



# **Colac City Reserves Planning Project**

## **Colac Recreation Reserve Master Planning**

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## 1. Introduction & background

Sport and recreation are significant contributors to the social fabric of the Colac Otway region. Council also recognises that sport and recreation contribute to a range of health, economic, and wellbeing benefits for residents and therefore continues to support a variety of physical activity participation opportunities across the Shire.

Council receives many requests from sporting clubs to upgrade facilities and infrastructure, however, within the context of a constrained budget environment, there is a need for the organisation to prioritise requests to ensure operational sustainability, maximise community benefit and support effective asset management.

Recreation reserve master plans are traditionally high-level strategic documents that provide a framework and illustrated concept plan that outlines the vision for the future use and development of the subject site.

Master plans consider existing uses, character, functionality, interface issues, connectivity, consultation results and likely future demands to identify priority opportunities for improvement.

Master plans not only provide the strategic framework to guide effective asset management and resource allocation, they are also an important precursor to seeking external funding and to inform more detailed design planning.

The master plans are not intended to provide construction-ready level of detail, individual projects or infrastructure improvements outlined in the master plans may require more specific design details, investigation, and planning as part of future implementation on a case-by-case basis.

This project therefore focuses on strategic planning (i.e. Master Plans) for four of Council's five main Colac City Recreation Reserves, specifically:

- Eastern Reserve,
- Western Reserve,
- Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground), and
- Central Reserve.

*Note: a master plan for Elliminyt Recreation Reserve has recently been completed and will be considered as part of this project in the development of prioritised actions relevant to the other four reserves.*

The project provides strategic direction to Council, local sporting clubs and key stakeholders to guide potential future facility or infrastructure improvements at each Colac reserve.

Importantly, the project also establishes a **Principles Based Planning Framework** that can be used by Council as a tool to assist in providing a coordinated, equitable approach to other sport and recreation investment across the Shire as a whole.





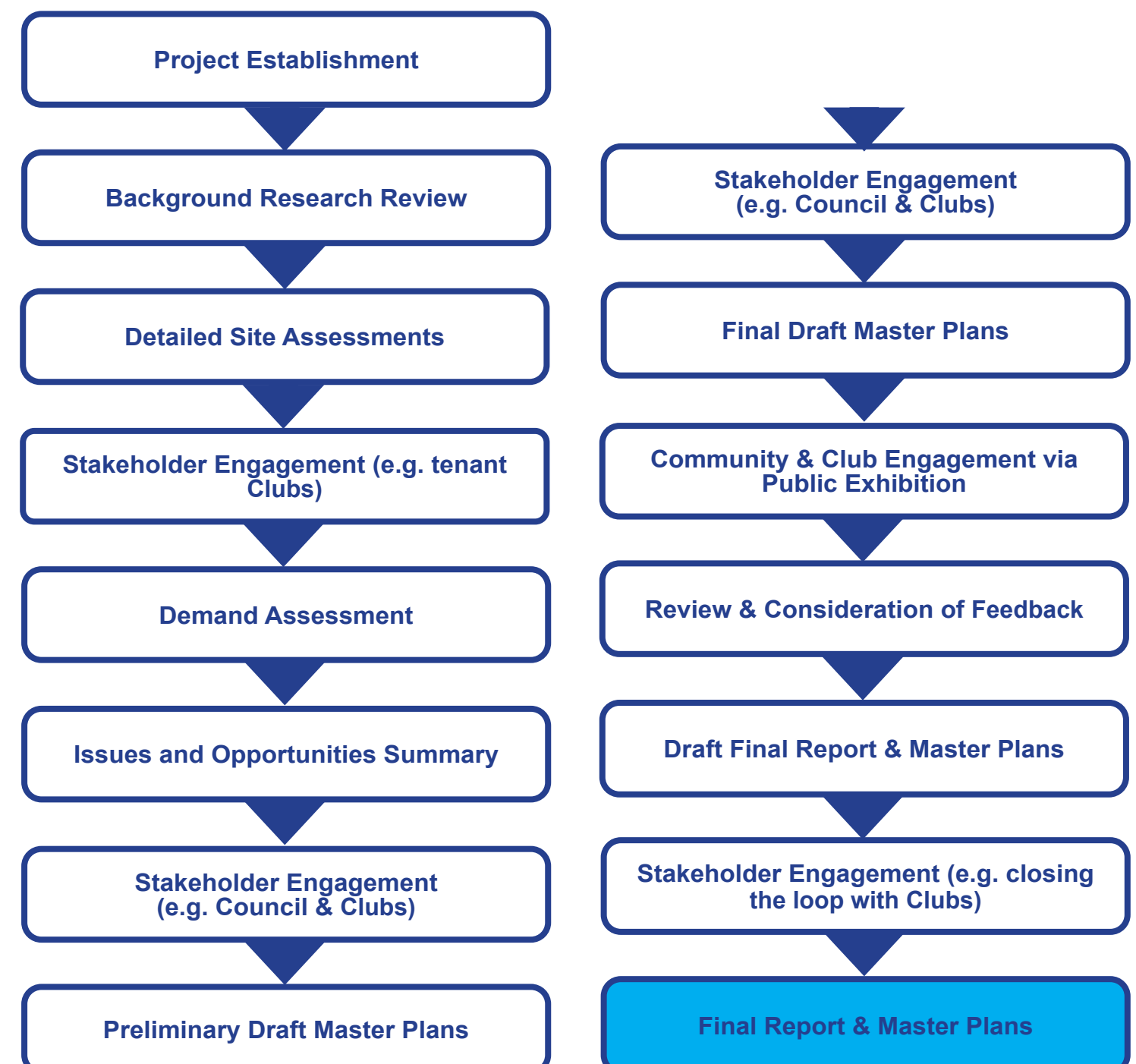


## 2. Planning Process

The project has involved a multi-stage planning process with input from Council, stakeholders and the community at key phases. In summary, the planning process has been designed to address each of the following critical questions:

- Where are we now / what is our starting position?
- What are the needs / where do we want to be?
- What are our options?
- How will get there?

The following graphic provides a summary of the main project phases with the current phase highlighted.







### 3. Strategic context

The following section highlights key strategic influences for the project.

#### Existing Strategies and Documents

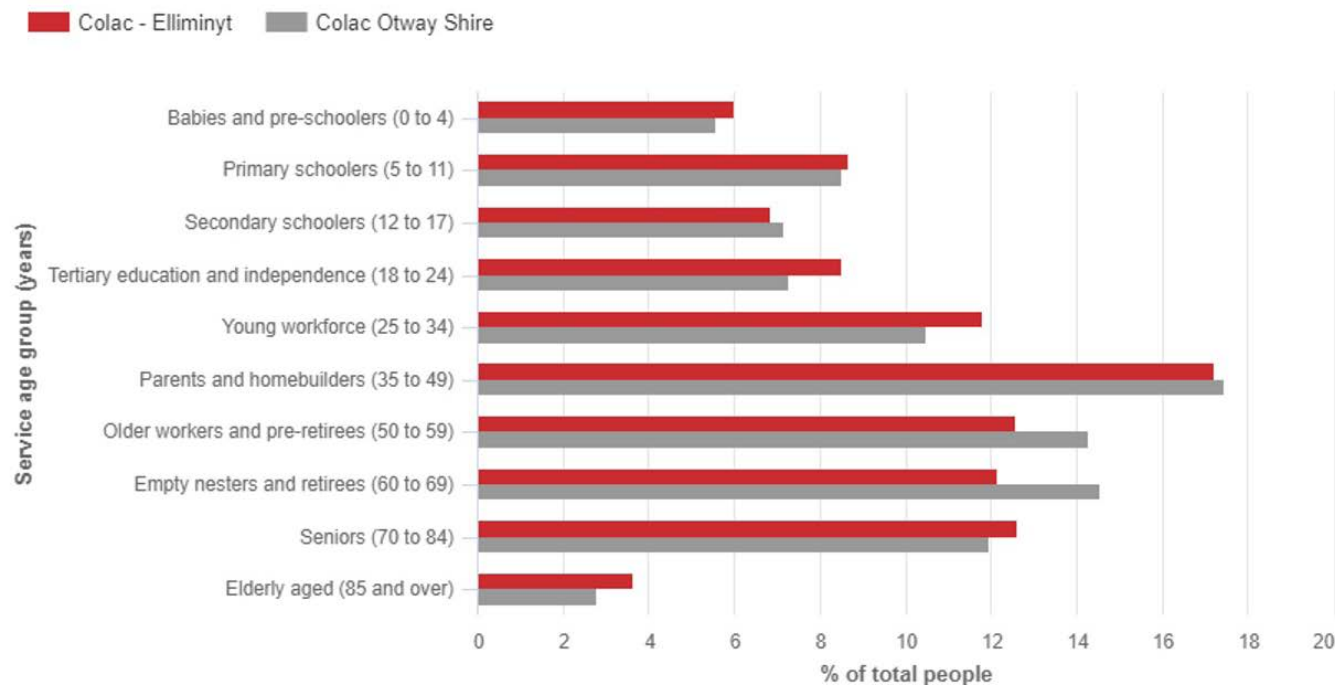
Appendix two provides a detailed summary of relevant background documents. Key implications or considerations for this project from the background document review include:

- Council has limited capacity to increase current Capital Works resourcing, therefore improvement initiatives must consider opportunities to maximise potential external funding.
- Upgrading ageing recreation infrastructure at existing reserves to meet future demand and to comply with modern facility design standards has been well recognised in existing plans and strategies, some dating back over 10-years old.
- Existing change rooms and amenities at each reserve (except some at Central Reserve) fail to meet contemporary standards and requirements for mixed gender use.
- Review the ongoing use of Eastern Reserve oval for formal sports (baseball and cricket) given ongoing subsidence issues, non-compliant infrastructure and future planning to acquire a new Active Recreation Reserve in the Deans Creek growth corridor for lower profile sports such as baseball and rugby (as per Colac 2050 Growth Plan).
- Develop or enhance neighbourhood park facilities such as picnic and play facilities at existing sports reserves.
- Give greater priority to improving the walkability and safety of existing reserves (i.e. pedestrian and vehicle separation, improved traffic management).
- Upgrading reserve facilities and infrastructure may result in higher fees and charges for tenants based on Council's Fees and Charges policy – i.e. reflecting higher asset values and replacement costs.
- Council does not have a policy or guide for acceptable levels, scope and standard of infrastructure provision across reserve hierarchies (e.g. Sport Facility Infrastructure Provision Guide – or similar – e.g. number of cricket nets, netball courts, pavilion sizes, etc). State Sporting Association standards will be used in the absence of a local policy. Such a policy would also define what Council considers 'core' infrastructure that it will fund versus what Clubs are expected to fund.
- Planning principles outlined in existing documents (e.g. Council Plan, Open Space Plan, Recreation Strategy and Physical Activity Strategy), will be used to inform a Principles Based Framework for this project. Furthermore, individual improvement initiatives outlined in each Master Plan may be subject to further detailed planning (if over \$50,000) and Council's annual budget/funding nomination process. Individual projects will be assessed using Council's Capital Works Prioritisation Policy criteria, specifically:
  - Strategic Alignment,
  - Economic Benefit,
  - Social Benefit,
  - Environmental Benefit, and
  - Safety, Risk and Compliance.



## Age structure - service age groups, 2016

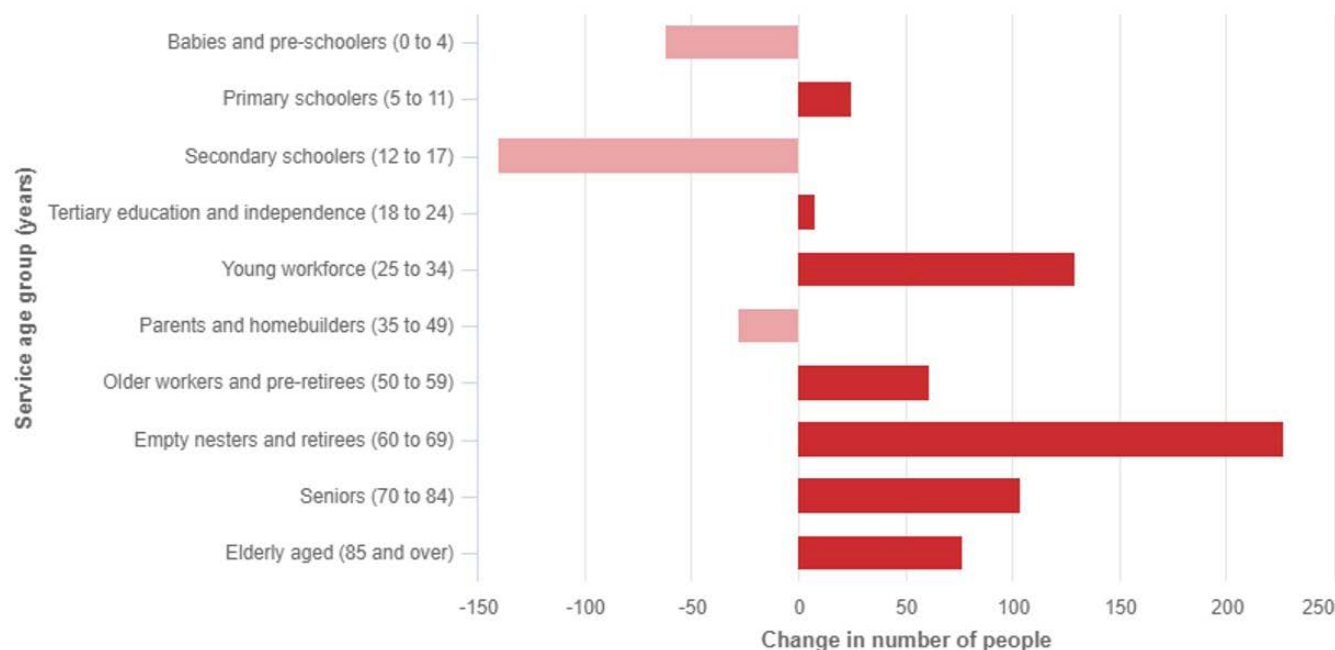
Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by id (informed decisions).

## Change in age structure - service age groups, 2011 to 2016

Colac - Elliminyt - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2011 and 2016 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by id (informed decisions).

## Population / demographics

As at June 2020, the estimated population of Colac – Elliminyt (12,505 people) accounted for approximately 58% of the total Shire population (21,662 people). However, since the previous year, population growth in Colac – Elliminyt (0.1%) was lower than the Shire-wide average (0.46%) and both were lower than the Regional Victoria average (1.3%).

The adjoining Age Structure (Service Age Groups) graph highlights marginally higher proportions of people aged under 34 years in Colac - Elliminyt compared to the Shire as a whole, coupled with slightly lower proportions of people aged over 35+ years old.

However, analysis of the population changes between 2011-2016 are highlighted in the adjoining graph. This demonstrates an ageing population trend with most increases in those aged 50+ years along with a modest increase in those aged 25-34. Overall the changes are not significant and on their own are unlikely to materially influence demand for active sport participation, however the ongoing ageing profile of the community will continue to drive demand for access to a range of physical activity participation opportunities in addition to club-based sport.

Between 2021 and 2041, the population of Colac Otway Shire is forecast to increase by 4,688 persons (21.24% growth), at an average annual change of 0.97%. By 2041 the population of the Shire is forecast to reach 26,756 people.

Colac City will remain the population centre of the Shire, increasing from around 13,000 people in 2022 to potentially reaching in the order of 20,000 people by 2050. Such growth will continue to add pressure on the use and infrastructure requirements at each of the City's recreation reserves, the master plans therefore seek to guide long-term flexibility and capacity of each site to cater for changing community demands.

## Physical Activity Participation Trends

Formal sport participation has been decimated by the impacts of COVID-19 over the last two years. Entire leagues, competitions and club-based participation have either been cancelled, interrupted or otherwise modified to accommodate health regulations. At a local level this has had a significant impact on club membership, operations and ongoing sustainability (both financially and volunteer capacity).

However, early research<sup>1</sup> indicates COVID-19 appears to have prompted (or perhaps necessitated) the need for more frequent informal physical activity participation. The types of activities that were (or weren't) possible during and after COVID-19's first wave may explain this. Physical activities like walking were still possible and these are typically participated in more frequently than sports, particularly organised sports, which were largely paused during COVID-19.

This has had a greater impact on children than adults, as children are more likely to participate in organised sports compared to adults. This trend can be expected to reverse once life returns to 'normal' conditions post COVID-19, however in the interim it presents an opportunity for each Master Plan to consider broader participation patterns, trends and demands, including influences that were emerging pre-COVID-19. Moving forward, key planning considerations therefore include (but not limited to):

- Improving opportunities for informal physical activity participation – particularly walking, health/fitness and active play.
- Continuing preference for non-sport-related activities (as well as a shift from organised sports to individual sport activities such as running, swimming or cycling).
- Pre-COVID-19 sport trends, in particular increasing demand for female sport participation can be expected to continue. This strengthens demand for gender neutral facilities and capacity to accommodate mixed gender use.
- Increasing demand for AFL (Football) and cricket participation, particularly juniors and females.
- Despite broader increases in female sport participation across Australia in what were considered non-traditional sports, Netball will remain the dominate sport participation preference for women and girls in Colac Otway Shire. This will continue to drive demand for access to adequate netball courts and support amenities which is also influenced by competition structures (i.e. Football Netball Leagues) which increasingly require access to two courts at each ground/reserve to accommodate usage demand.
- Continue to maximise multi-use and mixed-use opportunities at each recreation reserve, including supporting a variety of sports / activities where appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> AusPlay Focus Early impact of COVID-19 on sport and physical activity participation, October 2020



More recent research from SPORT AUS, October 2021, titled EMERGING SPORT PARTICIPATION TRENDS 2021 - The impact of COVID-19 on organised sport in Australia highlighted ongoing impacts on sport participation and club sustainability, particularly volunteering. Key extracts are included below:

#### Participation:

The pandemic has affected the sport and physical activity habits of Australians in many ways with participant cohorts responding differently. As an initial 'snapshot,' the June 2021 AusPlay survey data offered two interesting participation insights:

- Adults became more physically active on purpose during COVID-19, resulting in a real increase in frequent participation. This appears to have been driven by women.
- The pandemic also caused a real decrease in children's organised sport. This was largely due to the restrictions placed on community gatherings.

#### Volunteering:

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic over three million Australians volunteered in the sport and active recreation sector each year.

In April 2021, Sport Australia released the Future of Sport Volunteering report which highlighted the impact that COVID-19 has had on volunteers in the sport sector, including concerns about the potential for volunteers to not return to sport once restrictions are lifted, "only 53% of adults who volunteered in sport before COVID-19 were back volunteering by March 2021, and while there has been steady improvement in volunteers returning to sport in recent months, this is a critical time to ensure we are doing everything we can to attract and retain volunteers in sport."

The report highlights several opportunity areas for the sport sector to consider, including better collaboration between community sport clubs to drive operational efficiencies, and reframing the perception of volunteering to enhance its value proposition.

#### Focus Areas:

COVID-19 has influenced many aspects of society and some new habits or behaviours will likely be long-term. Whilst it is likely many Australians will return to pre-pandemic habits and organised sport will also return to normal, is that the best outcome? Has the pandemic provided sport with a pathway to rebuild, address long-standing trends and adapt to meet modern demands?

There are at least three areas of focus for sport to consider in the future.

- Making sport more affordable for low income families.
- Making sport more accessible to migrant groups.
- Making sport more attractive to women.

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#### Anecdotal Trends – 2022/2023

Subsequent to the SportAus report, anecdotal evidence experienced by the Consultant team as part of consultations with a variety of sporting clubs, groups and associations across a range of Local Government recreation planning projects has identified that a large number of club/codes have experienced a significant bounce-back in participation, however total numbers (teams/participants) remain lower than pre-Covid times.

Of course, there are exceptions, most notably female (and gender neutral) participation continues to increase across a variety of sports/activities, however once again Covid has slowed previous momentum.

Clubs have almost universally experienced on-going difficulties in attracting (re-gaining) volunteers, and junior sport participation remains slow to recover. There is also ongoing evidence of a desire for more flexibility in sport participation offerings, including mid-week and non-traditional timeslots to free up weekends for other options.



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## EMERGING SPORT PARTICIPATION TRENDS 2021

The impact of COVID-19 on organised  
sport in Australia

Prepared by Neil Burgin, Director, Strategic Partnerships, Sport Division

October 2021



## 4. Reserve Summary

The following section provides a consolidated summary of key information informing the strategic context for each site.

Reserve	Eastern	Western	Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground)	Central	Elliminyt – defer to 2018 Master Plan
<b>Reserve Hierarchy (OS Strategy)</b>	Township Sports Reserve	Township Sports Reserve	Township Sports Reserve	Regional Sports Reserve	Township Sports Reserve
<b>Main Sports / Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket (A-Grade, Turf)</li> <li>Baseball (winter)</li> <li>Netball (1 night per - winter and summer competition)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football (men's and women's)</li> <li>Netball</li> <li>Cricket</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket</li> <li>Football Umpires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football</li> <li>Cricket (women's cricket and junior cricket overflow at former hockey field)</li> <li>Netball</li> <li>Little Athletics</li> <li>Soccer (training only)</li> <li>Dog Obedience</li> <li>Youth &amp; Recreation Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football</li> <li>Cricket</li> <li>Netball</li> <li>Tennis</li> <li>Cycling (Velodrome)</li> </ul>
<b>Clubs / Groups &amp; Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac &amp; District Netball Association (winter)</li> <li>Colac &amp; District Summer Netball Association (summer) – 2019 approx. 600 participants, 2021 approx. 300 (36 teams down to 22).</li> <li>City United Cricket Club – 2021 approx. 158 members, up from 139 2018.</li> <li>Colac Braves Baseball Club – 2021 approx. 78 members, down from 87 in 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac Imperials Football Netball Club – 2021 approx. 209 members, similar to 2018 (207).</li> <li>Colac West Cricket Club (until 21/22 season)/now West Warrion Cricket Club (from 22/23 season).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac Cricket Club (summer) – 2021 approx. 133 participants, up from 71 in 2018/19.</li> <li>Colac and District Football Umpires Association (winter)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac Football Netball Club (main winter tenant, play in GFL) – 2019 approx. 250 playing members and 330 non-playing.</li> <li>Colac Little Athletics Club (main summer tenant)</li> <li>Colac &amp; District Football Netball League (finals football)</li> <li>Colac Auskick – approx. 300-350 participants per week.</li> <li>Colac and District Cricket Association.</li> <li>Colac Otway Rovers AFC (Soccer)</li> <li>Colac and District Dog Obedience Club -2021 approx. 24 participants, down from 56 in 2018/19.</li> <li>Colac Youth and Recreation Club</li> <li>Irrewarra Cricket Club (main summer tenant for the adjacent CSC Community Sports Field and pavilion, also use the main hockey field and hockey rooms for female cricket matches) – 2021 10 teams, approx. 125 members.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Colac Sports Club</li> <li>Colac Cycling Club</li> <li>Elliminyt Tennis Club</li> <li>City United Cricket Club (overflow ground)</li> </ul>



Reserve	Eastern	Western	Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground)	Central	Elliminyt – defer to 2018 Master Plan
<b>Priority Aspirations / Requests from Clubs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New indoor batting cage (baseball and cricket).</li> <li>• Upgraded pavilion for all users including mixed gender change rooms and amenities for players and officials/umpires, improved viewing spaces, welcoming environment, first aid room.</li> <li>• Resurface netball courts.</li> <li>• Oval resurfacing, levelling and irrigation.</li> <li>• Baseball fencing and back netting upgrade.</li> <li>• Relocate the baseball diamond off the 'cricket' oval playing area.</li> <li>• Improve traffic management, safety, car parking and pedestrian access.</li> <li>• Hard seal roads and car parks to prevent dust and mud.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional (second) compliant netball court.</li> <li>• Compliant training lights for netball courts.</li> <li>• Female friendly change rooms for football.</li> <li>• Electronic scoreboard.</li> <li>• Additional cricket practice pitch (2 now)</li> <li>• Cricket club access to social rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade / replace pavilion facilities – including club storage and female friendly facilities.</li> <li>• Additional cricket training nets (2 pitch now).</li> <li>• Improve lighting to the oval for winter use by umpires.</li> <li>• Improve ground drainage.</li> <li>• Access to power at training nets.</li> <li>• Electronic scoreboard.</li> <li>• Seating.</li> <li>• Car parking.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade / replace the former Hockey Pavilion with a new building for shared use by clubs, including change rooms and storage facilities.</li> <li>• Improve spaces around buildings – hard stand areas, landscaping, lighting, etc.</li> <li>• Upgrade long-jump pits.</li> <li>• Improve traffic controls, car parking and pedestrian safety.</li> <li>• Remove fencing (barbed wire) and disused infrastructure.</li> <li>• Overflow car parking.</li> <li>• Explore options for full sized soccer pitch.</li> <li>• Improve mobility access to the main ground.</li> <li>• New public toilet block and storage facilities around the netball courts / southern end of the precinct including a playground.</li> <li>• Renovation / master plan of CFNC social rooms (council building leased to Club) to create new entry and upgrade of amenities including storage</li> <li>• Bitumen sealing of area in front of grandstand and shelter towards netball courts as well as including the carpark at the southern end of the netball courts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a second netball court.</li> <li>• Pavilion redevelopment including new player and umpire change rooms and amenities, officials requirements, and new social rooms and facilities.</li> <li>• Oval lighting to minimum average 100 lux..</li> <li>• Power upgrade to facilitate upgraded facilities.</li> <li>• Resurface the tennis courts.</li> <li>• Construct bike jumps/park on the site.</li> <li>• Address pedestrian and vehicle safety issues around the netball court/pavilion area.</li> </ul>



