



BAW BAW SHIRE COUNCIL RURAL RECREATION RESERVE MASTER PLANS STAGE 2

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The Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project is delivered in two parts.

Part A – The Master Plan

Provides a summary of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plan project objectives, planning and design principles, stakeholder needs and consultation methods, Reserve descriptions, final Master Plans, supporting recommendations and estimated associated costs.

Part B – Research, Consultation and Key Directions Report

Part B is a separate report to this Master Plan report and can be found via contacting Baw Baw Shire Council's Recreation Department. It provides detailed project context analysis, full document review, site assessment and existing condition plans, key stakeholder consultation program findings and all background information and research collected during the development of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project.

Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project was commissioned by Baw Baw Shire Council in November 2015. The Plan has been designed to establish clear direction for the future planning, provision and enhancement of sport and community infrastructure across several of the Shire's rural Recreation Reserves and is a continuation of the Stage 1 works completed in 2014.

These Master Plans are aspirational 10 year plans and have been designed to be practical in their implementation, with key priorities and recommendations to be delivered by 2026/2027. It is important to note that stakeholder and community demands, priorities and directions change over time, hence suggested Reserve improvements are to be used as a guide only and subject to funding availability.

The 2016 Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 Report provides existing condition summaries for the following four rural Recreation Reserves as well as Master Plans and supporting Implementation Plans for each site.

- **Darnum Recreation Reserve**
- **Longwarry Recreation Reserve**
- **Thorpdale Recreation Reserve**
- **Willow Grove Recreation Reserve**

To ensure individual Reserve Master Plan recommendations follow a common theme, a number of design guidelines and development principles were adopted by Baw Baw Shire Council.

Five key themes that underpin design guidelines, development principles and eventual Reserve improvement recommendations are:

- Future facility development
- Accessibility
- Community infrastructure and social amenity
- Sports field provision and suitability
- Reserve and facility management

The development of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project has included considerable community and stakeholder consultation to ensure Reserve improvement recommendations are reflective of current and future community needs as well as meeting best practice and peak sporting body facility requirements.

Over 25 individual stakeholder groups and the broader Baw Baw community contributed to individual Reserve Master Plans, with several common themes emerging across all Reserves. Inadequate and non-compliant player and umpire change room facilities, aged and dysfunctional buildings, insufficient provision for informal recreation opportunities (e.g. shared pathways, playgrounds, sheltered seating, BBQ facilities), improved sports field provision and suitability (e.g. sports field surfaces and floodlighting) and formalisation of Reserve car parking and related traffic management were key improvement areas identified across the majority of sites.

As a result of stakeholder and community input into the future direction and purpose of individual Reserves, the vision at the bottom of the page was adopted for all four Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plan Stage 2 sites.

Despite modest forecast population growth for each of the four project study area townships over the next 10 years (Longwarry expected to see the greatest population increase of approximately 600 local residents over the next 10 years), a coordinated approach to future planning, development and implementation of recreation services and associated sporting and community infrastructure will be required to ensure these rural townships and the wider Baw Baw Shire community continue to be well serviced in future years.

The total estimated opinion of probable cost for Master Plan recommendations across all four Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 sites is approximately **\$12M** (Ex GST).

'Multi-use community open space that provides a range of opportunities for community participation in both formal and informal sport, recreation and community activities'

THE PROJECT

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 Report has been developed to assist Council with the delivery of key recommendations outlined in several of the Shire's overarching sport and recreation and infrastructure strategic plans and to provide tenant clubs, user groups and the local townships of Darnum, Longwarry, Thorpdale and Willow Grove with a strategic vision for their respective Recreation Reserves.

The Master Planning Process is a continuation of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 1 project (Master Plans completed in 2014 for Athlone, Buln Buln, Ellinbank, Hallora, Jindivick, Neerim South and Erica/Rawson Reserves) and will help guide Council, tenant user groups and key stakeholders with future planning, provision and enhancement of sports and community infrastructure at each of the four sites over the next 10 years. Individual Reserve Master Plans provide a clear vision for each of the Recreation Reserves and will be used as key planning and implementation documents for both government and community stakeholders.

Darnum, Longwarry, Thorpdale and Willow Grove Recreation Reserves contain a mixture of formal and informal sporting and community infrastructure, all of which have varying levels of provision and condition. They cater for a range of sport and recreation users with a key focus on provision for active sports including Australian Rules Football, Netball, Cricket and Tennis.

Sports facilities and community infrastructure at each of the Reserves are managed by individual Committees of Management, appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and are located on Crown land.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

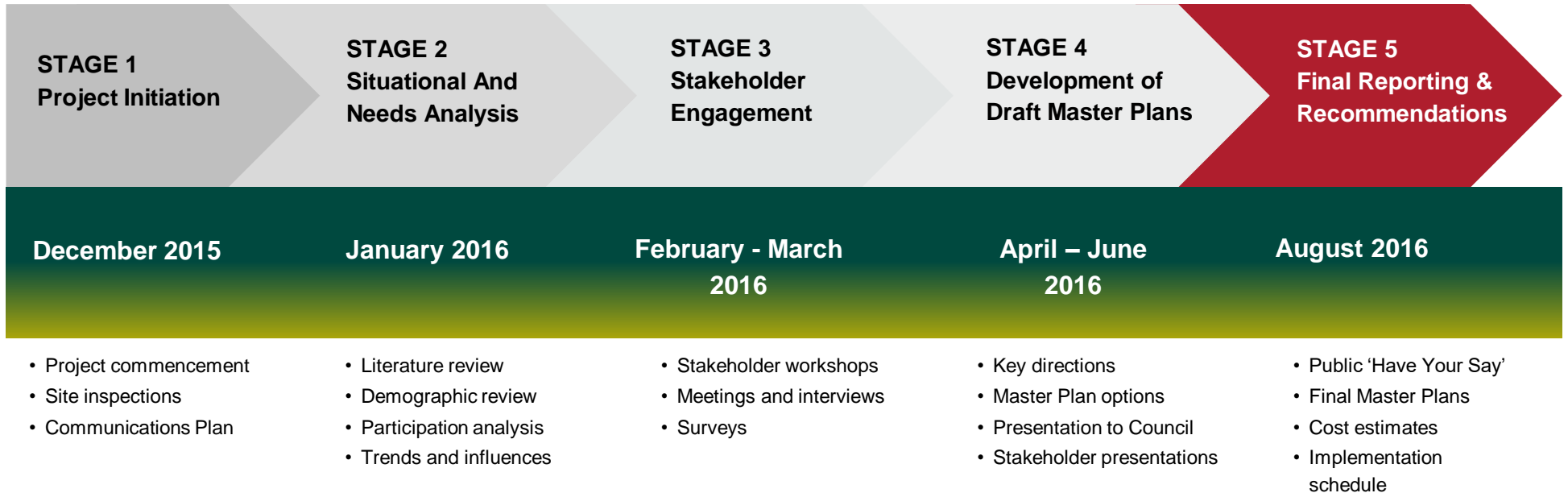
Key objectives of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project were to:

- Review participation numbers and growth patterns of user groups at each of the four nominated Reserves and compare with state wide sport and recreation trends.
- Review existing sport and recreation facility provision within each of the four townships, in particular facility condition and alignment with peak sporting body preferred standards.
- Explore all possible options of multi-use facilities by exploring user timetabling, complementary services and facilities, partnerships and better utilisation of existing facilities.
- Based on existing facility provision and sport and recreation participation trends, identify current and future development opportunities at each of the four Reserves.
- Provide prioritised implementation plans, including cost estimates for individual Master Plan infrastructure recommendations, stakeholder responsibilities and potential funding opportunities.



PROJECT METHODOLOGY

Development of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project was undertaken in five key stages, commencing in December 2015 with the final Reserve Master Plans completed in August 2016.



