



# **ALPINE SHIRE SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**Master Plan Report**

*We acknowledge First Nations peoples and their continuing connection to land, waters and culture, because we strongly believe in reconciliation and collaborative engagement for a better future.*

*We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, whose knowledge, traditions and stories guide custodianship on what will always be their ancestral lands.*

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# INTRODUCTION

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Alpine Shire has a diverse offering of outdoor and indoor recreation spaces that cater to a wide range of organised sports and informal recreational activities for both visitors and residents.**

**The abundance of fresh air and the ease of access to these facilities are significant attractions for migration and tourism, which boost the local economy.**

**These recreational options promote exercise, exploration, and social connection, supporting a healthy and active lifestyle.**

In January 2022, the Alpine Shire Council completed the Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2022-2033. This plan highlights the necessity of master planning for three key sites across the Shire to address the current and future needs of the community.

The identified sites are:

- Pioneer Park, Bright
- Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct, Mount Beauty
- Myrtleford Town Centre Community and Recreation Facilities, Myrtleford (multiple sites)

The locations of Pioneer Park and the Mount Beauty Sport and Education Precinct were chosen due to the important roles they play as sports and recreation hubs for the surrounding Alpine Shire communities.

The multiple sites in Myrtleford were included in this master plan in recognition of the diverse range of sport and active recreation infrastructure across these sites.

In September 2022, the Alpine Shire Council commissioned GroupGSA for the Sports and Active Recreation Master Planning of these three key sites. While these sites share common heritage elements, economic drivers, and tourism attractors, their unique characteristics require a tailored approach for each location.

The overarching objectives of this project are to enhance access, activation, amenity, and inclusiveness for the local community, clubs, associations, and visitors, catering for both current and future demands.

The master planning process outlined in this report is underpinned by an evidence-based approach to determine the community's needs, analyse asset requirements, and explore potential opportunities at each site. The outcomes are presented as a list of improvement projects to be considered, and mapped out on a landscape master plan for each site. These master plans provide the Alpine Shire Council with guidance for the ongoing development and enhancement of the sites.

The first step in the project was to research and understand the existing conditions of each site. This was accomplished through reviewing background material such as existing Council strategies and reports, previous master plans, population and demographic assessments, regional context analysis, historical sports and recreation participation rates and sporting association guidelines.

Concurrently, Inside Edge was engaged to provide sports and recreation planning advice and expertise. This included undertaking facility audits across the various sites to determine whether the existing amenities were sufficient and sport compliant.

Throughout this project, a strong emphasis was placed on consultation, particularly with the user groups of the three sites. It was imperative that their needs were heard and considered for the future development of these sports and recreation facilities. An extensive consultation process was undertaken for each site, involving meetings with user group representatives on-site, online, and through email.

Based on the research and data collected, a list of improvement projects was compiled and translated graphically into schematic master plans for each individual site. During this time, an online survey was also developed to gather ideas and opinions from the wider community, ensuring that non-sports-related improvements could also be considered.

Each improvement project identified during the consultation and auditing processes was evaluated to ensure alignment with the Alpine Shire Council's strategic objectives outlined in the Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2022-2033. This involved validating each improvement project against a set of criteria to assess its overall benefit to the site, its user groups, and the general community.

Further refinement of the schematic master plans was carried out following meetings with the Project Control Group and Alpine Shire Council staff from different departments (such as the Events team). Additionally, a peer review by external Sports and Recreation Planner, Simon Leisure Consulting, added another layer of scrutiny and rigour to the process. Subsequently, draft master plans were produced for public exhibition.

The public exhibition was held online over four weeks, during which GroupGSA and Alpine Shire Council received a number of additional comments. These comments led to further refinements of the master plans. Overall, the community was supportive of the outcomes, as a majority of their concerns had been addressed throughout the master planning process.

Finally, Quantity Surveyors were engaged to conduct high-level cost planning for each improvement project, providing Alpine Shire Council with an estimate of the likely budget required to complete these projects. This information allows Alpine Shire Council to plan and budget effectively, aligning suitable improvement projects with any future grants that may become available.

## Master plan Principles

The overarching objective of this master planning project is to address the needs of the local community and establish a framework for the development of future facilities and improvement projects.

The following principles have been considered and addressed, to enable Alpine Shire Council to strategically deliver future improvements for the three key sites:

- Prioritise open space and facilities upgrades based on evidence based community need, safety and amenity.
- Determine the best location for specific sport and active recreation activities at each location.
- Explore opportunities to increase participation in a range of active and passive recreation pursuits for all ages and different levels of experience.
- Ensure the voices and inputs of the community and stakeholders in the future planning and enhancement of the sites are heard and become part of the master plan.
- Explore opportunities to apply the key principles as outlined in Council's Strategic Plan for supporting projects and investing in community-led initiatives.
- Improve accessibility and inclusiveness for all activities and user abilities.
- Determine the need for additional facilities and infrastructure as well as maximising upon existing assets.

- Create improved opportunities for informal recreational opportunities and adaptability for facilities to act as trailheads and start points into active transport and trail orientated activities.
- Determine how to activate spaces and create adaptability of facilities to do more that support formal sports such as hosting events.
- Improve safety across quality of facilities and personal safety through CPTED principles and passive surveillance.
- Improve roadways and parking both internally and at the edges of the sites for day to day use, transport conflict, WSUD and event capacity.
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## Further Planning

In 2024 the Aquatics and Indoor Stadium Analysis, the Myrtleford Flood Study, the Bushfire Planning Study are being completed. These reports may influence the final development of projects outlined in this master plan.

This master plan report establishes a framework for identifying, evaluating and prioritising future sports and active recreation projects for the region, offering a formula that can be applied to other sites and townships.

Further master planning for Alpine Shire reserve and parks (not otherwise included in this plan) may be completed in the near future, subject to Council approval.



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# BACKGROUND

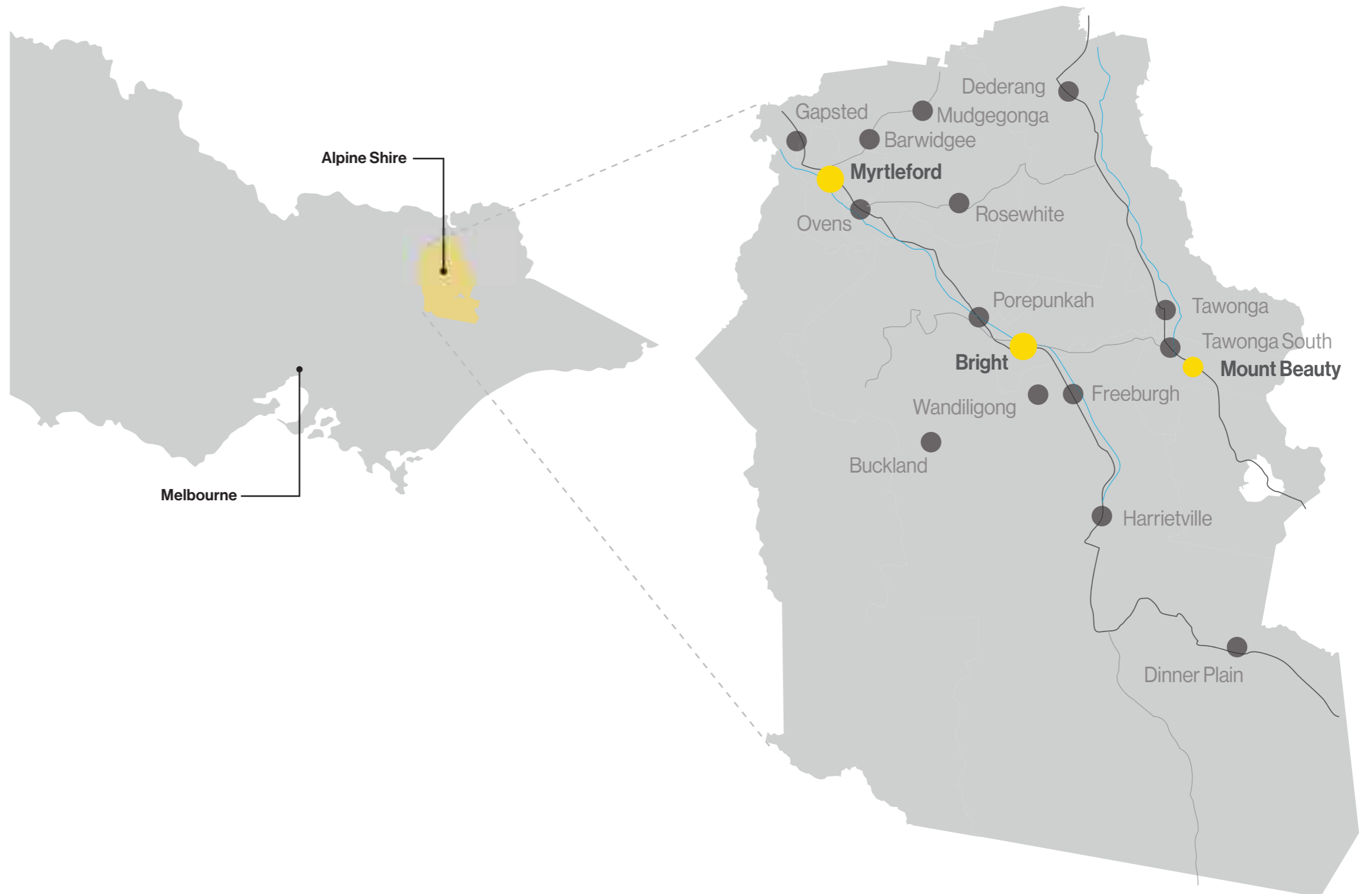
# REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Alpine Shire is situated in the north-east of Victoria. It is located approximately 300km from Melbourne and 50km from Wangaratta.

The three townships within the Alpine Shire that are in focus for this master plan are:

- **Bright**
- **Mount Beauty**
- **Myrtleford**

The three towns provide important services for the surrounding communities including major sport and active recreation infrastructure.



# STUDY AREAS

The sports and recreational facilities in Pioneer Park, Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct and Myrtleford are utilised by residents living within these towns and surrounding townships. These facilities play an important role in the region for the local community and visitors.

### 1. Pioneer Park, Bright

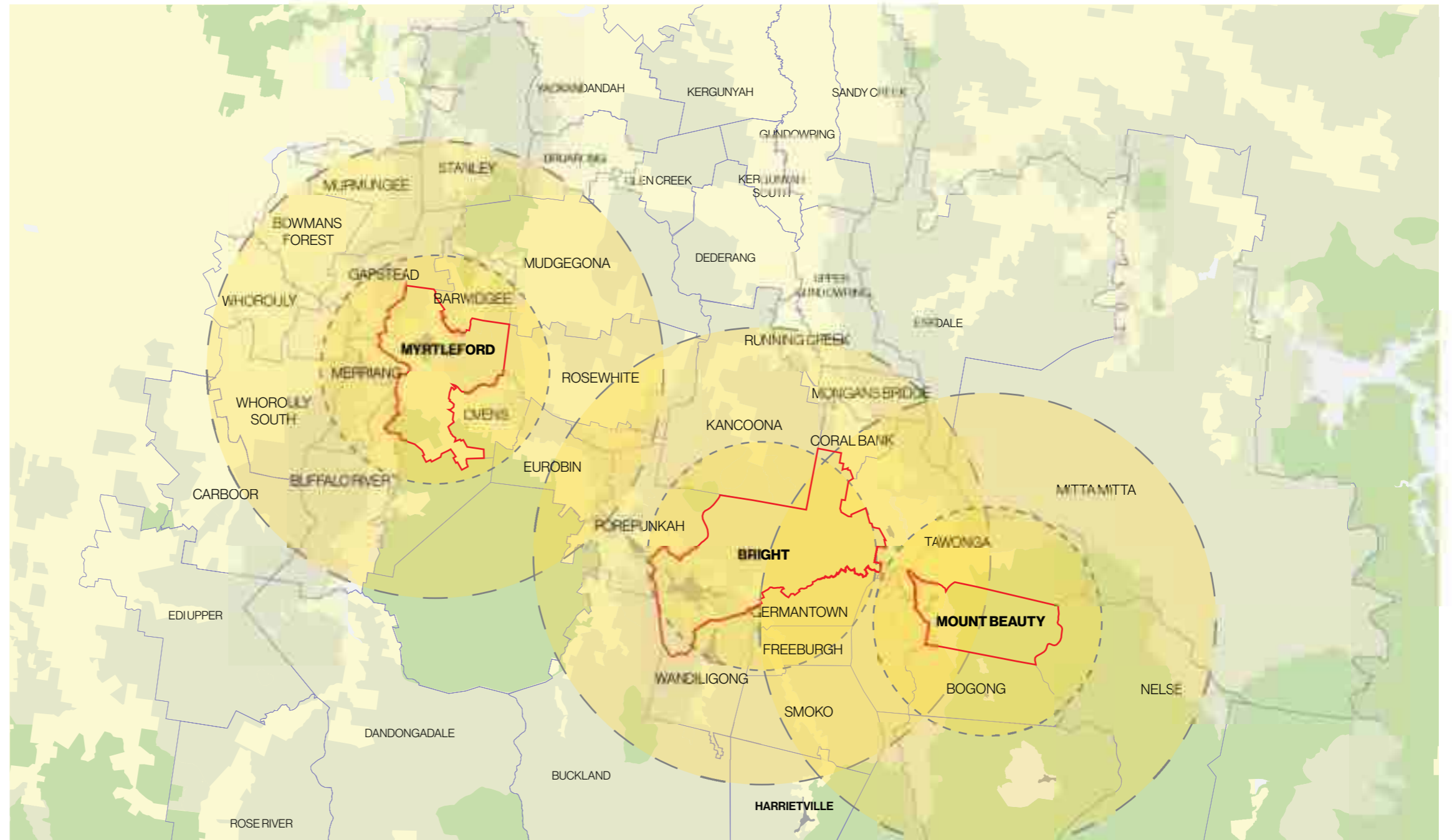
This 45 acre recreation reserve with a pavilion is the main sport and active recreation site in Bright, home to a range of sporting clubs.

### 2. Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct

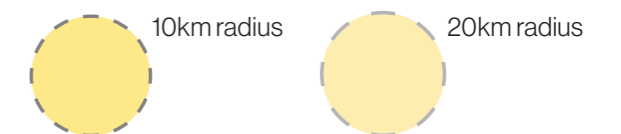
This precinct stretches along the southern section of the Mount Beauty Pondage, providing a diverse range of sports and active recreation facilities.

### 3. Myrtleford Town Centre (Multiple Sites)

Myrtleford Town Centre reserves and parks include nine different sites, offering a range of activities. These include Memorial Park, RC McNamara Reserve, Jubilee Park, Rotary Park, Swinburne Park, Cundy Park, Savoy Soccer Club, Marconi Park and the Myrtleford Recreation Reserve.



10km and 20km catchment diagram







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## RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

# STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

## A number of strategic documents from Local and State Government, as well as relevant agencies have informed and guided this master plan, including:

- Sport and Active Recreation 2022-2023, Alpine Shire Council
- Community Vision 2040 and Council Plan 2021-2025, Alpine Shire Council
- Access and Inclusion Plan 2021-2024, Alpine Shire Council
- Alpine Active Living Mapping Project Findings 2018, Gateway Health
- Active Victoria 2022-2026, Victoria State Government
- The Future of Australian Sport: Megatrends shaping the sport sector over coming decades. December 2022, Australian Sports Commission and CSIRO

Key actions have been identified within these documents which have been considered in the development of this master plan report.

### Sport and Active Recreation 2022-2023, Alpine Shire Council



#### Activation/improvements of facilities

- Lighting at key sport facilities or trails to enable people to play at different times of day
- Provide more infrastructure to help further activate the sites, such as paths, seats, shade, picnic tables, water fountains and play equipment

#### Increased participation

- Provide toilet and change room facilities for all genders and abilities
- Install informal equipment such as outdoor fitness equipment or a basketball/netball ring to allow people to participate in informal/ social sport and activities
- Provision of public toilets that are fully accessible and have baby change facilities can enhance the usage of public open space
- Develop an additional grassed playing area field at Pioneer Park

#### Improving health and well being of community members

- Consider the type and diversity of play opportunities, the catchment of play spaces, the age range, and the supporting infrastructure

#### Develop or ensure facilities/infrastructure are compliant

- Develop a clubhouse for the Alpine Cycling Club
- Provide an additional hard court suitable for netball and basketball
- Provide on-site storage for the different clubs / user groups
- Develop a well-being and recovery centre to promote high-level sport and skilled players

#### Improved safety and security

- Lighting along trails and key facilities to increase safety
- Upgrade and seal Mount Beauty BMX pump track
- Upgrade footpaths, trails and on-road bike lanes
- Incorporate more walking and cycling paths around the towns, and provide better connections to places where people live, work, learn and play.
- Consider the positioning of facilities to enable passive surveillance
- Provide more information, maps and signposting around trails, parks and reserves

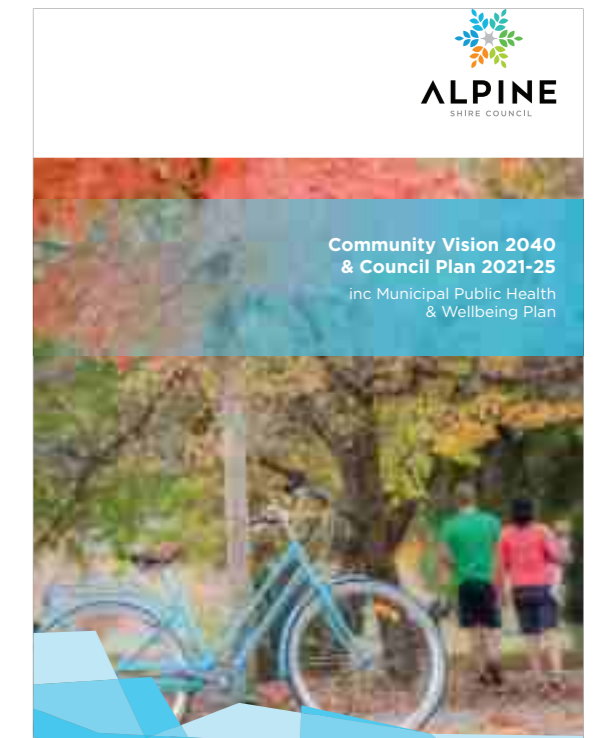
#### User accessibility and inclusivity

- Widen path / tracks / trails
- Ensure there is sufficient seating and rest spaces
- Ensure that under-represented communities have equitable access to sport and active recreation opportunities
- Replace the swing Bridge at Rotary Park in Myrtleford with an accessible bridge

#### Landscaping, restoration and/or re-vegetation

- Provide shade in parks, playgrounds and shared trails

### Community Vision 2040 & Council Plan 2021-25, Alpine Shire Council



#### Increasing healthy eating and active living

- Provide facilities and infrastructure that give opportunities for physical activity and active living

#### Accessible parks that promote active and passive recreation

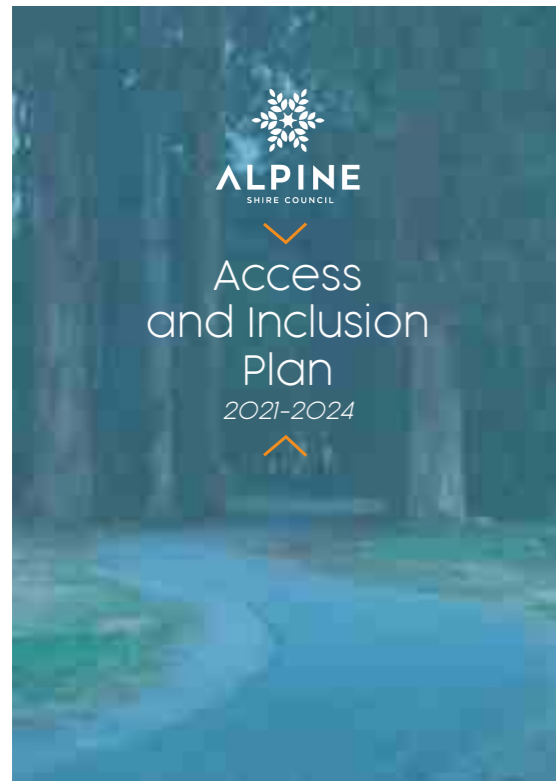
- Maintain Council's parks, trees and reserves
- Support and facilitate access to affordable activities that all people can participate in
- Encourage co-location and multi-use of facilities to expand the offering of activities

#### Assets for our current and future needs

- Ensure our assets are optimised for the benefit of our community

# STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

**Access and Inclusion Plan, 2021-2024, Alpine Shire Council**



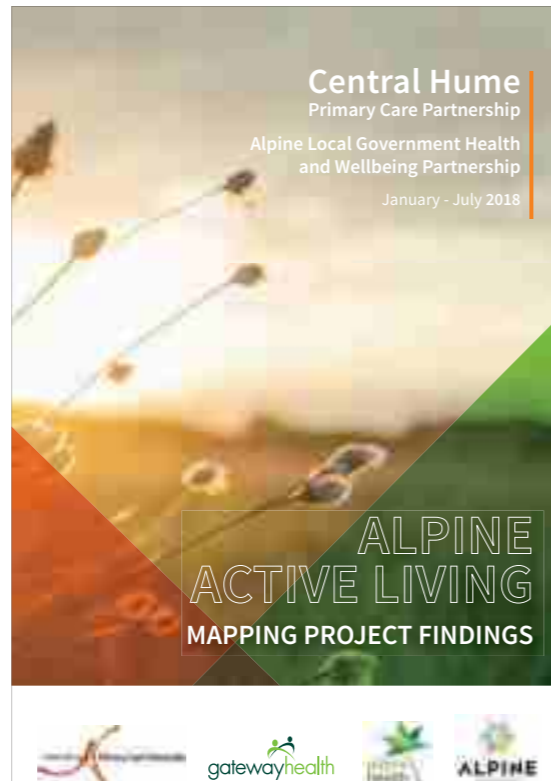
**Promoting positive community attitudes and behaviours**

- Community awareness will support the rights and abilities of people with disability and promote the development of positive attitudes and behaviours to enable access and inclusion

**Creating liveable communities**

- Our community will increase participation of people with disability in all aspects of community life, through targeted approaches to address barriers in buildings, housing, transport and our open spaces.
- Our inclusive environment creates greater social and economic participation for people with a disability in our community.