Reserve	Eastern	Western	Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground)	Central	Elliminyt – defer to 2018 Master Plan
<b>Significant Site Issues / Observations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playing field/oval is not fit for purpose – safety, subsidence and conflict between activities.</li> <li>Infrastructure failing – fencing, playing surface, and baseball back netting non-compliant, baseball batting cage needs replacing, cricket nets are in moderate to poor condition.</li> <li>Poor casual surveillance and access (e.g. rear of houses).</li> <li>Lack clear and safe paths of travel (vehicle and pedestrian accessibility and safety).</li> <li>Pavilion is a basic clubroom – shared but divided between clubs - lacks change rooms and separate umpire facilities (particularly for Netball and Baseball).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entire reserve is spatially constrained resulting in poor separation between vehicles, pedestrians, surface treatments, clarity and general amenity.</li> <li>Areas for vehicle conflict (squeeze points).</li> <li>Lack defined (sealed) paths for pedestrians (safety and accessibility).</li> <li>Change room facilities are not female friendly or meet recommended facility standards.</li> <li>Lack hard surface areas for spectators and linking buildings.</li> <li>Reserve perimeter fence requires upgrade.</li> <li>No playground provision.</li> <li>Conflict with other reserve users whilst formal sporting activities occurring – ie dog off leash clashing with club training activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack female friendly change rooms and amenities.</li> <li>Limited oval lighting for football umpires.</li> <li>Lack defined pedestrian paths.</li> <li>Poor vehicle definition and car parking (safety concerns, particularly off Queens Ave and around pavilion).</li> <li>Lack of park furniture to support spectators, general amenity and informal use.</li> <li>Playground is not required due to nearby playspaces at Western Bay Reserve and Colac Botanic Gardens.</li> <li>Conflict with other reserve users whilst formal sporting activities occurring – ie dog off leash clashing with club training activities.</li> <li>The condition of the oval playing surface due to lack of drainag is a significant issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve path networks and connections, including improved vehicle/pedestrian separation.</li> <li>Remove old and disused infrastructure (e.g. old long jump run ups, pits, old scoreboard, etc).</li> <li>Little Athletics facilities are spread out and disjointed across the site.</li> <li>No playground on site.</li> <li>Public tennis courts surface and fencing requires upgrade.</li> <li>Conflict with other reserve users whilst formal sporting activities occurring, especially on hockey field – ie dog off leash clashing with club training activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oval - oval including synthetic cricket wicket appear in good condition.</li> <li>Oval flood lighting - does not provide minimum football training standard (50 lux) or 100 lux for match simulation training.</li> <li>Centre wicket is orientated east-west - which is not the preferred orientation, however could not be changed due to velodrome footprint.</li> <li>The main sports pavilion comprises home, away and umpire change rooms and amenities; a social area with separate bar and combined kitchen/canteen facilities, and internal toilets.</li> <li>Once asphalt netball court with lighting and associated change rooms and amenities - club/league desire to provide a second netball court with compliant training standard lighting.</li> <li>Remove old and disused infrastructure (eg old netball rooms).</li> <li>Four asphalt tennis courts none with lighting, fencing in average to poor condition and requires fixing.</li> <li>Small tennis pavilion/clubrooms is in good condition - provide better access from courts to clubrooms.</li> <li>Playground with adjoining BBQ/shelter and seating are in good condition and appear to be popular with local residents and visitors to the region.</li> <li>An extensive internal path network as been developed, however some sections require re-surface or upgrade to concrete to avoid washing away.</li> <li>The public toilet block is in very poor condition, and is poorly located in proximity to other facilities, such as the playground.</li> <li>The reserve has a steep grade which causes site issues for providing accessible grades for the path network, internal road and parking area wash outs.</li> <li>All internal roads and carparking are unsealed.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former Colac Tip site with inadequate engineered clay capping. Significant subsidence expected to continue for foreseeable future.</li> <li>Council currently investigating options for a new baseball batting cage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac Imperials Football Netball Club is the only club with female football teams in the Shire.</li> <li>Oval has match standard lighting (100 lux).</li> <li>Netball courts are serviced by separate (basic) change room and amenities.</li> <li>Council planning to install a new playground behind goals at western end (will require safety netting behind goals).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The reserve is heavily used over summer for cricket (6-7 days per week).</li> <li>Council is in the process of installing some bench seating around the oval.</li> <li>Club planning to install an electronic scoreboard on western side of oval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac's Premier Recreation Reserve.</li> <li>AFL Category 4 standard facilities.</li> <li>New netball courts and pavilion facilities.</li> <li>Oval has match standard lighting (150 lux).</li> <li>Former Hockey fields are used as dog-off lead area, resulting in conflicts with other users.</li> <li>Existing skate park.</li> <li>Consider options to establish a CFA Training track (Council).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New playground facilities recently developed.</li> <li>Velodrome surface has been recently upgraded.</li> <li>New coaches boxes have been installed to address Cycling Victoria safety requirements.</li> <li>Investigating site appropriateness for bike park.</li> </ul>



## 5. Existing conditions

### Eastern Reserve



#### Legend:

- 1 Pavilion/clubrooms
- 2 Turf Pitch
- 3 Cricket Nets
- 4 Baseball Diamond
- 5 Batting Cage
- 6 Netball Courts
- 7 Main Netball Parking
- 8 Overflow Netball Parking
- 9 Cricket Parking
- 10 Playground
- 11 Barongarook Creek
- 12 Entrance/ Exit
- 14 Cricket / baseball parking





Turf cricket wicket and baseball diamond



Existing cricket nets



Baseball back net and players box



Cricket spectators seating



Oval fencing



Damaged Baseball batting cage



Existing pavilion



Six netball courts with lights



Netball hoop with chain



Netball overflow parking area



Baseball practice pads



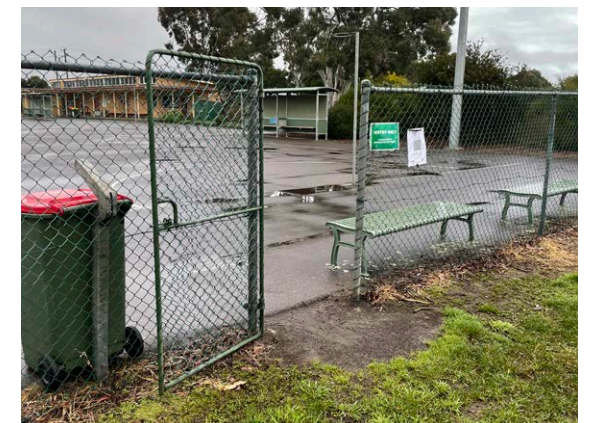
Barongarook Creek



Drinking fountain



Interface to Barongarook Creek



Northern entrance to netball courts



Bike racks near facilities



Entrance off Wilson Street



Entry signage off Wilson Street



Netball main car park



Playground



## Western Reserve



### Legend:

- 1 Football oval
- 2 Cricket Pitch
- 3 Cricket Nets
- 4 Netball Court
- 5 Netball Half Court
- 6 Netball Change Rooms
- 7 Main Entrance
- 8 Public Toilets
- 9 Railway
- 10 Football clubrooms
- 11 Football/ cricket change rooms
- 12 Water Tank
- 13 Rear Entrance
- 14 Grass Hill/ informal parking
- 15 Informal Parking





Football and cricket oval



Clubhouse



Change rooms



View of oval from change rooms



Gravel viewing area



Two cricket nets



Public toilets



Railway line along southern boundary



Water tank for irrigation



Bollards and seats around the oval



Netball change rooms



Netball court



Open forecourt between buildings



Recently upgraded light poles



Established street trees in Sinclair St



Reserve entrance off Cants Road



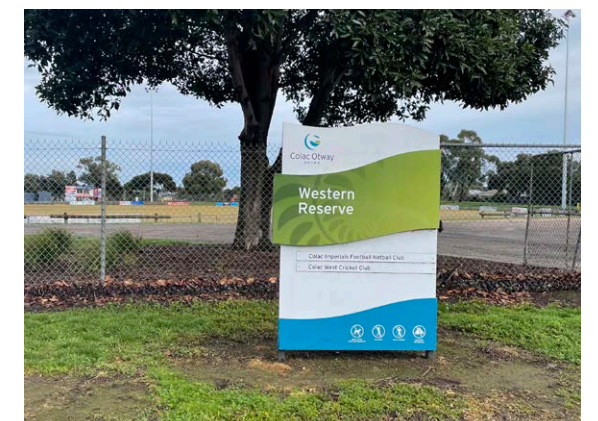
Residential interface along north boundary



Grassed area in north-west corner of reserve



Main entrance off Sinclair St



Entrance signage off Sinclair St



## Lake Oval



### Legend:

- 1 Cricket Oval
- 2 Cricket Nets
- 3 Football goal posts
- 4 Lane to Grants Road
- 5 Water Tank
- 6 Pavilion
- 7 Informal Parking
- 8 Heritage memorial location





Cricket oval with concrete pitch



Plastic white picket fence around oval



Pavilion and change rooms



Two cricket nets



Easement along Calvert St



Tree-lined oval



Signage at Queens Ave and Fireman St



Bollards along Queens Ave



Road signs located within the reserve



Tree roots impacting fencing



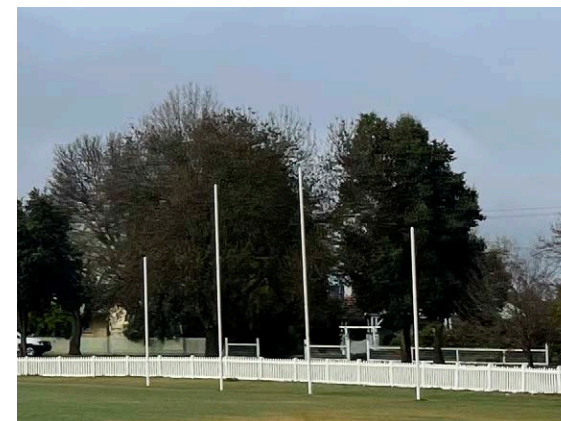
Bench seats near pavilion



Large tree and storage shed



Water tank behind pavilion



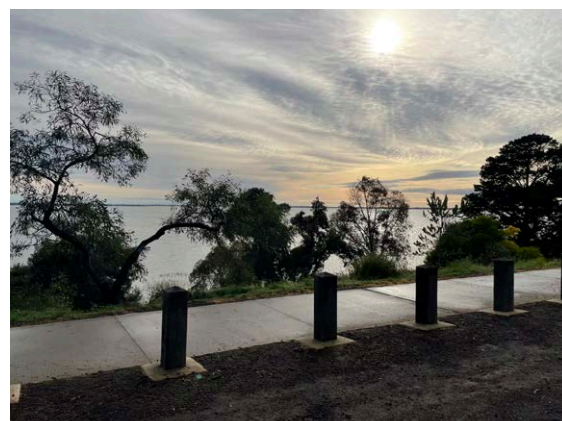
AFL goal posts at one end of oval



Level change between neighbouring houses



Narrow laneway access near pavilion



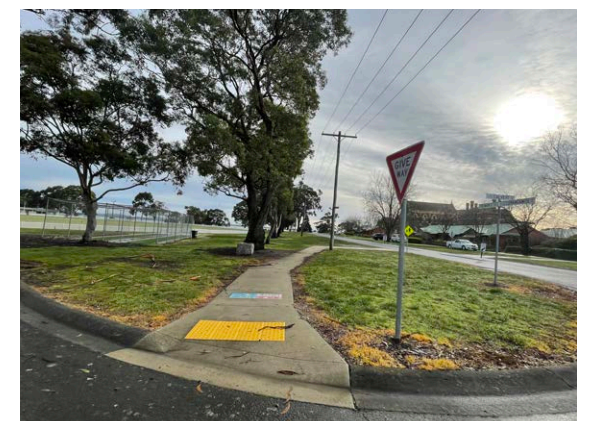
Views of Lake Colac to the north



Heritage memorial location



Parking along Queens Ave



Small section of footpath with the reserve



## Central Reserve



### Legend:

- 1 Pavilion (Football) Upstairs rooms and Home and Umpires Change Rooms and Amenities
- 2 Grandstand and Away Change Rooms and Amenities, Accessible Toilet
- 3 Social Rooms
- 4 Colac Youth and Recreation Club
- 5 'Hockey Rooms' including Little Athletics Shed and Dog Obedience Club Shed
- 6 Spectator shelter
- 7 Public Toilet Block
- 8 Football oval
- 9 Netball Courts
- 10 Netball Player and Umpire Change Rooms and amenities, match day office, and storage
- 11 Main Entrance
- 12 Side Entrance
- 13 Sealed car park
- 14 Informal car park
- 15 Public Tennis Courts
- 16 Soccer Training Field
- 17 Cricket pitch
- 18 Shotput court (Little Athletics)
- 19 Long jump (Little Athletics)
- 20 Discus cage (Little Athletics)
- 21 Skate Park
- 22 Grass area
- 23 Former Hockey Field
- 24 Fenced off grass area
- 25 Storage building - old scoreboard building
- 26 Electronic Scoreboard
- 27 Netball and Colac Youth and Recreation Club Car Park





New pavilion



Grandstand



Pavilion with indoor viewing area



Public toilets



AFL football ground



Two netball court with seating and shelter



Netball club house and change rooms



Public tennis courts



Grass area east of oval



Little Athletics discus cage



Little athletics decommissioned long jump pit



Little athletics long jump pit



Little Athletics shotput court



Little Athletics discus cage



Soccer/cricket field next to athletics pavilion



Bike hoops outside new pavilion



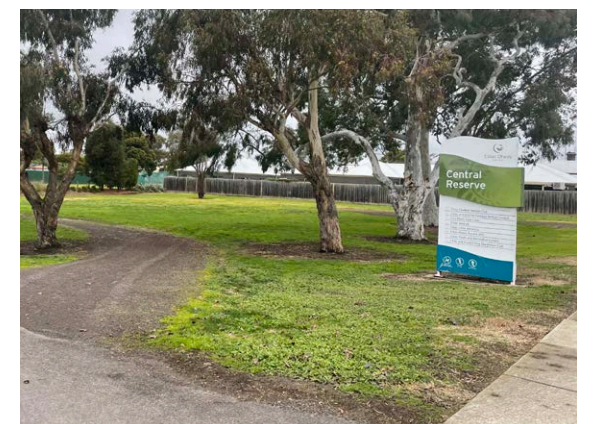
Sealed car park behind main buildings



Colac Central Reserve skate park



Grass area behind netball courts and skate park



Main entrance from Gravesend St





### Stakeholder Input:

As outlined in section 2 Planning Process, this project has involved a multi-staged methodology with input from key stakeholders at key phases. Whilst the project was impacted by COVID-19 in the early part of the project (2021), in particular restrictions on the capacity to conduct group meetings, this did not stop the Project Team from engaging with key stakeholders, including the use of on-line meetings, forums and individual discussions where needed.

The principals of the IAP2 Participation Spectrum have been applied to the project to guide opportunities for stakeholder engagement across the continuum including Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower.



Input from clubs and stakeholders is reflected in the master plans and facility concepts designs that follow this section. Engagement has been critical to informing:

- Site Assessments i.e. understanding operational and functionality requirements;
- Demand Assessment i.e. understanding current use and membership/participation changes;
- Issues & Opportunities Summary i.e. feedback on preliminary directions and priorities;
- Draft Master Plans i.e. refining initial concept designs, functional layout and relative priorities; and
- Final Master Plans i.e. support for recommendations, directions and ongoing collaboration.





### **Draft Report Public Exhibition**

As part of the community and stakeholder engagement process, the draft report and master plans were placed on public exhibition from 1 August to 11 September 2022.

Council received 19 written submissions from stakeholders, reserve user groups and tenant clubs. In addition, an online survey was promoted to the broader community and reserve users to capture feedback. A total of 146 individual responses were received via the on-line survey.

All feedback (submissions and survey responses) were considered in finalising the reserve master plans and project report (i.e., this document). Appendices C & D provide a detailed summary of the feedback received, including impact on the final report and plans.

### **Master Plan Implementation Considerations**

Throughout the life of this report and reserve specific master plans there may be a need for Council to consider interim works to keep an existing asset safe and/or playable until the proposed master plan improvement/upgrade project is designed and construction ready.



## 6. Reserve Master Plans

### Eastern Reserve



Key: In order of priority.  
(Refer to page 30 for score)

High Medium Low

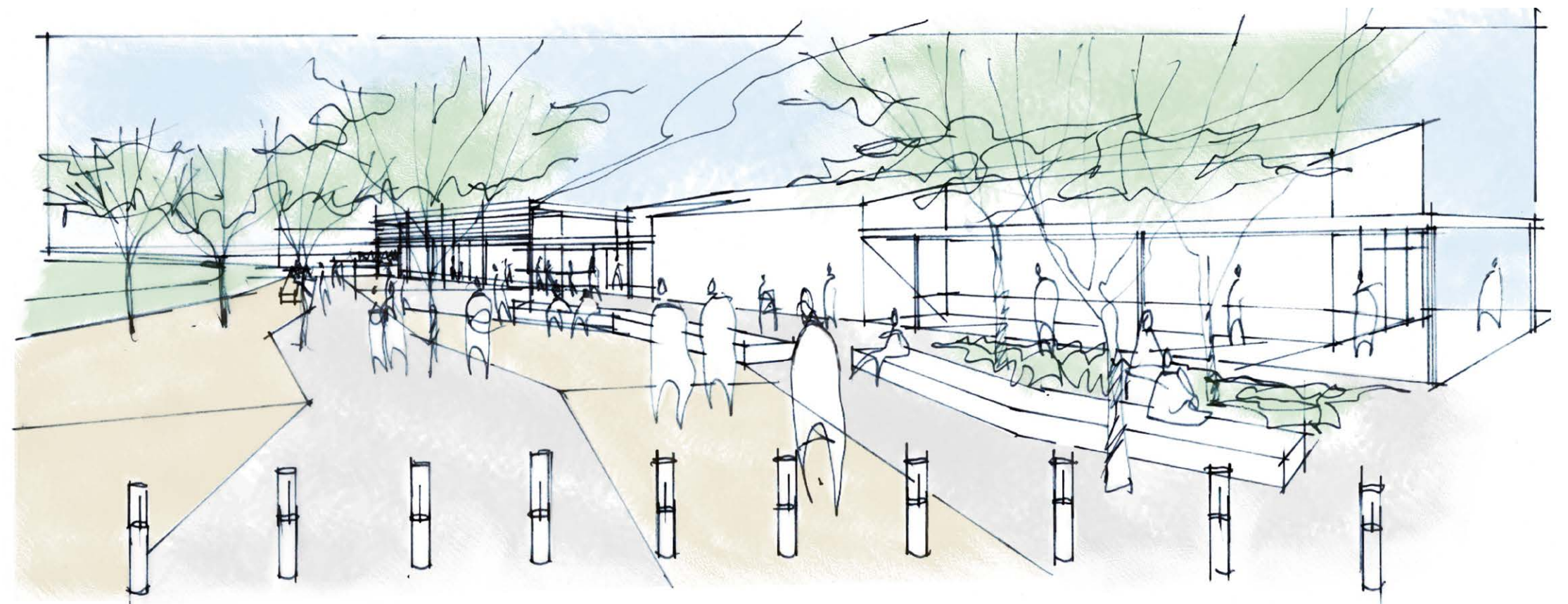
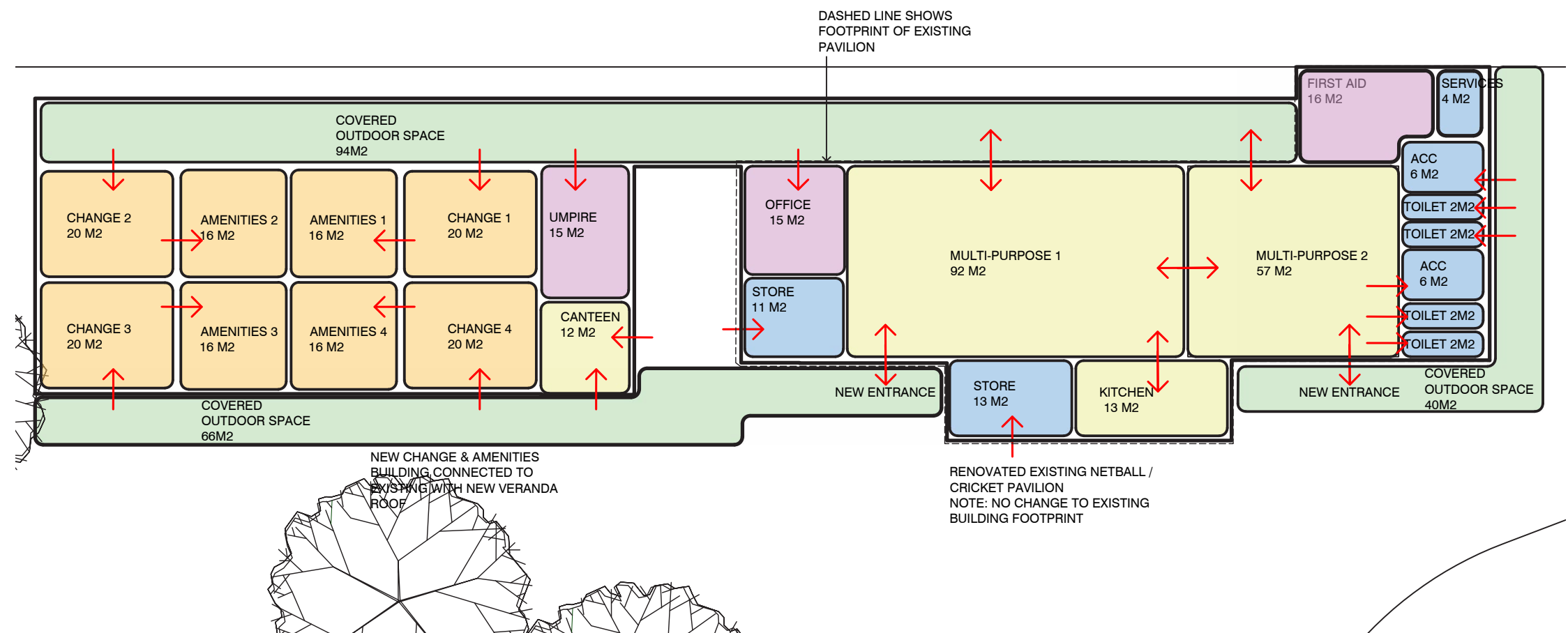
- 1 Council to undertake a bi-annual review of the oval playing surface and rectify subsidence and undulations through top-dressing and/or levelling as required to ensure ongoing safety and suitability of the playing surface. A higher degree of maintenance will be required to keep the playing surface safe and playable.
- 2 Resurface asphalt netball courts to address cracking and to improve user safety (i.e. reduce slippage) and to ensure compliance with current standards, including court surrounds. New fence and gate access along western interface. Review existing water sources and add water outlet/tap to eastern side of courts.
- 3 Construct baseball diamond off the cricket oval. New netting, player, scorers and officials boxes, and seating to be included. Baseball outfield, netting and boxes are not to ABL standards, however mirror the existing playing field sizes. Outfield approx. 82m from home base. Infield lighting to be provided to training standard.
- 4 Retain the existing cricket field, top dressing and leveling where required (55m radius & 2m buffer). Note that the outfield does not meet the min. size for Australian regional/ premiere cricket standards.
- 5 Construct and formalise road with clear signage and protective barrier fencing between path and road
- 6 Construct new batting cage to be shared use for baseball and cricket. User groups have requested an enclosed under cover facility. Size to be confirmed by available budget during detailed design. Clubs have requested an indicative size of 40mL x 15mW x 5.5m H. Exact location, site investigations and detailed design process for the indoor training facility to be undertaken separately to the master plan.
- 7 Existing pavilion to be upgraded to meet contemporary facility standards and guidelines for existing sports (i.e. netball, cricket and baseball). Undertake necessary maintenance of existing pavilion. Forecourt to include controlled vehicular access to overflow carpark with pedestrian priority and replace existing fence with new fence and removable bollard access. Safety and security including lighting to be included in upgrade works.
- 8 Retain and maintain existing cricket nets for community and club use.
- 9 Remodel and reconstruct car parking adjacent to the playing field (approx. 60 spaces).
- 10 Existing cricket storage/equipment shed - club to upgrade/extend to accommodate additional storage requirements. No existing vegetation to be removed in expanding the shed footprint.
- 11 Refurbish and formalise existing car park including new parallel parking along Wilson Street (approx. 170 spaces).
- 12 Construct a shared path network throughout the reserve (i.e. 2.5m wide)
- 13 Introduce new tree planting where indicated
- 14 Spectator zone - behind diamond