PROJECT STUDY AREA

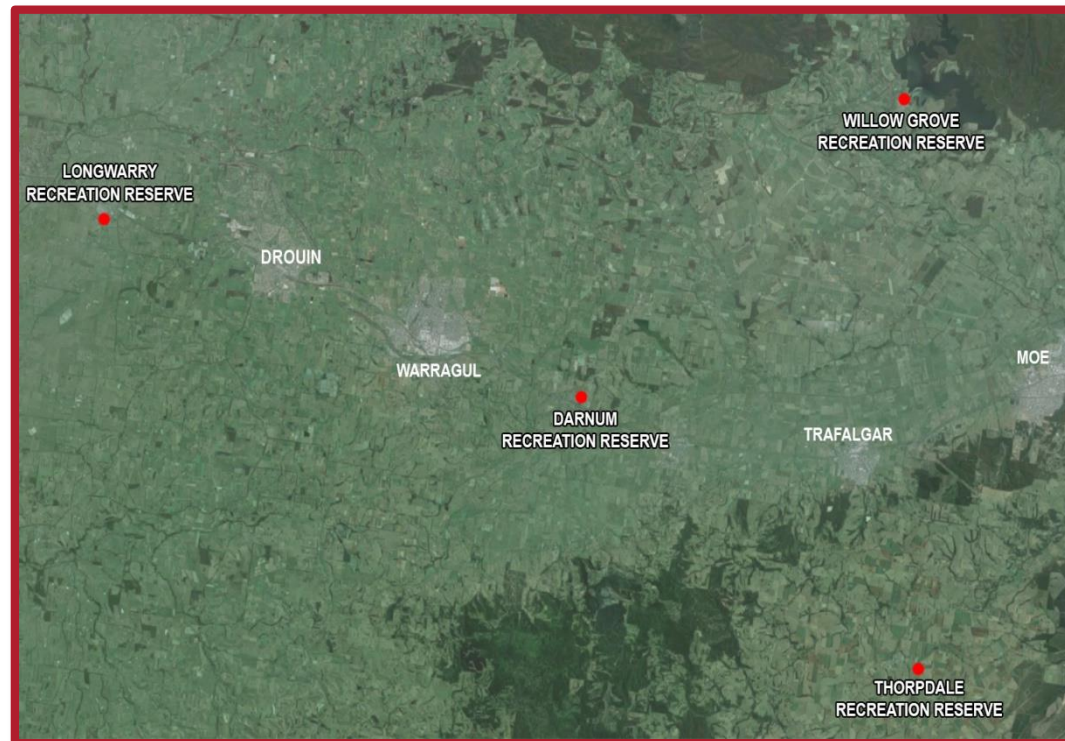
The Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 Project includes four Recreation Reserves located within Baw Baw Shire's rural townships of Darnum, Longwarry, Thorpdale and Willow Grove. All Reserves are located on Crown land and managed by individual Reserve Committees of Management, appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Each Reserve provides both formal and informal sport and active recreation pursuits as listed below.

Longwarry Recreation Reserve

- AFL
- Cricket
- Netball
- Informal and passive recreation
- Community events

Darnum Recreation Reserve

- AFL
- Netball
- Dog obedience training
- Informal and passive recreation
- Community events



Willow Grove Recreation Reserve

- AFL
- Cricket
- Netball
- Tennis
- Informal and passive recreation
- Community events

Thorpdale Recreation Reserve

- AFL
- Cricket
- Netball
- Tennis
- Informal and passive recreation
- Community events

PLANNING AND DESIGN GUIDELINES AND DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

The following development principles were used to guide the interpretation, consideration and preparation of design options for the Darnum, Longwarry, Thorpdale and Willow Grove Recreation Reserves and underpin Master Plan directions and recommendations.

1. FUTURE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1 Replace redundant and functionally obsolete buildings/amenities with facilities that meet shared sport, community and education objectives.
- 1.2 The provision of recreation and leisure facilities shall maximise shared usage and flexibility to meet changing community needs and aspirations.
- 1.3 Recreation facilities shall provide safe and supportive environments for participants and an emphasis on the provision of new (unstructured) recreational pursuits and open space should be considered.
- 1.4 Future sport and recreation facilities will be developed in accordance with relevant building regulations, peak sporting body preferred facility standards and subject to necessary building and planning permit attainment.
- 1.5 Universal and Healthy by Design® Principles along with sustainability best practices will underpin planning and design of future facility developments.

2. ACCESSIBILITY

- 2.1 There shall be a diverse range of accessible recreation facilities and open space areas across the Shire that meet the needs of Baw Baw's diverse community.
- 2.2 Ensure Recreation Reserves and supporting facilities are accessible, safe and appealing for people with a disability (Disability Discrimination Act compliance).
- 2.3 Ensure equitable provision of Recreation Reserves and supporting facilities according to age, gender, cultural background and ability.
- 2.4 Improve and link bicycle paths, footpaths and road networks to encourage physical activity and promote liveability.
- 2.5 Continue to maintain and improve access to Baw Baw Shire's Reserves and open spaces.
- 2.6 Improve vehicle entry/egress and car parking provision at Recreation Reserves and open spaces to meet expected day-to-day usage and sporting/community event requirements.
- 2.7 Enhance connectivity between key sporting Reserves and nearby township infrastructure.
- 2.8 Provision of walking paths/tracks/trails that allow for both recreational opportunities and destination based routes.

3. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITY

- 3.1 Improve Recreation Reserves and open spaces available for informal recreation activities.
- 3.2 Facilitate increased passive recreational use of sporting Reserves by providing informal recreation facilities (e.g. paths, seats, plantings, BBQ/picnic areas, playgrounds).
- 3.3 Develop and maintain community infrastructure that connects and meets the needs of the Baw Baw community.
- 3.4 Promote and support opportunities for people to enhance their health and wellbeing through physical activity.
- 3.5 Enhance and develop the physical amenity and visual appearance of Baw Baw Shire's Recreation Reserves.
- 3.6 Continue to support event infrastructure at Reserves (e.g. Thorpdale Recreation Reserve and Longwarry Recreation Reserve) that strengthen Baw Baw's community capacity and liveability.

4. SPORTS FIELD PROVISION AND SUITABILITY

- 4.1 Continue to develop first-rate Reserve and supporting facilities and amenities that provide for emerging and high demand sports.
- 4.2 Promote and facilitate increased participation opportunities for target groups such as older adults, women and children via supporting Recreation Reserve facilities and amenities.
- 4.3 Strengthen the capacity of sporting clubs and organisations seeking to improve the quality of local Recreation Reserve facilities.
- 4.4 Develop closer relationships with schools to integrate management and use of school and public facilities.
- 4.5 Encourage and promote formalised sport competition, sports carnivals and training throughout the Shire's Reserves and open spaces.
- 4.6 Continue to ensure high levels of playing field provision and conditions are maintained to meet levels of training/competition requirements (e.g. sports field floodlighting).
- 4.7 Encourage shared use of sporting Reserves, training facilities, building and amenities.
- 4.8 Create opportunities that consolidate and promote increased use of existing fields before adding new playing areas.

- 4.9 Maintain dedicated playing field areas, ensure they are appropriately sized and dimensioned and maximise their use and flexibility for configuration and usage by additional sports or activities.
- 4.10 Minimise (where not required) Reserve fencing to allow for greater flexibility and shared usage.

5. RESERVE AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The principles of shared use of sporting grounds and related facilities will be promoted and a balance between formal and informal activities encouraged.



STAKEHOLDER NEEDS

In order to develop realistic and practical Master Plans that respond to current and future usage demands required significant stakeholder consultation.

Key stakeholders included in the development of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project included Baw Baw Shire Council staff, local sporting clubs, Committees of Management, local sports leagues and associations, peak sporting bodies, schools, community user groups, Government agencies and local community residents.

CONSULTATION METHODS

The following consultation methods have been undertaken and have informed the development of individual Recreation Reserve Master Plans.

- Project Inception Meeting with Baw Baw Shire Council Project Manager
- One workshop with Baw Baw Shire Council Project Working Group
- Longwarry Recreation Reserve key user group presentation and workshop
- Thorpdale Recreation Reserve key user group onsite meeting, presentation and workshop
- Willow Grove Recreation Reserve key user group onsite meeting, presentation and workshop
- Darnum Recreation Reserve key user group presentation and workshop
- Telephone interviews and written correspondence with peak sporting bodies and local sporting associations
- Telephone interview with Sport and Recreation Victoria
- Written correspondence with the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning
- Online sport/recreation club, school and community surveys
- Site inspections and facility condition audits of all four sites
- Project information 'Bulletins'
- Project management design brief workshop
- Councillor presentation
- Key user group Draft Master Plan presentations
- Baw Baw Shire Councillor tour of Reserves and discussion on Master Plan recommendations and future directions
- Baw Baw Shire Council online 'Have Your Say' promotion and encouragement of written submissions from stakeholders on Draft Master Plans



SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION FINDINGS

A number of common themes and consistent messages were received from key stakeholders consulted throughout development of the Stage 2 Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans, with several of the most prevalent Reserve issues listed below.

- Inadequate and non-compliant player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities that do not support junior or female participation opportunities.
- Inadequate levels of sports field provision and suitability, particularly sports field floodlighting and ground/court surface condition (e.g. drainage and irrigation).
- A need to source a long term and more sustainable water supply to assist with sports field irrigation and suitability of playing field surfaces for sport training and competition.
- A need to address Reserve accessibility, in particular Reserve entry points (and related traffic flow and management), hard surface car parking and connectivity with surrounding township infrastructure (e.g. shared pathways to nearby schools).
- Low levels of Reserve surveillance and security (e.g. car park floodlighting).
- A lack of spectator amenity and community infrastructure, in particular spectator seating and shelter.
- Support for new playground equipment to replace existing aged and dated facilities.
- Demand for increased onsite storage for sports equipment and maintenance machinery.
- Demand for improved public toilet facility provision and condition.
- Improved site management, communication between co-tenants and multi-use of facilities was considered essential to optimise Reserve usage and sustainability.

A detailed consultation schedule and key findings is provided in Part B of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 - Draft Background, Research and Key Directions Report.

RESERVE HIERARCHY, ROLES, FUNCTIONS AND LEVELS OF USE

Baw Baw Shire Council's 2014 Public Open Space Strategy provides a strategic vision for the future planning and improvement of public open spaces across the Shire. The strategy looks at whether or not Council has enough open space, whether it is in the right places, and if it is providing the type of experience and activities that Council and the local community are looking for.