**Alpine Active Living Mapping Project Findings, Alpine Shire Council**



- Identify barriers to providing/accessing activities and services
- Create opportunities for social connection through infrastructure and community facilities
- Walking and cycling path improvements

**Active Victoria 2022-2026, Victoria State Government**



**Develop or ensure facilities/infrastructure are compliant**

- Building quality infrastructure provides more opportunities for people to be physically active

**Climate resilient/adaptive**

- Providing adequate trees and shading can make it safer and easier to participate in activities, as well as reducing emissions, improve air quality and contribute to urban cooling

**Improved safety and security**

- Create safer pedestrian crossings

**The Future of Australian Sport, ASC & CSIRO**



**The 'megatrends' shaping the future of Australian sport include:**

- Escalate the exercise - new pathways to sport
- New horizons - science and technology changing the game
- The next arena - the rise of entertainment sports
- Mind the gap - bringing Australia together across generational and societal divides
- Our best sporting side - safe, sustainable and inclusive for all
- The perfect pivot - adapting in an uncertain world

# DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

## Alpine Shire LGA

Population: 13235 (50% M, 50% F)

Median age: 49

Children aged 0-14 made up 15% of the population, people aged 65 years and over made up 28% of the population.

(Source: 2021 Census)

## Bright

Population: 2620 (49% M, 51% F)

Median age: 49

Children aged 0-14 made up 15% of the population, people aged 65 years and over made up 28% of the population.

(Source: 2021 Census)

## Mount Beauty

Population: 819 (48% M, 52% F)

Median age: 48

Children aged 0 - 14 years made up 18% of the population and people aged 65 years and over made up 27% of the population.

(Source: 2021 Census)

## Myrtleford

Population: 3285 (48.7% M, 51.3% F)

Median age: 50

Children aged 0 - 14 years made up 16% of the population and people aged 65 years and over made up 27% of the population.

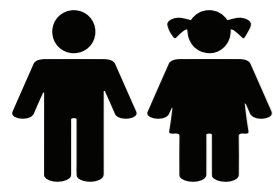
(Source: 2021 Census)



Population:  
**13,235**



Gender composition:  
**50 / 50**



0 - 14 years old:  
**15%**



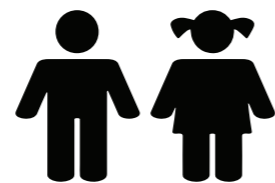
65 year olds and above:  
**26%**



Population:  
**2,620**



Gender composition:  
**49 / 51**



0 - 14 years old:  
**15%**



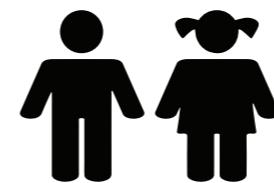
65 year olds and above:  
**28%**



Population:  
**819**



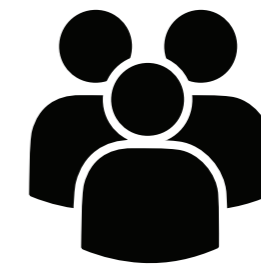
Gender composition:  
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0 - 14 years old:  
**18%**



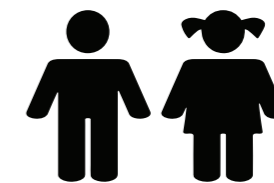
65 year olds and above:  
**27%**



Population:  
**3,285**



Gender composition:  
**49 / 51**



0 - 14 years old:  
**16%**



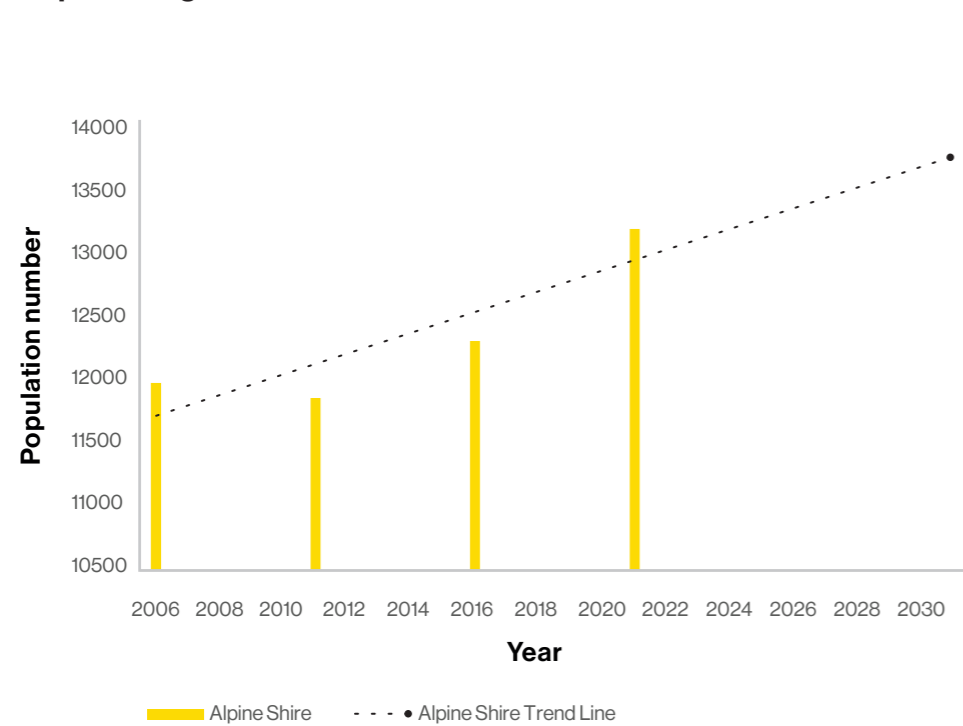
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# DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

## Alpine Shire

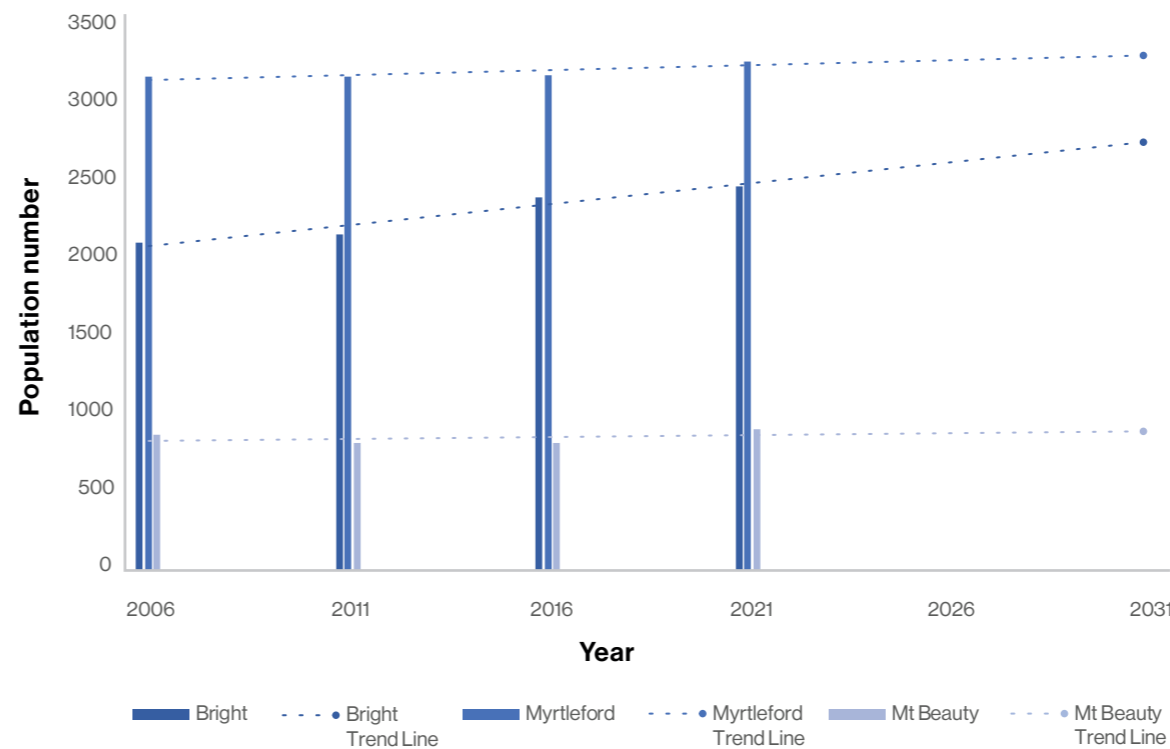
The population in the Alpine Shire in 2021 was 13,235. (2021 Census)

### Population growth trends



Through applying the same growth trend, it is projected that by 2030 the estimated population in the Alpine Shire will be close to 14,000 people.

Source: REMPLAN



Looking at the three townships, Bright is projected to have a higher growth rate compared to both Mount Beauty and Myrtleford. Myrtleford and Mount Beauty are projected to grow, albeit at a slower rate.

### Migration

Between 2011 and 2021, Alpine Shire experienced a 9% increase in population.

- 2011 population: 12,066
- 2021 population: 13,156

By applying the same 9% growth rate, the total population forecasted will be 14,436 by 2031.

Between 2020 and 2021 there were 325 new residents to the Alpine Shire, compared to a total of 435 new residents between 2016 and 2020. This is likely due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the ability for many people to work remotely.

(Source: 2021 Census)

### Tourism

While the Alpine Shire has relatively small numbers of permanent residents in townships compared to other regional townships in Victoria, it is important to note that these townships swell significantly on weekends and public holidays.

Alpine Shire received approximately 530,000 overnight visitors in the year of 2022, up by 2.9% from the previous year.

Visitors from Melbourne contributed to 50.6% of visitors, and Regional Victoria contributed to 40.1% of visitors. Interstate made up 9.3% of visitors.

Some of the most popular reported activities for visitors to the Alpine Shire are bushwalking or rainforest walks' (38.3%), 'sightseeing or looking around' (30.1%) and 'visit national park or state parks' (24.2%).

(Source: Domestic travel to Alpine Shire, Alpine Shire 2022)

# TRENDS IN SPORTS AND RECREATION PARTICIPATION

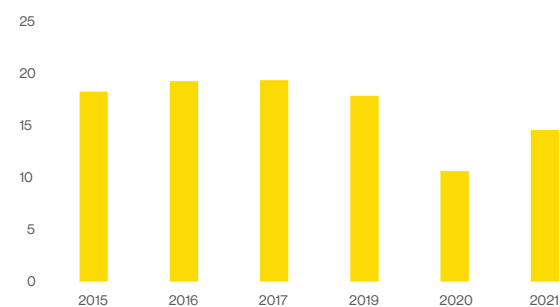
Along with the expected population growth in the main townships in the Alpine Shire over the next 10 years, participation in sports is also expected to grow.

Sport participation rates are higher in regional Victoria compared to metropolitan Melbourne, and have an expected growth rate of 16%. (Source: VicHealth 2022)

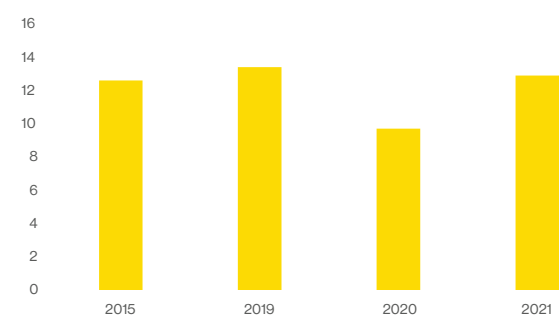
The key market for formalised sports is between the age of 5 to 39 years old. This age bracket currently accounts for approximately 30% of the population, which will account for approximately 5,000 people in this age bracket by 2031, if these trends continue. (Source: InsideEdge 2023)

For the Alpine Shire in 2021, participation in sports was considerably lower than in previous years due to the pandemic hindering in formal sport participation. Whilst there has been a rise since 2020, it has not reached pre-pandemic levels (Source: AUSPLAY 2021)

## Participation rates in the Alpine Shire



## Participation rates across Victoria



(AUSPLAY: Number of player registrations per 100 residents)

## Adult participation within the Alpine Shire

The top ten 'formalised sports / organised sport' activities for adults in the Alpine Shire identified in the Alpine Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2022 -2033 are golf, lawn bowls, cricket, tennis, soccer, athletics, table tennis, basketball, AFL football and netball.

The top ten 'active recreation' activities are bush walking, swimming, walking, mountain bike riding, gardening, cycling - recreationally, exercise classes, skiing/snowboarding and gym/weight training.

## Future of Community Sport

The Alpine Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2022 -2033 identified some key trends in community sport that are applicable to master planning.

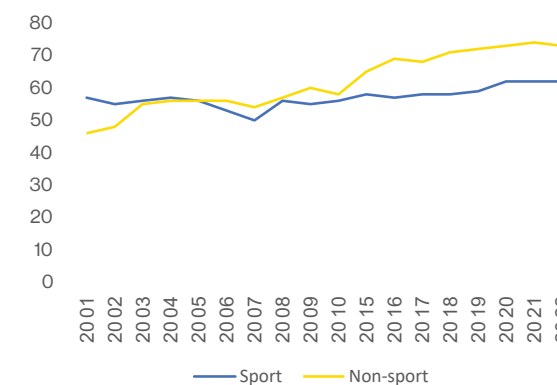
Some key trends that need to be considered when planning facilities, programs and services in the future include:

- Individual lifestyle activities
- Growth of female participation in specific sports
- Dog parks
- Nature play
- Water play
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Active transport and linkages
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Multi-purpose design and diversity
- Safety
- Sustainability
- Climate change
- Community gardens
- Food and coffee
- Modified versions of existing sports

## Future of Active Recreation

All physical activity is increasing but exercise / non-sport activities are growing faster than sport-related activity. These include activities such as walking, cycling, fitness/gym-based and running activities. These trends were also accelerated by the pandemic, during which social distancing was practised.

(Source: AUSPLAY)



## 'Megatrends' The Future of Australian Sport

The Australian sporting landscape of 2032 is likely to be shaped by emerging sports technologies across all competition levels, shifts in demographics, the rise of e-sports and adventure sports, evolving social values, and a new era of geopolitical and environmental uncertainty.

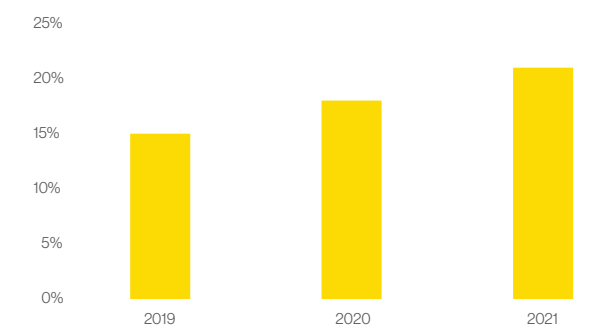
(Source: Australian Sports Commission and CSIRO 2022)

## Urban and adventure sport

Urban and adventure sports has seen a rise in popularity. These sports include, but not limited to, skateboarding, BMX biking, climbing, parkour, mountain bike riding and bush walking.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, people sought to these activities, which saw a greater use of green and blue public spaces such as parks, rivers, lakes, bushland and forest areas.

The number of Australians participating in sports to be outdoors and to enjoy nature has increased from 15%-21% between 2019 & 2021.



# TRENDS IN OVERALL PARTICIPATION

Fourteen of the key sports and recreation activities that occur within Pioneer Park, Mount Beauty and the multiple sites within Myrtleford Town Centre have been analysed for their overall participation numbers.

The data collected by AUSPLAY from October 2015 to December 2022 demonstrates that the following activities have the highest overall participation, in order from high to low:

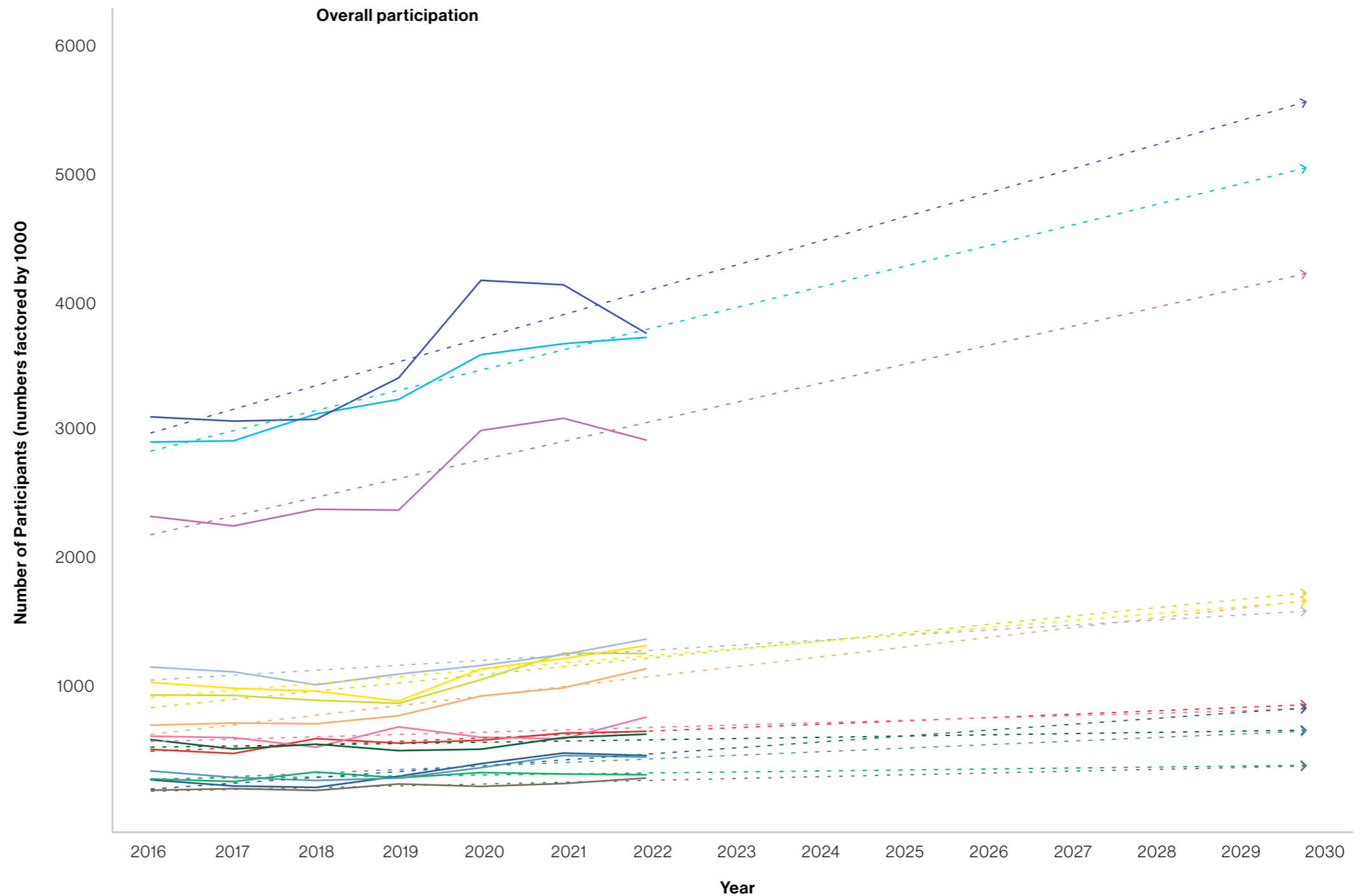
1. Running/athletics
2. Swimming
3. Cycling
4. Soccer/football
5. Golf
6. Tennis
7. Basketball
8. Netball
9. AFL
10. Cricket
11. MTB
12. Canoeing/kayaking
13. Bowls
14. Equestrian

The data collected by AUSPLAY also suggests that all these sport and recreation activities are expected to grow in overall participation.