## Eastern Reserve Netball / Cricket / Baseball Pavilion

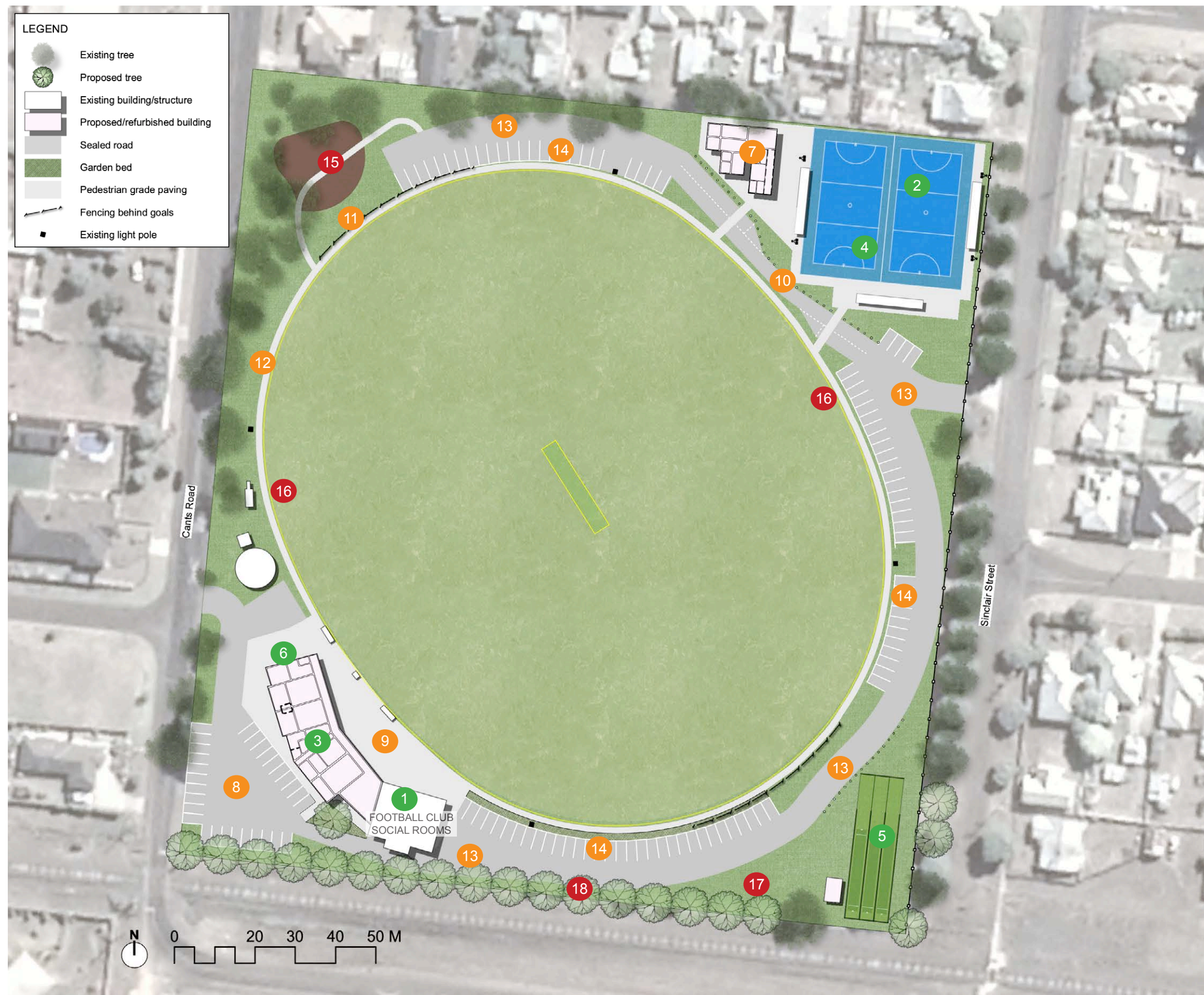
### Notes:

- Existing pavilion to be refurbished without extending the existing building footprint. Level of refurbishment can be adjusted to suit the available budget.
- A new dedicated change facility building is proposed to the north, connected to the existing pavilion by a new veranda roof (subject to further site investigations (former tip site) and site suitability for construction of new building).
- Designed to meet Netball Victoria Facility Guidelines for Local / Sub Regional facility.
- Additional two sets of change and amenities are added to cater for the needs of the oval users. (Change 3 & 4 plus Amenities 3 & 4) This could also be used by netball users at peak times.
- Note the existing multipurpose space is above the area provisions. But the current propose to renovate these existing spaces
- Multipurpose spaces may be combined to form a single large space as per current arrangement.
- Existing pavilion could be renovated in stages to suit budget allowances.
- Proposed new wet block could be a prefabricated / modular pavilion
- Uni-sex public toilets and multipurpose room toilets to southern end of existing pavilion
- Canteen in central location to service netball and oval users
- Change/amenity pavilion has covered space to east and west to service netball and oval users
- Note - connecting new and existing buildings with covered veranda is subject to approval of building surveyor / fire engineer. Buildings may need to be kept separate.



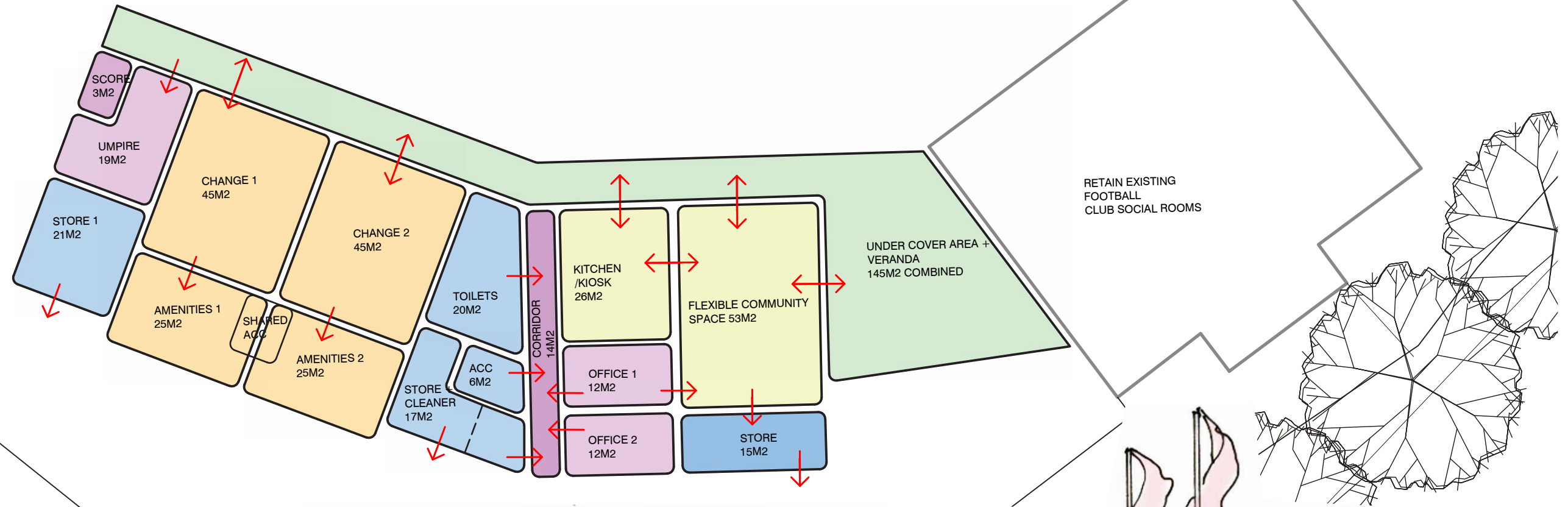


## Western Reserve



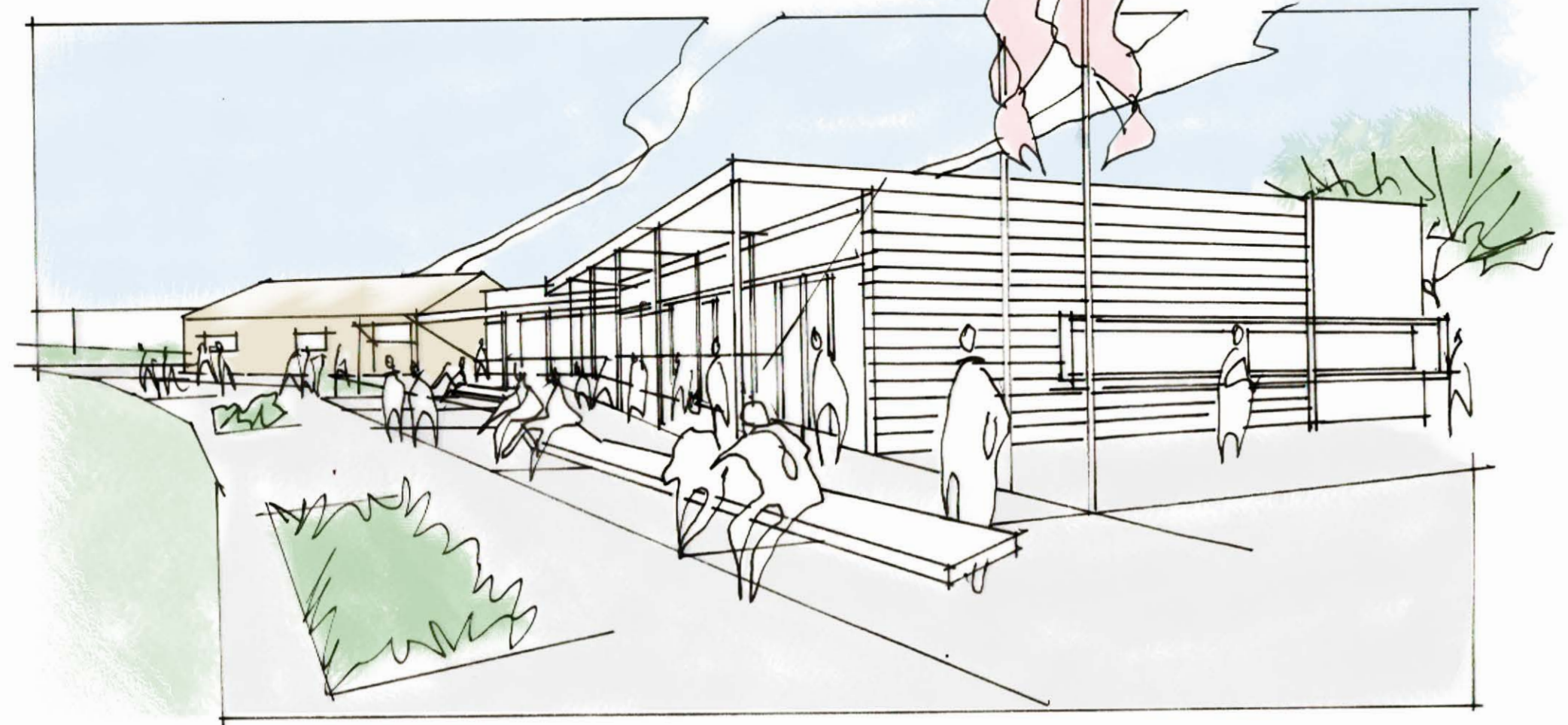


## Western Reserve Cricket / AFL Pavilion



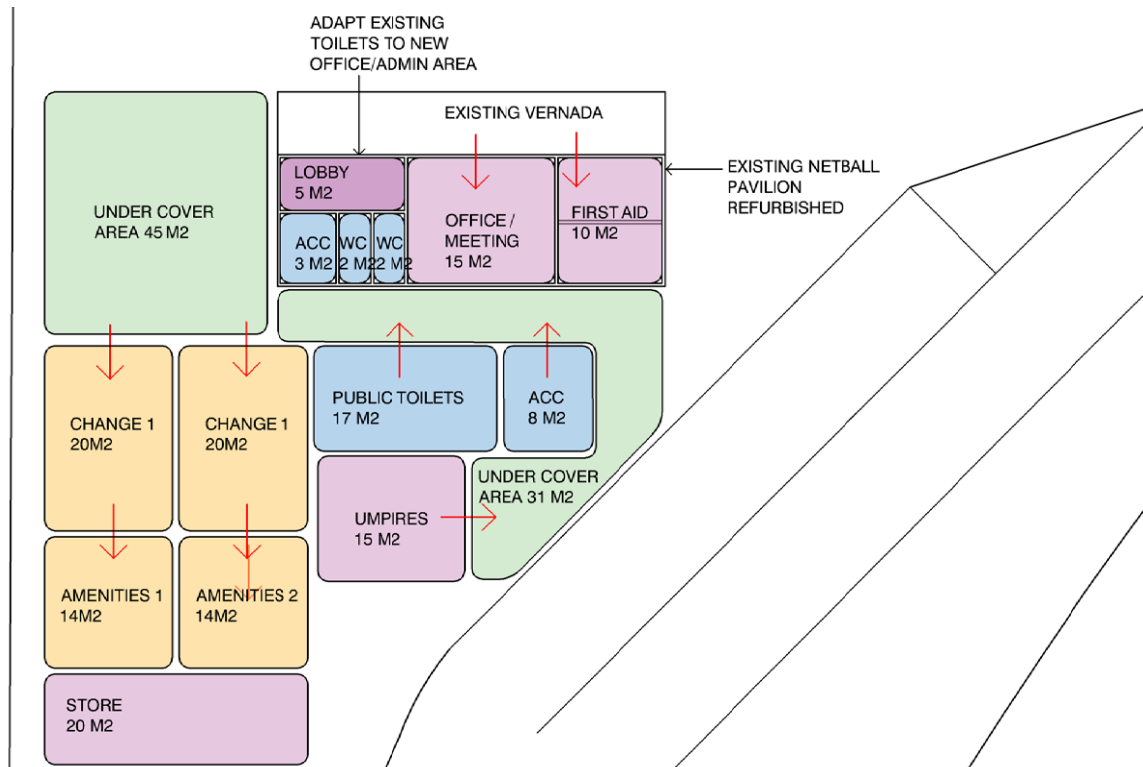
### Notes:

- Existing pavilion is demolished to make way for a new dedicated sports pavilion
- More efficient use of the site and better functional layout than renovation option
- Compared to renovting the existing building, this option is likely to be cost neutral (very little existing building able to be retained in renovation option) - cost consultant to advise.
- Multipurpose room is a flexible space which may be used for a range of uses - located with direct views across oval and access to covered outdoor space to the north and the east
- Designed to meet AFL Guidelines (Local Level) also meets cricket guidelines (some minor variations in the standards may occur)
- Three store rooms
- Covered veranda and undercover area connects to the existing social rooms - providing a flexible undercover area which visually unites the two buildings



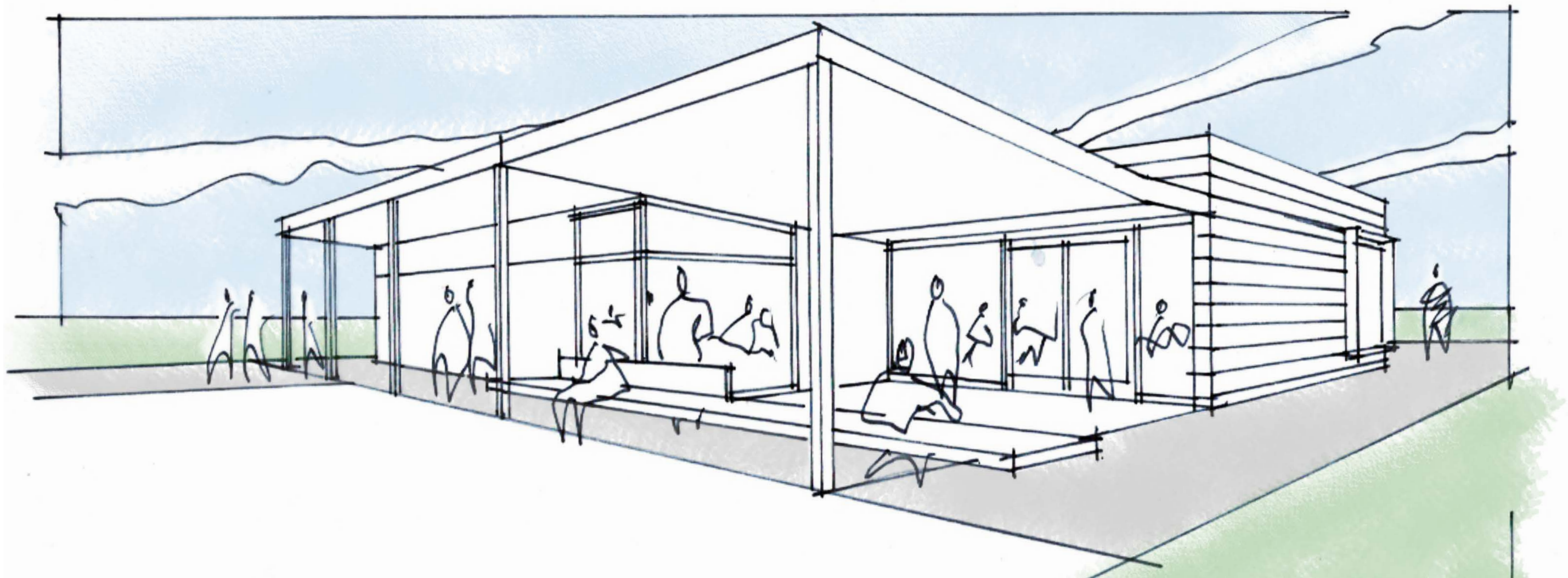


## Western Reserve Netball Pavilion



### Notes:

- Existing pavilion is refurbished - but generally no major changes to the overall building
- New freestanding building to the south which contains Netball change and amenities, public toilets (for use by netball and oval users) and a store room.
- New facility to meet Netball Victoria sizes for local level facility with respect to player/umpire/ official change rooms and amenities and match day requirements.





## Lake Oval



Key: In order of priority.  
(Refer to page 30 for score)

High Medium Low

- 1 Construct a new pavilion to service the needs of cricket and Football Umpires Association. Existing building doesn't meet sports facility standards/ guidelines.
- 2 New parallel parking and vehicle exclusive bollards along Queens Avenue
- 3 Construct new cricket nets, drinking fountain, and storage shed with power access to service nets (e.g. for bowling machine etc). Training facility's size, configuration and additional storage to fit within existing trees/ fences.
- 4 Proposed location of new electronic scoreboard (installed for 2022/23 cricket season)
- 5 Install lights to support Football Umpire training (i.e. 50/100 lux)
- 6 Construct car parking at the back of the pavilion (approx. 15 spaces). Leveling works to be considered to enable parking on sloped areas. To be completed at the same time as the construction of a new pavilion.
- 7 3 x bench seats to be located between circuit path and fence to allow for best viewing to oval. Note: new seating installed for the 2022/23 cricket season.
- 8 Area of existing picket fence to be realigned to allow for circuit path
- 9 Construct a 2.5m wide shared circuit path on outside of existing picket fence
- 10 Areas / zones for informal car parking around the oval

### LEGEND

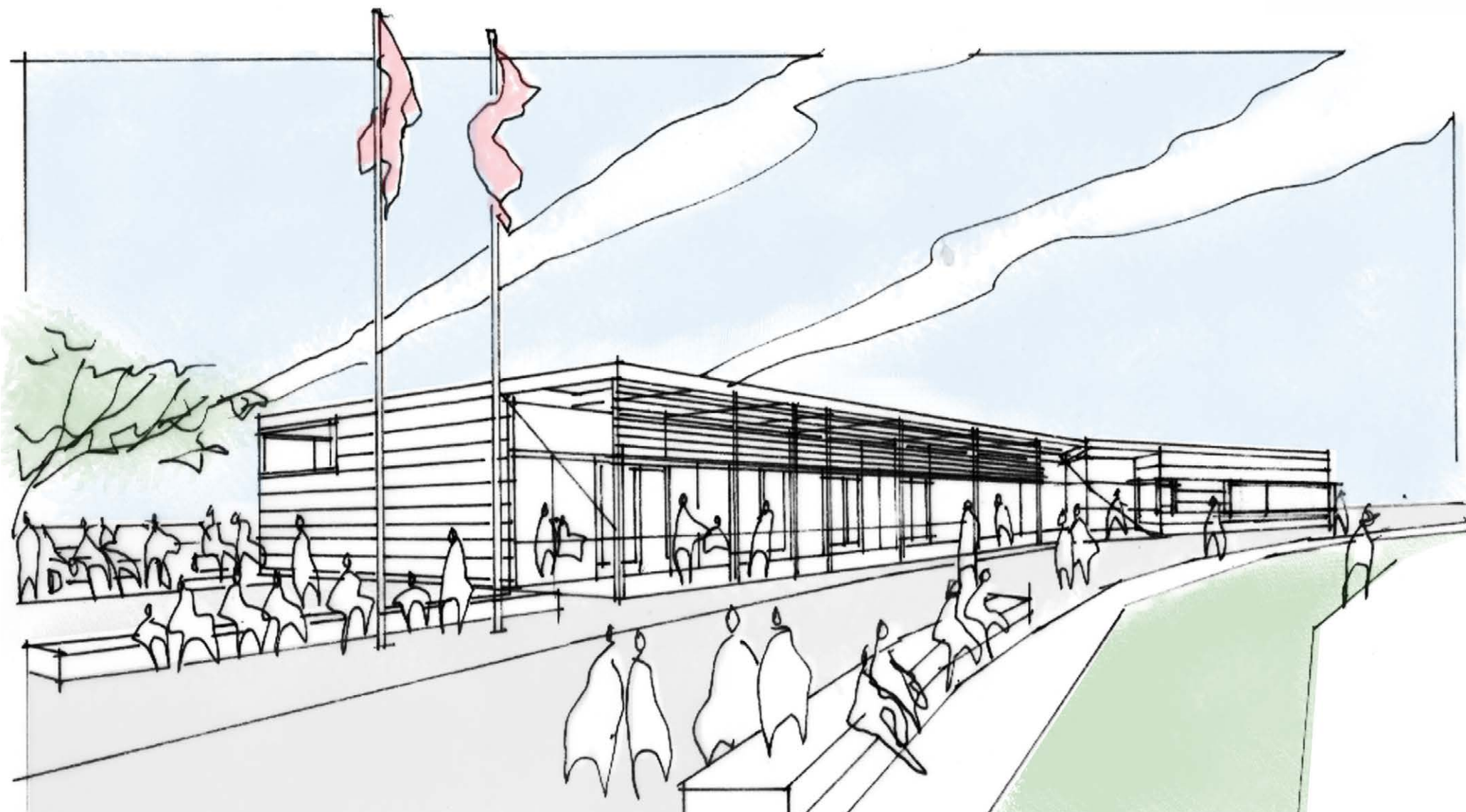
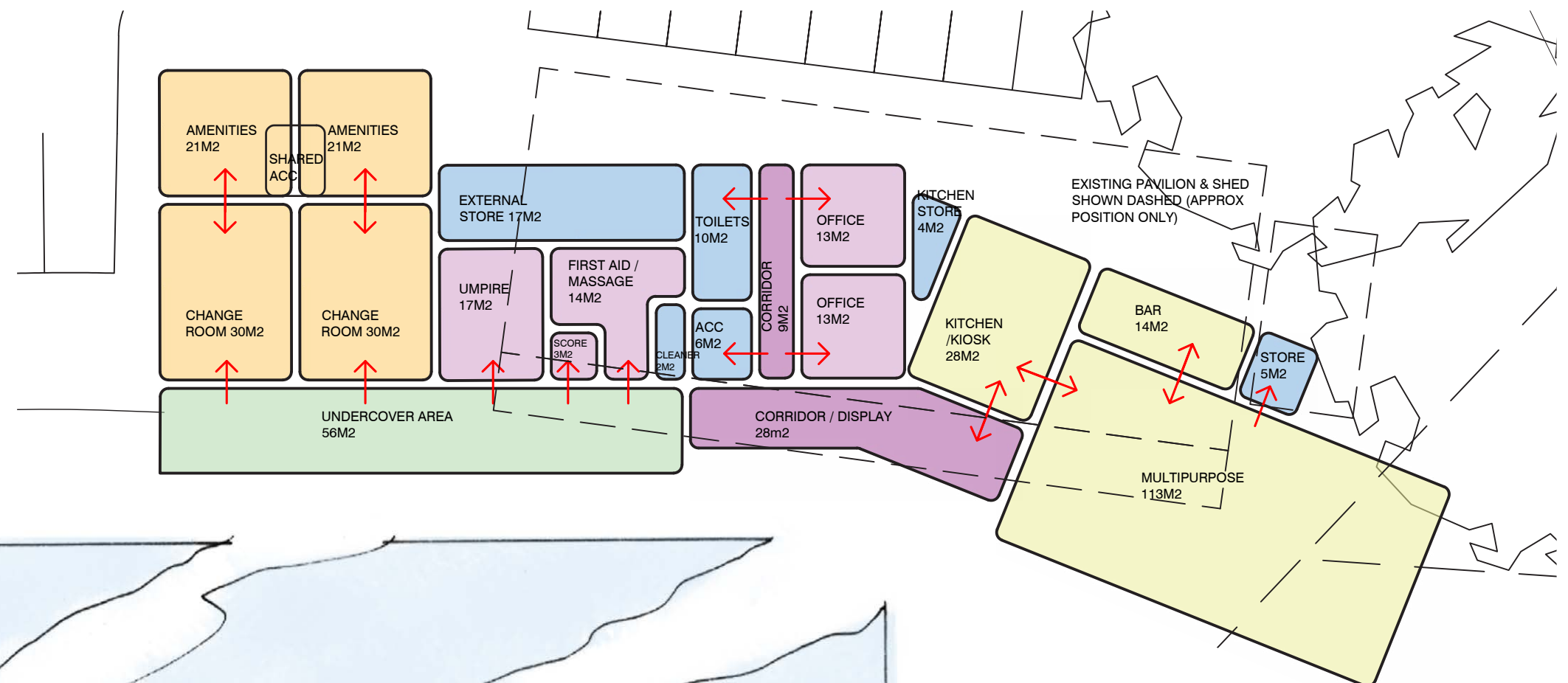
- Existing tree
- Sealed car parking
- Pedestrian grade paving
- Proposed building
- Existing section picket fence to be realigned
- Existing section of picket fence to be retained
- Indicative informal parking around oval



