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## 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the gaps and opportunities analysis

This is a report of identified gaps and opportunities that will inform the Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan. These gaps and opportunities are reviewed and analysed to determine strategic directions for individual assets of Council's sport and recreation network, as well as for the network as a whole.

The identification of the various gaps and opportunities for sport and recreation planning in the shire has been derived from a number of baseline data sources:

- Demographic analysis
- Review of sport and recreation future trends
- Key stakeholder consultation, including user groups
- Community consultation
- Property condition reporting

For each of Council's sport and recreation assets, the gaps and opportunities identified from these sources are described in context to audit information, which summarises asset details including size, improvements, age and condition, along with patronage and use particulars where known.

A strategic response is then discussed, with recommendations of what future direction and key to take forward into the Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan.



2 Baseline data

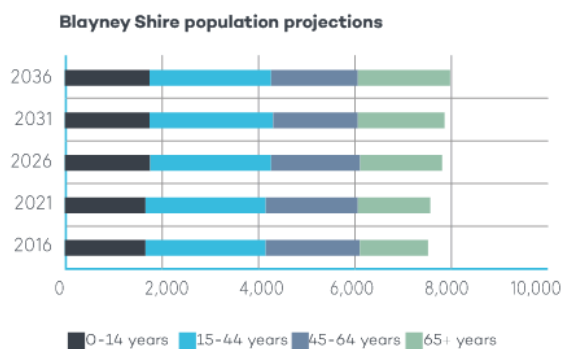
## 2.1 Demographic drivers

Demographic analysis for Blayney Shire establishes drivers for a sport and recreation plan for the shire, and the need to provide for increased participation from the community.

Along with other Council determinations, demographic indicators establish an overall need for the Blayney Shire SRP, based primarily on growing levels of overweight and obesity, and decreasing levels of adequate physical activity for children for the Western NSW health district (including Blayney).

The demographic data further identifies trending changes in Blayney's age profile, providing insight as to the needs of different cross sections of the population.

As at the 2016 Census (Australian Bureau of Statistics, ABS), the population of Blayney Shire was 7,457.



Review of ABS and other demographic data highlights the following influences on planning for sport and recreation.

- Western NSW and Far West health districts (including Blayney) have the highest obesity rates of 12-17-year olds in NSW (30.4%).
- Western NSW health district (including Blayney) has the third highest level of adult overweight and obesity (63.9%).
- 29.5% of children in the Western NSW health district aged 5-15 get adequate physical activity, whereas 48.7% displayed sedentary behaviours (children getting adequate physical activity is in a downward trend).
- For adults, 42.6% get adequate physical activity, with the Western NSW health district at 7th amongst the 16 health districts in NSW.
- Overall Blayney has an ageing population
- Shire school enrolments are stable or declining (exception Millthorpe and Neville)
- Blayney has 4.94% of people having a need for assistance for core activities at 4.94% (vs. 5.4% for NSW)

The observations made from the demographic data are indicators of the need for:

- Infrastructure to service an ageing population
- More accessible infrastructure or programs for everyone and especially 12-17 year olds
- Awareness of health and well-being outcomes from participation in activity and sport
- Universal access to and between infrastructure and facilities
- Stable population projections suggest that total demand and participation for sport and recreation will likely remain stable

## 2.2 Demand for sport and recreation

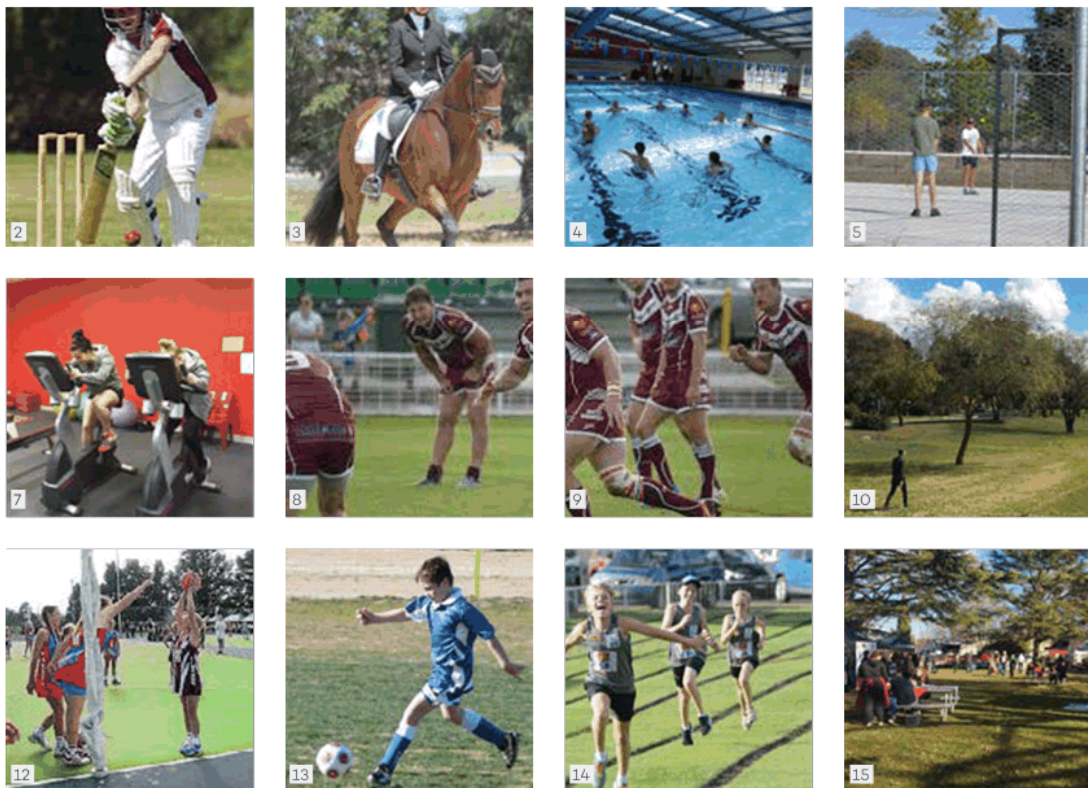
Sport and recreation in Blayney Shire includes participation in a great range of formal and informal pursuits: competitions, training sessions, long walks, short rides, rural specialities, indoor, outdoor, team and individual pursuits.

It's a long list and the following is not assumed to be an absolute list, but certainly, it is an indication of just how big a sporting shire, Blayney is.

- |                                   |                |                          |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| • Cricket                         | • Team penning | • Running                |
| • Athletics                       | • Ballet       | • Hockey                 |
| • Junior rugby league             | • Shooting     | • Squash                 |
| • Senior rugby league/ league tag | • Martial arts | • Rock climbing          |
| • Rugby union                     | • Tennis       | • Aqua aerobics          |
| • Junior soccer                   | • Swimming     | • Spectating             |
| • Senior soccer                   | • Gymnastics   | • Playground play        |
| • Netball                         | • Table tennis | • Skating/ skateboarding |
| • Equestrian                      | • Golf         | • Walking the dog        |
| • Dressage                        | • Lawn bowls   | • Gym/ personal training |
| • Harness racing                  | • Cycling      | • AFL                    |
| • Fishing                         | • Ice skating  |                          |
| • Basketball                      | • Rowing       |                          |
|                                   | • Yoga         |                          |
|                                   | • Walking      |                          |







Images provided by Blayney Shire Council

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Blayney to Bathurst cycle event (sport tourism) | 6. Exercise class for seniors at Centrepont | 12. Netball                                    |
| 2. Cricket at Dakers Oval                          | 7. Burning calories at Centrepont gym       | 13. Soccer                                     |
| 3. Equestrian rider at Blayney Showgrounds         | 8. Blayney NRL at King George Oval          | 14. Little athletics                           |
| 4. Aqua aerobics class at Centrepont               | 9. Blayney NRL at King George Oval          | 15. Blayney Farmers markets at Carrington Park |
| 5. Tennis at youth week activities                 | 10. Meandering at Frogs Hollow              |                                                |
|                                                    | 11. Tennis at Heritage Park                 |                                                |

While this list is a report of all the different sport and recreational pursuits identified to us through our information gathering, this gaps and opportunities analysis will be most significantly informed through taking a closer look at the demands for certain key sports, identified by virtue of their needs associated with Council's more major sporting infrastructure.



#### Soccer

- Fastest growing sport (club) in the nation
- Despite this experiencing declining numbers in Blayney, potentially owing to poor club accommodations
- Currently train at Napier, play fixtures at Blayney Showgrounds and Redmond Oval, Millthorpe

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**262 : 280**



#### Swimming

- Second-most participated in sport for adults in the nation
- Lack of qualified trainers in Blayney
- Low impact recreation suitable for older people (Blayney has an ageing population)


Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**30 : same**



**Netball**

- Failing committee/ lower participation
- Drawn to other regional competitions
- Netball courts at end of life and being re-surfaced; but lower demand may not warrant extensive upgrades (fewer regular fixtures)

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**80 : 100**



**Rugby union**

- Played at King George Oval and Redmond Oval within Blayney Shire
- Senior and junior competitions
- Training at KGO

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**58 : same**



**Rugby league**

- Most popular sporting code in Blayney
- Continued growth in women's league
- Large spectator/ fan base
- Regular fixtures and training at King George Oval

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**216 : same**



**Little athletics**

- Booming popularity
- 130 members in first year

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**140 : same**



**Equestrian**

- Includes equestrian, show jumping, team penning, dressage, pony club
- Regional attractor
- Reflects rural character of Blayney Shire
- Participation in many locations around the shire, with Blayney Showgrounds proposed to undergo upgrades for a multi-purpose equestrian centre

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**225 : 295**



**Cricket**

- Junior and senior
- Cricket pitches in most villages

Membership  
CURRENT : EXPECTED  
**105 : 200**

## 2.3 Future trends in sport and recreation

To inform the gaps and opportunities for sport and recreation provision in Blayney Shire, understanding future influences will provide critical insight as to how Blayney Shire's sport and recreation network should be planned for robust and flexible service provision for changing and future needs.

National studies into sport and recreation participation and trends is undertaken by the Australian Government through a collaboration of agencies. AusPlay is a national survey administered by the Australian Sports Commission recording data on the sporting pursuits of Australians; and the CSIRO and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) have reported<sup>1</sup> on mega-trends of the sports sector, relevant to changing lifestyles and opportunities in Australian society.

The mega-trends identified by CSIRO and the ASC are shown on the page opposite.

Other trends that have been identified through a review of leading literature<sup>2</sup> include:



Most popular sport adults: walking (recreational) 42.6%



Most popular through organised/venue: fitness/ gym 25.6%



Most popular sport kids organised out of school hours: swimming 30%



Most popular club sport (kids/adults combined): soccer 4.5% of population (18.8% of club population)

<sup>1</sup> *The future of Australian Sport Summary: Mega-trends shaping the sports sector over coming decades*, Australian Sports Commission (Australian Government), and CSIRO

<sup>2</sup> *2016. AusPlay Participation data for the sport sector: Summary of key national findings October 2015 to September 2016 data*, Australian Sports Commission (Australian Government)

#### Mega-trends in Australia's sport sector



1

**A perfect fit** – fitness is more and more important to Australians but this is seen through increased participation in aerobics, walking, jogging and gym memberships, with static/ declining sport club memberships in contrast



2

**From extreme to mainstream** – increasing popularity of more adventurous/ extreme sports, including for spectator preferences



3

**Recognition of the broader benefits of sport** – physical, mental, social and community well-being



4

**Everybody's game** – need for response to changing demographics including continued participation despite ageing populations and multicultural preferences for sporting participation



5

**New wealth new talent** – wealth growth in Asia feeds into sporting competition including interest and investment in improving international performance of sports talents, as well as interest in growing market for sports services, and equipment.



6

**Tracksuits to business suits** – commercial nature of professional sports will influence elite athlete attraction to arenas where the pay is more substantial, and this commerciality to sport can affect sports participation and club operations, increasing cost to participate (shifting away from community based organisations to commercial structures)

As well these following trends in competitive sport participation<sup>3</sup> are noted:

- Just one in five Australians now regularly play competitive sports, down from 27% in 2001
- Participation rates in competitive sports among men and women in most different age groups have shrunk by well over 20%
- In 2001, 34% of men and 20% of women (aged 14+) played one or more competitive sports regularly; by 2016 it was just 26% and 14% respectively
- Young men aged 14 to 24 remain the most likely to play competitive sports, however the participation rate has fallen well below half: down from 57% in 2001 to 42% in 2016
- The sharpest proportional declines have been among women aged 35 to 49 and 50+. These groups were already the least likely to play any competitive sport 15 years ago (both 16%), and now just 9% and 10% do, respectively
- Compared with other segments, the decrease in regular competitive sports participation has been smallest among men aged 35 to 49 (from 27% to 25%) and women aged 14 to 24 (from 38% to 33%). For the men, the overall rate has been bolstered by increased participation in the less strenuous competitions of golf, darts, pool and bowling. Among young women, the lower popularity of cricket, tennis, field hockey and gymnastics has been offset, in part, by increased participation in soccer, volleyball and, yes, Australian Rules football

#### What does this mean for planning Blayney's sport and recreation future?

- The SRP is Council's plan to reverse declining participation numbers in all sports and recreation
- The SRP should aspire to offset increasing inactivity in the Nation's population through planning for the provision of the right kind of infrastructure for the shire's communities
- The SRP will need to outline priorities that ensure individual sport and recreation activities are provided for through the shire
- The SRP will need to encourage and provide access to sport and recreational pursuits for all age groups in Blayney

<sup>3</sup> 2017. Aussies are losing their competitive spirit for sport; Findings no. 7182. Web-page accessed 18-06-2017, Roy Morgan Research

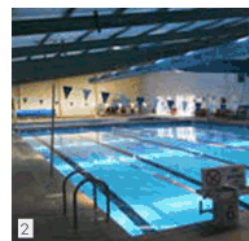
## 2.4 Audit of assets

A high level audit of Council's sport and recreation assets throughout the shire has been undertaken.

It summarises details of the asset, including size, improvements, age and condition of the infrastructure and patronage and use particulars where known.

Along with identified gaps in each asset's provision of service from the consultation, property condition reporting and trends review, it also identifies opportunities for improvements to each of the assets and any challenges that may need further consideration.

The analysis discussion of the audit summaries, compares findings to align with Council's current strategies and directions, such as proposed priority actions of the Sports Council, Village Community Plans, Council's Active Movement Strategy and other relevant planning and policy documents. The analysis discussion is made in the following chapter.



1. Spectator and participant infrastructure at King George Oval
2. Indoor facilities unique at Centrepoint, Blayney
3. Community contribution: refurbished Newbridge tennis court, Newbridge
4. Nature reserves are an valuable for passive recreation - Frog's Hollow, Blayney
5. Playground equipment, with Heritage Park as the pinnacle, Blayney
6. Historic and quaint but not fit for purpose - the Carcoar Crows change rooms, Carcoar
7. Line markings are an operational essential for sports fields - Napier Oval
8. Amenity - canteens, change rooms, toilets-make game day

## 2.5 Community consultation

As part of developing the Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan (SRP), Blayney Shire Council invited the community and different sporting organisations to participate in early conversations and provide input to help plan for the future of sport and recreation in Blayney.

The consultation program included the public issue of a discussion paper, a community online survey, a survey for other stakeholders, one-on-one interviews, public displays and a vision workshop.

The SRP will respond to demand and supply requirements for sport and recreation facilities across the shire, and the feedback from community and other stakeholders helps identify what's here, what's needed and different priorities for the community.

Identified gaps and opportunities from the consultation works have been included in the following analysis section.

A full summary of consultation results is provided in preceding works:

- Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan: Community Consultation Summary prepared by Place Design Group (July 2017); and
- Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan: Research and Engagement Report prepared by WRI (August 2017).

Further to the gaps, opportunities and priorities identified through the stakeholder consultation, a key statement of aspirations for the SRP was developed as part of the consultation activities.



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1. Vision workshop
2. Day 1 public display Adelaide Street, Friday 26 May 2017
3. Day 2 public display Blayney Visitor Information Centre - Saturday 27 May 2017
4. Having a shot at the title - engagement activities Day 2
5. Blayney Farmers Markets - collection of public comments
6. Blayney Farmers Markets - the battle continues
7. Doing the Frank Chats survey
8. Post-it comments from Day 1



## Aspirations for the Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan

*The Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan will aspire to guide and facilitate a complementary **sport and recreation network** for the shire, universally **accessible** to all parts of the community, to encourage **participation** for all.*

*In aspiring and creating a complementary and accessible network of sport and recreation assets, the benefits of **health, well-being, social capital and pride** in Blayney's sport and recreational community can be realised for the shire.*

*Participation through active and passive recreation, formal and informal sport, training, spectating, or volunteering will be supported through the Blayney Shire SRP aspiring to deliver a **diverse range of activities** for participation through the whole shire.*

*The Blayney Shire SRP will provide a strategy for Council's **efficient and cost-effective** delivery of the right infrastructure, in the right place. It will prioritise **multi-purpose, integrated facility planning** to ensure robust outcomes for assets is achieved.*

*The Blayney Shire SRP will establish priorities and program works for key assets in accordance with relevant strategies and concept master plans for major facilities.*



3. Gaps and opportunities analysis

### 3.1 Introduction to analysis

This chapter provides an account and discussion of the gaps and opportunities identified for each of Council's sport and recreation assets.

The discussion suggests appropriate strategic responses, priorities and actions to be adopted in the final SRP. It is a two tier approach, acknowledging a more concentrated network of facilities in Blayney town, and the local functionality of assets in through the shire villages.

A summary of the gaps and opportunities from the baseline data is tabulated as context to the discussion of a the preferred strategic directions.


### 3.2 Blayney (town) assets

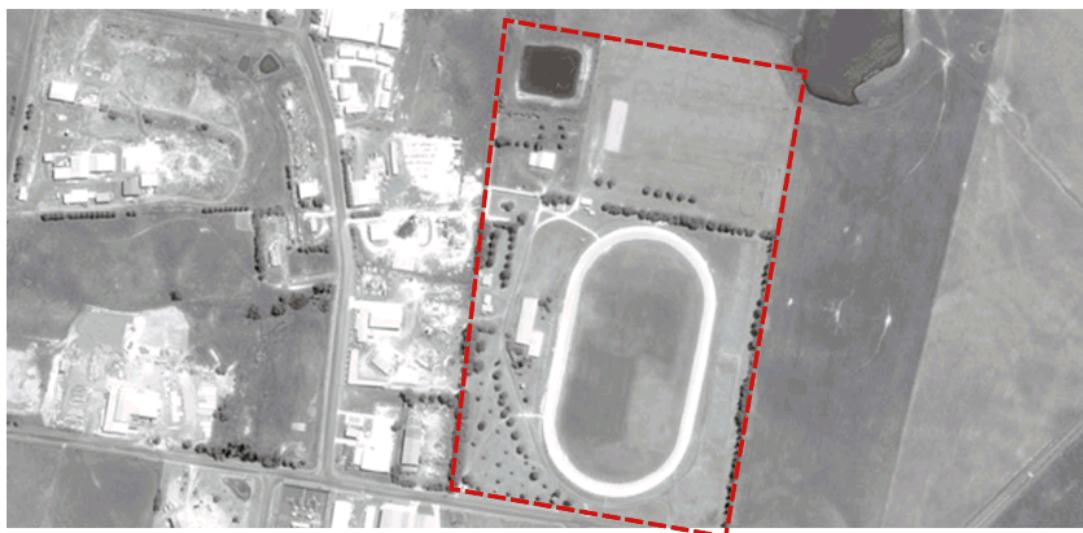
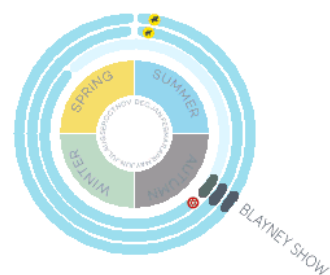
As Blayney (town) has been identified as having the greatest network of the shire's sport and recreation facilities, strategic responses to the gaps and opportunities analysis are first addressed for each facility and then considered as a whole of network plan.



## Blayney Showground

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	19.60 ha		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Showground, horse track, sports ground, bookable for one-off large events		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	Blayney Agricultural and Pastoral Association Blayney Trotting Association	Blayney FC Central West Dressage	Carcoar and District Pony Club Orange Equestrian Club
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Horse track Soccer fields	Sand arenas	Yards Cattle pavilion
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Clubhouse/ canteen Toilets	Storage shed Car parking on-site	Stables
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	New multi-purpose covered equestrian and livestock arena		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	New kitchen 2017		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Internal access roads not sealed	Fields: good working order, not all are irrigated	Dining areas dated New kitchen



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Showground not considered good fit for soccer (conflicts with use – training and races – by harness racing)	Consider re-location of soccer fixtures	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Covered equestrian and livestock arena project has support from Council	Incorporate covered arena as key piece of infrastructure in master planning design and concept	
Consultation	Change rooms need better fit out	Incorporate as works detail in master planning design and concept	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Seating/ spectator facilities needed	Incorporate spectator facilities in master planning design and concept	
Blayney Shire Council	New kitchen recently installed	None specified	
Consultation	Outside of event times the Blayney Showground is locked and inaccessible	Consider fencing and management of gateways in master planning design and concept	ACCESS – CIRCULATION
Blayney Shire Council	Soccer fields are no-go area for weeks after the Blayney Show	Consider re-location of soccer fixtures	MAINTENANCE

Blayney Showground is the largest in site area of Council's sport and recreation assets in the shire.

The grounds are optimally used for large scale events, and aside from the Blayney Show in February or March each year, the facility also accommodates several annual or twice annual equestrian events, monthly equestrian meets, seasonal soccer fixtures (junior and senior), harness races and training, and the potential for one-off events such as a circus or large exhibition.

While some improvements have been undertaken in recent years the grounds have evolved in an ad hoc manner, with several user groups placing different requirements on infrastructure and functions. This has created some inefficiency in terms of expenditure and design.

It is proposed that the Blayney Showground continues to capitalise on its unique servicing of equestrian sports, and noting that the SRP supports the re-location of soccer to another more central facility, the opportunity to consolidate planning of the grounds for this primary function can be actualised.


A major feature of the future of the Blayney Showground is Council's commitment to provide a multi-purpose covered arena in the north of the grounds. This will provide new opportunities for equestrian sports to expand to all-weather events and programs, and will benefit the majority of users in the group.

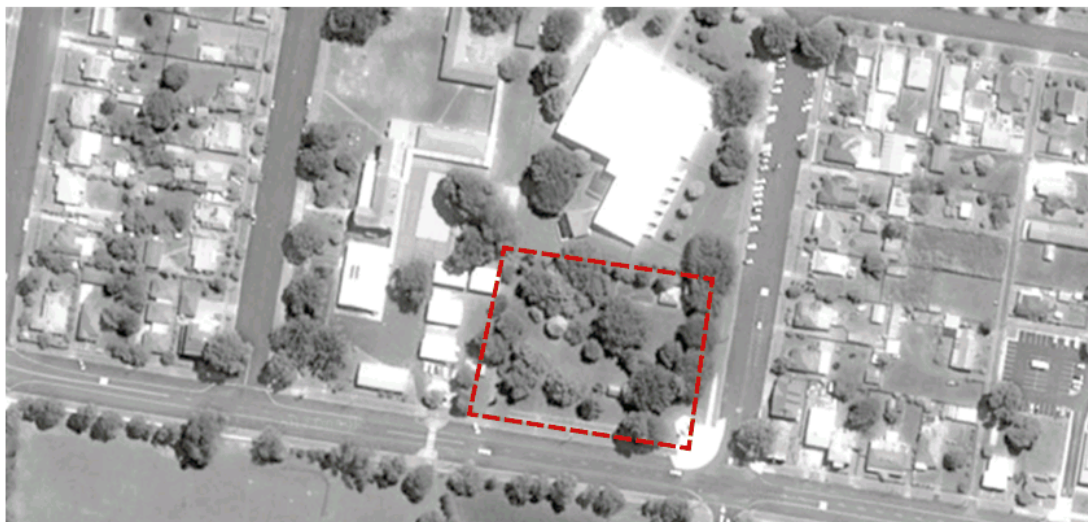
To further capitalise on branding and promoting the grounds as the regional destination for equestrian sports, other improvements to the facilities should aim for a high standard of service, with qualities that align with competition standard infrastructure and amenity (aligning with strategic priorities of the showground equestrian user group, for example upgrades to stables, lighting, cross country jumps, camping facilities, spectator seating, car parking etc.).

A concept master plan for the Blayney Showground will be a part of the SRP and will aim to provide for the vision of an efficiently designed, regional facility, that promotes not only the high standards of equestrian sportsmanship in the region, but also Blayney as a regionally recognised centre of excellence for equestrian activities.

## Carrington Park

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	7,830 m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	War memorial, Monthly farmers markets, passive recreation, children's park		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public	Farmers Markets	RSL
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	War memorial gates		
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Picnic tables	Children's playground	Rotunda
	BBQ shelter	Rose garden	Toilets
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	N/A		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	BBQ shelter (2016)	Rotunda (2016)	
<b>Current conditions</b>	Generally fit for purpose, some minor fixes to servicing (e.g. water connections to BBQ) identified		



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Shared pathway through Blayney to key parks would support access for local kids	Aligns with Blayney Shire Council Active Movement Strategy	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Consultation	Carrington and Heritage Park equipment not suitable for under 3s	Consider as strategic action for Carrington Park under the SRP	ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
Research (policy, literature, media)	Programs to engage public in use of recreation assets for fitness (i.e. if outdoor fitness equipment is installed), could be coordinated with Centrepoint	Consider as strategic action for Carrington Park	
Consultation	More outdoor fitness equipment as part of park assets would provide free access (suitable in Carrington as close to Centrepoint)	Consider as strategic action for Carrington Park in support of 'fitness' precinct based on Centrepoint	ACCESS - AFFORDABILITY
Consultation	Water services not connected to BBQ	<i>None specified (works completed by Council for BBQ upgrades)</i>	MAINTENANCE
Consultation	Inadequate care to rose garden in Carrington Park	<i>None specified (new roses planted in 2016 with arbour to specifically address this issue)</i>	

Carrington Park is ceremoniously defined by the significant war memorial gates at its south west corner, a tribute to Australia servicemen and women, and a monument which the park character should respect.

The park has a playground and toilet block in the north-east corner, a rotunda, picnic shelter, seating and BBQ area also. Aside from memorial services, the park is used most prominently for the monthly Blayney Farmers Markets, bringing a rich selection of regional produce, music and activities to Blayney and drawing visitors from many different parts of the region.

Recreational uses are understood to be generally informal and the playground is well-used although some public comment suggests that the playground lacks equipment for under 3-year-olds. Recent upgrades to the sheltered BBQ area are being completed.

With its use for specialised events and gatherings, park infrastructure needs to be adaptable, and specific services such as power, lighting and water will need to be maintained to a level that supports these kinds of activities (and has been maintained to date as fit for purpose including being upgraded to provide for new uses such as the monthly farmers markets).