Based on the trend lines set by applying the historic growth rate, it is anticipated that running, swimming and cycling will remain as the top three activities with the highest participation numbers, and with a growth rate significantly higher than other sport and recreation activities.

### Legend

- AFL
- Basketball
- Golf
- Running
- Netball
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Canoeing/kayaking
- Cricket
- Soccer/football
- MTB
- Tennis
- Bowls
- Equestrian



Note: Dashed line and arrow indicates the trend line. The trend lines use existing data or auto-generate extrapolated values based on linear or growth trend.

# TRENDS IN ORGANISED SPORTS

Fourteen of the key sports and recreation activities that occur within Pioneer Park, Mount Beauty and the multiple sites within Myrtleford Town Centre have been analysed for their organised participation numbers.

'Organised sport' encompasses an organiser, specific venue or location, a structured program of events, records of team or individual performances, and the expectation of regular participant attendance at scheduled times.

The data collected by AUSPLAY from October 2015 to December 2022 demonstrates that the following activities have the highest organised participation, in order from high to low and are expected to grow:

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Swimming          | 8. AFL                |
| 2. Golf              | 9. Cricket            |
| 3. Running/athletics | 10. Cycling           |
| 4. Soccer/football   | 11. Bowls             |
| 5. Tennis            | 12. Equestrian        |
| 6. Netball           | 13. Canoeing/kayaking |
| 7. Basketball        | 14. MTB               |

Based on the trend lines set by applying the historic growth rate, it is anticipated that swimming will remain highest, followed by running and golf.

### Legend

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| ---> AFL        | ---> Canoeing/kayaking |
| ---> Basketball | ---> Cricket           |
| ---> Golf       | ---> Soccer/football   |
| ---> Running    | ---> MTB               |
| ---> Netball    | ---> Tennis            |
| ---> Swimming   | ---> Bowls             |
| ---> Cycling    | ---> Equestrian        |



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# TRENDS IN CLUB PARTICIPATION

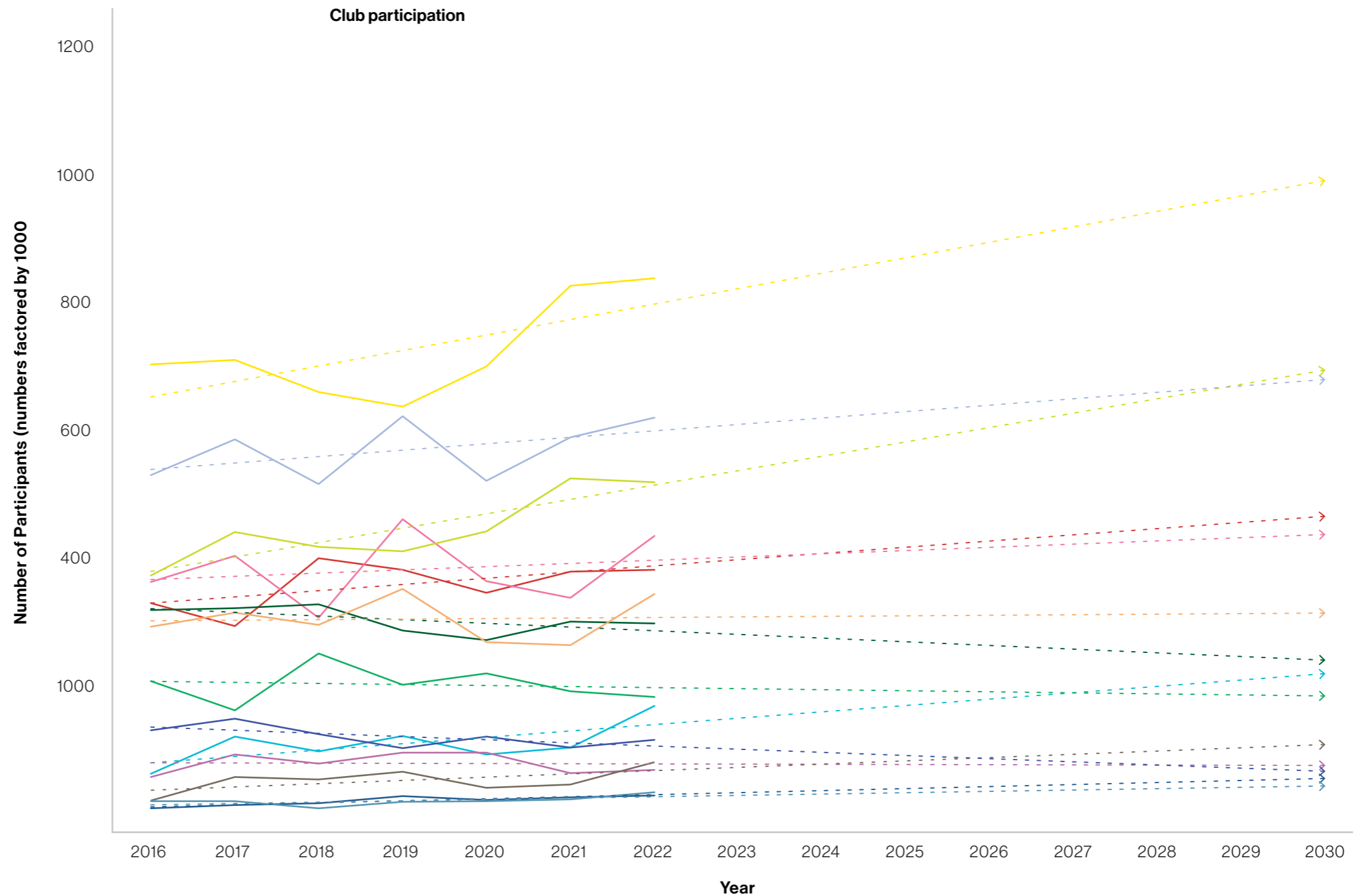
Fourteen of the key sport and recreation activities that occur within Pioneer Park, Mount Beauty and the multiple sites within Myrtleford Town Centre have been analysed for club participation.

The data collected by AUSPLAY from October 2015 to December 2022 demonstrates that the following activities have the highest club participation, in order from high to low:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Golf            | 8. Bowls              |
| 2. Soccer/football | 9. Swimming           |
| 3. Tennis          | 10. Running/athletics |
| 4. Netball         | 11. Equestrian        |
| 5. AFL             | 12. Cycling           |
| 6. Basketball      | 13. Canoeing/kayaking |
| 7. Cricket         | 14. MTB               |

The data collected by AUSPLAY also suggests that all these sport and recreation activities are expected to grow in club participation.

Based on the trend lines set by applying the historic growth rate, it is anticipated that golf, soccer/football and tennis will remain as the top three activities with the highest club participation.



Note: Dashed line and arrow indicates the trend line. The trend lines use existing data or auto-generate extrapolated values based on linear or growth trend.

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| ---> Netball    | ---> Tennis            |
| ---> Swimming   | ---> Bowls             |
| ---> Cycling    | ---> Equestrian        |



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## CONSULTATION

The master plans for each site are underpinned by ideas and feedback gathered through community and stakeholder consultation. Ideas were primarily collected via a public survey and discussions with key user groups. Following development of a draft master plan, the draft plans were put on public exhibition for 28 days to seek community feedback. Feedback was subsequently incorporated into the final master plans where applicable.

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Process

Extensive consultation was conducted throughout the project, recognising the critical importance of community and user group input for the successful master planning of these sites. The objective was to understand the community's current needs and their future vision for the sports and active recreation facilities they use.

Consultation with key user groups took place in person and online and included written submissions.

All the information collected from the consultation process was analysed and reviewed against the Inside Edge facilities audit and relevant sporting guidelines to determine the list of improvement projects to be considered in each site's master plan.

The following is a list of the user groups and their representatives that were engaged by GroupGSA and Alpine Shire Council during this consultation process (not in any particular order).

### Pioneer Park, Bright

- Alpine Adult Riding Club
- Alpine Cycling Club
- Basketball Club
- Bright Basketball Club
- Bright Chamber of Commerce
- Bright Junior Football
- Bright Junior Netball Club
- Bright Landcare
- Bright P12
- Bright Pony and District Club
- Bright Scouts
- Bright Tennis Club
- Brighter Days Foundation
- Ovens Valley Cricket Club
- Pony Club
- United Bright Football and Netball Club

### Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct

- Dragon Boat Club
- Dederang Mount Beauty Football Netball Club
- Little Athletics
- Mount Beauty Amateur Swim Club
- Mount Beauty Auskick
- Mount Beauty Junior Football
- Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
- Mount Beauty Primary School
- Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Mount Beauty Scouts
- Mount Beauty Secondary College
- Mount Beauty Soccer Club
- Mount Beauty Swim Club
- Mount Beauty Tennis Club
- Mount Beauty United Cricket Club
- Neighbourhood Centre
- Park Run
- Skate Park
- Team Mount Beauty

### Myrtleford Town Centre

#### McNamara Reserve

- McNamara Reserve Committee of Management
- Myrtleford Alpine Saints Football and Netball Club
- Myrtleford Junior Football Club
- Myrtleford Junior Netball Club
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club
- Ovens Valley Canine Club
- Ovens Valley United Cricket Club

#### Memorial Park

- Marian College
- Myrtleford Childcare Centre
- Ovens Valley United Cricket Club

#### Myrtleford Recreation Reserve

- Myrtleford Golf Club
- Myrtleford Indoor Sports Stadium Committee of Management
- Myrtleford Lions Club
- Myrtleford Pony Club
- Ovens Valley Horseman's Association
- Riding Develops Ability
- Showgrounds Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Speedway
- The Myrtleford & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

#### Jubilee Park

- Myrtleford Bowls Club
- Myrtleford Chamber of Commerce
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club

#### Cundy Park

- North East Skate Club

#### Rotary Park

- Mosaic Trail (The Crack Pots)
- Myrtleford and District Landcare and Sustainability
- Ovens Trail Park Run

#### Savoy Soccer Club

- Savoy Soccer Club

# ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

## Summary

In March 2023, the Alpine Shire Council conducted an online survey to understand community usage of local sports and recreation areas across the municipality. The survey was publicly available for a duration of four weeks.

The collected survey data provides guidance for upgrades to key facilities, addressing challenges such as accessibility and inclusiveness. It also contributes to the future decisions by Alpine Shire Council, in consideration of additional facilities and infrastructure to service the needs of the community.

### The survey asked the following questions:

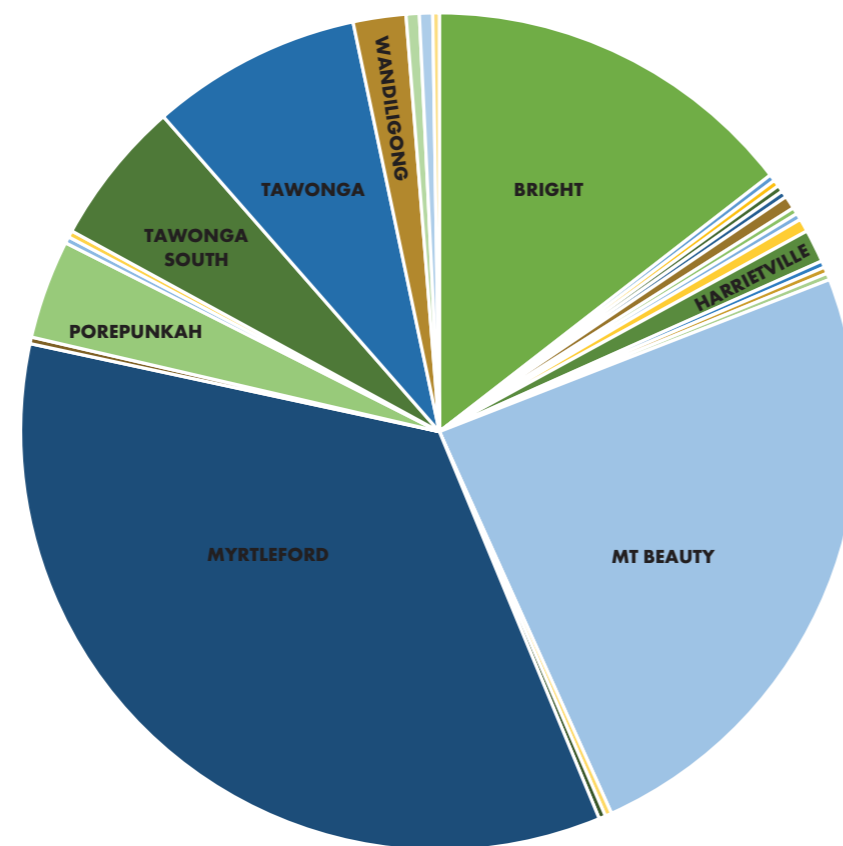
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6. What equipment or facilities do you use and where?
7. What currently works? What do you like most about it?
8. What doesn't work? What changes would you like made?
9. Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?
10. How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

## Results

There were a total of 393 responses to the online survey.

A summary of the responses are presented in each of the following chapters.

### Location chart



A majority of the respondents reside in: Myrtleford (136 responders), Mount Beauty (95) and Bright (57).

Followed by adjacent or nearby towns: Tawonga South (32), Tawonga (22), Porepunkah (15) and Harrierville (5).

There were two respondents from each of the following towns: Dederang, Gapstead, Whorouly and Wodonga.

There was one respondent from each of the following towns: Buckland, Buffalo River, Byawatha, Cottles Bridge, Eurobin, Falls Creek, Havilah, Milawa, Murrumbidgee, Ovens, Running Creek, Shepparton and Wyoming.

### Age

AGE BRACKET	RESPONSES	%
Under 18	21	5%
18 to 24	4	1%
25 to 34	60	15%
35 to 44	130	33%
45 to 54	93	24%
55 to 64	45	12%
65 and over	36	9%
Prefer not to say	4	1%

### Gender

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	%
Female	267	68%
Male	117	29%
Non-binary	0	0%
Intersex	0	0%
Other	1	0.25%
Prefer not to say	8	2%

### Which area would you like to provide feedback for?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	%
Pioneer Park, Bright	83	21%
Sports and Education Precinct, Mount Beauty	156	40%
Town Centre Sports and Active Recreation Facilities	154	39%

*“It’s a beautiful space close to town centre. Lots of open space and different activities in one large area but separated.”*  
Local resident about Pioneer Park

*“Some of the facilities are well overdue for refurbishment like the cricket pavilion. It is a well utilised facility.”*  
Local resident about Mount Beauty

*“Great access and lots of options”*  
Local resident about Myrtleford



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## PIONEER PARK, BRIGHT

Master planning for Pioneer Park in Bright involved site investigations, a review of strategic documents, consultation with key user group representatives, public exhibition feedback analysis, and collaboration with the Project Control Group.

Improvement projects that will have the most significant impact on the community in the short, medium, and long term were identified as a result of this process.

The following chapter of this report outlines the process undertaken at each step to reach the final master plan outcome.

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# BRIGHT

The Bright township is located at the base of the Alpine National Park and is renowned for its outdoor activities. Bright's population is approximately 2500 people and services nearby townships, as well as caters for yearly influxes of visitors.

Pioneer Park is located approximately 1km away from the Bright Town Centre. Morses Creek runs along the eastern boundary, and the Bright to Wandiligong Shared Trail borders the western boundary on Coronation Avenue.

Pioneer Park is the home for many sport and recreational groups and activities in the Alpine Shire, featuring team sports such as AFL, cricket and netball, as well as tennis and equine activities. It also acts as a gateway for Mystic Park, a series of mountain bike and BMX tracks and trails.



# PIONEER PARK

Pioneer Park is a sports and recreation hub for the town of Bright, offering a variety of facilities and spaces used by local sports clubs and the community. These areas provide residents and visitors with opportunities to engage in various sports, active recreation, and passive recreation activities.

The Pavilion, located in the northwest of the park, is home to the local Football, Netball, and Cricket clubs. Nearby, there is a football and cricket oval, cricket nets, and netball courts for training and matches.

An equestrian clubhouse, three arenas of different sizes, and horse yards can be found in the central area of the park, shared by the Bright Pony Club and Adult Riding Club.

A Scout Hall is situated in the mid-section of the park, along the southern boundary, and can be accessed from Coronation Avenue. Further east of the Scout Hall is the Tennis clubhouse, with several tennis courts catering to players of all ages.

Pioneer Park also features a trailhead and several trails for Mystic Park, a major bike park that attracts mountain bike and trail riders from across the state, located in the southeast corner of the park.

In addition to its sports and recreation offerings, Pioneer Park serves as a designated events space, hosting annual large community events such as the Brighter Days Festival, Spartan and Bright Hot Rod Run.



# KEY CONSIDERATIONS

In a review of Pioneer Park's existing sports and recreation facilities and offerings, the following information have been highlighted and are key considerations for the master plan.

Pioneer Park is a 45-hectare reserve on Crown land that is managed by Alpine Shire Council. It contains a range of facilities and spaces within the site, with the following identified, audited and considered for improvement as part of this master planning report:

- The Pavilion (including change rooms)
- Football / Cricket oval
- Cricket nets
- Netball courts x 2
- Equestrian Arenas x 3 (Dressage, Show Jump and All Purpose)
- Equestrian Clubhouse
- Tennis Clubhouse
- Tennis courts (Adult x 4, Junior x 4, Hit wall x 1)
- Scout Hall
- Mountain bike Trails and Tracks (Pump Track x 1, Dirt Jumps x 1, Various Trails)
- Mystic Park Trailhead access
- Playground

These facilities range from being in good to poor condition.

The Mystic Park trailhead, located at the south-east corner of Pioneer Park, services mountain bike trails at Mystic Mountain located behind the park. There are also beginner trails located within the park. An existing car park adjacent to this trailhead services the users who are visiting the Mystic Park trails.

Large community events are hosted throughout the year at Pioneer Park, including at Oaks Lawn (located at the north of the park) and other open space areas within the park. These include the Brighter Days Festival and the Bright Rod Run – all of which attract large crowds of people to the park.

Community consultation with the key user groups of Pioneer Park, included:

- Alpine Adult Riding Club
- Alpine Cycling Club
- Basketball Club
- Bright Basketball Club
- Bright Chamber of Commerce
- Bright Junior Football
- Bright Junior Netball Club
- Bright Landcare
- Bright P12
- Bright Pony and District Club
- Bright Scouts
- Bright Tennis Club
- Brighter Days Foundation
- Ovens Valley Cricket Club
- Pony Club
- United Bright Football and Netball Club

## Land Use

Pioneer Park is listed as a Public Park and Recreation Zone.

The surrounding zones includes General Residential and Industrial Zones.



- Public Conservation and Resource Zone
- Public Park and Recreation Zone
- Public Use Zone
- Farming Zone
- General Residential Zone
- Low Density Residential Zone
- Rural Living Zone
- Industrial Zone

## Contour & Flooding Overlay

Pioneer Park does not sit within a flooding overlay. Although with more frequent extreme climate events, considerations of where facilities are placed and what materials are used may be necessary.



- Land Subject to Inundation
- Land Subject to Inundation (Proposed)
- Floodway Overlay (Proposed)
- Contours (20m)

## Environmental Overlay

Pioneer Park is located within an identified bushfire and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity area. This will need to be considered when developing the improvement projects. This will affect the suitability of certain materials and design elements.



- Area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity
- Bushfire Overlay



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Sporting facilities

### Oval

The oval is used by the United Bright Football and Netball Club, Bright Junior Football, Ovens Valley Cricket Club, Alpine Shire Events team and the general community.