RESERVE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

While not all open space categories listed in Council's Public Open Space Strategy have direct relevance to the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project, one category of particular importance is the classification 'Sporting Reserve'. This category covers the primary function of all project study area Reserves, and provides strategic context for individual Reserve improvement recommendations. It should be acknowledged that some Reserves service more than one function. For example, sports Reserves are often equipped with social infrastructure such as playgrounds, BBQ or picnic facilities and shared pathways.

These facilities are complimentary to the primary function of the Reserve however do not change its intended purpose. The definition of the Reserve classification 'Sporting Reserve' is provided below:

Description/Primary Function: These Reserves primarily cater for organised sport and provide facilities for sports such as AFL, cricket, soccer, rugby, hockey, baseball, tennis, basketball, netball etc. These Reserves may provide infrastructure for passive recreation in areas not occupied by sporting facilities, such as walking/cycle paths and playgrounds.

SPORTING RESERVE FACILITY PROVISION LEVELS

The Open Space Strategy provides the following development standards (or 'likely' site features) for a 'Sporting Reserve' which have also been considered in development of each of the four individual Reserve Master Plans.

SPORTING RESERVE SITE FEATURE

Seating	BBQ and picnic area
Table and seats	BBQ shelter
Paths	Public toilets
Canopy trees	Drinking fountain
Grassed areas	Power outlets
Bollards or fencing	Water taps
Signage	Car parking and lighting
Sports pavilions or clubrooms	Sports facilities (ovals, pitches)
Playground	Bicycle racks
Rubbish and recycling bins	



MASTER PLAN

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The following section provides a set of future directions and recommendations for each of the Rural Recreation Reserve Master Plans Stage 2 project Reserves.

Recommendations have been designed to provide sport, government and community stakeholders with a schedule of prioritised Reserve improvements along with stakeholder responsibilities, estimated costs and potential funding opportunities.

Ongoing ownership, monitoring and delivery of individual Reserve Master Plan recommendations will require a planned approach from tenant clubs, Council and partnering stakeholders. Recommendations listed are based on a 10 year timeframe.

STAKEHOLDER RESPONSIBILITY

Identifying stakeholder involvement and allocation of roles, responsibilities and resources provides a focused approach to delivery and implementation. Each Master Plan recommendation has been nominated a suggested stakeholder(s) responsible for the initiation, planning and funding (or co-funding) of individual Reserve recommendations. Suggested stakeholder responsibilities are to be used as a guide only, and may be subject to change. 'CoM' refers to each individual Reserve's nominated Committee of Management and 'SRV' is an abbreviation for Sport and Recreation Victoria.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Each Master Plan recommendation has been allocated a level of priority based on their relative impact on delivering project outcomes.

Feedback received through public exhibition of each individual Reserve Master Plan and Baw Baw Shire Council's 'Have Your Say' process has also been analysed and helped guide individual Reserve Master Plan recommendation priority levels.

HIGH:

Important action that underpins the future delivery of sports and community infrastructure/open space and/or site management and that have the most potential to attract external funding and require planning to commence at earliest opportunity. Recommendations with an associated risk management issue have also been classified as high priorities.

MEDIUM:

Action that contributes to meeting overall Master Plan objectives.

LOW:

Action that contributes to the overall improvement of sport and community infrastructure at the Reserve.

Note: Master Plan recommendation priority levels are project site specific. They do not factor in competing Reserve development opportunities across the Baw Baw Shire. While priorities have been identified through this project, any future Council contribution will be subject to the Council Plan, the annual review of the Long Term Infrastructure Plan, competing priorities and available external funding opportunities.

It should be acknowledged that priorities can change and are based on funding availability. The presentation of new or unknown opportunities or changes in community demands can also alter priorities.

OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

To assist tenant clubs and user groups, Baw Baw Shire Council and supporting stakeholders (e.g. Government agencies, state sporting associations) in the development of funding submissions, capital works planning and general budget development, each individual Reserve enhancement recommendation has been supported with an 'opinion of probable cost'. Opinion of probable costs are estimated calculations based on current market trends, similar project costings and professional experience. It should be noted that cost estimates exclude preliminaries, site establishment, builder's margin and services provision costs. Cost estimates for car parks, roads and related lighting are subject to further investigation and detailed design. The design of asphalt road paving is dependent on geotechnical investigation and civil pavement design. Costs listed are indicative only (Ex GST) and provide a 15% contingency allowance.

POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

With an estimated total cost of just over **\$12M** in recommended Reserve improvements across all sites, tenant sports clubs and user groups will require support from a number of key stakeholders. Potential funding opportunities and partners have been included in the supporting Master Plan implementation schedule to assist with the delivery of Reserve enhancement recommendations.

DARNUM RECREATION RESERVE



Darnum Recreation Reserve

Primary function: Sporting reserve

Hierarchy classification: Local

Level of use: Moderate

User groups: Multiple

Seasons: Seasonal usage

Community service level: Moderate

RESERVE DESCRIPTION

Located just several hundred metres from Darnum's central residential catchment area, Darnum Recreation Reserve is a multi-purpose sport and Recreation Reserve that accommodates both formal and informal sport and active recreation pursuits.

Home to both the Nilma Darnum Football and Netball Clubs and the Warragul and District Kennel and Obedience Club, Darnum Recreation Reserve's key site features include one sports oval, two netball courts, a multi-purpose sporting pavilion, dog obedience clubhouse and open space for dog training and competition activities.

The Reserve is managed by a Committee of Management appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and is located on Crown land.

In addition to local sporting and dog club usage the Reserve is used infrequently by Darnum Primary School and the wider community for informal recreation, events and activities.

KEY RESERVE USERS

- Nilma Darnum Football Club
- Nilma Darnum Netball Club
- Warragul and District Kennel and Obedience Club
- Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

EXISTING RESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sports oval (AFL)
- AFL goal posts
- Sports field floodlighting (4)
- Scoreboard (servicing sports oval)
- Player benches / shelter (AFL and Netball)
- Multi-purpose sports pavilion
- Dog obedience clubhouse
- Asphalt netball courts (2) with floodlighting
- Netball storage / shelter facility
- Public toilets
- Sheltered spectator stand (servicing oval)
- Playground
- Temporary storage / meeting facilities
- Reserve perimeter fencing
- Informal access roads and car parking
- Water tanks

VALUED RESERVE CHARACTERISTICS

- Flexible overflow car parking opportunities
- Open space (utilised by dog obedience club)
- Multi-use opportunities
- Public toilet facility (requires replacement)
- Playground
- 'Bay 3 ¼'
- Informal 'amphitheatre' spectator viewing areas
- Netball court surfaces
- Overall site aesthetics



'Bay 3 ¼' is a highly valued site feature at Darnum Recreation Reserve.

KEY RESERVE ISSUES/CONSTRAINTS

- Limited site accessibility (e.g. pathways leading to Reserve)
- Lack of site surveillance and security
- No formal traffic flow and limited hard surface car parking opportunities
- No designated umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities (AFL and Netball)
- No netball change room facilities and supporting amenities
- Non-compliant sports field floodlighting
- Sub-standard sports oval playing surface



The above facility provides no player or umpire change rooms or supporting amenities for the Nilma Darnum Netball Club.

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Demolish aged and dysfunctional public toilet facility and replace with a new, fully accessible public toilet facility in the same location
- Upgrade existing AFL change room facilities and supporting amenities (e.g. showers and toilets)
- Construction of a new match day facility to accommodate netball participants and both AFL and netball umpires
- Redevelop the existing playing surface to remedy unevenness and inconsistent grass coverage
- Upgrade sports field floodlighting



The condition and playability of Darnum Recreation Reserve's playing surface has been an ongoing issue despite multiple improvement attempts.



The above public toilet facility receives high levels of use but is aged, inadequate and requires replacement.



LEGEND

- RESERVE BOUNDARY
- EXISTING VEHICULAR ENTRY/EXIT POINTS
- EXISTING SPORTS LIGHTING
- EXISTING SITE FEATURE TO BE DEMOLISHED
- EXISTING COACHES BOX/PLAYER BENCH
- EXISTING SPORTS SHELTER
- EXISTING STORAGE/OFFICE/MEETING AREA
- PROPOSED PUBLIC TOILETS
- PROPOSED TREE
- PROPOSED PATHWAY
- PROPOSED ASPHALT ROAD PAVING
- PROPOSED SPECTATOR SEATING/ SHELTER
- PROPOSED SAFETY NETTING
- PROPOSED RESERVE FENCING
- PROPOSED NEW BUILDING/ EXTENSION
- PROPOSED EXTENSION TO UNDERCOVER OUTDOOR SPECTATOR AREA
- PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ZONE
- PROPOSED GRAVEL ROAD

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FACILITIES

- 1 Demolish aged and dysfunctional public toilet facility and replace with a new, fully accessible public toilet facility in the same location.
- 2 Upgrade existing AFL change room facilities.
- 3 Refurbish existing Bay 3 1/4 and timekeepers box.
- 4 Construction of a new match day facility to accommodate netball participants and umpires.
- 5 Provision of a new storage facility to accommodate dog obedience and reserve maintenance equipment.

