



SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday 12 October 2022

at 3:30 PM

COPACC

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COLAC OTWAY SHIRE

SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the next **SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL** will be held at COPACC on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 3:30 PM.

AGENDA

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty God, we seek your
blessing and guidance in our
deliberations on behalf of the
people of the Colac Otway Shire.
Enable this Council's decisions to be
those that contribute to the true
welfare and betterment of our community.*

AMEN

2 PRESENT

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND REASON FOR MEETING

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past and present and welcomes any descendants here today.

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The sole purpose of this Submissions Committee meeting is to hear persons who indicated they wish to speak in support of their written submissions to the Colac City Reserves Planning Project - Draft Master Plans.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest, must leave the meeting and remain outside the room while the matter is being considered, or any vote is taken.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- **Submissions Committee meeting held on 21 September 2022.**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Submissions Committee confirm the minutes of the Submissions Committee meeting held on 21 September 2022.

7 VERBAL SUBMISSIONS

The Mayor is to read out the names of the people who have confirmed they wish to make a verbal submission. These verbal submissions will be made in relation to each respective agenda item and must be directly relevant to the respective agenda item. A limit of 5 minutes will apply.

Item: 8.1

Colac City Reserves Planning Project - Draft Master Plans - Consideration of Submissions

OFFICER	Nicole Frampton
GENERAL MANAGER	Ian Seuren
DIVISION	Community and Economy
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Colac City Reserves Planning Project - Draft Master Plans Public Exhibition Period - Written Submiss [8.1.1 - 12 pages]2. Colac City Reserves Planning Project - Draft Master Plans Public Exhibition - Online Community Survey [8.1.2 - 17 pages]

1. PURPOSE

To hear verbal submissions for the City Reserves Planning Project.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft documentation relating to the City Reserves Planning Project was considered at the July 2022 Council meeting and went on public exhibition on 1 August 2022. The Council resolution for the public exhibition period included an opportunity for any person wishing to speak to their written submission to do so at a meeting of Council's Submissions Committee.

On 28 September 2022, Council resolved to schedule a meeting of the Submissions Committee to be held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 to hear people who indicated they wished to speak in support of their written submission to the City Reserves Planning Project.

Council has received 18 written submissions from key stakeholders, reserve user groups and tenant clubs to the City Reserves Planning Project, with two submitters requesting to be heard in support of their submission.

A summary of the key points made in the submissions, along with an officer/consultant response is provided in Attachment 1. Full copies of the written submissions have been provided in the confidential attachments document.

An online survey was also available for the broader community and reserve sporting club members to complete, with a total of 146 individual responses received. One person who completed the survey has asked to speak to their submission via the survey to the Submissions Committee. A report providing a summary of the key results and feedback received through the online survey is provided in Attachment 2.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Submissions Committee:

- 1. Acknowledges the written submissions and online survey results received to the Colac City Reserves Planning Project draft master plans.***
- 2. Acknowledges and notes the verbal comments made in support of written submissions/survey responses.***
- 3. Thanks the submitters for their submissions.***
- 4. Having heard all persons wishing to speak to their submissions/survey responses, recommends that Council consider all submissions at a future Council meeting where the Colac City Reserves Planning Project, including reserve specific final master plans, are presented to Council.***

4. KEY INFORMATION

Council was successful in receiving \$30,000 funding from the Victorian Government through the 2020-2021 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF) Planning category to undertake master planning for four of Council's Colac city recreation reserves (Eastern Reserve, Western Reserve, Lake Oval and Central Reserve). Council's contribution towards completing the project is \$50,000, taking the total project value to \$80,000.

Council appointed recreation consultants Insight Leisure Planning to complete the project.

The 'Colac City Reserves Planning Project' draft report inclusive of draft master plans for Eastern Reserve, Western Reserve, Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground) and Central Reserve, included an implementation plan inclusive of high, medium and low priorities. The draft master plans recommend more than 54 separate but interconnected projects across the four reserves. An overall ranking of the identified actions is included in the report, which was developed by assessing the identified actions/reserve improvements based on the Principles Based Planning Framework developed for this project. The identified facility improvements/actions for implementation from the Elliminyt Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2018 have also been included in the overall ranking based on total score, and forms part of the overall Implementation Plan. Including the Elliminyt Recreation Reserve Master Plan actions, there are 83 actions for implementation. The total estimated cost for full implementation of the master plans including Elliminyt Recreation Reserve is in excess of \$32 million.

Preparation of the draft master plans was the culmination of extensive engagement with reserve user groups and key stakeholder. The draft master plans for each of the reserves were released for public exhibition seeking the views from user groups and the broader community for six weeks from 1 August to 11 September 2022. This ensured the project provided an opportunity for the broader community,

including local residents and club/association members, to be involved in reviewing and shaping the final master plans.

Clubs/user groups/key stakeholders were contacted directly seeking their feedback by way of written submission, with 18 submissions received. See Attachment 1 for a summary of the key comments, feedback or suggestions received from the tenant clubs, reserve user groups and key stakeholders. An analysis by officers and the appointed consultants has been undertaken which states implications to the draft master plans and outlines whether any proposed changes to the master plans are suggested. The submitters were asked to nominate if they wanted to speak to their submission, with two clubs requesting to do so.

During the public exhibition period, the community were invited to review the draft master plans and provide feedback to Council via an online survey. The viewing of the draft master plans and online survey was promoted via a range of communication methods including direct contact with reserve user groups and their members, key stakeholders, Council's website, through social media and advertising in local newspapers. A total of 146 survey responses were received, with the results from the online community survey attached (refer Attachment 2).

Following the Submissions Committee meeting, it is recommended that Council receive a report on the findings of the consultation/engagement process and the final version of the 'Colac City Reserves Planning Project' Report inclusive of master plans for Eastern Reserve, Western Reserve, Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground) and Central Reserve, at a future Council Meeting.

5. CONSIDERATIONS

Overarching Governance Principles (s(9)(2) LGA 2020)

This report aligns with Governance Principles a, b, d and f in that it seeks to ensure that those who wish to comment on Council direction, strategies and plans have the opportunity to do so.

Policies and Relevant Law (s(9)(2)(a) LGA 2020)

This report complies with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Submissions Committee Terms of Reference.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications (s(9)(2)(c) LGA 2020)

Not applicable.

Community Engagement (s56 LGA 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy)

The documentation for the City Reserves Planning Project inclusive of reserve specific draft master plans has been on public exhibition in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy. The resolution of Council for this project provided an opportunity for submitters to speak in support of their submissions if requested.

Public Transparency (s58 LGA 2020)

A Submissions Committee provides an opportunity for people to speak to their submission, providing further clarity and engagement around the key points they wish to convey to Councillors as well as any community members attending or listening to the meeting online. This assists with ensuring Council decision making is transparent to the public.

Alignment to Plans and Strategies

Alignment to Council Plan 2021-2025:

Theme 2 - Valuing the Natural and Built Environment

Objective 5: Provide and maintain an attractive and safe built environment

Theme 3 – Healthy and Inclusive Community

Objective 2: People are active and socially connected through engaging quality spaces and places

Objective 3: We are a safe, equitable and inclusive community

The Colac City Reserves Planning Project fits with a number of current plans or strategies including:

- Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-2025 which identifies the need to manage infrastructure assets sustainably and responsibly. Specifically, the Council Plan includes four-year priority 4.2.1 to plan for a sustainable portfolio of assets to deliver the services the community needs, within our financial constraints.
- Council's Asset Management Plan which identifies that some of our social infrastructure is at the end of its life structurally.
- Colac 2050 Growth Plan, which incorporated the Colac Community Infrastructure Plan.
- Colac Otway Shire Public Open Space Strategy 2011.
- Colac Otway Shire Active Transport Strategy 2013-2023.
- G21 Regional Strategies including AFL Barwon (football and netball), Cricket, Tennis, Football (soccer), Hockey, and Physical Activity.
- Colac Otway Shire Tennis Facility Audit and Development Plan (2011)

Financial Management (s101 *Local Government Act 2020*)

Not applicable.