The condition of the oval is moderate but the drainage is poor. The home and away benches and AFL goal posts do not meet the AFL requirements. The synthetic cricket pitch is in poor condition and does not meet the recommended width. The lighting levels are below the preferred lux levels for community competition.

There are no time keeper and scorer boxes.

The site could also benefit from additional spectator seating.

A second oval or playing field is to be considered to cater for the different users sharing the use of this oval.

### Cricket nets

There is currently a two lane cricket practice facility adjacent to the oval.

The black chain mesh enclosure fencing is in poor condition with a life expectancy of 2-3 years. There are issues with the netting behind wicket in nets 1, on both sides, and net 2 has issues on the right side net. There is no access to power for bowling machines.

### Netball courts

Pioneer Park has two courts - one acrylic surface show court and one asphalt court that is getting upgraded to a multi-lined court. They are both orientated incorrectly and are not located near each other.

The show court would benefit from having additional covered areas for spectating.

### Tennis courts

The Bright Tennis Club have four full sized courts, four mini-courts, a hit wall and a club house. There is no accessible entry into the building and to the courts. There is a lack of accessible and gender inclusive toilets in the club house.

### Equestrian

The Pony Club and Adult Riding Club facilities include a club house, three outdoor sand arenas, steel holding yards and wash bay.

The club house has reached end of life. There is an opportunity to build a new multi-purpose building that the Pony and Adult Riding Club could utilise.

### MTB/Cycling

Bike related activities are of abundance in Pioneer Park with pump tracks, jump tracks and the trail head for the Mystic Park mountain bike trails located within the park. The cycling club currently utilise the Scouts Hall as a club house. There is an opportunity for there to be dedicated area for the cycling community within a multi-purpose building,

## Community facilities

### Oaks Lawn

Oaks Lawn holds a range of community events. Providing amenities that would be beneficial for these events should be considered, such as power, water and toilet access.

### Scout Hall

The Scout Hall is used by the 1st Bright Scout Group. There is a lack of accessible and gender inclusive amenities. The Alpine Cycling Club also share the use of some of this building.

### Playground

The playground is currently lacking accessible equipment and play equipment that cater to a wide age range. There are no shade trees or shade sails.

### Parking

Pioneer Park has a few formal car parking areas but predominately informal car parking scattered around the site. Due to Pioneer Park hosting a few large scale events, there needs to be consideration for overflow parking on the site.

### Paths and connections

The paths and connections around Pioneer Park are not all accessible. There is a lack of lighting and wayfinding and signage.



Oval



Netball courts



Cricket nets



Tennis courts

Note: The existing conditions described are based on observations from the initial site visit, stakeholder and community engagement, and the Inside Edge audit, all conducted between late 2022 and early 2023.



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## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

The opportunities and constraints were informed from the initial site analysis and community and user group consultation

# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

## Summary

In March 2023, Alpine Shire Council conducted an online survey to understand community usage of local sports and recreation areas across the municipality.

Survey data will help guide upgrades to key facilities, addressing challenges such as accessibility and inclusiveness. It will also help decide the need for additional facilities and infrastructure.

### The survey asked the following questions:

1. Which town do you currently live in?
2. What is your age group?
3. Which area would you like to provide feedback for?
4. What sports and recreation spaces do you use? Select as many answers as necessary.
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9. Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?
10. How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

The responses related to Pioneer Park are summarised in the following columns. These points were considered when developing the master plan.



## Likes

### What currently works well in Pioneer Park / What do you like most about it?

- Open space
- Access to a variety of sports
- Playground
- Oaks Lawn
- Pump / jump track
- Equestrian area
- Car parking
- Location / view
- Dog walking
- Pavilion
- Layout / well maintained
- Shade



## Improvements

### What does not work well in Pioneer Park / What needs improvements?

- Accessibility
- Upgrade drainage
- Improve entrance
- Equestrian area
- Facilities for other types of sports / activities
- Parking
- Pedestrian / cycling access
- Picnic areas
- Power access
- Running track
- Seating
- Shade
- Signage
- Storage
- Toilets & amenities
- Upgrade pump track and bike facilities
- Upgrade playground
- Increase vegetation
- Water access
- Dog waste bins and bags



## Accessibility

### How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

- Connections
- Formalise parking
- Surface upgrades
- All-abilities playground
- Sporting opportunities for children
- Shade / shelter
- Seating
- Toilets and amenities
- Sensory space
- Diverse facilities
- Closed loop track
- Facilities for parents
- Public facilities
- Lighting
- Signage



## Wish list

### Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?

- Second oval
- Dog park
- Pool (indoor / outdoor / year-round)
- Multi-use stadium
- Outdoor gym
- Upgraded playground
- Toilets & amenities
- Walking / running track
- Bike facilities
- Picnic tables
- Tennis courts
- Rock climbing / bouldering
- Cycling track
- Skate park
- Disc golf
- Sheltered area
- Seating
- Second netball court
- Fencing

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Pioneer Park over various occasions, in person, online meetings or via online submissions.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what is working well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of the works mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of Pioneer Park that were consulted include:

- Bright Junior Netball Club
- Bright Chamber of Commerce
- Alpine Adult Riding Club
- Bright Junior Football
- Ovens Valley Cricket Club
- United Bright Football and Netball Club
- Brighter Days Foundation
- Bright P12
- Alpine Cycling Club
- Mystic Park
- Bright Scouts
- Alpine Riding Club
- Basketball Club
- Pony Club
- Bright Tennis Club
- Bright Landcare

REQUESTS
Cap the pump track
Cycling Clubhouse - including storage and amenities
Develop a Maintenance Plan for the Reserve and Facilities
Develop a Traffic Management Plan for events
Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy including signage to facilities and areas
Expand from 4 to 8 tennis courts with two sets on each side
Improve the arena north of the club house
Improve the drainage within the site, develop a drainage plan to respond to flood events
Inclusion of an outdoor gym area
Install a rotunda / shelter
Install a stage
Install a timekeeper box
Install perimeter fencing
Install signage regarding dog poo and provide more bins and bags
Install sports lighting
Install/improve lighting around the park
Investigate health of trees (Poplar and Eucalyptus)
Investigate including an additional playground
Investigate opportunity for basketball (clubhouse, courts)
Investigate opportunity to add a second netball show court
Investigate opportunity to build an indoor stadium for multi sports and amenities required
Investigate opportunity to consolidate the horse arenas
Investigate opportunity to include a criterium track
Investigate opportunity to include a second oval
Investigate opportunity to include more yards
Investigate opportunity to install a pool for year round use (25m solar heated outdoor pool)
Investigate opportunity to cater for soccer
Opportunity for Disc golf
Plant more trees between the cycling area and equestrian area to provide screening
Pony Club - new layout
Pony Club - access and viewing areas

REQUESTS
Potential to fence off part of the larger arena for the Pony Club (plastic and visible fencing)
Power access near the arenas
Provide more undercover areas
Provide parking for floats and trucks
Provide power access at Oaks Lawn
Provide storage for the cricket club (grassed area next to nets)
Provide storage for the netball club
Provide toilet at Mystic Park trail head
Provide water access at Mystic Park trail head
Provide wind breaks
Resurface the oval
Archery between water tanks and Scout Hall
Vertical rope training (replace shed with 2 shipping containers)
Tree planting between Morses Creek and pump track
Undercover multi-purpose court area, including rotating netball and basketball rings.
Upgrade Scout Hall (floor upgrade, toilet, storage, parking, heating/cooling, shade, fire pit)
Upgrade second netball court to be a multi-purpose court
Upgrade the cricket nets
Upgrade the playground
Upgrade the Pony Club house - toilet / change rooms, storage, kitchen
Upgrade the tennis club house - DDA access to the building and DDA toilets
Upgrade toilet facilities (DDA)
Upgrade walking paths
Upgrade/provide change room facilities (inclusive)

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Investigate whether a second oval is appropriate for Pioneer Park, to be utilised for junior football, soccer and athletics
- ② Transform the underutilised second netball court into a basketball court
- ③ Provide outdoor gym equipment
- ④ Upgrade the existing toilet block.
- ⑤ Provide accessible toilets
- ⑥ Inclusion of visual buffers/screening between the horse menages
- ⑦ Access to water and toilets
- ⑧ Provide purpose built storage for the different clubs / user groups
- ⑨ Resurface the oval and upgrade the drainage
- ⑩ Upgrade the playground and/or relocate
- ⑪ Upgrade facilities within the club houses, such as the kitchen and meeting room for the Pony Club
- ⑫ Provide more shade trees
- ⑬ Potential to include a public dump point
- ⑭ Consolidate the horse menages
- ⑮ Consider an indoor basketball stadium
- ⑯ Create a Cycling Hub - include toilets, change rooms, accessible toilets, a gathering space
- ⑰ Consider a criterium track
- ⑱ Install two or more courts with rotating netball and basketball rings, covered by a hangar-type building



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Proposed development over easements will require a permit from Council
- Ⓑ Future development must ensure no additional storm water run off is created. Retention system may be required
- Ⓒ Investigate whether the land next to horse menage on the north is contaminated. Potential to consolidate the pony club/horse facilities to the west of the road.
- Ⓓ The site needs to remain flexible as events such as Brighter Days and the Rod Run occurs on site.

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.



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# MASTER PLAN

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**The improvement project list has been created to identify upgrades to existing facilities or new facilities needed at each site.**

**The list was compiled by assessing the current conditions of the facilities and identifying the minimum requirements for compliance with the respective sporting code and standards.**

## Sport facilities

### Oval

The playing surface and drainage is to be upgraded. Ensure that adequate sub-surface drainage is used to maximise the playability.

Once oval is resurfaced, ensure fencing is reinstalled with adequate run off from the playing field boundary line. Ensure adequate gates/access for maintenance, emergency vehicles, players and officials is required and clearly signed.

An automated irrigation system is to be considered, with water harvesting/ESD to reduce operating costs.

The home and away benches do not meet standard. Ensure new home and away benches have sufficient space for the coach box (2x 4.8m x 1.2m).

The goal posts are below recommended height. Upgrade goal posts to 10m and 6.5m

The width of the cricket pitch is narrow and should be increased to 2.8m wide, and rotated 10-15' east of north for optimum playing.

Sheltered seating for spectating and scoring is to be added.

### Cricket nets

The fence enclosure is to be upgraded once it reaches its end of life to comply to standards.

Power is desirable to enable the operation of electronic bowling machines, located near the bowler's end of training facility

### Netball courts

An additional multi-lined court next to the existing netball show court, with a hangar type roof over courts. Courts to meet the minimum run off requirements and include team benches.

Spectator seating and storage for the sports clubs is to be included in this area.

### Tennis courts

Provision for 2 additional full sized courts with upgraded lights and relocation of the hit wall if additional courts are included.

The tennis clubhouse lacks accessible and gender inclusive amenities and should be included. Accessible entry and pathways from the clubhouse and tennis courts are to be added.

### Equestrian Arenas and Community Facility

The horse arenas are to be consolidated, with partitioning of the large arena, with the use of plastic and visible fencing.

With the current club house for the Adult Riding Club and Pony Club reaching its end of life, a new shared-use community facility with an integrated public toilet and event space is proposed.

Due to the equestrian events occurring at Pioneer Park, access and viewing areas are needed, as well as an overflow area for camping with power access. Plant additional trees for screening around the arenas.

### Cycling Hub and Community Facility

The Cycling Club and the Mystic Park users need a clubhouse, an integrated shared-use community facility with public toilets and a drinking fountain is proposed.

### MTB/Cycling

The pump track and dirt jumps are both in moderate condition. Capping the pump track will increase safety for users.

A 950m criterium track is proposed to be integrated into the existing internal road network (6 metres wide, except for the finishing straight, which shall be 8 metres wide for the last 200 metres) to provide a dedicated track for road cyclists.

An alternative route is proposed to go along Coronation Avenue.

## Community facilities

### Oaks Lawn

Provide power access and water supply suitable for events use at the Oaks Lawn. Additional public toilet facilities to be integrated with nearby proposed equestrian clubhouse

### Scouts Hall

Upgrade the Scout Hall with improvements to flooring, bathroom facilities, storage options, parking availability, and heating/cooling systems.

### Playground

Relocate existing playground to a centralised location and provide shade and all abilities equipment catering to a wide age group

### Parking

Pioneer Park has a few formal car parking areas but predominately informal car parking scattered around the site. Due to Pioneer Park hosting a few large scale events, there needs to be consideration for overflow parking on the site.

### Paths and connections

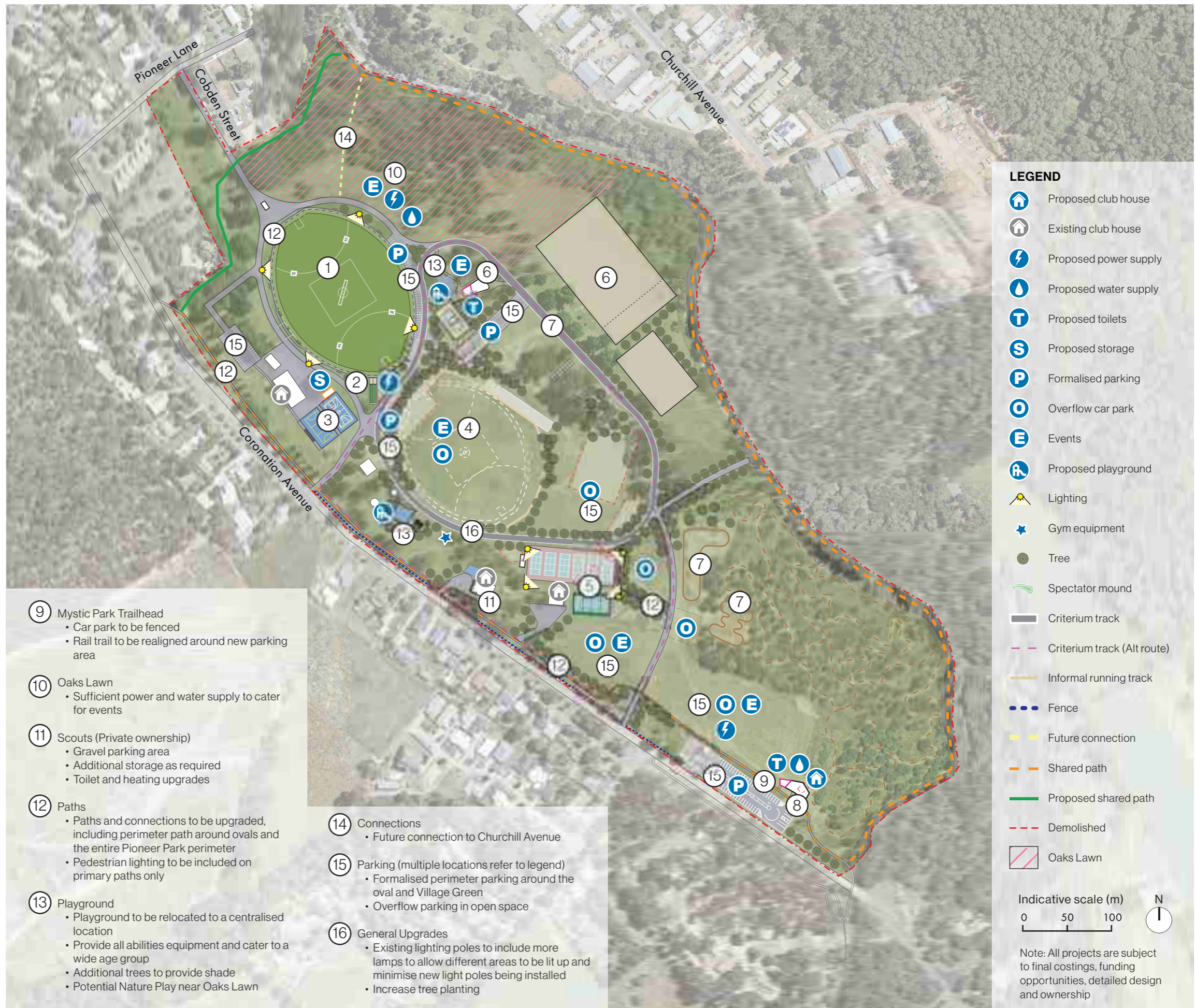
Enhance paths and their connections, including those around the oval perimeter and Pioneer Park perimeter. Develop a wayfinding and signage strategy for the precinct

### General

Create gathering spaces such as BBQ and picnic areas. Enhance landscaping wherever feasible.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Existing Oval
  - Resurface oval and upgrade drainage
  - Upgrade irrigation
  - Replace sections of the oval perimeter fence to make good
  - Replace home and away interchange benches
  - Upgrade goal posts to be 10m and 6.5m
  - Include time keepers and scorers box
  - Increase width of cricket pitch to be 28m x 2.8m and rotate pitch for optimum playing
  - Provide spectator seating around the oval
- ② Cricket Nets
  - Upgrade enclosure fencing
  - Provide power access to allow for bowling machines
- ③ Netball / Multi - courts
  - Hanger type roof over the courts
  - Install a second netball court with basketball line markings
  - Include spectator seating
  - Storage for Cricket and Netball
- ④ Informal Grassed Area / Village Green
  - Level grassed playing surface as required and resow to enable usage for training / junior / practice matches.
  - Removable goals in sleeves.
  - Retain existing power supply and hard stand for events and equestrian use.
  - Open area to enable flexible use by the community.
  - Lighting for events and sports practise/training.
- ⑤ Tennis (Private ownership)
  - Provision for 2 additional courts with upgraded lights
  - Convert Hotshot courts to Pickleball Courts
  - Relocated hit wall
  - Ensure accessible entry to clubhouse and courts
  - Upgrade tennis clubhouse amenities to be accessible and gender inclusive
- ⑥ Equestrian Arenas and Community Facility
  - New shared-use community facility including public toilet and events space. Tenants to include the Pony Club and Alpine Adult Riding Club.
  - Consolidate horse arenas to the northern area of Pioneer Park
  - Partition large arena to include small arena
  - Additional horse yards + shade
  - Improve perimeter fencing
  - Concrete bay at wash bay
  - Screening along boundary
- ⑦ MTB/Cycle Area
  - 950m criterium track to be integrated into existing internal road (6m wide track, except for the finishing straight, which shall be 8m wide for the last 200m)
  - Jump track to be maintained
  - Pump track to be capped
- ⑧ Cycling Hub and Community Shared-use Facility
  - Community building including public toilet, events space and Cycling Clubhouse



⑨ Mystic Park Trailhead  
 • Car park to be fenced  
 • Rail trail to be realigned around new parking area

⑩ Oaks Lawn  
 • Sufficient power and water supply to cater for events

⑪ Scouts (Private ownership)  
 • Gravel parking area  
 • Additional storage as required  
 • Toilet and heating upgrades

⑫ Paths  
 • Paths and connections to be upgraded, including perimeter path around ovals and the entire Pioneer Park perimeter  
 • Pedestrian lighting to be included on primary paths only

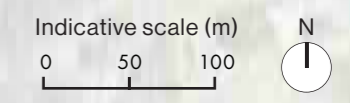
⑬ Playground  
 • Playground to be relocated to a centralised location  
 • Provide all abilities equipment and cater to a wide age group  
 • Additional trees to provide shade  
 • Potential Nature Play near Oaks Lawn

⑭ Connections  
 • Future connection to Churchill Avenue

⑮ Parking (multiple locations refer to legend)  
 • Formalised perimeter parking around the oval and Village Green  
 • Overflow parking in open space

⑯ General Upgrades  
 • Existing lighting poles to include more lamps to allow different areas to be lit up and minimise new light poles being installed  
 • Increase tree planting

- LEGEND**
- Proposed club house
  - Existing club house
  - Proposed power supply
  - Proposed water supply
  - Proposed toilets
  - Proposed storage
  - Formalised parking
  - Overflow car park
  - Events
  - Proposed playground
  - Lighting
  - Gym equipment
  - Tree
  - Spectator mound
  - Criterium track
  - Criterium track (Alt route)
  - Informal running track
  - Fence
  - Future connection
  - Shared path
  - Proposed shared path
  - Demolished
  - Oaks Lawn



Note: All projects are subject to final costings, funding opportunities, detailed design and ownership





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# MOUNT BEAUTY SPORTS AND EDUCATION PRECINCT

Master planning for the Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct involved site investigations, a review of strategic documents, consultation with key user group representatives, public exhibition feedback analysis, and collaboration with the Project Control Group.

Improvement projects that will have the most significant impact on the community in the short, medium, and long term were identified as a result of this process.

The following chapter of this report outlines the process undertaken at each step to reach the final master plan outcome.

