thoughts and ideas on the Yarriambiack Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. The survey will close on the 26th March 2023. Please scan the QR code or follow the link below to have your say
www.surveymonkey.com/CYSGSABS

CLUB/ORGANISATION SURVEY
If your club is interesting in completing a club/organisation survey please email adm@tredwell.com.au

ONLINE WORKSHOPS
You are invited to partake in one of our online Workshops. Please RSVP for your selected workshop by emailing: adm@tredwell.com.au

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS
You are invited to attend the following community engagement sessions. Please RSVP for your selected session by emailing: adm@tredwell.com.au

Woomelang
Date: Thursday 9th March, 2023
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue: Woomelang Multi-purpose Centre

Minyip
Date: Tuesday 14th March, 2023
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Minyip Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Rupanyup
Date: Wednesday 15th March, 2023
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Community Centre

Murtoa
Date: Wednesday 15th March, 2023
Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: Whitehouse Murtoa Recreation Reserve

Patchewollock
Date: Thursday 16th March, 2023
Time: 4:30pm - 5:00pm
Venue: Patchewollock Community Centre

Speed
Date: Thursday 16th March, 2023
Time: 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Speed Recreation Reserve Golf Club

Tempy
Date: Thursday 16th March, 2023
Time: 7:30pm - 8:00pm
Venue: Tempy Hall

Online Workshop 1
Date: Tuesday 21st March, 2023
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online Workshop 2
Date: Thursday 23rd March, 2023
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online Workshop 3
Date: Tuesday 7th March, 2023
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Brim Community Centre

Warracknabeal
Date: Tuesday 7th March, 2023
Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: Warracknabeal Shire Office

Beulah
Date: Wednesday 8th March, 2023
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Beulah Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Hopetoun
Date: Wednesday 8th March, 2023
Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Yaapeet
Date: Thursday 9th March, 2023
Time: 5:30pm - 6:00pm
Venue: Yaapeet Community Centre

Figure 1: Project and Community Consultation Flyer

Online Community Survey

The community survey was available online during March 2023. The survey received 49 responses.

Please refer to the summary of the key findings in Section 2.

Workshops

The community was provided with the opportunity to attend community workshops across the Shire over a two-week period in March 2023. The dates and locations of the 12 workshops were:

- Brim Community Centre: Tuesday 7/3/23 5:30-6:30pm
- Warracknabeal Shire Office: Tuesday 7/3/23 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Beulah Recreation Reserve Clubrooms: Wednesday 8/3/23 5:30-6:30pm
- Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Clubrooms: Wednesday 8/3/23 7:30-8:30pm
- Yaapeet Community Centre Thursday 9/3/23 5:30-6:00pm
- Woomelang Multi-purpose Centre: Thursday 9/3/23 7:00-8:00pm
- Minyip Recreation Reserve Clubrooms: Tuesday 14/3/23 5:30-6:30pm
- Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Community Centre: Wednesday 15/3/23 5:30-6:30pm
- Murtoa Recreation Reserve: Wednesday 15/3/23 7:30-8:30pm
- Patchewollock Community Centre: Thursday 16/3/23 4:30-5pm
- Speed Recreation Reserve Golf Club: Thursday 16/3/23 6:00-6:30pm
- Tempy Hall: Thursday 16/3/23 7:30-8pm

Two online workshops were also conducted during the evenings of the 21st and 23rd of March.

Please refer to the summary of the key findings in Section 3.

Online Club/User-Group Survey

The club/user group survey was available online during March 2023. The survey received contributions from 17 organisations:

Please refer to the summary of the key findings in Section 4.

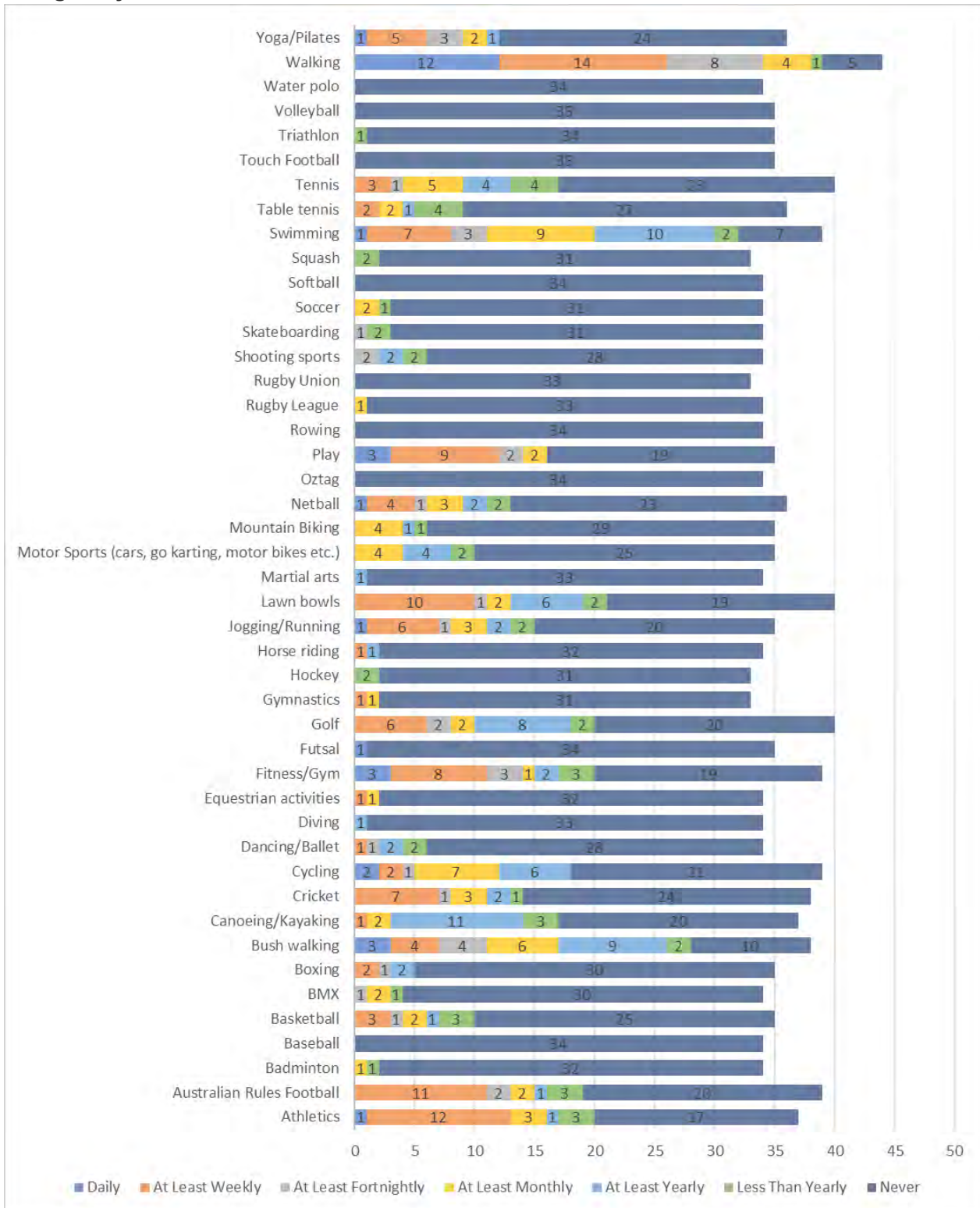
Stakeholder Interviews

Tredwell conducted the key stakeholder interviews in early August 2023. The interviews were held online via Microsoft Teams with representatives from relevant state sporting organisations (SSOs) and state government departments.

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Total Responses: 49

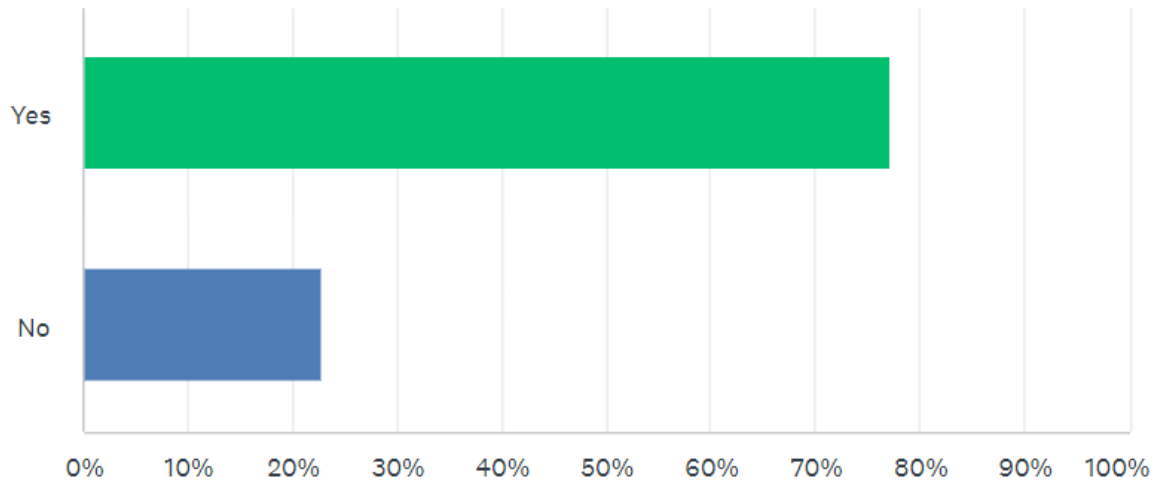
1. What sport and active recreation activities do you regularly participate in and how regularly?