Service Performance (s106 *Local Government Act 2020*)

Master plans are long-term site-specific plans which guide the future development at a recreation reserve. This project supports the continued provision of organised sport, and passive and active recreation activities for our community. Many reserve clubs have been lobbying for improvements and upgrades to their facilities for some time. This project provides strategic direction to Council, reserve tenant clubs and key stakeholders for future upgrades to existing recreation reserves and open space areas.

The projects that are the subject of the Colac City Reserves Planning Project aim to ensure Council's infrastructure provision is responsive to our community's needs, aligning with the service performance principles.

Risk Assessment

Not applicable.

Communication/Implementation

The City Reserves Planning Project has been the subject of extensive user group, tenant club, key stakeholder and broader community engagement. Consideration of all submissions and online survey results will inform the final project report and site-specific master plans. It is then recommended that

Council receive a report on the findings of the consultation process and the final version of the 'Colac City Reserves Planning Project' Report inclusive of final master plans for Eastern Reserve, Western Reserve, Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground) and Central Reserve, at a future Council Meeting.

Human Rights Charter

Not applicable.

Officer General or Material Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

Options

To hear those submitters who wish to speak to their written submission or completed online survey, as per the resolution of Council.

Colac City Recreation Reserve Master Plans

Stakeholder submissions received on the Draft Master Plan report.

The draft master plan report was circulated to tenant clubs, reserve user groups, key stakeholders and placed on public exhibition from 15th August to 11th September 2022. The following section provides a summary of key comments provided in the submissions and outlines proposed changes to inform the final master plan report.

Colac Lake Oval

Who	Summary of key comments, feedback, or suggestions	Implications and proposed changes to plans.
Colac Cricket Club	1. I have discussed the Draft Masterplan of the 'Lake Oval' with our committee and we are happy with the Masterplan provided for review. As a club we could not stress enough that our priority, would be to construct a pavilion to service the needs of both cricket and football umpires. Secondly construction of new cricket nets or at least an additional third net would be our next priority.	1. Support noted.
Colac and District Football Umpires Association	1. We note no provision of a public toilet at the Lake Oval. As the nearest toilets are at Ross's Point or the boat launching ramp at the far east end of Botanic Gardens, provision needs to be made. 2. As we have 55-member umpires we consider that the provision of parking, especially in winter, is totally inadequate. This season we have had 2 cars bogged at the back of the sheds. We cannot even get any gravel spread this year. 3. We need an external store shed full time for the Umpires as we have equipment that needs to be stored out of the rooms during the cricket season e.g. running machine exercise bikes.	1. No change. The proposed new pavilion will have toilets available for spectators and oval users open to the public during formal sporting activities. Provision of public toilets in this location is not identified in Council's recent Public Toilet Strategy. 2. No change. Parking improvements are identified in the existing plan. 3. No change. Storage to be provided in proposed new pavilion.
Barwon South West Region Forest, Fire & Regions Group (FFRG) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Lake Oval is situated on Crown land)	1. DELWP has reviewed the draft master plan and is supportive of all elements as they are consistent with the reservation purpose of the land. DELWP also hereby provides Landowner Consent subject to any other required permits/consents being undertaken to complete the proposed works. 2. A Heritage Overlay (HO108) applies to a small area in the south-east corner of the site. The overlay schedule identifies this site as "Firemen's Memorial". Council should consider how any Reserve works – particularly those identified in item 3 (new cricket nets, etc.) and 9 (2.5m wide shared circuit path) might interact with this location. 3. Ensure potential impacts on (including any impacts to the roots / Tree Protection Zones) are avoided. If impacts are unavoidable, Council	1. Support noted. 2. No change. Future on-site works to avoid impacts on heritage memorial. 3. No change, points on tree protection noted.

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	<p>should determine whether the trees are native vegetation and if a planning permit is required. It is anticipated that internal Council officers (e.g. the environment team) will be able to assist in this determination. If a planning permit is triggered by Clause 52.17, it is anticipated that DELWP will be a section 55 recommending referral authority on the basis of Clause 66.02-2.</p>	
Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planned carparking around the ground, will mean that cars will be moving at various times of play. Does this mean a stop in play every time a car moves? Also likely that parked cars on the southern side would have direct sunlight reflection back towards a batsman at the northern end of the pitch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furthermore in parking considerations, is the parking on the southern areas primarily to assist players during training nights and proximity of use for the cricket training nets? • Was consideration given to the easement in Calvert Street and the thought of a kerb and guttering design? The existing culvert could be considered dangerous for cars reverse parking under the tree line at the Calvert Street end. 2. Was a consideration given to more bench seating around the ground? At present, the planning has only one seat allocated to 'casual' seating as the other two are considerably close to the changeroom facilities and may be deemed not for greater community use. There is no community seating on the southern side of the ground. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change. Car parking around the oval is consistent with current use of the reserve (and preference of reserve users). Existing drainage concerns noted. There are no current/future plans to upgrade existing open swale drain to kerb and channel along Calvert St. 2. No change. Seating is to be provided on the east, west and northern side of the oval.
Football Victoria (FV)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lake Oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to highlight Lake Oval as potential winter playing venue for Football (Soccer) • Would support Colac Shire housing club at this oval to play fixtures in the short term/interim as it is unused during winter outside of umpire training, and no conflict with cricket due to lack of crossover • Supports accessibility of participation as opposed to Beeac or Pirron Yallock facilities • Supports business case for highlighted facility and lighting projects • Highlighted pavilion draft mud map meets FV building development guidelines 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change. Lake Oval not proposed for soccer use.
Cricket Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have also reviewed the masterplan for Lake Oval & have spoken with the Colac Cricket Club. Cricket Victoria is supportive of the concepts shared by the Colac Otway Shire in the masterplan provided. We are aligned with the 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support noted.

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	Colac Cricket Club and see the top two priority projects at the Oval to be (1) upgrading the pavilion and (2) redeveloping the cricket nets and adding a third lane to support the increase in participation at the Colac Cricket Club.	

Western Reserve

Who	Summary of key comments, feedback, or suggestions	Implications and proposed changes to plans.
Colac Imperials Football Netball Club	1. On behalf of the Colac Imperials FNC we have discussed the draft plans at our last Committee meeting and we are happy with the Draft plans put together for the Western Reserve	1. Support noted.
West Warrion Cricket Club (recently merged with Colac West CC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We think there is an alternative facility option that would service the needs of Women's football, cricket and netball and by extension provide a facility suitable for the newly formed cricket club. i.e. re/development of the existing netball facility to service netball, cricket, and women's football. 2. Existing change rooms to be upgraded / redeveloped. Existing facilities don't meet sporting facility standard guidelines. Upgrade refurbishment as per submission – not a rebuild 3. Construct 2 new netball courts and associated lighting paving, spectator areas, players benches, etc. Move priorities 4 & 5 here to develop both in conjunction with each other 4. Construct new cricket nets with storage shed with power to service nets (e.g. bowling machine) and drinking fountain. A need for 3 nets to be constructed ideally 5. Storage shed - consider options to incorporate into redeveloped change room facilities (i.e. consolidate buildings on site). Storage room allowed for in our netball room plans submission 6. Existing Netball rooms to be upgraded to provide change rooms and amenities to service two new courts as well as public toilets to service reserve users. Move up to priority 2 in conjunction with netball courts upgrade 7. Construct and formalise car parking behind football/ cricket pavilion (approx. 30 spaces) Agree 8. Upgrade pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity Agree 9. Construct a one-lane crossing with hold points to allow vehicle access to northern car park. To include bollards/ fencing between road and pedestrian area. Agree would tie in with netball courts reconstruction 10. Install safety netting behind the goals Agree 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change, for reasons including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility as presented by WWCC does not appear to meet minimum facility standards for cricket and netball. A full size compliant facility in this location may be difficult to fit spatially – and likely to impact on around-oval car parking. • Separating the women's football change rooms from existing football club may be undesirable – may also be scheduling/use clashes between women's football and netball. • WWCC's proposed design does not incorporate space to replace the existing public toilets at the south end of the reserve • Still requires re-build of the change rooms on the southern side of the oval – contributing to duplication of facilities. • 76% of survey respondents either fully (100%) or 'strongly' support the draft master plan as presented. 2. No change. See above comments. 3. No change.