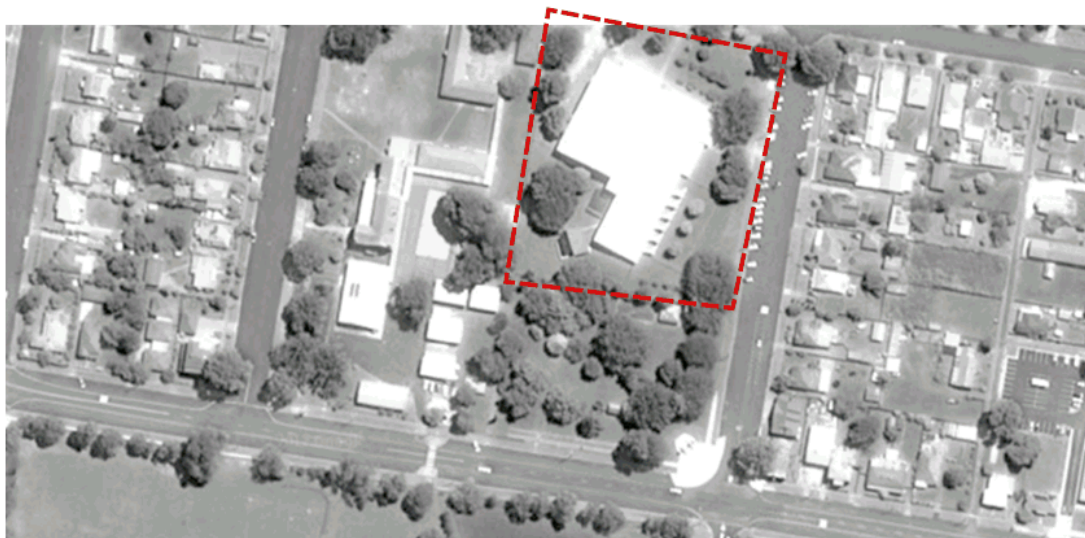
Other opportunities to improve the park will be relevant to its accessibility and its connection to the town centre. The park constitutes a second activity generator (Active Movement Strategy, GHD 2017) and pedestrian connections along Church Street are well used. Neighbouring uses such as schools and Centrepoint fitness centre make this a natural part of an important movement hub. As part of this active movement network, the park is an excellent opportunity to incorporate outdoor gym equipment, which would reinforce the fitness character and function of the adjoining Centrepoint fitness centre.

With regard to landscape improvements in the park, comments from the consultation were made about the improvement of the rose garden in the park, and the idea to use rose varieties (such as the RSL Rose) in respect of the war memorial was suggested. While this is supported as a highly implementable action under the SRP, Council have recently made improvements to the gardens, planting new roses in 2016 with arbour to enhance planting maintenance and presentation.

## Centrepoint

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	13,626m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Indoor swim and fitness centre, paid entry		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public Scouts	Personal trainers	Swimming squad
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Swimming pools Rehabilitation pool Kids swimming pool	Weights room Aerobics room Scout hall	Dry courts Outdoor recreation areas
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Change rooms; showers and toilets; some food vending; pump building		
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Heating system, ramp access to pool, canteen, BBQ to be added to wet deck area		
<b>Last upgrades</b>			
<b>Current conditions</b>	50 year old facility, requires some further upgrades; heating system unable to maintain different water temperatures between pools		





IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Ensure training programs and resources support core service areas of centre e.g. highest quality swimming programs/ and coaches to inspire all abilities as well as competitive performance	Consider as strategic action	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Pool water heating system needs refurbishment	None specified (current planning as part of Council works program)	
Consultation	Additions to Centrepoint amenity infrastructure (such as climbing walls) would cater to greater number of interests	Consider as strategic action	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Hydrotherapy pool at Centrepoint needs access ramp	None specified (current planning as part of Council works program)	ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
Consultation	Cost of entry to Centrepoint can be prohibitive	Escalation of entry costs are not sought through the SRP however, management may determine that ongoing costs of some strategic actions (new facilities, more staff, new programs) can only be supported through increased revenue	ACCESS - AFFORDABILITY

Centrepoint is an important asset for Council, being its major indoor facility and requiring an ongoing commitment of resources to staff and maintain.

The core service is indoor – meaning all year – swimming infrastructure. Three heated pools are provided (swimming, rehabilitation and kids pool), along with dry courts (basketball, netball, volleyball), weights room, aerobics room, and a Scouts hall. Group class trainers, personal trainers, coaches, lifeguards, and reception personnel are all roles staffed by Council employees. Other external trainers or competition groups are also able to make use of the various exercise facilities paying a fee where accessing as an independent commercial operator.

User access to Centrepoint is by entry fee, and users may purchase single entry or memberships, with varying rates for access to the different facilities over 3, 6 or 12-month durations. Personal training and group training programs incur costs.

The centre has been operating for more than 50 years, with some minor upgrades having been provided through this time, and a major upgrade to facilities is being currently planned by Council. Works to be considered under this upgrade (estimated cost \$4.5M) include interactive children’s water playground, a wet level pool deck and lift in the 25-metre lap pool, disabled access in the middle pool via an access ramp, individual pool temperature controls, unisex accessible toilet facilities and a family change room (2017, Blayney Chronicle). These proposed inclusions will address some of the gaps identified through the consultation process.

With costs associated to accessing the pool, there is a need to balance Council’s resource costs (staff, maintenance) and minimum service delivery, with the perceived affordability to access the centre. Inevitably improving service standards increases costs, and this is most simply passed to the end user. Some commentary has been made regarding existing entry costs being prohibitive for some families (based on size of family and circumstances) and the SRP will be guided by the outcomes of Council’s current planning for the centre.

Improvement opportunities otherwise identified for Centrepoint are to increase the offering such that a more dynamic range of activities is available to the users (a climbing wall was suggested, by way of example). The addition of ‘just for fun’ activities to the existing ‘for health and well-being’ activities could improve the appeal and the perceived acceptable price point for centre access. This is also an opportunity to improve the offering of recreational activities that appeal to teenagers and community consultation identified teenager engagement as inadequate (SRP Community Consultation Summary, Place Design Group 2017).

Aside from hard infrastructure improvements, programming opportunities have also been identified out of a lack of sufficient services, including the need to improve the swimming coaching program as support for the core swimming services of the centre. In addition to promoting performance of swimmers and athletes, it will provide a significant branding benefit to the centre as a high quality, credible training centre, and will help optimise centre functions, as a regional attractor for sports infrastructure.

## Dakers Oval

### SITE AUDIT

Size	13,626m <sup>2</sup>		
Current operational purpose	Cricket and passive recreation		
Current sport and recreation usage			
Current user groups	General public	Blayney cricket	Dog walkers
Operational infrastructure	Cricket pitch	Port-a-loo hired for summer months	
Amenity infrastructure	Nil		
Existing proposed upgrades	Support from Sports Council for construction of new toilets, fencing		
Last upgrades	N/A		
Current conditions	Surface: satisfactory	Flood prone land	



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Dakers Oval is potential site for cricket fixtures	Consider as part of Blayney Town network strategy	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Many assets don't perform well in wet weather (i.e. winter)	Consider strategic action to provide adequate drainage of site	
Consultation	Dakers Oval has no operational infrastructure for sport (lights, fencing, irrigation or drainage systems etc..)	Consider strategic action to provide adequate operational infrastructure, focusing on cricket	
Existing strategies	Cricket practice nets	Consider as strategic action	
Consultation	400m running track could be included	Consider as strategic action that will support multi-purpose objectives for greatest value for investment	
Consultation	Dakers Oval has no amenity infrastructure (e.g. clubhouse, seating, toilets, car parking, shelters)	Consider as strategic action in alignment with Sports Council priority actions (2017)	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Funding of asset upgrades not perceived as equitable across assets	Consider investment priorities as part of strategies and implementation plan, incorporating Blayney Town as the focus for high quality, accessible infrastructure	FUNDING
Blayney Shire Council	Political support exists for Dakers Oval to be upgraded and fully services for cricket fixtures	Consider as part of Blayney Town network strategy	NEW FACILITY

Dakers Oval is a minimally improved sports ground, that provides a cricket pitch and field, in a picturesque setting, located one block away from the town centre of Blayney. It's bounded by small waterways and the Belubula River, and as such is seasonally constrained through being flood prone.

The oval is currently used by cricket for occasional matches, and more regularly by dog-walkers and joggers.

There is a significant push to upgrade the oval for the purpose of creating a dedicated and serviced cricket ground, requiring investment in all new amenity infrastructure. Suggestions for improvements include fencing for playing ground, lights, change rooms and toilets. The Sports Council priority actions (Priority ListFeb17 ADOPTED [Excel spreadsheet]), Blayney Sports Council 2017) includes support from the Blayney Sports Council for the provision of toilets and fencing, as well as practice cricket nets.

However, it is noted that this is a single cricket pitch on flood prone land. Construction of new facilities in this location requires engineered solutions to maximise flood resilience for Council investment, adding significant costs to the necessary works (raising buildings, protection of lighting system, large capacity draining systems, maintenance after flood events etc..).

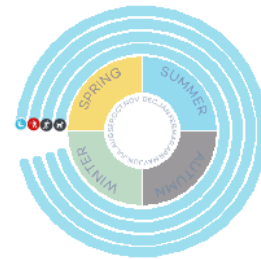
Should the service offering be able to be expanded to provide more playing grounds i.e. into private lands to the north, then it may be considered that investment in all new facilities would be warranted. Until such commitment is made the SRP supports the provision of low cost infrastructure, where at lower risk of damage from inundation. This would include fencing and perhaps practice nets, but would support building structures such as toilets, only where suitably protected from inundation i.e. on higher ground.

A master plan concept for Dakers Oval will be part of the SRP showing a short-term concept for minor improvements, and a longer-term concept for the incorporation of more substantial infrastructure provided on the basis of risk resilient design.

## Heritage Park

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	49,170m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Playground, tennis courts, bio-detention, off-leash dog area		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public, in particular families	Blayney tennis	Dog walkers
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Children's playground Tennis courts	Adventure park Off-leash dog area	Liberty swing
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Amphitheatre Toilets	Bio-detention/ bird habitat area	On-site car parking
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Skatepark		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	4 tennis courts re-surfaced (2017)		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Playground areas: Good	Tennis: satisfactory	



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Heritage Park has room for a skate park and there is currently no skate park facilities in Blayney Town	Incorporate skate park as part of master plan design and concept in alignment with current Council planning	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Shared path through Blayney to parks would improve access for local kids	Aligns with Blayney Shire Council Active Movement Strategy	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Consultation	Carrington and Heritage Park equipment not suitable for under 3's	Consider as strategic action under the SRP	ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
Consultation	Opportunities to diversify park equipment for more diverse user groups - e.g. adults, under 3's and teenagers	Strategic actions being considered for skate park (teenagers), outdoor fitness equipment (adults) and playgrounds for under 3's	
Consultation	More outdoor fitness equipment as part of park assets would provide free access	Incorporate outdoor fitness equipment as part of master plan design and concept	ACCESS - AFFORDABILITY
Blayney Shire Council	Opportunity to re-locate off-leash dog park to Albert Park to re-purpose area in Heritage Park (car parking?)	Consider as strategic action under the SRP	ACCESS - MANAGEMENT
Consultation	Off-leash dog area fencing has gaps (literally) and faulty locks	Consider recommendation around Council's expected design standards and intent for off-leash dog areas (is the purpose worth improved standards and maintenance?)	MAINTENANCE
Consultation	Chip bark softfall surface is problematic for some children (breeding ground for pests, allergy risk)	Consider recommendation for cost benefit analysis of replacing chip bark as strategic action under the SRP	

Heritage Park is highly valued by the community, reflected in many positive comments made in the consultation responses, as well as in its high usage.

With its location on the Mid Western Highway, access has opportunity to be greatly improved with enhanced pedestrian crossings of the highway improving safer links to the park. An extension of this is also the consolidation of pedestrian and cycle ways through town, providing greater accessibility to and circulation for locals and in particular for children. In particular the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy (GHD 2017) identifies improved shared-path connections (Stillingfleet Street, Martha Street and along river precinct) linking Dakers Oval to Heritage Park as a priority project. This would be further supported through a signage and wayfinding strategy (shire-wide) that will raise awareness and legibility of the network and safe crossing behaviour. Internally to the park, a path around the tennis courts would integrate this key feature as part of the play area and within the identity of the park and its offerings.


There is also opportunity to incorporate some greater range of infrastructure for use by a greater range of age groups, with under 3's, adults and teenagers all identified as having insufficient or unsuitable infrastructure with which to recreate

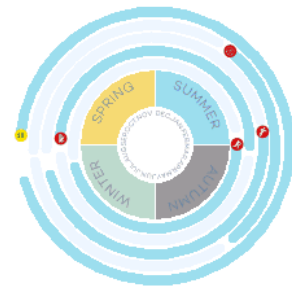
(both in the park and within town). Specifically consideration will be given to planning for under 3's playground equipment and outdoor fitness equipment as suitable to Heritage Park.

A skatepark has been proposed for Heritage Park and will be an opportunity considered under the SRP, acknowledging this will not just benefit Heritage Park, but the whole town and nearby villages. It is recommended that the skatepark is designed and constructed for all ages and that 'learn-to-skate' programs are implemented as an integrated part of the infrastructure, such that it is a positive, inclusive park feature for everyone. Such programs are seen to be successful where the 'teachers' are the older, and skilled youth, providing them with purpose and self-worth for something that they enjoy, and breaking down the disconnect between older and younger, children and teens.

## King George Oval

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	55,285m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Sports ground and grandstand, netball courts		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	Blayney NRL Blayney Netball	Little Athletics Rugby Union	Blayney Cricket Schools
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	2 x football fields Athletics track	Shot-put/ discus nets 9 x netball courts	Cricket pitch Long jump
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Grandstand Toilets Irrigation system	Change rooms Canteen Lighting	Playground Storage
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Re-surfacing of netball courts		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	replaced grandstand seating, canteen upgrades		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Field surfaces: Fair - minor patches impacted by poor drainage and irrigation Netball courts: Some recently re-surfaced, otherwise poor condition		



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Blayney Shire Council	Central playing fields currently operating at capacity (noting netball courts are under-utilised)	Consider re-location of some sporting codes to other facilities (e.g. cricket to Dakers Oval or Napier Oval); Consider expansion of facilities to the south	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Irrigation and drainage of central fields have poor performance	Schedule irrigation/ drainage upgrades into works/ budget program	
Blayney Shire Council	Netball courts are being resurfaced (required every 7-8 years) although demand is waning	Investigate re-purposing of surplus netball courts for higher and better use (e.g. multi-purpose court for public use)	
Blayney Shire Council	Use of Oval no. 2 (e.g. for after hours training purposes) is limited by lack of adequate lighting	Consider new lighting system to service Oval no. 2 as strategic action under SRP	
Blayney Shire Council	Upgrades to track and field infrastructure required in order to attract larger events and competition	Incorporate track improvements as required to allow for increase in event and competition quality (including increasing number of lanes from 6 to 8; incorporating straight track of 110m; and aligning straight track and 400m oval track finishing lines)	
Consultation	No female change rooms	Critical piece of infrastructure to be prioritised for new build as part of Council works/ budget program	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Not all spectators satisfied with second-hand seating recently installed	Non specified (cost effective opportunity for facility improvements)	
Blayney Shire Council	Suitability of kids' playground located in grounds is questioned	Consider removal of playground and promote access of playground facilities at Carrington Park	
Blayney Shire Council	Conflict regarding order in storage rooms under grand stand	Consider opportunities for expanded storage and systemising use across all user groups/ sports codes	
Consultation	Funding of asset upgrades not perceived as equitable across assets (i.e. significant focus on King George Oval upgrades over other facilities)	High use of King George Oval facilities warrants some prioritisation of works, however SRP will create a network strategy for all town assets, as well as across the shire to rationalise investment and works	FUNDING
Consultation	More car parking is required	Consider opportunities for increased car parking as part of master plan design and concept	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Blayney Shire Council	Shared paths through Blayney to parks would support local kids access	Consider integration of King George Oval access points with active movement networks proposed under the Active Movement Strategy	
Blayney Shire Council	Use high school grounds as optional spaces (subject to State Government policy) could be considered to alleviate high demand on King George Oval facilities	Other alternatives, such as re-locating some sporting activities to other facilities, will be preferred under the SRP	
Consultation	Not accessible to the community outside of game days (locked gates)	Consider options for providing public access to playing fields outside of game days (integrated with other public infrastructure such as multi-use courts, or park areas will increase use and surveillance to offset risk of vandalism)	ACCESS - MANAGEMENT
Blayney Shire Council	There is demand from Women's League for use of fields	Consider re-location of other sporting activities, along with expansion of facilities to the south, to alleviate demand and improve capacity for expanded NRL activities	
Blayney Shire Council	Netball clubs not sustaining participation	Consider re-purposing of some netball infrastructure such that future re-adaptation is possible if participation increases again	
Blayney Shire Council	Strategic planning consideration of better, higher land uses for KGO and re-location to new facility	None specified. Unique central location and emotional attachment of community to King George Oval, along with lessons learnt through loss of central sporting infrastructure in other cities, suggests this is not a preferred strategic solution to residential housing demand, rather, that intensification of existing low density housing areas be investigated	NEW FACILITY
Consultation	King George Oval and Netball Court areas to be incorporated into one large multi-sport facility	None specified, however master plan design and concept will consider more efficiently integrated upgrades and site design to accommodate all user groups effectively	
Consultation	Entry and exit gate requires fixing	Consider upgrades for site legibility and safe movement and access as part of master plan design and concept	MAINTENANCE
Research	Recycled grandstand seating installed in 2015 (gifted from Bathurst Council)	Considered good example of cost recovery with regard to meeting infrastructure needs (potential consideration for other upgrades, as long as life-cycle and fit-for-purpose standards can be adequately met)	

King George Oval is the central sports ground in the town of Blayney. It is home to the region's most participated in sport, rugby league, in addition to accommodating several other sports and competitions, including rugby union, little athletics, netball and cricket, along with occasional events such as all-star matches, regional trials, district carnivals and fêtes.

The high usage of the facilities, and in particular the football grounds, suggests the facility is operating at capacity (although it is noted that netball fixtures are not held at this facility as regularly now as in previous years).

Foremost for consideration under the SRP is confirmation of the future role of King George Oval, and whether it should retain its current configuration, or transition, either to a new integrated facility or to re-locate completely. In considering that expected sporting demands will remain stable into the future 10 years (WRI, 2017), it is not assumed that significant investment in new facilities is warranted, but rather that investment should be planned to provide key improvements to the existing configuration of King George Oval, through master planning for the site, key pieces of new infrastructure and upgrades to existing infrastructure to optimise the site's performance into the future. To this end a concept master plan will be a part of the SRP and will reflect the strategic response described here.

Opportunities for key improvements have also been made clear from the baseline information. Most prevalent in terms of priorities from both stakeholder and community consultation is that a women's changing room is required. Women's league is experiencing continued growth in popularity and as the primary sports ground in Blayney (and not just for rugby league) this presents a serious gap in service provision from the facility.

Other improvements to be considered under the SRP and concept master plan will have regard to:

- 'unlocking the gates': a management strategy for allowing public access to the oval and grounds outside of game day (advantageous to encouraging participation in being healthy and active)
- Irrigation and drainage of the central fields: to meet minimum standards for surface condition, frequency of fixtures and climate
- Connected feature: ensuring paths from main street to KGO are all abilities accessible, and incorporate signage and wayfinding to a safe, legible, inviting and proud gateway to the site
- Car parking is re-designed to ensure safe and equitable vehicle access and manoeuvring (legibility of who, where, and signage/ wayfinding for pedestrians and vehicles)
- Multi-purpose facility: removing the fencing from between the netball courts and playing field, and promoting facility as a key sporting precinct (incorporating access to grounds, outdoor gym equipment, strong links to Centrepoint etc.)
- Facility upgrades: storage, grandstand seating, location of facilities to meld the precinct
- Upgrading track and field infrastructure to meet competition standards that will allow KGO to host higher order district and regional events, subsequently contributing to visitation and sport tourism benefits for the shire





## Napier Oval

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	38,230m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Sports fields and cricket pitch		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	Blayney FC	Blayney Cricket	General public
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	2 x playing fields	cricket pitch	
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Toilets	Lighting	Kiosk currently re-purposed for storage by clubs
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Nil		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	New toilet block		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Field surfaces: Poor		



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Data source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Lack of a sense of 'home' for Blayney soccer	Strategically, providing a single 'home' - a location for both fixtures and training - will be effective in supporting strategies/ alleviating issues for other user groups and facilities e.g. equestrian groups at Blayney Showground	USER GROUPS
Consultation	Room to co-locate with hockey training (winter sport also)?	Consider options for field hockey co-use to optimise value of facility investment and upgrades	
Consultation	Napier Oval has poor surface qualities for soccer (line markings, cricket pitch, grade) as well as being too small for full fixture requirements	Consider expansion and upgrade to Napier Oval playing fields including re-grading existing fields and increasing capacity as part of master plan design and concept	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Re-grading of surface needed	Include re-grading of existing fields as a key action in SRP strategies	
Blayney Shire Council	Irrigation of playing fields is needed and stormwater harvesting and recycled water provide opportunities for this	Include action to provide irrigation for playing fields and to investigate stormwater harvesting and recycle water opportunities under SRP strategies	
Consultation	Many assets don't perform well in wet weather	Incorporate requirement for drainage system as part of SRP strategic actions	
Consultation	Napier Oval has no change rooms	Consider change room facility as part of master plan design and concept	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	New integrated facility for all sports and codes (location not determined)	None specified (while Napier Oval could be considered as a potential site in close proximity to town centre, it is still insufficiently sized and demand has not been identified through the analysis undertaken)	NEW FACILITY
Consultation	Napier Oval as home to Blayney soccer has opportunity to plan for new club facility - would need to consider expansion of park area	Expansion of facility to south to be considered as part of master plan design and concept, proposed for longer term delivery	
Consultation	Maintenance of Napier Oval not adequate i.e. insufficient watering of playing field	SRP consideration of irrigation system upgrades will address playing field quality and appropriate maintenance	MAINTENANCE

Napier Oval is the training ground for Blayney's soccer club, providing two full sized fields, lighting, toilets, kiosk, water bubbler, as well as accommodating a cricket pitch.

The condition of the grounds is poor, with a noticeable fall in grade across fields, poor watering of surface, and line markings not being maintained.

The key opportunity identified for Napier is tied to the major need to provide a 'home' for Blayney Football Club (FC). While across the nation soccer is the fastest growing sport, Blayney has some stagnating membership numbers, and it is observed (WRI, 2017) that often, sporting club memberships respond to the quality of fixtures and competition able to be offered or invested in.

With soccer currently operating across two locations – playing competition fixtures at the Blayney Showgrounds (significantly at odds with other use of the grounds e.g. for harness racing) and training at Napier – there is an acknowledged need to improve this situation for Blayney soccer, such that a sense of identity is reinforced and an operational quality to the code can be provided.

The opportunity for Napier Oval to accommodate soccer in a single operational location is supported by the Blayney Football Club, and generally by the community, however is not a factor on the priority action list of the Blayney Sports Council.

Strategically other locations for homing Blayney FC are not viable:

- Competing and conflicting uses at Blayney Showground, as well it is not as accessible from the centre of town as Napier, and will ideally be prioritised for equestrian sports;
- King George Oval central fields already used at capacity;
- Dakers Oval preferred for cricket, is flood prone and limited in size (even considering expansion to the north); and
- Use of the Blayney High School grounds is limited by size, school use will be prioritised, and departmental regulation may be restrictive in terms of external users accessing school infrastructure.



The opportunity at Napier is dependent on the acquisition of private land to the south, for additional fields. The need is for two full sized fields, two junior fields, as well as supporting amenity infrastructure (change rooms, canteen, seating, irrigation and drainage systems, formalised access and car parking). Fencing that precludes general public use is not desirable under the SRP as the accessibility of sport and recreation assets is determined as a priority.

The benefits of investing in Napier Oval specifically for soccer would include:

- New home for Blayney FC would invigorate club memberships and participation;
- Location is close to town and consolidates existing use of the grounds for soccer;
- Limited potential of land to the south is a good opportunity for better use of land (notwithstanding any agricultural needs – to be investigated);
- Efficiency of investment and infrastructure provision, in particular divergent needs and ad hoc facility provision at Blayney Showground could be better designed and streamlined for equestrian uses, without additional requirements from soccer;
- Maintenance pressure to re-condition playing fields following annual Blayney Show event is alleviated if soccer re-locates; and
- Opportunity to provide adaptable infrastructure such that other sports were also able to benefit, for example cricket fixtures, or training grounds for field hockey.

Master planning for Napier Oval would most effectively propose works in two stages being:

1. Irrigation, drainage, re-surfacing, fencing and access works
2. Expansion to the south

### Other parks in the Blayney network

A number of other Council assets are part of the Blayney (town) network:

- Albert Cook Park
- Frog Hollow – passive recreation only
- Gilchrist Park/ Whittaker lane
- Medway Street space
- President’s Walk
- Also Innes Park, Church Hill Lookout, Bill Soo Memorial

These assets play a vital, localised role within the network, providing passive recreation opportunities, small playground spaces or delightful movement spaces between urban areas. A town needs space between buildings. It needs to provide community with breakout areas to sit, to move, to breath. These parks should not be underestimated in terms of function, even though they may not be serviced with lots of quality infrastructure. These parks will continue to grow in value as the town grows.

Council's Community Land Management Plan establishes the following objectives for small parks, gardens and sportsgrounds:

- a) To ensure that parks, gardens and sportsgrounds are accessible to all village and urban areas.
- b) To encompass a variety of situations within parks and playgrounds in the Council area whilst recognising the individual character of areas.
- c) To plan for the progressive improvement of the recreational quality and appearance of areas as resources become available.
- d) To ensure that the community can contribute to the development and implementation of this Plan of management if it wishes.
- e) To comply with the requirements of the Act in relation to the preparation of plans of management



In terms of any gaps in the services provided by these spaces, the audit provides the following information:

Park	Size m <sup>2</sup>	Amenity infrastructure	Playground infrastructure	Condition
Albert Cook Park	9,667	Seating	-	Good
Apex Park Gilchrist Street/ Whittaker lane	963	Pathways (partial)	Swing set Handball court/wall	Poor
Frog's Hollow	16,255	Pathway	-	Good
Medway Street space	16,837	Pathways Stormwater infrastructure	-	Good
President's Walk	15,871	Pathway Formal trees	-	Good



Both Albert Cook Park and the open space at Medway Street are larger park areas that service the same residential neighbourhood (Mid Western Highway to Hobbys Yard Road). Neither of these open spaces have playground infrastructure and only minimal amenity infrastructure. Given that the Medway Street open space does function as a part of the stormwater network, and may be subject to detention of stormwater on occasion, it is proposed that Albert Cook Park be considered for playground improvements in the medium to long term.

Apex Park in Gilchrist Street is the only other park in Blayney, other than Heritage and Carrington Parks, that provides playground equipment. It is also the smallest of Council's assets considered under the SRP and the site may in fact be more valuable converting to residential uses, if an alternative location with better passive surveillance and accessibility could be found (e.g. land in Beaufort Street). If a better, alternative site can not be found, and considering significant spending may not be warranted, the park should be considered for an upgrade of existing equipment. The provision of seating and rubbish bins would be simple improvements that would support parents who bring their children to use the park. Planting that screened the prison-like fencing around the park would also be a desirable design inclusion, promoting the space as more friendly and pretty.