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2. Are you a member of any sport and/or active recreation clubs/groups/associations?

From the 48 total responses collected for this question, 37 (77.08%) participants were existing members of sport and/or active recreation clubs/groups. Compared to 11 (22.92%) who answered they were not currently a member of any clubs/groups.



Answer Choices	Response
Yes	77.08% (37)
No	22.92% (11)
Total	48

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3. How often do you use the following facilities?

The top four facility types that are used most frequently on a daily basis include Parks and Open Spaces, Playgrounds, Sports Grounds and Swimming Pools. With other facilities such as Bowling Greens, Community Halls and Golf Courses featuring in the top facilities used from a weekly to monthly basis.

The following table displays this data with the corresponding visitation frequency rates from the survey respondents.

Facility Types	Daily	At Least Weekly	At Least Fortnightly	At Least Monthly	At Least Yearly	Less Than Yearly	Never	Total
Community Halls	0.00% (0)	17.39% (8)	8.70% (4)	21.74% (10)	41.30% (19)	4.35% (2)	6.52% (3)	46
Swimming Pools	4.55% (2)	18.18% (8)	6.82% (3)	20.45% (9)	27.27% (12)	11.36% (5)	11.36% (5)	44
Playgrounds	2.38% (1)	11.90% (5)	9.52% (4)	28.57% (12)	7.14% (3)	16.67% (7)	23.81% (10)	42
Skate Parks	0.00% (0)	2.56% (1)	2.56% (1)	5.13% (2)	12.82% (5)	10.26% (4)	66.67% (26)	39
Basketball Courts	0.00% (0)	8.11% (3)	2.70% (1)	2.70% (1)	2.70% (1)	10.81% (4)	72.97% (27)	37
Tennis Courts	0.00% (0)	6.98% (3)	4.65% (2)	13.95% (6)	16.28% (7)	11.63% (5)	46.51% (20)	43
Sports Grounds (e.g., football, soccer, cricket)	2.33% (1)	23.26% (10)	11.63% (5)	13.95% (6)	13.95% (6)	9.30% (6)	25.58% (11)	43
Bowling Greens	0.00% (0)	23.81% (10)	2.38% (1)	4.76% (2)	14.29% (6)	11.90% (5)	42.86% (18)	42
Shooting Ranges	0.00% (0)	2.56% (1)	2.56% (1)	2.56% (1)	7.69% (3)	7.69% (3)	76.92% (30)	39
Golf Courses	0.00% (0)	19.05% (8)	2.38% (1)	7.14% (3)	16.67% (7)	4.76% (2)	50.00% (21)	42
Parks and Open Spaces	13.64% (6)	36.36% (16)	20.45% (9)	9.09% (4)	9.09% (4)	2.27% (1)	9.09% (4)	44

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- I attend football and other activities at the football/recreation area often, although not necessarily playing sport myself always.
- Lake is used quite often.
- Would attend more facilities if they were more inclusive of all abilities.
- Netball courts – weekly.
- Camping areas and parks.

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4. What are the top three aspects that you like about the sport and active recreation facilities you regularly use within Yarriambiack Shire?

Due to the variety of responses obtained the table below captures the issues or constraints associated with individual sites/category.

Town	Answers
Tempy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tempy cricket nets. - Improve existing courts at Tempy - Enhance existing courts at Tempy - improving equipment available - Tempy Oval - Use current space a Tempy rec reserve for bike track
Minyip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minyip Swimming Pool is immaculately maintained, pleasure to swim in. - Walking track at Minyip Wetlands & Caravan Park very enjoyable- spectacular sunsets - New Surface at Minyip ground - New net facilities at Minyip
Rupanyup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rupanyup Football ground lights
Warracknabeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warracknabeal rifle club have friendly members - Anzac park is close to where I live - The level of service Anzac park supplies its user groups.
Hopetoun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake Lascelles as facility to use as a walking precinct
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community and social benefits (11) - Competition (3) - Variety of activities and facilities (6) - Accessibility and location of facilities (19) - Open spaces and general recreation areas (3) - Bowling greens (1) - Safety (2) - Health benefits (3) - Affordability (1) - Maintenance (1) - Table Tennis (1) - Volunteers (2) - Affordability (2) - Playgrounds (1) - Martial Arts (1) - Organisation and Management (4) - Dancing (1) - Suitable facilities (3) - Age appropriate (1) - Friendly environment (7)

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5. What are the three issues or constraints with sport and active recreation facilities you regularly use within Yarriambiack Shire?

Due to the variety of responses obtained the table below captures the issues or constraints associated with individual sites/category.

Town	Answers
Minyip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of space for socializing at Minyip Recreation reserve. - Inadequate facilities for changing for particularly female participants and kitchen facilities far too small and outdated, at Minyip. - Lack of playground in a central location at Minyip Rec Reserve. - Poor lighting at Minyip Football ground. - Change rooms at Minyip are out dated and cramped.
Rupanyup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Net facilities at Rupanyup are terrible. - There is not enough in Rupanyup.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdated and ageing facilities (11) - Maintenance issues (9) - Require upgrades (12) - Access (Disability access, opening hours, travel distance etc.) (11) - Volunteers (6) - Funding (4) - Not up to standards of peak bodies (3) - Poor condition and provision of amenities (toilets, changerooms etc.) (6) - Lack of age-appropriate facilities and activities (2) - Promotion and advertisement (2) - Low participation rates (1) - Not enough recreational trails (2) - Climate change and weather events (1) - Access to coaches and instructors (1) - Water restrictions (1) - Insufficient playgrounds (1)

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6. Please list your top three upgrades or improvements that you would like to see for recreation and community facilities within the Yarriambiack Shire Council?

Town	Answers
Murtoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Murtoa Bowls club. - Upgrade Murtoa Bowling Club buildings. - Upgrade to Murtoa Community Centre (White House). - Rail installation, Repair, and repainting of the Murtoa pool. - Football facilities Murtoa. - Replace the green at Murtoa Bowling Club. - Rubberised soft fall surfaces for Murtoa playground at lake reserve. - Lake precinct at Murtoa. - New basketball stadium in Murtoa. - Bicycle track from Murtoa to the Barrabool Forest or Jung Rec Reserve. - Roof replacement and outdoor patio at Murtoa Golf Club. - Second netball court at Murtoa would be wonderful. - Upgrade of community centre.
Rupanyup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor cricket in stadium at Rupanyup. - New cricket nets at Rupanyup. - Rupanyup primary school needs tennis court, new basketball/netball court. - New surface for Rupanyup Oval. - Rupanyup primary should get table tennis and shire should fund this. Being a rural small school, we don't have the financials to offer these to our children, but our school can.
Woomelang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Woomelang Bowling Clubroom facilities. - Walking track connecting Woomelang facilities and attractions. - Woomelang Rec Ground. - Somehow make use of the currently disused football ground. Perhaps race track, BMX or go-kart track or equestrian activities.
Patchewollock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seasonal swimming pool access in Patchewollock. - Upgrade Patchewollock tennis courts. - Exercise machines and walking trail upgrade for Patchewollock. - Basketball court upgrade/replacement for Patchewollock. - Upgrade some of the available spaces e.g., put in basketball net, netball ring.
Hopetoun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hopetoun Swimming pool upgrade. - Toilet block at Hopetoun Golf Clubhouse. - Hopetoun Recreation Reserve has a bad dust problem in particular during the warmer months of the year. To overcome the problem, sealed vehicle tracks on the east and west sides of the reserve would eliminate the dust problem, which also affects the Hopetoun Campus of Rural Northwest Health which is located on the east side of the reserve. - Start a Parkrun, maybe around Lake Lascelles in Hopetoun. - Hopetoun Golf Club clubroom developments. - Improvements to the community area of the Hopetoun golf clubhouse. - Shade cover to Hopetoun bowling green.
Minyip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to upgrade some of the changeroom facilities at Minyip Recreation Reserve. - Minyip Recreation Reserve needs a massive upgrade to be brought into line with the facilities offered by nearby towns- change rooms, toilets. - Need a second netball court at Minyip. - New lights at Minyip. - Remove old grand stand at Minyip Rec Reserve. - Need to upgrade the football facilities at Minyip. - Minyip Recreation Reserve to become Community Hub. - New changerooms for Minyip.