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	11. Electronic scoreboard Agree 12. Upgrade / formalise the road around the oval Agree 13. Construct and formalise car parking around oval (approx. 90 spaces) Agree 14. Construct new playground with connecting paths and seating Agree 15. Construct a 1.5m wide path around oval Agree 16. Demolish existing public toilets and replace as part of new Netball Pavilion facilities Agree 17. Introduce tree planting where indicated Agree	4. No change. Already included. 5. No change. 6. No change. 7. Support noted. 8. Support noted. 9. Support noted. 10. Support noted. 11. Support noted. 12. Support noted. 13. Support noted. 14. Support noted. 15. Support noted. 16. Support noted. 17. Support noted.
Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	1. Does the concept design of the new facility allow for an 'elevated' and 'accessible' Timekeepers Box?	1. No change. Timekeepers' facility to be determined in detailed designs. Current provision under "scorers" room.
Football Victoria (FV)	1. Western Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not viewed as Football facility 	1. No change.
Cricket Victoria	1. We would also like to reiterate the significance of an upgrade to the social & change rooms at Western Reserve which would provide greater access to the West Warrion Cricket Club. 2. We see the upgrade of training nets at Western Reserve as an important project. The move to a three bay net will help the West Warrion Cricket Club have facilities that meet cricket's infrastructure guidelines and the increased participation of the combined club (formerly Colac West Cricket Club & West Warrion Cricket Club). 3. Cricket's infrastructure guidelines do note that nets should not be positioned in a location likely to interfere with the match. With the current location of the training nets behind the bowler's arm, this could cause potential distractions during a match for a batter. Though Cricket Victoria are cognisant that there are space limitations on the site and these nets may not be able to be moved to a different location.	1. Support noted. Add note to master plan: Explore future shared/multi-use opportunities of the social rooms for summer tenant. 2. Support noted. 3. No change, as noted spatial constraints limit consideration of alternative locations.
Netball Victoria	1. Support the construction of 2 netball courts with lighting and associated infrastructure. 2. Support the upgrade to the netball rooms and encourage Council to review Netball Victoria's facilities manual to see minimum facility standards for a local facility. Increase the sizes of spaces (first aid, storage, etc) to meet minimum guidelines.	1. Support noted. 2. Support noted. Facility standards will be further reviewed as part of separate detailed designs.

Central Reserve

Who	Summary of key comments, feedback, or suggestions	Implications and proposed changes to plans.
Colac Tigers Football Netball Club	1. The Colac FNC generally support the process undertaken and assessments and prioritisations reached. We would like to continue to be involved in any further developments at the Central Reserve and be informed if any changes are proposed to the overall plan or prioritisation matrix.	1. No change. Support noted and Council's commitment to ongoing partnership and communication confirmed.
Polwarth and District Tennis Association Inc	1. PDTA widely supports all upgrades to the Central Reserve precinct. 2. PDTA is disappointed that the resurfacing of the courts at the Central Reserve is a low priority on the Central Reserve Master Plan. The PDTA would appreciate if the Council would consider professional cleaning of the courts and line marking.	1. Support noted. 2. No change. Council can consider court cleaning and line marking as part of operational budgets.
Dog Obedience Club	1. Support the proposed master plan. Our aim has always been to have our own patch of grass at Central Reserve, fully fenced to train on. A building to store our collection of equipment and an off-lead Dog Park, for the canines of Colac to socialize in.	1. Support noted.
Colac Little Athletics	1. Colac Little Athletics gives its in principle support to the Draft Reserve Master Plans. 2. Our main concerns with the Final Master Plan for Central Reserve will be to ensure there is enough storage space in the new building for our equipment which is quite bulky and the area set aside for our field events is of sufficient size.	1. Support noted. 2. No change. Noted. Storage capacity to be confirmed in detailed designs for the new facility at the hockey rooms. Detailed design process is separate to master plan process.
CFA Commander District 6	1. CFA District 6 has been provided and has reviewed the draft version of the Central Reserve Master Plan. This draft plan has been shared with the leaders of the Colac Fire Brigade for consideration. As requested by the Colac Otway Shire CFA District 6 provides this letter as acknowledgement and initial feedback. This letter is not the CFA or District 6 final position on this draft plan and CFA reserves the right to make future submissions in relation to the relocation of the Colac Fire Brigade running track currently located on the Lake Colac Foreshore. 2. CFA supports the proposal to relocate the running track to the Central Reserve providing the following conditions can be maintained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All costs associated with the relocation will be the responsibility of the Colac Otway Shire. CFA is unable to contribute any funding toward this project. The facilities when relocated must be equal to or exceed the existing facilities including storage, spectator access, and parking. 	1. Noted. 2. No change, support (and financial constraints) noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued consultation with CFA and local brigades is maintained during the development and implementation of the plan. The concept of relocation of the running track has been raised multiple times over previous years. There are considerable costs associated with the plumbing and drainage requirements of these running tracks. CFA is unable to provide an estimate for the creation of a new running track and supporting facilities. 	
Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draft plan includes a soccer training pitch and/or cricket pitch to be overlaid on the old hockey field. There is also a plan to upgrade the former hockey pavilion for a shared facility. Is hockey available as a sport in Colac? How does this align with the G21 Hockey Strategy? Is there a future for hockey in Colac without a foreseeable footprint? There seems to be no plans for the Colac Youth Club rooms. The Youth Club has been part of the landscape of Colac and the Central Reserve for over 50 years. Was community consultation sought with the Youth Club as part of this project? If so, what were the outcomes? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No change. Hockey is no longer active in Colac/Central Reserve. The G21 Strategy provides no reference to Hockey facilities in Colac. No change. Consultation with the Youth Club was undertaken. The preference of this group is to continue to utilise the existing facility, including 'sub-leasing' / hiring the venue to other community groups as required (e.g. dance). No change to the facility is proposed.
Football Victoria (FV)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Central Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive of redeveloping the second playing field to accommodate a soccer training pitch with Amateur Match Practice and Competition (100 Lux) lighting View Central Reserve as training hub for Football (Soccer) Highlighted Central Reserve Multi-Purpose Pavilion mud map meets FV building development guidelines for community standards (Except would encourage the Umpire/Match Official space to be allocated 10m2 instead of 8m2. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No change. Support noted. Umpire/Official room size to be confirmed via detailed designs.
Cricket Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Victoria's comments on the Central Reserve masterplan relate to the new cricket ground in the south-eastern corner of the reserve (item 2). Based on the grounds current size in the master plan, under our infrastructure guidelines this would only accommodate cricket for grades U/12 or younger. Cricket Victoria would also like to see access to the new pavilion (item 1) to service the junior oval and teams that play at this venue. We would also like to raise that tree planting (note 15) could limit access to the junior ground, restricting parking. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No change, oval size limitations noted and intention was always for this oval to be used for juniors. Users of the 'second' oval will have access to the proposed new pavilion. Tree planting will help define the oval boundary and provide a safety buffer to the access road. Car parking around the second oval is not proposed.

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Netball Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would ask Council to consider a full-size netball court as part of the youth precinct. If a full-size court will not fit, provide a useable training space with netball court markings, i.e. goal third with goal ring which can be used for warm up and training. 2. Provide accessible pathway from football oval or parking areas to netball courts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A netball practice area is already included in the Youth Precinct, in addition to on-going use of the tennis courts for warm-up. Goal posts will be added to the tennis court area for additional practice facilities. 2. No change, pathways already proposed.