Frogs Hollow is located on the western approach road into Blayney and as such is an understated gateway that shows off a pretty green space with lots of shade, the 'autumn' trees and a meandering path that suggests a quiet passive space, without a need for significant improvements. Seating is one improvement that would contribute to both the use of the space and its gateway function, suggesting respite and invitation – a welcome to town.

Presidents Walk is a connecting landscape from residential areas in the south to Heritage Park. It is minimally improved and has been identified as an underutilised piece of land. With anecdotal evidence of residential housing demand perhaps being greater than any significant spatial needs identified in this study, the SRP does not require the use of this open space to respond to any strategic direction. The existing tree-lined pathway is important as a linking element in the sport and recreation network for Blayney, however the balance of land is surplus to immediate demands.

It is a valuable piece of land that should be assessed and analysed in greater detail for its highest and best use. Given that its immediate opportunities suggest it is in surplus to need, it is possible that this open space may be optioned for disposal by Council pending land use analysis findings.



## Belubula River

The Belubula River is a defining feature of Blayney town and shire, and represents a significant natural asset that supplements recreational spaces in the region.

The river flows east to west through the shire, feeding into Carcoar Dam, before eventually flowing into the Lachlan River, east of Gooloogong. It provides opportunities for passive recreation, and also for popular water sports, such as fishing and kayaking.

Specific to the town of Blayney, the Belubula River is noted in plans and programs for improved environmental quality and landscape improvements, in order to create an accessible, attractive, passive space, connected to movement networks and also contributing to town identity.

While the river as part of Blayney's movement network is addressed primarily in the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy, it is noted here as a supplementing connector within the Blayney town sport and recreation network, and additionally as a valued recreational asset for local sporting pursuits, such as fishing, as mentioned above.

The ongoing planning for revitalising the Belubula River, education about its sustainable use, and its public access is to be supported through SRP, and is seen as a valuable resource in promoting Blayney's outdoor assets.

## Blayney Bowling Club and Blayney Golf Club

The Blayney Bowling Club and Blayney Golf Club are privately owned pieces of recreational/ sporting infrastructure, that certainly support the SRP in its aspirations to realise the benefits of health, well-being, social capital and pride for all of Blayney Shire's residents.

In particular these facilities provide significant value in response to the identified ageing population of the shire, providing options for recreation and socialisation that may appeal to older residents.

The SRP will require a strategic response to encouraging more participation in activity and recreation by older people (generally over 50's). It has been identified through community feedback that there is a lack of activities available for older people and certainly park equipment and programs are rarely targeted at this demographic cohort.

While opportunities to include some outdoor fitness equipment in the more central parks will be a key strategy under the SRP, expanding the 'invitation' so that awareness and the opportunity to be outdoors and active is widely accessible, might include programs that show bowling and golf club members how to use the fitness equipment for physical mobility and 'pre-habilitation' exercises that will assist with their bowling/ golf game.

Under this SRP this could be a Council initiative, advertised through the clubs, or could be done in partnership with the club organisers.

It is also noted that national and state membership data shows an ever decreasing participation in lawn bowls (National Bowls Census Report, Bowls Australia 2010). This has seen a reduction in bowling greens in many cases, where clubs have decided to transact on underutilised land. This may present a longer-term loss of recreational choices in the town network, and also an opportunity to supplement the public network of spaces, should Council be in a position to acquire. It is also noted however that higher and more valuable land development, such as for residential use, will likely command a better price for the property and would be a more advantageous option to the land owners.

It is understood that while golf nationally also shows decreasing participation rates, in regional areas and specifically in the Central West region, modest increases in participation are seen (2014 Golf participation report, Golf Australia 2015).



## Blayney High School

The inclusion of Blayney High School within the SRP consideration of sport and recreational assets, is purely by virtue of its sports field grounds as an opportunity to assist in the supply of sporting grounds, where needs are not able to be met elsewhere in the Blayney (town) network.

However, the findings of the audit and this gaps and opportunities analysis have not identified a driving need for increased use of these grounds in the immediate term. This analysis does acknowledge other strategic considerations being made by Council that include the re-assessment of land uses and specifically King George Oval in terms of highest and best use. If the sporting land uses of King George Oval were ever re-located and the land made available for other urban uses, it would be the loss of an important and unique piece of recreational infrastructure from the town. Its central location and landmark "hallowed ground" identity will only increase in importance as the

The opportunity to use school grounds under the SRP is certainly recognised as an excellent supplement to sport and recreational space needs, however it can only ever be considered a temporary solution. Notwithstanding any strategic needs, i.e. where perhaps identified in the longer term, it is understood that while State policy is supportive of community use of school facilities, the primary function and priority use of land must be for education purposes. Additional land use considerations are also at odds with expecting school grounds to supply community sport and recreational needs, in that often, population growth also requires expansion of schools and often this expansion is undertaken at the expense of a schools sporting grounds.



town grows, and there is evidence in other highly urbanised areas of serious impacts on sport and recreation participation where central sporting grounds have been sacrificed to supply land to alleviate residential pressures. While outside of the scope of this study, stable population growth, extensive infill opportunities, and existing vacant land supply would suggest that other opportunities to plan for future residential growth are possible. The considered strategy to re-purpose the Council asset also suggests that the school grounds provide some opportunities for use as a replacement of at least some of the sporting functions of King George Oval, however this wrongly expects sport and recreation needs are met by lands/ facilities with other primary purposes (education).

The most basic philosophy of planning for sport and recreational needs for Blayney, must be that user needs are sufficiently supported through a dedicated sport and recreation network of parks and facilities, provided by Council through Council owned assets.



### 3.3 The villages

Evolving strategies for the prioritisation of investment across the shire, suggest that for the most efficiency, the highest quality facilities are provided in Blayney, and that investment in the shire's villages ensures sport and recreation services for local use.

In small populations, the ability to field larger team style sports can be easily affected, and as such the basic priority of services will be for individual exercise – walking, jogging, outdoor fitness. This is supported through national trends that describe declining popularity of team sports and an increased interest in individual exercise, gym memberships and personal fitness.

Secondary investment priorities will exist for the upgrade of existing facilities, but new facility assets are not envisioned as being required in any of the villages, for the life of the SRP. However, while there is no expectation of increase in demand to warrant new facilities, the SRP will be an ally of the villages in ensuring expenditure is appropriately prioritised for identified upgrades to ensure a minimum standard of service (i.e. well-maintained, operational sport and recreation infrastructure) is provided, and that infrastructure that will be adaptable over time to accommodate potentially season to season changes in sport and recreational interests.



### 3.3.1 Barry

Barry has a low population and has minimal recreational assets available in the village (some play equipment at the former school). As such the priorities for Barry rest with enabling and encouraging local recreational activity through simple, yet conscientious improvements.

Establishing a walking trail around the town's few streets could be simply delivered through signage that promotes a route, distance travelled and perhaps signage at scenic viewpoints (for example Sawyer Street/ Selwyn Street intersection). While the path would conceivably cover only a kilometre or two (as a round route) it creates a place that users know they belong, inviting/ encouraging locals and visitors to be outside and active. A longer-term objective to support this initiative is to provide safe, legible, accessible paths to maximise accessibility

for all ability users, however this is not currently included in Council's Active Movement Strategy. A feature of any such future path works would be a dedicated, wide shaded footpath along Sawyer Street, which would help to contribute to a sensory experience in Barry, even if just passing through to other, more serviced villages. The inclusion of walking routes in Barry and in particular around the bus stop, align with the findings of the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy (BSC 2016, by GHD).

The lack of any public park in Barry suggests that a small area (perhaps at one of the scenic viewpoints), or where viable, the former school playground, is formally converted to a park area, with trees for shade, seating, bins, and, particularly if provided in conjunction with a walking trail, a water bubbler.



### 3.3.2 Carcoar

Sport and recreation assets in Carcoar include the Carcoar Sports Ground, Kurt Fearnley Park and the Carcoar Showground.

#### CARCOAR SPORTS GROUND

The most significant gap in these assets is the poor condition and standard of services in the Carcoar Sports Ground. While Carcoar is one of the smaller villages the opportunity to provide improved standards of service to its existing sports ground, would be an advantage to the greater Blayney Shire sport and recreation network. While this would not service sports at a regional scale, it would provide a facility that could be used by sporting groups from all over the shire, and would be a valuable asset to the district, in particular

given many other nearby villages don't have this same opportunity. Furthermore it is understood the ground is a well-drained field, and were large scale rain events to make other fields inoperable (as has in past experiences), this could conceivably provide a usable ground to assist in alleviating interruptions to planned fixtures or events.

Added advantages of investing in the upgrade would be promoting visitation to the village, providing a purpose and good quality experience for teams, trainers, or even sport tourism events to consider the facility as a real sports field option.

To achieve a good quality standard of service, the upgrade would involve replacing the existing toilet block and change room with new amenities, ground




## Carcoar Sports Ground

### SITE AUDIT

Size	17,955 m <sup>2</sup>		
Current operational purpose	Playing field, tennis court and passive/ playground recreation		
Current sport and recreation usage			
Current user groups	General public		
Operational infrastructure	Playing field and goal posts Lighting	Tennis court Netball hoop	Playground
Amenity infrastructure	Change rooms Toilets	Seating	Fencing
Existing proposed upgrades	Tennis court upgrade		
Last upgrades	New playing goal posts		
Current conditions	Surface: good Fencing: poor	Tennis courts: very poor	Change rooms: poor

## Carcoar Showground (privately owned and maintained facility)

### SITE AUDIT

Size	45,000 m <sup>2</sup>		
Current operational purpose	Showground and sportsground, equestrian events		
Current sport and recreation usage			
Current user groups	General public		
Operational infrastructure	Cricket pitch	Hall	
Amenity infrastructure	Toilets		
Existing proposed upgrades	N/A		
Last upgrades	Hall and cattle pavilion upgrades, which have been priority of showground trust		
Current conditions	Surface: rough		

preparation and irrigation system, new 'friendly' fencing and gates that allow public access, for whenever organised access (e.g. ticketed) is not required. More seating would be valuable, although the picturesque setting of the sports ground lends itself to more informal spectating and it is proposed that this continues in the form of sporadic benches along the edges of the field.

It is understood that programming support from the local community to re-introduce some regularity of rugby league fixtures is intended, and this would be an important alliance to more detailed planning stages of the upgrade. However, the essential part of the vision for the Carcoar Sports Ground is that it is a multi-purpose facility incorporating toilets, change rooms and canteen, able to be adapted for use by as many sporting codes and user groups as possible.

Outside of the sports field itself, the grounds also incorporate a children's playground and dilapidated tennis court. Upgrading the tennis court would be a substantial undertaking, although this would again cater to a more likely user group (pairs instead of teams, and all ages). To optimise this investment a multi-purpose court should be provided, allowing for tennis, basketball, netball and, perhaps handball or volleyball.

A concept master plan for the Carcoar Sports Ground will be prepared to underline this strategy and will be a part of the SRP.

### Kurt Fearnley Park

Kurt Fearnley Park is expected to continue to function to its existing standards of service, and the continued maintenance and upkeep of its assets should ensure they are available for public use and enjoyment.

This includes that Kurt Fearnley Park is retained as an accessible place for visitors and locals to relax and enjoy the outdoors. Existing picnic tables and BBQ should be maintained to encourage visitor stops in alignment with earlier tourism strategy works for the village.

### Carcoar Showground (private)

The Carcoar Showground will continue to be available for community events and exhibitions and provide a valuable space for occasional or touring competitions, demonstrations and festivals, supplementing activity and recreation for Carcoar.



IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Lack of things for teenagers to do	Consider opportunities for Carcoar Sports Ground to incorporate multi-purpose facilities for greatest number of user groups	USER GROUPS
Consultation	Upgrade to Carcoar Sports Ground would provide additional field asset for all sporting groups	Incorporate words to promote this vision for Carcoar Sports Ground in SRP strategies	
Blayney Shire Council	Carcoar Sports Ground is well-drained	<i>None specified</i>	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Carcoar Sports Ground has inadequate lighting e.g. for training purposes	Include a strategic action for the provision of lighting to Carcoar Sports Ground as part of the SRP	
Consultation	Carcoar Sports Ground has inadequate change rooms and toilets - no disabled access and past their useful lives	Incorporate upgrade to change room and toilet amenities as part of Carcoar Sports Ground master plan design and concept	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Multi-purpose facilities for greater range of user groups will promote use and access (broader sense of community ownership) of Carcoar Sports Ground, value adding to investment in other bigger ticket items	Incorporate other facilities such as public BBQ, bins, water bubbler and picnic shelter, either as standalone structure or as part of new amenity building	
Consultation	Funding of asset upgrades not perceived as equitable across assets (i.e. strong focus on Blayney to the neglect of villages)	SRP will provide shire-wide strategy and priority actions for more equitable investment in infrastructure	FUNDING
Consultation	Suggestion that biggest investment is focused in Blayney [town] for high quality infrastructure that is still accessible to village residents	SRP will create a network strategy for all town assets, as well as across the shire to rationalise investment and works	
Consultation	Harvest trail suggested as a way to attract visitors, support tourism strategies, and build off rural character of the region	<i>None specified (while this is recognised as an opportunity for recreation it is considered to be more of a tourism strategy)</i>	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Consultation	Outdoor gym equipment is desired through parks (location not determined) for use by adults	Carcoar Sports Ground has existing outdoor gym facilities and these will be a valuable asset to the multi-purpose strategy for the grounds	ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
Consultation	Appropriateness of landscape trees along road front to Carcoar Sports Ground is questioned i.e. whether native eucalyptus are out of character and therefore other trees would be more suitable	<i>None specified</i>	MAINTENANCE

### 3.3.3 Lyndhurst

Sport and recreation needs for Lyndhurst village for the most part will be supported by the central infrastructure and facilities of Blayney and additionally through use of the proposed upgraded Carcoar Sports Ground.

Facilities within Council's list of assets (Lyndhurst Recreation Ground, Capital Park) have had no specific lack of service standards identified, although a key piece of infrastructure is proposed to provide a shared path link between Capital Park and the Lyndhurst Recreation Ground. Additionally, as in most smaller villages, all user groups are not always provided for, and teenagers and adults have a lack of spaces appropriate to encouraging their sport and recreation interests, and this should be addressed.

Lyndhurst does have a unique opportunity however, to build a profile in the shire for two niche sports: shooting and team penning. Recent successes of members of the Lyndhurst Rifle Range; and the popularity of team penning in Lyndhurst, are important to the promotion of both sports and the high quality of sportsmanship delivered in the region.

Although the respective facilities are privately owned i.e. not Council assets, these specialised opportunities are highly profiled elements of sport and recreation for Lyndhurst, and the region, and as such are suitable to be acknowledged in the SRP.

No opportunities were identified for the similarly private Lyndhurst Golf Club, although it is supported as a valuable option for sport and recreation to the local community.





## Lyndhurst Recreation Ground

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	65,859 m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Football field, tennis courts and passive playground recreation		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public		
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Playing field Cricket pitch Tennis court	Kitchen Exercise equipment	Camp ground RV/caravan dump point
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Change rooms	Seating	Toilets
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	New BBQ and covered seating		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	Clubhouse amenity improvements		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Surface: poor Toilets: poor	Tennis courts: good	No disabled access

## Capital Park

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	1,700 m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Playground and passive recreation		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public		
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Playground		
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Toilets Seating	Picnic tables Shade trees	BBQ
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	N/A		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	Additional outdoor seating		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Satisfactory		

### IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Lack of things for teenagers to do	Consider overall shire strategies to support/ promote use of diverse sport and recreation options offered in Blayney and Carcoar	USER GROUPS
Research	Upgrades to some amenity infrastructure planned in accordance with the Lyndhurst Village Community Plan	Incorporate planned upgrades in master plan design and concept (including BBQ facility, children's playground)	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Poor site drainage at Lyndhurst Recreational Ground	Include strategic action to improve site drainage and better manage localise stormwater issues	FUNDING
Consultation	Investment focus in Blayney [town] for high quality infrastructure that is still accessible for most village residents	SRP supports the focus of investment in Blayney town to ensure quality of options for the greatest cross-section of users from around the shire and villages	FUNDING
Consultation	Harvest trail suggested as a way to attract visitors, support tourism strategies, and build off rural character of the region	None specified (while this is recognised as an opportunity for recreation it is considered to be more of a tourism strategy)	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Research	Opportunity to raise profile of Lyndhurst Rifle Range based on historical significance, as well as Ben Emms (member) world champion success in 2015 (Fullbore Rifle Championships)	Consider strategic actions to support privately owned Lyndhurst Rifle Range through promotion and coordination within broader Council initiatives (such as calendar of sport events)	ACCESS - MANAGEMENT
Research	Opportunity to raise profile of team penning successes within the region and to support Lyndhurst as a destination for participation, training and competition in the sport	Consider strategic actions to support privately owned team penning facilities through promotion and coordination within broader Council initiatives (such as calendar of sport events)	ACCESS - MANAGEMENT
Blayney Shire Council	Spectator mounds create difficult terrain for ease of maintenance	Consider opportunities to re-grade mound areas in turn improving access and optimising maintenance operations	MAINTENANCE
Blayney Shire Council	Visual identity and amenity is obscured by unkempt vegetation around the perimeter of the Lyndhurst Recreation Grounds	Include strategic action to maintain existing vegetation to the periphery of the recreation ground to improve visual amenity to road and reduce prevalence of weed species.	MAINTENANCE

While core services are planned to be formally provided for through the central Blayney facilities networks, local opportunities will be supported in alignment with the Lyndhurst Village Community Plan. These opportunities will include the following improvements for the Lyndhurst Recreation Ground:

- New picnic shelter and BBQ facilities

- Improved toilet facilities with disabled access
- Coin operated showers
- Tennis court lighting
- New fencing around playing fields

A concept master plan for the Lyndhurst Recreation Ground will be prepared as part of the SRP to initialise planning for these inclusions.

### 3.3.4 Mandurama

More formal sport and recreation needs for Mandurama village for the most part will be supported by the central infrastructure and facilities of Blayney, and will be supported by use of the upgraded Carcoar Sports Ground, in providing a fully serviced, outdoor sports field as an alternative for Mandurama residents and teams, as required.

Notwithstanding the expectation that core services will be provided through other locations in the shire-wide network, the Mandurama Recreation Ground will continue as a functional asset for the purpose of local needs. Opportunities to improve its standard of service include repairs and commitment to maintenance of the toilet block and tennis court. There is indication that the grounds are not optimally used, and the inclusion of more

opportunities to be engaged with the space, and reflective of the Mandurama Village Community Plan, could include a community garden. This could be provided as a relatively low cost allocation of space within the grounds, that could attract more users to be active in the grounds.

A concept master plan for the Mandurama Recreation Ground will be prepared as part of the SRP to initialise planning for these inclusions.

The privately owned Sunnyridge Golf Club will continue to be valued as a support to activity options for the local Mandurama community.



## Mandurama Recreation Ground

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	22,760 m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Football field, tennis courts, cricket pitch and passive/ playground recreation	
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>		
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Football field	Cricket pitch Tennis courts
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Change rooms Toilets	Seating
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Replacement of existing club house with a covered area supporting passive recreation, offering water, lighting, sink, seating	
<b>Last upgrades</b>	New toilet block (2017)	
<b>Current conditions</b>	Surface: poor	Tennis courts: fair

### MANDURAMA: IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Data source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Poor line markings at Mandurama Recreation Ground	Consider strategic action under SRP	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Research	Include a community garden (Mandurama Village Community Plan)	Include as strategic action under SRP to align with Mandurama Village Community Plan	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Opportunity to cater to regional cycling events	Consider strategic action under SRP	
Consultation	Outdoor fitness equipment is desired as part of sport and recreation networks (location not determined) for use by adults and teenagers	Mandurama Recreation Ground could be considered to include outdoor fitness equipment	ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
Blayney Shire Council	Need to program recreational spaces to cater to local events such as Anzac Day	Consider strategic action under SRP	ACCESS - MANAGEMENT
Research	Tennis court needs tidying up (Mandurama Village Community Plan)	None specified (considered part of standard Council maintenance works)	MAINTENANCE

### 1.3.5 Millthorpe

Millthorpe is a thriving community in the Blayney Shire and has successfully mobilised interest in a number of upgrades to its sport and recreation infrastructure. Most significantly recent improvements to Redmond Oval have included new fencing, lighting, surface works, and irrigation and reflect the significant demand for use of the space by the growing community.

#### Redmond Oval

Use of Redmond Oval by the students of the adjacent Millthorpe Primary School is frequent and results from the absence of any such facilities as part of the school property. There is an expectation that the oval should service the school in this capacity, however with substantial increases in student numbers from year to year, formal

management of this activity (i.e. introduction of a booking system) is recommended to ensure other users and maintenance teams are provided certainty around access to the grounds.

Further to the school's use of the existing Redmond Oval, sporting users include cricket, soccer, rugby union, junior rugby league, personal trainers, and occasional events such as school fêtes. The oval itself is limited for any further expansion by the new fencing and physical barriers such as the road and car parking areas, and this compromises the further upgrade to field standards for activities such as athletic tracks (in particular 100m length) and higher-grade football sports. With no real practical solution to enabling such upgrades, the SRP identifies Redmond Oval as a facility to service children and family sporting interests, and there



### Redmond Oval

#### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	17,955 m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Playing field and passive/ playground recreation		
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>			
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public		
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Playing field Cricket pitch	Tennis court Netball hoop	Skatepark RSL Memorial
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Change rooms Toilets	Seating BBQ	Playground Rotunda
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Paths, seating and facility fence		
<b>Last upgrades</b>	Field irrigation and drainage upgrades, new canteen (2016)		
<b>Current conditions</b>	Surface: excellent	Tennis courts: good	Change rooms: excellent

### Mill Green

#### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	2,500 m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Passive recreation	
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>		
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	N/A	
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Pathways Seating	Bins Gardens
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	N/A	
<b>Last upgrades</b>	N/A	
<b>Current conditions</b>	good	

#### IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Lack of things for teenagers to do	Consider strategic action to program activities for teenagers using existing facilities (skatepark, athletics infrastructure, future potential outdoor fitness equipment)	USER GROUPS
Blayney Shire Council	Significant growth in families with children in the area	Consider strategic action to program activities for young children	
Blayney Shire Council	Skatepark not suitable (too extreme for demographic)	Consider strategic action to investigate/ scope potential re-design to accommodate greater range of age groups (in particular younger kids)	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Insufficient room for 100m running track to be included at Redmond Oval	Consider possible locations for future inclusion of running track in master plan design and concept	
Consultation	Insufficient seating at Redmond Oval	Consider inclusion of seating elements in master plan design and concept	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Blayney Shire Council	Footpath upgrades expected around Redmond Oval	Consider inclusion of internal footpaths between different elements of Redmond Oval e.g. club house, playground, skatepark, cricket practice nets	
Consultation	Funding of asset upgrades not perceived as equitable across assets (i.e. investment in Blayney and Millthorpe facilities prioritised over other locations)	SRP supports the focus of investment in Blayney town to ensure quality of options for the greatest cross-section of users from around the shire and villages; as well as a strategic vision for all the shire to guide council upgrade priorities	FUNDING
Consultation	Harvest trail suggested as a way to attract visitors, support tourism strategies, and build off rural character of the region	<i>None specified (while this is recognised as an opportunity for recreation it is considered to be more of a tourism strategy)</i>	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Consultation	More outdoor fitness equipment as part of park assets would provide free access as well as diversified recreational options	Consider inclusion of outdoor fitness equipment in Redmond Oval master plan design and concept	ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
Consultation	Planting and landscaping needed around Redmond Oval	Consider for inclusion in the Redmond Oval master plan	MAINTENANCE

will be no expectation that this facility will grow to accommodate more senior and adult sporting fixtures, other than where existing fields are sufficient to these needs.

The Redmond Oval grounds also incorporate recreational infrastructure, with a playground and skatepark in different corners of the site. Two tennis courts are available for hire, cricket nets, BBQ and picnic tables, and the clubhouse contains a refurbished canteen, change rooms and toilets. A rotunda at the entrance to the oval is available to be booked for weddings. Despite other limitations to expand, this is already a multi-purpose asset. However, infrastructure is spread across all corners of the expansive site, and pathways connecting the different areas are missing. A path around the oval field would provide an efficient link to the different areas and a safe way for kids to navigate to the different areas.

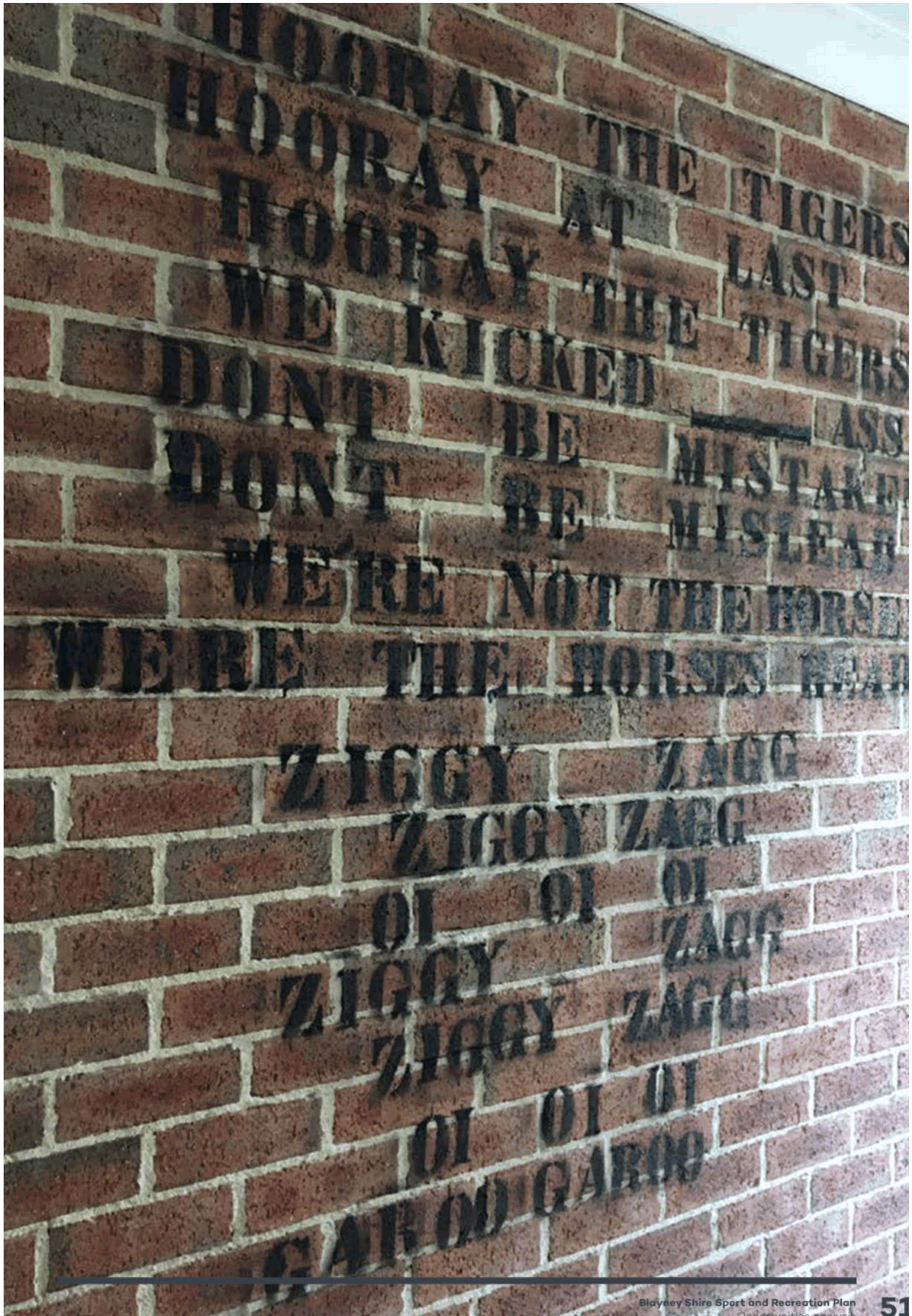
It is noted that certain service standards have been identified as missing from the skatepark, and ramp and bowl elements are too extreme for the more younger kids of the community. This is acknowledged as an accessibility issue and as such the SRP supports action to re-consult on design options to improve this service.