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Town	Answers
Warracknabeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anzac park master plan projects. - Toilets at Warracknabeal pool & Anzac Park. - Netball courts Warracknabeal. - Permanent Bench rests at all ranges at the Warracknabeal Rifle Club. - Changeroom facilities Anzac park Warracknabeal.
Beulah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New toilets at bowling green. - Upgrade walking track.
Ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance with paying for oval watering fees. - Watering system upgrade for recreation reserve.
Bowling Greens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New greens. - Bowling club to have a few comfortable sofa lounges to give a more relaxing atmosphere where people can not only play bowls but also sit and have a drink and chat more comfortably. - Synthetic surface for lawn bowls. - Synthetic surface is crucial to the bowls club's survival.
Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming pool needs total overhaul. - Enclose the swimming pool. - Heating for swimming pool. - Maintain pool facilities for lifelong learning. - Instal splash park.
BMX/Bike Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrade BMX track at oval. - Build a bike track. - Pump track.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playgrounds need more equipment and a skate park. - Walking track maintenance. - Outdoor exercise equipment. - More playgrounds or play spaces for older teens. - Improve access to different facilities for people with physical disabilities.

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7. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know	Total
Sport and active recreation are important aspect of our community.	95.35% (41)	4.65% (2)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	43
There are plenty of opportunities to be involved with the sport and active recreation activities that I enjoy.	23.26% (10)	39.53% (17)	23.26% (10)	6.98% (3)	6.98% (3)	0.00% (0)	43
The existing sport and active recreation facilities are meeting my needs (e.g., sports grounds, parks, skate parks)	2.33% (1)	20.93% (9)	25.58% (11)	34.88% (15)	16.28% (7)	0.00% (0)	43
The existing sport and active recreation facilities are generally well managed.	9.30% (4)	44.19% (19)	25.58% (11)	13.95% (6)	6.98% (3)	0.00% (0)	43
The existing sport and active recreation facilities are generally easily accessible and affordable.	11.63% (5)	67.44% (29)	11.63% (5)	4.65% (2)	4.65% (2)	0.00% (0)	43
There are sufficient opportunities for public transport to sport and active recreation facilities.	0.00% (0)	4.65% (2)	9.30% (4)	37.21% (16)	44.19% (19)	4.65% (2)	43
There are sufficient opportunities for young people to participate in sport and active recreation activities.	6.98% (3)	37.21% (16)	27.91% (12)	13.95% (6)	11.63% (5)	2.33% (1)	43
There are sufficient opportunities for older people to participate in sport and active recreation activities.	4.65% (2)	37.21% (16)	27.91% (12)	20.93% (9)	9.30% (4)	0.00% (0)	43
There are sufficient opportunities for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to participate in sport and active recreation activities.	2.33% (1)	39.53% (17)	25.58% (11)	13.95% (6)	9.30% (4)	9.30% (4)	43

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Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know	Total
There are sufficient opportunities for low-income families to participate in sport and active recreation activities.	2.33% (1)	27.91% (12)	27.91% (12)	25.58% (11)	11.63% (5)	4.65% (2)	43
The current sport and active recreation facilities are sufficient for significant events.	2.33% (1)	16.28% (7)	16.28% (7)	41.86% (18)	23.26% (10)	0.00% (0)	43
The multi-use and optimal use of sport and active recreation facilities is important.	47.62% (20)	47.62% (20)	0.00% (0)	2.38% (1)	2.38% (1)	0.00% (0)	42
The development of contemporary, flexible, and sustainable sport and active recreation facilities is important.	60.47% (26)	32.56% (14)	0.00% (0)	2.33% (1)	2.33% (1)	2.33% (1)	43

Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In a small rural community, it is important for facilities to be up to date and multipurpose to allow for inclusion of all ages and abilities. - While most facilities are well run, they are run down due to age and lack of funding. - Providing safe updated facilities that meet safe sporting standards and kitchen facilities will allow our town financial benefit from external sources. - Hopetoun Swimming Pool has been ignored by Council. - We are in a spot where everything related to active living is at least 30 to 90 minutes away. Many of our community members rely on others for transportation. Having activities all year around will definitely encourage more participation. Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. - While multi-use is important, there are opportunities to increase health and social outcomes without multi-use so this should not be a deciding factor in upgrading facilities. The maintenance of multiple facilities for the one club also flies in the face of multi-use facilities a little bit. The shire needs to focus on a diverse offering of sports rather than just focusing on football and netball. Our local experience across a number of community groups indicates that while popular people are looking for more than just footy and netball. Outdoor sport including water and motorsport is a great opportunity to keep young people in the region and keep them in local jobs and is also an underutilised tourism opportunity especially in the north of the shire. The predicted downturn in provision of swimming pools is also a concern as this is where young people learn an invaluable life skill. - Most of the Minyip clubs like lawn bowls and the golf club are in serious need of updating, while they are well cleaned, the dated and worn-out flooring, kitchens and bathrooms can put as one of and make it hard to clean. The seating needs updating too, I wouldn't be surprised if they are from the 80s by the appearance, the clubs all accept non playing or social members, it's great community spirit but needs help being better. - Minyip has very active Field and Game Club (Clay Target Shooting). They used to hold a huge school's competition with up to 400 students from all over western Victoria. However, with more rules in shooting sports, they now cannot hold it because of lack of volunteers. - I have family members that have physical disabilities, two kids I would consider having mild disabilities. Most sports and activities in town have told them it is too hard to include them. Even gym and pool access in the past has been impossible, the only place where they have

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been made to feel welcome is the **Warracknabeal Rifle club** which then has an age limit on it which means kids need to be older to be able to compete.

- This shire is terrible at keeping areas clean and safe and it's a shame.
- All sporting facilities in **Minyip** are starting to show their age. Particularly the football shed and netball room at Minyip. Recent minor upgrades to the football shed to add a female toilet and showers were ok, but not very well planned out.
- Inclusivity and affordability are two key issue last to address particularly for getting kids involved.

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8. Please add any other comments you would like to make regarding sport and active recreation facilities in Yarriambiack Shire.

Town	Comments
Hopetoun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hopetoun Swimming Pool requirements: Pool to be lined or cracks to be sealed; Concrete surface beam around perimeter of pool to be replaced with wash deck; PH and Chlorine controllers to be replaced with modern units - Pump to be replaced with higher capacity unit; Much of concrete concourse to be replaced; Small pool to be replaced with splash park; Fence around plant room to be replaced (was removed by Council and has laid on ground for many months creating a hazard). - It was somewhat disappointing that Hopetoun Bowling Club did not receive funding for another synthetic bowling green. I raise this issue in relation to not my generation, but the number of participants that have engaged in barefoot bowls this year at Hopetoun. The attendances this year to participate in it has been staggering. So have we been somewhat bereft looking to the future.
Minyip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I feel the upgrade to Minyip Recreation Reserve is beyond due and needs urgent attention. - Please help Minyip Bowls and Golf Club, I love all the sports clubs here, but I see these two as in dated states. Thank you for hearing my thoughts. Glad you're doing the survey and hopefully a strategy can be worked out. - For the town of Minyip to attract families and visitors we need to upgrade our sporting facilities at the recreation reserve. We also need to present opportunities for all ages to live and enjoy our town. We are an aging population, and a synthetic lawn bowls surface is crucial to the survival of the bowling club. DMS is in the process of beginning their mining operations and we need to offer the best facilities possible to families and singles who will be part of the building operation. - Minyip is needing sporting and park/playground areas for older children, seriously lacking for pre-teen and teenage children e.g., bike track needs work and skate park facilities with green areas that other towns in our shire have.
Murtoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The lake needs some strategic facilities to promote water sports e.g., boat sheds, canoe launch. The Murtoa Bowling Club is a welcoming facility but needs upgrading.
Rupanyup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like to see the Rupanyup stadium converted to an indoor cricket area. - I would like to see the shire upgrade the Rupanyup primary school; it will bring people into our school. We need to improve all our facilities, so our young ones are able to try activities. Such as table tennis, basketball, tennis, hockey etc. the school isn't able to offer this due to funding and numbers are very low at the school. The shire have committed to Murtoa Dunmunkle Day Care in Murtoa and should be upgrading other towns because as I am sure we all know the Dunmunkle Day Care is going to hurt all of the small towns around them. The shire should have looked better into this option, as if the small schools aren't struggling enough. I know the shire are going to say we should get funding from the department, but it doesn't work that way. We apply for grants and don't get them. And by not having enough children in Rupanyup PS we don't have the funds to upgrade/update. The shire should be making an effort and try to keep our young ones in their own home town.