ACCESSIBILITY

- 6 Improve reserve access and connectivity with local facilities (e.g. Darnum Primary School) via the establishment of a formalised shared pathway.
- 7 Resurface and formalise reserve entry roads and car park. Consider a pedestrian only zone between the pavilion and oval during match days controlled via removable bollards.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITY

- 8 Improve reserve frontage and road interface landscaping.
- 9 Replace existing aged reserve perimeter fencing.
- 10 Upgrade and relocate playground at the end of its useful life.
- 11 Increase spectator amenity via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter. Extend the pavilion roofline to provide a greater sheltered spectator area in close proximity to canteen and indoor pavilion facilities.

- 12 Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball courts.
- 13 Seek to formalise the open space between main pavilion, dog obedience clubhouse and proposed netball and umpire change facilities into a courtyard with sheltered picnic tables and BBQ facility.

SPORTS FIELD PROVISION AND SUITABILITY

- 14 Consider safety netting/fencing behind the goals at each end of the playing field.
- 15 Pending the future success of recent oval drainage improvements, redevelop the existing playing surface to remedy unevenness and inconsistent grass coverage.
- 16 Consider provision of floodlighting to dog obedience training/competition exhibition rings to increase reserve capacity and dog obedience programming opportunities.
- 17 Upgrade sports field floodlighting in accordance with Australian Standards for AFL training activities.

- 18 In accordance with AFL Victoria's Preferred Facility Guidelines upgrade existing player and coach box/ benches.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- 19 Investigate future installation of solar panels to the main pavilion roof.
- 20 Explore options for additional water tank/s to assist with water storage.



Priority	Darnum Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations		Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Facilities						
High	1.	Demolish aged and dysfunctional public toilet facility and replace with a new, fully accessible public toilet facility in the same location.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.5), Accessibility (2.2) Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.3)	Club / Council	\$150,000	Club / Council
High	2.	Upgrade existing AFL change room facilities in accordance with AFL's Preferred Facility Guidelines and Universal Design Principles. Ensure change rooms and supporting amenities (e.g. showers and toilets) are female and family friendly.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3) Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.7)	Club / Council	\$200,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Female Friendly Facilities, Country Football Netball Program)
Medium	3.	Enhance and promote enjoyable spectator experiences via the refurbishment of the existing 'Bay 3 1/4' and timekeepers box. Consider extending the roofline to increase spectator shelter provision.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.2, 3.3, 3.5)	Club	\$35,000	Club
High	4.	Construction of a new match day facility to accommodate netball participants and umpires. Match day facility to be an extension of the existing pavilion and provide two change room facilities (home and away teams), showers and toilets. Match day facility to also provide change rooms and supporting amenities for both netball and AFL umpires and be in accordance with peak sporting body facility standards and Universal Design Principles.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7)	Club / Council	\$650,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Female Friendly Facilities, Country Football Netball Program)
Low	5.	Provision of a new storage facility to accommodate dog obedience and Reserve maintenance equipment. Remove existing shipping container to improve the overall aesthetics of the site.	Facility Development (1.1) Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Club	\$60,000	Club
Accessibility						
Medium	6.	Improve Reserve access and connectivity with local facilities (e.g. Darnum Primary School) via the establishment of a formalised shared pathway from Darnum Recreation Reserve to the main township.	Accessibility (2.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7,2.8), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)	CoM / Council	\$130,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities)
Medium	7.	Resurface and formalise Reserve entry roads and car park. Consider a pedestrian only zone between the pavilion and oval during match days controlled via removable bollards.	Accessibility (2.5, 2.6)	Council	\$540,000	Council
Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity						
Low	8.	Improve Reserve frontage and road interface landscaping to enhance the overall aesthetics and appeal of the site.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	CoM / Council	\$30,000	CoM / Council
Medium	9.	Replace existing aged Reserve perimeter fencing to improve the overall aesthetics of the Reserve.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Club / CoM	\$100,000	Club / CoM
Medium	10.	Upgrade and relocate playground equipment at the end of its useful life. Seek to increase the buffer between the Reserve entrance driveway and future playground location. Ensure playground is accessible and within sight lines of AFL and netball playing fields.	Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Council	\$85,000	CoM / Council
Medium	11.	Increase spectator amenity via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter. Extend the pavilion roofline to provide a greater sheltered spectator area in close proximity to canteen and indoor pavilion facilities.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club	\$70,000	Local AFL Association
Medium	12.	Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball courts (this could potentially be in the form of portable grandstand seating).	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club	\$23,000	Local Netball Association
Low	13.	Increase informal Reserve recreation opportunities through formalisation of open space between main pavilion, dog obedience clubhouse and proposed netball and umpire change facilities into a courtyard with sheltered picnic tables and BBQ facility.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club / CoM / Council	\$90,000	Council / CoM

Priority	Darnum Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations	Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Sports Field Provision and Suitability					
Low	14. Consider the erection of safety netting/fencing behind the goals at each end of the playing field to minimise the potential for spectator injury or vehicle damage.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.5, 4.6)	Club	\$68,000	Club
High	15. Pending future success of recent oval drainage improvements, redevelop the existing playing surface to remedy unevenness and inconsistent grass coverage. Surface redevelopment to include sub surface irrigation and drainage.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9)	Club / Council	\$520,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
Low	16. Consider provision of floodlighting to dog obedience training/competition exhibition space to increase Reserve capacity and dog obedience programming opportunities.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club	Subject to further technical investigation	Club
High	17. Upgrade sports field floodlighting in accordance with Australian Standards for AFL training activities.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8)	Club / Council	\$160,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
Low	18. In accordance with AFL's Preferred Facility Guidelines upgrade existing player and coach box/benches.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.5, 4.6)	Club	\$25,000	Club
Environmentally Sustainable Design					
Medium	19. Investigate future installation of solar panels to the main pavilion roof to provide a more sustainable and economically viable power source.	Facility Development (1.5)	CoM / Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club / Council
Medium	20. Investigate the provision of additional water tank/s to assist with water storage and future irrigation of the sports field and dog obedience exhibition area.	Facility Development (1.5), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8)	CoM / Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club / Council

LONGWARRY RECREATION RESERVE



Longwarry Recreation Reserve

Primary function: Sporting reserve

Hierarchy classification: Significant local

Level of use: Moderate

User groups: Multiple

Seasons: Seasonal usage

Community service level: Moderate

RESERVE DESCRIPTION

Consisting of two multi-purpose netball/tennis courts, sports oval, cricket nets, multi-purpose sporting pavilion and playground, Longwarry Recreation Reserve is the primary sport and recreation facility within Longwarry and is a highly valued asset by the local community.

Within walking distance from the Town's Centre and Longwarry Primary School, Longwarry Recreation Reserve receives high levels of usage for both formal sport (AFL, Cricket and Netball) and informal community recreation. The Reserve is also a community event space and is bordered by the Bandicoot Walking Trail.

The Reserve is managed by a Committee of Management appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and is located on Crown land.

KEY RESERVE USERS

- Longwarry Football Club
- Longwarry Cricket Club
- Longwarry Netball Club
- Longwarry Angling Club
- Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

EXISTING RESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sports oval (AFL / Cricket)
- AFL goal posts
- Goal safety netting at northern end of ground
- Sports field floodlighting (4)
- Synthetic cricket pitch
- Multi-purpose sports pavilion
- Multi-lined asphalt netball / tennis courts (2) with floodlighting
- Player benches / shelter (AFL and Netball)
- Netball warm up area
- Synthetic cricket nets (3)
- Scoreboard
- Playground
- Reserve entry ticket booth
- Temporary storage / meeting facility
- Reserve perimeter fencing
- Informal access roads and car parking
- Bandicoot Walking Trail
- Water tanks

VALUED RESERVE CHARACTERISTICS

- Multi-purpose sports pavilion
- Sports oval
- Netball courts
- Playground
- Open space (passive recreation and expansion opportunities)
- Cricket nets



The recently redeveloped cricket net training facility is highly valued by the Longwarry Cricket Club.

KEY RESERVE ISSUES/CONSTRAINTS

- Narrow Reserve entry and related traffic management issues
- No formal traffic flow or car parking
- Site security and surveillance (high level break-ins and vandalism)
- Aged and non-compliant AFL/Cricket player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities
- Aged multi-purpose sports pavilion with functional limitations, in particular social area and supporting amenities (e.g. canteen, bar/kiosk)
- Lack of site storage
- Poor condition of both sports oval and netball / tennis court surfaces
- Overuse of sports oval
- Non-compliant sports field floodlighting
- Lack of spectator amenity (seating/shelter)
- Site aesthetics and overall appearance



Netball Court number one's uneven surface presents a risk management and safety concern for users and is often subject to pooling of water in 'sunken areas'.

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Upgrade existing AFL/Cricket player amenities
- Explore options to extend existing pavilion footprint to accommodate canteen/kitchen, male and female toilet and community meeting space upgrades
- Address current Reserve entry traffic management issues through implementation of a Traffic Management Plan
- Resurface and formalise Reserve car parking
- Improve Reserve security and surveillance levels
- Investigate the development of a second sports field with training lights and supporting match day amenities in the open space east of the main sports field
- Upgrade sports field floodlighting
- Resurface Reserve playing field surface to remedy current grass coverage issues
- Resurface netball court #1 to rectify existing drainage issues
- Install court perimeter fencing around tennis/netball courts



Subject to future demand, the above open space provides opportunity for development of a second sports oval at Longwarry Recreation Reserve.