Eastern Reserve

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Colac Summer Netball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer Netball would not be in favour of changing the road to the overflow carpark to the Eastern side of the reserve. 2. We would like a designated "First Aid room" included in the plans. 3. Well down the wish list would be to seal the present car park to alleviate the dust that flows across the Courts during Summer season with traffic movement. 4. We really need regular maintenance of the pavilion facility – at present the fascia on the east side is in poor condition and desperately needs painting. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change. Vehicle access on the east side of the reserve is not proposed. 2. No change. First aid room is proposed in pavilion renovation. 3. No change. Sealing the current car park is included in the plan, currently listed as a 'low' priority. 4. No change. Council to review asset maintenance separate to the plan, and address issues as required.
Colac & District Netball Association	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As per previous emails, we would really like to see the master plan reflect more sheltered seating for spectators. This is a huge issue during the winter as there is not enough sufficient protected bench seating for players and officials, let alone spectators. 2. The other issue that was raised and has not been reflected was water access on the east side of the courts. This is to assist in keeping the courts safe, allowing us to wet them down and rid them of ice to ensure safe playing area. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change. Almost 100m2 of new undercover veranda space is proposed on the eastern side of the pavilion within the masterplan. Additional/extended court-side spectator shelters are not proposed. Tenant clubs could undertake shelter extensions with Council approval. 2. Add to master plan: Review existing water sources and add water outlet/tap to eastern side of courts. Now included on Master Plan.
City United Cricket Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Executive Committee and Club members remain supportive of all the major concepts included in the Draft Eastern Reserve Master Plan. 2. Our number one Priority is the development of a Training Facility, this must be the number one priority for the Eastern Reserve. And indeed must be in the top 3 priorities for the wider Reserves master plan projects. Our second 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support noted. 2. No change. Suggested priorities noted, these are already identified as 'high' priorities for Eastern Reserve. 3. No change. Detailed design and planning for the 'indoor training facility' to be undertaken separately to the

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	<p>priority is traffic management and safety followed by the redevelopment of the Pavilion.</p> <p>3. Training facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of four lanes (with power, lighting and toilet provision) • Fully enclosed • Alternative proposed location • Provision for Turf training to be re-located from Oval to be part of the Training facility site (ideally fully netted and adjacent to Indoor facility) – We note this has been removed from the Master Plan, however it must be included as an option with a staged approach to the training Facility <p>4. Pavilion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our concept for this area has not changed – we support the concepts, just need to work through the design and location. • Any redesign of pavilion/change rooms etc needs to also have a traffic management/safety considerations and direct oval aspects designed • Provision for bar and catering via an external option • Suggest that the 'Wet Area' be designed as the 'Social Pavilion' And the Existing Rooms be designed as the Change Rooms. (We welcome input into the design). • The concept meets our minimum requirements, and the footprint is about right (with a redesign of where the Change room and Social room areas are located). <p>5. Safety and traffic management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We appreciate that this option we presented may not be viable, - again user group discussion is required to formalise all options. • 'Traffic should not flow between pavilion and oval. Alternative design should include No Traffic access to the overflow carpark via this route. Suggest access to the Eastern Side of Netball Courts. • Security and lighting to be installed <p>6. Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The master plan now shows the existing maintenance and storage shed, the need to have this upgraded should be included in the final master plan (with user group consultation as to size and needs. e.g. store Covers, Roller, irrigation equipment, mowers etc). • Bi-annual review of the oval playing surface - identify and rectify - agree this is a must to address the safety, amenity and useability of this reserve. 	<p>master plan. The master plan intent is to replace the former undercover batting cage with a comparable facility that can be shared by baseball and cricket. The scale of facility requested by the club is significant and would be considered 'regional' standard in Cricket Victoria guidelines. Given the constraints associated with Eastern Reserve, locating 'regional' standard facilities at this site may not be appropriate. Further discussions and investigations required before exact size, make and location of batting cage can be confirmed. Furthermore, relocation of the existing turf practice pitches off the oval is not proposed unless incorporated into detailed design considerations for the indoor facility outlined above.</p> <p>4. No change. Clubs will be further consulted as part of detailed design planning for the pavilion extension.</p> <p>5. No change. Traffic access via the eastern side of the reserve is not feasible. Safety and security measures, including lighting will form part of upgrade works to the interface between the oval and pavilion.</p> <p>6. No change. Items are already included in the master plan. Extent of works to be discussed with user groups (service levels/expectations). It may not be possible to undertake all requested works in Bi-annual review.</p>

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Colac Braves Baseball Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> As a club we collectively agreed that we are aligned with the themes proposed for the Eastern Reserve although we still found a lack of detail troubling. Reconstruction of the baseball diamond and key components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We agree with the moving of the diamond to a position off of the cricket field playing area It is still missing both lighting arrangements for training and a scorer facility/shed for officials in the proposed plan The third base foul line is still extremely close to the proposed footpath which poses safety risks for outfielders chasing a foul ball No details regarding the length of time this would take and when works would be actioned (i.e. time of year) Training Facility - Further details would be good for the indoor training facility. This was earmarked as a top priority for the reserve from the very beginning. Upgrade of the Pavilion - We are more than on board with upgrading the pavilion and the proposed Wet Area but the execution is severely lacking for the below reasons - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security is still an issue. How can we ensure the safety of our members both junior and senior, female and male whilst competing at the other end of the reserve? To follow on, how do we ensure the safety of the facilities? If we leave them unlocked and accessible for our competitors to use how do we ensure that some random person isn't entering them and causing damage? There is no mention in the design regarding improving the visibility of the playing surfaces (both netball and oval) from within the social rooms. We think there is a big opportunity to improve the facilities and open them up so that spectators can view the sports from within the social rooms creating a safe and secure environment from the weather for both winter and summer sports. We propose for further discussions to be had regarding the redevelopment of the rooms with all stakeholders present to get the best outcome for all user groups! Bi-annual review and rectification of oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely on board with the proposed plan Traffic Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Noted, no change. No change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training standard Infield lighting is already included as a note on the plan (item #3). Add to master plan: A new scorer/officials shed is now proposed. Line markings are indicative only. The baseball field does not and will not comply with recommended standards, therefore adjusting the foul line adjacent to the path is possible if required. Timing of works to be determined in future implementation planning. No change. Detailed planning and design to be undertaken separately with Council. The master plan intent is to replace the former undercover batting cage with a comparable facility that can be shared by baseball and cricket. Given the constraints associated with Eastern Reserve, locating 'regional' standard facilities at this site may not be appropriate. No change. Detailed design planning separate to master plan process will occur in consultation with user groups in finalising the new pavilion layout. Noted. No change. Traffic calming and control measure are proposed for active management by user groups. Site constraints do not allow for the road location to be changed. No change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional toilets on the western side of the reserve are not supported.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We still strongly believe that traffic should not flow between the oval and the pavilion. We suggest that the road to the "overflow car park" be moved to ensure the safety of members crossing between the pavilion and oval. By moving or removing the access to the "overflow car park" would open up a nice area in which seating and sun-smart/weatherproof coverage could be constructed for parents and spectators of both Junior baseball during winter and cricket during the summer. <p>7. Other Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No toilet facilities are proposed at the baseball end of the reserve Nothing is shown in the plan in regards to storage for both Baseball and Cricket. Both user groups store quite large amounts of ground equipment and playing equipment during their season/offseason, this needs to be allowed for.- <p>8. Training Shed location and alternative layout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously we attached a proposed alternative for the reserve which included Outdoor turf nets for cricket, also utilised for bullpen pitching for baseball Relocation of the car park at the baseball diamond end of the reserve which would ensure the safety of attendees' vehicles from foul balls. Your feedback states that netting would be installed, but we believe you are VASTLY underestimating the size of "safety" netting that would need to be installed to secure this space for attendees' vehicles. Proposed changes to entry/exit for "overflow car park" and The open area between the pavilion and oval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club storage to be provided in remodelled pavilion and proposed under-cover batting cage. <p>8. No change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous suggestions have been considered and reasons for not including them have been discussed with the club, including limitations associated with former landfill site influencing location of proposed facilities.
Football Victoria (FV)	<p>1. Eastern Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not viewed as Football facility 	<p>1. No change.</p>
Cricket Victoria	<p>1. We acknowledge the City United Cricket Club's desire for an indoor cricket training facility, but are also cognisant of the restraints provided by the site at Eastern Reserve. Further investigation into this project is likely required with conversations between Colac Otway Shire, City United Cricket Club, other tenants & Cricket Victoria about what would be suitable.</p> <p>2. We do note that the current cricket practice facilities require upgrade and are not outlined in the masterplan.</p>	<p>1. No change, further discussions, and planning to occur regarding an 'indoor training facility', including CV view on the scale, scope and management of such a facility. The master plan intent is to replace the former undercover batting cage with a comparable facility that can be shared by baseball and cricket. The</p>