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Patchewollock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If funding is available, it would be really great to see an improvement in the availability of sport and recreation activities for all ages here in Patchewollock. Even on a fortnightly or monthly basis would be good. How about some Tai Chi at the hall? That is accessible for all ages. Would there be any chance of negotiating community access to the swimming pool located inside the Patchewollock Hotel during the warmer months? Lake Lascelles at Hopetoun is great, but a bit too far for everyday use. A small walking track is already present behind the recently reopened train station. How about redeveloping that existing area, and extending the walking track down to the silo art? It would be great if some public exercise machines could also be installed along the track. Good for locals and tourists alike. Our children enjoy the playground, but some shade sails for the warmer months would be great. It is unusable in summer. As they grow older, usable basketball and netball courts would be really good. The original courts are in quite a state and could do with resurfacing and fencing. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. - Organise some mobile/travelling sports/fitness activities with instructors that could be setup in community halls, so residents can try different things e.g., yoga, Pilates, pickleball, badminton, circuit training, dancing (Zumba, ballroom, hip hop, big variety etc). Go to the small towns (e.g., Patchewollock!) not just the bigger towns like Warracknabeal, Hopetoun etc.
Warracknabeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of our sporting venues within Anzac park are out dated where they are requiring major redevelopments to bring them up to a better standard. - In Warracknabeal we have great (but aging) facilities. There is so much passion but let's try to get more people involved.
Yaapeet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are no sporting facilities in Yaapeet for the community.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stock standard sports for a small country town such as footy and netball are the main focus. There is not much light shone on other sports or the availability for other sports. - Free, low-cost options and come and try sessions or short 4-6 programs for low socioeconomic families and in general to entice families to try/participate in active recreation. Support organisations to access grants. Create networks to support management/compliance same sport/activity across towns. Don't work in silos. - Lawn bowls surface everywhere we play is we play is synthetic, so we need to practice on synthetic. Also grass uses a lot of water and volunteers time for up keep. - The recreation reserves/sporting grounds need their current financial support to be able to sustain the level of standard that they provide. More support would easily be welcomed by user groups/ rec reserve committees. - Please make a priority a camp area with water, lawn, and facilities. All our service clubs would jump on board to help with fundraising What a great way to bring the community and its groups together on a significant project that would have recreational, financial, and social benefits for our community and visitors. - Being 80 and living well out of town it is not convenient to attend organized activities in towns. - Sport is what brings a community together there should NOT be a focus on one particular sport or facility. Each one is as important to its participants as the other no matter the numbers involved. Thank you for supporting us. - Promotion of the benefits of sport and someone to buddy up with entry level participants is needed to get people started and address the poor health standards of Yarriambiack residents. Examination of the barriers to participation is required.

3. Workshops

As part of the twelve workshops conducted throughout the Shire an activity was used to understand what is working, what is not working and what is missing for sport and active recreation within the LGA. It is essential that we understand these elements to ascertain which features should not be lost, what should not be repeated and where opportunities may be uncovered to create new spaces that unlock the potential for sport and active recreation. The responses collected from this activity are shown in the following pages and will help to inform the development of the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy.

Workshop 1 - Brim

Tuesday 7th March 2023 – 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Brim Community Centre

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Cr Kylie Zanker, YSC, Mayor
- Cr Graeme Massey, YSC
- Graeme Holland, Brim Sports and Social Club Inc., Secretary
- Graham Atkin, Brim Sports, and Social Club Inc.
- Kelvin Gouin, Brim Sports and Social Club Inc. and Golf Club
- David Stewart, Brim Sports, and Social Club Inc.
- Shane Wardle, Brim Bowls Club

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What’s working for sport and active recreation in Brim?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure and layout of the sports centre has aged well. • Clubrooms are used as community centres for social events such as meetings and birthday parties. • New netball courts resulted in increase of usage. • Maintaining existing facilities is a large focus of the community. • Continued maintenance of the lion’s club trail. • Skiing, fishing etc. is popular at weir pool among both locals and tourists. • Positive feedback for the yoga/tai chi that was held at the hall in the past.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What’s not working for sport and active recreation in Brim?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of space for additional facilities. • Cricket club’s roller is outdated and requires an update to conduct turf wicket maintenance. • Lack of “manpower” to manage home games. • Struggles with population and a large ageing population. • Lack of volunteers within the community. • Programming clashes between clubs. • Increasing maintenance costs for old facilities.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Brim?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Brim?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's football is emerging within the Warracknabeal Football Club. • Cricket nets at the Recreation Reserve require and upgrade. • Potential for an independent netball changeroom. • New football coaches' boxes, as current ones are outdated and require maintenance. • Additional shade throughout the Brim Recreation Reserve precinct. • Lights at the oval are over 30 years old and require an upgrade to meet club's needs. • Upgrade boundary fencing to a picket style fence. • Current playspace does not meet current playspace standards and design. • New kitchen fit out for the kitchen located within the clubrooms. • Solar panels require maintenance to be working at their full potential. • Women's facilities need to be upgraded to meet current standards. • Golf club requires a new tractor to continue to carry out course maintenance. • Upgrade to perimeter fencing for the golf course. • Golf course is only used in certain seasons and would like to extend their operating time throughout the year. • New trail to the creek, linking the creek to the town. • Potential for further trail developments at the back of the weir pool. • Outdoor gyms are a good idea, but concerns were raised about usage rates. • MTB and/or pump track would be a good addition. Potential location at the south end of the creek. • Both the toilets and shade area at the bowls club are in poor condition and require an upgrade and/or replacement. • The bowls club clubrooms are very old (over 100 years old), and it is a club priority to replace them. Potential to relocate an old school building. • A new synthetic bowling green is preferred. • Bar fridge at bowls club no longer meets clubs needs and requires a replacement. • New perimeter fencing for the bowls club.

Workshop 2 - Warracknabeal

Tuesday 7th March 2023 – 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Warracknabeal Shire Office

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Tammy Smith, YSC, CEO
- Cr Graeme Massey, YSC
- Rod Sinclair, Warracknabeal Bowls Club
- Dawn Watton, Warracknabeal Golf and Bowls Club
- Nathan Mclean, Warracknabeal Eagles Football Club, Warracknabeal Golf Club
- Melissa Evans, Teacher, Parent
- Peter Clayton, ANZAC Park, Teacher
- Michael Evans, ANZAC Park
- Terry Sanders, Warracknabeal Golf and Bowls Club
- Justin Knorpp, Warracknabeal Eagles Football Club, Active Farmers

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Warracknabeal?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All current clubs and facilities are valued by the community. • There is already a range of good quality existing facilities. • The sponsorships from local businesses are a great support. • The supply of a diverse range of programs and activities in the town. The choice and variety helps increase junior participation. • Continue to increase maintenance of existing facilities. • Continue support of the gym and support its expansion and growth. • Support the growth and value of the basketball stadium and programs within the community. • Potential need for a soccer field in the town, as it is popular among school-age kids. • All current facilities are valued and functional, but overall could do with an upgrade. • The current community volunteers and continue to promote for further volunteer participation.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Warracknabeal?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrinking volunteer pool due to poor club/community culture. • The outdated swimming pool changerooms require an upgrade. • Duplicate facilities throughout the shire e.g., football and bowls. • The lack of seating at the basketball stadium does not meet the needs of the community. • Changerooms and the community centre at ANZAC Park are in poor condition. • The high volunteer burn out rate within the community is a concern. • The lack of a stadium manager is resulting in missed access opportunities for users. • Remove or repurpose the croquet green at the Bowls Club. • Remove asbestos from the bowls club. • Problems associated with a decrease in participation/population across all clubs and sports.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Warracknabeal?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Warracknabeal?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessible walking track around the creek and upgrades to current track e.g., surface and lights.• All ability playgrounds throughout the shire.• More after school programs offering alternate recreation activities for kids that don't play sport.• Introduce more pump tracks and dirt jumps.• Outdoor basketball court e.g., half courts with lights.• Even distribution of funding to all clubs and activities.• Creating precinct for outlying facilities.• Potential for showgrounds space.• Extend/upgrade to skatepark facility.• Continue to develop indoor stadium e.g., additional courts and programs.• Develop a soccer ground and club within Warracknabeal.