A master plan concept will be prepared for Redmond Oval as part of the SRP.

## Mill Green Garden Reserve and Glenorie Road Off-leash dog area

Other than Redmond Oval, the Millthorpe community also have access to Mill Green, a garden reserve recently upgraded with pathways, seating and new landscapes. No outstanding demands have been identified for this space. Also an off-leash dog area is cordoned off on Glenorie Road allowing leash free activity for the community's four-legged friends.

It is noted that, notwithstanding the narrow area allocated, the off-leash dog park has little amenity for users, and there is a lack of seating or shelter to make this an inviting area for responsible dog owners to use. Alternative locations might be sought for such a purpose, that are reflective of the rural expanses otherwise characteristic of the region (i.e. bigger space for stick fetching, ball chasing, furious running and general expenditure of large amounts of energy). Such a location would be suitable in proximity to popular walking paths and other amenity, such as picnic table areas, or even kids playgrounds (for more efficient child/ dog management for parents).



### 3.3.6 Neville

Neville benefits from a large showground (not council property) and a smaller park reserve, and the community embrace events in the small village that promote heritage and eco-tourism to visitors, travellers and prospective residents.

Despite only a couple of formal recreation spaces, there are opportunities identified for larger scaled activity in less central locations, for sports such as horse trail and motorbike riding. These kinds of activities support identified trends for increased popularity of more individual and adventurous sports pursuits.


While some improvements to the Neville Showground are programmed by the village committee, there has also been identified a desire for a multi-purpose court for tennis and basketball, to be provided somewhere in the community (an option for further consideration includes the Presbyterian Church site on the corner of Carcoar and Crouch Streets). This would be supported under the SRP as an inclusive opportunity across different age groups – efficiency that has been identified as important in the shire villages.






### Neville Showground (privately owned)

#### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	51,900 m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Showground and sportsfield	
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>		
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Playing field and goal posts	Cricket pitch
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Change rooms Toilets	Seating
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	N/A	
<b>Last upgrades</b>	Kitchen	
<b>Current conditions</b>	Surface: satisfactory	

### Neville War Memorial Park

#### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	2,700 m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Playground and memorial	
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>		
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Swings Slide	Memorial
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Toilets Gardens	Picnic tables Shelter BBQ
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Multi-purpose court Disabled access toilets	
<b>Last upgrades</b>	BBQ and seating	
<b>Current conditions</b>	Toilet: poor	

#### IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Upgrade to Carcoar Sports Ground would provide additional field asset for all sporting groups	Neville will be supported locally under the SRP with regard to upgrades to existing facilities, however the SRP envisions that residents of Neville will make use of facilities in other locations, such as Carcoar Sports Ground, or Blayney town	USER GROUPS
Research	Toilets need repair in War Memorial Park (Neville Village Community Plan)	Include as strategic action under SRP	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Consultation	Suggest that investment is focused in Blayney [town] for high quality infrastructure that is still accessible for most village residents	SRP supports the focus of investment in Blayney town to ensure quality of options for the greatest cross-section of users from around the shire and villages; as well as a strategic vision for all the shire to guide council upgrade priorities	FUNDING
Research	Multi-purpose court for tennis and basketball (Neville Village Community Plan)	Consider investigation for suitable location as strategic action under the SRP	NEW FACILITY
Research	Horse and motorbike trails in less central locations (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	<i>None specified (supported by SRP but not in response to identified need)</i>	

### 3.3.7 Newbridge

Newbridge's sport and recreation ground is identified for some opportunities to improve its standard of service to align with local purposes for sport, activity and events.

While more formal sport and recreation needs for Newbridge village will be supported by the central infrastructure and facilities of Blayney and upgraded Carcoar Sports Ground, existing infrastructure for the grounds is serviceable and warrants consideration for upgrades.

This would reflect the existing Newbridge Village Community Plan, incorporating:

- Old landscape trees to be removed and replaced

- Improved horse enclosure
- Tennis court lighting for evening use
- New fencing for showground

Goalposts for football have also been identified as a need for the grounds.

Similar to other villages, some user groups are not absolutely provided for, and teenagers and adults have a lack of spaces appropriate to encouraging their sport and recreation interests. Encouraging activity for these groups would be assisted by ensuring physical accessibility, and improvements in alignment with the Active Movement Strategy (GHD, 2017) for Newbridge will be a key element.




Additionally commitment to more regular maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities will help support the value of these assets to the local community.

A concept master plan for the Newbridge Recreation Ground will be prepared as part of the SRP to initialise planning for these inclusions.

## Newbridge Recreation Ground

### SITE AUDIT

<b>Size</b>	29,680 m <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Current operational purpose</b>	Sportsground and tennis court and playground	
<b>Current sport and recreation usage</b>		
<b>Current user groups</b>	General public	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>	Cricket pitch	Tennis court
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>	Toilets, hall, kitchen	
<b>Existing proposed upgrades</b>	Playing field	Fencing
<b>Last upgrades</b>	Tennis court (2015)	
<b>Current conditions</b>	Tennis courts: good Surface: satisfactory	Toilets: fair Fence: poor

### IDENTIFIED GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM BASELINE DATA

Information source	Gaps and opportunities identified for further consideration	SRP response	Strategic theme
Consultation	Upgrade to Carcoar Sports Ground would provide additional field asset for all sporting groups	Newbridge will be supported locally under the SRP with regard to upgrades to existing facilities, however the SRP envisions that residents of Newbridge will make use of facilities in other locations, such as Carcoar Sports Ground, or Blayney town	USER GROUPS
Consultation	Newbridge Recreation Ground has no goal posts for rugby/ soccer	Consider as strategic action under the SRP	OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Research	Lighting for tennis courts (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	Consider as strategic action under the SRP in alignment with the Newbridge Village Community Plan	
Research	Provide horse enclosure (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	Consider as strategic action under the SRP in alignment with the Newbridge Village Community Plan	
Research	Remove/ replace old landscape trees (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	Consider as strategic action under the SRP in alignment with the Newbridge Village Community Plan	AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Research	New fencing for showground (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	Consider as strategic action for private delivery (not council asset) under the SRP in alignment with the Newbridge Village Community Plan	
Blayney Shire Council	Multi-purpose uses would increase opportunities for recreation at Newbridge Recreation Ground and add value to other improvements investment	Include the provision of exercise stations and basketball hoop (quarter court) as strategic action under the SRP	
Consultation	Suggest that investment is focused in Blayney [town] for high quality infrastructure that is still accessible for most village residents	SRP supports the focus of investment in Blayney town to ensure quality of options for the greatest cross-section of users from around the shire and villages; as well as a strategic vision for all the shire to guide council upgrade priorities	FUNDING
Research	Improve accessibility through village and connection to recreation grounds (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	Consider as strategic action under the SRP in alignment with the Active Movement Strategy	ACCESS - CIRCULATION
Consultation	Harvest trail suggested as a way to attract visitors, support tourism strategies, and build off rural character of the region	None specified (while this is recognised as an opportunity for recreation it is considered to be more of a tourism strategy)	
Research	More regular maintenance of existing infrastructure, including parks, gardens and reserves (Newbridge Village Community Plan)	None specified	MAINTENANCE

### 3.4 Sports tourism

Stakeholder support for more sports tourism was evident through the feedback of consultation phases. Comments acknowledged the benefit to the greater community that successful events could provide to the villages and shire.

There were comments qualifying that for such events to be successful, they would need to be well promoted. Further to this, strategies to enhance opportunities and benefits of sports tourism will need to be part of Council's tourism strategies, and should ensure that any sports events are coordinated appropriate to other events in the shire, support infrastructure (such as car parking strategies, promotion of local accommodation options, spectator amenities etc..) and further promotion of the shire places to visit.

Other opportunities to increase the success of sports tourism for the shire would be to partner with neighbouring Councils to create more regionally attractive events.

Some ideas that have been proposed out of the stakeholder consultation include:

- More horse-riding events to promote equestrian sports quality of the area
- Expand on the Blayney to Bathurst success, including other options for sport and recreation to tie into the day's activities, other cycling events to include more of the villages
- Family fun-day to support NSW Bike Safety Week
- Harvest trail to hike/ cycle supporting rural qualities of the shire
- Events to encourage participation by kids and younger adults to promote active habits for all stages of life, for example:
  - » kids' triathlons and fun run days
  - » kids' obstacle courses (something like Ridiculous Obstacle Course uses inflatable, softfall obstacles great fun, and good exercise – also fun for adults and great regional attractor)

- adventure sport exhibition days, such as skateboarding, in-line skates, bmx, parkour, motorcross – incorporating demonstrations, 'learn-how' sessions, stars of the sport, and markets for all the 'cool gear' – a great way to breakdown intimidating side of more extreme sports

These sorts of activities would need to be programmed by Council for the most suitable sport and recreation asset in the shire. Opportunities for some events to make use of village sports grounds would require much promotion through the region, but would be highly valuable in distributing the benefits of sports tourism to the shire.



### 3.5 A shire-wide network of assets

The strategic discussion that has evolved for Blayney and the shire villages, unveils a subtle hierarchy across the shire, that is described in the following table.

Sport and recreation character of the different villages and the assets they have available, are described against a proposed hierarchical function as a shire-wide network.

The value of identifying such a hierarchy is in future decision-making, informing and guiding Council investment and detailed programming of works to align with these expected standards of service.

These strategies will be refined for inclusion in the Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan.

Village	Hierarchy	Sport and recreation character
Barry	Local	<p>Mobility - Picnic and relaxation - Local activity</p>
Blayney	Regional	<p>Mobility - Regional competition - Sports tourism - Regional parks - Quality training programs</p>
Carcoar	District	<p>District competition - Picnic and relaxation - Sports tourism - Local activity</p>
Lyndhurst	District	<p>District competition (shooting and team penning) - Picnic and relaxation - Sports tourism</p>
Mandurama	Local	<p>Mobility - Picnic and relaxation - Local activity</p>
Millthorpe	District	<p>District competition - District parks - Picnic and relaxation - Family activity - Kids training programs</p>
Neville	Local	<p>Mobility - Picnic and relaxation - Local activity</p>
Newbridge	Local	<p>Mobility - Picnic and relaxation - Local activity</p>



By nature, sporting grants and funding are sporadic and often ad hoc. Developing a strategic approach to funding in these circumstances can only speak to general approaches. On this basis, it has been identified that different sport and recreation projects will likely rely on different types of funding. General approaches to these activities have been provided below.

#### 4.1 Maintenance

Maintenance expenditures will likely need to come out of Council's general budget as these funds are rarely provided for in grant funding.

#### 4.2 Recreational infrastructure

With regard to general recreational infrastructure expenditures, such as walkways and play equipment, there appears to be limited grant funding opportunities, and again will likely need to come out of Council's general budget. Furthermore, these project types may not meet specific sporting or economic criteria that often accompany grant funding applications.

#### 4.3 Facility upgrades

Depending on the scale and complexity of facility upgrades, there are a variety of grant funding opportunities that could assist in the upgrade or redevelopment of existing sporting facilities. Depending on the specific grant, Council may be required to co-fund projects.

Regional recycling of fixtures (e.g. King George Oval grandstand seating)

Community Improvement grant program

Village associations

#### 4.4 New sporting facilities

Large sporting facility projects will need to be prioritised and will likely need to be funded through grants, with a high likelihood that Council will be required to co-fund these projects.

Crowd sourcing/ community funding (as evidenced in Newbridge and Carcoar)

#### 4.5 Community contribution

There is some potential ability for the Blayney community/sporting groups to contribute more to the cost of sport and recreation assets. However, the cost to users has to be equitable (some families can't afford to pay more) and clubs would need to see direct benefits in terms of improved facilities.

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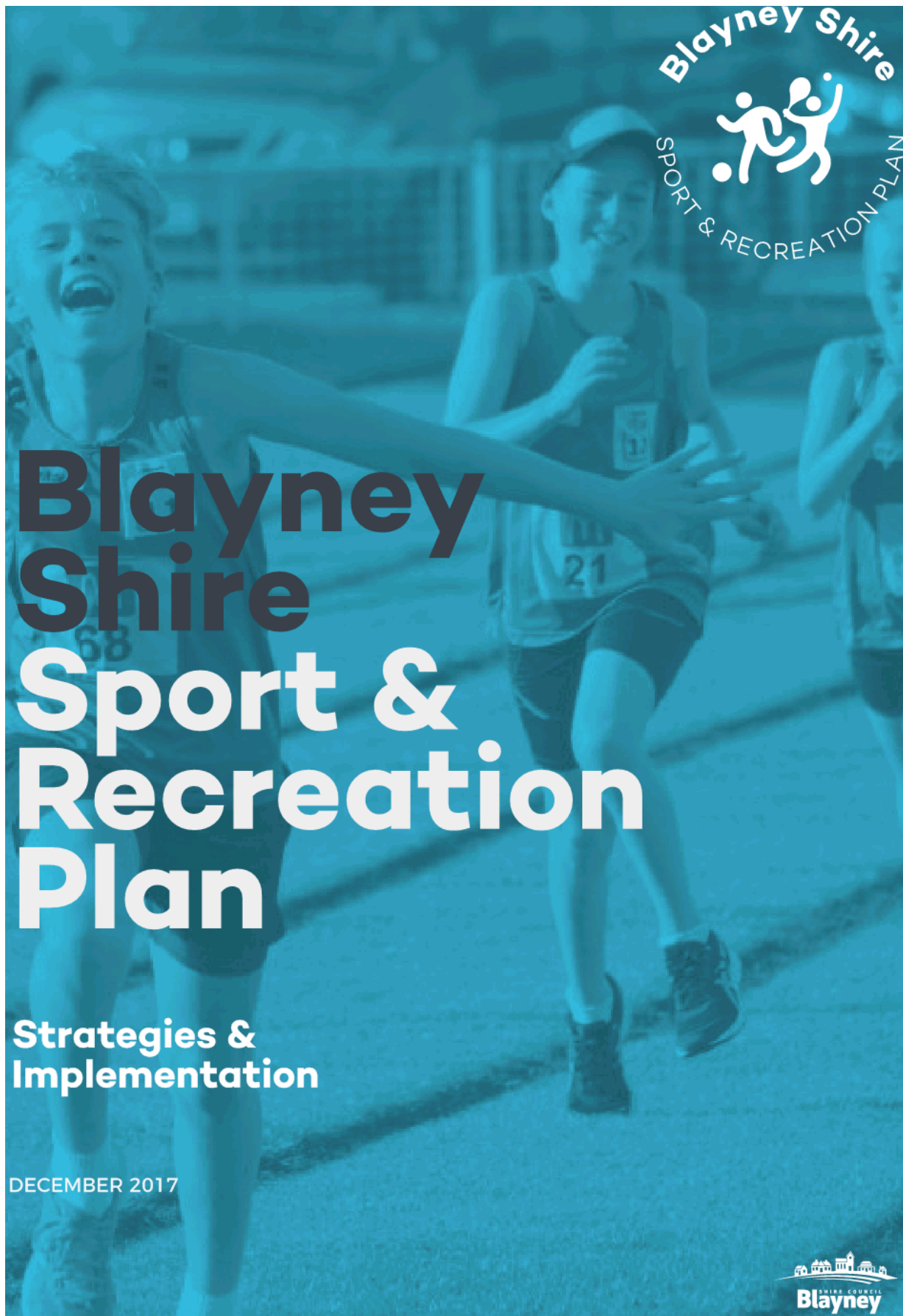
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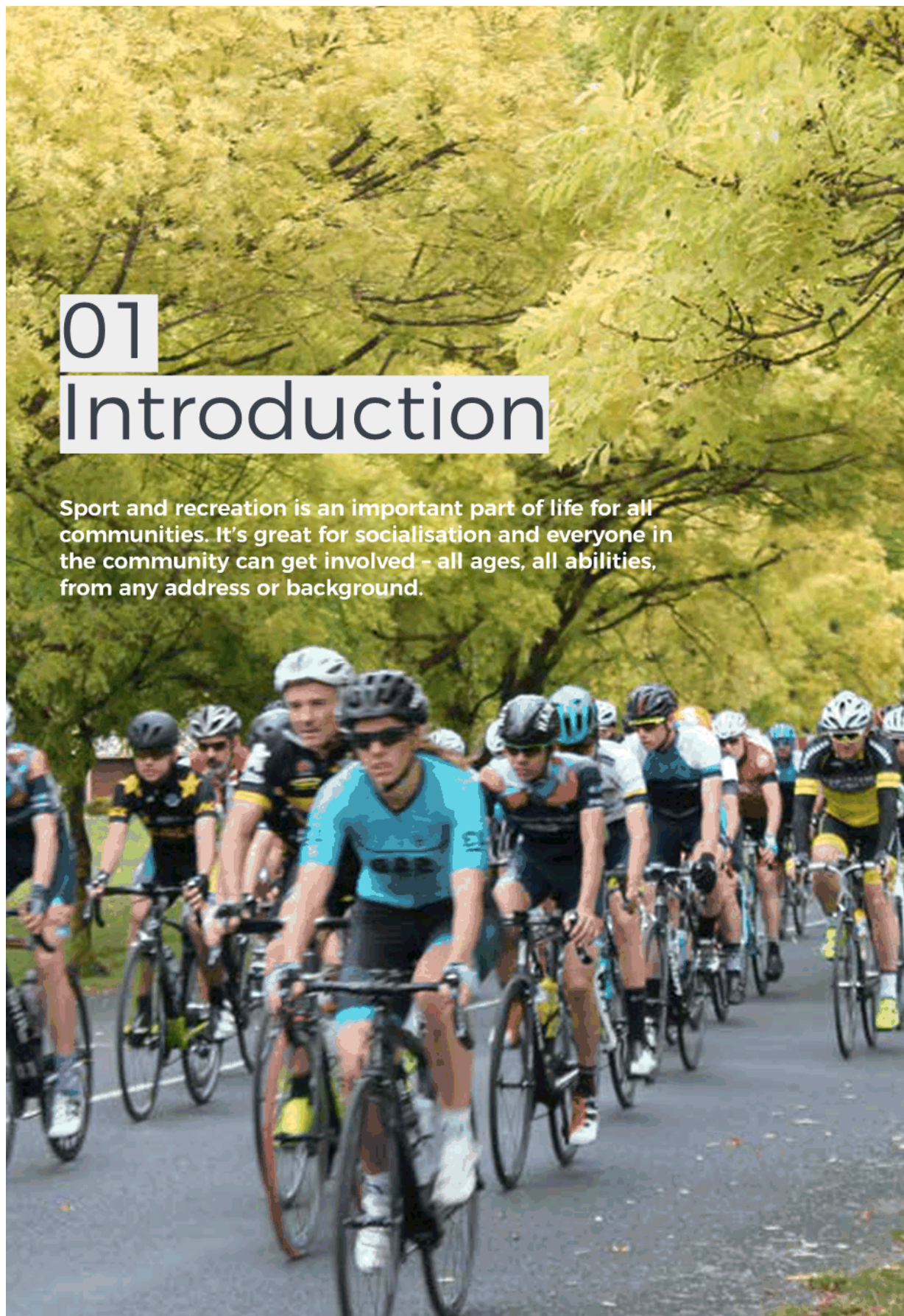
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# Introduction

Sport and recreation is an important part of life for all communities. It's great for socialisation and everyone in the community can get involved - all ages, all abilities, from any address or background.

## 1.1

### WHY A SPORT & RECREATION PLAN?

Being active is good for health and well-being and brings many different benefits to people as individuals, teams, communities, or as part of a whole region.

Blayney Shire Council plays a fundamental role in local sport and recreation as owner and manager of many sport and recreation assets in the Shire. The Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan (the SRP) has been created as a tool to assist Council in meeting its responsibilities to support, encourage and maintain sport and recreation networks across the Shire. The SRP will provide Council with guidance on the right amount and types of facilities available to meet the demands of the Shire; how these assets are best maintained; and that clubs and organisations are supported where possible. In this way, the SRP will seek to increase participation in sports and recreational pursuits, for the overall benefit of the community and individuals.

Through community inputs – from the general public and participants, to the different sporting clubs, organisations and committees – as well as from technical inputs, the SRP identifies different priorities for the community, and options to fund and deliver them.

The SRP has been created to be consistent with the Community Strategic Plan, Council's Delivery, Operational and Asset Management Plans, and other Council strategies and policies.

The SRP consists of six components:

1. A summary of consultation and technical findings
2. Aspirations for sport and recreation within the Shire, as a visioning direction for the SRP
3. Definition of the Shire-wide strategic network
4. Detailed strategies for assets by village
5. Funding options
6. Implementation plan

The SRP will meet the recreation needs of the population for the next 15 years.

## 1.2

### BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

Blayney Shire is located in the beautiful rural heartland of central NSW. The shire's main town centre Blayney, is supported by the surrounding villages and localities of Barry, Carcoar, Hobbys Yards, Lyndhurst, Mandurama, Millthorpe, Neville and Newbridge.

Currently infrastructure and facilities for more formal sporting pursuits are concentrated in Blayney and Millthorpe and as a rural area, equestrian sports are popular, although soccer, cricket, rugby and netball are all a big part of local fixtures. A number of State forests and crown reserves are accessible in the Shire, along with the Belubula River and its tributaries, providing opportunities for outdoor, unstructured recreation pursuits in natural and open space settings.

The geographic spread of the population, differences in socio-economic status, physical ability and work patterns are identifiable influences on the shire's residents' participation in sport and activity. In this context it is important that the outcomes of the SRP include optimising opportunities for recreation for all residents of the Shire. Rising inactivity in Australians has long reaching negative impacts on quality of life and health and is relevant to all three tiers of government. Through this SRP Blayney Shire will position itself to reverse these impacts and encourage active and healthy lifestyles for all people in its community.

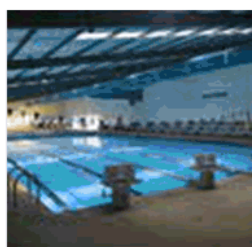
### 1.3

## WHAT COUNCIL ASSETS MAKE UP THE SPORT AND RECREATION NETWORK?

#### BLAYNEY



Blayney Showground



Centrepoint



Carrington Park



Dakers Oval



Heritage Park



King George Oval + Netball



Napier Oval



Frogs Hollow reserve



- Other community parks:
- Apex Park (Gilchrist St. shown)
  - Albert Cook Park
  - Medway Street Park
  - Blayney High School
  - Blayney Bowls Club and Blayney Golf Club

#### BARRY



Former school and paths

#### NEVILLE



Neville Showground (not Council owned)

**CARCOAR**



Carcoar Sports Ground



Kurt Fearnley Park



Carcoar Showground (not Council owned)

**LYNDHURST**



Recreation Ground camping



Capital Park

**MILLTHORPE**



Redmond Oval



Mill Green Garden reserve

+ Glenorie Road off-leash dog area

**MANDURAMA**



Mandurama Recreation Ground

**NEWBRIDGE**



Newbridge Recreation Ground



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## Community Consultation

The display days allowed the public to ask questions of the planners and to have a little fun: with a difficult test of sporting skill, involving bowling pins, a cricket bat and a plastic ball...



## 2.1 ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

As part of developing the Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan (SRP), Blayney Shire Council invited the community and different sporting organisations to participate in early conversations and provide input to help plan for the future of sport and recreation in Blayney.

The consultation program included the public issue of a discussion paper, a community online survey, a survey for other stakeholders, one-on-one interviews, public displays and a vision workshop.

The SRP will respond to demand and supply requirements for sport and recreation facilities across the shire, and the feedback from community and other stakeholders helps identify what's here, what's needed and what the different priorities for the community are.

A full summary of consultation results is provided in preceding works. Please refer to *Community Consultation Summary* (Place Design Group, July 2017), *Research and Engagement Report* (WRI June 2017), and *Discussion Paper* (PDG and WRI, May 2017).

**A vision statement as an output of the vision workshop has been adopted by this SRP**

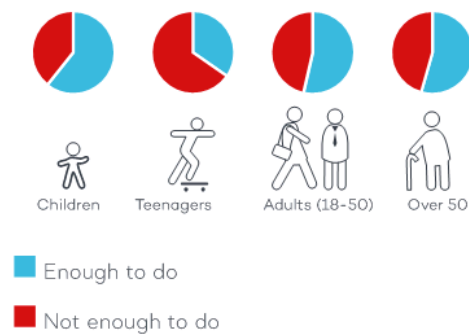
## 2.2 EMERGING CONSULTATION THEMES

Emerging strategic themes have been identified from the community feedback. The themes have assisted in categorising strategic actions in the following sections of the SRP.

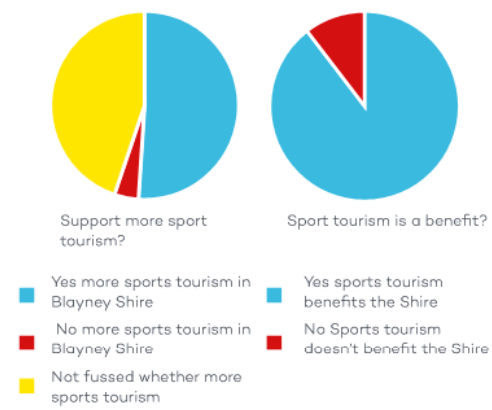
Strategic theme	Includes	Suggested importance
Operational infrastructure	Identification of new or upgraded infrastructure for the purpose of operating formal sporting activity (surfaces, line markings, goal posts etc.)	Most important in terms of core operation functions and service required to enable a particular sport or recreation activity to be played.
Amenity infrastructure	Identification of new or upgraded infrastructure ancillary to the operation of sporting activity (toilets, change rooms, canteens, seating etc. noting that car parking and access are categorised separately as a theme Access - circulation)	Important in achieving high quality standards of service for core functions of operational infrastructure, through infrastructure that supports this.
Access - circulation	Identification of issues pertaining to access and circulation for pedestrians, vehicles, and cyclists	Third most important, physical accessibility is considered fundamental to encouraging participation through ensuring access is easy.
Access - all abilities	Identification of issues pertaining to access and circulation for mobility impaired users	Of equal importance, physical accessibility for people of all abilities is an improved expansion of the previous theme.
Access - affordability	Identification of issues pertaining to affordability of access to paid facilities or events	Following in importance, ensuring access to facilities is possible for all income levels, again, expands accessibility and maximises opportunities for participation.
Access - management	Identification of issues pertaining to access for specific user groups owing to management, policy or organisation of facility or events	Encouraging participation through policy, promotion and awareness, or direct management can be helpful but is not critical to most opportunities for participation.
Maintenance	Issues pertaining to the ongoing maintenance and keeping of infrastructure components, including landscaping, grounds keeping, servicing and building repairs	Less important in terms of immediate delivery of sport and recreation opportunities, however important over the long term and for Council's objectives for sustainable service.
New facility	Identification of need for whole new facility or site for facility (does not include upgrades or new infrastructure for existing facilities)	It is noted that this theme was identified out of consultation discussions, however supply and demand indicators did not find immediate demand for any entire new facility.