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	3. Cricket Victoria also wanted to highlight the significance of an upgrade to the club's social & change rooms.	scale of facility requested by the club is significant, and would be considered 'regional' standard in Cricket Victoria guidelines. Given the constraints associated with Eastern Reserve, locating 'regional' standard facilities at this site may not be appropriate 2. Add action to master plan to 'retain and upgrade the existing outdoor cricket practice nets for community and club use.' 3. Support noted.
Netball Victoria	1. Netball Victoria supports the resurfacing of the asphalt netball courts to improve user safety and ensure compliance. 2. Support the upgrade to the pavilion and encourage Council to review Netball Victoria's facilities manual to see minimum facility standards for a sub-regional facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a solution for better and safer access to court supervisor area overlooking the courts (upstairs). Install new PA equipment if budget allows. Include female friendly change room space for netball participants. Ensure safe access to toilets with line of sight to courts and court area. Include access to change areas and amenities for umpires. 3. Encourage multiple gate access points and ensure they do not impede run off areas, and are preferably located between courts, rather than along a goal or sideline. 4. Provide access to drinking water and water bottle refill stations. 5. Ensure sufficient shelter for team and official benches on each court. Each team bench should provide minimum 4.5m length x 2m depth (space for 5 people) official shelter min 2.5m or space for 2 people. 6. If funding permits, allow for covered tiered seating to accommodate spectators. 7. Support tree planting and see benefit in providing shelter. 8. Support the remodelling of the car park and encourage all 9. Encourage way finding information to direct pedestrian traffic.	1. Support noted. 2. Support noted. Facility standards will be further reviewed as part of separate detailed designs. 3. Changes are not proposed to existing gate access. 4. Additional water tap on eastern side of courts is proposed. 5. No changes to existing shelters are proposed. 6. Covered tiered seating is not proposed. 7. Support noted. 8. Support noted. 9. Signage will be updated where required as each stage of the master plan is implemented.

Other submissions:

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Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	<p>1. <u>Principle Based Planning Framework (Section 7)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be beneficial for the plan to include Universal Design as one of the principles that is used to help assess and prioritise the municipality's future investment decisions in sport and recreation infrastructure improvements. The current framework makes reference to compliance (Principle 1) however this generally represents a 'minimum requirement' in terms of facility development. The inclusion of Universal Design and the seven principles that underpin it encourage broader design thinking and input that is beyond minimum standards. <p>2. <u>Implementation Plan (Section 8)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the indicative costings included is it worth including some further commentary around escalation and other 'market' factors out of Council's control that could make these numbers look very different soon after the report is finalised? 	<p>1. No change. Universal Design principles sit 'above' the Principles Based Planning Framework and inform all of Council's facility and infrastructure planning.</p> <p>2. No change. The Implementation Plan notes that figures/costings are "indicative" only.</p>
Football Victoria (FV)	<p>1. Football Victoria understand Council's desire to pursue the Old High School site as a long-term home for dedicated Football facilities within the municipality and support this objective.</p> <p>2. However, while that process continues, FV's belief is that the development and growth of Football (soccer) within the shire would be best served by continuing to utilize Central Reserve as the training base for Football (soccer), and utilizing the vacant Lake Oval (due to its central location and lack of winter tenant on Sat/Sun) as a competition venue for Colac based Football (soccer) in the interim period to ensure consistent participation growth that supports future projects.</p>	<p>1. No change.</p> <p>2. No change. Central reserve will retain (and improve) capacity for soccer participation within spatial limitations.</p>
Cricket Victoria	<p>1. Cricket Victoria is supportive of the concepts shared by the Colac Otway Shire and would be happy to be involved in the detailed designs of the projects.</p>	<p>1. Support noted.</p>
Netball Victoria	<p>1. Netball Victoria congratulates Council on this forward thinking and forward planning approach to master planning. We support Council's intent to provide safe, accessible and quality sporting facilities for the local community and understand how well used these facilities are, and how important they are to the health and wellbeing of the local communities.</p>	<p>1. Support noted</p>

Colac City Recreation Reserve Master Plans

Draft Report Community Survey Summary Results

The following report provides a summary of key results and feedback received on the Draft Recreation Reserve Master Plans as part of the public exhibition period online survey from 15th August to 11th September 2022.

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Executive Summary

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- The majority of respondents (71%) were from postcode 3250 representing Colac, Colac East, Colac West and Elliminyt.

Eastern Reserve:

- There was an extremely high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
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 - The baseball batting cage is an over-reach. Get the basics right first.
 - Agree with majority of the ideas, just not some finer details. Example, upgrade of the rooms, no viewing area over the sporting oval. position of training facilities and parking. Overflow carpark should be relocated off Wilson St (near playground), instead traffic going between buildings/ sporting facilities.
- There was good representation of sports-club and broad community feedback in survey responses who indicated a high level of support for proposed directions as presented, including consistency with the top-three priorities for improvement. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

Western Reserve:

- There was a very high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
 - A combined 75% of respondents either *fully supported* or *strongly supported* the draft plan.
 - Approximately 5% (i.e., 3 individual responses) did not support the proposed plan. A single comment was provided:
 - I would support the netball court re-development as a priority action due to the amount of players who utilise the courts as well as the current courts not having had any upgrade in the past ~15-20 years.
- Although survey responses were dominated by members of the Colac Imperials Football Netball Club, proposed master plan directions support shared use of facilities and infrastructure by all user groups, including the addition of improved facilities to service cricket and mixed gender use. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

Lake Oval:

- There was a high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
 - A combined 50% of respondents either *fully supported* or *strongly supported* the draft plan.
 - Approximately 20% (i.e., 5 individual responses) did not support the proposed plan. Comments included:

- Why they heck would you have a path around the oval? Seems like a staff or consultant suggestion rather than user groups. What a waste of money.
- Another reserve underutilized by the public. A fantastic level site with views of the Lake. On the Queens Avenue side the drop off to the Lake is very steep and should have guard rail. Should be repurposed as an extension of the Colac Botanic Gardens with sealed, accessible paths through gardens. Public toilets, playground. So many options Museum Colac Band with a bandstand Amphitheatre Sealed footpaths with guard rail around total perimeter streets of Queens Avenue, Fireman Street and Calvert Street Totally disagree with lighting, extending the length of the grounds for the circuit path.
- Should have lights upgraded to allow night cricket. We love going to watch the 20/20s they host at the ground. Night cricket games would be great.
- Survey responses suggest a high level of broad community use of this reserve in addition to formal use by cricket and football umpires. Despite high levels of community use, survey feedback indicates consistency with the recommended top-three priorities for improvement at the reserve. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

Central Reserve:

- There was a high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
 - A combined 58% of respondents either *fully supported*, *strongly supported*, or supported *most actions* outlined in the draft plan.
 - It is acknowledged that approximately 29% of respondents did not support all the proposed directions in the draft plan, however this represents only 11 individual responses. Comments included:
 - Dog obedience school shouldn't be at the "premier sporting complex". There are numerous more suitable homes. Disappointing the ground doesn't get used for cricket in summer. If the ground is to never be used for cricket in the summer season, would suggest the ground have the appropriate grass type to accommodate the primary sport it caters for.
 - Placing an off leash dog area right next to the area proposed for the obedience club to use will be problematic at best. The dog obedience club seeks to help people train their dogs which will be near impossible for puppies and beginner dogs if there are dogs running around barking and playing right next to them.
 - Why plant trees close to the oval or anywhere at these sporting facilities. Some of these upgrades should happen as a matter of course and there is not a need for these over the top master plans that will need 50 million to get them completed. Some of the facilities need upgrading but trying to reinvent the wheel at these reserves is odd. It seems like the council is doing this to look like they are doing something.
 - Cricket would be a great opportunity for this reserve. Relocate City United Cricket Club with Turf Table to Central Reserve which will attract Interleague & Vic / Higher level cricket matches to Colac. (NB: this comment is repeated multiple times).
 - Upgraded toilet facilities is a priority if the council hopes to attract major events to the venue.
 - The Little athletics club also deserve better facilities at the venue.

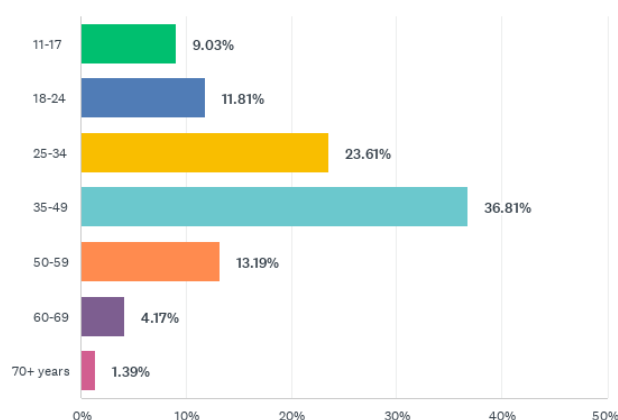


- There was a good cross-section of club and community feedback in survey responses which reflects mixed use of the reserve, including its importance as a venue for watching sport as a parent or spectator. It also reinforces the multi-use nature of the reserve and importance of continuing to cater for a range of formal sports, activities and general community use. There is a high level of support for proposed directions including consistency with the recommended top-three priorities for improvement at the reserve. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

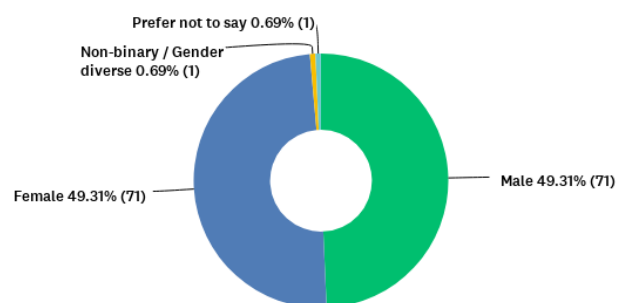
Overall Results

- There was a total of 146 individual responses to the community survey. It is important to note that not all respondents answered all individual questions.
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Q1 Which category below includes your age?



Q2 What gender do you identify as?



Q3 What is the postcode of your primary residence?

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Eastern Reserve

Summary of key findings:

Reserve use and club membership:

- 64% of total respondents wished to provide feedback on Eastern Reserve.
- Of those, 97% had used or visited Eastern Reserve in the last twelve months, with the majority (40%) usually visiting 1-2 times per week and a further 20% indicated that they use the reserve 3-6 times per week.
- Whilst almost 29% of survey respondents indicated that they were not members of any existing clubs using the reserve, there was also good representation from existing clubs, including:
 - Colac Braves Baseball Club = 26%,
 - City United Cricket Club = 25%, and
 - Colac and District Netball Association Netball & Colac Summer Netball Association combined = 26%.
- The top-five most popular activities undertaken at the reserve by survey respondents were:
 - Baseball (competition or training).
 - Watch sport as a spectator or parent.
 - Cricket (competition or training).
 - Netball (competition or training).
 - Walking the dog.
- The overwhelming majority (95%) of respondents accessed the reserve via private vehicle.

Improvement priorities:

- According to survey respondents, the **top-three most important** improvement initiatives outlined in the draft master plan were:
 - Construct a new undercover batting cage (i.e., training facility) to be shared use for baseball and cricket. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
 - Existing pavilion / change rooms to be upgraded to meet contemporary facility standards and guidelines for existing sports (i.e., netball, cricket and baseball). *(Currently rated Medium Priority in the master plan).*
 - Reconstruct the baseball diamond (with in-field training lights) to prevent conflict with the cricket oval outfield area. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
- Initiatives rated least important by survey respondents included:
 - Introduce new tree planting.
 - Refurbish and formalise existing (Netball) car park including new parallel parking along Wilson Street.
 - Construct a shared pedestrian path network throughout the reserve.

Support for the Master Plan:

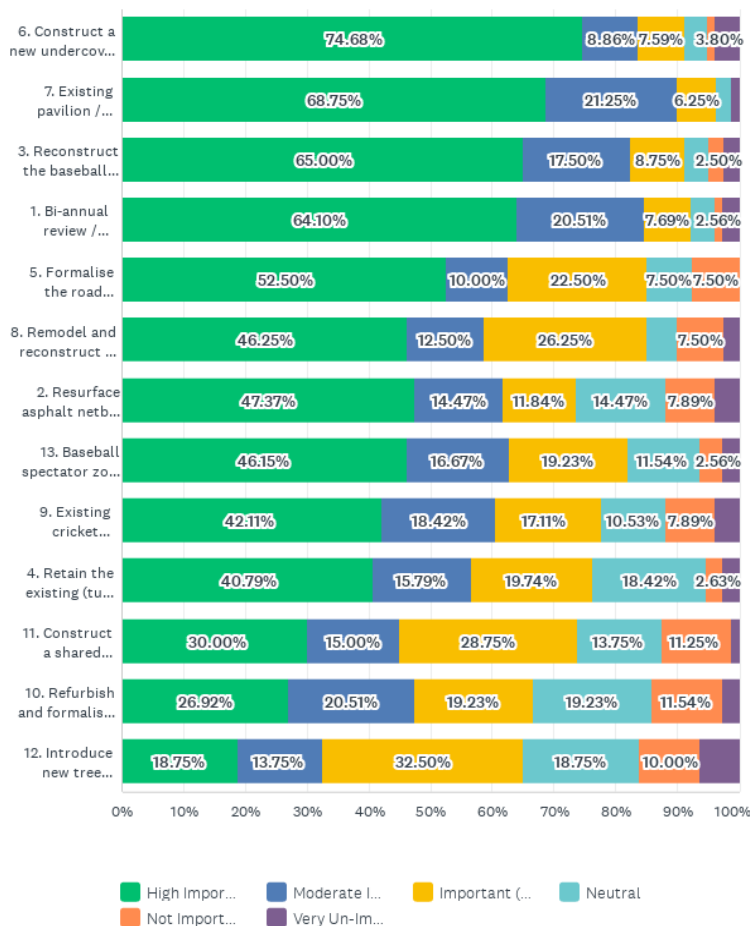
- There was an extremely high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
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 - Less than 4% (i.e., 3 individual responses) did not support the proposed plan. Two comments were provided:
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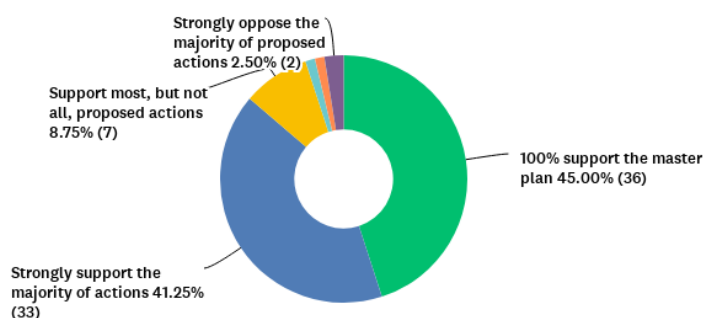
Implications for Final Master Plan:

- There was good representation of sports-club and broad community feedback in survey responses who indicated a high level of support for proposed directions as presented, including consistency with the top-three priorities for improvement. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

Q11 In your opinion, please rate the importance of the following key initiatives outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Eastern Reserve... (Single response per item only)



Q12 Overall, please indicate your level of support for the improvements and directions outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Eastern Reserve?