Workshop 3 - Beulah

Wednesday 8th March 2023 – 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Beulah Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Cr Chris Lehman, YSC
- Cr Kylie Zanker, YSC, Mayor
- Cr Andrew McKlean, YSC
- Craig Forsyth, Beulah Bowls Club
- Bridget Williams, Beulah Netball/Football Club, Swimming Pool
- Barb Moore, Progress Association

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Beulah?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community values all current facilities, especially due to already losing the tennis and cricket club. • The swimming pool is popular among the community but is struggling to find life guards and keep up with expenses such as chemicals. • Working bees and volunteers helping support clubs/facilities. • The waterslide at the pool, but it requires maintenance to meet safety standards. • The new netball facilities have recently been finished and there has been positive feedback among users. • New mower has been purchased and will be a great asset moving forward. • Cricket nets are used for junior cricket but are in poor condition and require maintenance. • Turf Wickets throughout shire, as these are good for the change to football season. • Use of clubrooms for social occasions such as parties and meetings. Community is aiming to have them open on the weekends for community use. Kitchen will need to be upgraded to meet needs of the increased usage. • The multi-use of facilities as this is favourable for funding applications. • School use of oval and other facilities for school sports etc. • Support of events such as music festivals and fishing competitions. • Recreation activities at the weir pool such as skiing, fishing and bird watching. • Using the hall for indoor bowls and performing arts. • The caravan park and continue to develop the facilities as this is popular among tourists.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Beulah?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers are required to write grant applications and they are becoming more difficult. • Issue with hot water for showers and changerooms. • Replace old facilities with new ones to decrease maintenance costs. • Outdated male and female toilet, which do not meet current standards. • Issues with vandalism at facilities and local school.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Beulah?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Beulah?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A gym in town like those in Hopetoun and Warracknabeal.• More equipment at the pool for older kids and new lane ropes.• Paint the pool, acknowledging there is issues around the required draining of the water.• Create more programs for kids such as tennis lessons etc.• Upgrade to water system, issues relating to the pump room.• Roller requires maintenance or renewal to meet turf wicket maintenance needs.• Synthetic green for bowls club and upgrades to toilet facilities.• Curbing and footpaths at the bowls club.• Additional sets of bowls suitable for school programs.• Bowls club kitchen needs an upgrade and a dishwasher.• Electronic scoreboard for the netball club.• Additional seating around oval.• Skatepark and/or pump track to attract kids to town.

Workshop 4 - Hopetoun

Wednesday 8th March 2023 – 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Hopetoun Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Cr Kylie Zanker, YSC, Mayor
- Trudi Cook, Hopetoun Netball Club
- Lucas Puckle, Hopetoun Football Club
- Barb Hallam, Hopetoun Golf Club
- Daryl Burdett, Hopetoun Bowls Club

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Hopetoun?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community is grateful for all the facilities and clubs they do have, but many are ageing and require a lot of maintenance. • Water skiing , kayaking, fishing, and other recreational activities on the lake. • Tourism in the town is steady and Lake Lascelles is a large contributor to this. • The community values the swimming pool and its associated facilities. • The ability to be able to use the recreation reserve clubrooms for social events and functions. • The poetry walk around the town making use of empty shop fronts. • The community gym in the old fire station is well managed and popular among the community. • The go-kart track has potential to reopen in the near future and be made available to the community.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Hopetoun?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue relating to participation and volunteers throughout the community. • The Hopetoun golf course rooms and facilities are very old and towards the end of their useful life. • Lack of well-maintained and accessible recreational trails/walking track within the town and surrounding areas. • The swimming pool is leaking and requires major works. • The oval sprinkler system is very old and needs to be replaced to meet maintenance needs. • Netball sheds need an upgrade e.g., the visitor showers/toilets. • Speeding cars and traffic around the lake, particularly in zones shared with pedestrians and cyclists.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Hopetoun?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Hopetoun?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cover over the bowling green to enable year-round play in all weather conditions.• New clubrooms and/or a new toilet block at the golf club to replace existing ageing facility (60+ years old).• Maintenance needs to be carried out on the 9-hole mini golf course for it to be functional.• The bowls and tennis club have potential to be shared/multi-use facilities.• Cricket nets require upgrades e.g., power supply for a bowling machine.• The skatepark would benefit from a shaded and grassed area for users.• More playspaces including pump tracks, accessible splash pad etc.• Shaded and cover on the west end of the netball court.• Resurface tennis courts and update the outdoor basketball rings.

Workshop 5 - Yaapeet

Thursday 9th March 2023 – 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Yaapeet Community Centre

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Claire White, Yaapeet Community Club
- Carolyn Carr, Yaapeet Community Club
- Jon Fuller, Yaapeet Community Club
- Joy Matthews, Yaapeet Community Club
- Julie Fuller, Yaapeet Community Club
- Jym Fuller, Yaapeet Community Club

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Yaapeet?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hall is in great condition for its age and has lots of potential for various uses. • Tennis courts are used for social tennis by both campers and locals. • Turkey Bottom Lake is a popular recreation area. • Tracks and trails surrounding Turkey Bottom Lake. • The caravan park is popular and attracts visitors.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Yaapeet?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose old school facilities and equipment. • Poor management of trails and recreation areas e.g., weed management. • Locals are travelling to surrounding towns for recreation opportunities.
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Yaapeet?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Yaapeet?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further recreation opportunities at Turkey Bottom Lake e.g., fishing, boating etc. • Increase the usage of the hall e.g., has been used in the past for indoor bowls. • There is potential for annual events similar to those in surrounding towns. • Opportunities involving the national park and adventure tourist e.g., local enduro motorbike races. • Pump track or dirt jumps for local children on bikes. • A walking track from the caravan park to the lake.

Workshop 6 - Woomelang

Thursday 9th March 2023 – 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Woomelang Multi-purpose Centre

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Cr Chris Lehmann, YSC
- Joan Pratt, Woomelang B.C.
- Gwen McCall, Woomelang B.C.
- Melanie Kelly, Woomelang Swimming Pool & Tennis Club
- Graeme Symes, Woomelang B.C.
- Bhubinderjit Kaur Uttam Singh, WDBNC
- Martin Cawthorne
- Margaret Clarke
- Fred Clarke
- Don Collins
- Kaye Collins
- Brydie Kelly
- Joe Collins, WDDA & Retirement Units

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Woomelang?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community values the remaining facilities and activities. Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tennis Club - Bowling Club - Swimming Pool - Men's Shed & Craft Group - CWA - Library - Gym • The importance of maintaining current facilities as the community realised the negative effect of losing the football club.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Woomelang?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old school facilities (e.g., playground equipment) is derelict and should either be removed or repurposed within the community. • Issues associated with volunteer burnout and a decrease in volunteer participation. • Clear the school site to develop affordable housing in an attempt to increase town population. • The large amount of activities and concentrate efforts on a select few.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Woomelang?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Woomelang?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop the bowls club to create a central community hub and social space.• Explore the feasibility of installing solar heating in the pool.• Potential for a historical town walk/ride.• Increase the pool opening hours to better suit all residents.• Improvements to the Bowls Club kitchen to facilitate for social events.• Continue to support the use of the football clubrooms for meals and social clubs.

Workshop 7 – Minyip

Tuesday 14th March 2023 – 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Minyip Recreation Reserve Clubrooms

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Rebecca Botheras, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Daryl Holden
- Marie Milgate, Minyip Swimming Pool
- Ray White, Minyip Progress Association
- Jodie Krelle, Minyip Progress Association
- Chris O’Connell, Minyip Bowls Club
- Lucy Young, Minyip Primary School
- Bruce Midgley, Minyip Bowls Club
- Gina Gellian, Minyip Recreation Reserve
- Steph Funcke, Minyip Bowls Club & Golf Club
- Kristy Davidson, Kindergarten, gym, and various sports groups
- Janelle, Various sporting groups
- Dave Mitchell, Community Member
- Scott Arnold, MMFNC
- Trent Kerrins, Minyip Recreation Reserve

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What’s working for sport and active recreation in Minyip?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep all existing facilities and further develop them to meet community’s needs. • The access to parking around the oval boundary. • All the playgrounds are utilised by the community.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What’s not working for sport and active recreation in Minyip?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grandstand. It is currently not being used and failed a recent building inspection. • The tennis courts in their current form and condition. • The swimming pool facilities require a replacement or major upgrade. • The BMX track in its current form. Requires renewal, as it is valued by the local youth. • The old sheds e.g., football sheds and pavilion. • The Men’s Shed requires renewal.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Minyip?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Minyip?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A hard surface multi-use path.• New facilities for the Men's Shed.• Renewal of the BMX track and possible introduction of a skatepark in town.• Multi-use court including rebound wall and basketball ring.• Further development of water area at the caravan park.• Install an updated playspace at the recreation reserve.• Toilet and shower block at the Field and Game facilities.• Improved lighting at the recreation reserve.• Synthetic green for the bowls club.• Aquatic programs at the pool.• Upgrades to the golf club and its facilities.• Further development of the recreation reserve.