## Lake Oval Cricket Pavilion

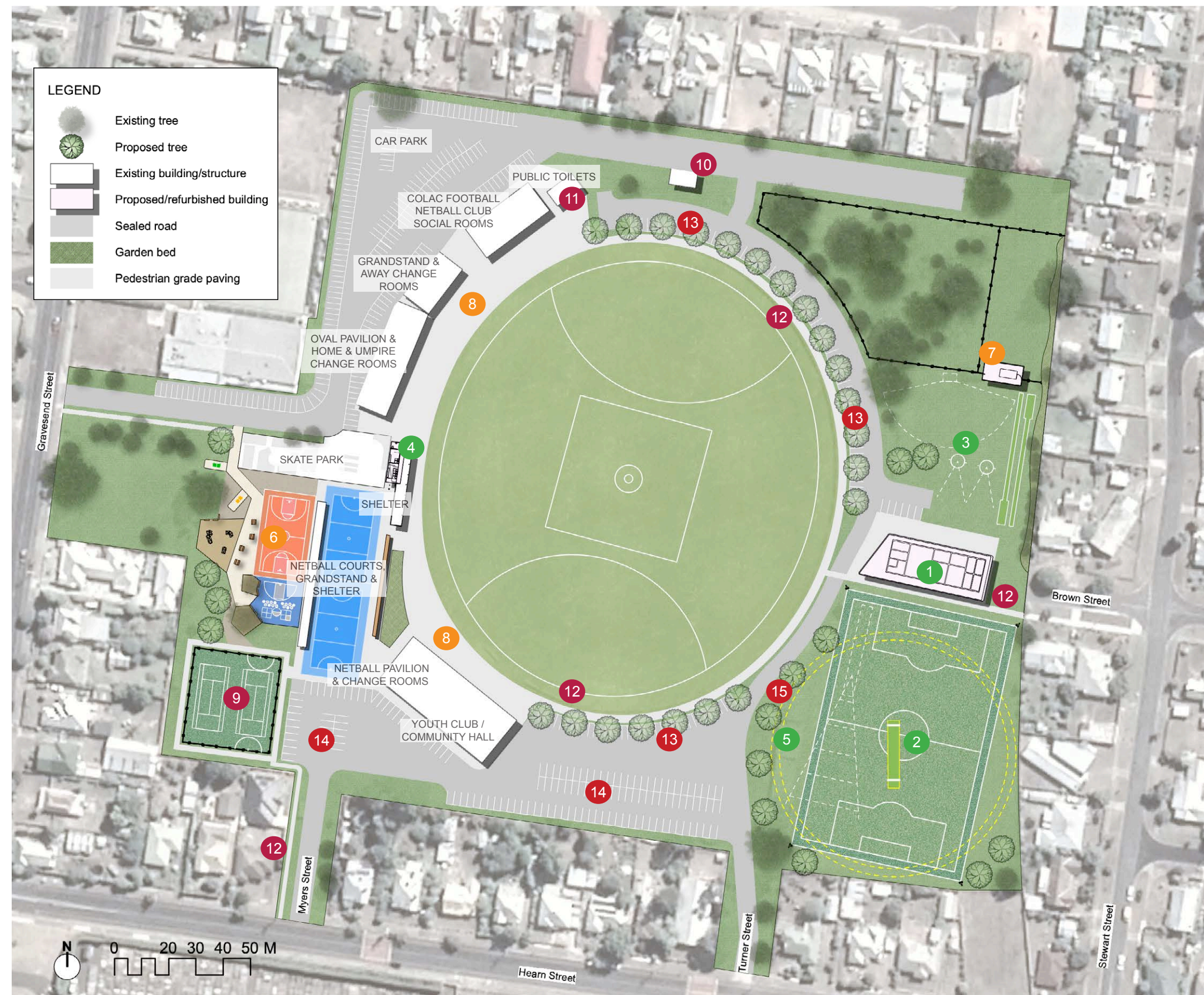
### Notes:

- New dedicated facility to replace the existing pavilion which is in poor condition
- Multipurpose space makes the most of the views of the lake and the oval making an attractive function space with high visibility from the road
- Potential income generated as venue for events
- Change facilities located to the south
- Centralised toilet and administration functions
- Display cabinets for cricket & umpire items located in the central corridor area
- In line with Community Cricket Guidelines (Cricket Australia)





## Central Reserve



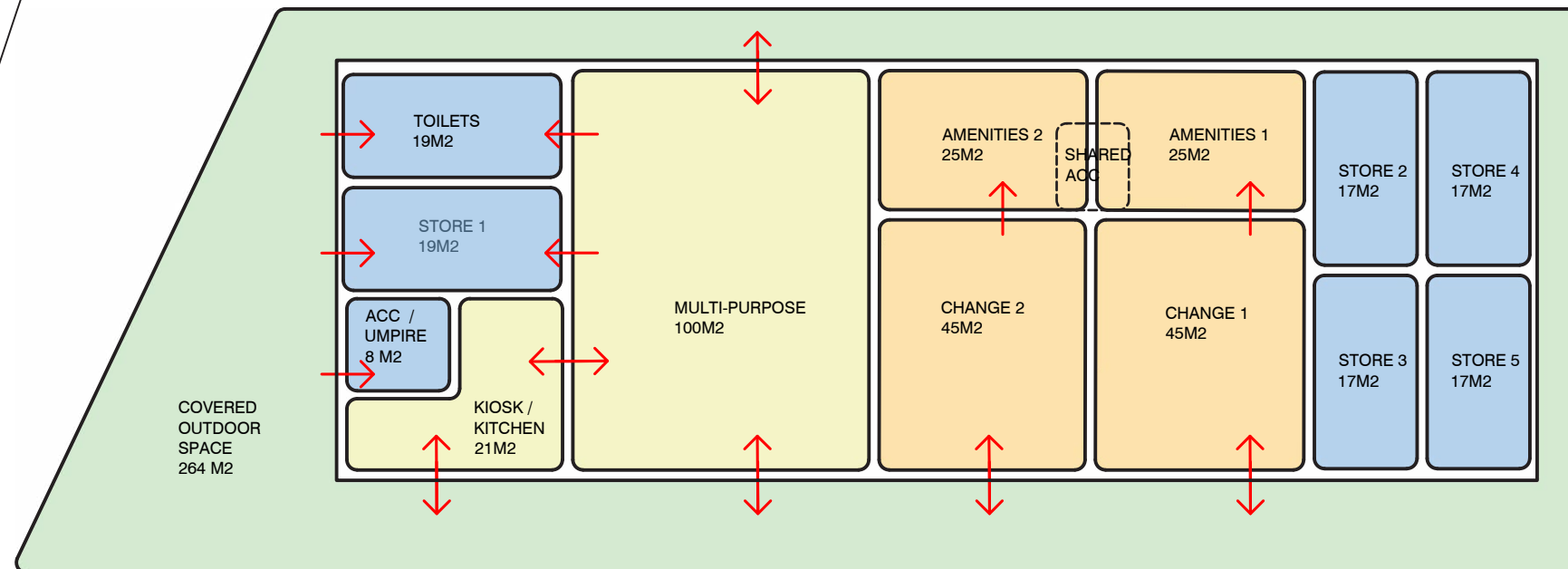
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High Medium Low

- Demolish the old scoreboard and construct a new pavilion to service Little Athletics, Dog Obedience and users of the second oval. Facility to incorporate extensive storage areas for clubs using Central Reserve as well as external undercover sheltered areas for viewing and gathering. The existing building does not meet sports facility standards/ guidelines. New facilities to be designed to meet sports facility standards for current user groups (ie cricket, athletics, soccer).
- Redevelop the second playing field to accommodate junior cricket (40m radius & 3m buffer) and a soccer training pitch (90m x 58m & 3m buffer). Existing lighting to be moved around soccer pitch. Amateur Match Practice and Competition – Corner Four Pole (100 lux)
- Construct little athletics facilities including long jump x 2, discuss, shot-put x 2. Javelin to be played on cricket/ soccer pitch. Layout to be confirmed during detailed design process (outside of master plan process).
- Construct a dual sided toilet block to service the Youth Precinct and public as well as events staged at the reserve. Redevelop / incorporate improved undercover spectator area (currently used as the 'can-bar' on match days) -subject to site suitability.
- Demolish the former hockey pavilion and associated buildings. Note: can only be completed when new facility is constructed (Item C2)
- Construct a new youth precinct to include playground, basketball court, table tennis, fitness equipment, furniture, netball half court with hopscotch and foursquare line markings.
- Construct fenced dog obedience training grounds including Show Dog Obedience Shed and fenced off-lead dog park.
- Upgrade paved pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity
- Resurface existing tennis courts to support ongoing use by the community and as an overflow venue for club competitions. Consider 1 x multi-use court for netball warm up on match days (provide removable netball goal posts outside of tennis court playing area).
- Construct a new CFA training track (150m long) and training tower. Replicate existing facilities located on the Lake Colac Foreshore.
- Decommission and remove toilet block when new facilities are provided closer to the skate park.
- Construct a 3m wide shared circuit path including pedestrian connection to Brown St
- Formalise car parking around oval including road connecting north and south of reserve (approx. 87 spaces).
- Construct car parking to service southern area of reserve (approx. 148 spaces). Subject to the relocation of the Little Athletics field and jump activities.
- Introduce tree planting where indicated

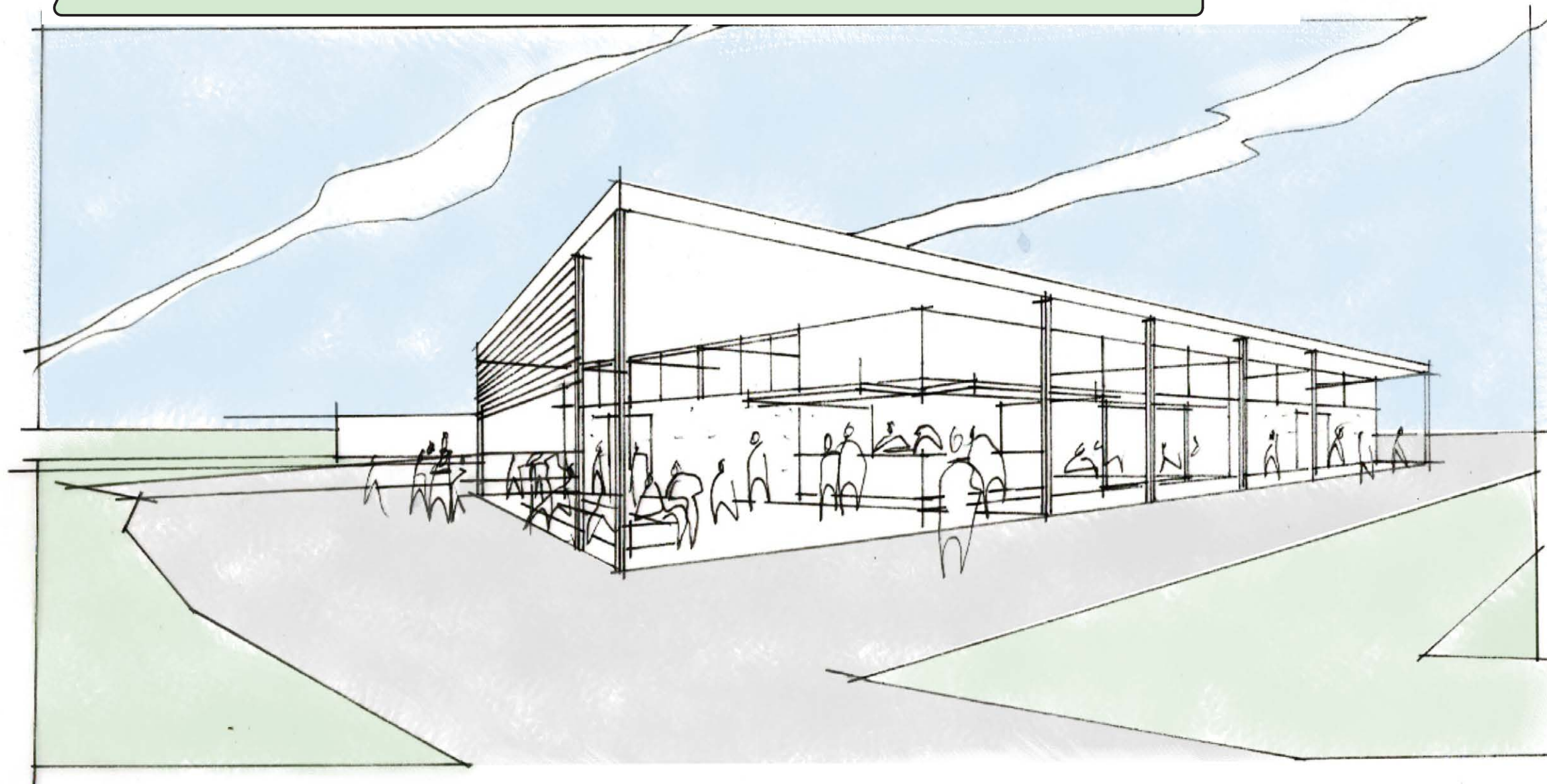


## Central Reserve Multi-Purpose Pavilion



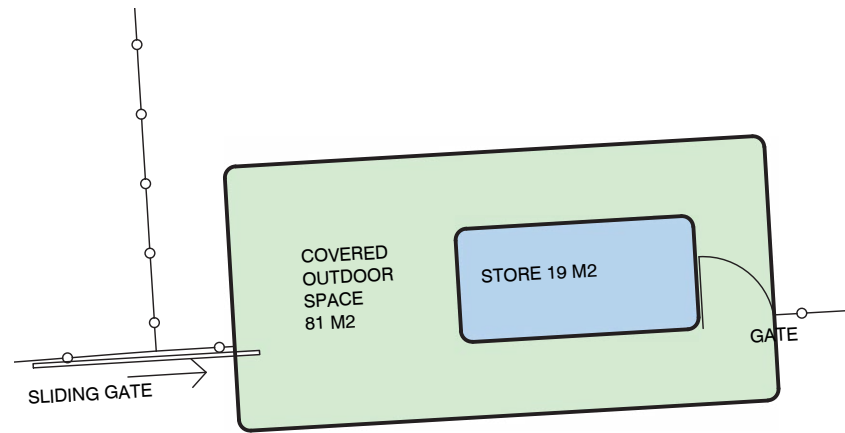
### Notes:

- New dedicated pavilion. Overall allowances are based on Club / Satellite level facility as per Cricket Australia Facility Guidelines. All room sizes subject to review as part of detailed designs
- Emphasis is on multifunctional use
- Additional storage provided as per brief for little athletics and other reserve user groups
- Covered outdoor space extends around all four sides of the pavilion to allow for spectators and users of spaces to north and south of the pavilion
- Kiosk located centrally to service the multi-purpose space as well as users of the surrounding sports fields / ovals.



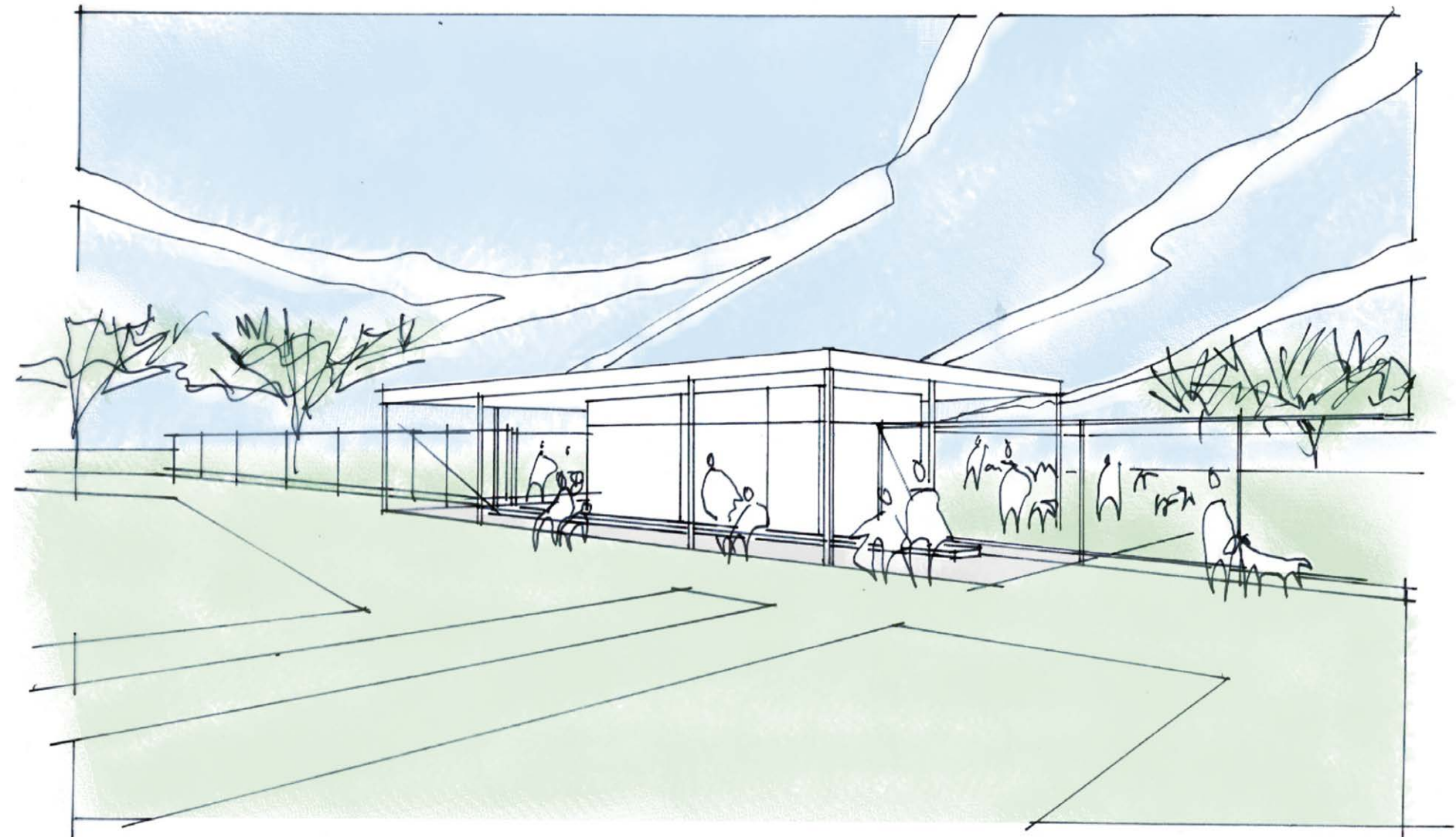


## Central Reserve Dog Obedience Pavilion

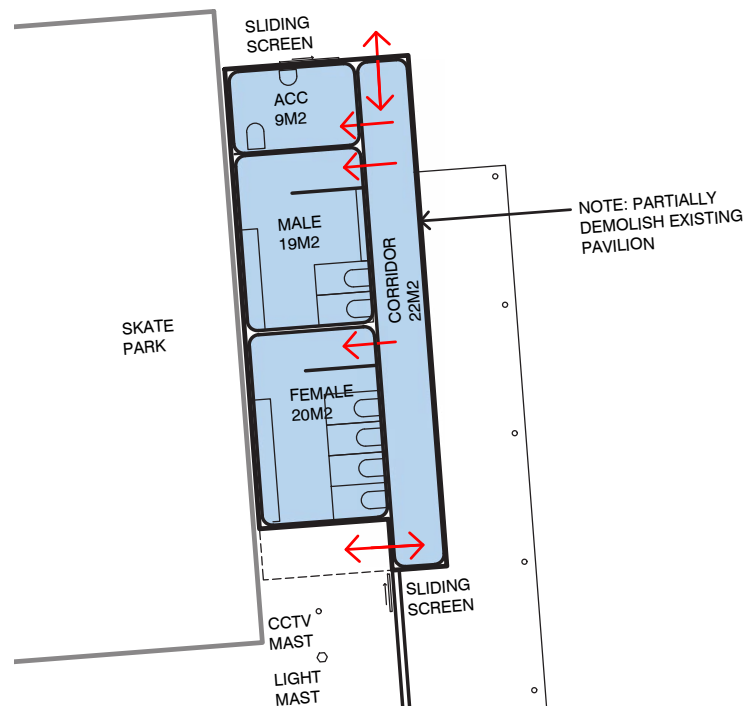


### Notes:

- Storage provided for Dog Obedience
- Covered outdoor space extends around the building and allows for dog obedience use and for spectators of little athletics field events to the south.
- Integrated sliding gate and swing gate to maintain fence line between Dog Obedience area and the sports field area to the south
- Provide lighting, power and water



## Central Reserve Toilet Block



### Notes:

- Proposed new toilet block behind the existing oval pavilion
- Dual access from north / south to access netball and oval users.
- Due to available space, layout is narrow. Detailed design would be required to ensure there are no view lines into the toilets
- Note: Option to extend footprint of toilets by 1200 to east (and reduce footprint of spectator stand). This would assist in providing a more spacious layout for the toilets - more suitable for peak times at sporting events. Refer to dashed line on floor plan for extended footprint.



## 7. Principles Based Planning Framework

A key objective for this project is to establish a *Principles Based Planning Framework* that can be used to help assess and prioritise requests for sport or recreation facility improvements and investment across the Shire as whole.

To achieve a *Principles Based Planning Framework* it is acknowledged that this project is not starting from scratch. Importantly there are several adopted Council planning documents and strategies that outline a range of planning principles aimed at supporting effective operational management and addressing community recreation needs. Such documents include (but not limited to) the Council Plan (2021), Open Space Strategy (2011), Recreation Strategy (2006) and Physical Activity Strategy (2014) to name a few.

Principles outlined in these documents have been reviewed to ascertain commonalities, consistency, and potential overlap to inform this project. The principles are supported by one overriding doctrine that facilities be **safe for public use, compliant with relevant standards and fit-for-purpose**. This is currently not that case for all facilities at existing recreation reserves and hence will be reflected in the core principle of addressing safety and/ or risk management.

Based on the review of existing material, the following five principles will be used to guide the prioritisation of Master Plan initiatives and form a Principles Based Planning Framework for assessment of future sport and recreation investment initiatives across the Shire:

1. Address safety, risk management or compliance.
2. Supporting physical activity participation (formal sport and informal recreation).
3. Sustainable assets and infrastructure.
4. Maximise impact/community benefit/community use.
5. Realistic, achievable, feasible.
6. Impact on Long Term Financial Plan

The adjoining assessment tool can be used to assess relative priority of potential projects.