# 03

# MOUNT BEAUTY

Mount Beauty is located on the Kiewa River, at the gateway to the Bogong High Plains. It is renowned for its stunning landscape, outdoor activities, and mountain access. It marks the end of the Kiewa Valley, supporting pastoral industries. With a population of approximately 825, Mount Beauty experiences seasonal tourism surges similar to Bright and provided services to Tawonga and Tawonga South.

The Mount Beauty Sports and Educational Precinct stretches along the southern edge of the Mount Beauty Pondage. It includes the local primary and secondary school, as well as a childcare centre. The precinct offers a variety of sports and recreational facilities, such as indoor sports, swimming, soccer, dragon boat racing, tennis, netball, football, cricket, BMX, skating, playgrounds, and trails for walking and cycling.



# MOUNT BEAUTY SPORTS AND EDUCATION PRECINCT

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration in this master plan for Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct include:

- Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve
- Les Peart Oval
- Cricket nets
- Sports pavilion
- Mount Beauty Pool (Intermediate, Adult, Toddler and Kiosk)
- Mount Beauty Tennis Club (4 Tennis courts & 1 club room)
- Scout Hall
- Skate park
- Netball court and shelters
- BMX track
- Pondage walking trail
- Bicentennial Park Adventure Playground

The site has multiple user groups who formally use the site, they include:

- Dragon Boat Club
- Dederang Mount Beauty Football Netball Club
- Little Athletics
- Mount Beauty Amateur Swim Club
- Mount Beauty Auskick
- Mount Beauty Junior Football
- Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
- Mount Beauty Primary School
- Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Mount Beauty Scouts
- Mount Beauty Secondary College
- Mount Beauty Soccer Club
- Mount Beauty Tennis Club
- Mount Beauty United Cricket Club
- Neighbourhood Centre
- Park Run
- Skate Park
- Team Mount Beauty



# KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct has a range of facilities and spaces within the site.

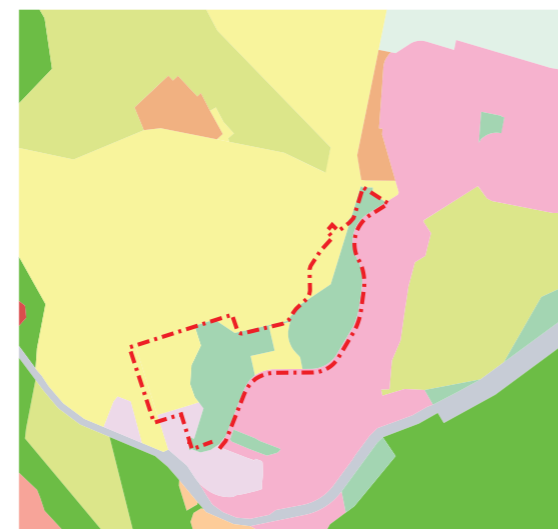
The facilities are on Council and AGL owned land, which is leased by Council. The site managed by an Alpine Shire Council Committee of Management.

The Mount Beauty Pondage is owned by AGL, Any upgrades or new facilities that affect the pondage will need to be further investigated.

The two schools on site, Mount Beauty Primary School and Mount Beauty Secondary School, sit within the Public Use (Education) zone.

## Land Use

The site is listed as a Public Park and Recreation Zone and Public Use (Education) Zone in Victoria's planning scheme.



- Public Conservation and Resource Zone
- Public Park and Recreation Zone
- Special Use Zone
- Public Use Zone
- Farming Zone
- General Residential Zone
- Rural Living Zone
- Industrial Zone
- Transport Zone
- Commercial 1 Zone

## Contour & Flooding Overlay

The site is outside the flooding overlay, but given more frequent extreme climate events, careful consideration of facility placement and materials remains essential.



- Land Subject to Inundation
- Land Subject to Inundation (Proposed)
- Floodway Overlay (Proposed)
- Contours (20m)

## Environmental Overlay

Environmental overlays must be considered for site development to determine appropriate surface materials and landscaping elements. The site has been identified as being at risk from bushfires.



- Area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity
- Bushfire Overlay

# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Sport facilities

### Mount Beauty Recreational Reserve Oval

The oval is predominately used by the cricket club, however is also used by the football club for regular matches during the football season. The surface and sub-surface drainage is in poor condition. The irrigation system is to be improved. Auskick and Junior football train on the oval.

There is a turf cricket pitch. The lighting is non compliant. The interchange benches do not meet the required size and there are no coach boxes on site.

### Cricket nets

There are four cricket nets, orientated north-south. They are in good condition. The surface of the enclosure fence will require upgrades in the future.

### Pavilion

The change room facilities are not DDA friendly or gender inclusive.

### Les Peart Oval

Les Peart Oval is used by many user groups, including junior cricket, soccer club, Little Athletics and the surrounding schools.

The surface and sub-surface drainage is due for an upgrade, as well as the irrigation system. The cricket pitch size does not meet standard.

The fence is in poor condition, there is a lack of storage for the user groups and a lack of amenities including access to drinking water, toilets and power.

### Tennis courts

There are four full-sized tennis courts with required run off distances. The enclosure fence is in poor condition and there is a level change issue on court 2 and 3, which is affecting the drainage.

The tennis clubhouse building has reached its end of life. It also requires more storage, accessible and gender inclusive amenities (toilets and change rooms).

### Swimming Pool

The Mount Beauty Swimming Pool has three outdoors pools, including a 33m pool, an intermediate pool and toddler pool. They are in moderate condition. There are change rooms, a splash park and picnic area. There is currently no dedicated storage space.

### Netball

There is one outdoor asphalt netball court, with required run off area

## Community facilities

### Scouts Hall

The Scouts Hall building has reached end of life. There is a kitchen, toilet, multi-purpose area an office /admin area within the building. The toilets and change rooms are unisex, however they are unlockable.

### Playground

There is a range of equipment for a variety of age grounds. There is limited equipment for all-abilities and should be considered in future upgrades.



Mount Beauty Reserve



Mount Beauty Cricket Club Pavilion

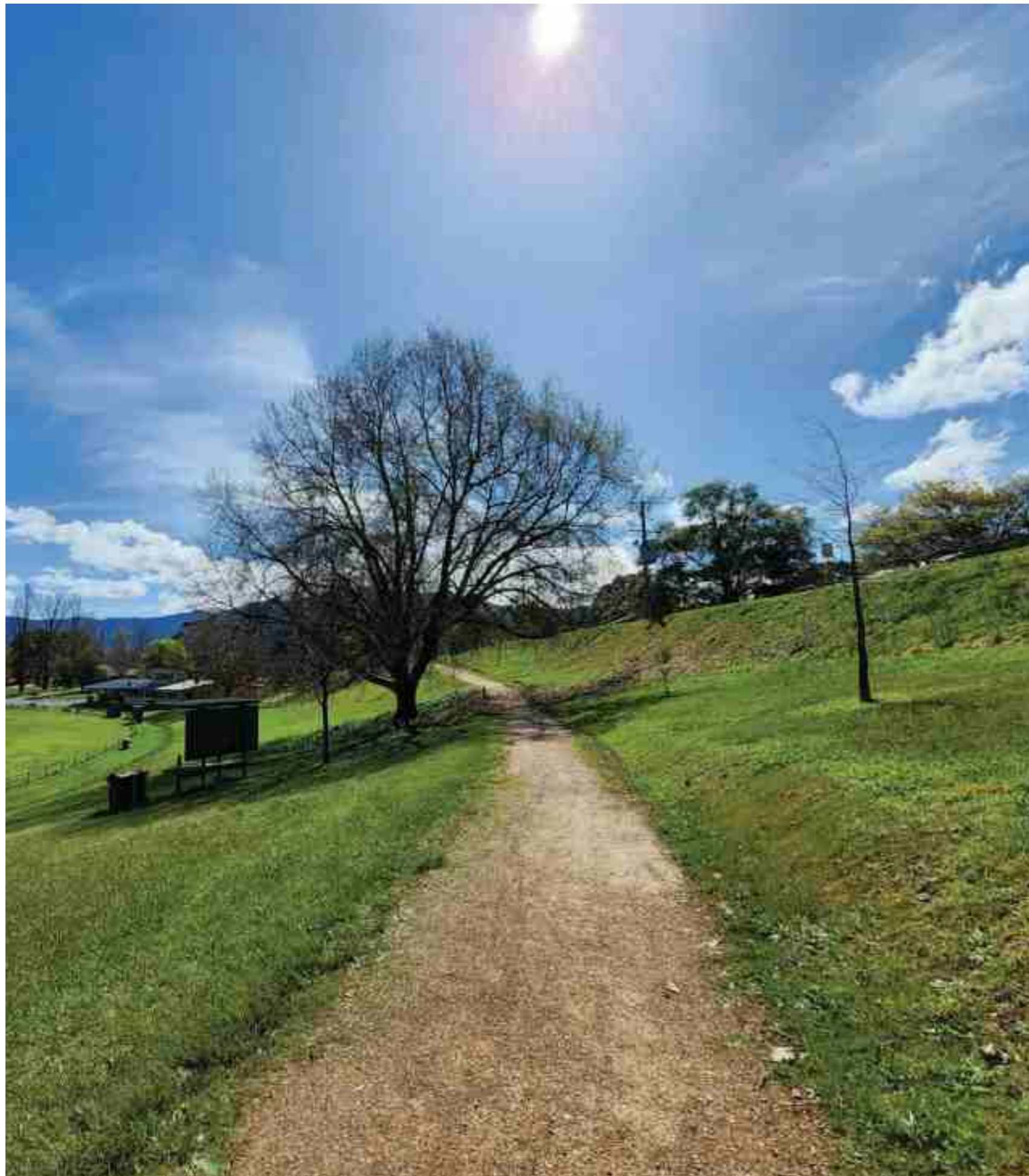


Mount Beauty Scout Hall



Netball court

Note: The existing conditions described are based off observations during initial on-site visit, stakeholder and community engagement, and the Inside Edge audit, all completed in late 2022 - early 2023.



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## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

The opportunities and constraints were informed from the initial site analysis and community and user group consultation.

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Upgrade wayfinding around the precinct
- ② Include a soccer pitch on the second oval
- ③ Provide separate / purpose built storage for the different user groups / clubs
- ④ Ensure lighting is sufficient / compliant for competitions
- ⑤ Potential for outdoor gym equipment around the precinct
- ⑥ Cricket pitch to be replaced
- ⑦ Tennis courts to be resurfaced / upgraded
- ⑧ Upgrade cricket nets
- ⑨ Provide toilet and change room facilities for all people
- ⑩ Upgrade the drainage throughout the precinct
- ⑪ Install accessible play equipment
- ⑫ Potential to use the CFA training strip for Little Athletics
- ⑬ Resurface the netball courts
- ⑭ Explore the idea of a dog park within the precinct
- ⑮ Terraced seating area near the school interface or Mount Beauty CFA
- ⑯ Install a deck to extend from the cricket club clubhouse



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Proposed development over easements will require a permit from council
- Ⓑ Future development must ensure no additional storm water run off is created. Retention system may be required

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for the Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct in person or online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of the Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct that were consulted include:

- Dragon Boat Club
- Dederang Mount Beauty Football Netball Club
- Little Athletics
- Mount Beauty Amateur Swim Club
- Mount Beauty Auskick
- Mount Beauty Junior Football
- Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
- Mount Beauty Primary School
- Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Mount Beauty Scouts
- Mount Beauty Secondary College
- Mount Beauty Soccer Club
- Mount Beauty Swim Club
- Mount Beauty Tennis Club
- Mount Beauty United Cricket Club
- Neighbourhood Centre
- Park Run
- Skate Park
- Team Mount Beauty

### REQUESTS

Additional bins (smart bins)
Complete the Pondage track (continuing the track near the library)
Construct a decking area at the pondage
Develop a Maintenance Plan for the Reserve and Facilities
Develop a Traffic Management Plan
Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy including signage to facilities and areas, and safety signage.
Explore ways to activate the lake
Improve irrigation system at Les Peart Oval
Improve playground to be more accessible
Improve sewer system at Les Peart Oval
Improve the drainage within the site, develop a drainage plan to respond to flood events
Improve the pump track - sealed and caters to a wide range of people
Include a reflection garden at the Neighbourhood Centre
Install a boat ramp / pontoon
Install a jumping pit (sand) and runway (concrete)
Install football goal posts at Les Peart Oval
Investigate opportunity to include a community garden near the tennis courts and men's shed
Investigate opportunity to include a dog park
More shade near playground for picnics
Provide a clubhouse for Lions Club
Provide a clubhouse for the Dragonboat Club
Provide drinking water taps
Provide lighting along the Pondage track (bollard lights)
Provide lighting for the skate park
Provide outdoor gym equipment
Provide power access (at Les Peart Oval)
Provide shade near carpark areas (shade sails and/or trees)
Provide shaded areas for spectating and gathering
Provide storage (more storage and in convenient locations)
Redesign the bus drop off area to allow for a wider turning circle radius
Storage for Dragonboat Club cyclone fence min pref proper shed

### REQUESTS

Swim Club Storage
Upgrade cricket nets
Upgrade cricket pitch
Upgrade netball courts
Upgrade roads and pathways for visitor safety and improve connectivity
Upgrade tennis clubhouse (general maintenance, more storage, insulation, accessible toilets, plumbing, change rooms)
Upgrade tennis courts
Upgrade the playground at Mount Beauty Primary School
Upgrade the skate park to be more accessible
Upgrade/provide change room facilities (inclusive)
Upgrade/provide seating around the park
Upgrade/provide toilet facilities (DDA)



# COMMUNITY SURVEY

## Summary

In March 2023, Alpine Shire Council conducted an online survey to understand community usage of local sports and recreation areas across the municipality.

### The survey asked the following questions:

1. Which town do you currently live in?
2. What is your age group?
3. Which area would you like to provide feedback for?
4. What sports and recreation spaces do you use? Select as many answers as necessary.
5. How often do you visit/use the areas you've selected above?
6. What equipment or facilities do you use and where?
7. What currently works? What do you like most about it?
8. What doesn't work? What changes would you like made?
9. Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?
10. How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

The responses related to Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct are summarised in the next following columns. The feedback and requests received were considered when developing the final master plan.



## Likes

### What currently works well in Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct / What do you like most about it?

- Pool
- Skate park
- Interconnected / access
- Well-maintained
- Walking track
- Playground
- Pump track
- Accessibility
- Parking
- Open space
- BBQ area
- Tennis courts
- Location / views
- Trees
- Toilets
- Gym area
- Community space
- Cricket
- Netball



## Improvements

### What does not work well in Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct / What needs improvements?

- Year round swimming pool
- Lighting
- Upgrade bathrooms (accessible)
- Outdoor multi-court
- Scout Hall upgrade
- Outdoor gym
- BMX track upgrade
- Seating
- Sheltered area/BBQ area
- Upgrade tennis club facilities
- Public toilets
- Upgrade cricket nets
- Upgrade pavilion
- Playground update
- Water access
- Shade
- Les Peart Oval Upgrade
- Landscaping
- Car parking
- Upgrade paths
- Storage
- Upgrade pondage area
- Water Access
- Traffic management
- Drainage
- Netball court
- Landscape management



## Accessibility

### How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

- Upgrade paths
- Parking
- Wayfinding/signage
- Accessible facilities
- Equipment/ facilities for all age groups
- Public toilets
- Upgraded facilities
- Inclusive change rooms
- Indigenous history
- Shade
- Celebrate Culture/Community
- Upgrade playground
- Pondage access / boat ramp
- Sports hub
- Lighting
- Seating
- Resurface courts
- Shelter



## Wish list

### Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?

- Year round pool
- Shelter/BBQ area
- Shade
- Toilets / change rooms
- Board walk + viewing deck
- Community Building / sports hub
- Boat shed
- Storage
- Splash park
- Water taps
- Dog park
- Grandstand/stage
- Beach area
- Jetty / pondage access
- Climbing wall
- Flying fox



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# MASTER PLAN

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**The improvement project list has been created to identify upgrades to existing facilities or new facilities needed at each site.**

**The list was compiled by assessing the current conditions of the facilities and identifying the minimum requirements for compliance with the respective sporting code and standards.**

## Sport facilities

### Mount Beauty Recreational Reserve Oval

Projects to improve the oval include resurfacing the oval and installing new drainage and irrigation systems. Sections of the oval perimeter fence is to be replaced to make good.

The home and away benches are to be upgraded, with detachable shelters as per the request of the Dederang Mount Beauty Football Netball Club.

The football goal posts do not currently meet standard and should be increased to 10 metres and 6.5 metres.

The lighting on the oval is to be upgraded to LED with 100 lux.

### Cricket nets

Upgrade cricket nets in 6-10 years. Upgrade to fully enclosed and synthetic to be multi-purpose

### Les Peart Oval

The community values Les Peart oval for its multi-use qualities. It is used by the community, Little Athletics, Junior Cricket, Mount Beauty Primary and Secondary School and the Soccer Club.

Les Peart oval requires drainage upgrades, resurfacing and upgrading of the irrigation. AFL posts for recreational use are to be included. Sections of the oval perimeter fence is to be replaced to make good.

The cricket pitch is to be increased to meet competition standard (28m x 2.8m)

An athletics track is to be developed adjacent to the CFA training strip for activities such as long jump. Two junior soccer field line marking to both sides of the pitch, sitting parallel, can be painting on when required.

Les Peart oval lacks amenities such as power access and drinking taps. Providing these amenities would improve the overall experience for the community. In addition more storage and spectator seating is to be included.

### Pavilion

General club house upgrades are needed including upgrades to the kitchen and upgrading the toilet and change room facilities at the pavilion to provide DDA and gender inclusive amenities. Potential for DDA compliant toilet that is public facing.

### Tennis courts

The enclosure fencing around the tennis courts require upgrades. There is a ditch on tennis courts 2 and 3, which is to be repaired to improve drainage.

### Swimming Pool

Upgrades to the pool are subject to an aquatic analysis. The swim club require a free standing storage.

### Netball

Inclusion of benches on the Mount Beauty netball court.

## Community facilities

### Scouts Hall

Demolish Scouts Hall / Tennis Club house and build a new community building for Scouts, Tennis and users of Les Peart Oval, with toilet facilities and storage

### Neighbourhood Centre

Shade trees near the car park area of the Neighbourhood Centre would improve the area.

Inclusion of a reflection garden to be included at the back of the building.

### Playground

Exploring opportunities to include additional play options to cater to all abilities at Bicentennial Park playground.

### Pondage Viewing Platform and Boat Ramp

Explore appropriate location for a viewing platform/boat ramp which can cater to small boats including kayaks and canoes.

### General upgrades

Some general upgrades to the precinct such additional landscaping and tree planting would benefit the site.

Upgrades to roads and pathways to better connect the precinct and increase safety, as well as developing and implementing wayfinding signage.