The existing AFL/Cricket player change rooms and supporting amenities are aged and do not meet peak sporting body preferred facility standards for a 'Local' level facility.



LEGEND

- RESERVE BOUNDARY
- VEHICULAR ENTRY / EXIT POINTS
- PROPOSED EXIT POINTS
- EXISTING SPORTS LIGHTING
- EXISTING SITE FEATURE TO BE DEMOLISHED
- EXISTING COACHES BOX/ PLAYER BENCH
- EXISTING SPORTS SHELTER
- EXISTING SAFETY NETTING
- EXISTING PATHWAY
- PROPOSED ASPHALT ROAD PAVING
- PROPOSED SPECTATOR SEATING/ SHELTER
- PROPOSED SPORTS FENCING
- PROPOSED VEICHULAR BARRIER
- PROPOSED NEW BUILDING/ EXTENSION
- PROPOSED EXTENSION TO UNDERCOVER OUTDOOR SPECTATOR AREA
- PROPOSED GRAVEL ROAD

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FACILITIES

- 1 Upgrade existing AFL/Cricket player amenities in accordance with peak sporting body preferred facility guidelines.
- 1a Explore options to extend existing pavilion footprint to accommodate canteen/kitchen, male and female toilet and community meeting space upgrades. Pavilion extension to include spectator canopy to the front of the pavilion.
- 2 Removal of the obsolete structure located at the rear of the water tanks.
- 3 Address current reserve entry traffic management issues through implementation of a traffic management plan.
- 4 Resurface and formalise reserve car parking.
- 5 Establish a formal pathway network throughout the reserve.

ACCESSIBILITY

- 3 Address current reserve entry traffic management issues through implementation of a traffic management plan.
- 4 Resurface and formalise reserve car parking.
- 5 Establish a formal pathway network throughout the reserve.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITY

- 6 Increase spectator amenity via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter.
- 7 Increase spectator seating and shelter provision around the netball courts.
- 8 Installation of low vehicular barrier to northern perimeter of netball courts.
- 9 Provision of reserve entry signage in accordance with Council's Signage Guidelines.
- 10 Provision of increased security lighting throughout the reserve (near main car parking areas).
- 11 Upgrade existing playground equipment and fencing at the end of its useful life.
- 12 Provision of shade/shelter and BBQ facilities in close proximity to existing playground.

SPORTS FIELD PROVISION AND SUITABILITY

- 1a Subject to future demand and growth, investigate the development of a second sports field with training lights and supporting match day amenities in the open space east of the main sports field.
- 14 Upgrade sports field floodlighting in accordance with Australian Standards for AFL training activities.
- 15 Resurface reserve playing field to remedy current grass coverage issues.
- 16 Resurface netball court #1 to rectify existing drainage issues.
- 17 Installation of netball/ tennis court perimeter fencing.
- 18 Replace the aged and damaged synthetic surface on the centre cricket pitch.
- 19 Provision of an electronic scoreboard.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- 20 Investigate future installation of solar panels to pavilion roof.



Priority	Longwarry Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations	Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Facilities					
High	1. Upgrade existing AFL/Cricket player amenities in accordance with peak sporting body preferred facility guidelines to ensure amenities are in accordance with Universal Design Principles and are female and family friendly.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.7)	Club / Council	\$180,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Female Friendly Facilities, Country Football Netball Program)
High	A. Explore options to extend existing pavilion footprint to accommodate canteen/kitchen, male and female toilet and community meeting space upgrades. Pavilion extension to include spectator canopy to the front of the pavilion.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.1, 2.2) Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.3)	Club	\$300,000	Club
Low	2. Remove the unsafe and obsolete structure located at the rear of the water tanks to improve the overall aesthetics of the site.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Club	\$3,000	Club
Accessibility					
High	3. Address current Reserve entry traffic management issues through implementation of a Traffic Management Plan. Traffic Management Plan to include directional signage and clear delineation between entry/exit routes and car parking.	Accessibility (2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	Club / Council	Subject to further technical investigation	Council
High	4. Resurface and formalise Reserve car parking. Car park formalisation to include hard surface lined car parking to the north of the pavilion and netball courts in addition to the area south of the pavilion (near playground).	Accessibility (2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	Council	\$380,000	Council
Medium	5. Establish a formal pathway network throughout the Reserve increasing Reserve accessibility and connectivity with surrounding facilities and open space (e.g. Bandicoot Trail).	Accessibility (2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)	Council	\$155,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities)
Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity					
Medium	6. Enhance and promote enjoyable spectator experiences via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Club	\$35,000	Local AFL / Cricket Association
Medium	7. Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball courts (this could potentially be in the form of portable grandstand seating). Extend the pavilion roofline to provide a greater sheltered spectator area in close proximity to canteen and indoor pavilion facilities.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club	\$25,000	Local Netball Association
Medium	8. Installation of low vehicular barrier to northern perimeter of netball courts to minimise vehicular access and subsequent damage to court surface.	Accessibility (2.6) Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	CoM / Club / Council	\$7,500	CoM / Club / Council
Low	9. Improve site entry and community awareness of the Reserve through the installation of entry signage (in accordance with Council's Signage Guidelines).	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Council	\$7,000	Council
High	10. Improve Reserve security and surveillance levels via the provision of security lighting throughout the Reserve (main car parking areas priority).	Accessibility (2.2)	Club / Council	\$80,000	Council
Medium	11. Upgrade existing playground equipment and fencing at the end of its useful life. Ensure playground is accessible and remains within sight lines of sports field and netball courts.	Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Council	\$98,000	CoM / Council
Low	12. Increase informal Reserve recreation opportunities through the provision of shade/shelter and BBQ facilities in close proximity to existing playground.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Council	\$55,000	CoM / Council

Priority	Longwarry Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations	Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Sports Field Provision and Suitability					
Medium	13. Subject to future demand and growth, investigate the development of a second sports field with training lights and supporting match day amenities in the open space east of the main sports field.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9)	Club / Council	\$1.5M	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Major Facilities / Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
High	14. Upgrade sports field floodlighting in accordance with Australian Standards for AFL training activities.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8)	Club / Council	\$160,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
High	15. Resurface Reserve playing field surface to remedy current grass coverage issues. Surface redevelopment works to include drainage and irrigation.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9)	Club / Council	\$500,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
High	16. Resurface netball court #1 to rectify existing drainage issues. Ensure surface redevelopment works are in accordance with peak sporty body recommended facility standards.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9)	Club / Council	\$35,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
High	17. Install court perimeter fencing around tennis/netball courts to minimise chance of spectator injury and lost game time caused through retrieving balls.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.9)	Club	\$40,000	Club
Medium	18. Replace the aged and damaged centre cricket pitch surface in accordance with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines and preferred 9mm-11mm pile height synthetic turf.	Facility Development (1.4), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club	\$7,500	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Cricket Facilities) Cricket Australia National Community Facilities Funding Scheme
Low	19. Provision of an electronic scoreboard in the south-eastern corner of the Reserve. Pending future development of a second oval, the scoreboard will be able to service both fields in this location. Explore options to utilise existing manual scoreboard facility as an additional storage area or potential umpire change room facility.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1)	Club	\$65,000	Club
Environmentally Sustainable Design					
Low	20. Investigate future installation of solar panels to pavilion/s roof to provide a more sustainable and economically viable power source.	Facility Development (1.5)	CoM / Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club / Council

THORPDALE RECREATION RESERVE



Thorpdale Recreation Reserve

Primary function: Sporting reserve

Hierarchy classification: Significant local

Level of use: Moderate

User groups: Multiple

Seasons: Seasonal usage

Community service level: Moderate

RESERVE DESCRIPTION

Thorpdale Recreation Reserve is considered the heart and soul of the local Thorpdale community. The Reserve provides more than just a location for local residents to play sport and recreate, it is a community meeting space for family and friends to socialise and network.

Surrounded by neighbouring farmland and residential properties, the Reserve's key tenants include the Thorpdale Football, Netball, Tennis and Cricket Clubs. It is also home to the well renowned Thorpdale Potato Festival.

Key Reserve features include a sports oval, two cricket nets, two netball courts, five tennis courts and a multi-purpose sports pavilion.

The Reserve is managed by a Committee of Management appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and is located on Crown land.

KEY RESERVE USERS

- Thorpdale Football Club
- Thorpdale Netball Club
- Thorpdale Cricket Club
- Thorpdale Tennis Club
- Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

EXISTING RESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sports oval
- Synthetic cricket pitch
- Sports field floodlighting (4)
- AFL Goal posts
- Safety netting behind goals (both ends)
- Player benches / shelter (AFL)
- Playground
- Acrylic tennis courts (5)
- Acrylic netball courts (2) with floodlighting
- Synthetic cricket nets (2)
- Multi-purpose sports pavilion
- Public toilets
- Condemned public toilet facility
- Electronic scoreboard
- Reserve entry ticket booth
- Water tanks
- Reserve perimeter fencing
- Informal access roads and car parking

VALUED RESERVE CHARACTERISTICS

- Well maintained sports oval playing surface
- Recently developed public toilet facility
- Playground
- Irrigation system (although a more sustainable long term system is required).
- Capacity to hold events (e.g. Potato Festival)
- General 'vibe' of the Reserve and aesthetic surrounds



Thorpdale Recreation Reserve's playing field surface condition is highly valued by users, however is heavily reliant on the nearby bore for water supply and irrigation.