## 2.2 INDICATIONS OF COMMUNITY NEED

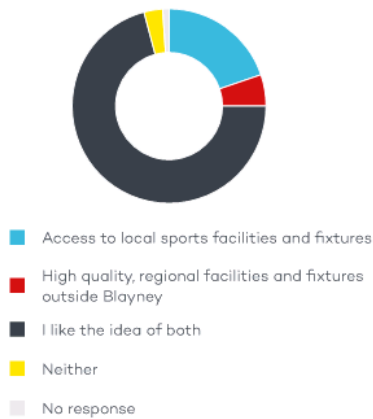
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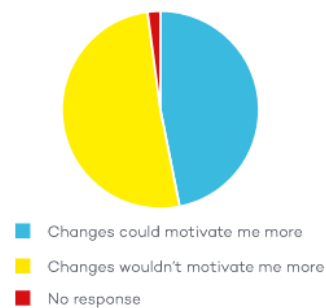
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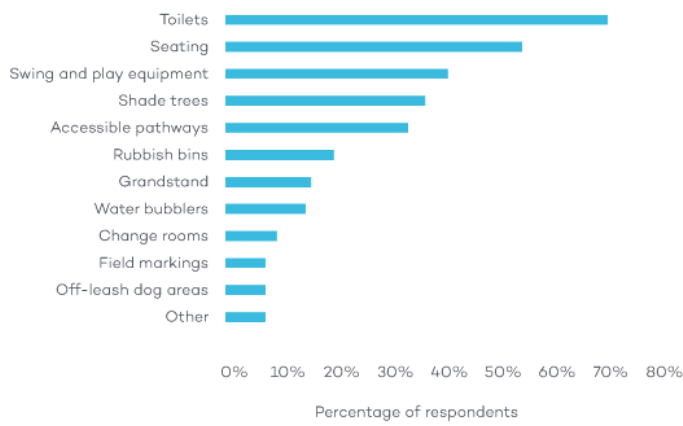
### WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT?



### WHAT WOULD MOTIVATE YOU TO BE MORE ACTIVE?



**WE ASKED YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF YOUR MOST USED PARK, FACILITY OR GROUNDS...**



**AND WHETHER THESE WERE MEETING YOUR NEEDS...**



**CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES**



1. Pop up engagement Blayney Farmers Market
2. Talking to the community on Adelaide St
3. Getting everyone involved
4. Vision workshop



The Blayney Shire Sport and Recreation Plan will aspire to guide and facilitate a complementary sport and recreation network for the Shire, universally accessible to all parts of the community, to encourage participation for all.

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In aspiring and creating a complementary and accessible network of sport and recreation assets, the benefits of health, well-being, social capital and pride in Blayney's sport and recreational community can be realised for the Shire.

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Participation through active and passive recreation, formal and informal sport, training, spectating, or volunteering will be supported through the Blayney Shire SRP aspiring to deliver a diverse range of activities for participation through the whole Shire.

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The Blayney Shire SRP will provide a strategy for Council's efficient and cost-effective delivery of the right infrastructure, in the right place. It will prioritise multi-purpose, integrated facility planning to ensure robust outcomes for assets is achieved.

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The Blayney Shire SRP will establish priorities and program works for key assets in accordance with relevant strategies and concept master plans for major facilities.

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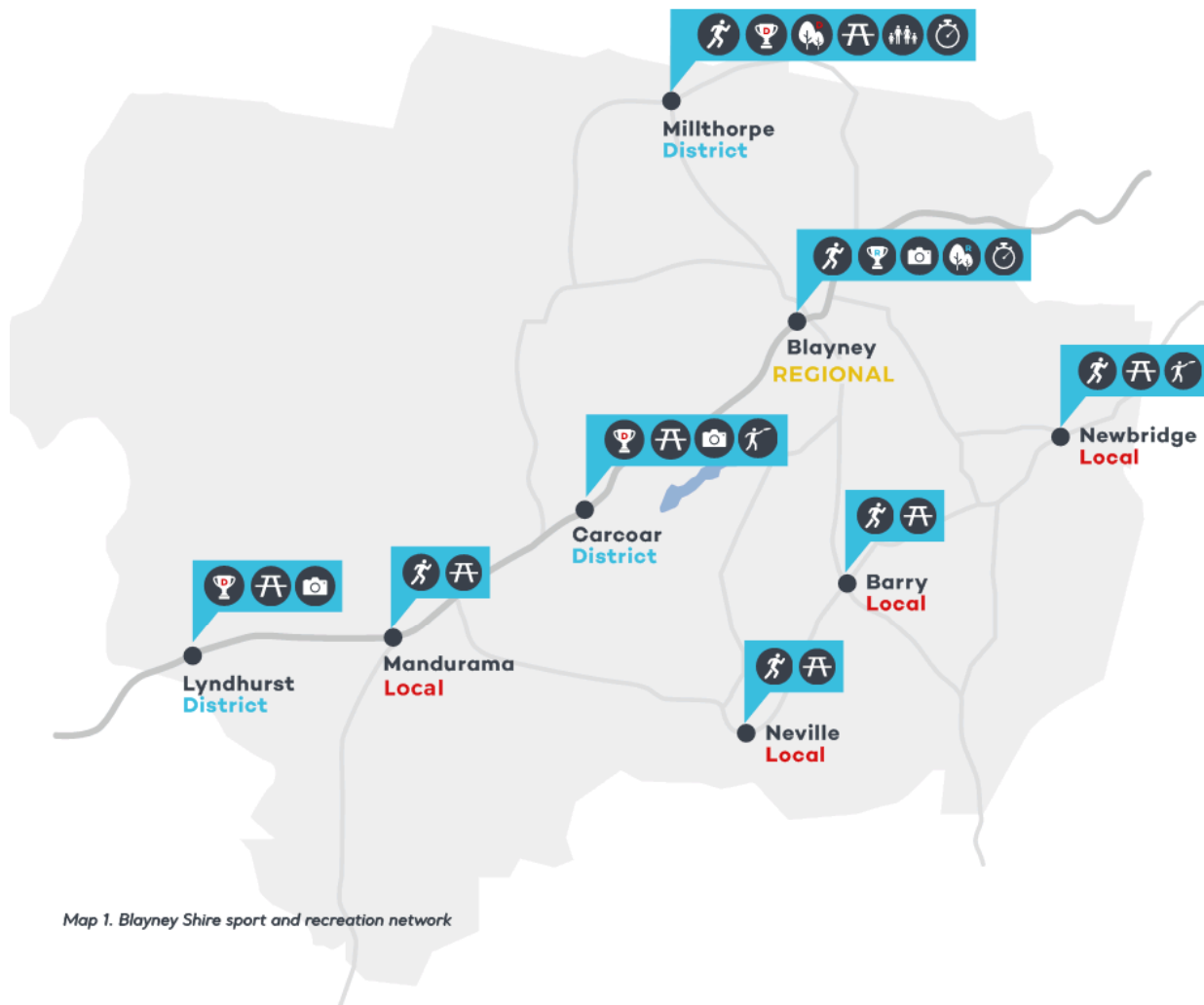


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Strategies of  
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## 4.1

### SHIRE-WIDE NETWORK OF ASSETS



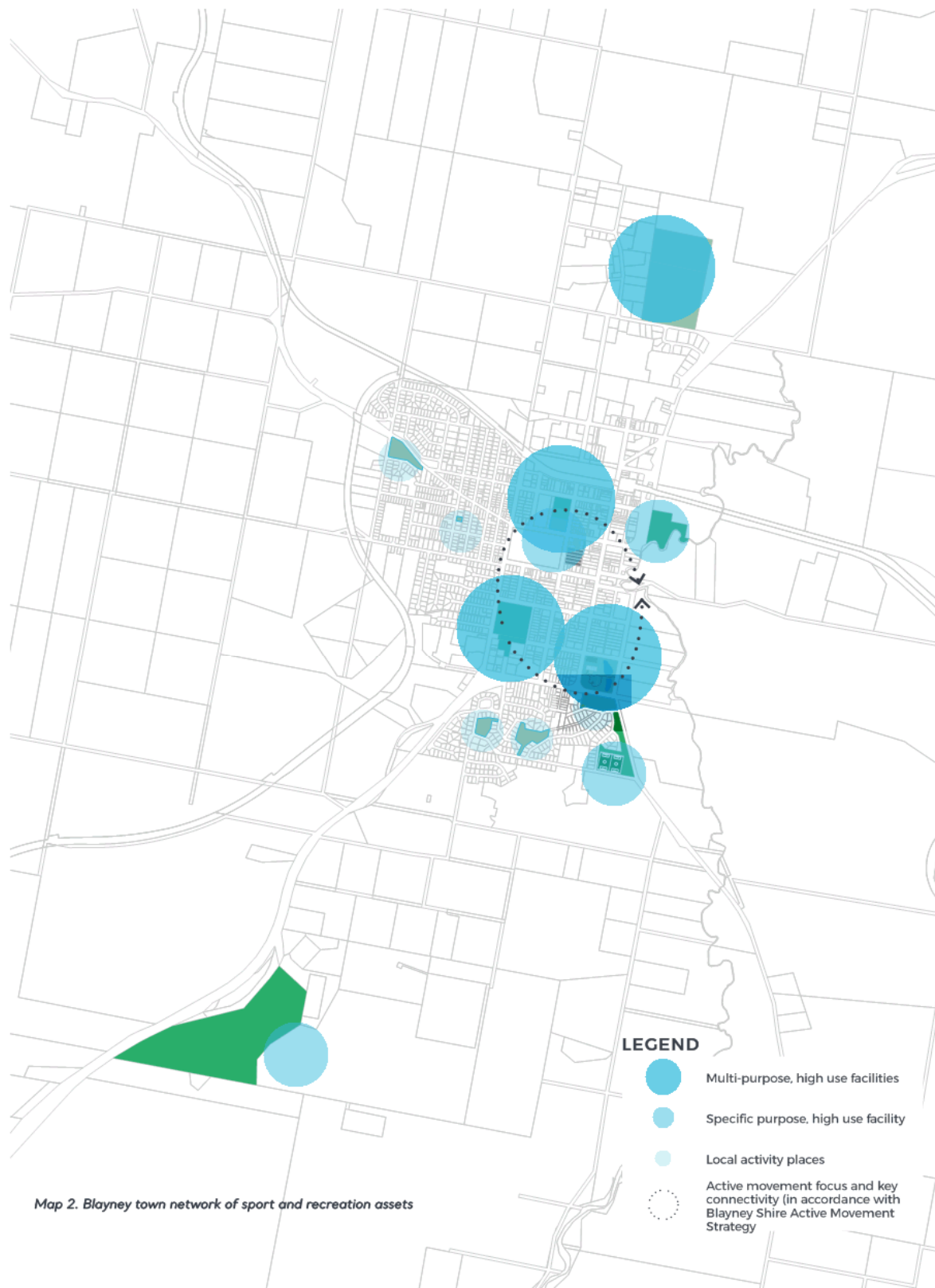
LEGEND	
	ACTIVE MOVEMENT
	DISTRICT PARK
	PICNIC AND RELAXATION
	SPORTS TOURISM
	REGIONAL COMPETITION
	QUALITY TRAINING
	DISTRICT COMPETITION
	LOCAL ACTIVITY
	REGIONAL PARK
	FAMILY ACTIVITY

The map above shows a network classification and intended sport and recreation character of each town and village in the shire. The network hierarchy informs the aspirations and strategies for each place and its assets, and is simply classified as:

- » Regional
- » District
- » Local

It's a hierarchy that will assist Council in its decision making, and reinforces the overall principle, that is to provide efficient servicing for the whole Shire, in a complementary and equitable way.

Each village character will be supported through Council works and investment, and improved quality and range of services can be more efficiently delivered in higher order areas of service.





## 4.2

### BLAYNEY TOWN ASSETS

Similar to the Shire-wide network just described, the SRP addresses the assets in Blayney town as an integrated strategic network. This means the strategy for each asset focuses on aspirations for the individual asset, within a complementary network.

Links and circulation between key assets will be prioritised according to the network plan, and key strategic actions are prioritised within this network plan, as well as in accordance with the overall SRP aspiration. Each asset will play a role within the concentrated opportunities of the Blayney town network to accommodate and coordinate the sport and recreation needs for all of the Blayney Shire.

Similar considerations for complementary functions of assets in the surrounding villages is also intended for the greater Blayney Shire, although physical links and integration will not necessarily be a component.

The proposed network hierarchy for Blayney town is described in Map 2.

Proposed as the regional attractor for sport and recreation of the shire, the Blayney town network is intended to promote the following sport and recreation characters within the Shire-wide network:

**ACTIVE MOVEMENT** – assets support the maximisation of opportunities for participation and active movement

**REGIONAL COMPETITION** – standards of sports facilities are provided to a standard suitable for hosting regional competition in identified focus sporting sectors (equestrian, rugby league, soccer, cricket)

**SPORTS TOURISM** – planning and attraction of more sports events that promote participation, spectating and visitation from other parts of the region or state.

**REGIONAL PARKS** – parks are provided to a standard that attract visitation from across the region or state, such as Heritage Park

**QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAMS** – training programs for identified focus sporting sectors are upheld to the highest quality and can be respected across the region

**PICNIC AND RELAXATION** – open spaces providing opportunity for passive recreation, informal activity or engagement with nature

**LOCAL ACTIVITY** – lower order spaces and facilities that provide for local residents' informal activity, are easy to access and provide minor features such as playground equipment or picnic tables.

The following section details the strategies for each of Blayney's (town) assets, describing how they contribute to the sport and recreation characters being sought.

# BS Blayney Showground STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *The Blayney Showground will be a destination facility for equestrian sports, including competition, training, and specialised events, promoting high standards of equestrian sportsmanship, as well as promoting Blayney as a regionally recognised centre of excellence for equestrian activities.*

**Will contribute to** 

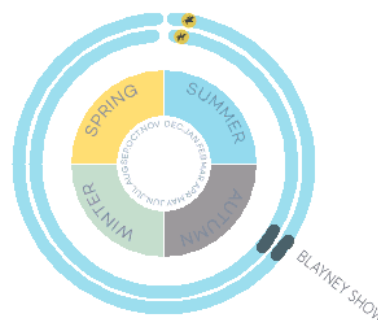
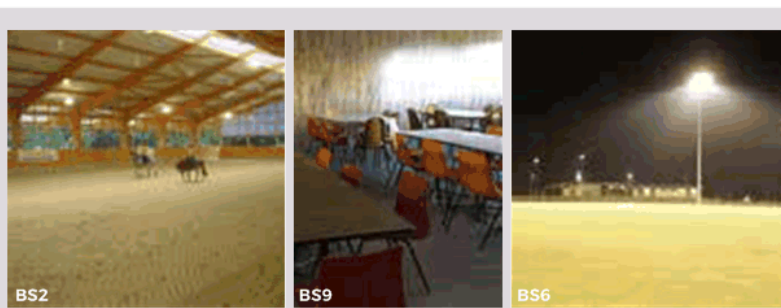
**Key sport and recreation functions** Equestrian, dressage, harness racing

**Sport and recreation user groups** Central West Dressage, Carcoar and District Pony Club, Orange Equestrian Club, Blayney Trotting Association

**Other user groups** Blayney Agricultural and Pastoral Association

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	BS1	Re-locate soccer infrastructure to Napier Oval	Expansion of Napier Oval grounds	Council budget Grant application
	BS2	Construct multi-purpose covered arena	-	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	BS3	Provide cross country jumps	Detailed design	Grant application Club contributions
Amenity infrastructure	BS4	Provide sealed car parking	Funding	Council budget Club contributions
	BS5	Provide spectator seating	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	BS6	Upgrade and extend lighting system in accordance with renewed areas of circulation	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Club contributions
	BS7	Upgrade stables	Funding	Grant application Club contributions
	BS8	Upgrade camping facilities	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Grant application Club contributions
	BS9	Renovate club house dining facility	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	BS10	Entry statement and tree-scaping for improved visual qualities	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
Access - circulation	BS11	Provide circuit road to improve access and on-site circulation	Detailed design	Council budget
Access - management	BS12	Market facilities as regional destination for equestrian sports, as upgrades occur	Achieving necessary qualities through upgrades	Council budget

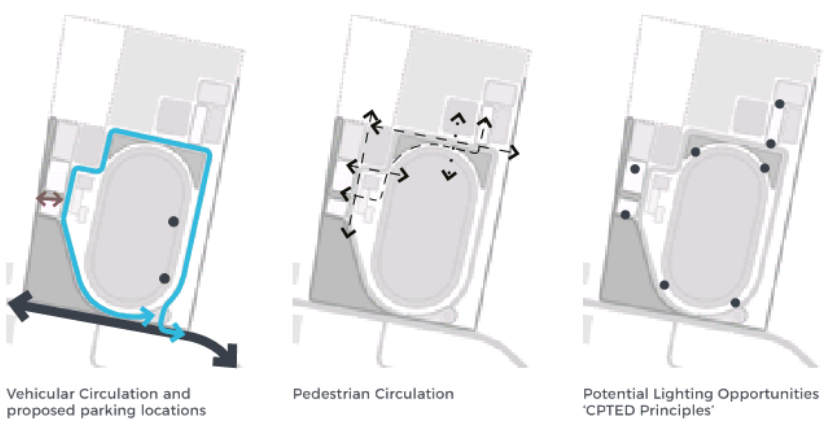


# BS Blayney Showground

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



- Indicative responses (final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)
- 01 Proposed avenue of street trees enhancing the streetscape character and visually connecting the open space to the surrounding community.
  - 02 Proposed surface car parks, entry and exit off the proposed new Showground circuit road.
  - 03 Proposed main roundabout entry off Marshalls Lane. Entry to accommodate an entry statement or feature element defining the main entry into the showground.
  - 04 Proposed location for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
  - 05 Proposed circuit road providing better circulation and ease of access for horse trailers.
  - 06 Existing harness racing track to remain with opportunities for the internal space to be used for community/ regional events
  - 07 Proposed location of a new all weather horse riding arena, accommodating a 80m x 50m circuit.
  - 08 Potential locations for additional dressage arenas and warm up areas.
  - 09 Upgraded and consolidated stable areas for use during events.
  - 10 Horse trailer parking area to remain
  - 11 Existing location of (newly installed) outdoor sand arenas to be retained



**LEGEND**

- Existing and proposed buildings.
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Horse stables
- Openspace/ recreation area

# CP Carrington Park STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Carrington Park will be recognised as a place of memorial and monument, continuing to provide for community functions and family oriented activity, and framed by formal gardens extending from its grand gates and their respectful purpose.*

**Will contribute to** 

**Key sport and recreation functions** Memorial park, central open space, children's playground, picnic and BBQ facilities

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public recreation

**Other user groups** Returned Services League, and Blayney farmers markets


## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	CP1	Incorporate playground equipment for under-3-year-olds	-	Council budget Grant application
Access - affordability	CP2	Incorporate 2-3 outdoor gym stations along Osman Street as extension to Centrepoint 'fitness' precinct and to encourage active movement as part of central town assets (Centrepoint-Carrington Park- Blayney High School-King George Oval)	Detailed landscape design Active Movement Strategy works	Council budget Grant application
Access - management	CP3	Review policy on after-hours access to toilet facilities	-	Council resources
Maintenance	CP4	Ensure power, lighting and water services are maintained	-	Council budget



# C Centrepoint STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Centrepoint will provide all year swimming infrastructure, along with dry courts, weights room, aerobics room and Scouts Hall, encouraging community access to performance coaches or trainers where facility upgrades renew quality and community satisfaction with paid entry.*

**Will contribute to** 

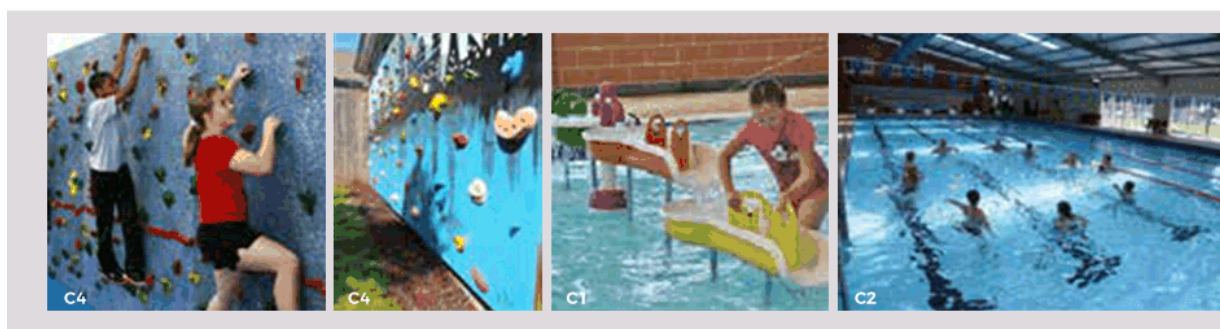
**Key sport and recreation functions** Indoor pool and fitness centre

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public recreation, Blayney basketball, Blayney Volleyball, Swimming club

**Other user groups** -

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	C1	Provide interactive children's water playground	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	C2	Provide wet level pool deck	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	C3	Provide family change room	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
Amenity infrastructure	C4	Consider more dynamic activities e.g. climbing wall	To be considered in detailed design of Major upgrade works	Council budget
Access - all abilities	C5	Provide disabled access in the middle pool	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	C6	Upgrade to unisex toilets	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
Access - management	C7	Advance swimming coaching to provide highest quality core service area to inspire all abilities participation as well as competitive performance	-	Council budget





# Dakers Oval

## STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Dakers Oval will provide for an upgraded, central open space sports ground for the purpose of showcasing cricket matches and providing some multi-purpose amenity, in close proximity to the town centre.*

**Will contribute to**

**Key sport and recreation functions** Cricket fixtures and general open space

**Sport and recreation user groups** Blayney cricket, dog walkers, general public

**Other user groups** -

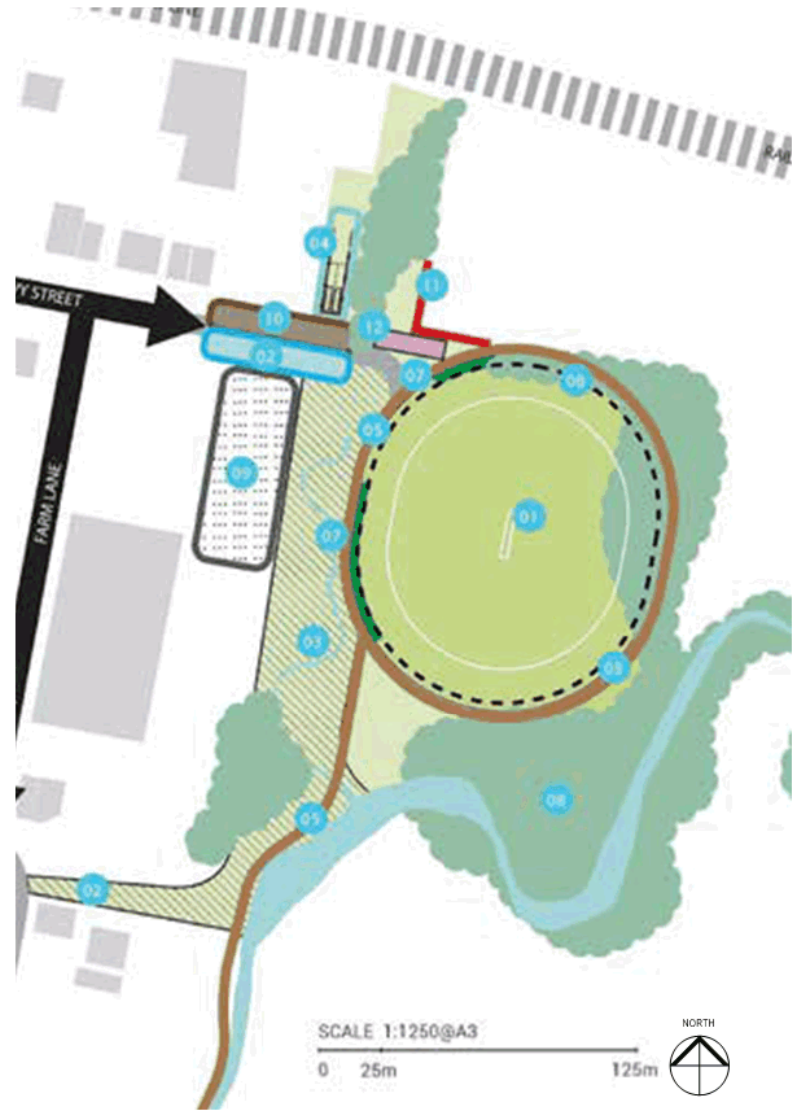
### STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	DO1	Provide practice cricket nets	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
Amenity infrastructure	DO2	Provide amenities block with change rooms	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	DO3	Provide fencing	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	DO4	Provide toilets	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	DO5	Provide sealed car parking surface off Ogilvy Street	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
Access - circulation	DO6	Provide perimeter walking/ jogging path	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application



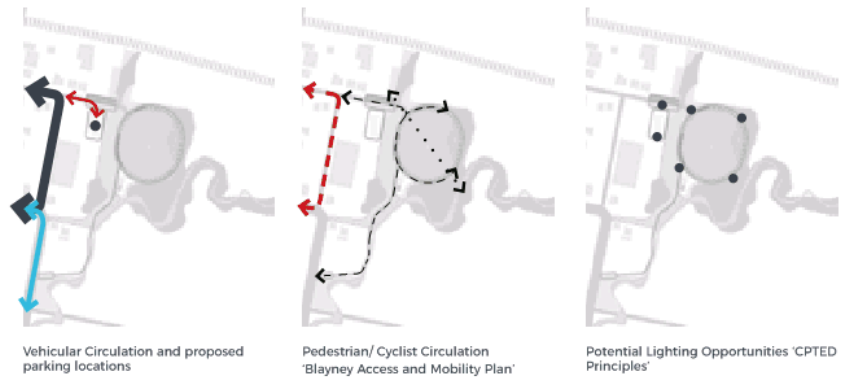
# Dakers Oval

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



Indicative responses  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Existing cricket pitch to be retained
- 02 Existing entry from Ogilvy Street to be improved and a proposed entry from Henry Street to be explored as a future connection.
- 03 Retain and enhance the existing Farm Creek corridor. Incorporate WSUD initiatives to help with environmental management and flood mitigation.
- 04 Proposed location of new cricket practice nets
- 05 Proposed perimeter walking/ jogging path with connections back into Ogilvy Street integrating with the overall 'Blayney Active Movement Strategy'
- 06 Proposed low height perimeter cricket fence
- 07 Planting of deciduous trees to the perimeter of the oval defining the edge and providing aesthetic character
- 08 Maintain and protect the exiting Belubula River ecosystem, an important backdrop and natural element of Dakers Oval
- 09 Proposed surface car park, entry and exit off Ogilvy Street
- 10 Proposed locations for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 11 Maintain access to private land to north of the site
- 12 New amenity block (subject to detailed design and appropriate flood impact mitigation)