Western Reserve

Summary of key findings:

Reserve use and club membership:

- 41% of total respondents wished to provide feedback on Western Reserve.
- Of those, 98% had used or visited Western Reserve in the last twelve months, with the majority (36%) usually visiting 1-2 times per week and a further 33% indicated that they use the reserve 3-6 times per week.
- Whilst almost 25% of survey respondents indicated that they were not members of any existing clubs using the reserve, responses were dominated by members of the Colac Imperials Football Netball Club (69%). Only 3% of respondents were from the Colac West Cricket Club.
- The top-five most popular activities undertaken at the reserve by survey respondents were:
 - Watch sport as a spectator or parent.
 - Netball (competition or training).
 - Australian Rules Football (competition or training).
 - Club administration / management / official.
 - Walking or jogging.
- The overwhelming majority (81%) of respondents accessed the reserve via private vehicle, with the remainder walking to the reserve.

Improvement priorities:

- According to survey respondents, the **top-three most important** improvement initiatives outlined in the draft master plan were:
 - Existing Netball rooms to be upgraded to provide change rooms and amenities to service two new courts as well as public toilets to service reserve users. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
 - Add a second netball court and reconstruct the existing court, plus associated lighting, paving, spectator areas, players benches, etc. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
 - Demolish the existing public toilets (near cricket nets) and replace as part of new Netball facilities. *(Currently rated Low Priority in the master plan).*
- Initiatives rated least important by survey respondents included:
 - Construct a 1.5m wide pedestrian path around oval.
 - Add an additional lane to the existing cricket nets, with storage shed and power.
 - Introduce new tree planting.

Support for the Master Plan:

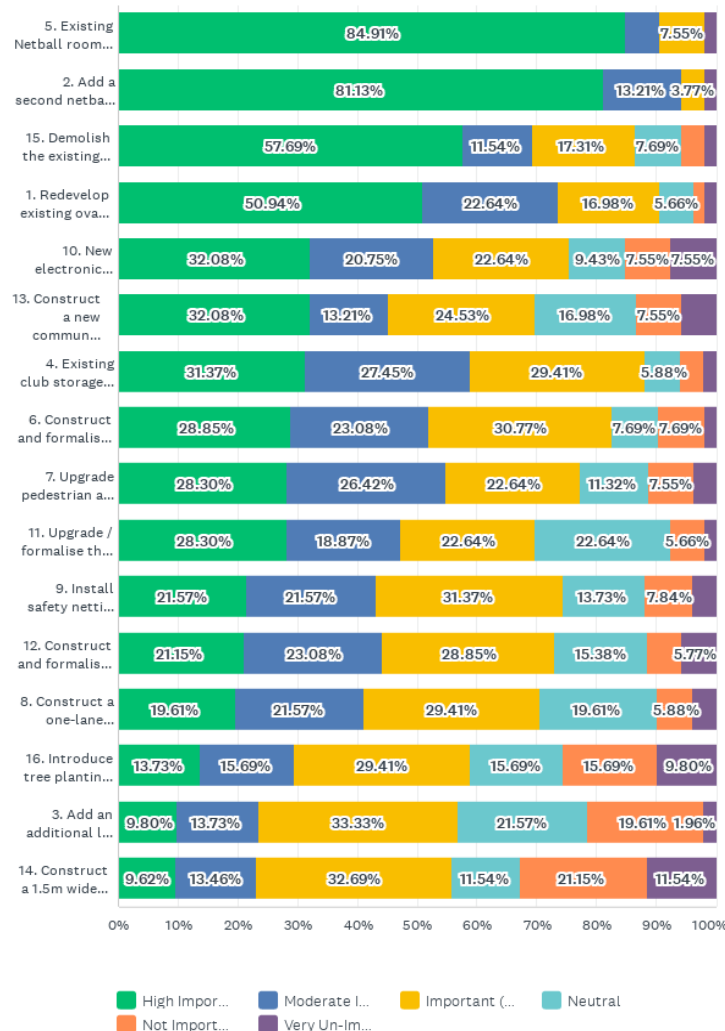
- There was a very high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
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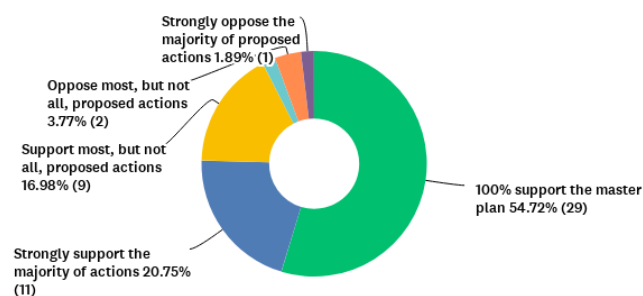
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Q22 Overall, please indicate your level of support for the improvements and directions outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Western Reserve?



Lake Oval

Summary of key findings:

Reserve use and club membership:

- Only one-fifth (20%) of total respondents wished to provide feedback on Lake Oval.
- Of those, 88% had used or visited Lake Oval in the last twelve months, however frequency of use was significantly less than other reserves. The majority of respondents (26%) usually visiting *once every few months* and a further 26% indicated that they use the reserve 1-2 times per year.
- The majority of respondents (59%) indicated that they were not members of any existing clubs using the reserve, however almost 32% were members of the Colac Cricket Club and a further 18% were members of the Colac and District Cricket Association. There were no responses from the Colac and District Football Umpires Association.
- The overwhelming majority (91%) of respondents accessed the reserve via private vehicle, with the remainder walking to the reserve.

Improvement priorities:

- According to survey respondents, the **top-three most important** improvement initiatives outlined in the draft master plan were:
 - Construct a new pavilion to service the needs of cricket and Football Umpires Association. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
 - Retain areas for informal car parking around the oval and establish new parallel parking and vehicle control along Queens Avenue. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
 - Construct new cricket nets with storage shed and power. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
- Initiatives rated least important by survey respondents included:
 - Construct a 2.5m wide shared pedestrian path around the oval.
 - Realign the existing picket fence to allow for a pedestrian circuit path and safer car parking on the northern side of the oval.