KEY RESERVE ISSUES/CONSTRAINTS

- Aged and non-compliant AFL/Cricket player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities
- No designated tennis and netball player and umpire change room facilities
- Aged multi-purpose sports pavilion with functional limitations
- No formalised 'around the ground' hard surface car parking
- Poor condition of multi-purpose netball/tennis court surfaces (currently presents safety and risk management issues due to cracking, poor drainage and uneven surface levels)
- Aged and unsafe sports oval boundary and tennis / netball court enclosure fencing
- Aged, non-compliant and dangerous cricket net facility
- Lack of onsite storage for sports equipment and ground/court maintenance machinery
- Lack of spectator amenity (seating and shelter)
- Dated playground equipment
- Heavy reliance on nearby bore for water supply and ground irrigation
- Significant drainage issue between pavilion and tennis/netball courts
- Inadequate fencing around Reserve perimeter, particularly roadside frontage limits the ability to secure Reserve for large events
- Lack of environmentally sustainable design initiatives (e.g. solar panels on pavilion roof).

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Upgrade/refurbishment and extension of existing pavilion with priority given to improved player and umpire change rooms and amenities for AFL, Cricket, Netball and Tennis participants
- Resurface cracked, damaged and unsafe tennis/netball court playing surfaces
- Replace aged and unsafe sports field perimeter fencing
- Resurface and formalise Reserve entry, access road and car parking on the eastern side of the oval
- Investigate and construct appropriate drainage to assist with flooding issues between pavilion and netball/tennis courts
- Secure Reserve water supply through bore repair works



The aged multi-purpose netball/tennis court surfaces are cracking, uneven and subject to water pooling.



Some hard surface and formalised car parking provision on the eastern side of the sports oval is strongly supported by tenant user groups.



LEGEND

	RESERVE BOUNDARY		EXISTING COACHES BOX/ PLAYER BENCH
	EXISTING VEHICULAR ENTRY/ EXIT POINTS		PROPOSED PATHWAY
	EXISTING PUBLIC TOILETS		PROPOSED ASPHALT ROAD PAVING
	EXISTING SPORTS LIGHTING		PROPOSED SPECTATOR SEATING/ SHELTER
	EXISTING SITE FEATURE TO BE DEMOLISHED		PROPOSED SPORTS FENCING
	EXISTING SAFETY NETTING		PROPOSED NEW BUILDING/ EXTENSION
			PROPOSED GRAVEL ROAD

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FACILITIES

- 1 Option 1: Upgrade/refurbishment and extension of existing pavilion with priority given to improved player and umpire change rooms and amenities for AFL, Cricket, Netball and Tennis participants.
- 2 Option 2: Construction of a new multi-purpose social facility on the western side of the playing field.
- 3 Demolish redundant toilet block facility at rear of sports pavilion and investigate opportunities to develop a new equipment storage shed in nearby location (rear of pavilion).
- 4 Replace existing spectator viewing veranda on the north and east sides of the existing pavilion.
- 5 Investigate and construct appropriate drainage to assist with flooding issues between pavilion and netball/tennis courts.

ACCESSIBILITY

- 6 Resurface and formalise reserve entry, access road and car parking on the eastern side of the oval.
- 7 Resurface and formalise reserve car parking west of the pavilion.
- 8 Replace reserve roadside fencing and include pedestrian access bollards.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITY

- 9 Upgrade existing playground equipment at the end of its useful life.
- 10 Increase spectator amenity via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter.
- 11 Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball/tennis courts.
- 12 Investigate opportunities to formalise (seal) the shared pathway that extends between Thorpdale Recreation Reserve and the main township.
- 13 Provision of reserve entry signage in accordance with Council's Signage Guidelines.

SPORTS FIELD PROVISION AND SUITABILITY

- 14 Replace aged and unsafe sports field fencing.
- 15 Replace aged netball/tennis court perimeter fencing.
- 16 Resurface cracked, damaged and unsafe tennis/netball court surfaces. To assist with future court sustainability and related maintenance, consider reducing number of courts (from five to four) in alignment with Tennis Australia's recommended facility provision levels for a local level venue.
- 17 Replace existing aged, dysfunctional and unsafe cricket training nets with new cricket net facilities.
- 18 Replace the centre cricket pitch surface.
- 19 Explore options to cover the synthetic cricket pitch during the winter season.
- 20 Upgrade sports field floodlighting to AFL training standards.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- 21 Investigate future installation of solar panels to pavilion roof.
- 22 Secure Reserve water supply through bore repair works.



Priority	Thorpdale Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations	Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Facilities					
High	1. Option 1: Upgrade/refurbishment and extension of existing pavilion with priority given to improved player and umpire change rooms and amenities for AFL, Cricket, Netball and Tennis participants. Pavilion upgrade to also include provision of accessible toilet facilities, storage space, kitchen/canteen and a sheltered player/spectator viewing area. Pavilion upgrade to include a multi-purpose tennis/netball change room area extension (located in the open space west of the courts and behind the existing pavilion).	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.3), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.7)	Club / Council	\$700,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Female Friendly Facilities, Country Football Netball Program)
Low	2. Option 2: Construction of a new multi-purpose social facility on the western side of the playing field. Social facility to include a multi-purpose community meeting/social space, canteen/kitchen, bar, toilets, office and storage facilities. Existing pavilion to be transitioned into a match day and storage facility for football, cricket, netball and tennis with upgraded change room facilities for players and umpires, first aid facilities, gym and increased storage provision. Pavilion refurbishment to also include social facilities for the tennis and netball clubs (e.g. canteen, viewing area, meeting space, toilets etc).	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.3), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5)	Club	\$1M	Club
Low	3. Demolish redundant toilet block facility at rear of sports pavilion and investigate opportunities to develop a new equipment storage shed in nearby location (rear of pavilion).	Facility Development (1.1)	CoM / Club	\$60,000	CoM / Club
Medium	4. Enhance and promote enjoyable spectator experiences through replacement of the existing aged spectator viewing veranda on the north and east sides of the pavilion.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Club	\$10,000	CoM / Club
High	5. Investigate and construct appropriate drainage to assist with flooding issues between pavilion and netball/tennis courts.	Accessibility (2.2), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	CoM / Club	\$15,000	CoM / Club
Accessibility					
High	6. Resurface and formalise Reserve entry, access road and car parking on the eastern side of the oval to improve parking efficiency and overall capacity for tenant sporting clubs, community groups and the general public.	Accessibility (2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	Council	\$300,000	Council
Medium	7. Resurface and formalise Reserve car parking west of the pavilion and ensure provision of clearly marked disabled parking bays.	Accessibility (2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	Council	\$155,000	Council
Medium	8. Replace Reserve roadside fencing (include pedestrian access bollards) to assist with the management of event access and improve the overall aesthetics of the site.	Accessibility (2.2, 2.3, 2.5), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	CoM / Club	\$30,000	CoM / Club

Priority	Thorpdale Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations		Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity						
Medium	9.	Upgrade existing playground equipment at the end of its useful life. Ensure playground is accessible and remains within sight lines of sports field and multi-purpose netball/tennis courts.	Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Council	\$85,000	CoM / Council
Medium	10.	Enhance and promote enjoyable spectator experiences via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Club	\$35,000	Local AFL / Cricket Association
Medium	11.	Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball/tennis courts (this could potentially be in the form of portable grandstand seating).	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club	\$23,000	Local Netball / Tennis Association
Medium	12.	Investigate opportunities to formalise (seal) the shared pathway that extends between Thorpdale Recreation Reserve and the main township.	Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6)	CoM / Council	Subject to further technical investigation	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities)
Low	13.	Improve site entry and community awareness of the Reserve through the installation of entry signage (in accordance with Council's Signage Guidelines).	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Council	\$7,000	Council
Sports Field Provision and Suitability						
High	14.	Replace aged and unsafe sports field perimeter fencing.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	CoM / Club	\$60,000	CoM / Club / Council
Medium	15.	Replace aged multi-purpose netball/tennis court perimeter fencing.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	CoM / Club	\$65,000	CoM / Club / Council
High	16.	Resurface cracked, damaged and unsafe tennis/netball court surfaces. To assist with future court sustainability and related maintenance, consider reducing number of courts (from five to four) in alignment with Tennis Australia's recommended facility provision levels for a local level venue.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4) Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club / Council	\$180,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
Medium	17.	Replace existing aged, dysfunctional and unsafe cricket training nets with new cricket net facilities in accordance with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines.	Facility Development (1.1,1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club / Council	\$60,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Cricket Facilities) Cricket Australia National Community Facilities Funding Scheme
Medium	18.	Replace the centre cricket pitch surface in accordance with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines and preferred 9mm-11mm pile height synthetic turf.	Facility Development (1.4), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club / Council	\$7,500	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Cricket Facilities) Cricket Australia National Community Facilities Funding Scheme
Low	19.	Explore options to cover the synthetic cricket pitch during the winter season.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club	Subject to further technical investigation	Council
Medium	20.	Upgrade sports field floodlighting in accordance with Australian Standards for AFL training activities.	Facility Development (1.4) Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8)	Club / Council	\$160,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
Environmentally Sustainable Design						
Medium	21.	Investigate future installation of solar panels to pavilion/s roof to provide a more sustainable and economically viable power source.	Facility Development (1.5)	Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club / Council
High	22.	Secure Reserve water supply through bore repair works.	Facility Development (1.5)	Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club / Council

WILLOW GROVE RECREATION RESERVE



Willow Grove Recreation Reserve

Primary function: Sporting reserve

Hierarchy classification: Significant local

Level of use: Moderate

User groups: Multiple

Seasons: Seasonal usage

Community service level: Moderate

RESERVE DESCRIPTION

Willow Grove Recreation Reserve is a small but boutique sport and Recreation Reserve located in the heart of Willow Grove. Used most commonly for organised sports activities including AFL, Cricket, Netball and Tennis, the Reserve is the township's community hub and meeting space.