### LEGEND

- Existing and proposed buildings
- Row of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Open space/ recreation area
- Existing areas of vegetation

# HP Heritage Park STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Heritage Park will continue to provide a regionally attractive, dynamic playground and park space, encouraging all ages and all abilities activities, integrating with primary movement networks and the tennis courts.*

Will contribute to 

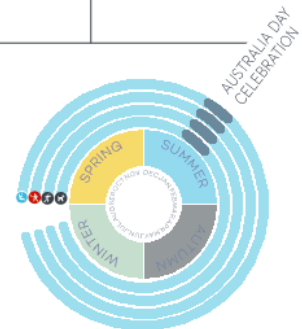
**Key sport and recreation functions** Playground, skatepark (future), tennis courts

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public, families, youth and elderly

**Other user groups** -

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	HP1	Provide all ages skatepark	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	HP2	Provide playground equipment for under 3-year olds	Detailed design	Council budget
	HP3	Incorporate 3-5 outdoor gym stations along Lower Farm Street	Upgrade and connection of Lower Farm Street in accordance with Active Movement Strategy	Council budget Grant application
Access - circulation	HP4	Provide circulating shared path around playground and tennis courts	Funding	Council budget
	HP5	Upgrade pedestrian crossings of Mid Western Highway	Assessment by State	Council budget State Government budget Grant application
	HP6	Apply signage and wayfinding strategy to support active movement within park and safe movement across highway (using Heritage Park as a key landmark)	Preparation of strategy and design guideline	Council budget
Access - all abilities	HP7	Initiate 'learn to skate' programs for all ages and all abilities	Provision of skatepark	Council budget







# King George Oval + Netball courts

## STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *King George Oval will be reinforced as a landmark “battleground” for sports in Blayney, embracing its central location, long standing history with the shire’s most popular sport, and its capacity to service multiple sporting codes and occasional events. It will be known as the people’s grounds, and will be accessible at all times, with improved integration to the town’s active movement network and between the netball courts and sports fields.*

**Will contribute to** 

**Key sport and recreation functions** Sports fields, netball courts, running tracks, training and competition

**Sport and recreation user groups** Blayney Rugby League, Blayney Rugby Union, Blayney Netball, Blayney Little Athletics, Blayney Cricket

**Other user groups** Organisers of special events such as fêtes etc.

### STRATEGIC ACTIONS

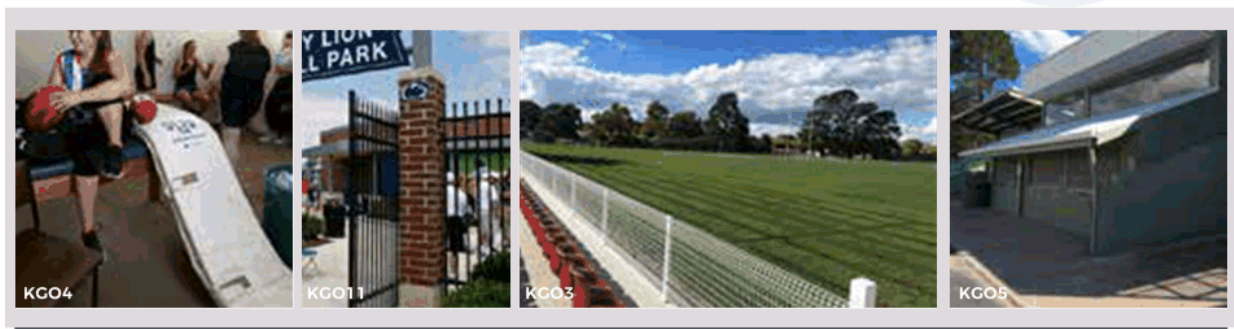
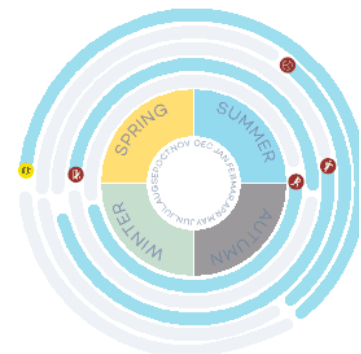
Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	KGO1	Upgrade irrigation and drainage of central fields	Engineering design and funding	Council budget Grant application
	KGO2	Provide new lighting system to Oval 2 for training purposes	Engineering design and funding	Council budget Grant application
	KGO3	Provide track improvements to match competition standards (including increasing number of lanes from 6 to 8; incorporating straight track of 110m; and aligning straight track and 400m oval track finishing lines)	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
Amenity infrastructure	KGO4	Provide new change rooms (women and men) by expanding existing amenities block generally in accordance with concept master plan	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	KGO5	Upgrade car parking off Charles Street to ensure safe and equitable vehicle access and manoeuvring for both pedestrians and vehicles	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions
	KGO6	Provide additional car parking on Queen Street	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	KGO7	Existing grand stand change rooms to be re-purposed to provide additional storage (including systematising use across all user groups/ sports codes)	Detailed design Provision of new change room amenities block (KGO04)	Council budget Grant application
	KGO8	Investigate provision of outdoor fitness stations as new complementary elements to integrate netball courts, sports fields and public use	Funding	Council budget Grant application
Access – circulation	KGO9	Provide gateway and signage/ wayfinding at the corner of Queen and Charles Streets	Shire-wide wayfinding strategy	Council budget
	KGO10	Adapt fencing between netball courts and playing fields to integrate functional areas when closure not required (e.g. for ticketed days)	-	Council resources
	KGO11	Upgrade pedestrian entrances, located in accordance with the SRP master plan concept	Detailed design	Council budget
	KGO12	Review management of asset and specifically find opportunities to ‘unlock the gates’ outside of game days	Suitable security solutions to discourage vandalism	Council resources

# King George Oval + Netball courts

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

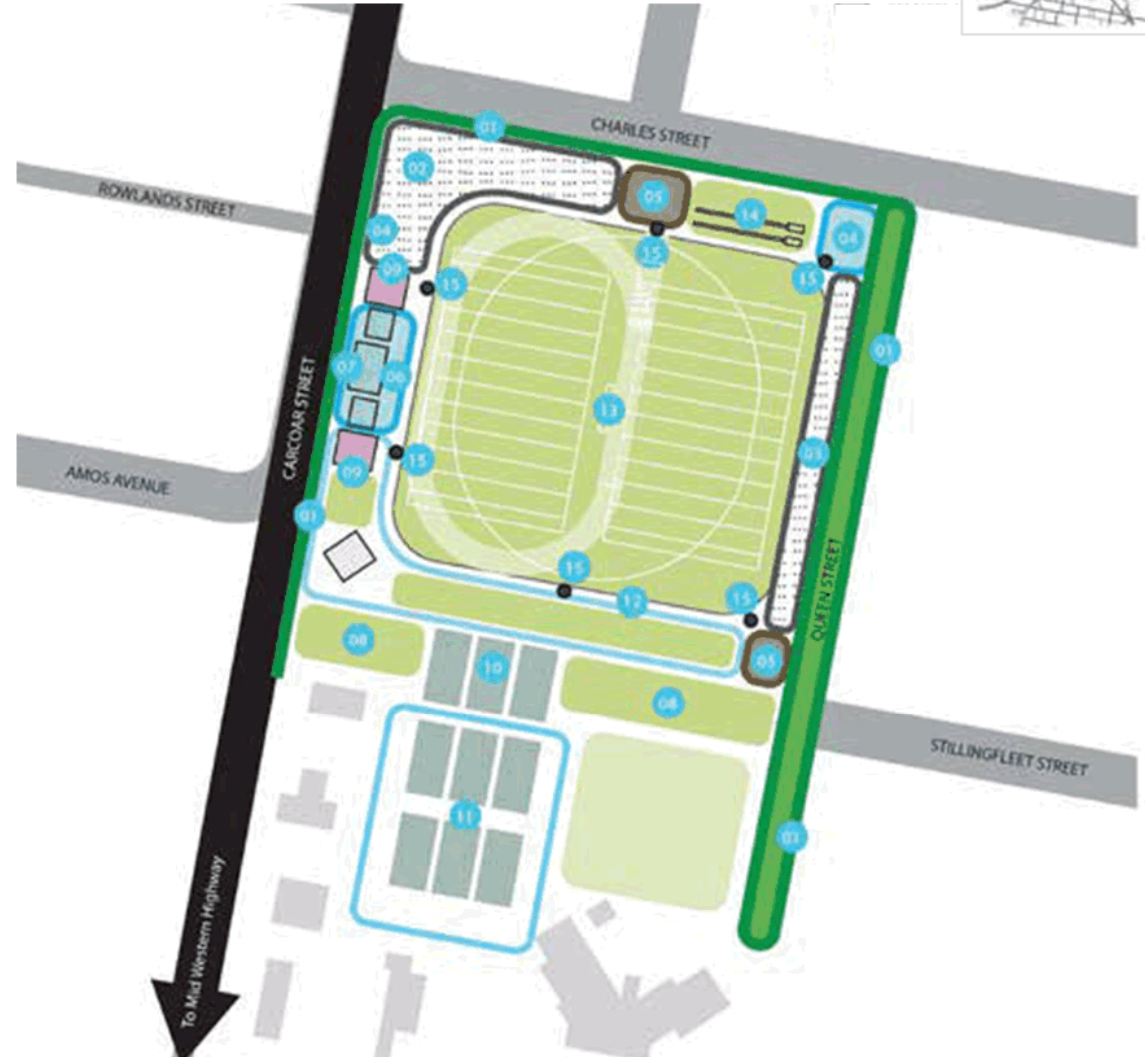
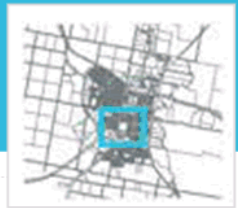
Indicative responses  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Proposed avenue of street trees enhancing the streetscape character, visually connecting the open space to the surrounding community and providing privacy for surrounding residents.
- 02 Proposed surface car park, entry and exit off Charles Street.
- 03 Proposed widening of Queen Street accommodating parallel parking.
- 04 Proposed main entries for pedestrians. At least one gate remains unlocked outside game days.
- 05 Proposed location for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 06 Existing grandstands and amenities block can be enhanced with landscape treatments via the introduction of trees with non-invasive root structures and paving treatments to the ground plane.
- 07 Existing grand stand change rooms to be re-purposed, for additional storage.
- 08 Potential expansion areas present an opportunity for an all ages outdoor gym. This could be well utilised by the local aged care facility and wider community.
- 09 Proposed location of new male and female change rooms and toilets, extending from the existing grandstands.
- 10 Proposed location of combined basketball/ netball courts, and a small linear park.
- 11 Retain six (6) existing netball courts and aim to develop a high quality netball/ basketball facility for local/ regional events.
- 12 Existing King George Oval could be expanded to the south to better accommodate all sporting codes.
- 13 Widen the current athletics track from 6 to 8 lanes, and incorporate 110m straight track to allow for more events. The alignment of finishing lines for both the straight track and 400m should also be incorporated as part of this upgrade.
- 14 Retain the two (2) long-jump pits and sports field water tanks in this area as it is in close proximity to the service/ maintenance access gates.
- 15 Improve lighting to No. 2 oval for training purposes.

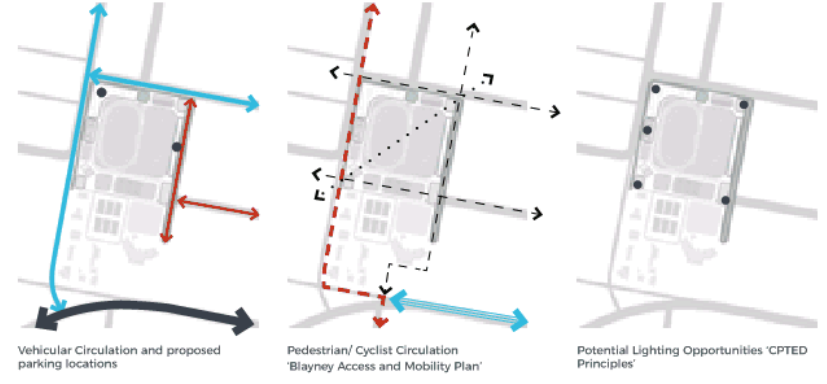


# King George Oval + Netball courts

MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



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**LEGEND**

- Existing and proposed buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Open space/ recreation area
- Netball/ Basketball courts

# NO Napier Oval STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Napier Oval will be the home for Blayney soccer, and through expansion and investment, will be able to provide much needed competition fields for other sporting codes also.*

**Will contribute to** 

**Key sport and recreation functions** Sports fields, competition and training

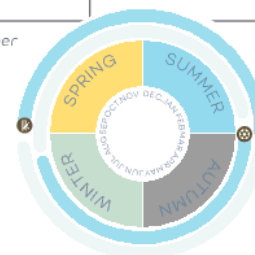
**Sport and recreation user groups** Blayney Football Club, potentially Blayney Hockey (training only)

**Other user groups** -

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

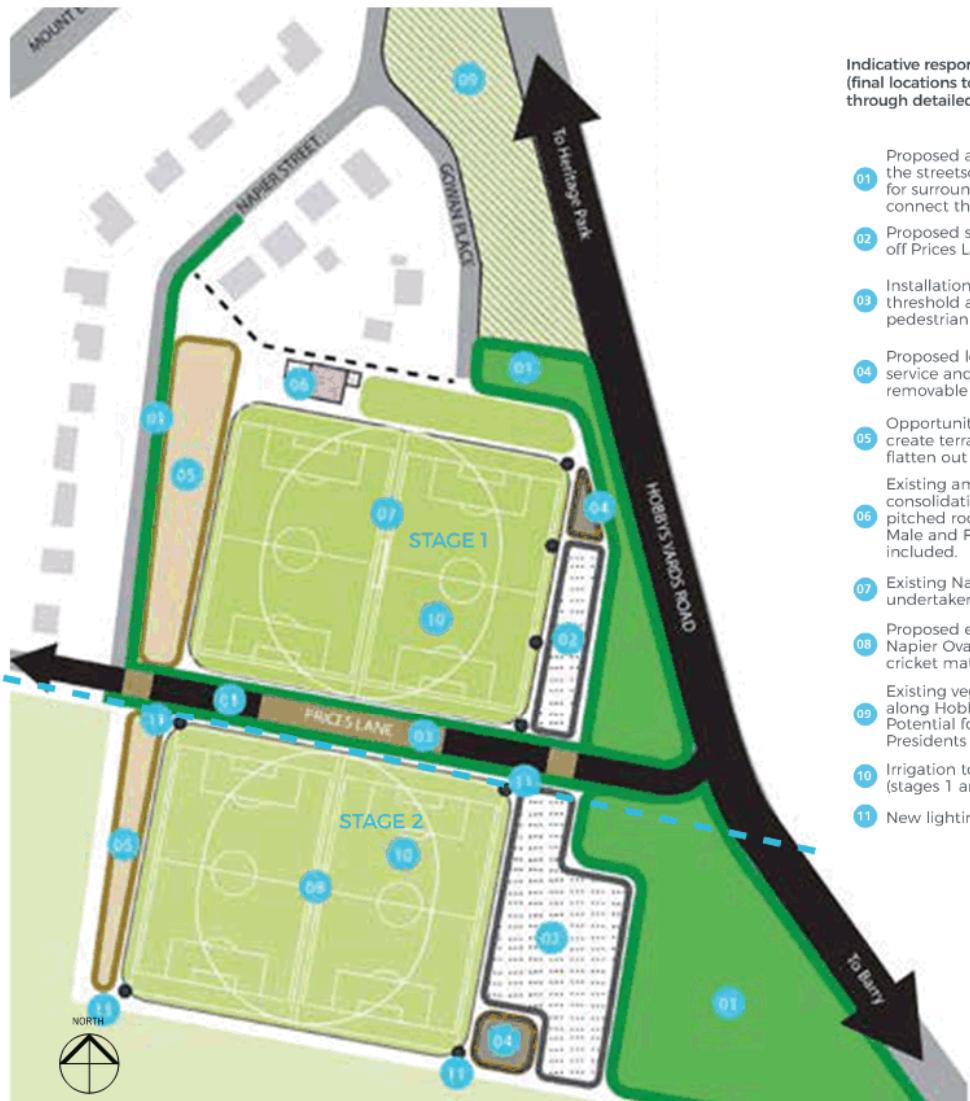
Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	NO1	Negotiate the acquisition of land to the south (treatment plant buffer zone) to expand to 2 full sized and 2 junior fields	Commitment and funding from Council and agreement from private land holder	Council budget
	NO2	Re-grade fields to suitable playing surface level	Acquisition of lands* (NO1)	Council budget Grant application
	NO3	Locate cricket pitch in between two playing fields	Acquisition of lands* Re-grading and re-surfacing of sports fields (NO2)	Council budget Club contributions
	NO4	Provide irrigation for playing fields and to investigate stormwater harvesting and recycled water supply opportunities	Re-grading and re-surfacing of sports fields (NO2) Detailed design for Stages 1 and 2	Council budget Grant application
Amenity infrastructure	NO5	Provide car parking off Prices Lane	Acquisition of lands*	Council budget Grant application
	NO6	Re-locate existing amenities block to central location at Prices Lane	Acquisition of lands* Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	NO7	Provide new change rooms as part of amenities block	Acquisition of lands*	Council budget Grant application
	NO8	Provide terraced seating into re-graded western boundaries of site	Acquisition of lands* Re-grading and re-surfacing of sports fields (NO2)	Council budget Grant application
Access - circulation	NO9	Provide gateways for pedestrians as located on Master Plan Concept	Acquisition of lands*	Council budget

\*Investment in works is assumed to be of value only if the site is able to be expanded through the acquisition of further land, to accommodate the minimum number of sporting fields to meet the immediate and future needs of soccer.



# NO Napier Oval

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



Indicative responses  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Proposed avenues of street trees enhance the streetscape character, provide privacy for surrounding residents and visually connect the open space.
- 02 Proposed surface car parks, entry and exit off Prices Lane.
- 03 Installation of pedestrian pavement threshold and blisters improving pedestrian safety.
- 04 Proposed locations for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 05 Opportunity to use change in level to create terraced seating opportunities and flatten out the existing grades of the oval.
- 06 Existing amenities block to be upgraded consolidating two blocks with new pitched roof and concrete slab (stage 1). Male and Female change rooms to be included.
- 07 Existing Napier oval 1 to retain works undertaken in stage 1
- 08 Proposed expansion to the south, creating Napier Oval 2. Allowing for soccer and cricket matches.
- 09 Existing vegetation buffer to the north along Hobbs Yards Road to remain. Potential for a future connection into Presidents Walk.
- 10 Irrigation to be provided to playing fields (stages 1 and 2)
- 11 New lighting to be installed (stage 2).




**LEGEND**

- Existing and proposed buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Terraced seating areas
- Open space/ recreation area
- Existing areas of vegetation
- Stage boundary

# BP Other Parks in Blayney (Town) Network STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Aligned with Council's Community Land Management Policy (Policy 019E) the value and functions of small parks and gardens is to provide areas of open space and facilities for passive recreational use to both the local community and visitors alike in a pleasant aesthetic environment. These areas are to be accessible to the community at all times.*

**Will contribute to** 

**Key sport and recreation functions** Passive, informal, playground

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public

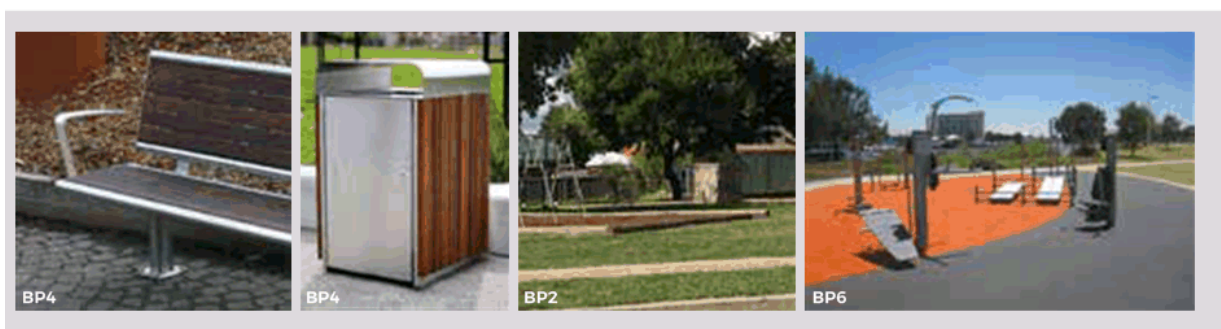
**Other user groups** -

The following such assets are part of the Blayney (town) network:

- » Albert Cook Park
- » Frogs Hollow – passive recreation only
- » Gilchrist Park/ Whittaker lane
- » Midway Street space
- » President's Walk

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	BP1	Provide small playground in Albert Cook Park	Funding	Council budget
	BP2	Investigate re-location of Apex Park playground functions to vacant land between Frape, Beaufort and Cook Streets to improve catchment access and amenity for facilities	Land use investigation and analysis	Council resources
Amenity infrastructure	BP3	Failing viability of alternative location, provide upgrades to Apex Park including bins, seating, and screen planting along southern boundary fence	Funding	Council budget
	BP4	Provide seating and rubbish bins in Frog's Hollow	Funding	Council budget
Access - management	BP5	Investigate higher and better use of eastern portion of President's Walk site, possible for disposal as part of other land negotiations	Land use investigation and analysis Negotiations on acquisition of lands north of Napier Oval	Council budget
	BP6	Initiate programs in conjunction with Blayney Bowling Club and Blayney Golf Club on the use and relevant exercises of new outdoor gym features once provided (Carrington Park, Heritage Park, along central shared path network), specific to user groups likely to participate	-	Council resources





## 4.3

### THE VILLAGES

While the highest concentration of facilities are proposed to be provided in Blayney, the strategies for the Shire's villages ensures sport and recreation services for local use.

In small populations, the ability to field larger team style sports can be easily affected, and as such the basic priority of services will be for individual exercise – walking, jogging, outdoor fitness.

Secondary investment priorities will exist for the upgrade of existing facilities, but new facility assets are not envisioned as being required in any of the villages, for the life of the SRP. However, while there is no expectation of increase in demand to warrant new facilities, the SRP will be an ally of the villages in ensuring expenditure is appropriately prioritised for identified upgrades to ensure a minimum standard of service (i.e. well-maintained, operational sport and recreation infrastructure) is provided, and that infrastructure that will be adaptable over time to accommodate potentially season to season changes in sport and recreational interests.



Aspiration *Activity and movement in Barry will be encouraged through the consolidation of inviting, safe and legible active movement paths and supporting amenity.*

Will contribute to

Key sport and recreation functions Passive, informal

Sport and recreation user groups General public

No Council assets have been identified in Barry for the purpose of the SRP.