Principle	Sliding Assessment Scale 1-10										Weighting	Score	Comments
Address safety, risk management or compliance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20%		
	Not required for safety or compliance			Addresses base level compliance				Addresses known safety risk					
Supporting physical activity participation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20%		
	Not required for physical activity participation			Supports current participation				Supports increased participation					
Sustainable assets and infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15%		
	No impact on asset life or Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD)			Addresses asset renewal / programmed maintenance				Significantly increases asset life (or new asset) or ESD initiative					
Maximise impact / community benefit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20%		
	Exclusive use			Supports more than one user group / catchment				Supports multi-use and high demand					
Realistic, achievable, feasible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10%		
	Requires further planning, investigation, or approvals			Minimal additional planning required				Shovel ready					
Impact on Long Term Financial Plan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15%		
	New Level of Service -		Major Upgrade and/or significant increase to current level of service		Upgrade to meet sports facility standards			Like for like replacement/ upgrade					
Total Score													



## 8. User Groups' Implementation Priorities

		User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
Eastern Reserve		High	Medium	Low	
EA1	Council to undertake a bi-annual review of the oval playing surface and rectify subsidence and undulations through top-dressing and/or levelling as required to ensure ongoing safety and suitability of the playing surface. A higher degree of maintenance will be required to keep the playing surface safe and playable.	H			\$25,000
EA2	Resurface asphalt netball courts to address cracking and to improve user safety (i.e. reduce slippage) and to ensure compliance with current standards, including court surrounds. New fence and gate access along western interface. (Funded - to be completed during 2022/23). Review existing water sources and add water outlet/tap to eastern side of courts.	H			\$180,000
EA4	Retain the existing cricket field, top dressing and leveling where required (55m radius & 2m buffer). Note that the outfield does not meet the min. size for Australian regional/ premiere cricket standards.	H			\$20,000
EA3	Construct baseball diamond off the cricket oval. New netting, boxes, and seating to be included. Baseball outfield, netting and boxes are not to ABL standards, however mirror the existing playing field sizes. Outfield approx. 82m from home base. Infield lighting to be provided to training standard.	H			\$500,000
EA7	Existing pavilion to be upgraded to meet contemporary facility standards and guidelines for existing sports (i.e. netball, cricket and baseball). Forecourt to include controlled vehicular access to overflow carpark with pedestrian priority and replace existing fence with new fence and removable bollard access		M		\$3,543,000
EA8	Retain and maintain existing cricket nets for community and club use.		M		\$250,000
EA5	Construct and formalise road with clear signage and protective barrier fencing between path and road	H			\$200,000
EA6	Construct new undercover batting cage (Training Facility) to be shared use for baseball and cricket. Size to be confirmed by available budget during detail design. Indicative size is 40m L x 15m W x 5.5m H.	H			\$600,000
EA11	Refurbish and formalise existing car park including new parallel parking along Wilson Street (approx. 170 spaces).			L	\$600,000
EA9	Remodel and reconstruct car parking adjacent to the playing field (approx. 60 spaces).		M		\$300,000
EA12	Construct a shared path network throughout the reserve (i.e. 2.5m wide)			L	\$300,000
EA10	Existing cricket storage/equipment shed - club to expand to accommodate additional storage requirements. No existing vegetation to be removed in expanding the shed.		M		\$20,000
EA13	Introduce new tree planting where indicated			L	\$20,000
EA14	Spectator zone - behind diamond			L	\$50,000
Sub-total					\$6,608,000

		User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
Western Reserve		High	Medium	Low	
W1	Explore future shared/multi-use opportunities of social rooms for all reserve tenants (cricket)	H			No cost associated with action
W2	Resurface existing netball court and warm up area to improve player/official safety (ie. reduce slippage) to support existing use until 2 new netball courts can be designed and constructed.	H			\$45,000
W3	Existing change rooms to be upgraded / redeveloped to meet sports facility standards (for existing reserve sports of football and cricket).	H			\$3,322,000
W7	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.		M		price included in W3
W5	Construct new cricket nets with storage shed with power to service nets (e.g. bowling machine) and drinking fountain.	H			\$250,000
W4	Construct 2 new netball courts and associated lighting paving, spectator areas, players benches, etc.	H			\$500,000
W15	Construct new playground with connecting paths and seating			L	\$300,000
W8	Construct and formalise car parking behind football/ cricket pavilion (approx. 30 spaces)		M		\$150,000
W10	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.		M		\$100,000
W17	Demolish existing public toilets and replace as part of new Netball Pavilion facilities			L	\$50,000
W9	Upgrade pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity		M		\$75,000
W6	Storage shed - consider options to incorporate into redeveloped change room facilities (i.e. consolidate buildings on site).	H			\$10,000
W12	Electronic scoreboard		M		\$80,000
W11	Install safety netting behind the goals		M		\$75,000
W16	Construct a 1.5m wide path around oval			L	\$100,000
W13	Upgrade / formalise the road around the oval		M		\$150,000
W14	Construct and formalise car parking around oval (approx. 90 spaces)		M		\$500,000
W18	Introduce tree planting where indicated			L	\$15,000
Sub-total					\$5,722,000

		User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
Lake Oval		High	Medium	Low	
L1	Construct a new pavilion to service the needs of cricket and Football Umpires Association. Existing building doesn't meet sports facility standards/ guidelines.	H			\$2,238,000
L3	Construct new cricket nets, drinking fountain, and storage shed with power access to service nets (e.g. for bowling machine etc). Training facility's size, configuration and additional storage to fit within existing trees/ fences.	H			\$300,000
L5	Install lights to support Football Umpire training (i.e. 50/100 lux)		M		\$423,000
L2	New parallel parking and vehicle exclusive bollards along Queens Avenue	H			\$75,000
L7	3 x bench seats to be located between circuit path and fence to allow for best viewing to oval. Note: new seating installed for the 2022/23 cricket season.			L	completed
L6	Construct car parking at the back of the pavilion (approx. 15 spaces). Leveling works to be considered to enable parking on sloped areas. To be completed at the same time as the construction of a new pavilion.		M		\$100,000
L4	Location of new electronic scoreboard (new electronic scoreboard installed for 2022/23 cricket season)	H			completed
L8	Area of existing picket fence to be realigned to allow for circuit path			L	\$50,000
L10	Areas / zones for informal car parking around the oval			L	\$10,000
L9	Construct a 2.5m wide shared circuit path on outside of existing picket fence			L	\$25,000
Sub-total					\$3,221,000

		User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
Central Reserve		High	Medium	Low	
C1	Demolish the old scoreboard and construct a new pavilion to service Little Athletics, Dog Obedience and users of the second oval. Facility to incorporate extensive storage areas for clubs using Central Reserve as well as external undercover sheltered areas for viewing and gathering. The existing building does not meet sports facility standards/ guidelines.	H			\$3,491,000
C5	Demolish the former hockey pavilion and associated buildings. Note: can only be completed when new facility is constructed (Item C1) - item has been scored the same as C1 due to item needing to be completed at the same time.	H			\$50,000
C3	Construct little athletics facilities including long jump x 2, discuss, shot-put x 2. Javelin to be played on cricket/ soccer pitch.	H			\$50,000
C9	Resurface existing tennis courts to support ongoing use by the community and as an overflow venue for club competitions. Includes gate/fencing/shelter works.			L	\$100,000
C2	Redevelop the second playing field to accommodate junior cricket (40m radius & 3m buffer) and a soccer training pitch (90m x 58m & 3m buffer). Existing lighting to be moved around soccer pitch. Amateur Match Practice and Competition – Comer Four Pole (100 lux)	H			\$250,000
C4	Construct a dual sided toilet block to service the Youth Precinct and public as well as events staged at the reserve. Redevelop / incorporate improved undercover spectator area (currently used as the 'can-bar' on match days) - subject to site suitability.	H			\$500,000
C11	Decommission and remove toilet block when new facilities are provided closer to the skate park.			L	\$50,000
C6	Construct a new youth precinct to include playground, basketball court, table tennis, fitness equipment, furniture, netball half court with hopscotch and foursquare line markings.		M		\$700,000
C7	Construct fenced dog obedience training grounds including Show Dog Obedience Shed and fenced off-lead dog park.		M		\$150,000
C8	Upgrade paved pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity		M		\$450,000
C13	Formalise car parking around oval including road connecting north and south of reserve (approx. 87 spaces).			L	\$250,000
C10	Construct a new CFA training track (150m long) and training tower			L	\$2,000,000
C14	Construct car parking to service southern area of reserve (approx. 148 spaces). Subject to the relocation of the Little Athletics field and jump activities.			L	\$500,000
C12	Construct a 3m wide shared circuit path including pedestrian connection to Brown St			L	\$150,000
C15	Introduce tree planting where indicated			L	\$50,000
Sub-total					\$8,741,000

The site priorities on this page (high, medium and low) represent the priorities as communicated to Council and the consultant as part of this project's community consultation processes. The site priorities are reserve specific – i.e. they do not take into account priorities at other reserves. In the next section of this plan, projects/facility improvements and initiatives at each reserve are assessed globally against the Principles Based Planning Framework in order to determine an overall priority order for projects. This page also includes a high level, indicative costs for each project.



8. User Groups’ Implementation Priorities cont.

		User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
Elliminyt Reserve		High	Medium	Low	
ELR2	Upgrade the floodlighting around the oval (funded - to be completed during 2022/23)	H			\$450,000
ELR14	Main Sports Pavilion - Engage a building architect to undertake a feasibility study to investigate the options for the upgrade, extension and/or replacement of the main pavilion, and to prepare final design plans. Extend and upgrade the sports pavilion building. Demolish the former netball room (ELR15). New retaining wall along the access road (ELR16).	H			\$6,000,000
ELR18	Resurface the tennis courts and improve drainage surrounding the courts		M		\$100,000
ELR26	Reinstate the existing paths throughout the reserve that are overgrown and in poor condition			L	\$25,000
ELR35	New sealed car park and access road between the netball court and the main pavilion (construct at the same time as construction of the new pavilion)		M		\$100,000
ELR6	Install a path around the oval (will assist with alleviating the gravel which washes onto velodrome surface)			L	\$100,000
ELR17	Install steps and paths to better connect the tennis courts with the tennis clubroom	H			\$20,000
ELR22	New unsealed path between the play space and the public toilet (would need to be sealed due to wash out and DDA compliance)		M		\$30,000
ELR23	Upgrade the public toilet			L	\$35,000
ELR1	Upgrade the oval surface including sub-surface irrigation and drainage systems		M		\$370,000
ELR19	Replace the tennis court fencing			L	\$40,000
ELR21	Consider site options for a new BMX/Bike Park facility		M		\$240,000
ELR3	Install a digital (electronic) scoreboard		M		\$80,000
ELR20	Future expansion of play space		M		\$100,000
ELR33	Reconfigure the existing unsealed access roads and car parking south of the oval, and formalise new car parking east of the oval			L	\$183,500
ELR8	Control storm water run-off from the car park towards the pavilion (complete at the same time as construction of the new pavilion)	H			\$30,000
ELR11	Integrate the stormwater run-off from the netball courts into the broader stormwater system	H			\$30,000
ELR32	Form unsealed car park to service the tennis facility		M		\$11,000
ELR30	Remove the crossover to cease vehicle access to tennis courts from Howarth St	H			\$15,000
ELR12	New netball court	H			\$1,000,000
ELR31	Remove the crossover (Howarth Street south entrance) and reinstate to grass	H			\$15,000
ELR7	New terraced spectator standing area (resolve drainage/stormwater issues)			L	\$50,000
ELR24	New unsealed path between Main Street and the oval			L	\$8,250
ELR9	Install two cricket practice nets			L	\$200,000
ELR13	Netball Precinct revegetate batter		M		\$15,000
ELR10	New enclosed storage room as an extension to the netball sheds		M		\$15,000
ELR27	Improve the landscape amenity of the batters around the northern and western sides of the oval		M		\$20,000
ELR28	Undertake tree planting, as required		M		\$15,000
ELR29	Install a roundabout at the reserve entrance			L	\$75,000
Sub-total					\$9,372,750

Summary of Total Reserve Costs	
Eastern Reserve	\$6,608,000
Central Reserve	\$8,741,000
Lake Oval (Colac Cricket	\$3,221,000
Western Reserve	\$5,722,000
Elliminyt Recreation Reserve	\$9,372,750
<b>Total Across all Reserves</b>	<b>\$33,664,750</b>



## 9. Implementation Plan

In this section, priorities at all reserves have been assessed against the Principles Based Planning Framework. This has helped develop a global priority list across all City Reserves. In the global list, some priorities have been reordered to reflect their relative priority against priorities at other reserves. Club priorities are still shown in this section via the colour coded traffic lights.

### Implementation Plan (Overall Ranking based on Total Score)

Overall Priority Project Listing			User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
			High	Medium	Low	
			H			
1	W1	Explore future shared/multi-use opportunities of social rooms for all reserve tenants (cricket)	H			No cost associated with action
2	EA1	Council to undertake a bi-annual review of the oval playing surface and rectify subsidence and undulations through top-dressing and/or levelling as required to ensure ongoing safety and suitability of the playing surface. A higher degree of maintenance will be required to keep the playing surface safe and playable.	H			\$25,000
3	EA2	Resurface asphalt netball courts to address cracking and to improve user safety (i.e. reduce slippage) and to ensure compliance with current standards, including court surrounds. New fence and gate access along western interface. (Funded - to be completed during 2022/23) Review existing water sources and add water outlet/tap to eastern side of courts.	H			\$180,000
4	W2	Resurface existing netball court and warm up area to improve player/official safety (ie. reduce slippage) to support existing use until 2 new netball courts can be designed and constructed.	H			\$45,000
5	ELR2	Upgrade the floodlighting around the oval (funded - to be completed during 2022/23)	H			\$450,000
6	EA4	Retain the existing cricket field, top dressing and leveling where required (55m radius & 2m buffer). Note that the outfield does not meet the min. size for Australian regional/ premiere cricket standards.	H			\$20,000
7	EA3	Construct baseball diamond off the cricket oval. New netting, boxes, and seating to be included. Baseball outfield, netting and boxes are not to ABL standards, however mirror the existing playing field sizes. Outfield approx. 82m from home base. Infield lighting to be provided to training standard.	H			\$500,000
8	ELR14	Main Sports Pavilion - Engage a building architect to undertake a feasibility study to investigate the options for the upgrade, extension and/or replacement of the main pavilion, and to prepare final design plans. Extend and upgrade the sports pavilion building. Demolish the former netball room. New retaining wall along the access road.	H			\$6,000,000
9	L1	Construct a new pavilion to service the needs of cricket and Football Umpires Association. Existing building doesn't meet sports facility standards/ guidelines.	H			\$2,238,000
10	EA7	Existing pavilion to be upgraded to meet contemporary facility standards and guidelines for existing sports (i.e. netball, cricket and baseball). Forecourt to include controlled vehicular access to overflow carpark with pedestrian priority and replace existing fence with new fence and removable bollard access		M		\$3,543,000
11	W3	Existing change rooms to be upgraded / redeveloped to meet sports facility standards (for existing reserve sports of football and cricket).	H			\$3,222,000
12	C1	Demolish the old scoreboard and construct a new pavilion to service Little Athletics, Dog Obedience and users of the second oval. Facility to incorporate extensive storage areas for clubs using Central Reserve as well as external undercover sheltered areas for viewing and gathering. The existing building does not meet sports facility standards/ guidelines.	H			\$3,491,000
13	C5	Demolish the former hockey pavilion and associated buildings. Note: can only be completed when new facility is constructed (Item C1) - item has been scored the same as C1 due to item needing to be completed at the same time.	H			\$50,000
14	ELR18	Resurface the tennis courts		M		\$100,000
15	C3	Construct little athletics facilities including long jump x 2, discuss, shot-put x 2. Javelin to be played on cricket/ soccer pitch.	H			\$50,000
16	ELR26	Reinstate the existing paths throughout the reserve that are overgrown and in poor condition			L	\$25,000
17	C9	Resurface existing tennis courts to support ongoing use by the community and as an overflow venue for club competitions. Includes gate/fencing/shelter works.			L	\$100,000

Overall Priority Project Listing			User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
			High	Medium	Low	
			H			
18	C2	Redevelop the second playing field to accommodate junior cricket (40m radius & 3m buffer) and a soccer training pitch (90m x 58m & 3m buffer). Existing lighting to be moved around soccer pitch. Amateur Match Practice and Competition – Corner Four Pole (100 lux)	H			\$250,000
19	EA8	Retain and maintain existing cricket nets for community and club use.		M		\$250,000
20	L3	Construct new cricket nets, drinking fountain, and storage shed with power access to service nets (e.g. for bowling machine etc). Training facility's size, configuration and additional storage to fit within existing trees/ fences.	H			\$300,000
21	C4	Construct a dual sided toilet block to service the Youth Precinct and public as well as events staged at the reserve. Redevelop / incorporate improved undercover spectator area (currently used as the 'can-bar' on match days) - subject to site suitability.	H			\$500,000
22	C11	Decommission and remove toilet block when new facilities are provided closer to the skate park.			L	\$50,000
23	EA5	Construct and formalise road with clear signage and protective barrier fencing between path and road	H			\$200,000
24	W7	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.		M		price included in W3
25	L5	Install lights to support Football Umpire training (i.e. 50/100 lux)		M		\$423,000
26	W5	Construct new cricket nets with storage shed with power to service nets (e.g. bowling machine) and drinking fountain.	H			\$250,000
27	C6	Construct a new youth precinct to include playground, basketball court, table tennis, fitness equipment, furniture, netball half court with hopscotch and foursquare line markings.		M		\$700,000
28	EA6	Construct new undercover batting cage (Training Facility) to be shared use for baseball and cricket. Size to be confirmed by available budget during detail design. Indicative size is 40m L x 15m W x 5.5m H.	H			\$600,000
29	ELR35	New sealed car park and access road between the netball court and the main pavilion (construct at the same time as construction of the new pavilion)		M		\$100,000
30	ELR6	Install a path around the oval (will assist with alleviating the gravel which washes onto velodrome surface)			L	\$100,000
31	W4	Construct 2 new netball courts and associated lighting paving, spectator areas, players benches, etc.	H			\$500,000
32	ELR17	Install steps and paths to better connect the tennis courts with the tennis clubroom	H			\$20,000
33	C7	Construct fenced dog obedience training grounds including Show Dog Obedience Shed and fenced off-lead dog park.		M		\$150,000
34	L2	New parallel parking and vehicle exclusive bollards along Queens Avenue	H			\$75,000
35	W15	Construct new playground with connecting paths and seating			L	\$300,000
36	L6	Construct car parking at the back of the pavilion (approx. 15 spaces). Leveling works to be considered to enable parking on sloped areas. To be completed at the same time as the construction of a new pavilion.		M		\$100,000
37	ELR22	New unsealed path between the play space and the public toilet (would need to be sealed due to wash out and DDA compliance)		M		\$30,000
38	ELR23	Upgrade the public toilet			L	\$35,000
39	W8	Construct and formalise car parking behind football/ cricket pavilion (approx. 30 spaces)		M		\$150,000
40	ELR1	Upgrade the oval surface including sub-surface irrigation and drainage systems		M		\$370,000
41	ELR19	Replace the tennis court fencing			L	\$40,000
42	L7	3 x bench seats to be located between circuit path and fence to allow for best viewing to oval. Note: new seating installed for the 2022/23 cricket season.			L	completed
43	ELR21	Consider site options for a new BMX/Bike Park facility		M		\$240,000
44	EA10	Refurbish and formalise existing car park including new parallel parking along Wilson Street (approx. 170 spaces).			L	\$600,000
45	W10	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.		M		\$100,000
46	ELR3	Install a digital (electronic) scoreboard		M		\$80,000
47	L4	Location of new electronic scoreboard (new electronic scoreboard installed for 2022/23 cricket season)	H			completed
48	ELR20	Future expansion of play space		M		\$100,000



9. Implementation Plan cont.

Overall Priority Project Listing			User Site Priority			Indicative Cost
			High	Medium	Low	
			H			
49	ELR33	Reconfigure the existing unsealed access roads and car parking south of the oval, and formalise new car parking east of the oval			L	\$183,500
50	EA9	Remodel and reconstruct car parking adjacent to the playing field (approx. 60 spaces).		M		\$300,000
51	ELR8	Control storm water run-off from the car park towards the pavilion	H			\$30,000
52	ELR11	Integrate the stormwater run-off from the netball courts into the broader stormwater system	H			\$30,000
53	W17	Demolish existing public toilets and replace as part of new Netball Pavilion facilities			L	\$50,000
54	W9	Upgrade pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity		M		\$75,000
55	C8	Upgrade paved pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity		M		\$450,000
56	ELR32	Form unsealed car park to service the tennis facility		M		\$11,000
57	L8	Area of existing picket fence to be realigned to allow for circuit path			L	\$50,000
58	ELR30	Remove the crossover to cease vehicle access to tennis courts from Howarth St	H			\$15,000
59	W6	Storage shed - consider options to incorporate into redeveloped change room facilities (i.e. consolidate buildings on site).	H			\$10,000
60	L10	Areas / zones for informal car parking around the oval			L	\$10,000
61	ELR12	New netball court	H			\$1,000,000
62	ELR31	Remove the crossover (Howarth Street south entrance) and reinstate to grass	H			\$15,000
63	W12	Electronic scoreboard		M		\$80,000
64	W11	Install safety netting behind the goals		M		\$75,000
65	ELR7	New terraced spectator standing area (resolve drainage/stormwater issues)			L	\$50,000
66	W16	Construct a 1.5m wide path around oval			L	\$100,000
67	W13	Upgrade / formalise the road around the oval		M		\$150,000
68	C13	Formalise car parking around oval including road connecting north and south of reserve (approx. 87 spaces).			L	\$250,000
69	W14	Construct and formalise car parking around oval (approx. 90 spaces)		M		\$500,000
70	C10	Construct a new CFA training track (150m long) and training tower			L	\$2,000,000
71	C14	Construct car parking to service southern area of reserve (approx. 148 spaces). Subject to the relocation of the Little Athletics field and jump activities.			L	\$500,000
72	EA11	Construct a shared path network throughout the reserve (i.e. 2.5m wide)			L	\$300,000
73	C12	Construct a 3m wide shared circuit path including pedestrian connection to Brown St			L	\$150,000
74	L9	Construct a 2.5m wide shared circuit path on outside of existing picket fence			L	\$25,000
75	EA10	Existing cricket storage/equipment shed - club to expand to accommodate additional storage requirements. No existing vegetation to be removed in expanding the shed.		M		\$20,000
76	ELR24	New unsealed path between Main Street and the oval			L	\$8,250
77	ELR9	Install two cricket practice nets			L	\$200,000
78	ELR13	Netball Precinct revegetate batter		M		\$15,000
79	ELR10	New enclosed storage room as an extension to the netball sheds		M		\$15,000
80	ELR27	Improve the landscape amenity of the batters around the northern and western sides of the oval		M		\$20,000
81	ELR28	Undertake tree planting, as required		M		\$15,000
82	EA13	Introduce new tree planting where indicated			L	\$20,000
83	C15	Introduce tree planting where indicated			L	\$50,000
84	W16	Introduce tree planting where indicated			L	\$15,000
85	ELR29	Install a roundabout at the reserve entrance			L	\$75,000
86	EA14	Spectator zone - behind diamond			L	\$50,000



## Appendix A: Colac City Reserves in Detail

Council provided the following summary for each reserve within the project brief.

### Central Reserve

Central Reserve is Colac Otway Shire’s premier recreation reserve. The reserve has undergone significant redevelopment since the oval was reconstructed in 2013 and now boasts a high quality sand profile, Santa Ana couch oval. The off-field facilities were completely redeveloped in 2016-17, with the new pavilion and refurbishment of the existing grandstand providing facilities which now meet AFL Category 4 guidelines. Netball change rooms were also constructed. In 2020, the netball courts were completed redeveloped resulting in 2 compliant courts with lighting to competition standard. The oval lighting was also upgraded to provide 150 lux which now allows the venue to host night competition matches.

Central Reserve has a number of facilities including:

- Main oval with match standard lighting (Ave 150 lux)
- New off-field facilities including accessible upstairs viewing/meeting area with inside coaches boxes and scorer’s office, home change rooms with trainer’s area, medical room, away change rooms with trainer’s area, umpires change and amenities and social room (managed by Colac Football Netball Club).
- Spectator shelter.
- Spectator grandstand.
- 2 x redeveloped netball courts with match standard lighting.
- Separate netball home, away and umpire change rooms and amenities, office/admin area and storage.
- 2 x tennis courts
- Colac Youth Club building (south west of main oval).
- 2 x hockey fields (east of main oval) with lighting which are used for junior cricket matches and soccer training. The main hockey field has a synthetic cricket pitch.
- Hockey clubrooms with separate meeting, kitchenette and amenities.
- Various storage sheds (Little Athletics, Dog Obedience).
- Old scoreboard building (now used as storage).
- New electronic scoreboard.
- Public Toilets.
- Vegetated open space area.
- Various different car parking areas.
- Skatepark and informal open space area.
- Colac Secondary College Community Sports Field and Pavilion.

Central Reserve is home to a number of key stakeholders and user groups including:

- Colac Football Netball Club – the main tenant club at the reserve who use the reserve’s facilities for pre-season training, the home and away football season for training and matches, and training during their finals series campaign (the club plays in the Geelong Football Netball League).
- Colac & District Football Netball League – uses the ground for feature matches during the season and the venue hosts the leagues finals series (6 full days of football and netball conducted over 4 weekends).
- Colac Auskick and junior football competition – use the main oval on Friday nights and Sunday mornings for 10 weeks (usually Term 2).
- Colac Little Athletics Club – the main summer tenant. The club uses the reserves main oval for track events and also utilises the field facilities at the reserve.
- Colac and District Cricket Association – has in the past used the main oval and hockey field for conducting their skills junior program. The association uses the main hockey field (with synthetic cricket pitch) as overflow for their U14s competition.
- Colac Otway Rovers AFC (Soccer) – use the hockey field for in town soccer training. The club uses Beeac Recreation Reserve for its matches.
- Colac and District Dog Obedience Club – uses the hockey field twice a week for classes.
- Colac Youth and Recreation Club – this separate building located on the site and managed by the club.

Regular users include a dance school, 8 Ball Club and Budgie Club.

- Irrewarra Cricket Club – is the main summer tenant for the CSC Community Sports Field and pavilion, and also uses the main hockey field and hockey rooms for their female teams’ matches.
- Colac Secondary College – due to the proximity of the facilities to the school, the reserve is used for various sport and PE classes.
- Colac Specialist School – due to the proximity of the facilities to the school, the oval and netball courts are used by the school for various activities.
- Local schools for football, netball, cricket and athletic activities/carnivals.

Central Reserve is used for informal and passive recreation by the broader community, local schools and disability groups.

The hockey field is used as a dog-off-leash area in the absence of a formal dog park for Colac. This provides conflict for the hockey field users and the public. Dog owners also use the main oval for walking/running their dogs.

The Colac City Bowls Club is located on the Gravesend entrance to the Central Reserve facilities.

The most recent master plan for the reserve was completed in 2000 and updated in 2008. With recent works now nearing completion at the reserve, a new master plan is required to provide strategic justification for future reserve improvements.

### Lake Oval

Lake Oval is approximately 600m north of the Colac CBD. The reserve is located adjacent to Lake Colac. The western reserve boundary back onto residential housing. The reserves facilities have not had any significant investment and improvements for a number of years.

Lake Oval has a number of facilities including:

- Main oval with synthetic cricket pitch, with white picket fence.
- Cricket nets.
- Oval change rooms and amenities, with small kitchen and no separate umpire facilities.
- Various car parking areas – oval parking.

Lake Oval is home to a number of key stakeholders and user groups including:

- Colac Cricket Club – main summer tenant for the reserve (October to March).
- Colac and District Football Umpires Association – main winter tenant for the reserve (April to September).
- St Mary’s Primary School for sport and PE activities including athletics running events.
- Local schools for cricket carnivals.

Over summer the reserve is heavily used, with cricket being played up to 6-7 days per week.

Lake Oval is used for informal and passive recreation by the broader community, local schools and disability groups.

The last master plan for the reserve was completed in 2007 and really didn’t provide much guidance for both the user groups and Council. The master plans were very basic and do not reflect current sporting requirements and standards for facilities such as female friendly, accessibility, compliant and safe facilities. There was minimal user group consultation and no broader community consultation to determine how the facilities are used and could be used into the future. A master plan for the reserve which provides Council with a clear direction and coordinated approach to facility/asset renewal and reserve improvements is required.



### Eastern Reserve

Eastern Reserve is approximately 1.5km south east of the Colac CBD and located on the former Colac tip site. The Barongarook Creek borders the Reserve on the west, north and east boundaries. The reserve is surrounded by residential housing and also close to industrial businesses. The reserve has not had any significant investment and improvements to its facilities for a number of years.

Eastern Reserve has a number of facilities including:

- Main oval with turf wicket pitches and baseball diamond. This impacts the respective user groups for ground set up and providing a safe playing surface for both cricket and baseball.
- Outdoor baseball batting cage – new cage needs to be re-constructed (south west corner).
- Cricket nets (north east corner).
- Netball courts x 6 lit to competition standard.
- Pavilion – very basic clubrooms with kiosk, kitchen and amenities. No formal change rooms. No separate umpire facilities.
- New playground.
- Various car parking areas.
- Public Toilets.