The nearby Blue Rock Lake, surrounding walking trail and landscape provide an ideal backdrop for the Reserve and has created a 'vibe' the local community value highly. Key Reserve features include a sports oval, two cricket nets, two multi-purpose netball/tennis courts, match day 'Recreation Building', social rooms, tennis clubhouse and playground.

The Reserve is managed by a Committee of Management appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and is located on Crown land. The Recreation Reserve Committee of Management sub-lease the pavilion social rooms and supporting facilities to the Hill End and Grove Rovers Football Club. This facility is commonly used by local community members and groups for non-sports related dining and social events.

A new housing estate to the north-east of the Reserve will ensure continued use and high demand remain for the site in future years.

KEY RESERVE USERS

- Hill End & Grove Rovers Football Netball Club
- Willow Grove Cricket Club
- Willow Grove Tennis Club
- Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Willow Grove and District Lions Club
- Willow Grove CFA

VALUED RESERVE CHARACTERISTICS

- Overall aesthetics of the site, its 'vibe' and surrounding landscaping
- Well maintained facilities
- Playground
- Recreation and social room buildings
- Informal 'around the ground' car parking (good for spectators and also creates a good atmosphere for players).
- New cricket net facilities
- Public toilet facilities (require upgrade)

EXISTING RESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sports oval
- Synthetic cricket pitch
- Sports field floodlighting (4)
- AFL goal posts
- Safety netting behind goal posts (south east end of oval)
- Player benches / shelter (AFL)
- Playground
- 4 acrylic tennis courts (2 floodlit)
- 2 acrylic netball courts (1 floodlit)
- Tennis clubhouse
- Temporary netball change facility
- Synthetic cricket nets (2)
- Match day 'Recreation Building'
- Social rooms and supporting amenities
- Public toilets
- Reserve entry ticket booth
- Informal access roads and car parking
- Manual scoreboard
- Blue Rock Walking Trail
- Maintenance storage shed
- Lions Club storage / shelter
- Rotunda

KEY RESERVE ISSUES/CONSTRAINTS

- Aged and non-compliant AFL/Cricket player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities
- No purpose built netball player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities
- Aged condition of the 'Recreation Building' with functional limitations (e.g. kitchen / canteen facility)
- Lack of onsite storage for sports equipment and ground / court maintenance machinery
- Lack of spectator amenity (seating and shelter)
- Aged and non-compliant public toilet facility
- No sports oval irrigation system
- Uneven and sub-standard sports oval surface
- Narrow Reserve entry and related traffic management issues
- No formal traffic flow or car parking (limited hard surface car parking)



The frequently used public toilet facility at the Reserve's entrance is aged, inadequate and requires replacement.

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

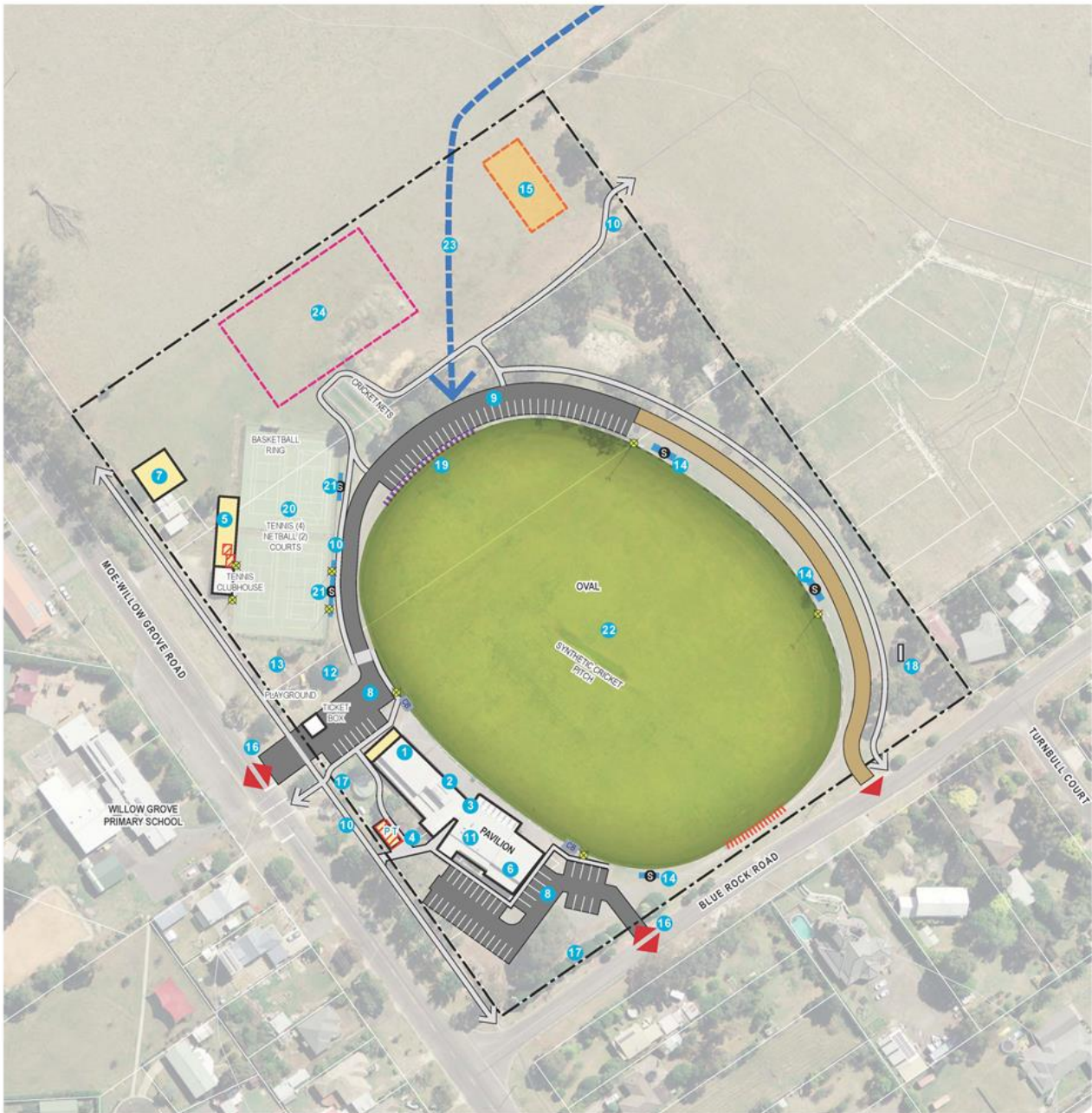
- Upgrade existing AFL/Cricket change room facilities, umpire change rooms and non compliant accessible toilet facilities in Recreation Building
- Construction of a new multi-purpose match day facility to accommodate both netball and tennis participants and umpires
- Demolish aged and dysfunctional public toilet facility and replace with a new, fully accessible public toilet facility in the same location
- Resurface and formalise Reserve entries and car parks off Moe-Willow Grove Road and Blue Rock Road. Consider the inclusion of traffic calming design features to increase pedestrian safety travelling between tennis/netball/playground areas and main sports pavilion, canteen and social area
- Resurface Reserve playing field to remedy current unevenness and drainage issues
- Further investigate opportunities to source water and irrigate the main sports field via a connection with the nearby Blue Rock Lake
- Continue to monitor and upgrade netball/tennis court surfaces ensuring compliance with peak sporting body standards
- Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball courts



A multi-purpose match day facility (tennis and netball) inclusive of player and umpire change rooms and supporting amenities that replaces the above portable facility is strongly supported by key user groups.



The nearby 'Willow Grove to Blue Rock Trail' provides informal recreation opportunities for local residents and a pedestrian link to Willow Grove Recreation Reserve.