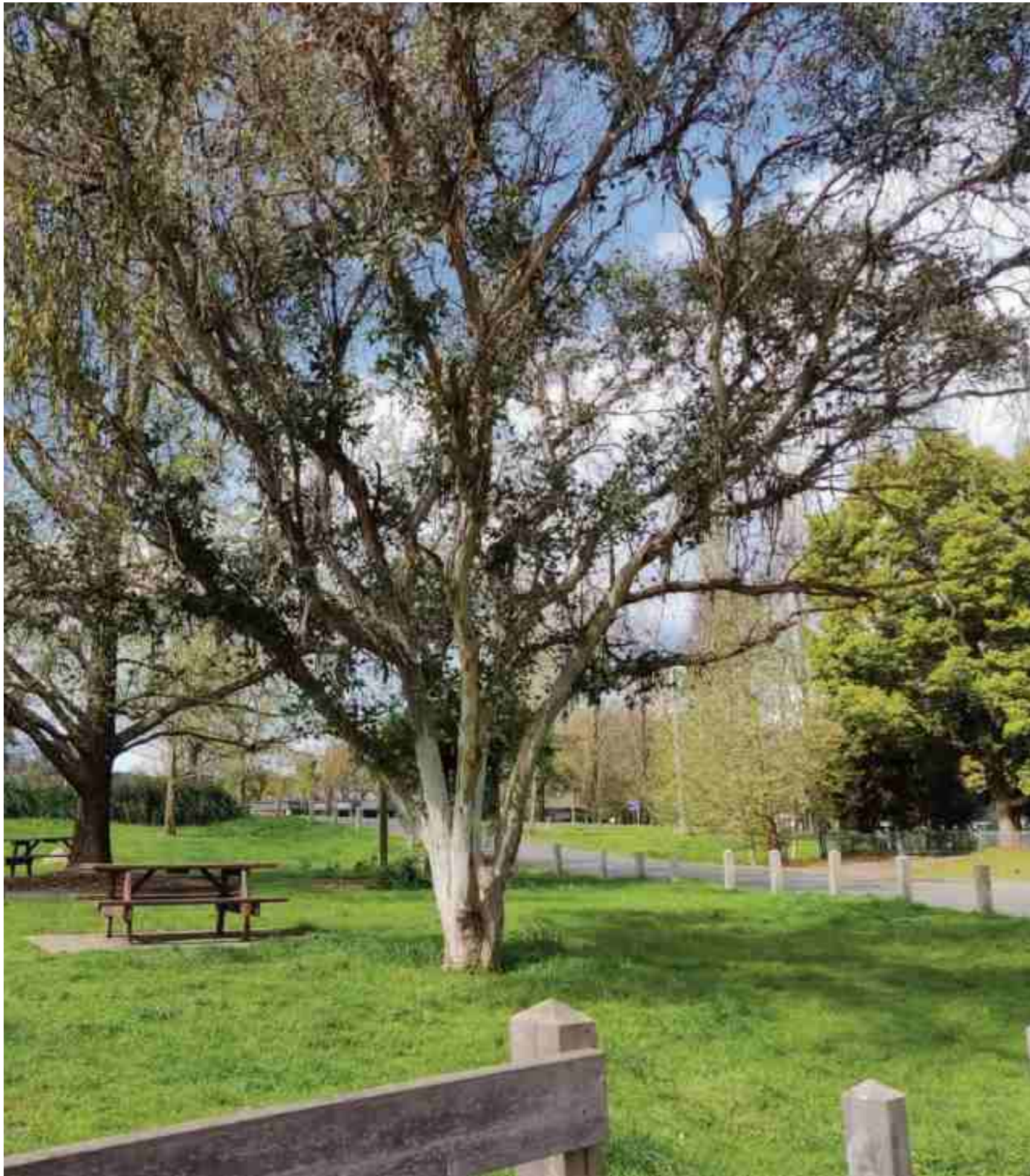
Additional amenities such as seating, shade and bins would benefit the community, as well as providing outdoor fitness equipment around the precinct.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Mount Beauty Reserve Oval
  - Resurface oval and install new drainage and irrigation systems
  - Upgrade home and away interchange benches to include a detachable shelter at existing location
  - Upgrade size of goal posts to 10m and 6.5m
  - Upgrade sports lighting to LED 100 lux
  - Upgrade spectator seating
  - Replace sections of the oval perimeter fence to make good
- ② Les Peart Oval
  - Add AFL posts for recreational use only
  - Increase cricket pitch size to meet competition standards (28m x 2.8m)
  - Replace sections of the oval perimeter fence to make good
  - Resurface oval and upgrade drainage
  - Upgrade irrigation system
  - Provide power access
  - Provide drinking taps near to the oval
  - Provide additional storage to cater for the user groups of Les Peart Oval.
  - Add two junior soccer field line marking to both sides of the cricket pitch - sitting parallel
  - Develop athletic tracks such as long jump, adjacent to the CFA training strip
  - Provide spectator seating / mound at Les Peart Oval
- ③ Cricket Nets
  - Upgrade cricket nets
- ④ Pavilion
  - Upgrade toilet and change room facilities to provide DDA amenities and female access.
  - Potential for DDA compliant toilet to be public facing
  - General club house upgrades, including kitchen area
- ⑤ Tennis
  - Upgrade enclosure fencing
  - Repair ditch on court 2 and 3 to improve drainage
- ⑥ New shared-use community facility
  - Demolish existing Tennis Club house and Scout Hall and rebuild new community facility to cater for Tennis Club, Scout Hall and users of Les Peart Oval, with toilet facilities and storage.
- ⑦ Netball court
  - Provide benches at the netball courts
- ⑧ Mount Beauty Pool
  - Upgrades to pool subject to aquatic analysis
  - Provide free standing storage
- ⑨ Bicentennial Park Playground
  - Explore opportunities to include additional play options to cater to all abilities.
- ⑩ Neighbourhood Centre
  - Provide shade trees near car park area
  - Include a reflection garden at the Neighbourhood Centre

- ⑪ General upgrades
  - Increase tree planting
  - Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy including signage to facilities and areas, and safety signage
  - Add viewing platform along the pondage
  - Upgrade roads and pathways for visitor safety and improve connectivity
  - Provide outdoor gym equipment
  - Provide shaded areas for spectating and gathering
  - Upgrade/provide seating around the park
  - Provide more bins
- ⑫ Pondage Viewing Platform and Boat Ramp
  - Boat ramp for launching small boats including kayaks and canoes





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## MYRTLEFORD TOWN CENTRE (MULTIPLE SITES)

Master planning for Myrtleford Town Centre's Community and Recreation Facilities involved site investigations, a review of strategic documents, consultation with key user group representatives, public exhibition feedback analysis, and collaboration with the Project Control Group.

Improvement projects that will have the most significant impact on the community in the short, medium, and long term were identified as a result of this process.

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# 04

# MYRTLEFORD

Myrtleford is the largest of the three towns. It is a key crossroads township with access into multiple joining valleys. Myrtleford has a strong history of agriculture, viticulture and adventure tourism in North East Victoria. The Myrtleford population is approximately 3200 people.

This master plan is focusing on nine sites within Myrtleford, including:

- ① McNamara Reserve
- ② Memorial Park
- ③ Jubilee Park
- ④ Savoy Soccer Club
- ⑤ Cundy Park
- ⑥ Rotary Park
- ⑦ Swinburne Park
- ⑧ Marconi Park
- ⑨ Myrtleford Recreation Reserve



# KEY CONSIDERATIONS

The Myrtleford master plan focuses on nine recreation and community facilities.

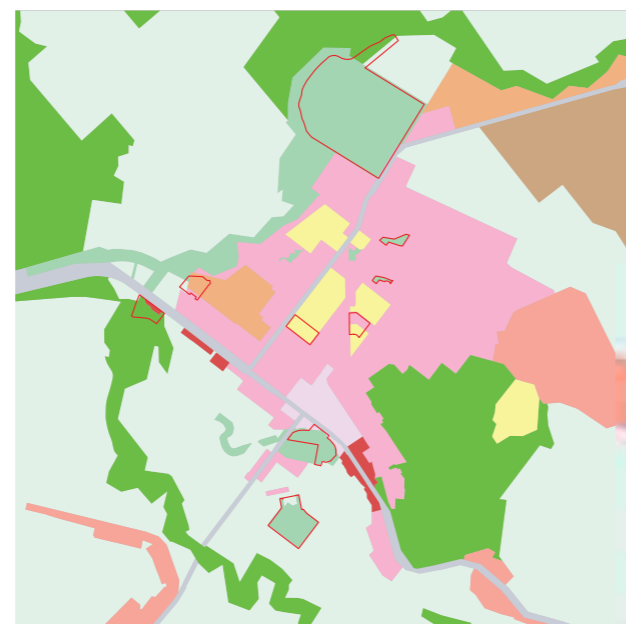
These include McNamara Reserve, Memorial Park, Jubilee Park, Savoy Soccer Club, and Myrtleford Recreation Reserve, which cater mainly to club-based sports with multiple user groups.

Other sites including Cundy Park, Rotary Park, Swinburne Park, and Marconi Park provide space for passive community recreation.

Each of these sites will be further explored in the document.

## Land Use

The nine sites sit within a number of different land-use zones as shown on the below map and legend.



- Public Conservation and Resource Zone
- Public Park and Recreation Zone
- Special Use Zone
- Public Use Zone
- Farming Zone
- General Residential Zone
- Low Density Residential Zone
- Rural Living Zone
- Industrial Zone
- Mixed Use Zone
- Transport Zone
- Commercial 1 Zone

## Contour & Flooding Overlay

Several of the sites are located in areas subject to flooding. These include Rotary Park, Savoy Soccer Club, Recreation Reserve, McNamara Reserve and Jubilee Park. Future development in these areas should be considered, and assets built to withstand flooding events.



- Land Subject to Inundation
- Land Subject to Inundation (Proposed)
- Floodway Overlay (Proposed)
- Contours (20m)

## Environmental Overlay

The different environmental overlays will need to be considered when developing the sites. The land Myrtleford is located on has been identified as an area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity. Some areas of the town are also at risk from bushfires.



- Area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity
- Bushfire Management Overlay

# COMMUNITY SURVEY

## Summary

In March 2023, Alpine Shire Council conducted an online survey to understand community usage of local sports and recreation areas across the municipality.



### Likes

#### What currently works well in Myrtleford Town Centre / What do you like most about it?

- Well maintained
- Location/ views
- Accessibility
- Community use
- Shade
- Seating
- Variety of options
- Carparks
- Pool
- Open spaces
- Volunteers
- Playground
- BBQ facilities
- Stadium
- Showgrounds
- Good facilities
- Walking track
- Cundy Park
- Rotary Park



### Improvements

#### What does not work well in Myrtleford Town Centre / What needs improvements?

- Lighting
- Fencing
- Accessible facilities
- Toilets/ amenities
- Change rooms and amenities
- Path upgrades
- Maintenance
- Upgrade facilities
- Shade
- Bins / amenities
- BBQ facilities
- Pool upgrade / year round pool
- Gym
- Public art
- Resurface courts at McNamara
- Stadium upgrade
- Seating
- Netball courts
- Dump point
- Options for hot days
- Parking
- McNamara oval upgrade (drainage and irrigation)
- Memorial Park upgrade (clubhouse/cricket nets/toilets)
- Upgrade playground (inc. play equipment for all ages)
- Speedway
- Pump track
- Skate park upgrade
- Water taps
- Cricket facilities



### Accessibility

#### How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

- Memorial Park clubroom
- Outdoor gym
- Equipment for all ages and abilities
- Upgrade paths
- Shade
- Seating
- Inclusive toilets and amenities
- Roof over the lawn bowls field
- Sports hub
- Updated play equipment (accessible)
- Pool upgrade
- Sensory play
- Fencing



### Wish list

#### Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?

- Synthetic sports field
- Year round pool
- Outdoor gym
- Water taps
- Fencing
- Splash park
- Path connections
- Sensory Play
- Dog park
- Pump track
- BBQ
- Accessible facilities
- Playground at McNamara Reserve
- Fenced equestrian area
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Storage for sports clubs
- Marconi Park playground

#### The survey asked the following questions:

1. Which town do you currently live in?
2. What is your age group?
3. Which area would you like to provide feedback for?
4. What sports and recreation spaces do you use? Select as many answers as necessary.
5. How often do you visit/use the areas you've selected above?
6. What equipment or facilities do you use and where?
7. What currently works? What do you like most about it?
8. What doesn't work? What changes would you like made?
9. Are there any other facilities or equipment you would use if they were available?
10. How can we make the area/s more inclusive?

The survey questions asked the community about what they thought about Myrtleford as a collective site, as oppose to nine individual sites. The responses are summarised in the next following columns, which were considered when developing the final master plan.





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# RC MCNAMARA RESERVE

# RC MCNAMARA RESERVE

RC McNamara Reserve has a sports oval, multi-lined courts for tennis and netball, the Ablett Pavilion and the Canine Club.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration include:

- Ablett Pavilion
- Sports oval
- Multi-lined courts (6 tennis courts, 4 netball courts and amenities building)
- Canine Clubhouse

The site has multiple user groups who formally use the site, they include:

- Myrtleford Alpine Saints Football and Netball Club
- Myrtleford Junior Football Club
- Myrtleford Junior Netball Club
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club
- Ovens Valley Canine Club
- Ovens Valley United Cricket Club

The Reserve is managed by the McNamara Reserve Committee of Management.



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Sport facilities

### Oval

The oval is home to the Myrtleford Saints Football Netball Club and the Ovens Valley Cricket Club. There is lighting and automatic irrigation. The surface and sub-surface drainage is in poor condition and due for an upgrade. There are limited spectating areas around the oval.

### Ablett Pavilion

The change rooms are in moderate condition and have open showers. The umpire room is in poor condition and does not meet the size required. The umpire room and home and away change rooms do not cater for female participants.

### Netball / tennis courts

The acrylic hard courts at McNamara Reserve have both netball and tennis line work. The netball goal posts and tennis nets are removable, which has caused some pavement cracking.

Adjacent to the courts is the amenities building, which has toilets and change rooms, as well as storage and a kiosk area.

## Community facilities

### Canine Clubhouse

The Canine Clubhouse is an aging building with a kitchen and storage area. There is a large grassed area which is used for dog training. There are no toilet facilities in the building.

### Parking

There is informal parking throughout the reserve, around the oval, outside the Pavilion, near the Canine Clubhouse and hard court area.

### Amenities

There is outdoor gym equipment located at the southern end of the boundary.



Oval



Ablett Pavilion



Netball/tennis courts



Spectator area



Canine Clubhouse



Outdoor gym equipment

The existing conditions described are based off observations during initial on-site, stakeholder and community engagement, and the Inside Edge audit, all completed in late 2022 - early 2023.

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for McNamara Reserve was in person or online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of McNamara Reserve that were consulted include:

- Myrtleford Alpine Saints Football and Netball Club
- Myrtleford Junior Football Club
- Myrtleford Junior Netball Club
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club
- Ovens Valley Canine Club
- Ovens Valley United Cricket Club

## REQUESTS

Improve the drainage within the site and develop a drainage plan to respond to flood events

Provide separate change rooms at the pavilion

Resurface the oval

Resurface the netball / tennis courts

Construct a health and wellness facility / gym

Upgrade/provide seating around to spectator areas (oval)

Upgrade/provide seating around to spectator areas (netball/tennis courts)

Formalise car parking (sealing and linemarking)

Provide additional parking

Investigate opportunity to construct a second oval on site

Upgrade Canine Clubhouse

Provide sheltered areas for spectating and gathering

Construct a netball showcourt

Install/improve lighting to the oval

Install/improve lighting to the netball/tennis courts

Install an electric scoreboard

Develop a Maintenance Plan for the Reserve and Facilities

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Investigate whether a second oval can be added to the reserve. If a second is feasible, consider using a synthetic surface.
- ② Drainage needs to be upgraded on the oval
- ③ Resurface the tennis and netball courts and reline the courts.
- ④ Formalise the car parking around the reserve
- ⑤ Provide an indoor training facility for the players
- ⑥ Provide a show court for the netball club
- ⑦ Explore ways to extend the shelter from the tennis/netball clubroom to provide more shelter
- ⑧ Provide permanent shelter and seating for scorers and spectators
- ⑨ Upgrade the Canine Club Clubhouse and storage shed - including the flooring, inclusion of toilets, more storage and insulation
- ⑩ Provide separate change facilities
- ⑪ Upgrade the sports lighting to be LED
- ⑫ Provide lighting for the tennis/netball courts



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Site lines should not be restricted
- Ⓑ Tennis and netball courts share courts. Both sports will need to be considered to ensure the facilities are compliant with any upgrades
- Ⓒ Land is subject to inundation from flooding. Ensure new structures consider the impacts it may have into the neighbouring properties

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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## Sport facilities

### Oval

The playing field sub-surface drainage is to be upgraded for longer usage and to ensure playability is maximised during wet seasons. The irrigation is to be upgraded.

Once the current lighting needs replacement, it is to be converted to LED.

The home and away benches are to be replaced. Spectator seats are to be increased around the oval, including sheltered areas.

The cricket pitch is to be upgraded to include a 3 pitch turf centre wicket.

### Ablett Pavilion

An extension of the Ablett Pavilion to include a health and wellness facility, including a gym and physio area.

Upgrading all player and umpire amenities (change rooms, toilets and showers) to be compliant and female-friendly. As well as increasing the size of the umpire room.

### Netball / tennis courts

The netball/tennis hard court layout is to be upgraded to allow for a proposed netball show court.

The court area to be north-west is to be extended and one court is to be converted to the show court. Ensure that the new layout allows for minimum run off requirements for both netball and tennis (goals/sidelines: 3.05m and between courts 3.65m). All hard courts are to be resurfaced.

Provide seating and shelter for players and scorers. The netball show court is to include team shelter and an officials bench.

Provide power access to courts to allow for an

electronic scoreboard to be installed.

The shelter of the existing building adjacent to the courts is to be extended to allow for more sheltered speculating space

The enclosure fencing around the courts is to be upgraded to allow for emergency vehicle access.

## Community facilities

### Canine Clubhouse

The Canine Clubhouse is to be upgraded, including flooring, inclusion of toilets, an increase to storage space, insulation, inclusion of a dog bathing area and undercover training area.

More planting to provide windbreaks to the users and fencing to the grassed area to allow for an enclosed training area.

### Parking

Parking around the reserve is to be formalised, including allowing for dedicated DDA car parking. The overflow car park is to be retained.

### Amenities

There is an opportunity to relocate the outdoor gym equipment if needed.

A playground is to be added to the reserve near the netball courts. Equipment for a range of age groups and all abilities should be considered.

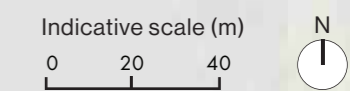
**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Oval
  - Replace home and away interchange benches
  - Convert sports lighting to LED when current lighting needs replacement
  - Upgrade sub-surface drainage of the oval for longer usage time and maximise playability.
  - Upgrade irrigation
  - Include more spectating space around the oval, including sheltered seating
  - Include 3 pitch turf centre wicket
- ② Ablett Pavilion
  - Extension of the Ablett Pavilion to include a health and wellness facility, including gym and physio area
  - Ensure all player and umpire toilet & shower areas are compliant and female-friendly
  - Upgrade size of umpire room
- ③ Netball / tennis courts
  - Extend court area towards the north-west to enable a proposed netball show court to be converted from the existing netball and tennis court arrangement
  - Ensure new layout of courts to allow for minimum run off requirements for both netball and tennis (goals/sidelines: 3.05m and between courts 3.65m)
  - Resurface netball/tennis courts
  - Seating and shelter for players and scorers at tennis/netball courts.
  - Netball show court to include team shelter and official bench
  - Install electronic scoreboard (and provide power access) at netball courts
  - Extend shelter at netball/tennis shelter for spectating
  - Fencing at the tennis/netball courts to be upgraded
- ④ Canine Club
  - Expand and upgrade clubhouse, including upgrade flooring, inclusion of toilets, increase in storage space, insulation, dog bathing area, undercover training area
  - Provide windbreaks
  - Install fencing for an enclosed training area
- ⑤ Community amenities / facilities
  - Outdoor fitness equipment to be retained - opportunity to be relocated
  - Include playground
  - Formalise parking
  - Retain overflow car park



**LEGEND**

- Existing club house
- Storage
- Formalised parking
- Overflow car parking
- Proposed Fencing upgrade
- Existing fencing to netball and tennis courts
- Proposed playground
- Lighting to be upgraded
- Gym equipment
- Tree
- Spectator mound



Note: All projects are subject to final costings, funding opportunities, detailed design and ownership



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# MEMORIAL PARK



# MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park is home to the Ovens Valley United Cricket Club. Adjacent to Memorial Park is the Myrtleford Childcare Centre and Marian College.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration include:

- Mountain View Children's Centre
- Clubhouse
- Sports oval
- Cricket nets
- Joint use of adjacent reserve with Marian College

The site has multiple user groups who formally use the site, they include:

- Ovens Valley United Cricket Club



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Sport facilities

### Playing field

The playing field is in moderate condition. The cricket pitch is below recommended size and is worn and damaged. The drainage is poor. There is currently no lighting at Memorial Park. The perimeter fence is partially rusted.

### Cricket nets

The cricket nets include two lane practice wickets. There is wear and trip hazards on the pitch. It is oriented east-west. There is no power access or lighting. The steel fencing is in good condition.

### Club house

The Clubhouse facilities are outdated and is due for an upgrade. There is one change room and one toilet facility. There is a lack of storage in the clubhouse.

## Community facilities

### Parking

The informal parking is limited at Memorial Park. It is shared with the childcare centre.



Cricket Club House and oval



Cricket Club House



Cricket Club House



Cricket Club House



Cricket nets



Marian College

The existing conditions described are based off observations during initial on-site, stakeholder and community engagement, and the Inside Edge audit, all completed in late 2022 - early 2023.