**STRATEGIC ACTIONS**

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	BA1	Provide additional shade trees along Sawyer Street and north on Selwyn Street to define pedestrian realm on primary road	Detailed design	Council budget
	BA2	Provide signage and wayfinding routes to create walking trail loop (e.g. Barker-Pearson-Sawyer-Turner-Selwyn-Barker)	Detail design and funding Shire-wide wayfinding and signage strategy	Council budget Grant application (where for greater 'trails' project for all villages)
Amenity infrastructure	BA3	Provide seating and water bubbler (if possible) at corner of Barker and Selwyn Streets, in vicinity of school/bus stop	Funding	Council budget
	BA4	Investigate allocation of small park space for public access and use (e.g. formalising playground in former school)	Funding	Council budget Grant application



# CA Carcoar STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Through good quality sports field, and recreational infrastructure, sport and recreation in Carcoar will be vibrant at the community level, in predominantly informal activities, although standard of facilities will be suitable to cater for formal competitions and training when needed.*

**Will contribute to** 

**Key sport and recreation functions** Passive, informal recreation; formal training and competition (occasional)

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public, Carcoar Crows, other village clubs

The following assets are part of the strategy for Carcoar:

- » Carcoar Sports Ground
- » Kurt Fearnley Park
- » Carcoar Showground

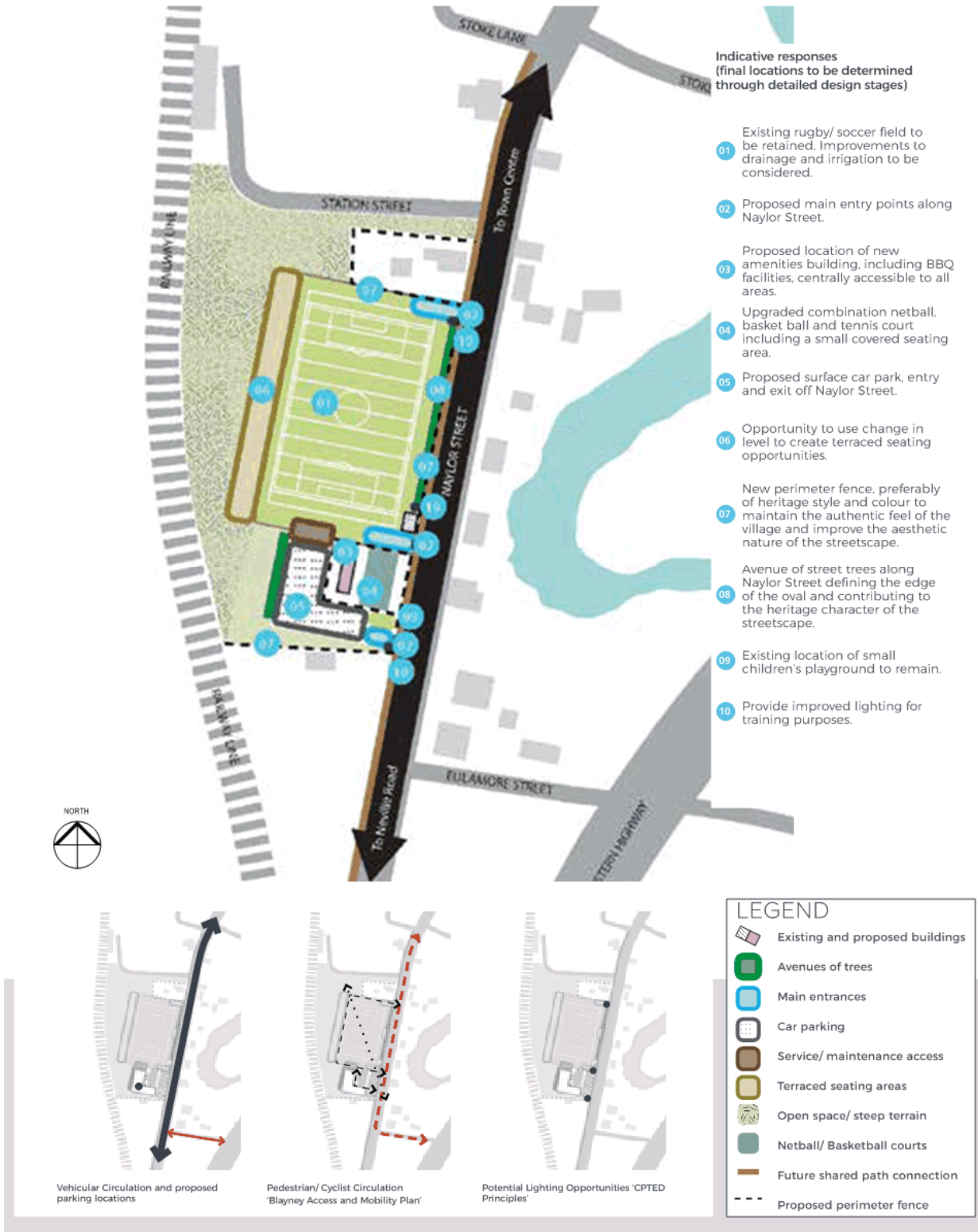
## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	CA1	Level playing field surface and install irrigation and drainage systems at Carcoar Sports Ground	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	CA2	Upgrade tennis court at Carcoar Sports Ground into multi-purpose court (tennis, netball/ basketball etc.)	Detailed design Funding	Council budget Grant application (for Carcoar Sports Ground overall upgrades)
	CA3	Provide / upgrade lighting at Carcoar Sports Ground for training purposes	Detailed design Funding	Council budget Grant application
Amenity infrastructure	CA4	Provide new toilets and change rooms at Carcoar Sports Ground	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	CA5	Provide surface car parking to south of site at Carcoar Sports Ground	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
	CA6	Provide additional seating along Naylor Street boundary of Carcoar Sports Ground and service with power and water for food truck services when needed	Funding	Council budget
	CA7	Replace perimeter fence at Carcoar Sports Ground with fence in style more sympathetic with heritage character of town; and create statement gateways to north and south of Naylor Street frontage	Funding	Council budget Grant application
	CA8	Provide covered shelter at upgraded multi-purpose court at Carcoar Sports Ground	Upgrade of tennis court to multi-purpose court	Council budget Grant application
	CA9	Provide BBQ, picnic, bins and water bubbler as part of new amenity block or as standalone structure	New toilet/ change room amenities block	Council budget Grant application
Access - management	CA10	Promote availability and quality of Carcoar Sports Ground as a training/ event/ fixtures option within sporting community	-	Council resources



# CA Carcoar Sports Ground

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



# Lyndhurst STRATEGY

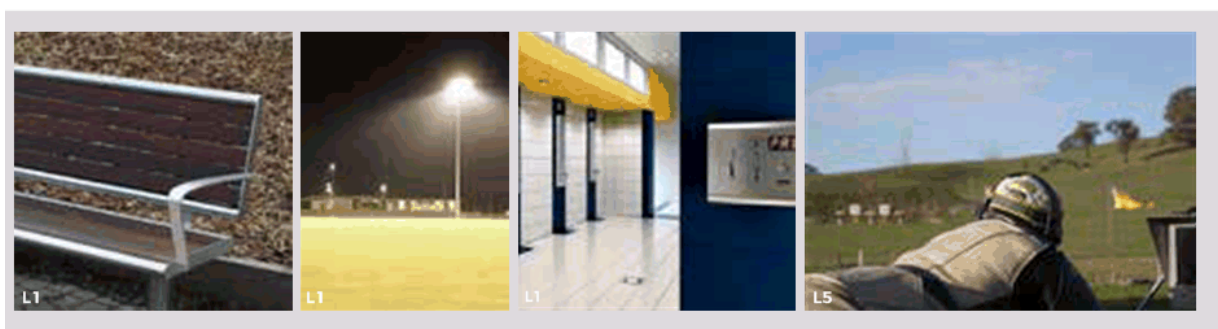
**Aspiration** *Lyndhurst will benefit from promoting itself as a district destination for the niche sports of shooting and team penning, proudly building on its strong history or excellent sportsmanship nurtured at the Lyndhurst Recreation Ground and Lyndhurst Rifle Range. Other local activity will be provided for though a focus on active movement networks through the village.*

**Will contribute to** 

- Key sport and recreation functions** Passive, informal recreation;
- Sport and recreation user groups** General public; Lyndhurst Rifle Club
- Lyndhurst assets** Lyndhurst Recreation Ground; Lyndhurst Rifle Club

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

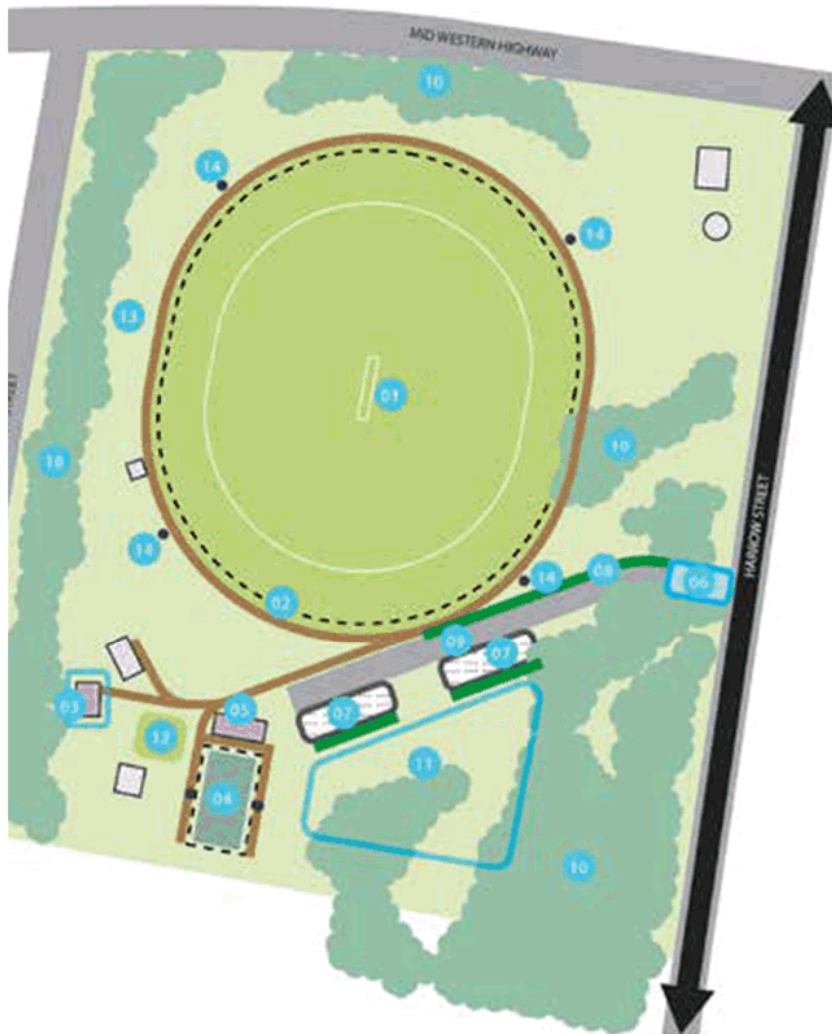
Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Amenity infrastructure	L1	Provide upgrades to amenity infrastructure of Lyndhurst Recreation Ground in accordance with Lyndhurst Community Village Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New picnic shelter and BBQ facilities</li> <li>- Improved toilet facilities with disabled access</li> <li>- Coin operated showers</li> <li>- Tennis court lighting</li> <li>- New fencing around playing fields</li> </ul>	Funding	Council budget Grant application
	L2	Provide improved site drainage to manage localised stormwater issues at Lyndhurst Recreation Ground	Engineering design Funding	Council budget Grant application
	L3	Improve Lyndhurst Recreation Ground visual amenity through upgrades to entry statement, entry road and vegetation maintenance at periphery of grounds	Detailed design Funding	Council budget Grant application
Access - management	L4	Coordinate with user groups to optimise messaging that promotes shooting and team penning in conjunction with user groups of Lyndhurst Rifle Club and Lyndhurst Recreation Ground	-	Council resources
Maintenance	L5	Re-grade spectator mound areas of Lyndhurst Recreation Ground, in turn improving access and optimising maintenance operations	Funding	Council resources





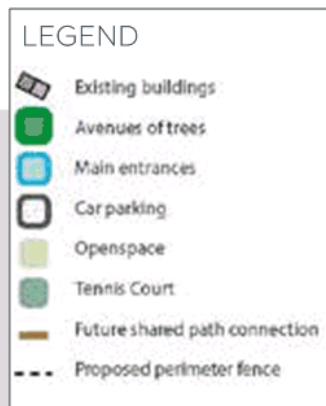
# Lyndhurst Recreation Ground

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



**Indicative responses**  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Existing oval to remain, and grounds maintenance to be improved through modified landscapes (optimising maintenance of steeper spectator areas).
- 02 Opportunity for new perimeter fencing to the existing oval.
- 03 Improved and expanded toilet facilities with disabled access and coin operated showers.
- 04 Upgraded tennis court facility with new lighting.
- 05 Proposed picnic shelter with BBQ facilities, adjacent to the tennis courts.
- 06 Develop a defined entry point into the recreation ground.
- 07 Potential location for car parking bays.
- 08 Trees planted alongside the new entry road will provide an entry statement.
- 09 Proposed new entry road.
- 10 Maintain existing vegetation to the periphery of the recreation ground to improve visual amenity to road and reduce prevalence of weed species.
- 11 Maintain a dedicated camping area.
- 12 Provide small children's playground.
- 13 Improvements to site drainage would address localised stormwater management issues.
- 14 Opportunities for new lighting.



# MA Mandurama STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Activity and movement in Mandurama will be encouraged through the consolidation of inviting, safe and legible active movement paths and supporting amenity, alongside ensuring robust, adaptable local activity spaces in Mandurama Recreation Ground.*

**Will contribute to**

**Key sport and recreation functions** Passive, informal recreation

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public

**Mandurama assets** Mandurama Recreation Ground, Sunnyside Golf Club (privately owned)

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	MA1	Provide 1 outdoor fitness station as part of the Mandurama Recreation Ground	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
Amenity infrastructure	MA2	Investigate the incorporation of a community garden in Mandurama Recreation Ground	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget
Access - Management	MA3	Program recreational spaces to cater to local events such as Anzac Day	-	Council resources
Maintenance	MA4	Improve maintenance of existing facilities at Mandurama Recreation Ground	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget





# Mandurama Recreation Ground

MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



Indicative responses  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Existing oval to remain, potential for improved grounds maintenance
- 02 Existing grounds to park to remain. There is potential for better access from the park to the wider open space areas and improvements to the existing children's playground area
- 03 Existing entries to remain. There is potential for a formalised entry to the oval and wider open space areas
- 04 The introduction of a community garden within the grounds of the park will benefit the local community
- 05 Existing avenues of trees to remain, enhance or extend where possible
- 06 Mandurama Ponds to the north to be enhanced and protected where possible



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## LEGEND

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Openspace
- Tennis Courts
- Path connections
- Proposed perimeter fence

# MT Millthorpe STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Millthorpe will continue to support a vibrant, family oriented activation of its sport and recreation assets, providing quality training programs for young recreators, and safe activity environments for all ages and abilities.*

**Will contribute to** 

**Key sport and recreation functions** Redmond Oval: Sports fields, cricket pitch, youth park, playground  
Mill Green: garden and passive recreation

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public, schools, sports clubs

**Millthorpe assets** Redmond Oval, Mill Green Garden Reserve, Glenorie Road off-leash dog area

## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	MT1	Re-consult on design options to improve Redmond Oval skatepark standards of service (excludes many users)	Funding	Council budget
	MT2	Upgrade existing field lighting	Funding	Council budget
Amenity infrastructure	MT3	Investigate alternative larger location for off-leash dog area to allow for improved amenity and access	Consultation with users of existing off-leash area	Council resources
	MT4	Provide sheltered seating, rubbish bins for off-leash dog area	Determination on location for off-leash dog area	Council budget
	MT5	Improve multi-user functionality of Redmond Oval through new facilities (generally in accordance with concept master plan), including provision of half-court and exercise stations	Funding	Council budget
Access - circulation	MT6	Provide circulating pathways that connect different aspects of Redmond Oval	-	Council budget
Maintenance	MT7	Introduce booking system to formalise use of Redmond Oval by school and other high use users	-	Council resources







# Redmond Oval

## MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



**Indicative responses**  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Improvement works to the playing surface of the existing Redmond Oval have been undertaken (2016-2017).
- 02 Existing cricket nets to remain.
- 03 Proposed circulating network of pathways. Pathway has the opportunity to meander throughout existing trees and provide a northern connection to the cemetery.
- 04 Existing entry to the oval off Park Street.
- 05 Existing car parking area to remain.
- 06 The existing amenities building has been recently upgraded (2016-2017).
- 07 Existing skate park to remain, expansion to the west is possible. There is potential for the inclusion of a smaller all ages and abilities skate park.
- 08 Existing tennis courts to remain. Upgrades to existing night lighting to be explored.
- 09 Existing children's playground to remain. Potential for integration into the circulating network of pathways.
- 10 Small park/ picnic area to remain. Existing facilities could be updated, new bench seats and picnic tables.
- 11 Through site laneway connection to Boomerang Road proposed as part of the current upgrade works to the oval.
- 12 Maintain avenues of trees along Park Street and Boomerang Road.
- 13 Proposed location of new half court basketball court.
- 14 Opportunity for provision of exercise stations around the perimeter of the oval.
- 15 Existing playing field lighting to be upgraded.



**LEGEND**

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Openspace
- Tennis courts
- Future shared path connection
- Proposed perimeter fence





Aspiration *Activity and movement in Neville will be encouraged through the consolidation of inviting, safe and legible servicing through the Neville Showground assets, optimising efficiency of purpose through providing adaptable infrastructure.*

Will contribute to

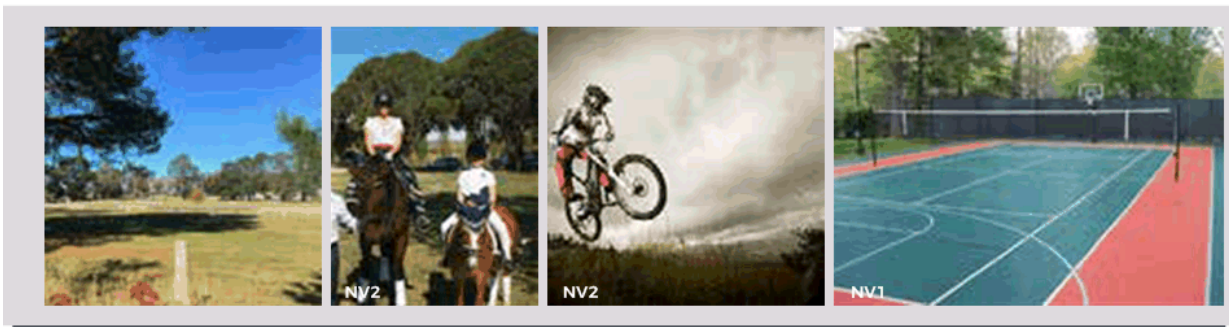
Key sport and recreation functions Passive and informal sport and recreation

Sport and recreation user groups General public

Neville assets Neville Showground

**STRATEGIC ACTIONS**

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	NV1	Provide a multi-purpose court in Neville to support local community including public school	Funding	Council budget Grant application
	NV2	Investigate opportunities for adventure sport locations such as for motor cross or horse trail activities	-	Council resources
Amenity infrastructure	NV3	Provide new toilet at Neville Memorial Park	Funding	Council budget Grant application



# NB Newbridge STRATEGY

**Aspiration** *Activity and movement in Newbridge will be encouraged through the consolidation of inviting, safe and legible active movement paths and supporting amenity, and Newbridge's sport and recreation ground will provide an improved standard of service to align with local purposes for sport, activity and events*

**Will contribute to** 

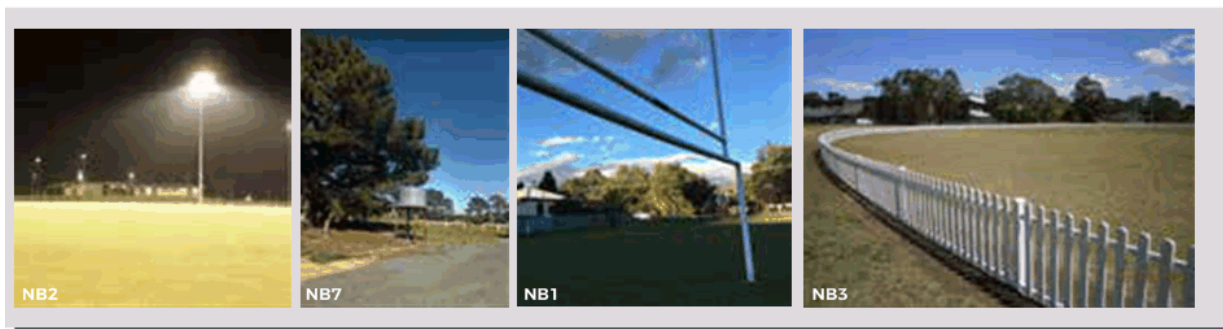
**Key sport and recreation functions** Passive and informal sport and recreation

**Sport and recreation user groups** General public

**Newbridge assets** Newbridge Recreation Ground

### STRATEGIC ACTIONS

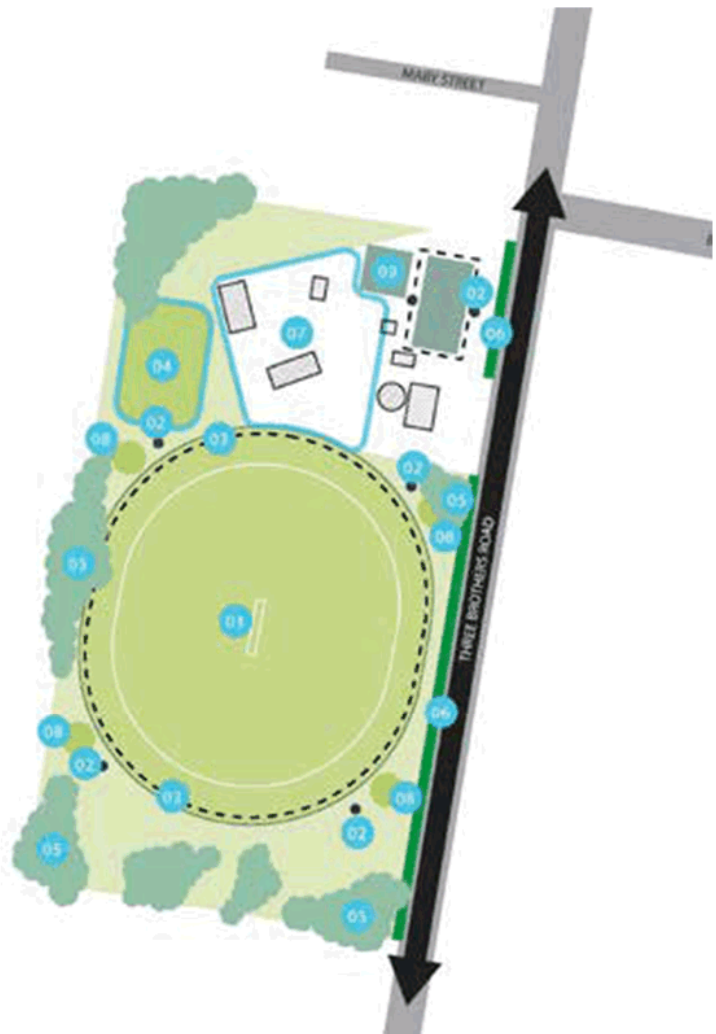
Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Operational infrastructure	NB1	Provide goal posts for sports field	Funding	Council budget Grant application
Amenity infrastructure	NB2	Provide lighting for tennis courts	Funding	Council budget Grant application
	NB3	Provide new fencing for showground	Funding	Council budget Grant application
	NB4	Provide horse enclosure	Funding	Council budget
	NB5	Provide exercise stations and basketball hoop (quarter court)	Funding	Council budget Grant application
Maintenance	NB6	Remove and replace old landscape trees	Funding	Council budget
	NB7	Remove disused/ old structures from site	Funding	Council budget





# Newbridge Recreation Ground

MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



Indicative responses  
(final locations to be determined through detailed design stages)

- 01 Existing oval to remain, potential for improved grounds maintenance.
- 02 Opportunities for new lighting to the existing oval and tennis courts.
- 03 Opportunity for new perimeter fencing to the existing oval.
- 04 Provide horse enclosure.
- 05 Remove poor quality trees and replace with new stock. This will assist in providing an improved amenity for spectators and users of the park grounds.
- 06 Maintain the existing avenue of trees to Three Brothers Road. There is potential for an extension and continuation alongside the tennis courts.
- 07 Demolish old sheds at rear of steel framed sports shed, and improve facility, including weather proofing enclosure.
- 08 Opportunity for provision of exercise stations around oval perimeter.
- 09 Opportunity for new half basketball court.



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## LEGEND

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Openspace
- Tennis court
- Proposed perimeter fence



05

# Implementation Plan

## 5.1

### HOW WILL THE SRP BE IMPLEMENTED?

The mechanism that will help deliver the intended outcomes of the SRP is the Implementation Plan.

The Implementation Plan compiles the strategic actions for each of Council's sport and recreation assets and makes a comparison of five classifications of priority:

1. Priority theme: operational infrastructure, amenity infrastructure, access, or maintenance
2. Type of action: plan/ strategy, new infrastructure, upgrade of existing infrastructure, program/ initiative or landscape improvement
3. Timeframe: immediate, short, medium or long term delivery expectations
4. Relative costs: indication of small, medium or large costs required to deliver infrastructure
5. Prerequisite: prerequisite actions or projects relevant to the action

With these matters detailed for each action, Council is able to make informed determinations on the highest priority projects, filtered through understanding whether the action is sequenced appropriately, and is able to be funded.

#### STRATEGIC THEMES

OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
AMENITY INFRASTRUCTURE
ACCESS - CIRCULATION
ACCESS - ALL ABILITIES
ACCESS - AFFORDABILITY
ACCESS - MANAGEMENT
MAINTENANCE

#### ACTION TYPE

-  DRAFT PLAN/ STRATEGY
-  NEW INFRASTRUCTURE
-  UPGRADE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE
-  PROGRAM/ INITIATIVE
-  LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

#### TIMEFRAMES













#### RELATIVE COSTS

- \$\$\$\$** MAJOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT OR UPGRADE
- \$\$\$** SIGNIFICANT NEW INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT OR UPGRADE
- \$\$** MODERATE UPGRADE COSTS OR SMALLER INVESTMENT IN NEW INFRASTRUCTURE
- \$** MINOR COSTS OR ABLE TO BE RESOURCED THROUGH EXISTING COUNCIL SERVICES

## 5.2

# BLAYNEY TOWN NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>							
Blayney Showground	BS1	Re-locate soccer infrastructure to Napier Oval		\$\$\$	Expansion of Napier Oval grounds	Council budget Grant application	
	0-5 years						
	BS2	Construct multi-purpose covered arena		\$\$\$	-	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
0-5 years							
	BS3	Provide cross country jumps		\$\$	Detailed design	Grant application Club contributions	
5-10 years							
Carrington Park	CP1	Incorporate playground equipment for under-3-year-olds		\$\$	-	Council budget Grant application	
5-10 years							
Centrepoint	C1	Provide interactive children's water playground		\$\$-\$\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
	C2	Provide wet level pool deck		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
5-10 years							
	C3	Provide family change room		\$\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
5-10 years							
Dakers Oval	DO1	Provide practice cricket nets		\$\$	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
5-10 years							
Heritage Park	HP1	Provide all ages skatepark		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
	HP2	Provide playground equipment for under 3-year old's		\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget	
0-5 years							

\*Consultation stages in progress and Council timing may be determined separate to this plan

### ACTION TYPE LEGEND



DRAFT PLAN/ STRATEGY



UPGRADE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE



LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS



NEW INFRASTRUCTURE













PROGRAM/ INITIATIVE













Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options	
	HP3	Provide 3-5 outdoor gym stations along Lower Farm Street		\$\$\$	Upgrade and connection of Lower Farm Street to proposed Active Movement Network	Council budget Grant application	
10+ years							
King George Oval	KGO1	Upgrade irrigation and drainage of central fields		\$\$	Engineering design and funding	Council budget Grant application	
	0-5 years						
	KGO2	Provide new lighting system to Oval 2 for training purposes		\$\$	Engineering design and funding	Council budget Grant application	
0-5 years							
	KGO3	Provide track improvements to match competition standards (including increasing number of lanes from 6 to 8; incorporating straight track of 110m; and aligning straight track and 400m oval track finishing lines)		\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
0-5 years							
Napier Oval	NO1	Negotiate the acquisition of land to the south (treatment plant buffer zone) to expand to 2 full sized and 2 junior fields		\$\$\$\$	Commitment and funding from Council and agreement from private land holder	Council budget	
	Immediate						
	NO2	Re-grade fields to suitable playing surface level		\$\$\$	Acquisition of lands*	Council budget Grant application	
	0-5 years						
	NO3	Locate cricket pitch in between soccer fields		\$\$	Acquisition of lands* Re-grading and re-surfacing of sports fields	Council budget Club contributions	
5-10 years							
	NO4	Provide irrigation for playing fields and to investigate stormwater harvesting and recycled water supply opportunities		\$\$\$	Re-grading and re-surfacing of sports fields Detailed design of Stages 1 and 2	Council budget Grant application	
0-5 years							
Other Blayney Parks	BP1	Provide small playground in Albert Cook Park		\$\$	Funding	Council budget	
	5-10 years						
	BP2	Investigate re-location of Apex Park playground functions to vacant land between Frape, Beaufort and Cook Streets to improve catchment access and amenity for facilities		\$\$	Land use investigation and analysis	Council resources	
5-10 years							

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Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options		
<b>Amenity infrastructure</b>								
Blayney Showground	BS4	Provide sealed car parking		\$\$	Funding	Council budget Club contributions		
							10+ years	
	BS5	Provide spectator seating		\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions		
							5-10 years	
	BS6	Upgrade and extend lighting system in accordance with renewed areas of circulation		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Club contributions		
							0-5 years	
	BS7	Upgrade stables		\$\$	Funding	Grant application Club contributions		
							5-10 years	
	BS8	Upgrade camping facilities		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Grant application Club contributions		
							10+ years	
Centrepoint	BS9	Renovate club house dining facility		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions		
							5-10 years	
	BS10	Provide entry statement and tree-scaping for improved visual qualities		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application		
							5-10 years	
	C4	Provide more dynamic activities e.g. climbing wall		\$	To be considered in detailed design of Major upgrade works	Council budget		
							5-10 years	
	Dakers Oval	DO2	Provide amenities block with change rooms		\$\$	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
								5-10 years
		DO3	Provide fencing		\$\$	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
							5-10 years	