Eastern Reserve is home to a number of key stakeholders and user groups including:

- City United Cricket Club – main summer tenant for the oval (October to March). Club uses the reserve for training and matches. The reserve has the only turf wicket facility in Colac. Club also uses the pavilion.
- Colac Braves Baseball Club – main winter tenant for the oval (April to September). Turf wicket impacts the outfield. Due to being a former tip site, the oval surface undulations impact player safety. Club also uses the main pavilion.
- Colac and District Netball Association – main winter tenant for the netball courts (April to September). The Association also uses the main pavilion.
- Colac and District Summer Netball Association – main summer tenant for the netball courts (October to March). The Association also uses the main pavilion.
- Local netball clubs use the netball courts all year for pre-season and during season training.
- Local schools for netball carnivals.

Eastern Reserve is used for informal and passive recreation by the broader community, local schools and disability groups.

The recently constructed playground provides a popular attraction to the general public.

The netball court hardstand is well utilised outside of netball activities for families and children for scooters and bike riding. Requests have been made to consider multi-line marking on the netball courts to accommodate other public activities. The netball associations are not keen on this idea.

The last master plan for the reserve was completed in 2007 and really didn't provide much guidance for both the user groups and Council. The master plans were very basic and do not reflect current sporting requirements and standards for facilities such as female friendly, accessibility, compliant and safe facilities. There was minimal user group consultation and no broader community consultation to determine how the facilities are used and could be used into the future. A master plan for the reserve which provides Council with a clear direction and coordinated approach to facility/asset renewal and reserve improvements is required.

The pavilion is not very practical and does not meet current sporting facility guidelines.

### Western Reserve

Western Reserve is approximately 1.8km west of the Colac CBD. The reserve abuts the Melbourne to Warrnambool railway line on the south, and the northern reserve boundary backs onto residential housing. The reserve is surrounded by residential housing and diagonally across the railway is Colac South West Primary School. The on-field oval facilities have recently been upgraded. The oval surface including drainage and irrigation have been upgraded to a Santa Ana Couch grass with full automatic irrigation system. The oval lighting has been upgraded to match standard (average 100 lux) to ensure better turf management during winter. The reserve is home to Colac Imperials Football Netball Club and the only female football teams in the Shire. The off-field facilities at the reserve have not had any significant investment and improvements for a number of years.

Western Reserve has a number of facilities including:

- Main oval including synthetic cricket pitch with match standard lighting.
- Cricket nets.
- Netball courts x 1.5 with non-compliant training standard lighting.
- Netball Change rooms and amenities.
- Oval change rooms and amenities, and small umpire area. The facilities are not female friendly and do not meet current sport facility standards.
- Social rooms including kitchen and amenities.
- Scoreboard structure.
- Various car parking areas – oval parking.
- Public Toilets.

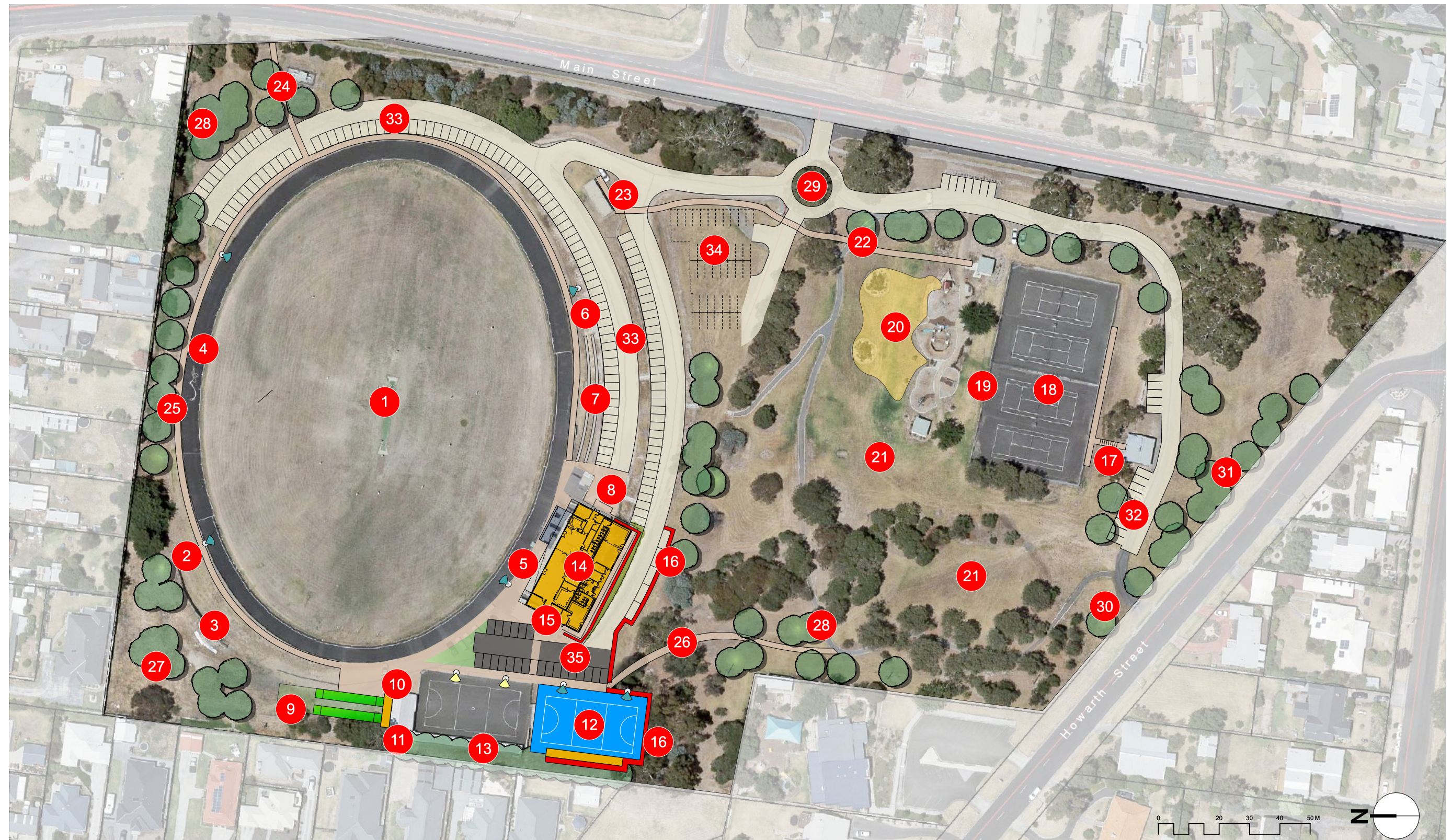
Western Reserve is home to a number of key stakeholders and user groups including:

- Colac Imperials Football Netball Club – main winter tenant for the reserve (April to September). Club has 4 male football teams and 3 female football teams, and 6 netball teams across all divisions. The club uses the facilities for pre-season training and also home and away football netball season. The football change rooms are not female friendly with many female participants not using the facilities for changing.
- Colac West Cricket Club – main summer tenant for the oval (October to March). Club uses the oval and cricket nets for training and matches. The club use the change rooms during the season which aren't female friendly.
- South West Primary School for sport and PE activities including athletics running events.
- Local schools for football carnivals..

Western Reserve is used for informal and passive recreation by the broader community, local schools and disability groups.

The last master plan for the reserve was completed in 2007 and really didn't provide much guidance for both the user groups and Council. The master plans were very basic and do not reflect current sporting requirements and standards for facilities such as female friendly, accessibility, compliant and safe facilities. There was minimal user group consultation and no broader community consultation to determine how the facilities are used and could be used into the future. A master plan for the reserve which provides Council with a clear direction and coordinated approach to facility/asset renewal and reserve improvements is required.





# Elliminyt Recreation Reserve Master Plan

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# Plan Annotations

## Sports Ground/ Cycling Track

- 1 Install new sub-surface irrigation and drainage systems
- 2 Upgrade the floodlights to 50 lux
- 3 Upgrade scoreboard to digital display system
- 4 Retain the current cycling track configuration, but resurface
- 5 Reposition the players benches back to improve the safety of cyclists
- 6 Install a 1.5m path around the oval – seal the sections of the path where gravel currently washes onto the cycling track
- 7 New terraced spectator area, and resolve drainage/ stormwater as part of works
- 8 Resolve the drainage/ stormwater run off from the car park area

## Netball Precinct

- 9 Install two cricket practice nets when cricket becomes a regular tenant
- 10 Replace the container with an enclosed storage room as an extension to the netball sheds
- 11 Integrate run off from netball courts into stormwater system
- 12 New netball court, player shelter, and floodlights (assess feasibility of a cut and fill solution for the base to reduce costs)
- 13 Revegetation of batter to screen netball areas to adjacent residential areas

## Main Sports Pavilion

- 14 Assess the feasibility to upgrade and extend the sports pavilion (or replace it) to include improved player and umpire change rooms, a new gymnasium, capability for the social area to be divided to accommodate concurrent use by co-tenants, new bar/ kitchen/ kiosk areas, new internal toilets, new meeting rooms, and increased storage
- 15 Remove former netball rooms
- 16 New retaining wall

## Other Facilities and Spaces

- 17 Install steps and paths to better connect the clubrooms and the tennis courts
- 18 Resurface the tennis courts and make good the drainage surrounding the courts
- 19 Replace the tennis court perimeter fence
- 20 Site for possible future expansion of the playspace precinct
- 21 Site options to be investigated for possible BMX facility
- 22 New unsealed path to connect the playspace to the public toilet
- 23 Upgrade the public toilet
- 24 Install an unsealed connecting path from Main Street
- 25 Install an unsealed connecting path using the same design/ materials as existing
- 26 Reinstate existing paths that are overgrown and in poor condition
- 27 Work to improve the landscape amenity of the batters by turfing or other ground cover
- 28 Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve

## Traffic Management

- 29 Install a roundabout at the reserve entrance
- 30 Remove the crossover to cease vehicle access from Howarth Street
- 31 Remove the crossover and reinstate to grass
- 32 Form unsealed car parking to service the tennis facility
- 33 Reconfigure existing unsealed access roads and car parking, and resolve drainage/ stormwater as part of works, and replant batter
- 34 New overflow car parking area
- 35 New sealed car park and access road to improve safety



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Item No. on Plan	Sub-Precincts / Projects	Project Description / Specification	Priority	Estimated Costs
Sports Ground/ Cycling Track				
1	Upgrade the oval surface	- Install a new sub-surface automated irrigation system (\$135,000) - Install a new drainage system (\$135,000) - Spray, scarify, core and line plant existing turf, and top-dress with sand to achieve consistent levels (\$100,000)	M	\$370,000
2	Upgrade the floodlighting around the oval	- Australian Standards for training	H	\$300,000
3	Install a digital scoreboard	Assumes the existing structure can accommodate the attachment of a new digital scoreboard	M	\$35,000
4	Re-surface the velodrome	- Asphalt 450m x 6.5m = 3,000sqm @ \$80	H	\$311,500
5	Make safe the velodrome track	- Reposition the coaches boxes (\$5,000) - Re-hinge track access gates to open outwards (\$3,500)	H	\$8,500
6	Install a path around the oval	- Unsealed section 275m x 1.5m = 410sqm @ \$35 (\$14,350) - Sealed section (in front of spectator terracing) 80m x 1.5m = 120sqm @ \$85 (\$10,200)	L	\$24,550
7	New terraced spectator standing area	- Allowance for 50m of two levels of unsealed terracing 100m @ \$150 (\$15,000) and stormwater management (\$10,000)	L	\$25,000
8	Control storm water run-off from the car park towards the pavilion	- Allowance for pits, collector swales and sealing	H	\$15,000
	Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	@ 10% of project cost		\$89,805
	Sub Total Sporting Facilities			\$1,179,355
Netball Precinct				
9	Install two cricket practice nets	- Includes concrete base, synthetic surfacing for the whole concrete base, fencing	L	\$150,000
10	New enclosed storage room as an extension to the netball sheds	- 10m x 3m on a concrete slab with a roller door 30sqm @ \$300	M	\$9,000
11	Integrate the stormwater run-off from the netball courts into the broader stormwater system		H	\$10,000
12, 16	New netball court	Scope includes: - removal of trees (\$10,000) - earthworks, including cut and fill, and retaining wall (\$150,000) - new asphalt court with 3.05m run-offs, line-marking and goals - court fencing, shelter (\$160,000) - floodlights to Australian Standards for training (\$65,000)	H	\$385,000
13	Revegetate batter	- Shrub planting	M	\$4,500
	Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	@ 10% of project cost		\$55,850
	Sub Total Sports Ground/ Cycling Track			\$614,350
Main Sports Pavilion				
14a	New retaining wall	- 70m @ \$450	H	\$31,500
14a	Engage a building architect to undertake a feasibility study to investigate the options for the upgrade, extension and/or replacement of the main pavilion, and to prepare final design plans		H	\$35,000
14b	Extend and upgrade the sports pavilion building	Scope of works for upgrade and extension option (refer Appendix 5 for floor plan): - General site infrastructure (\$220,000) - Upgraded social rooms, including full height windows and operable wall - Re-purposed kitchen/ canteen - New bar and store, and furniture store - New internal toilets, including an accessible toilet - New home, away and umpire change rooms - all female friendly - New gymnasium - New equipment storage  Estimated floor area for proposed pavilion (700sqm) Allowance for upgrade of existing 365sqm @ \$2,200 (\$803,000) Allowance for extension/ new spaces 340sqm @ \$2,900 (\$986,000) New verandah roofing (\$85,000) Site services (\$50,000)  Pavilion rebuild cost: - General site infrastructure (\$220,000) - Site services (\$50,000) - New building 705sqm @ \$2,900 (\$2,044,500) Total \$2,314,500	H	\$2,959,000
15	Demolish the former netball room		H	\$15,000
16	New retaining wall along the access road (See No. 12 above for netball component)	- 85m @ \$450	M	\$38,250
	Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	@ 10% of project cost		\$223,225
	Sub Total Main Sports Pavilion			\$3,301,975

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Other Facilities and Spaces				
17	Install steps and paths to better connect the tennis courts with the tennis clubroom	- Allow for sealed path to follow grade - Estimated 65m x 1.5m = 100sqm @ \$85	H	\$8,500
18	Resurface the tennis courts	- Resurface the courts with asphalt, approx. 2,470sqm @ \$15 (\$37,050) - Line-marking (\$3,000) - Repair perimeter stormwater drainage to improve flow (\$7,500)	M	\$47,550
19	Replace the tennis court fencing	- Approx. 210m @ \$100 supply and install	L	\$21,000
20	Future expansion of play space	- Allowance only	M	\$100,000
21	Consider site options for a new BMX facility	- Allowance is for a dirt jumps course (design and construct)	M	\$75,000
22	New unsealed path between the play space and the public toilet	- Approx. 130m x 1.5m = 195sqm @ \$35	M	\$6,825
23	Upgrade the public toilet	- Allowance only for new fittings, painting	H	\$35,000
24	New unsealed path between Main Street and the oval	- Approx. 50m x 1.5m = 75sqm @ \$35	L	\$2,625
25	Project is incorporated into No. 6 above			
26	Reinstate the existing paths throughout the reserve that are overgrown and in poor condition	- Allowance only	L	\$25,000
27	Improve the landscape amenity of the batters around the northern and western sides of the oval	- Shrub planting	M	\$10,000
28	Undertake tree planting, as required	- Allowance for 50 semi-mature trees @ \$250	M	\$12,500
	Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	@ 10% of project cost		\$34,400
	Sub Total Other Facilities			\$378,400
Traffic Management				
29	Install a roundabout at the reserve entrance	- Allows for sealed surface within the roundabout, and the first 5m extending from the roundabout	L	\$75,000
30	Remove the crossover off Howarth Street	- Allowance to break and remove the crossover, new kerb, and reinstatement to grass	H	\$7,500
31	Remove the crossover off Howarth Street	- Allowance to break and remove the crossover, new kerb, and reinstatement to grass	H	\$7,500
32	Form unsealed car park to service the tennis facility	- Approx. 100sqm @ \$35 (\$3,500) - Install bollards, bumpers (\$7,500)	M	\$11,000
33	Reconfigure the existing unsealed access roads and car parking south of the oval, and formalise new car parking east of the oval	- Allow for spaces 2.6m wide x 4.9m long, and back-up area of 6.0m - Approx. lineal length of section south of the oval and requiring upgrade is 250m, and the length of the new gravel car parking around the east of the oval is 120m - Estimated total works 4,100sqm of gravel @ \$35 (\$143,500) - Allowance for stormwater management (\$30,000) - Allowance for planting batters (\$10,000)	L	\$183,500
34	Create a new overflow car parking	- No works required		
35	New sealed car park and access road between the netball court and the main pavilion	- Allowance for 23 car parks including kerb and channel @ \$3,000 per space (\$69,000) - Allowance for bollards/ fence (\$25,000)	M	\$94,000
	Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	@ 10% of project cost		\$37,850
	Sub Total Traffic Management			\$416,350

	TOTAL MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)		\$ 5,890,430
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## Appendix B: Background Report Summary

The table on the following pages provides a summary of key directions and influences from relevant background reports, plans and strategies that may impact on the development of master plans for each reserve.

Document /Source	Key Directions / Influences	Implications for Master Plans
<b>Council Strategic Documents and Policy</b>		
Council Plan, 2017-2021 Revised 22 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic vision includes “the delivery of high-quality services that meet community needs and demonstrate value for money”.</li> <li>Theme 1: Our Prosperity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Growth</li> <li>Thriving Industries</li> <li>Partnerships</li> <li>Great Ocean Road</li> </ul> </li> <li>Theme 2: Our Places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</li> <li>Sustainable</li> <li>Welcoming &amp; Attractive</li> <li>Natural Environment</li> <li>Capital Works Delivery</li> <li>Emergency Management</li> </ul> </li> <li>Theme 3: Our Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socially Connected</li> <li>Events, Arts &amp; Culture</li> <li>Lifelong Learning</li> <li>Physical Activity</li> <li>Inclusive Community</li> <li>Plan for Community</li> </ul> </li> <li>Theme 4: Our Leadership &amp; Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Management</li> <li>Openness and Accountability</li> <li>Organisational Development</li> <li>Value for Money</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statement of Capital Works forecasts spending on Recreation, Leisure and Community Facilities will increase from \$2.83mil in 2021/22 to \$2.94mil in 2023/24 (increase of \$114k).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Plan initiatives should reflect Council’s key themes, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable assets and infrastructure.</li> <li>Connected, inclusive communities.</li> <li>Supporting physical activity participation.</li> <li>Reflecting community needs (now and future).</li> <li>Represent value for money.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Implementation of actions will be undertaken in partnership with key stakeholders.</li> <li>Council has limited capacity to increase current Capital Works resourcing and will seek opportunities to maximise external funding support. Initiatives should therefore reflect broader Government investment priorities where appropriate.</li> </ul>
Council Plan incorporating Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan, 2021-2025 (Aug, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council Plan outlines the strategic direction for Council over the next four years. For the first time, the Council Plan also incorporates the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan.</li> <li>Our Community Vision 2050: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 2050, Colac Otway Shire will be a destination where people come to appreciate our unique and diverse environment and friendly communities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The vision incorporates the following key themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valuing the natural and built environment</li> <li>Strong and resilient economy</li> <li>Healthy, inclusive and connected community</li> <li>Strong leadership and management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Plan initiatives will help contribute to achieving the Council vision and key objectives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide fit for purpose, accessible and well-utilised recreation, arts and community facilities and services.</li> <li>Promote and demonstrate gender equity.</li> <li>Plan for and supply quality public open space to meet community needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in a physical activity organised by a sports club or association: Colac Otway: 15.6%, Victoria: 9.8%</li> <li>Percentage of people who do physical activity four or more days per week: Colac Otway: 51.2%, Victoria: 41.3%</li> <li>Obesity rates: Colac Otway: 28.4%, Victoria: 19.3%</li> <li>Health and wellbeing priorities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventing all forms of violence</li> <li>Tackling climate change &amp; its impact on health</li> <li>Increasing active living</li> <li>Improving mental health &amp; wellbeing</li> <li>Gender equity</li> </ul> </li> <li>Council key themes (strategic priorities): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme 1: Strong and Resilient Economy</li> <li>Theme 2: Valuing the Natural and Built Environment</li> <li>Theme 3: Healthy and Inclusive Community</li> <li>Theme 4: Strong Leadership and Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Community Vision 2050 (Aug, 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 2050, Colac Otway Shire will be a destination where people come to appreciate our unique and diverse environment and friendly communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We value the wisdom of this land’s first caretakers, the Gulidjan and Gadabanud peoples, and recognise all those who have cared for the land since.</li> <li>We work to preserve what makes our place special. We focus on environmental sustainability to protect our precious natural assets.</li> <li>We are a proud and resilient community that values our welcoming spirit. We embrace new people, new business, new ideas. Our region is a great place to learn, live, work and play.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Plan initiatives will seek to enhance open spaces for broad community use, sustainability, and provide fit for purpose facilities and infrastructure that supports community health, wellbeing and physical activity participation.</li> </ul>
Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This Plan is a key document that shows how Council can influence better health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.</li> <li>The following priorities have been identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed key health and wellbeing enablers</li> <li>Young people and their families</li> <li>Plan together for an ageing population</li> <li>Family violence</li> <li>Healthy eating and active living</li> <li>Mental health and connectedness</li> <li>Culture, heritage and diversity</li> <li>Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Master Plans to consider opportunities to support community health and wellbeing priorities, including active living.</li> <li>Relevant specific actions identified in the Health and Wellbeing Plan included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New and refurbished sport and recreation facilities adhere to sports facility guidelines and design principles suitable for all people.</li> <li>Encourage more people to participate by providing welcoming, inclusive and flexible sports options.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Colac 2050 Growth Plan & Community Infrastructure Plan, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colac 2050 establishes a strategic framework for the future planning and development of Colac, with an aim of increasing Colac's population to 20,000 by 2050.</li> <li>The mission of the Colac 2050 Growth Plan is to facilitate the following for Colac:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Growth Plan notes an ongoing need to “Upgrade aging recreation infrastructure at existing reserves to meet future demand and comply with modern facility design standards, including upgrading sports lighting, playing surface improvements, and</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A community that openly welcomes diversity, inspires innovation and provides a range of lifestyle opportunities whilst maintaining a botanical landscape where people desire to live, work and visit.</li> <li>• The vision for Colac by 2050 (in part): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The city draws on the core concepts of sustainability and liveability to create a physically and socially connected place that meets the needs of all ages and abilities. It is a city characterised by its strong local and multi-faceted economy, which provides diverse business investment and employment opportunities.</li> <li>○ It is a botanic city that is welcoming, engaging and attractive to visitors, and embraces its cultural landscape, creeks and Lake Colac as key features of the town.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The residential land supply analysis indicated that to meet a population target of 20,000, Colac will need in the order of 1800 dwellings in addition to existing land supply, and greater than this if some of the existing supply is not developed. Given Colac's traditional larger lot sizes, this is likely to equate to around 170ha of new land for residential development.</li> <li>• Retaining opportunities for the expansion of community infrastructure and recreational and cultural facilities to match the needs of the growing community.</li> <li>• There is current demand for the provision of soccer fields in Colac. There is potential to explore using the former Colac High School site in Colac west for this purpose.</li> <li>• There is the need to upgrade aging recreation infrastructure at existing reserves to meet future demand and comply with modern facility design standards, including meeting the needs of female players and umpires. The lighting of playing fields and courts is a short term priority, along with surface improvements.</li> <li>• There is an opportunity to investigate the redevelopment of the lawn tennis club including consolidating all tennis facilities in Colac at one venue to provide a modern and sustainable facility which is suitable for local competition and other tournament needs.</li> <li>• There is a need for an additional 8ha minimum reserve as a minimum in the Deans Creek corridor to service lower profile or emerging sports such as baseball and rugby.</li> <li>• There will also need to be the provision of 1ha neighbourhood public open spaces to service new</li> </ul>	<p>meeting the needs of female players and umpires.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other implications / considerations for the Master Plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Soccer fields are to be established at the former Colac High School to accommodate demand – therefore ongoing use of Central Reserve for training may not be required in the longer term.</li> <li>○ Council will consider opportunities to consolidate tennis facilities in Colac to a single venue (i.e. Colac Lawn Tennis) – therefore consider the role and future of existing courts at Central Reserve.</li> <li>○ Council will acquire a new Active Recreation reserve in future growth area (Deans Creek corridor) for lower profile sports such as baseball and rugby – therefore review the long-term use of Eastern Reserve for baseball.</li> <li>○ There is a potential oversupply of netball courts in Colac – however this reflects the competition structures requiring facilities at football/netball venues.</li> <li>○ Ensure that the facility needs of female players and umpires are taken into consideration in the redevelopment of existing clubrooms/pavilion and the planning of new facilities.</li> <li>○ Develop or enhance neighbourhood park facilities such as picnic and play facilities on sports reserves including Western Oval, Central Reserve and Eastern Reserve.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Complete the following works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Reserve: implement masterplan including new pavilion, redeveloped grandstand, new netball changerooms, redeveloped netball courts and lighting</li> <li>○ Western Oval: upgrade playing surface, upgrade netball changerooms and lighting</li> <li>○ Colac Cricket Ground: upgrade clubrooms</li> <li>○ Elliminyt Recreation Reserve: upgrade playing field, provide an additional netball court or jointly use</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>communities in the growth areas within a walkable distance of all houses.</p>	<p>tennis court, expand pavilion/change rooms.</p>
Public Open Space Strategy, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strategy is over ten years old and requires updating, however core elements remain relevant, including:</li> <li>• <b>Vision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide a widely varied and sustainable network of open spaces which meets the needs of a diverse community for recreation, sporting and social opportunities as well as protecting and enhancing important flora, fauna and landscape values.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Guiding Principles</b> (in summary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmentally sustainable;</li> <li>○ Accessible;</li> <li>○ Provided and improved to offer a balanced and diverse range of opportunities for passive recreation, children's play, social gatherings, informal active recreation, walking, cycling and organised sport.</li> <li>○ Managed, where appropriate, in partnership with other agencies, service organisations, sports clubs and other groups.</li> <li>○ Managed to protect and enhance areas with significant flora, fauna, geological, heritage, cultural and/or landscape values.</li> <li>○ Planned so that it contributes to the economic, health, social wellbeing and connectivity of the diverse communities in Colac Otway Shire.</li> <li>○ Sufficiently resourced to provide quality development and maintenance at appropriate standards.</li> <li>○ Expanded as opportunities arise such as in new subdivisions and along waterways.</li> <li>○ No net loss of open space.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hierarchy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Township sports reserve provided with facilities for sports i.e. football, cricket, netball, etc. and a pavilion and often also with a public toilet.</li> <li>○ Regional open space, i.e. open space that might attract users from within municipal wide catchment and potentially also visitors from outside the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Classification:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sports Reserve Open space primarily developed and managed for the playing of organised sports in an outdoor setting. Facilities within the reserve would generally include grassed and/or synthetic playing fields and courts, car parking, pavilions and toilets. This category often contains facilities which by their nature are exclusively used by one sports or other club, such as a bowling club. Perimeter areas could be developed as parkland with playgrounds, picnic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of the Master Plans will help contribute to achieving the overarching Vision for open space in the City.</li> <li>• The Guiding Principles will be used to help inform a revised set of Planning Principles for this project (i.e. Principles Based Planning Framework) and to guide the relative implementation priority of actions across all reserves.</li> <li>• The open space Hierarchy and Classification for each site will continue to guide development standards and levels of service. i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eastern, Western, Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground) and Elliminyt Reserve are all “Township Sports Reserves”.</li> <li>○ Central Reserve is a “Regional Sports Reserve”.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Actions identified for Sports Reserves that remain relevant for consideration in the Master Plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrade the existing pavilions and other facilities.</li> <li>○ Landscape around the ovals.</li> <li>○ Improve the car parking arrangements.</li> <li>○ Provide informal recreation opportunities, for example: seating, picnic areas, play spaces, pathways, landscape features, etc.</li> <li>○ Provide for non-organised active recreation such as kick around areas around the ovals.</li> <li>○ Investigate bike paths to give safer access to the skate park in Central Reserve.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>areas and walking paths to provide informal recreation opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Open Space Plan (Table 7.1) outlines a set of “Standards for Open Space Development” relating to the provision of infrastructure and facilities in line with the open space hierarchy and nature or category.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Physical Activity Strategy, 2014-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To encourage more people to be more active more often.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Principles guiding implementation priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Impact</b> – intervention or initiative is likely to have a positive impact on increasing levels of physical activity participation, based on the evidence review undertaken as part of the Strategy</li> <li>○ <b>Feasibility</b> – intervention or initiative can be achieved using existing networks and partners, or such networks and partners will be relatively easy to develop in the short term</li> <li>○ <b>Affordability</b> – intervention or initiative can be achieved using existing resource levels, or likelihood of obtaining sufficient resources within the short term is high</li> <li>○ <b>Acceptability</b> – intervention or initiative likely to be acceptable and relevant to Council, the target market and the broader communities</li> <li>○ <b>Sustainability</b> – intervention or initiative is likely to result in changed behaviours, practices and attitudes, and be sustainable from a cost and ongoing resourcing perspective</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the Master Plans is consistent with Action Item #33: <i>Ensure that all active sport and recreation settings such as recreation reserves, stadiums, tennis courts, etc are planned, designed, managed and maintained in such a way as to be accessible and appropriate to the needs of all user groups.</i></li> <li>• Master Plans to consider initiatives that address physical activity participation barriers, in particular safety, walkability, fit for purpose facilities and infrastructure and opportunities for multi-use, including play and informal recreation.</li> <li>• The guiding principles will be considered in framing a Principles Based Planning Framework to guide implementation of the Master Plans.</li> </ul>
Recreation Strategy, 2006-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strategy is considered out of date, however guiding principles included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Accessibility:</b> Equitable provision and the opportunities to participate in recreation are to be accessible to all regardless of age or ability.</li> <li>○ <b>Partnerships:</b> The Recreation Unit will initiate and develop partnerships within and beyond the community to ensure the ongoing provision of recreation facilities and services. Clubs and organisations will be encouraged to share facilities, services and recreation resources to capitalise on availability.</li> <li>○ <b>Risk management:</b> The Recreation Unit will maintain awareness and manage risk with a preventative approach as opposed to a reactive approach. Council’s collaboration with State and Federal Government, State Associations and clubs will ensure consistent planning for risk and avoid unnecessary duplication of risk management procedure requirements.</li> <li>○ <b>Financial Sustainability:</b> Resources will be made available to all sporting and recreation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The guiding principles will be considered in framing a Principles Based Planning Framework to guide implementation of the Master Plans.</li> </ul>