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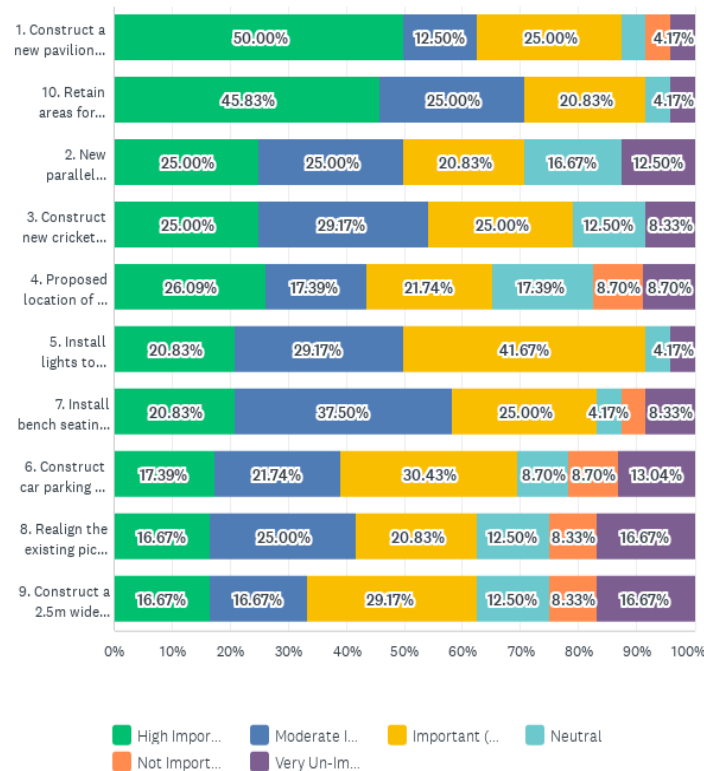
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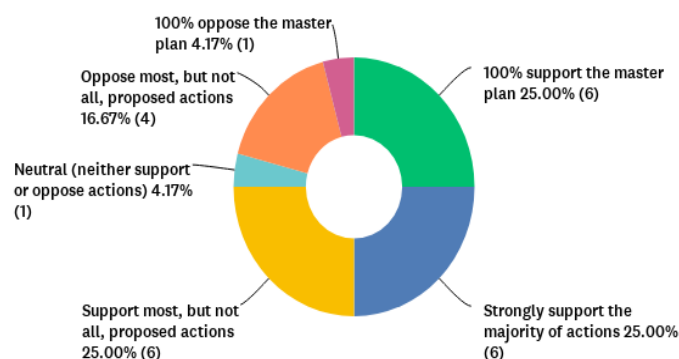
Implications for Final Master Plan:

- Survey responses suggest a high level of broad community use of this reserve in addition to formal use by cricket and football umpires. Despite high levels of community use, survey feedback indicates consistency with the recommended top-three priorities for improvement at the reserve. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

Q30 In your opinion, please rate the importance of the following key initiatives outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Lake Oval... (Single response per item only)



Q31 Overall, please indicate your level of support for the improvements and directions outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Lake Oval?



Central Reserve

Summary of key findings:

Reserve use and club membership:

- 40% of total respondents wished to provide feedback on Central Reserve.
- Of those, 98% had used or visited Central Reserve in the last twelve months, with the majority (29%) usually visiting *once every few months* and a further 26% indicated that they use the reserve 1-2 times per week.
- Whilst almost 20% of survey respondents indicated that they were not members of any existing clubs using the reserve, responses were dominated by members of the Colac & District Football Netball League (57%), followed by Colac and District Cricket Association (24%) and Colac Football Netball Club (19%) making up the main respondents.
- The top-five most popular activities undertaken at the reserve by survey respondents were:
 - Watch sport as a spectator or parent.
 - Australian Rules Football (competition or training).
 - Netball (competition or training).
 - Walking the dog.
 - Casual kick about / informal sport.
- The overwhelming majority (95%) of respondents accessed the reserve via private vehicle, with the remainder walking to the reserve.

Improvement priorities:

- According to survey respondents, the **top-three most important** improvement initiatives outlined in the draft master plan were:
 - Demolish the former hockey pavilion and associated buildings. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
 - Demolish the old scoreboard and construct a new pavilion to service Little Athletics, Dog Obedience and users of the second oval. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan)*
 - Redevelop the second playing field (former Hockey field) to better accommodate junior cricket and soccer training pitch. *(Currently rated High Priority in the master plan).*
- Initiatives rated least important by survey respondents included:
 - Introduce new tree planting.
 - Construct a 3m wide shared circuit path around oval including pedestrian connection to Brown St.
 - Decommission and remove the existing toilet block when new facilities are provided closer to the skate park.

Support for the Master Plan:

- There was a high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
 - A combined 58% of respondents either *fully supported, strongly supported, or supported most actions* outlined in the draft plan.
 - It is acknowledged that approximately 29% of respondents did not support all the proposed directions in the draft plan, however this represents only 11 individual responses. Comments included:
 - Dog obedience school shouldn't be at the "premier sporting complex". There are numerous more suitable homes. Disappointing the ground doesn't get used for

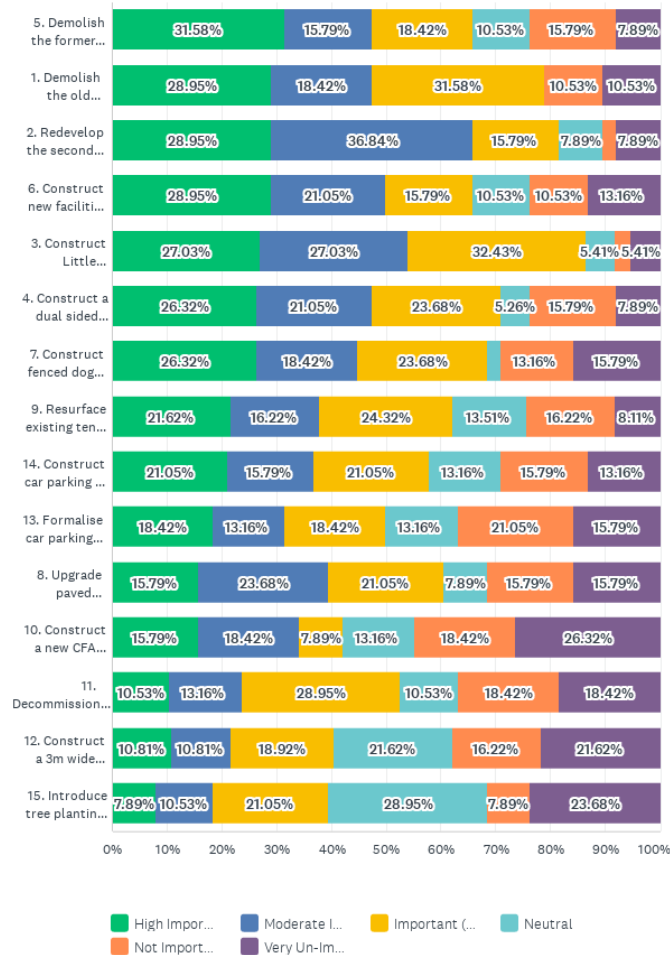
cricket in summer. If the ground is to never be used for cricket in the summer season, would suggest the ground have the appropriate grass type to accommodate the primary sport it caters for.

- Placing an off leash dog area right next to the area proposed for the obedience club to use will be problematic at best. The dog obedience club seeks to help people train their dogs which will be near impossible for puppies and beginner dogs if there are dogs running around barking and playing right next to them.
- Why plant trees close to the oval or anywhere at these sporting facilities. Some of these upgrades should happen as a matter of course and there is not a need for these over the top master plans that will need 50 million to get them completed. Some of the facilities need upgrading but trying to reinvent the wheel at these reserves is odd. It seems like the council is doing this to look like they are doing something.
- Cricket would be a great opportunity for this reserve. Relocate City United Cricket Club with Turf Table to Central Reserve which will attract Interleague & Vic / Higher level cricket matches to Colac. (NB: this comment is repeated multiple times).
- Upgraded toilet facilities is a priority if the council hopes to attract major events to the venue.
- The Little athletics club also deserve better facilities at the venue.

Implications for Final Master Plan:

- There was a good cross-section of club and community feedback in survey responses which reflects mixed use of the reserve, including its importance as a venue for watching sport as a parent or spectator. It also reinforces the multi-use nature of the reserve and importance of continuing to cater for a range of formal sports, activities and general community use. There is a high level of support for proposed directions including consistency with the recommended top-three priorities for improvement at the reserve. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.

Q40 In your opinion, please rate the importance of the following key initiatives outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Central Reserve... (Single response per item only)



Q41 Overall, please indicate your level of support for the improvements and directions outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Central Reserve?