LEGEND

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| | RESERVE BOUNDARY | | EXISTING COACHES BOX/ PLAYER BENCH |
| | EXISTING VEHICULAR ENTRY/EXIT POINTS | | PROPOSED PATHWAY |
| | PROPOSED PUBLIC TOILETS | | PROPOSED ASPHALT ROAD PAVING |
| | EXISTING SPORTS LIGHTING | | PROPOSED SPECTATOR SEATING/ SHELTER |
| | EXISTING SITE FEATURE TO BE DEMOLISHED | | PROPOSED NEW BUILDING/ EXTENSION |
| | EXISTING SAFETY NETTING | | PROPOSED GRAVEL ROAD |

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FACILITIES

- 1 Upgrade existing AFL/cricket change room facilities, umpire change rooms and non compliant accessible toilet facilities in Recreation Building.
- 2 Upgrade aged and dysfunctional Recreation Building canteen/kitchen facility.
- 3 Investigate potential opportunities to provide a safer and more accessible entry point to timekeepers box.
- 4 Demolish aged and dysfunctional public toilet facility and replace with a new, fully accessible public toilet facility in the same location. Ensure provision of accessible pathway linkage between Moe-Willow Grove Road and internal car park.
- 5 Construction of a new multi-purpose match day facility to accommodate both netball and tennis participants/umpires.
- 6 Refurbish and upgrade social area, in particular accessible toilets, kitchen and bar facilities.
- 7 Construction of a new storage shed to accommodate Recreation Reserve and Lions Club storage/ work room.

ACCESSIBILITY

- 8 Resurface and formalise reserve entries and car parks off Moe-Willow Grove Road and Blue Rock Road. Consider the inclusion of traffic calming design features.
- 9 Resurface and formalise access road and 'oval sideline' car parking along northern side of the ground.
- 10 Establish a formal pathway network throughout the reserve ensuring connectivity with the Blue Rock Lake Trail, new housing estate and school.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- 11 Investigate future installation of solar panels to pavilion/s roof.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL AMENITY

- 12 Upgrade existing playground equipment at the end of its useful life.
- 13 Provision of a sheltered public picnic/BBQ facility in open space between playground, rotunda and tennis/netball courts.
- 14 Increase spectator amenity via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter.
- 15 Subject to future demand, consider development of a community garden within the reserve.
- 16 Provision of reserve entry signage in accordance with Council's Signage Guidelines.
- 17 Improve reserve frontage and road interface landscaping.

SPORTS FIELD PROVISION AND SUITABILITY

- 18 Provision of an electronic scoreboard in place of the existing manual scoreboard.
- 19 Provision of safety netting/fencing to north west end of the ground (cricket nets end).
- 20 Continue to monitor and upgrade netball/tennis court surfaces ensuring compliance with peak sporting body standards.
- 21 Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball courts.
- 22 Resurface reserve playing field to remedy current unevenness and drainage issues.
- 23 Further investigate opportunities to source water and irrigate the main sports field via a connection with the nearby Blue Rock Lake (Connection point shown on Master Plan indicative only and subject to further investigation and consultation).
- 24 Consider development of a designated player warm up area in open space behind cricket nets.

Priority	Willow Grove Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations	Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Facilities					
High	1. Upgrade existing AFL/Cricket change room facilities, umpire change rooms and non compliant accessible toilet facilities in Recreation Building. Ensure change room areas and supporting amenities are in accordance with Universal Design Principles, peak sporting body preferred facility standards and are female and family friendly.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.7)	Club / Council	\$200,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Female Friendly Facilities, Country Football Netball Program)
Medium	2. Upgrade aged and dysfunctional Recreation Building canteen/kitchen facility.	Facility Development (1.1)	Club / CoM	\$50,000	Club / CoM / Council
High	3. Investigate potential opportunities to provide a safer and more accessible entry point to timekeepers box.	Accessibility (2.2)	Club / CoM	Subject to further technical investigation	Club / CoM / Council
High	4. Demolish aged and dysfunctional public toilet facility and replace with a new, fully accessible public toilet facility in the same location. Ensure provision of accessible pathway linkage between Moe-Willow Grove Road and internal car park.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.5), Accessibility (2.2), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.3)	Club / CoM / Council	\$150,000	Club / CoM / Council
High	5. Construction of a new multi-purpose match day facility to accommodate both netball and tennis participants and umpires. Match day facility to provide two change room facilities (home and away teams), showers and toilets. Match day facility to also provide change rooms and supporting amenities for umpires. Ensure change room areas and supporting amenities are in accordance with Universal Design Principles, female and family friendly and in accordance with peak sporting body preferred facility guidelines.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5), Accessibility (2.2, 2.3), Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.7)	Club / Council	\$650,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Female Friendly Facilities, Country Football Netball Program)
Medium	6. Refurbish and upgrade social area, in particular accessible toilets, kitchen and bar facilities.	Facility Development (1.2, 1.3, 1.5), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.3)	Club	\$170,000	Club
Medium	7. Construction of a new storage shed to accommodate Recreation Reserve and Lions Club storage/work room.	Facility Development (1.1) Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Club / CoM	\$60,000	Club / CoM
Accessibility					
High	8. Resurface and formalise Reserve entries and car parks off Moe-Willow Grove Road and Blue Rock Road. Consider the inclusion of traffic calming design features to increase pedestrian safety travelling between tennis/netball/playground areas and main sports pavilion, canteen and social area.	Accessibility (2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	Council	\$220,000	Council
Medium	9. Resurface and formalise access road and 'oval sideline' car parking along northern side of the ground to improve parking efficiency and overall capacity for tenant sporting clubs, community groups and the general public.	Accessibility (2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	Council	\$180,000	Council
Medium	10. Establish a formal pathway network throughout the Reserve ensuring connectivity with the Blue Rock Lake Trail, new housing estate and adjacent Willow Grove Primary School.	Accessibility (2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4)	CoM / Council	\$195,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities)

Priority	Willow Grove Recreation Reserve Master Plan Recommendations	Development Principles	Stakeholder Responsibility	Estimated Cost (\$)	Potential Funding Opportunities
Environmentally Sustainable Design					
Medium	11. Investigate future installation of solar panels to pavilion/s roof to provide a more sustainable and economically viable power source.	Facility Development (1.5)	CoM / Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club / Council
Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity					
Medium	12. Upgrade existing playground equipment at the end of its useful life. Ensure playground is accessible and remains within sight lines of sports field and multi-purpose netball/tennis courts.	Accessibility (2.1, 2.2, 2.3), Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	CoM / Council	\$85,000	CoM / Council
Medium	13. Increase informal Reserve recreation opportunities through the provision of a sheltered public picnic/BBQ facility in open space between playground, rotunda and tennis/ netball courts.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5)	Club / Council	\$47,000	Council
Medium	14. Enhance and promote enjoyable spectator experiences via the provision of additional around the ground seating and shelter.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club	\$60,000	Local AFL / Cricket Association
Low	15. Subject to future demand, consider development of a community garden within the Reserve.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.5)	CoM / Club	Subject to further technical investigation	CoM / Club
Low	16. Improve site entry and community awareness of the Reserve through the installation of entry signage (in accordance with Council's Signage Guidelines).	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Council	\$7,000	Council
Low	17. Improve Reserve frontage and road interface landscaping to enhance the overall aesthetics and appeal of the site.	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.5)	Club / CoM / Council	\$15,000	CoM / Council
Sports Field Provision and Suitability					
Medium	18. Provision of an electronic scoreboard in place of the existing manual scoreboard.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1)	Club	\$65,000	Club
Medium	19. Provision of safety netting/fencing to north west end of the ground (cricket nets end).	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club	\$39,000	Club
High	20. Continue to monitor and upgrade netball/tennis court surfaces ensuring compliance with peak sporting body standards.	Facility Development (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4) Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club / Council	Subject to further technical investigation	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
High	21. Increase spectator seating and shelter around the netball courts (this could potentially be in the form of portable grandstand seating).	Community Infrastructure and Social Amenity (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)	Club	\$35,000	Local Netball / Tennis Association
High	22. Resurface Reserve playing field to remedy current unevenness and drainage issues. Surface redevelopment works to include drainage and irrigation.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9)	Club / Council	\$530,000	Council SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (Minor Facilities / Country Football Netball Program)
High	23. Further investigate opportunities to source water and irrigate the main sports field via a connection with the nearby Blue Rock Lake (connection point shown on Master Plan indicative only and subject to further investigation and consultation).	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6, 4.8, 4.9)	Club / CoM	Subject to further technical investigation	Club / CoM
Low	24. Consider development of a designated player warm up area in open space behind cricket nets.	Sports Field Provision and Suitability (4.1, 4.6)	Club / CoM	Subject to further technical investigation	Club / CoM

OPINION OF PROBABLE COST SUMMARY

RESERVE	LOW PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL
Darnum Recreation Reserve	\$273,000	\$983,000	\$1,680,000	\$2,936,000
Longwarry Recreation Reserve	\$130,000	\$1,828,000	\$1,675,000	\$3,633,000
Thorpdale Recreation Reserve	\$1,067,000	\$630,500	\$1,255,000	\$2,952,500
Willow Grove Recreation Reserve	\$22,000	\$951,000	\$1,785,000	\$2,758,000
TOTAL	\$1,492,000	\$4,392,500	\$6,395,000	\$12,279,500 (EX GST)

Please Note: The priorities represented are those identified through the consultation and development phases of each Reserve Master Plan.

While priorities have been identified through this project, any future Council contribution will be subject to the Council Plan, the annual review of the Long Term Infrastructure Plan, competing priorities and available external funding opportunities.

Clubs have the opportunity to submit applications to Council's Annual Community Development Grant Program.

Only Council can submit applications to Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) for funding under the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. Council is limited in the number of applications it can submit per year. Clubs can complete and submit expressions of interest that will be considered along with other competing priorities.