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	<p>committees to develop effective financial management strategies to reduce direct nett cost to Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Flexible multi purpose approach:</b> Formal joint use arrangements will be developed and the Recreation Unit will support facilities on the basis of maximum use. Planning of new facilities or redevelopment of existing will require consideration of flexible multi purpose capacities.</li> <li>○ <b>Cross organisational input:</b> Discussions and planning across various Colac Otway Shire Units will be encouraged to ensure awareness and consistency with Council’s 2006-2010 Recreation Strategy and other relevant endorsed planning.</li> </ul>	
Active Transport Strategy, 2013-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no specific actions relating to individual reserves, however the following design principles are to be considered to promote walking and cycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Convenience</li> <li>○ Accessibility</li> <li>○ Safety</li> <li>○ Comfort</li> <li>○ Attractiveness</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following principles from the Australian Urban Design Protocol provide a holistic approach for designing environments that support walking and cycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It prioritises people walking or riding before vehicles.</li> <li>○ It is easy to get around on foot, bike, wheelchair, pushing a pram or wheeling luggage.</li> <li>○ Buildings and streets feel like they’re the right size and type for that place.</li> <li>○ It encourages physical activity and social interaction, and promotes a healthy lifestyle.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Recreation Reserve Fees and Charges Policy, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Recreation Reserve Fees and Charges Policy pertain to the fees collected from users of Recreation Reserves within the Colac Otway Shire for the purposes of recreation, sport, events and other community activities. The intent of the Policy is to provide clarity and consistency for all user groups and Managers of the Recreation Reserves within the Colac Otway Shire and for Council.</li> <li>• The level of maintenance for City Reserves is commensurate with its classification (hierarchy) as per Council’s Public Open Space Strategy. The higher the level of classification, the greater Council’s contribution to maintenance of the reserve.</li> <li>• A percentage of the gross cost, as determined by Council (eg: 15%), is recovered from users of sportsgrounds.</li> <li>• It is Council Policy to secure where possible external funding and contributions to assist with the implementation of the Capital Works Program. This applies directly to capital works projects to be undertaken at Recreation Reserves.</li> <li>• The Policy includes detail on maintenance responsibilities, however does not include any</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of Master Plan actions will require external funding for capital improvements. Council will actively seek funding opportunities in partnership with tenant groups, however, Council does not have the capacity to implement actions without external funding support.</li> <li>• In line with the Policy formula, clubs may be required to pay higher fees if/when facilities are improved reflecting higher asset values and ongoing maintenance requirements.</li> <li>• There is a Policy gap in terms of acceptable levels, scope and standard of infrastructure provision across the reserve hierarchies (e.g. number of cricket nets, netball courts, pavilion sizes etc).</li> </ul>



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	guidance on acceptable levels, scope or standard of infrastructure provision.	
Capital Projects Prioritisation Policy (Draft, Aug 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Council's limited funds available for capital expenditure on New, Upgrade and Expansion projects are utilised as effectively as possible and are allocated transparently, equitably and in accordance with the principles of best practice asset management.</li> <li>Capital funding project evaluation criteria. Priority will be given to projects that;</li> <li>Principle 1 – Strategic Alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 are identified in the Council Plan, an approved Strategy, Council Policy and/or Council Resolution or projects that are consistent or aligned to broader regional strategies.</li> <li>1.2 meet an identified demand, substantiated by a thorough process of data collection, analysis and community consultation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Principle 2 – Economic Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 can leverage external funding.</li> <li>2.2 limit or reduce impacts on Council's operating costs.</li> <li>2.3 support or provide benefits to the local economy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Principle 3 – Social Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 have the support of the majority of the community and key stakeholders.</li> <li>3.2 do not duplicate an existing service(s) currently provided to intended users or participants.</li> <li>3.3 increase access or participation opportunities for a disadvantaged, or vulnerable community groups.</li> <li>3.4 demonstrate improved social interaction, physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes</li> <li>3.5 improve the liveability of the municipality.</li> <li>3.6 contribute to the protection of Council's cultural and/or heritage values.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Principle 4 – Environmental Benefit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 minimise energy and water use and reduce waste disposal/ maximise recycling opportunities</li> <li>4.2 protect s and/or contributes to biodiversity values.</li> <li>4.3 contributes to achieving Council's carbon neutral target.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Principle 5 – Safety, Risk and Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1 addresses a safety issue.</li> <li>5.2 addresses a legislated requirement</li> <li>5.3 is adequately scoped terms of cost, quality standard and project duration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement initiatives to focus on projects that are consistent with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle 1 – Strategic Alignment</li> <li>Principle 2 – Economic Benefit</li> <li>Principle 3 – Social Benefit</li> <li>Principle 4 – Environmental Benefit</li> <li>Principle 5 – Safety, Risk and Compliance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Capital Funds Allocation Policy (Draft, Aug 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Council's limited funds available for capital expenditure are utilised as effectively as possible and are allocated in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual improvement initiatives outlined in each Master Plans will be subject to further detailed planning (if</li> </ul>

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	<p>accordance with the principles of best practice asset management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding priority will continue to be directed towards the "Asset Renewal" component of the CWP in order to achieve a sustainable asset management position. Annual funding will endeavour to be allocated to the levels recommended in Council's Asset Management Plans.</li> <li>Accordingly, funds available for New assets and asset Upgrade and Expansion will be limited and subject to a process of nomination and prioritisation.</li> <li>Projects that have undergone the nomination and scoping process will be prioritised in accordance with the criteria in Council's Capital Project Prioritisation Policy.</li> </ul>	<p>over \$50,000) and subject to Council's budget/funding nomination process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual projects will be assessed using the Capital Prioritisation Policy criteria, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle 1 – Strategic Alignment</li> <li>Principle 2 – Economic Benefit</li> <li>Principle 3 – Social Benefit</li> <li>Principle 4 – Environmental Benefit</li> <li>Principle 5 – Safety, Risk and Compliance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>G21 Documents</b>		
G21 Physical Activity Strategy 2014-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage more people to be more active more often.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Council can positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community by making physical activity the easy choice. This can be done through careful and considered design of public spaces and the built environment, and by ensuring the needs of people are paramount when making decisions about the spaces in which they live, learn, work and play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action item #16: Incorporate physical activity components such as footpath markings, active play equipment, etc into urban spaces whenever new works are undertaken or when opportunities exist for such developments to occur.</li> <li>Action item #33: Ensure that all active sport and recreation settings such as recreation reserves, stadiums, tennis courts, etc are planned, designed, managed and maintained in such a way as to be accessible and appropriate to the needs of all user groups.</li> </ul>
G21 and AFL Barwon Regional Strategy, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To work together to grow and prosper community football and netball.</li> </ul> </li> <li>PRIORITY 1 Support the capacity building of clubs and their people.</li> <li>PRIORITY 2 Increase the quality and functionality and maximise the carrying capacity of existing facilities.</li> <li>PRIORITY 3 Plan and develop new facilities in key growth areas across the region.</li> <li>PRIORITY 4 Capitalise on opportunities to create a Regional Administration Centre.</li> <li>PRIORITY 5 Ensure programs and facilities cater for the diversity of participants that are attracted to our game/s.</li> <li>PRIORITY 6 Continue to enhance the relationship between football / netball, government and community partners in planning and provision of facilities.</li> <li>The report notes: <i>Investment in the region's facilities to ensure current facilities meet AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria minimum requirements and adequately accommodate anticipated participation growth and diversity of participants is essential.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strategy notes that existing facilities in Colac require improvement. The report suggests amenities and infrastructure that have the greatest influence and impact on a venue being able to facilitate current competition requirements and support growth in participation are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unisex change rooms (players and umpires),</li> <li>football sports lighting,</li> <li>netball sports lighting,</li> <li>ground surface quality,</li> <li>playing condition of the main netball court,</li> <li>quality of the main pavilion.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
G21 and AFL Barwon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The key findings of the G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy are:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility condition audits were conducted in 2019. Results indicate that aside from</li> </ul>



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Towards 2030: Strategy, Draft December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sustained growth in participation is being experienced across club-based football and netball throughout the Region, particularly in female football.</li> <li>○ Continuing to provide gender neutral amenities and increasing the capacity of existing facilities to cater for participation growth and future demand is critical.</li> <li>○ The provision and improvement of playing surface lighting at existing facilities will create better access, programmability and capacity of venues.</li> <li>○ The development of additional football and netball facilities and clubs, particularly in areas of population growth, should reflect population and participation forecasts and provision requirements.</li> <li>○ There is a healthy provision of modern, regional level facilities which have the capacity to host higher level events, finals, competitions and greater spectator numbers over the next 10 years.</li> <li>○ A coordinated approach to monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 on football and netball clubs and the engagement of players during the cessation of sport is critical.</li> <li>○ Participation strategies in areas identified as vulnerable are required to ensure club-based football and netball remains viable. This includes creating stronger linkages with schools.</li> <li>○ A collaborative approach to investment and the advocacy for the continuation of key funding programs is crucial to deliver new and redeveloped football and netball facilities.</li> </ul>	<p>Central Reserve, all other venues require facility improvement works, particularly pavilion upgrades to improve gender equity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overall strategic priorities identified in the plan included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PRIORITY 1 Continue to enhance the relationship between football and netball, government and community partners in the planning and investment of facilities.</li> <li>○ PRIORITY 2 Increase the quality, functionality, capacity and sustainability of existing facilities.</li> <li>○ PRIORITY 3 Ensure facilities cater for the diversity of participants playing across the G21 Region.</li> <li>○ PRIORITY 4 Support the capacity building and education of clubs and people.</li> <li>○ PRIORITY 5 Plan and develop facilities in growth and priority areas across the G21 Region.</li> <li>○ PRIORITY 6 Identify the location, role and function of regional level facilities and a secure a long-term plan for the Regional Administration Centre.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
G21 Regional Tennis Strategy 2015-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Four actions are considered critical to the improvement of tennis across the region: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restructure tennis governance in the G21 region.</li> <li>2. Strategically invest in tennis court lighting to grow participation.</li> <li>3. Support the sustainability of tennis via the new national affiliation model.</li> <li>4. Adopt recommendations into organisation work plans and budgets</li> </ol> </li> <li>● There are currently 26 individual tennis venues (including Colac Indoor Tennis Centre) providing 67 courts across the Colac Otway Shire on Council and non-Council owned or managed land (including Crown and private land).</li> <li>● Explore long-term redevelopment or relocation options for the Colac Lawn Tennis Club and tennis facility provision within Colac – i.e. Establish a consolidated ‘Large Community Facility’.</li> <li>● Recommendations for Colac Central Reserve and Elliminyt Tennis Courts: Assess long-term viability of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Retain Elliminyt Tennis Courts as per existing Master Plan for the site.</li> <li>● The existing two courts at Central Reserve are not used by a Club, consider long term future of these courts as part of the Master Plan, options include removal, retention for informal use and/or identify alternative uses of this space in the reserve.</li> </ul>

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	each site as part of a broader assessment of all tennis venues in Colac.	
G21 Regional Football (Soccer) Strategy, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A number of regional priority focus areas were identified, these are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alignment of Football (Soccer) planning</li> <li>2. Participation and Pathways</li> <li>3. Facility Management</li> <li>4. Club Management and Support, and</li> <li>5. Resourcing and Partnering</li> </ol> </li> <li>● Colac priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Negotiate the use of Central Reserve for Colac Otway Rovers to run Football (Soccer) open days and any marquee games or community Football (Soccer) events.</li> <li>○ To review feasibility of upgrading Central Reserve rectangular area (ex hockey), to allow it to be redeveloped as a senior pitch and training ground facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review the feasibility of upgrading Central Reserve rectangular area (ex hockey), to allow it to be redeveloped as a senior soccer pitch and training ground facility.</li> </ul>
G21 Regional Hockey Strategy, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The G21 Regional Hockey Strategy has been developed to guide the overall direction and development of hockey across the G21 Region for the next 10 years.</li> <li>● Colac priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitor participation provision ratios and population benchmarks, and identify triggers for new facility development.</li> <li>○ Support clubs to deliver social and unstructured forms of hockey to their members and the wider community. Explore funding opportunities to support activity delivery and facilitation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Formal Hockey pitches are not to be developed at any of Colac reserve.</li> <li>● However, consider opportunities for unstructured forms of hockey and training/skill development – i.e. multi-use of rectangular field at Central Reserve.</li> </ul>
G21 and Cricket Victoria Regional Cricket Strategy, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The G21 and Cricket Victoria Barwon Regional Cricket Strategy aims to guide the future planning and development of cricket across the Barwon Region to 2028.</li> <li>● Colac Otway accounts for 12% (19 fields) of total G21 provision.</li> <li>● Colac Otway Shire average ground to population provision ratio 1: 1,114 – significantly higher than the Cricket Vic planning benchmark.</li> <li>● Colac priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrade training facilities.</li> <li>○ Upgrade pavilion facilities (including female friendly).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The existing level of oval provision in Colac is above the regional average. Additional grounds are not required.</li> <li>● Relevant strategic priorities (i.e. #3) is to <i>Maximise the capacity and activation of existing sites</i>.</li> <li>● Master Plan initiatives to focus on improving training facilities and upgrading pavilions.</li> </ul>
<b>Council Sport Specific Strategies</b>		
Colac Otway Shire Tennis Facility – Audit and Development Plan, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Plan is now over ten-years old.</li> <li>● Central Reserve courts are classified Neighbourhood.</li> <li>● Elliminyt Reserve courts are classified District/Township.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Central Reserve facility recommendations include resurface courts and upgrade fencing.</li> <li>● Elliminyt Reserve facility recommendations include resurfacing, fencing and net/post upgrades.</li> </ul>
<b>Previous Reserve Specific Master Plans</b>		
Eastern Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop in 2008 and now considered out of date. Previous strategic priorities that appear not to have been implemented include:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review the ongoing use of the oval for formal sports (baseball and cricket) given ongoing subsidence issues.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baseball field lighting.</li> <li>○ Baseball storage facility.</li> <li>○ Drinking taps.</li> <li>○ Relevel and top-dress oval surface.</li> <li>○ Remodel cricket nets to accommodate baseball use.</li> <li>○ Upgrade and extend the existing pavilion and/or establish a new facility for baseball closer to the diamond.</li> <li>○ Improve traffic management, control, definition and safety.</li> <li>○ Reconstruct netball courts to Netball Vic standards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review improvement priorities in consultation with user groups.</li> </ul>
Western Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Master Plan developed in 2014 and now considered out of date. Previous strategic priorities that appear not to have been implemented include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve traffic management and define car parking (alter/move entry to accommodate two new netball courts).</li> <li>○ Establishment of two new netball courts and new netball club room and change room.</li> <li>○ Install playground behind goals.</li> <li>○ Spectator seating around oval.</li> <li>○ Netting behind goals.</li> <li>○ New cricket nets (x3) with new storage shed.</li> <li>○ Extension to Social Rooms.</li> <li>○ Improve spectator areas in front of buildings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Western Reserve Venue Improvement Plan, 2018. Previous strategic priorities that appear not to have been implemented include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unisex player and umpire amenities – 2xplayer change rooms, 1xumpires change room.</li> <li>○ Social pavilion upgrade.</li> <li>○ (NB: the 2018 plan retains a single netball court plus warm up area).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review improvement priorities in consultation with user groups.</li> </ul>
Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop in 2008 and now considered out of date. Previous strategic priorities that appear not to have been implemented include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrade cricket nets (concrete pitches and fencing).</li> <li>○ Upgrade oval surface and irrigation.</li> <li>○ Install oval boundary fencing.</li> <li>○ Provision of additional storage, pavilion maintenance improve car parking.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review improvement priorities in consultation with user groups.</li> </ul>
Central Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Previous Master Plans were developed in 2000 and 2008. Not all recommendations have been implemented and the use of the reserve has significantly changed over the years, including establishment of Category 4 AFL pavilion facilities.</li> <li>● Previous plans outlined various options for the ‘former’ hockey fields, little athletics facilities, tennis courts and informal recreation areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review improvement priorities in consultation with user groups.</li> </ul>

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Elliminyt Recreation Reserve, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Master Plan was developed in 2018 and is still considered relevant and will be used to guide future development of the reserve.</li> <li>● Indicative costs to implement the plan were estimated at \$5.9million in 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incorporate Master Plan actions into an overall Implementation Framework as part of this project to guide investment priorities across all reserves in Colac.</li> </ul>





## Appendix C: 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Further discussion in November 2022</b></p> <p>Concerned about the length of time it would take to upgrade the facilities at Lake Oval (upgraded oval lighting for training/new gender neutral change rooms and pavilion), the Football Umpires Association asked whether Council might consider them relocating to another venue, such as Central Reserve/Colac Youth and Recreation Centre, which already has compliant facilities - oval lighting and change rooms.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>2. No change. Parking improvements are identified in the existing plan.</p> <p>3. No change. Storage to be provided in proposed new pavilion.</p> <p>Council discussed this request further with the Colac and District Football Umpires around using the Central Reserve facilities.</p> <p>Council notes and acknowledges that the current Lake Oval facilities are less than ideal for the umpires (no female change rooms for their growing number of female umpires, unsuitable lighting for training, and no goal posts at northern end of oval),</p>

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	<p>The Football Umpires Association is currently based at Lake Oval and whilst they would like to stay at the reserve and are supportive of the Lake Oval master plan's proposed facility improvements for new compliant lighting, new pavilion which meets sports standards and gender neutral change rooms, and improved car parking for the pavilion area, the group are concerned that these improvements are too far into the future and that they need compliant facilities now in order to grow and maintain football umpire participants which support the local leagues and competitions.</p> <p>The club would like to stay based at Lake Oval, however if the facilities aren't going to be upgraded to meet their requirements, they see some positives in suggesting a relocation to the Central Reserve where there is compliant oval lighting and there would be gender neutral change rooms available at current reserve buildings.</p> <p>The Club has enquired about whether they could use the Colac Youth and Recreation Centre building. The group requires access to permanent clubrooms with kitchen facilities and believes the Youth building would provide the group with flexibility for indoor training in inclement weather via use of the main hall.</p> <p>The club do not want to make a revised submission to the project at this stage - they are not wanting to move as such, and they support the master plan improvements proposed at the Lake Oval.</p> <p>If however Council determines that they are not going to support upgrading the Lake Oval facilities as per the proposed master plan, they would like Council to consider their request to relocate to an alternative venue which already has compliant facilities more suited to their needs.</p>	<p>however the proposed facility improvements identified in the master plan would address these deficiencies.</p> <p>Having a winter tenant (umpires) and a summer tenant (cricket) means that the Lake Oval is well used year-round. Both the Colac Cricket Club and Colac and District Football Umpires Association need new facilities that are gender neutral and support club off-field activities. Having multi-use facilities with multiple user groups which are used all year round, means that Council is more likely to be able to attract government funding for projects.</p> <p>No change to the Lake Oval master plan is proposed, as the proposed upgrades in the master plan still represent what both current tenant clubs require in the future. However, Council does acknowledge the groups concerns that the proposed improvements will take some time to be designed and implemented – in referring to the implementation plan, the new pavilion is ranked 9th on the overall project list and the improved lighting is 25th.</p> <p>Relocating the umpires to Central Reserve would not be without its challenges.</p> <p>The oval surface is heavily used during winter by the current reserve users (Colac Football Netball Club, Colac Auskick, Colac Under 10/12's football competition, local schools, etc) - approx. 5-7 days per week (ave 20-28hrs/week) depending on the scheduling of home matches.</p> <p>If another winter tenant was added to the Central Reserve (e.g. the Football Umpires), other existing users would have to reduce their time on the oval or relocate to an alternative venue in order to prevent the surface from being overused.</p>





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		<p>With respect to access to off-field facilities (clubrooms and change rooms), there is already an established use of the Youth and Recreation Centre building which is in accordance with the Management Agreement.</p> <p>Whilst there are amenities in this venue, the Youth and Recreation Centre building doesn't have suitable unisex change rooms. The netball change rooms, whilst could be used by the umpires, are located at the northern end of the building and would require an internal modification/fitout to provide multi-gender use at the same time. There might also be other opportunities at the Central Reserve for the umpires outside of using the Youth and Recreation Centre facilities, however Council would need to discuss these arrangements further with existing users of the reserve.</p> <p>Council officers met with the Football Umpires club executive on 7/12/2022. Following the meeting, the club advised they would like to remain based at Lake Oval and has decided not to continue exploring relocating their activities to Central Reserve at this time.</p> <p>Council will to continue conversations with the Football Umpires in supporting their need to access compliant facilities.</p>
Barwon South West Region Forest, Fire & Regions Group (FFRG) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Lake Oval is situated on Crown land)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>No change. Future on-site works to avoid impacts on heritage memorial.</li> <li>No change, points on tree protection noted.</li> </ol>



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	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure potential impacts on (including any impacts to the roots / Tree Protection Zones) are avoided. If impacts are unavoidable, Council 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.</li> </ol>	
Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>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?</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>No change. Seating is to be provided on the east, west and northern side of the oval.</li> </ol>
Football Victoria (FV)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to highlight Lake Oval as potential winter playing venue for Football (Soccer)</li> <li>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</li> <li>Supports accessibility of participation as opposed to Beeac or Pirron Yallock facilities</li> <li>Supports business case for highlighted facility and lighting projects</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change. Lake Oval not proposed for soccer use.</li> </ol>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted pavilion draft mud map meets FV building development guidelines</li> </ul>	
Cricket Victoria	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 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.	1. Support noted.