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Memorial Park, Myrtleford in person or online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of Memorial Park that were consulted include:

- Ovens Valley United Cricket Club
- Marian College
- Myrtleford Childcare Centre

## REQUEST

Improve the drainage within the site, develop a drainage plan to respond to flood events

Resurface the oval

Upgrade the pitch and wickets

Upgrade and reposition the cricket nets. Expand to four cricket nets

Upgrade roads and pathways for visitor safety

Upgrade/provide toilet facilities (DDA, inclusive)

Upgrade/provide change room facilities (DDA, inclusive)

Investigate the opportunity to expand the playing field to combine with Marian College

Install lighting to the oval

Upgrade the clubhouse - provide more storage

Provide additional parking

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Reposition / relocate / upgrade / expand the cricket nets to four nets
- ② Provide separate female and male bathrooms / change rooms, with accessible facilities available.
- ③ Resurface the pitch/field
- ④ Provide a footpath around the perimeter of the park and consider installing a fence
- ⑤ Consider expanding the park to share facilities with Marian College
- ⑥ Improve the drainage around the oval
- ⑦ Potential to relocate the clubhouse to better accommodate the players and spectators, and provide more storage
- ⑧ Review parking and traffic management
- ⑨ Include sports lighting to allow for longer usage times of the oval



## Constraints

- Ⓐ The limited space affects traffic flow, which is a safety concern
- Ⓑ Existing eucalyptus trees should be assessed by arborists
- Ⓒ Lack of facilities such as change rooms and toilets for women / all gender can affect the participation rates
- Ⓓ Proximity of the residential area may affect the use of sports lighting

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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## Sport facilities

### Playing field

The playing field sub-surface drainage is to be upgraded to allow for maximum playability. Irrigation is to be upgraded to an automated system.

The cricket pitch is to be upgraded, to be a synthetic pitch and hard wicket, and rotated to the optimum north-south orientation.

Sports lighting is to be installed for football training use (50 lux).

More spectator seating is required around the reserve.

### Cricket nets

The cricket nets are to be relocated, orientated to north-south and increased to 4 nets. Inclusion of curtain nets and power access.

### Club house

The club house is to be upgraded. Potential for it to be relocated within the grounds to allow for more car park space near the childcare centre.

The change rooms and toilet facilities are to be accessible and gender inclusive.

Storage space is to be increased, including space for ground maintenance equipment.

## Community facilities

### Parking

The car park requires upgrades. Investigation into increasing number of parking lots are to be done in the future.

### Paths

A perimeter path around the reserve to allow for safer and accessible connections.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① **Oval**
  - Upgrade sub-surface drainage and irrigation (to an automated system) at Memorial Park oval to maximise the playability of the oval.
  - Upgrade synthetic pitch and hard wicket. Ensure cricket pitch to be orientated north-south.
  - Proposed 50 lux sports lighting for football training use
- ② **Cricket nets**
  - Upgrade Memorial Park cricket nets to 4 nets. Include curtain nets and power access. Orientate to north-south orientation
- ③ **Cricket Club House**
  - Upgrade Memorial Park club house - potential to relocate clubhouse within the grounds to allow for more car park space near the childcare centre.
  - Upgrade change rooms and toilets to be accessible and gender inclusive
  - Increase storage at Memorial Park including ground maintenance equipment
- ④ **Parking**
  - Future car park upgrades
- ⑤ **Community facilities / amenities**
  - Install perimeter path around oval
  - Provide spectator seating at Memorial Park





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# JUBILEE PARK

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Jubilee Park is located in the centre of the town. It includes the Myrtleford Swimming Pool, Myrtleford Bowls Club and Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club, as well as the plaza where community events take place.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration include:

- Myrtleford Bowls Club
  - + 2 bowling greens and pavilion
- Myrtleford Pool
  - + Outdoor swimming pool and changing rooms (summer season only)
  - + Outdoor toddler pool
  - + Intermediate pool
  - + 5m adult pool
  - + Kiosk
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club
  - + 9 courts and 1 club rooms

The site has multiple user groups who formally use the site, they include:

- Myrtleford Bowls Club
- Myrtleford Swimming Club
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club





# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## Sport facilities

### Myrtleford Pool

The Myrtleford Pool is an outdoor pool facility, which includes a 25m pool and toddler pool area. Other amenities include a kiosk and accessible toilets and change rooms. The concrete path has some cracks and damages which should be repaired.

### Myrtleford Lawn Bowls Club

The lawn bowls club has two turf bowling greens in good condition. There is a clubroom, a car park and shaded gathering areas.

The club house is in good condition, however there amenities are not gender inclusive amenities.

### Myrtleford Tennis Club

The tennis club has nine grass courts, orientated north-south in good condition. The perimeter fence is leaning due to no top or bottom rail.

The club room is in good condition. It has change rooms, a small kitchen, admin area, some storage and an outdoor deck. It is not DDA accessible and there lacks gender inclusive amenities.



Myrtleford Pool



Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club



Lawn Bowls Green



Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club



Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club house



Pedestrian bridge

The existing conditions described are based off observations during initial on-site, stakeholder and community engagement, and the Inside Edge audit, all completed in late 2022 - early 2023.

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Jubilee Park, Myrtleford in person or online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

**The user groups of Jubilee Park that were consulted include:**

- Myrtleford Bowls Club
- Myrtleford Swimming Club
- Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club

## REQUEST

Develop a flood management plan
Upgrade pool to allow for all-year use (roof) and DDA access
Upgrade pool to include a water slide
Investigate opportunity to build a purpose built 'health and wellness hub'
Install a roof over the bowling greens
Formalise parking around the Myrtleford Bowls Club (sealing and line marking)
Upgrade Myrtleford Bowls Club - upgrade the toilet and change rooms (DDA)
Install solar panels on the tennis clubhouse
DDA upgrades into tennis clubhouse
Upgrade irrigation system at the tennis club to be automatic
Upgrade the machinery shed at the tennis club
Install more seating and picnic furniture along the creek bank
Develop a maintenance plan for the creek bank
Replace the retaining wall between the tennis club and swimming pool
Upgrade the walking path along the creek bank
Develop a Splash Park
Provide additional electrical access to allow for events around Jubilee Park
Increase capacity in pools (more lanes)
Provide shading around pools to reduce water temperature in summer

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Canopy cover over the bowling greens to provide shade
- ② Upgrade the tennis club irrigation system
- ③ Expand the machinery shed at the tennis club
- ④ Review the current open space management plan. Ensure maintenance of the creek bank is included.
- ⑤ Provide power access along Myrtle Street for festivals and markets
- ⑥ Upgrade the walking path along the river
- ⑦ Provide permanent seating and picnic furniture along the river banks
- ⑧ Include a purpose built Health and Wellness Hub. Review if Jubilee Park is appropriate, otherwise investigate other options in Myrtleford
- ⑨ Potential to extend the Mosaic Trail through the CBD and Jubilee Park



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Elm trees on the east side of the tennis courts needs to be pruned/maintained to allow the grass courts to receive ample sunlight
- Ⓑ Lack of power access restricts what events can be held around the park
- Ⓒ Land is subject to inundation - ensure the site is prepared for flooding events
- Ⓓ Outdoor pool is underutilised in cooler months. Explore ways to increase use in winter like adding a roof or cover
- Ⓔ Lack of accessible parking at the Bowls Club
- Ⓕ Lack of DDA toilets and all gender bathrooms at the Bowls Club and Tennis Club
- Ⓖ Lack of lighting around the tennis club restricts the time people can play
- Ⓗ Eucalyptus tree behind the Tennis Club Room should be regularly assessed by an arborist

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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## Sport facilities

### Myrtleford Pool

The Myrtleford Pool upgrades are subject to further aquatics analysis. Repairing the surface cracking and level changes to increase safety.

More shade via shade sails or tree canopy cover is required.

### Myrtleford Lawn Bowls Club

Upgrading one of the lawn bowl greens to synthetic grass and a roof cover.

The clubhouse toilet and change room facilities are to be upgraded to be DDA accessible.

### Myrtleford Tennis Club

The tennis court enclosure fencing require top and bottom rail fencing. The gate to the courts is to have universal and emergency access.

The surface levels should be reviewed, drainage and irrigation system is to be upgraded.

The clubhouse is to be upgraded to allow for DDA access and accessible change rooms.

The machinery shed is to be expanded and inclusion of solar panels on the clubhouse.

The retaining wall between the tennis courts and swimming pool will need to be replaced in the future.

## Community facilities

### Splash Park

A splash park planned for Jubilee Park.

### General

Power access is required at the Piazza for events.

Wayfinding and path connections to the centre of town are to be upgraded.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Tennis Club (Private ownership)
  - Upgrade enclosure fencing - include top and bottom rail fencing
  - Upgrade gate to have universal and emergency access
  - Upgrade surface levels and drainage
  - Upgrade irrigation system
  - Inclusion of solar panels on club house
  - Expand machinery shed
  - Upgrade to DDA access to club house
  - Provide accessible change rooms
  - Replace retaining wall between tennis club and swimming pool
- ② Myrtleford Pool - Upgrades to pool subject to aquatics analysis
- ③ Lawn Bowls Club (Private ownership)
  - Convert one of the greens at Myrtleford Bowls Club to synthetic grass and cover only the synthetic green.
  - Upgrade Bowls clubhouse toilet and change rooms to be DDA compliant
  - Formalise car parking at Bowls Club (sealing and line marking)
- ④ Events
  - Provide more power access for events
- ⑤ Splash Park
- ⑥ Creek bank
  - Install more seating and picnic furniture along the creek bank
  - Upgrade the walking path along the creek bank. Engage with the Myrtleford District Landscape and Sustainability Group and NECMA.
- ⑦ Paths
  - Improve path across the foot bridge
- ⑧ Wayfinding and signage





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## **SAVOY SOCCER CLUB**

# SAVOY SOCCER CLUB

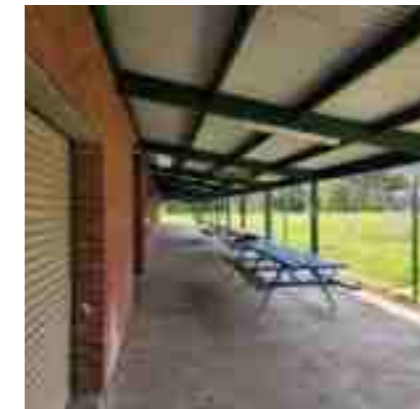
Savoy Soccer Club has two soccer fields and a clubhouse. The Club Savoy is situated adjacent to the soccer fields. The main user group of the facilities is the Savoy Soccer Club.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration include:

- Myrtleford Savoy Football Club Pavilion
- Soccer field A & B

### Existing conditions:

During the initial site visit in late 2022, Savoy Soccer Club was noted to have two full sized turf fields, with floodlights. The drainage and irrigation on the field is due for an upgrade.



Sheltered viewing area



Club house



Gate



Storage



Shelter



Soccer field

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

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## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Savoy Soccer Club online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of Savoy Soccer Club that were consulted include:

- Savoy Soccer Club

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## REQUEST

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Improve the drainage within the site, develop a drainage plan to respond to flood events

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Upgrade the clubhouse - kitchen

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Investigate the opportunity of constructing a third ground

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Upgrade/install LED lighting

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Upgrade/provide seating around to spectator areas

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Upgrade/provide shade around to spectator areas

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Upgrade the coach box

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Investigate the opportunity of including a playground

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Investigate resurfacing to a synthetic field

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# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Upgrade lighting to LED
- ② Install automatic irrigation
- ③ Provide pitch fencing
- ④ Resurface the pitch. Consider resurfacing to a synthetic pitch.
- ⑤ Current home and away benches do not meet the current guidelines. Substitute benches to be to standard
- ⑥ Provide a space for social gathering
- ⑦ Separate / lockable showers in change rooms
- ⑧ Provide more shading and seating
- ⑨ Upgrade coach boxes
- ⑩ Potential to include a playground
- ⑪ Create better connections to the different areas of Myrtleford with a walking trail
- ⑫ Upgrade the kitchen
- ⑬ Replace permanent goals to removable goals
- ⑭ Potential to establish Barwidgee Creek to Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Walking Path, connecting Rotary Park to Myrtleford Recreation Reserve via the Savoy Soccer Club.



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Minimal options to expand at the current location due its proximity to the creek

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# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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## **Sport facilities**

### **Playing fields**

Upgrades to the two playing fields include improving the sub-surface drainage and the irrigation. Converting to a synthetic field should be considered.

The coach boxes are to be upgraded to include two covered team benches, with adequate seating for 9 people.

The turf in the warm up/practice areas are to be upgraded and maintained. Fencing is to be realigned to include these areas.

Improving the lighting in the practice areas by reinstalling lights.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Soccer fields
  - Turf conversion to be investigated
  - Extend irrigation
  - Upgrade coach box to include two covered team benches with adequate seating for 9 people.
  - Raise spectator area between Pitch 1 and 2
- ② Warm-up / Practise areas
  - Upgrade and maintain turf areas to be used for practise or warm-ups.
  - Fencing realignment to include these areas.
- ③ Reinstall lighting to practise area
  - Install re-purposed lights at the practise area.





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## CUNDY PARK

# CUNDY PARK

Cundy Park is local park in Myrtleford. It is located next to the library and close by to the school. This is likely where children and teenagers spend time.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration include:

- Cundy Park Adventure Playground
- Skate park

Cundy Park has an adventure playground to suit a range of ages and abilities. It also has facilities such as a barbecue, picnic tables and toilets. There is also a skate park on site, with a skate bowl and ramps.



Skate park



Paving



Skate park



Shelter



Toilet



Library

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

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## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Cundy Park in person.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of Cundy Park that were consulted include:

- North East Skate Club (Cundy Park)

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## REQUEST

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Replace metal skate ramps and upgrade to concrete ramps

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Provide lighting around the park

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Provide more shade trees

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Provide an additional BBQ/gathering area next to the skatepark

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Provide an additional toilet block

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Install a half basketball court

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# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Install more lighting. Explore if sensor lighting or similar is suitable
- ② Replace the metal ramps with new concrete ramp structure
- ③ Upgrade and/or see if additional toilet block is necessary
- ④ Provide an additional BBQ / gathering area near the skate park
- ⑤ Provide more shade trees
- ⑥ Consider adding a half court for basketball
- ⑦ Install fence around the perimeter of the park



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Existing metal skate ramp is a safety hazard

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

- ① Paths
  - Proposed path network to connect pedestrians from Standish Street and the library
  - Path Access to the Playground from O'Donnell Avenue
- ② Amenities
  - Install low post and rail fencing (with gaps for access) along the boundaries of Cundy Park to improve safety for users.
  - Pedestrian lighting along the paths and skate park.
- ③ Landscaping
  - Additional shade trees
- ④ Skate Park
  - Replace metal skate ramps with concrete ramp suitable for beginners
  - Sheltered gathering space to cater to skate park and half court
- ⑤ Half court
  - Inclusion of half-basketball court to cater for a wider-age group. Potential for a multi-line court and incorporation of netball ring.
- ⑥ Playground
  - Explore opportunities to include additional play options to cater to all abilities.
- ⑦ Potential location for fully compliant accessible toilet facilities with integrated shelter with accessible furniture, drinking fountain and bike racks.



**LEGEND**

- Existing playground
- Existing toilet
- Proposed tree
- Shelter
- Fence
- Multi purpose court

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Note: All projects are subject to final costings, funding opportunities, detailed design and ownership

# CUNDY PARK MASTER PLAN





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# ROTARY PARK

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Rotary Park is the first park as visitors approach Myrtleford. It is situated at the junction of Barwidgee and Happy Valley creeks. Users utilise the pedestrian bridge to start the Mosaic Trail and Ovens Trail Park Run.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration include:

- Ovens River trail
- Playground
- Toilet block

Rotary Park includes a playground, toilet, BBQ and shelter. The Mosaic Trail starts at Rotary Park. Accessibility is also limited for people to access and view the mosaics. There is limited parking on the site and riverfront could be better maintained.



Playground



Path and shelter



BBQ area



Pedestrian Bridge



Tobacco Kiln



Car park

# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Rotary Park in person or online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### Rotary Park, Myrtleford user groups:

- Mosaic Trail (The Crack Pots)
- Myrtleford and District Landcare and Sustainability
- Myrtleford Rotary Club
- Ovens Trail Park Run

### REQUEST

Accessible toilets
Off leash dog park
Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy including signage to facilities and areas around Myrtleford (including education, town entrance)
Upgrade signage to have correct distance markers
Expand the Mosaic Trail and DDA access
Upgrade swing bridge (widen bridge)
Parking (formalised)
Additional parking
Maintenance of river front
More bins
Expand playground across the river (nature play)
Upgrade water tap
Bird Stone Henge (future project)
Future plan for Bird Gallery
Fire pit

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS


## Opportunities

- ① Introduction of signage to emphasis Rotary Park as the starting point of Mosaic Trail.
- ② Breakout and viewing spaces along the river trail, enhance the experiences for seeing wildlife.
- ③ Integrate local art display with the walking trail.
- ④ Meeting and resting spaces to be proposed adjacent the Rotary Park playground and facilitate the growing user groups.
- ⑤ Potential to establish Barwidgee Creek to Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Walking Path including connection with Savoy Soccer Club



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Difficult for disabled people to access the park
- Ⓑ Car Parking facilities are not convenient and lack in amount
- Ⓒ Pedestrian and cyclist traffic flows mix up at the bridge

Scale: NTS 

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Wayfinding and signage
  - Install wayfinding and signage around Rotary Park
  - Upgrade distance markers
  - Install Welcome Signage along Great Alpine Road to highlight approach to Myrtleford Town Centre
- ② Assess and widen the swing bridge as required
- ③ Mosaic Trail
  - Expand extent of the Mosaic Trail
  - Ensure DDA access along the trail
- ④ Landscaping
  - Re-vegetate riverside. Engage with the Myrtleford and District Landcare and Sustainability Group, NECMA and Council to provide support to works
- ⑤ Nature Play Area / Playground
  - Expand playground across the creek to include nature play items (subject to approval from the Crown land owner)
- ⑥ Playground fencing
  - Improve fencing for child safety along Great Alpine Road
- ⑦ Frisbee/Disc Golf Course
  - Opportunity to install a 9-hole frisbee golf course at max 75m length per Par 3 hole (subject to approval from the Crown land owner. Extent of disc golf course subject to detailed design)



**LEGEND**

- Existing playground
- Proposed nature play
- Existing toilet
- Formalised parking
- Safety Fencing
- Frisbee/Disc Golf Course

Indicative scale (m)

0 20 40

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Note: All projects are subject to final costings, funding opportunities, detailed design and ownership



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# SWINBURNE PARK

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Swinburne Park is small local park situated around residential properties.

There is a playground on site, which has limited play options, such as a swing, rocker, see-saw and spinning pole. The basket swing looks like a recent addition, compared to the other items.

Additionally, there is a concrete path that runs from Swinburne Street to Ashdowne Avenue. There is some seating available next to the playground and some trees within the park.



Playground



Path and tree planting



Playground equipment



Tree planting



Footpath



Picnic area

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Develop a maintenance plan
- ② Ensure amenities such as seating and bins are sufficient for the local park
- ③ Provide more planting
- ④ Add fence along the boundary adjacent to the playground and street



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Close proximity to neighbouring houses. Will need to consider the impact of the intervention to these places.

Scale: NTS



Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.



### IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- ① Playground
  - Upgrade playground equipment at Swinburne Park
  - Providing trees and/or shade sails to provide shade to the playground
- ② Amenities
  - Provide seating and other park amenities such as a bin and drinking fountain
  - Install fence on the side between the playground and road at Swinburne Park
- ③ Path
  - Install an additional path to connect Macaulay Grove to the existing path



**LEGEND**

- Existing playground
- Tree
- Seating
- Fence

Indicative scale (m)

0 5 10

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Note: All projects are subject to final costings, funding opportunities, detailed design and ownership



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# MARCONI PARK

# MARCONI PARK

Marconi Park is small local reserve situated around residential properties. It is a grassy open space, with a concrete footpath and grass swale that runs across the reserve. Trees flank the perimeter.



Grass swale



Grass area



Swale



Signage



Path



Swale

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- ① Provide lighting for safe pedestrian movement
- ② Provide amenities such as bins, water tap and seating



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Flooding and erosion
- Ⓑ Proximity to the residential area

Scale: NTS



Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Provide seating along the path
- ② Enhance the vegetation around the park, including shade trees
- ③ Erosion control around the swale





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# MYRTLEFORD RECREATION RESERVE

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Myrtleford Recreation Reserve hosts a range of unique sport and active recreation facilities, including the Myrtleford Indoor Stadium, Showground, Rodeo Arena, Speedway, the Myrtleford Golf Course and Western Equestrian.

The reserve is on Crown Land, owned by Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Action. It is managed by the Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Committee.

The existing facilities and spaces for consideration included in the master plan is the Myrtleford Indoor Stadium, which is managed by an Alpine Shire Council Committee of Management.

The Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Committee of Management have concurrently completed their own master plan, and the schematic for this master plan can be viewed in Appendix A.



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

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## Sport facilities

### Indoor Stadium

The indoor stadium is used for basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball and squash. There are two courts, the original stadium was opened in 1982 and the extension was opened in 2019. Both courts are multi-lined. There are toilets, change rooms, a kiosk and some spectator seating.



Indoor stadium (old)



Indoor stadium (new)



Squash courts

The existing conditions described are based off observations during initial on-site, stakeholder and community engagement, and the Inside Edge audit, all completed in late 2022 - early 2023.



# USER GROUP CONSULTATION

## Summary

User group consultation occurred for Myrtleford Recreation Reserve in person or online.

The meetings were held to understand the current uses of the site, what works well and what needs improvement.

A summarised list of potential improvements mentioned by the user groups are tallied in the following columns.

### The user groups of Myrtleford Recreation Reserve that were consulted include:

- Myrtleford Golf Club
- Myrtleford Indoor Sports Stadium Committee of Management
- Myrtleford Lions Club
- Myrtleford Pony Club
- Ovens Valley Horseman's Association
- Riding Develops Ability
- Showgrounds Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Speedway
- The Myrtleford & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

REQUEST	REQUESTS
Develop a Maintenance Plan for the Reserve and Facilities	Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Resurface squash courts and redo linemarking
Develop a Traffic Management Plan for events	Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Install additional power supply points
Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy including signage to facilities and areas for each club	Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Online booking system
Upgrade roads and pathways for visitor safety	Upgrades to Reserve boundary and internal fencing
Formalise car parking at the Stadium (sealing and linemarking)	Upgrade Golf Club Cart Shed (Storage)
Upgrade electrical power supply	Upgrade Golf Course irrigation to an automatic system
Upgrade/provide seating to spectator areas (Sound Shell)	Investigate a dam or retarding basin for water storage
Upgrade/provide seating to spectator areas (Rodeo Arena)	Develop a tree planting program at the Golf Course (maintenance and succession)
Upgrade/provide seating to spectator areas (Speedway)	Upgrade electrical switchboard to the Golf Club House
Refurbish the AW Richardson Pavilion	Construct gravel access paths for carts and walkways at the Golf Course
Upgrade Pavilion offices and meeting rooms	Investigate potential for a driving range to attract younger users at the Golf Club
Improve the drainage within the site, develop a drainage plan to respond to flood events	Installation of Airfence to Speedway for certain events/races
Cattle Pavilion Improvements - resurface internal yard with sand	Provide toilet/shower facilities near the Speedway
Cattle Pavilion Improvements - outdoor sheltered arena	Plant shade trees to spectator areas next to Speedway
Cattle Pavilion Improvements - sealed road access to the pavilion	Investigate/develop a multi-use grandstand for Speedway and Rodeo users
Cattle Pavilion Improvements - sealed/formalised DDA carparking	Demarcate/define Rodeo Arena area better
Cattle Pavilion Improvements - accessible toilets and shower	Investigate opportunity to install an obstacle course near the arena for horses
Cattle Pavilion Improvements - install insulation	Investigate opportunity to cater to newer forms of riding activities such as Ranch Riding, Western Riding and Extreme Cowboy.
Remove 2x Nissan Huts to be demolished. New storage buildings to replace these.	Practice golf greens and nets
Provide sheltered outdoor gathering space for Recreation Reserve user groups and the public	
Install/improve lighting to arenas	
Install lighting to Speedway (20m towers)	
Upgrades to toilet and shower facilities	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Linemarking	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Insulation	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Storage	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Change rooms	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Spectator seating	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Exterior face lift (old stadium building)	
Upgrades to the Indoor Sports Stadium - Construct breezeway to connect the two stadiums	

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

## Opportunities

- ① Develop a maintenance plan to ensure the facilities are up kept
- ② Create a traffic management plan to minimise congestion when multiple events are occurring through the reserve
- ③ Provide wayfinding, signage, and a gateway
- ④ Improve the roads and pathways
- ⑤ Formalise car parking (sealed roads)
- ⑥ Electrical power to be upgraded
- ⑦ Provide additional seating - tiered seating in front of the sound shell, and grandstand seating in front of Rodeo Arena and the Speedway
- ⑧ Refurbish the AW Richardson Pavilion - insulate the building, add solar panels and upgrade the kitchen
- ⑨ Create a drainage plan to be better prepared for flooding and provide more drainage outlets
- ⑩ Transform the Cattle Pavilion to be suitable for all year use. Provide shelter and replace the ground surface with sand
- ⑪ Explore different horse riding sports/activities that are increasing in popularity. Consider providing facilities that cater to them, such as an obstacle course
- ⑫ Provide outdoor gathering spaces for the public and different user groups to utilise
- ⑬ Additional lighting around the reserve - including the Speedway and the different arenas
- ⑭ Upgrade toilet and shower facilities
- ⑮ Upgrade the indoor stadium to maximise the potential use - such as change rooms that connect to the old and new stadium and a permanent spectator space
- ⑯ Potential to establish Barwidgee Creek to Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Walking Path including connection with Savoy Soccer Club



## Constraints

- Ⓐ Myrtleford Showgrounds owned by DEECA causing management/maintenance issues
- Ⓑ Drainage needs to be assessed as certain areas throughout is prone to being waterlogged/flooded
- Ⓒ The showground holds a variety of events therefore needs to remain as flexible open space
- Ⓓ Existing established trees should be retained
- Ⓔ Site lines should not be compromised
- Ⓕ Lack of pedestrian access/connectivity from the town centre

Note: Opportunities and Constraints mapping were developed prior to the Schematic, Draft and Final Master Plans. Refer to the latest version of the Master Plan for proposed upgrades to each location/site.

# IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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**The improvement project list has been created to identify upgrades to existing facilities or new facilities needed at each site.**

**The list was compiled by assessing the current conditions of the facilities and identifying the minimum requirements for compliance with the respective sporting code and standards.**

## Sport facilities

### Indoor Stadium

Upgrades required include an exterior facelift to the old stadium, insulation, sound proofing, installation of air-conditioning, inclusion of fixed spectator seating, additional storage, a meeting room and additional power supply points.

The change rooms and toilets are due for an upgrade to be DDA accessible and gender inclusive.

The line marking in the old stadium is to be redone, including in the squash courts.

Formalising the car park for the stadium and providing dedicated DDA parking is necessary.

The Myrtleford Recreation Reserve Committee's master plan can be viewed in Appendix A.

### IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- ① Indoor Stadium
  - Stadium upgrades including exterior face lift, insulation and sound proofing, air-conditioning, fixed spectator seating, additional storage, meeting room, additional power supply
  - Upgrade toilet / change rooms
  - Surface line marking to be redone in old stadium
  - Run off distance to be compliant in old stadium
  - Resurface squash courts and line marking
  - Provide formalised parking





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## PRIORITY PROJECTS

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# PROJECT PRIORITISATION

All projects identified in this plan were evaluated against a set of key criteria to inform a project priority list.

To score and rank each project, a project assessment tool was developed from the eight key planning principles identified in the Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2022-2033.

Projects were scored on asset condition and sport-compliance; equity, accessibility and inclusivity; multi-use and adaptability, sport demand and future growth; sustainability; and sporting and regional significance.



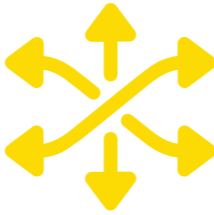



Projects were given a maximum score of 100 points. A rating of 'High' was given to projects that scored higher than 60 points, 'Medium' to projects that scored between 40 to 60 points, and 'Low' to projects that scored under 40 points. This evidence-based approach prioritises projects that will have the greatest impact on the Alpine Shire community while optimising use of our existing assets.

The project priority list will provide guidance to the Council's capital works program and will be consolidated with all other infrastructure project priority lists across the Alpine Shire. These include building upgrades and new proposed roads and pathways.

While only a small number of sport and active recreation projects have been identified as key priorities for the Council, the final delivery of a project is not necessarily limited to the project's priority rating or ranking. Should specifically tailored funding for projects rated a 'Medium' or 'Low' priority become available, Council may apply for this funding where appropriate.

The final construction and delivery of all projects is subject to Council approval, available funding opportunities, partnerships and collaborations with key stakeholders, and permission of the landowner.

## Project scoring criteria

					
ASSET CONDITION AND SPORT-COMPLIANCE	EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY	MULTI-USE AND ADAPTABILITY	SPORT DEMAND AND FUTURE GROWTH	SUSTAINABILITY	SPORTING AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
Considers the current condition of the facility/asset and if it is compliant to the sport level played	Increases access to the sport and inclusivity, regardless of abilities, age, gender, cultural background and socio-economic status	Supports more than one user group and/or is multi-purpose.	Supports future growth in participation and/or new programs	Considers environmental and economic sustainability to ensure long term viability and minimal negative effects	Considers the significance of the level of sport played, the impact on the community, the reputation of the sport in the area

# SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION PRIORITY PROJECTS

Location	Asset	Improvement Project	Priority
Cundy Park, Myrtleford	Playground	Upgrade playground to cater for all abilities, including accessible parking and pathways to the playground. Investigate relocation of toilet block, upgrading it to be DDA compliant.	VERY HIGH
Memorial Park, Myrtleford	Oval	Upgrade sub-surface drainage and irrigation (to an automated system) at Memorial Park oval to maximise the playability of the oval.	VERY HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Community building	Demolish existing Tennis Club house and Scout Hall and rebuild new community facility to cater for Tennis Club, Scout Hall and users of Les Peart Oval, with toilet facilities and storage	VERY HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Resurface oval and upgrade drainage	VERY HIGH
Myrtleford Recreation Reserve	Myrtleford Indoor Stadium	Upgrade toilet / change rooms	VERY HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Community building	New shared-use community facility, including public toilet and events space. Tenants to include Alpine Adult Riding Club and Pony Club	VERY HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Community building	New shared-use community facility, including public toilet, events space and Alpine Cycling Clubhouse (Cycling Hub)	VERY HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Netball courts	Include hangar type roof over courts. Construct a second court with both netball and basketball line markings. Include spectator seating and storage for netball and cricket club use	VERY HIGH
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Netball / tennis courts	Resurface netball/tennis courts	VERY HIGH
Cundy Park, Myrtleford	Skate park	Replace metal skate ramps with concrete ramp suitable for beginners	HIGH
Memorial Park, Myrtleford	Club house	Upgrade Memorial Park club house - potential to relocate clubhouse within the grounds to allow for more car park space near the childcare centre. Upgrade change rooms and toilets to be accessible and gender inclusive. Increase storage at Memorial Park including ground maintenance equipment	HIGH
Memorial Park, Myrtleford	Cricket pitch	Upgrade synthetic pitch and hard wicket. Ensure cricket pitch to be orientated north-south.	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Bicentennial Playground	Explore opportunities to include additional play options to cater to all abilities	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Upgrade irrigation system	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Oval	Upgrade irrigation systems	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Oval	Upgrade spectator seating	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Pavilion	General club house upgrades, including kitchen area	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Tennis Club	Repair ditch on court 2 and 3 to improve drainage	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Tennis Club	Upgrade enclosure fencing	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Provide additional storage to cater for the user groups of Les Peart Oval.	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Pondage	Explore opportunity to construct a viewing platform and boat ramp for small boats including kayaks and canoes.	HIGH
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Oval	Resurface oval and install new drainage	HIGH
Myrtleford Recreation Reserve	Myrtleford Indoor Stadium	Stadium upgrades including exterior face lift, insulation and sound proofing, air-conditioning, fixed spectator seating, additional storage, meeting room, additional power supply. Surface line marking to be redone.	HIGH

Note: Improvement Projects are listed in alphabetical order based on location, within their respective Priority groups.

Location	Asset	Improvement Project	Priority
Pioneer Park, Bright	Club house	Upgrade tennis clubhouse amenities to be accessible and gender inclusive	HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Criterion track	950m criterium track to be integrated into existing internal road (6m wide track, except for the finishing straight, which shall be 8m wide for the last 200m)	HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Netball courts	Hanger type roof over the courts	HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Resurface oval and upgrade drainage	HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Playground	Playground to be relocated to a centralised location. Provide all abilities equipment and cater to a wider age group. Provide seating and shelter, and plant additional trees to provide shade.	HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Pump track	Pump track to be capped	HIGH
Pioneer Park, Bright	Village Green	Lighting for events and sports practise/training	HIGH
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Ablett Pavilion	Ensure all player and umpire toilet & shower areas are compliant and female-friendly	HIGH
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Netball / tennis courts	Extend court area towards the north-west to enable a proposed netball show court to be converted from the existing netball and tennis court arrangement (one tennis court removed). Ensure new layout of courts to allow for minimum run off requirements for both netball and tennis (goals/sidelines: 3.05m and between courts 3.65m)	HIGH
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Oval	Upgrade sub-surface drainage of the oval for longer usage time and maximise playability.	HIGH
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Oval	Upgrade irrigation system	HIGH
Cundy Park, Myrtleford	Half Court	Inclusion of half-basketball court to cater for a wider-age group. Potential for a multi-line court and incorporation of netball ring.	MEDIUM
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Bowls Club	Upgrade Myrtleford Bowls Club - upgrade the toilet and change rooms to be DDA	MEDIUM
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	Upgrade irrigation system	MEDIUM
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	Upgrade to DDA access to club house and DDA accessible change rooms	MEDIUM
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	Upgrade enclosure fencing - include top and bottom rail fencing	MEDIUM
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	Replace retaining wall between tennis club and swimming pool	MEDIUM
Memorial Park, Myrtleford	Cricket nets	Upgrade Memorial Park cricket nets to 4 nets. Include curtain nets and power access. Orientate to north-south orientation	MEDIUM
Memorial Park, Myrtleford	Oval	Proposed 50 lux sports lighting for football training use	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Cricket nets	Upgrade cricket nets	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Add two junior soccer field line marking to both sides of the cricket pitch - sitting parallel	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Provide power access	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Provide spectator seating / mound at Les Peart Oval	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Les Peart Oval	Replace sections of the oval perimeter fence to make good	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Oval	Replace sections of the oval perimeter fence to make good	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Oval	Upgrade home and away interchange benches to include a detachable shelter at existing location	MEDIUM

Note: Improvement Projects are listed in alphabetical order based on location, within their respective Priority groups.



Location	Asset	Improvement Project	Priority
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Mount Beauty Recreation Reserve Oval	Upgrade sports lighting to LED 100 lux	MEDIUM
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Netball courts	Provide benches at the netball courts	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Cricket nets	Upgrade enclosure fencing	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Upgrade irrigation	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Provide spectator seating around the oval	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Replace home and away interchange benches	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Upgrade goal posts to be 10m and 6.5m	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Replace sections of the oval perimeter fence to make good	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Playground	Nature Play near Oaks Lawn	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Tennis club	Ensure accessible entry to clubhouse and courts	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Tennis courts	Provision for 2 additional courts with upgraded lights. Relocate hitwall.	MEDIUM
Pioneer Park, Bright	Village Green	Level grassed playing surface as required and resow to enable usage for training / junior / practice matches.	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Canine Club	Expand and upgrade clubhouse, including upgrade flooring, inclusion of toilets, increase in storage space, insulation, dog bathing area, undercover training area.	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Netball / tennis courts	Fencing at the tennis/netball courts to be upgraded	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Netball / tennis courts	Extend shelter at netball/tennis shelter for spectating	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Netball / tennis courts	Seating and shelter for players and scorers at tennis/netball courts	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Oval	Convert sports lighting to LED when current lighting needs replacement	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Oval	Include more spectating space around the oval, including sheltered seating	MEDIUM
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Umpire room	Upgrade size of umpire room	MEDIUM
Rotary Park, Myrtleford	Playground	Expand playground across the river to include nature play items (subject to approval from the Crown land owner)	MEDIUM
Rotary Park, Myrtleford	Grassed Open Area	Opportunity to install a 9-hole frisbee golf course at max 75m length per Par 3 hole (subject to approval from the Crown land owner)	MEDIUM
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Potential to improve sheltered areas for the rain at spectator areas if required.	MEDIUM
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Extend irrigation system to areas not irrigated but is required.	MEDIUM
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Install re-purposed lights at the practise area.	MEDIUM
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Upgrade coach box to include adequate seating for 9 people	MEDIUM
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Raise spectator area between Pitch 1 and 2	MEDIUM
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Turf conversion to be investigated	MEDIUM

Note: Improvement Projects are listed in alphabetical order based on location, within their respective Priority groups.

Location	Asset	Improvement Project	Priority
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Mount Beauty Reserve Oval	Upgrade size of goal posts to 10m and 6.5m	LOW
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Bowls Club	Convert one of the greens at Myrtleford Bowls Club to synthetic grass and cover only the synthetic green	LOW
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	Upgrade gate to have universal and emergency access	LOW
Jubilee Park, Myrtleford	Myrtleford Lawn Tennis Club	Expand machinery shed	LOW
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Athletics track	Develop athletic tracks such as long jump, adjacent to the CFA training strip	LOW
Mount Beauty Sports and Education Precinct	Gym equipment	Provide outdoor gym equipment	LOW
Pioneer Park, Bright	Arenas	Consolidate horse arenas to the northern area of Pioneer Park. Partition large arena to include small arena	LOW
Pioneer Park, Bright	Cricket nets	Provide power access to allow for bowling machines	LOW
Pioneer Park, Bright	Cricket pitch	Increase width of cricket pitch to be 28m x 2.8m and rotate pitch for optimum playing	LOW
Pioneer Park, Bright	Oval	Include time keepers and scorers box	LOW
Pioneer Park, Bright	Tennis courts	Convert Hotshot courts to Pickleball Courts	LOW
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Ablett Pavilion	Extension of the Ablett Pavilion to include a health and wellness facility, including gym and physio area	LOW
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Canine Club	Install fencing for an enclosed training area	LOW
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Netball / tennis courts	Install electronic scoreboard (and provide power access) at netball courts	LOW
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Oval	Replace home and away interchange benches	LOW
RC McNamara Reserve, Myrtleford	Oval	Include 3 pitch turf centre wicket	LOW
Savoy Soccer Club Myrtleford	Savoy Soccer Field	Upgrade and maintain turf areas to be used for practise or warm-ups. Fencing realignment to include these areas.	LOW

*Note: Improvement Projects are listed in alphabetical order based on location, within their respective Priority groups.*



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# APPENDIX

Appendix A - Myrtleford Recreation Reserve\_  
Schematic Design - Prepared by GroupGSA

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**IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- ① Golf Club
  - Construct gravel paths for carts and walkways
  - Replace practice nets
  - Expand putting green
  - Automatic irrigation system
  - Increase cart shed area
  - Golf club house upgrades including ramp to club house, DDA and gender inclusive toilets and change rooms, expanded/relocated office, solar hot water system, electrical switchboard
  - Develop a tree planting program at the Myrtleford Golf Course
- ② Cattle Pavilion
  - Upgrade Cattle Pavilion to include office space
  - Proposed amenities block with toilet, shower, storage and gathering area
  - Formalise car park and seal road to the Cattle Pavilion
  - Turn Cattle Pavilion to indoor arena – upgrade surface to sand and replace partitioning to be portable
  - Outdoor sheltered arena at Cattle Pavilion
  - Roof to be restored
- ③ Horsemen Arenas
  - Install/improve lighting to arenas
  - Obstacle course for horses near the Arena
  - Demarcate/define Rodeo Arena area better
  - Provide horsemen access roadway from Speedway area and around Main Arena on Northside
- ④ Main Arena
  - Install Grandstand on Spectator Embankment (Southside)
  - Install adjustable fencing around the arena
  - Resurface with grass and reform the base with drainage
- ⑤ Speedway
  - Provide air fence in Speedway
  - Provide lighting in Speedway (20m towers)
  - Provide toilet/shower facilities near the Speedway
  - Plant shade trees to spectator areas
- ⑥ Soundshell
  - Tiered seating at the Soundshell to allow for events such as outdoor cinema and concerts
- ⑦ General upgrades
  - Include wayfinding and signage, including entrance signage
  - Improve pathways and roads
  - Upgrade existing toilet blocks
  - Upgrade fencing - boundary and internal
  - Improve drainage
  - Pedestrian lighting
  - Infrastructure upgrades including water and electricity
  - Provide additional storage (replacement for Nissan Huts)
  - 5x 25000L Water retention tanks to be installed
  - Nissan huts to be replaced and area transformed into a gathering area / outdoor hub
  - Sheltered outdoor gathering space
- ⑧ Potential location for CFA HQ.



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