Workshop 8 - Rupanyup

Wednesday 15th March 2023 – 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Rupanyup Recreation Reserve Community Centre

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Gavin Blinman, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Carmel Healy, Rupanyup Progress Association
- Adrian Tyler, Rupanyup Progress Association
- Stephen Linggham, Rupanyup Recreation Reserve
- Robyn Cox, Robyn's Food Van
- Paul Morgan, Rupanyup Recreation Reserve

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Rupanyup?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strong community support and volunteer participation for sport and active recreation. • Increasing population due to the introduction of large businesses e.g., mining. • Walking tracks and informal walking groups. • Passive recreation at the church e.g., arts and craft. • The community garden. • Social events such as those held at the bowling club every Friday night. • Parks and playgrounds. • Swimming pool.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Rupanyup?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor oval irrigation system. • Volunteer burnout. • Repurpose the indoor court at the recreation reserve. • Repurpose the town hall as it is not being used much.
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Rupanyup?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Rupanyup?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor cricket nets at the indoor court. • Install goal nets and update boundary fencing. • Public toilet upgrades at the recreation reserve. • Skatepark or pump track. • Upgrades to male and female toilets at the bowls club. • Install more seating around the oval. • Walking trails need further maintenance and resurfacing. • Introduction of more sustainable features for facilities such as solar panels and recycled water. • Multi-purpose use of the clubrooms as a social space.

Workshop 9 - Murtoa

Wednesday 15th March 2023 – 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Whitehouse Murtoa Recreation Reserve

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Gavin Blinman, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Tony Baker, Murtoa Bowling Club
- Andy Delahunty, Murtoa Recreation Reserve
- Darren Schultz, Lubeck Soldiers Memorial Reserve
- Jason Keel, Murtoa Recreation Reserve
- John Hamilton, Murtoa Recreation Reserve

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Murtoa?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The masterplan submission and its associated vision. • Recreation activities on the lake e.g., fishing, skiing etc. • Swimming pool is well managed. • Separate committees style works well. • Culture of football and cricket club attracts players from other towns. • Continuation of the precinct (layout).
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Murtoa?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for bowls club to sell the extra green. • Lack of facilities for women and people with disabilities. • Lawn bowls toilets are not accessible. • Old legacy issues around town. • Not enough facilities to cater for female participation. • Volunteer burnout e.g., same members on each committee. • Repurpose the old firefighting course owned by the lake committee.
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Murtoa?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Murtoa?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most facilities are ageing and ready for renewal. • Explore the feasibility of knocking over some facilities and starting again as maintenance costs have become too high. • Playground and splash pad on the far side of the lake. • New skatepark and pump track. • Town gym and/or outdoor equipment. • Outdoor basketball ring (half court at the lake). • Kayak storage shed/boat house. • More toilets and a shower at Rabl Park. Potential to charge for access to shower facilities. • Stage at the lake for social events. • Sand for long jump and triple jump used for school sports.

Workshop 10 - Patchewollock

Thursday 16th March 2023 – 4:30pm - 5:00pm

Patchewollock Community Centre

Attendees:

- Matt Bradley, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Gavin Blinman, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Goddard Family

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Patchewollock?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated tennis courts. • The new meeting room at the old train station.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Patchewollock?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose or renew ageing facilities e.g., netball court and recreation reserve clubrooms. • Having to travel to surrounding towns for all sport and recreation opportunities.
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Patchewollock?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Patchewollock?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation tracks and trails around town e.g., around oval, and along old railway. • Multi-use court including netball and basketball ring. Allowing kids to practice sports. • Bike track and/or pump track for kids to ride bikes.

Workshop 11 - Speed

Thursday 16th March 2023 – 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Speed Recreation Reserve Golf Club

Attendees:

- Matt Bradley, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Gavin Blinman, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- Merelyn, Speed Recreation Reserve
- Les Down, Speed Recreation Reserve
- Yvonne Down, Speed Recreation Reserve

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Speed?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elderly activities (e.g., group exercises) held at the Recreation Reserve. • Social events at the recreation reserve clubrooms. • Accessible walking tracks.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Speed?</p> <p>Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of sport and recreation clubs have folded such as tennis and golf. • Replace town hall with a play space/ park.
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Speed?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Speed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play space for local children. • Further maintenance at recreation reserve e.g., mowing. • Further development of recreational trail suitable for younger children and the elderly. • Renew public toilets at the oval. • Explore opportunities to further utilise the oval for events e.g., caravans/camping. • Shade and seating at the oval.

Workshop 12 - Tempy

Thursday 16th March 2023 – 7:30pm - 8:00pm

Tempy Hall

Attendees:

- Matt Bradley, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Gavin Blinman, Yarriambiack Shire Council (YSC)
- TBC

Question	Response
<p>KEEP</p> <p>What's working for sport and active recreation in Tempy? Which sport and active recreation facilities should be maintained? Which sport and active recreation facilities would we miss if they were removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cricket club and its associated facilities is the priority of the community in regard to sport and active recreation. • The recreation reserve including the new playground (including shade sales) and the nearby town hall are valued by the community. • Activities and programs hosted in the community hall such as market and social events, offer alternate recreation options and are important to the community. • The range of facilities offered at the local school including basketball court, tennis court and oval. • The pool in Tempy, although small (12m), is popular among the local community and neighbouring towns. • Locals use the Speed Golf Club facilities for social events etc. • The Vic Swim swimming lessons and morning swim programs held at the swimming pool.
<p>TOSS</p> <p>What's not working for sport and active recreation in Tempy? Which sport and active recreation facilities should be removed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old storage shed at the oval needs to be removed and replaced due to its poor condition and functionality. • Playground in the rec reserve is not yet finished and requires edging to contain the soft-fall material. • Removal of older facilities that may contain asbestos.

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Question	Response
<p>CREATE</p> <p>What's missing for sport and active recreation in Tempy?</p> <p>What do we wish we had?</p> <p>What would improve sport and active recreation in Tempy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need in the community for an indoor gym with equipment. Potential to have this at the hall or cricket clubrooms/changerooms. • Create more opportunities for community members to complete lifeguard courses to enable them to work at the pool. • Support the use of the community hall for things such as markets, social events, exercise, and dance classes. • Provision of soft gym mats for the hall would be useful for community classes. • Upgrades to clubrooms and changerooms (e.g., the tiles in the showers) to ensure accessibility and to meet compliance of current standards. • Ensure facilities have suitable air conditioning to allow for year-round usage. • Replace old shed to store maintenance equipment such as the tractor and mower. • Recreational trail around recreation reserve and to further link surrounding facilities such as the hall. Possibility to incorporate a pump track, outdoor gym equipment etc. • Explore funding options for further maintenance of the recreation reserve, including the cost of water for the watering system. • Incorporate a basketball halfcourt and rebound wall into the recreation reserve for public use. • Create more programs for kids such as after school and holiday programs e.g., tennis coaching. • Finishing the cricket nets is a high priority. Requires netting and roofing.

Online Workshop 1

Tuesday 21st March 2023 – 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Mick Liston, Warracknabeal Rifle Club

Discussion Topics:

- The Facilities at the rifle range.
- National, state, and local events are held at the range.
- Welcomes and facilitates members of all abilities and genders.
- The only 1000-yard range in the state.
- Maintenance issues.
- Funding from grants for accessible toilets etc.
- Potential to become a multi-purpose facility.
- Good relationship with schools and associated events.
- Potential to be a draw card to the region.
- One of the few accessible facilities in the shire.