### 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"> <li>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.</li> <li>Existing change rooms to be upgraded / redeveloped. Existing facilities don't meet sporting facility standard guidelines. Upgrade refurbishment as per submission – not a rebuild</li> <li>Construct 2 new netball courts and associated lighting paving, spectator areas, players benches, etc. Move priorities 4 &amp; 5 here to develop both in conjunction with each other</li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>Construct and formalise car parking behind football/ cricket pavilion (approx. 30 spaces) Agree</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change, for reasons including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>WWCC's proposed design does not incorporate space to replace the existing public toilets at the south end of the reserve</li> <li>Still requires re-build of the change rooms on the southern side of the oval – contributing to duplication of facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade pedestrian area to improve spectator amenity Agree</li> <li>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</li> <li>Install safety netting behind the goals Agree</li> <li>Electronic scoreboard Agree</li> <li>Upgrade / formalise the road around the oval Agree</li> <li>Construct and formalise car parking around oval (approx. 90 spaces) Agree</li> <li>Construct new playground with connecting paths and seating Agree</li> <li>Construct a 1.5m wide path around oval Agree</li> <li>Demolish existing public toilets and replace as part of new Netball Pavilion facilities Agree</li> <li>Introduce tree planting where indicated Agree</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>76% of survey respondents either fully (100%) or 'strongly' support the draft master plan as presented.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change. See above comments.</li> <li>No change.</li> <li>No change. Already included.</li> <li>No change.</li> <li>No change.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> </ol>
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"> <li>Not viewed as Football facility</li> </ul>	1. No change.
Cricket Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We would also like to reiterate the significance of an upgrade to the social &amp; change rooms at Western Reserve which would provide greater access to the West Warrion Cricket Club.</li> <li>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 &amp; West Warrion Cricket Club).</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support noted. Add note to master plan: Explore future shared/multi-use opportunities of the social rooms for summer tenant.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>No change, as noted spatial constraints limit consideration of alternative locations.</li> </ol>
Netball Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the construction of 2 netball courts with lighting and associated infrastructure.</li> <li>Support the upgrade to the netball rooms and encourage Council to review Netball Victoria's</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted. Facility standards will be further</li> </ol>





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	facilities manual to see minimum facility standards for a local facility. Increase the sizes of spaces (first aid, storage, etc) to meet minimum guidelines.	reviewed as part of separate detailed designs.

### Central Reserve

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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.
Colac Otway Rovers AFC	NB: Submission received past closing date: 1. If it's any consolation, I did have a good look at the plans (albeit late) and was very happy with them. We would not have had anything to add anyway	1. Support noted.
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	1. Noted. 2. No change, support (and financial constraints) noted.



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	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"> <li>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.</li> <li>The facilities when relocated must be equal to or exceed the existing facilities including storage, spectator access, and parking.</li> <li>Continued consultation with CFA and local brigades is maintained during the development and implementation of the plan.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	1. 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? 2. 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?	1. No change. Hockey is no longer active in Colac/Central Reserve. The G21 Strategy provides no reference to Hockey facilities in Colac. 2. 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)	1. Central Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supportive of redeveloping the second playing field to accommodate a soccer training pitch with Amateur Match Practice and Competition (100 Lux) lighting</li> <li>View Central Reserve as training hub for Football (Soccer)</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	1. No change. Support noted. Umpire/Official room size to be confirmed via detailed designs.





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Cricket Victoria	1. 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.	1. 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.
Netball Victoria	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.	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	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.	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	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.	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



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		add water outlet/tap to eastern side of courts. Now included on Master Plan.
City United Cricket Club	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 priority is traffic management and safety followed by the redevelopment of the Pavilion. 3. Training facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of four lanes (with power, lighting and toilet provision)</li> <li>Fully enclosed</li> <li>Alternative proposed location</li> <li>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</li> </ul> 4. Pavilion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our concept for this area has not changed – we support the concepts, just need to work through the design and location.</li> <li>Any redesign of pavilion/change rooms etc needs to also have a traffic management/safety considerations and direct oval aspects designed</li> <li>Provision for bar and catering via an external option</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> </ul> 5. Safety and traffic management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We appreciate that this option we presented may not be viable, - again user group discussion is required to formalise all options.</li> <li>'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.</li> <li>Security and lighting to be installed</li> </ul>	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 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. 4. No change. Clubs will be further consulted as part of detailed design planning for the pavilion extension. 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. 6. No change. Items are already included in the master plan. Extent of works to be





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	<p>6. Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	discussed with user groups (service levels/expectations). It may not be possible to undertake all requested works in Bi-annual review.
Colac Braves Baseball Club	<p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. Reconstruction of the baseball diamond and key components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We agree with the moving of the diamond to a position off of the cricket field playing area</li> <li>It is still missing both lighting arrangements for training and a scorer facility/shed for officials in the proposed plan</li> <li>The third base foul line is still extremely close to the proposed footpath which poses safety risks for outfielders chasing a foul ball</li> <li>No details regarding the length of time this would take and when works would be actioned (i.e. time of year)</li> </ul> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. 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 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<p>1. Noted, no change.</p> <p>2. No change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training standard Infield lighting is already included as a note on the plan (item #3).</li> <li>Add to master plan: A new scorer/officials shed is now proposed.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Timing of works to be determined in future implementation planning.</li> </ul> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. No change. Detailed design planning separate to master plan process will occur in consultation with user groups in finalising the new pavilion layout.</p> <p>5. Noted.</p>



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	<p>the sports from within the social rooms creating a safe and secure environment from the weather for both winter and summer sports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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!</li> </ul> <p>5. Bi-annual review and rectification of oval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completely on board with the proposed plan</li> </ul> <p>6. Traffic Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>7. Other Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No toilet facilities are proposed at the baseball end of the reserve</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>8. Training Shed location and alternative layout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously we attached a proposed alternative for the reserve which included</li> <li>Outdoor turf nets for cricket, also utilised for bullpen pitching for baseball</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Proposed changes to entry/exit for "overflow car park" and</li> <li>The open area between the pavilion and oval</li> </ul>	<p>6. 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.</p> <p>7. No change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional toilets on the western side of the reserve are not supported.</li> <li>Club storage to be provided in remodelled pavilion and proposed under-cover batting cage.</li> </ul> <p>8. No change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Football Victoria (FV)	<p>1. Eastern Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not viewed as Football facility</li> </ul>	1. No change.





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Cricket Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 &amp; Cricket Victoria about what would be suitable.</li> <li>We do note that the current cricket practice facilities require upgrade and are not outlined in the masterplan.</li> <li>Cricket Victoria also wanted to highlight the significance of an upgrade to the club's social &amp; change rooms.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 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</li> <li>Add action to master plan to 'retain and upgrade the existing outdoor cricket practice nets for community and club use.'</li> <li>Support noted.</li> </ol>
Netball Victoria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball Victoria supports the resurfacing of the asphalt netball courts to improve user safety and ensure compliance.</li> <li>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"> <li>Provide a solution for better and safer access to court supervisor area overlooking the courts (upstairs).</li> <li>Install new PA equipment if budget allows.</li> <li>Include female friendly change room space for netball participants.</li> <li>Ensure safe access to toilets with line of sight to courts and court area.</li> <li>Include access to change areas and amenities for umpires.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> <li>Provide access to drinking water and water bottle refill stations.</li> <li>Ensure sufficient shelter for team and official benches on each court. Each team bench should provide minimum 4.5m length x 2m</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted. Facility standards will be further reviewed as part of separate detailed designs.</li> <li>Changes are not proposed to existing gate access.</li> <li>Additional water tap on eastern side of courts is proposed.</li> <li>No changes to existing shelters are proposed.</li> <li>Covered tiered seating is not proposed.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Support noted.</li> <li>Signage will be updated where required as each stage of the master plan is implemented.</li> </ol>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>depth (space for 5 people) official shelter min 2.5m or space for 2 people.</li> <li>If funding permits, allow for covered tiered seating to accommodate spectators.</li> <li>Support tree planting and see benefit in providing shelter.</li> <li>Support the remodelling of the car park and encourage all</li> <li>Encourage way finding information to direct pedestrian traffic.</li> </ol>	

#### Other submissions:

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Sport and Recreation Victoria Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Principle Based Planning Framework (Section 7)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would be beneficial for the plan to include <b>Universal Design</b> 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Implementation Plan (Section 8)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change. Universal Design principles sit 'above' the Principles Based Planning Framework and inform all of Council's facility and infrastructure planning.</li> <li>No change. The Implementation Plan notes that figures/costings are "indicative" only.</li> </ol>
Football Victoria (FV)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change.</li> <li>No change. Central reserve will retain (and improve) capacity for soccer participation within spatial limitations.</li> </ol>





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Cricket Victoria	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.	1. Support noted.
Netball Victoria	1. Netball Victoria congratulates Council on this forward thinking and forward planning approach to master planning. We support Councils 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.	1. Support noted



## Appendix D: 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 from 15th August to 11th September 2022.

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### Executive Summary

- There was a total of 146 individual responses to the community survey.
- There was a cross-section of age profiles represented in survey respondents, with the majority (36%) aged 35-49 years.
- There was an equal number of respondents identifying as male (49%) and female (49%).
- 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:
  - A combined 86% of respondents either *fully supported* or *strongly supported* the draft plan.
  - Less than 4% (i.e., 3 individual responses) did not support the proposed plan. Two comments were provided:
    - 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 the 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.

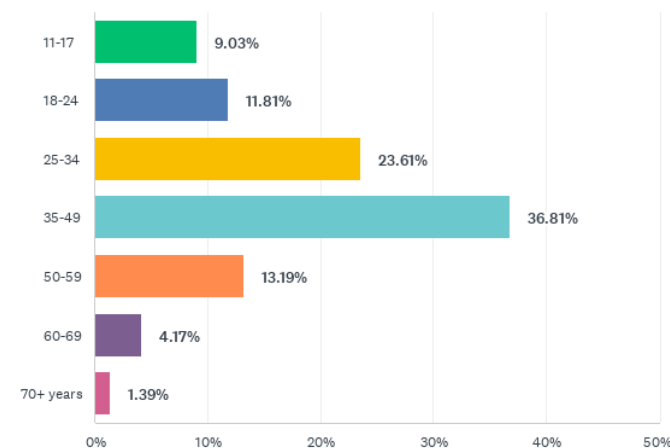
- There was a good cross-section of club and community feedback in survey responses which reflects mixed use of the reserve, including its importance as a venue for watching sport as a parent or spectator. It also reinforces the multi-use nature of the reserve and importance of continuing to cater for 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.



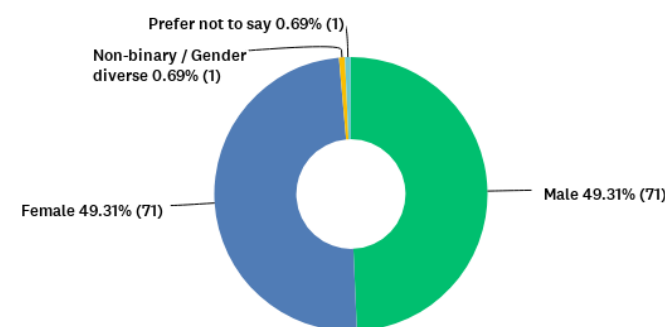
## Overall Results

- 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.
- There was a cross-section of age profiles represented in survey respondents, with the majority (36%) aged 35-49 years.
- There was an equal number of respondents identifying as male (49%) and female (49%).
- The majority of respondents (71%) were from postcode 3250 representing Colac, Colac East, Colac West and Elliminyt.

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:
  - A combined 86% of respondents either *fully supported* or *strongly supported* the draft plan.
  - Less than 4% (i.e., 3 individual responses) did not support the proposed plan. Two comments were provided:
    - 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



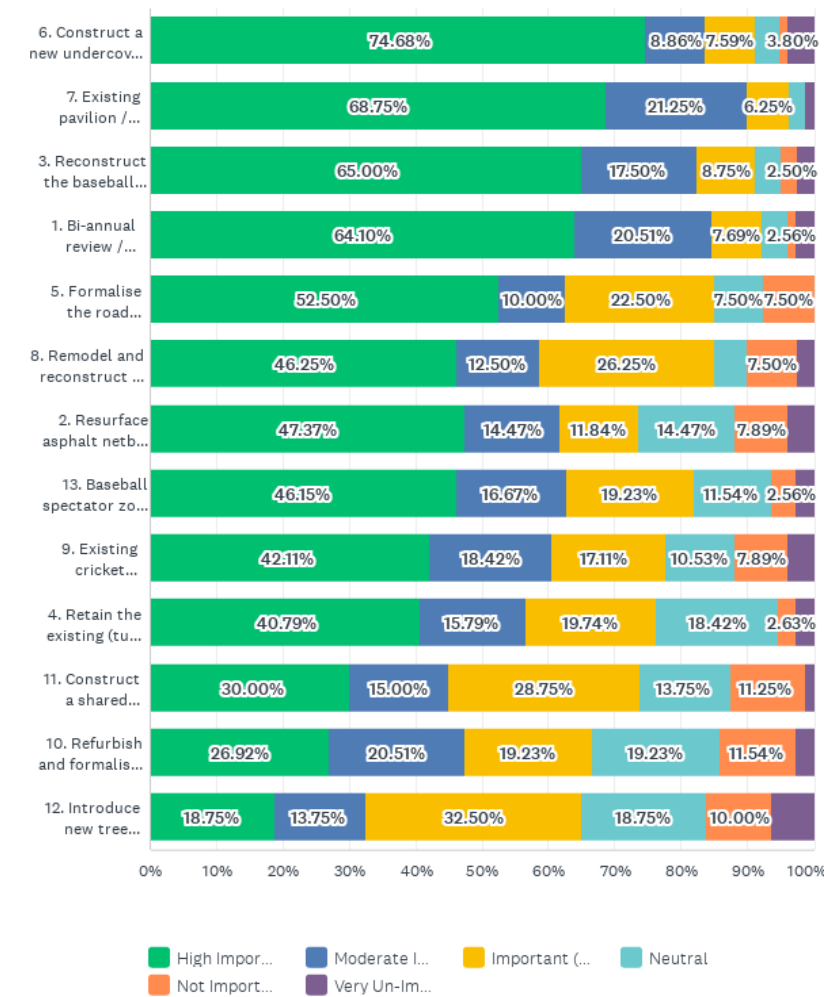


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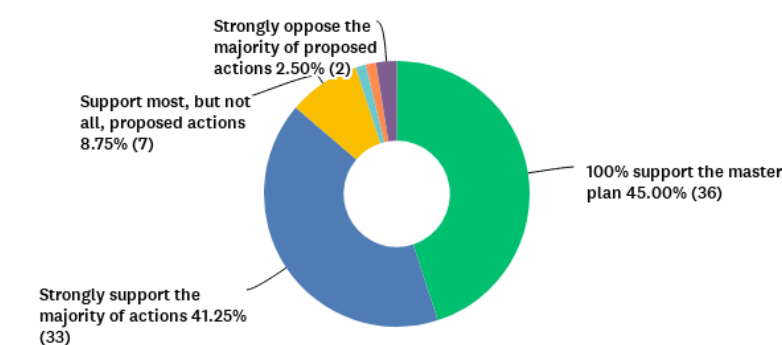
#### Implications for Final Master Plan:

- 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:

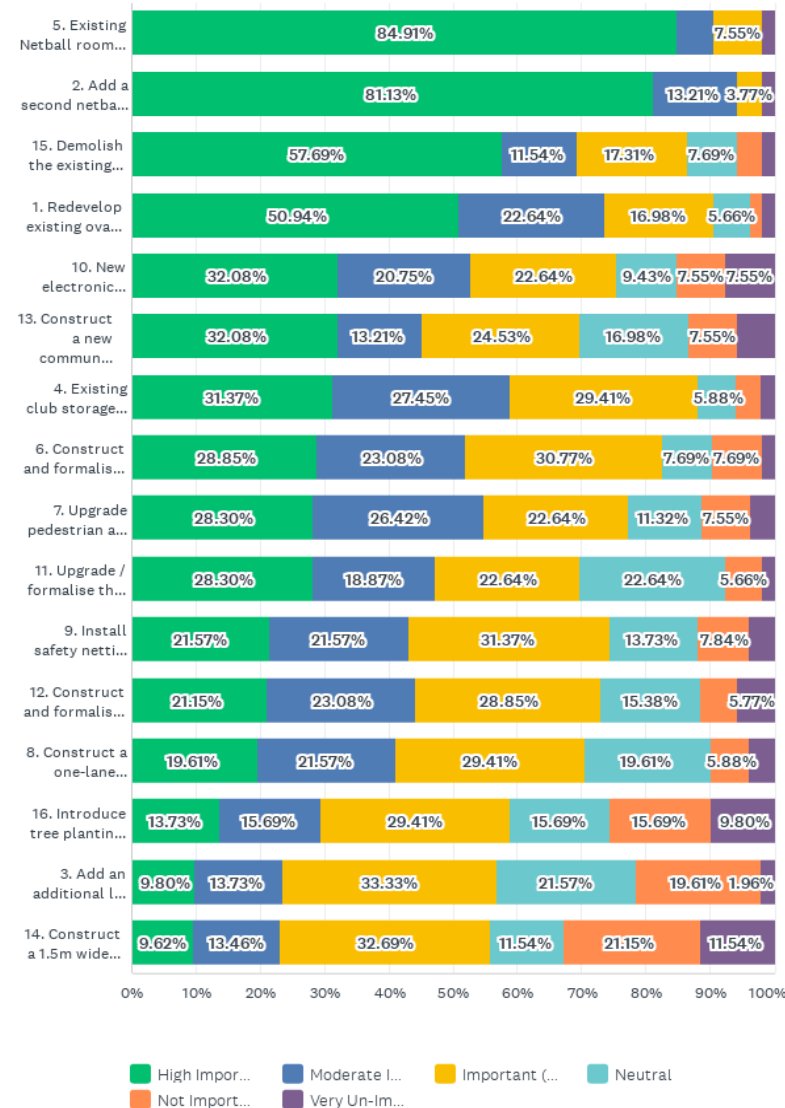
- There was a very high level of support for the improvement directions outlined in the draft master plan:
  - A combined 75% of respondents either *fully supported* or *strongly supported* the draft plan.
  - Approximately 5% (i.e., 3 individual responses) did not support the proposed plan. A single 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.

### Implications for Final Master Plan:

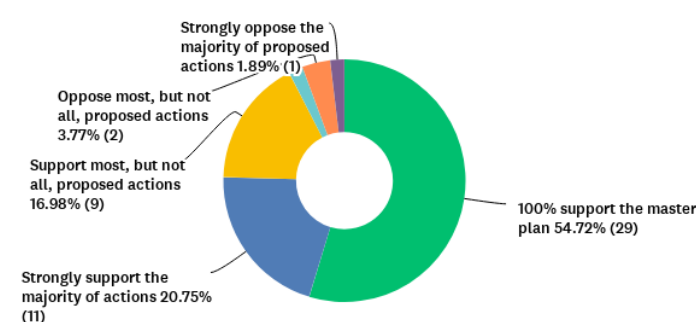
- Although survey responses were dominated by members of the Colac Imperials Football Netball Club, proposed master plan directions support shared use of facilities and infrastructure by all user groups, including the addition of improved facilities to service cricket and mixed gender use. Therefore, no changes to the draft master plan are proposed in final documentation.



Q21 In your opinion, please rate the importance of the following key initiatives outlined in the Draft Master Plan for Western Reserve... (Single response per item only)



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.

### Support for the Master Plan:

- 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 the 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.

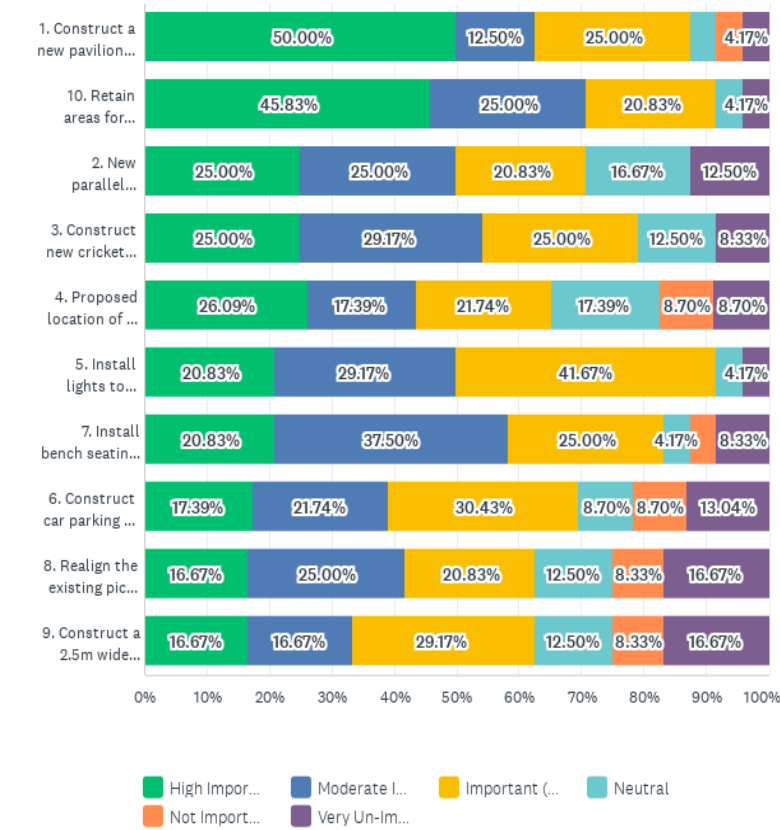


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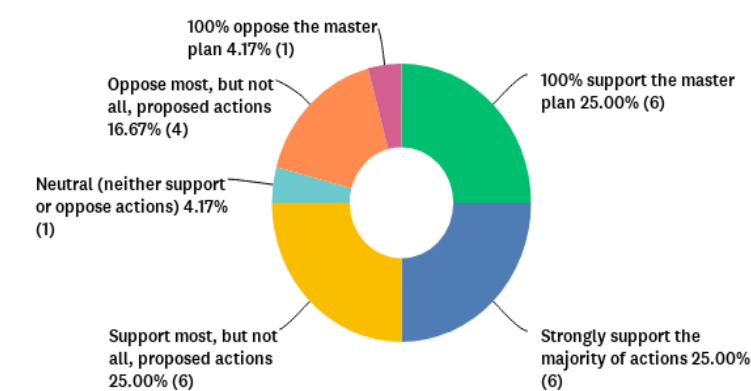
#### Implications for Final Master Plan:

- 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:
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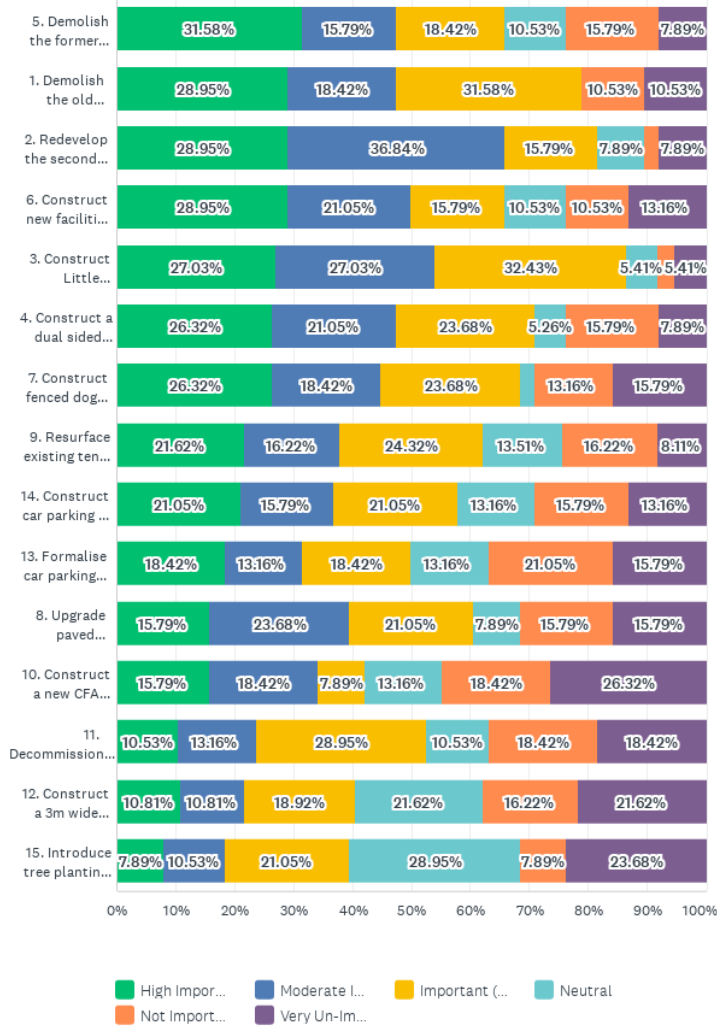
#### Implications for Final Master Plan:

- 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?