Online Workshop 2

Tuesday 21st March 2023 – 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Attendees:

- Neil Tredwell, Tredwell Management (TMS)
- Matt Bradley, TMS
- Paula Clarke

Discussion Topics:

- Decrease in swimming participation e.g. no school swimming sports.
- Lack of access to coaching e.g. swim teachers and fitness instructors.
- VIC Swim host swimming lessons for three weeks in January at Murtoa Swimming Pool.
- Recreation for an overall ageing population.
- Yoga classes (U3A) at the town hall.
- Potential for gentle exercise classes to music for the elderly.
- Decrease in participation and an increase in poor health associated with sedentary lifestyles.
- Provision of golf carts for ageing population.
- Younger golf players are not competing within the shire.
- Hosting golf events on football/cricket bye weeks.
- Popularity of dog walking and bike riding.

4. Online Club/User-Group Survey

Warracknabeal Bowling Club

Facilities Used

- Warracknabeal Bowling and Croquet Club

Membership Numbers

Year	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	35	10	-	-	5	50
2023	35	10	-	-	5	50
2026	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Fair
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Good
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Fair
Safety and Security	Good

Likes

1. Location.
2. Space.
3. -

Dislikes

Respondent skipped this question.

Priorities

1. New green.
2. Club house face lift.
3. -

Comments

Respondent skipped this question.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Minyip Swimming Pool

Facilities Used

- Minyip Swimming Pool

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Very Good
Parking	Very Good
Accessibility	Very Good
Cost to Use	Very Good
Safety and Security	Very Good

Likes

1. Availability.
2. Size and number of pools.
3. Access to grassed areas.

Priorities

1. New facilities.
2. Additional shade areas.
3. Heated pool.

Dislikes

1. Showers and toilets.
2. Kiosk.
3. Not heated.

Comments

The Swimming pool should be brought back to being a social hub during Summer months - we need updates and improvements to make this an appealing space for all to enjoy.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Murtoa Bowling Club

Facilities Used

- Murtoa Bowling Club

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026	33	-	1	-	-	34

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Good
Condition	Poor
Functionality	Poor
Appearance	Poor
Parking	Fair
Accessibility	Poor
Cost to Use	Good
Safety and Security	Poor

Likes

1. It is a simple set up.
2. We have everything we need.
3. It has been in the same location for over one hundred years.

Dislikes

1. It is old and in disrepair.
2. It is expensive to maintain.
3. Some aspects could be safer and more functional.

Priorities

1. Repair male toilets.
2. New clubhouse.
3. New green surface.

Comments

Our club owns our land. Part of our land is surplus to our needs and could be used for other purposes, for example parking, housing, or other sporting opportunities. We are willing to discuss this with council.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Southern Mallee Giants

Facilities Used

- Beulah Recreation Reserve
- Hopetoun Recreation Reserve

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023	60	40	50	60	100	310
2026	60	50	60	70	120	360

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Poor
Functionality	Poor
Appearance	Good
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Good
Safety and Security	Fair

Likes

1. The accessibility of all the areas from netball to football.
2. All in one area so all community members are together.
3. -

Dislikes

1. Club rooms very old not up to code
2. The kitchen area is old and not upgraded.
3. Not appealing on the outside, just a brown boxed building with no windows to the creek.

Priorities

1. Shower and toilet upgrade.
2. Kitchen upgrades at both Beulah and Hopetoun.
3. Hopetoun netball shed.

Comments

Great netball facilities. But very poor (not to code of sport) for football.

Having two reserves to maintain makes it twice as hard to maintain and keep up to date but we have a great community strength in both towns and will see the use of both reserves for many years to come with these improvements.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Warracknabeal Rifle Club

Facilities Used

- Warracknabeal Rifle Range

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	15	4	-	2	-	22
2023	18	5	2	-	5	30
2026	25	10	5	4	15	59

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Very Good
Appearance	Good
Parking	Fair
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Very Good
Safety and Security	Good

Likes

1. Ease of access to the township.
2. Bushland setting.
3. New facilities.

Dislikes

1. Boggy during the wet times of the year.
2. Lack of kitchen facilities.
3. internal road ways.

Priorities

1. Kitchen facilities.
2. upgrade internal road.
3. Upgrade parking area.

Comments

The Warracknabeal Rifle Club is the only licensed 1000 yd civilian range in the state to cater for the styles of shooting undertaken at the range.

The events held at the range have attracted visitors from across five states and territories, with most spending 3-4 visitor nights in the town and shire each visit.

Work is being undertaken at currently to attract more city-based visitors and increase the use of the range and use of the town's facilities.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Woomelang Bush Nursing Centre

Facilities Used

- Woomelang Park and Playground Reserve

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	50	50	-	-	-	100
2023	20	20	-	-	20	60
2026	25	25	-	-	25	75

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Fair
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Fair
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Good
Safety and Security	Good

Likes

1. Location.
2. Space to move.
3. Accessibility.

Priorities

1. 24-hour access.
2. Appropriate equipment.
3. Switchboard upgrade.

Dislikes

1. No security between areas.
2. No security camera for safety.
3. The toilet facility in gym needs upgrading for disability access.

Comments

The recreation reserve and building has been grossly under utilised since the closure of the football club 8 years ago. With preventative maintenance and upgrading, it will continue to be a usable space for the community. The community needs to stay active, and the gym will assist. At present the Shire Council is not assisting us very much to complete and promote this project.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Woomelang and District Development Association

Facilities Used

- Woomelang Elderly Citizen Clubrooms

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Fair
Appearance	Fair
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Fair
Cost to Use	Very Good
Safety and Security	Very Good

Likes

1. People are used to it.
2. Size.
3. Location.

Dislikes

1. Dated.
2. Access / Outdoor Lighting.
3. Garden.

Priorities

1. New Gardens/Lawn Area with one or two trees. (easier to maintain)
2. Outdoor Sensor Lights.
3. Community Front door access.

Comments

Respondent skipped this question.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Minyip Oval

Facilities Used

- Minyip Recreation Reserve

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	40	40	30	-	30	140
2023	60	60	30	30	-	180
2026	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Good
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Good
Safety and Security	Good

Likes

Respondent skipped this question.

Dislikes

1. Football changerooms.
2. Female changerooms.
3. No female umpires changerooms.

Priorities

1. New changerooms.
2. New female changerooms.
3. Whole new changerooms.

Comments

Respondent skipped this question.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Hopetoun Swimming Pool

Facilities Used

- Hopetoun Swimming Pool

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	35	53	31	41	-	169
2023	37	62	37	54	-	188
2026	36	60	35	48	-	179

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Very Good
Functionality	Very Good
Appearance	Very Good
Parking	Very Good
Accessibility	Very Good
Cost to Use	Very Good
Safety and Security	Very Good

Likes

1. A great place for people of all ages to get some valuable exercise.
2. Promotes water safety and teaches swimming.
3. Access for all capabilities.

Dislikes

Respondent skipped this question.

Priorities

1. Pool leaks, needs to be relined or repaired - it is 80 years old! as well as the edges removed and a wet deck installed, this will bring it all up to a modern all capabilities user friendly facility.
2. Would like to see the installation of a splash park.
3. Need all new filtration system to cope with installation of wet deck and splash park.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Comments

The swimming pool is 80 years old. We struggle to fill it every year as it has cracks in it and that situation is only going to get worse as it will not hold water once all the filtration system is turned off at the end of the season. It costs five thousand dollars each quarter to keep the water up to the pool to keep it filled.

It is a facility that is very important to many different user groups. The local schools use it prolifically during the summer for their swimming program and we have a dedicated group of volunteers who spend many hours keeping the facility as clean and operational as possible with little support, even though it is a Council owned facility.

If the pool gets to the stage where it will not hold water and we must close it, it will be a great loss to the community.

We also run swimming lessons in January every year and people travel from other nearby towns to enroll their children in lessons, otherwise people would have to travel to the nearest regional center, being Horsham or Swan Hill for lessons and it becomes a very expensive exercise.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

U3A Dunmunkle

Facilities Used

- Murtoa Neighborhood House
- Mechanics Hall Murtoa
- Seniors Rooms Rupanyup
- Seniors Rooms Minyip

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	23	28	-	-	-	51
2023	23	28	-	-	-	51
2026	30	30	-	-	-	60

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Very Good
Parking	Fair
Accessibility	Very Good
Cost to Use	Very Good
Safety and Security	Very Good

Likes

1. Easy access.
2. All facilities are necessary.
3. Community meeting point.

Priorities

1. Noise dampening.
2. Increase in tutors.
3. Activities for isolation.

Dislikes

1. Echoes.
2. Noisy.
3. Needs to be larger.

Comments

Respondent skipped this question.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Woomelang Bowls Club

Facilities Used

- Woomelang Bowling Club

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	11	9	-	-	6	26
2023	15	11	-	-	4	30
2026	20	12	-	-	6	38

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Fair
Functionality	Fair
Appearance	Fair
Parking	Fair
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Fair
Safety and Security	Fair

Likes

1. Club brings our community together. All ages and abilities.
2. Good access for people with disabilities.
3. New green so will be able to play year around.

Dislikes

1. Need to update appliances to be more energy efficient and lower costs.
2. Building is not mouse proof which creates more cleaning.
3. The external part of the building needs some maintenance, and the bathroom needs an update.

Priorities

1. Kitchen update to be mouse proof as well as appliances.
2. Watering system upgrade.
3. Shaded seating around the green and some painting.

Comments

The kitchen needs updating and a new drink fridge. External needs painting and some repairs.

We appreciate the council being very involved with our new green. They have been very helpful.

We look forward to our club enjoying many fun days bowling with the community also enjoying meals in the future if facilities allow.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Murtoa Swimming Pool Inc.

Facilities Used

- Murtoa Swimming Pool

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	-	-	-	-	-	150
2023	-	-	-	-	-	140
2026	-	-	-	-	-	150

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Good
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Fair
Cost to Use	Good
Safety and Security	Fair

Likes

1. Well managed.
2. New changing rooms and kiosk facilities.
3. -.

Dislikes

1. Needs non-slip surfacing on floors.
2. Three pools need tile repairs and painting.
3. Replacement of old shade structure.

Priorities

1. Repair and repaint the three pools.
2. Non slip surfacing of flooring in entrance and change rooms.
3. Replacement of shade structures.

Comments

A pool is a facility used by all ages.

It is utilised by the schools, the general public and visitors.

VIC swim classes are conducted annually.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Southern Mallee Kart Club

Facilities Used

- Northern Loch Recreation Reserve

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	2	-	-	-	-	2
2023	26	4	12	4	12	58
2026	32	8	16	8	25	89

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Poor
Functionality	Good
Appearance	Fair
Parking	Very Good
Accessibility	Good
Cost to Use	Poor
Safety and Security	Fair

Likes

- Excellent 'drivers track' that is renowned across the state as an excellent track.
- Excellent location and ability to attract visitors from across the state.
- Unique within the shire and for a small town to have a go-kart track.

Dislikes

- Lots of work is required to get it up to the required quality and safety standards.
- The length and size of the track is not consistent with modern standards and would need to be larger to attract more regional or state events and more visitors.
- Support of previous user groups (drifters) led to the track falling into disrepair.

Priorities

- Toilet block.
- Track extension.
- Supporting infrastructure.

Comments

Southern Mallee Kart Club recently was revived after entering hibernation in 1995. Over \$100k of donations and grants have gone into getting the track up to modern standards. Previous use had seen the track itself fall into disrepair and even with the planned repair work will only last a short time frame. Planned track enhancements will have a scalable impact on sporting participation and economic benefits for the entire shire - the more that the club and shire can build towards a state or national facility, the more benefits that will be reaped. The track is the only motorsport facility in the shire.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Hopetoun Golf Club

Facilities Used

- Hopetoun Golf Club

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	30	11	1	-	15	57
2023	30	17	2	-	20	69
2026	30	7	2	-	20	69

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Poor
Functionality	Fair
Appearance	Very Poor
Parking	Good
Accessibility	Poor
Cost to Use	Good
Safety and Security	Poor

Likes

1. Exceptional sand scrape course.
2. Location.
3. Result of considerable volunteer effort and donations.

Dislikes

1. Clubhouse in disrepair, especially toilets.
2. Can only play six months of the year.
3. Clubhouse functionality makes volunteers' job harder.

Priorities

1. Clubhouse renovations or replacement for members and community use.
2. Diversify course to allow more use throughout the year- a driving range bay at least would be good.
3. Irrigation and access to cheap water.

Comments

Hopetoun Golf Club continues to maintain and even grow membership for people of all ages. The club continually offers new programs including myGolf, junior golf and Get into Golf to get new people involved. Being an individual sport and a sport for life, golf is positioned to offer social and health outcomes while team sports within the region are declining. The club is one of the strongest in the Wimmera while others close around it, meaning it can attract members from other closing clubs. We, however, need support to continue to offer suitable and accessible facilities. Our clubhouse and year-round golfing options are the key priorities.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Our course itself is exceptionally maintained by our hard-working volunteers. Our clubhouse however is in disrepair. It is primarily an old, repurposed school building that is 94 years old. The toilets especially have been falling away from the main building for some years now. The whole building is poorly insulated, is falling apart in some areas and needs restumping. Its functionality could also be better for golf days. The clubhouse used to attract quite a lot of community use, but it is no longer appropriate for this. The course while being one of the better sand scrape courses in Victoria is only accessible for 6 months due to not being able to irrigate the fairways.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Hopetoun Bowls Club

Facilities Used

- Hopetoun Bowling Club

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	18	11	1	-	45	75
2023	-	-	-	-	-	70
2026	14	9	1	-	50	74

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	Very Good
Condition	Good
Functionality	Fair
Appearance	Good
Parking	Very Good
Accessibility	Fair
Cost to Use	Fair
Safety and Security	Fair

Likes

1. Position.
2. Synthetic.
3. -

Dislikes

1. Too small.
2. Décor unattractive.
3. Ageing equipment.

Priorities

1. Upgrade to clubhouse interior.
2. Upgrade to equipment.
3. -

Comments

Respondent skipped this question.

4 Online Club/User-Group Survey

Beulah Bowls Club

Facilities Used

- Beulah Bowling Club

Membership Numbers

	Adult Male	Adult Female	Junior Male	Junior Female	Social	Total
2020	32	5	-	-	-	37
2023	30	8	-	-	-	38
2026	30	5	-	-	-	35

Rating of Primary Facility

Facility Component	Rating
Location of Facility	-
Condition	-
Functionality	-
Appearance	-
Parking	-
Accessibility	-
Cost to Use	-
Safety and Security	-

Likes

Respondent skipped this question.

Dislikes

Respondent skipped this question.

Priorities

Respondent skipped this question.

Comments

Respondent skipped this question.

5. Key Stakeholder Interviews

AFL Victoria

Representatives:

Jessie Doull - Venue & Government Partnerships Manager

Ange Ballinger - Regional Manager Wimmera Mallee & Sunraysia

Beau Tran - Community Football Venue Lead

Key Discussion Topics:

- Importance of the AFL Victoria Infrastructure Strategy (2017) and its associated guidelines regarding the provision and development of facilities.
- Issues relating to clubs operating across multiple venues.
- The growth in female football building a sustainable female league within the region.
- The implementation of club development officers to assist clubs in the region, including support with policy compliance, rostering applications and funding for volunteer efforts.
- Changing trends and demographics within the region.
- The success of the Auskick Centre and high penetration rates for local schools.
- Facility lighting and the required upgrades to meet changing compliance standards.
- Gender neutral facilities.

Netball Victoria

Representatives:

Pam Ferrari - Northern Region Manager

Key Discussion Topics:

- The decrease in participation rates among teenagers' due external factors such as travel and education.
- The ongoing negative effects the COVID19 pandemic has had on clubs and volunteers.
- Programs to assist volunteers such as compliance standards and child safe standards webinars.
- The Netball Victoria Statewide Facilities Strategy (undergoing redevelopment) and other relevant guidelines and policies including child safeguard and inclusion policy.
- Issues relating to clubs operating across multiple venues.
- Recent government funded upgrades to netball facilities around the Shire and the positive effects they have had for local clubs.

Tennis Victoria

Representatives:

Fiona Young - Places to Play Manager

Paul Senior - Regional Manager

Key Discussion Topics:

- Initiatives to assist volunteers and club administration, such as ClubSpark.

5 Key Stakeholder Interviews

- Participation trends within the region and the shift from the more traditional forms of tennis.
- Increased popularity in night tennis and the required provision of suitable lighting.
- The collection and use of data collected through HIT assessments.
- Facility details such as surface preference (e.g., acrylic or synthetic) and the support of multipurpose courts catering for other sporting codes such as netball.

Cricket Victoria

Representatives:

Callum Dean - Local Government and Infrastructure Manager

Damon Williamson - Cricket Manager Western Country & Central Highlands

Key Discussion Topics:

- Importance of the Victorian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy (2018) and its associated guidelines regarding the provision and development of facilities. This strategy is soon to be reviewed and updates will potentially be made.
- The need for gender neutral and compliant facilities to support diversity and participation.
- Possible funding opportunities relevant to the region including Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF).
- The focus on Junior programs in region to manage participation rates and retention of participants from juniors to seniors.
- Modern lighting standards and the issue relating to the required LUX level differences between crick and football.

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