**ACTION TYPE LEGEND**

-  DRAFT PLAN/ STRATEGY
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-  PROGRAM/ INITIATIVE

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options	
King George Oval	DO4	Provide toilets		\$\$\$	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
	0-5 years						
	DO5	Provide sealed car parking surface off Ogilvy Street		\$\$	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
	5-10 years						
	KGO4	Provide new change rooms (women and men) by expanding existing amenities block generally in accordance with concept master plan		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
	0-5 years						
	KGO5	Upgrade car parking off Charles Street to ensure safe and equitable vehicle access and manoeuvring for both pedestrians and vehicles		\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application Club contributions	
	0-5 years						
Napier Oval	KGO6	Provide additional car parking on Queen Street		\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
	KGO7	Existing grand stand change rooms to be re-purposed to provide additional storage (including systematising use across all user groups/ sports codes)		\$\$	Detailed design Provision of new change room amenities block	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
	KGO8	Investigate provision of outdoor fitness stations as new complementary elements to integrate netball courts, sports fields and public use		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application	
	10+ years						
	NO5	Provide car parking off Prices Lane		\$\$	Acquisition of lands <sup>#</sup>	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
NO6	Re-locate existing amenities block to central location at Prices Lane		\$\$\$	Acquisition of lands <sup>#</sup> Detailed design	Council budget Grant application		
0-5 years							
NO7	Provide new change rooms as part of amenities block		\$\$\$	Acquisition of lands <sup>#</sup>	Council budget Grant application		
0-5 years							
NO8	Provide terraced seating into re-graded western boundaries of site		\$\$	Acquisition of lands <sup>#</sup> Re-grading and re-surfacing of sports fields	Council budget Grant application		
5-10 years							

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Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Other Blayney Parks	BP3	Failing viability of alternative location, provide upgrades to Apex Park including bins, seating, and screen planting along southern boundary fence		\$	Funding	Council budget
	5-10 years					
	BP4	Provide seating and rubbish bins in Frog's Hollow		\$	Funding	Council budget
0-5 years						
<b>Access - circulation</b>						
Blayney Showground	BS11	Provide circuit road to improve access and on-site circulation		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget
5-10 years						
Dakers Oval	DO6	Provide perimeter walking/ jogging path		\$\$	Flood impact report and engineering solutions for new infrastructure	Council budget Grant application
0-5 years						
Heritage Park	HP4	Provide circulating shared path around playground and tennis courts		\$\$	Funding	Council budget
5-10 years						
	HP5	Upgrade pedestrian crossings of Mid Western Highway		\$\$	Assessment by State	Council budget State Government budget Grant application
0-5 years						
	HP6	Apply signage and wayfinding strategy to support active movement within park and safe movement across highway (using Heritage Park as a key landmark)		\$	Preparation of strategy and design guideline	Council budget
0-5 years						
King George Oval	KGO9	Provide gateway and signage/ wayfinding at the corner of Queen and Charles Streets		\$\$	Shire-wide wayfinding strategy	Council budget
0-5 years						
	KGO10	Adapt fencing between netball courts and playing fields to integrate functional areas when closure not required (e.g. for ticketed days)		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
	KGO11	Upgrade pedestrian entrances, located in accordance with the SRP master plan concept		\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget
0-5 years						
	KGO12	Review management of asset and specifically find opportunities to 'unlock the gates' outside of game days		\$	Suitable security solutions to discourage vandalism	Council resources
0-5 years						

**ACTION TYPE LEGEND**











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Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Napier Oval	NO9	Provide gateways for pedestrians as located on Master Plan Concept		\$\$	Acquisition of lands <sup>#</sup>	Council budget
0-5 years						
Access - all abilities						
Centrepoint	C5	Provide disabled access in the middle pool		\$\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
0-5 years						
	C6	Undertake major upgrade to unisex toilets		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application
0-5 years						
Heritage Park	HP7	Initiate 'learn to skate' programs for all ages and all abilities		\$	Provision of skatepark	Council budget
5-10 years						
Access - affordability						
Carrington Park	CP2	Incorporate 2-3 outdoor gym stations along Osman Street as extension to Centrepoint and to encourage active movement as part of central town assets (Centrepoint-Carrington Park- Blayney High School-King George Oval)		\$\$\$	Detailed landscape design	Council budget Grant application
0-5 years						
Access - management						
Blayney Showground	BS12	Market facilities as regional destination for equestrian sports, as upgrades occur		\$	Achieving necessary qualities through upgrades	Council budget
5-10 years						
Carrington Park	CP3	Review policy on after-hours access to toilet facilities		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
Centrepoint	C7	Advance swimming coaching to provide highest quality core service area to inspire all abilities participation as well as competitive performance in swimming		\$\$	-	Council budget
0-5 years						
Other Blayney Parks	BP5	Investigate higher and better use of eastern portion of President's Walk site, possible for disposal as part of other land negotiations		\$	Land use investigation and analysis Negotiations on acquisition of lands north of Napier Oval	Council budget
0-5 years						
	BP6	Initiate programs in conjunction with Blayney Bowling Club and Blayney Golf Club on the use and relevant exercises of new outdoor gym features once provided (Carrington Park, Heritage Park), specific to user groups likely to participate		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
Maintenance						
Carrington Park	CP4	Ensure power, lighting and water services are maintained		\$\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						








## 5.3

# BLAYNEY SHIRE VILLAGES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options	
<b>Operational infrastructure</b>							
Barry	BA1	Provide additional shade trees along Sawyer Street and north on Selwyn Street to define pedestrian realm on primary road.		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget	
	0-5 years						
	BA2	Provide signage and wayfinding routes to create walking trail loop (e.g. Barker-Pearson-Sawyer- Turner-Selwyn-Barker)		\$\$\$	Detail design and funding Shire-wide wayfinding and signage strategy	Council budget Grant application (where for greater 'trails' project for all villages)	
5-10 years							
Carcoar	CA1	Level playing field surface and install irrigation and drainage systems at Carcoar Sports Ground		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
	0-5 years						
		CA2	Upgrade tennis court at Carcoar Sports Ground into multi-purpose court (tennis, netball/ basketball etc.)		\$\$\$	Detailed design Funding	Council budget Grant application (for Carcoar Sports Ground overall upgrades)
5-10 years							
	CA3	Provide / upgrade lighting at Carcoar Sports Ground for training purposes		\$\$	Detailed design Funding	Council budget Grant application (for Carcoar Sports Ground overall upgrades)	
5-10 years							
Mandurama	MA1	Provide 1 outdoor fitness station as part of the Mandurama Recreation Ground		\$\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
0-5 years							
Millthorpe	MT1	Re-consult on design options to improve Redmond Oval skatepark standards of service (excludes many users)		\$	Funding	Council budget	
	5-10 years						
	MT2	Upgrade existing field lighting		\$\$	Funding	Council budget	
5-10 years							
Neville	NV1	Provide a multi-purpose court in Neville to support local community including public school		\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
	NV2	Investigate opportunities for adventure sport locations such as for motor cross or horse trail activities		\$	-	Council resources	
0-5 years							

### ACTION TYPE LEGEND

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	NEW INFRASTRUCTURE		PROGRAM/ INITIATIVE		

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
Newbridge	NB1	Provide goal posts for sports field		\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application
0-5 years						
Amenity infrastructure						
Barry	BA3	Provide seating and water bubbler (if possible) at corner of Barker and Selwyn Streets, in vicinity of school/bus stop		\$\$	Funding	Council budget
10+ years						
	BA4	Investigate allocation of small park space for public access and use (e.g. formalising playground in former school)		\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application
0-5 years						
Carcoar	CA4	Provide new amenity block (toilets and change rooms) at Carcoar Sports Ground		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application (for Carcoar Sports Ground overall upgrades)
0-5 years						
	CA5	Provide surface car parking to south of site at Carcoar Sports Ground		\$\$\$	Detailed design	Council budget Grant application
10+ years						
	CA6	Provide additional seating along Naylor Street boundary of Carcoar Sports Ground and service with power and water for food truck services when needed		\$\$	Funding	Council budget
5-10 years						
	CA7	Replace perimeter fence at Carcoar Sports Ground with fence in style more sympathetic with heritage character of town; and create statement gateways to north and south of Naylor Street frontage		\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application
10+ years						
	CA8	Provide covered shelter at upgraded multi-purpose court at Carcoar Sports Ground		\$\$	Upgrade of tennis court to multi-purpose court	Council budget Grant application (for Carcoar Sports Ground overall upgrades)
5-10 years						
	CA9	Provide BBQ, picnic, bins and water bubbler as part of new amenity block or as standalone structure		\$\$\$	New amenities block Funding	Council budget Grant application (for Carcoar Sports Ground overall upgrades)
0-5 years						

Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options	
Lyndhurst	L1	Provide upgrades to amenity infrastructure in accordance with Lyndhurst Community Village Plan: — New picnic shelter and BBQ facilities — Improved toilet facilities with disabled access — Coin operated showers — Tennis court lighting — New fencing around playing fields		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application	
	5-10 years						
	L2	Provide improved site drainage to manage localised stormwater issues at Lyndhurst Recreation Ground		\$\$\$	Funding Engineering design	Council budget Grant application	
0-5 years							
	L3	Improve Lyndhurst Recreation Ground visual amenity through upgrades to entry statement, entry road and vegetation maintenance at periphery of grounds		\$\$\$	Funding Detailed design	Council budget Grant application	
5-10 years							
Mandurama	MA2	Investigate the incorporation of a community garden in Mandurama Recreation Ground		\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council budget	
0-5 years							
Millthorpe	MT3	Investigate alternative larger location for off-leash dog area to allow for improved amenity and access		\$	Consultation with users of existing off-leash area	Council resources	
0-5 years							
	MT4	Provide sheltered seating, rubbish bins for off-leash dog area		\$\$	Determination on location for off-leash dog area	Council budget	
5-10 years							
	MT5	Improve multi-user functionality of Redmond Oval through new facilities (generally in accordance with concept master plan), including provision of half-court and exercise stations		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget	
5-10 years							
Neville	NV3	Provide new toilet at Neville Memorial Park		\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application	
5-10 years							
Newbridge	NB2	Provide lighting for tennis courts		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application	
0-5 years							
	NB3	Provide new fencing for showground		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget Grant application	
5-10 years							

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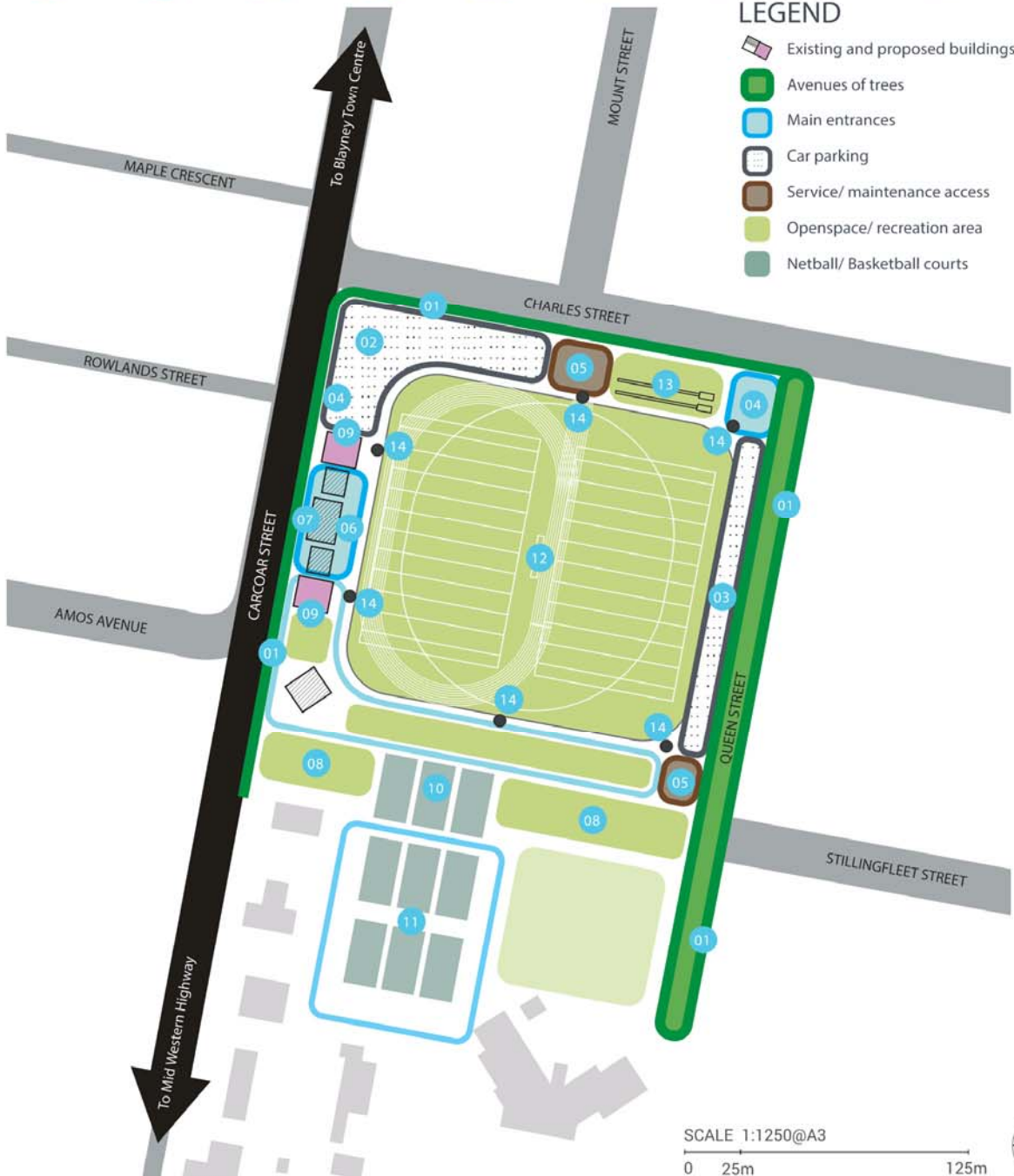
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Strategic theme	#	Strategic action	Type of action	Relative cost	Dependent on progress of...	Funding options
	NB4	Provide horse enclosure		\$\$	Funding	Council budget
5-10 years						
Newbridge	NB5	Provide exercise stations and basketball hoop (quarter court)		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget
5-10 years						
<b>Access - circulation</b>						
Millthorpe	MT6	Provide circulating pathways that connect different aspects of Redmond Oval		\$\$\$	Funding	Council budget
10+ years						
<b>Access - management</b>						
Carcoar	CA10	Promote availability and quality of Carcoar Sports Ground as a training/ event/ fixtures option within sporting community		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
Lyndhurst	L4	Coordinate with user groups to optimise messaging that promotes shooting and team penning		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
Mandurama	MA3	Program recreational spaces to cater to local events such as Anzac Day		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
<b>Maintenance</b>						
Lyndhurst	L5	Re-grade spectator mound areas of Lyndhurst Recreation Ground, in turn improving access and optimising maintenance operations		\$\$	Funding	Council resources
5-10 years						
Mandurama	MA4	Improve maintenance of existing facilities at Mandurama Recreation Ground		\$	Consideration of overall coordinated upgrade program and detailed design	Council resources
0-5 years						
Millthorpe	MT7	Introduce booking system to formalise use of Redmond Oval by school and other high use users		\$	-	Council resources
0-5 years						
Newbridge	NB6	Remove and replace old landscape trees		\$\$	Funding	Council budget
0-5 years						
Newbridge	NB7	Remove disused/ old structures from site		\$	Funding	Council budget
0-5 years						

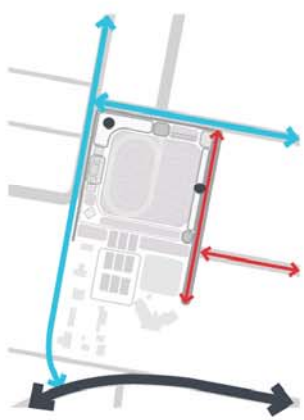


# King George VI Oval - Master Plan Blayney

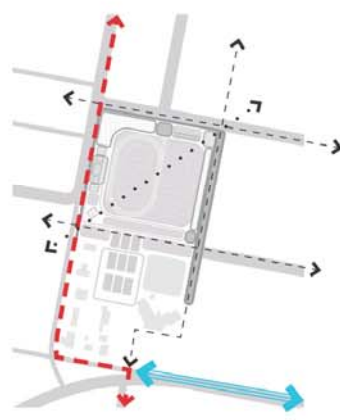


## Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages

- 01 Proposed avenue of street trees enhancing the streetscape character, visually connecting the open space to the surrounding community and providing privacy for surrounding residents
- 02 Proposed surface car park, entry and exit off Charles Street.
- 03 Proposed widening of Queen Street accommodating parallel parking
- 04 Proposed main entries for pedestrians. At least one gate remains unlocked outside of game days
- 05 Proposed location for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 06 Existing grandstands and amenities block can be enhanced with landscape treatments via the introduction of trees with non-invasive root structures and paving treatments to the ground plane.
- 07 Existing grand stand change rooms to be re-purposed, providing additional storage.
- 08 Potential expansion areas present an opportunity for an all ages outdoor gym. This could be well utilised by the local aged care facility and wider community.
- 09 Proposed location of new male and female change rooms and toilets. Extensions of the existing grandstands
- 10 Proposed location of combination basketball/ netball courts and a small linear park.
- 11 Retain the (6) six existing netball courts and aim to develop a high quality netball/ basketball facility for local and regional events.
- 12 Existing King George Oval could be expanded to the south better accommodating all the sporting codes. This includes the widening of the current athletics track.
- 13 Retain the (2) two long-jump pits and sports field water tanks in this area as it is in close proximity to the service/ maintenance access gates.
- 14 Provide improved lighting to No. 2 oval for training purposes.



Vehicular Circulation and proposed parking locations



Pedestrian/ Cyclist Circulation 'Blayney Active Movement Strategy'



Potential Sports Field Lighting Opportunities (upgrade to existing)

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# Napier Oval - Master Plan Stage 1 Blayney

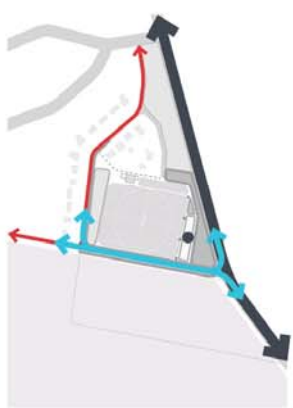


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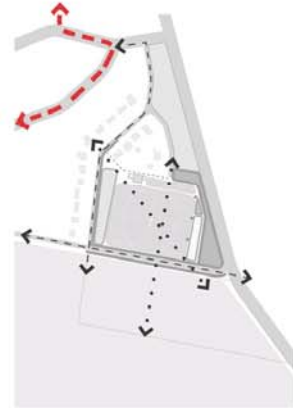
- Existing and proposed buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Terraced seating areas
- Openspace/ recreation area
- Existing areas of vegetation

## Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages

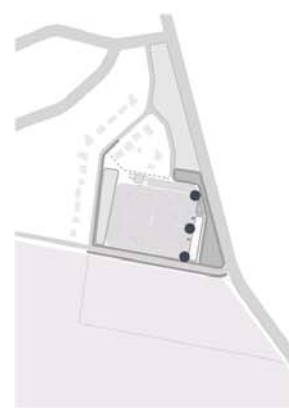
- 01 Proposed avenues of street trees enhance the streetscape character, provide privacy for surrounding residents and visually connect the open space.
- 02 Proposed surface car park, entry and exit off Prices Lane.
- 03 Install a bituminous surface to Prices Lane
- 04 Proposed location for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 05 Opportunity to use change in level to create terraced seating opportunities and flatten out the existing grades of the oval.
- 06 Existing amenities blocks to be retained. Potential opportunity for a new pitched roof and concrete slab to be installed across both amenities blocks
- 07 Existing Napier oval 1 to be regraded in order to level the surface and provide more suitable playing conditions for soccer and cricket.
- 08 Existing vegetation buffer to the north along Hobbs Yards Road to remain. Potential for a future connection into Presidents Walk.
- 09 Existing lighting system to be retained
- 10 Irrigation to be provided to playing fields (Stages 1 and 2)



Vehicular Circulation and proposed parking locations



Pedestrian/ Cyclist Circulation 'Blayney Active Movement Strategy'



Existing sports field lighting to be retained

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# Napier Oval - Master Plan Stage 2 Blayney

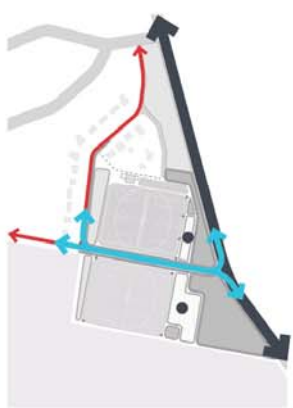


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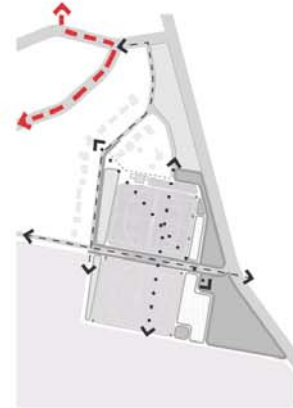
- Existing and proposed buildings
- Avenues of trees
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- Service/ maintenance access
- Terraced seating areas
- Openspace/ recreation area
- Existing areas of vegetation

## Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages

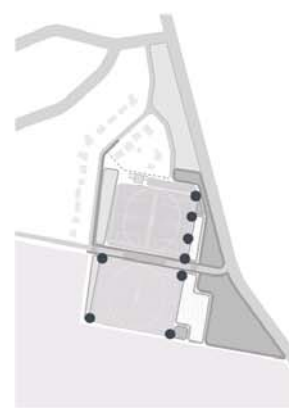
- 01** Proposed avenues of street trees enhance the streetscape character, provide privacy for surrounding residents and visually connect the open space.
- 02** Proposed surface car parks, entry and exit off Prices Lane.
- 03** Installation of pedestrian pavement threshold and blisters improving pedestrian safety.
- 04** Proposed locations for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 05** Opportunity to use change in level to create terraced seating opportunities and flatten out the existing grades of the oval.
- 06** Existing amenities blocks to be retained as part of Stage 1 works.
- 07** Existing Napier oval 1 to retain works undertaken in stage 1
- 08** Proposed expansion to the south, creating Napier Oval 2. Allowing for soccer and cricket matches.
- 09** Existing vegetation buffer to the north along Hobbs Yards Road to remain. Potential for a future connection into Presidents Walk.
- 10** Irrigation to be provided to playing fields (Stages 1 and 2)
- 11** New lighting to be installed (Stage 2)



Vehicular Circulation and proposed parking locations



Pedestrian/ Cyclist Circulation 'Blayney Active Movement Strategy'



Potential Sports Field Lighting Opportunities (upgrade to existing)

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# Dakers Oval - Master Plan Blayney



Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages



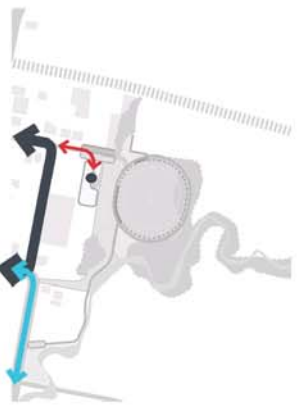
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- Proposed buildings
- Row of trees
- Entries
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Openspace/ recreation area
- Existing areas of vegetation

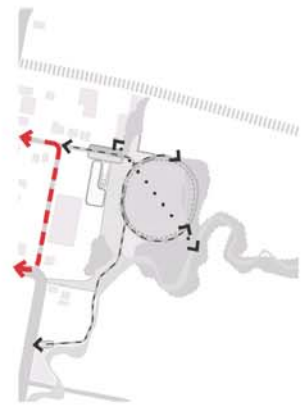
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- 01 Existing cricket pitch to be retained
- 02 Existing entry from Ogilvy Street to be improved and a proposed pedestrian entry from Henry Street to be explored as a future connection.
- 03 Retain and enhance the existing Farm Creek corridor. Incorporate WSUD initiatives to help with environmental management and flood mitigation.
- 04 Proposed location of new cricket practice nets
- 05 Proposed perimeter walking/ jogging path with connections back into Ogilvy Street integrating with the overall 'Blayney Active Movement Strategy'
- 06 Proposed low height perimeter cricket fence
- 07 Planting of deciduous trees to the perimeter of the oval defining the edge and providing aesthetic character
- 08 Maintain and protect the existing Belubula River ecosystem, an important backdrop and natural element of Dakers Oval
- 09 Proposed surface car park, entry and exit off Ogilvy Street. Opportunities to incorporate WSUD initiatives
- 10 Proposed locations for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 11 Maintain access to private land to north of the site
- 12 New amenity block (subject to detailed design and appropriate flood impact mitigation)



Vehicular Circulation and proposed parking locations




Pedestrian/ Cyclist Circulation 'Blayney Active Movement Strategy'



Potential Sports Field Lighting Opportunities

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# Showground - Master Plan Blayney



Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages

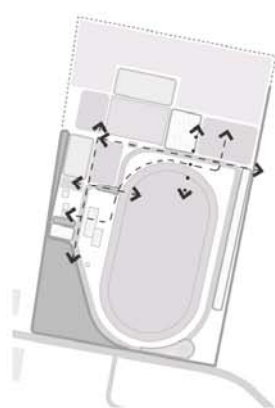
- 01 Proposed avenue of street trees enhancing the streetscape character and visually connecting the open space to the surrounding community.
- 02 Proposed surface car parks, entry and exit off the proposed new Showground circuit road.
- 03 Proposed main roundabout entry off Marshalls Lane. Entry to accommodate an entry statement or feature element defining the main entry into the showground.
- 04 Proposed location for maintenance/ service and emergency vehicle access, removable bollards used to restrict access.
- 05 Proposed circuit road providing better circulation and ease of access for horse trailers.
- 06 Existing harness racing track to remain with opportunities for the internal space to be used for community/ regional events.
- 07 Proposed location of a new all weather horse riding arena, accommodating a 80m x 50m circuit.
- 08 Potential location for additional dressage arenas and warm up areas.
- 09 Upgraded and consolidated stable areas for use during events.
- 10 Horse trailer parking area to remain
- 11 Existing location of (newly installed) outdoor sand arenas to be retained

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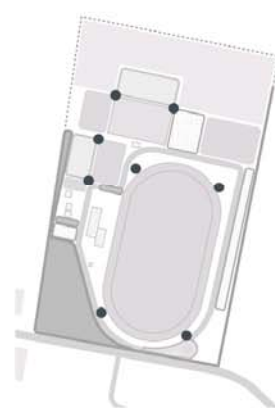
- Existing and proposed buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Horse stables
- Openspace/ recreation area



Vehicular Circulation and proposed parking locations



Pedestrian Circulation



Potential Lighting Opportunities

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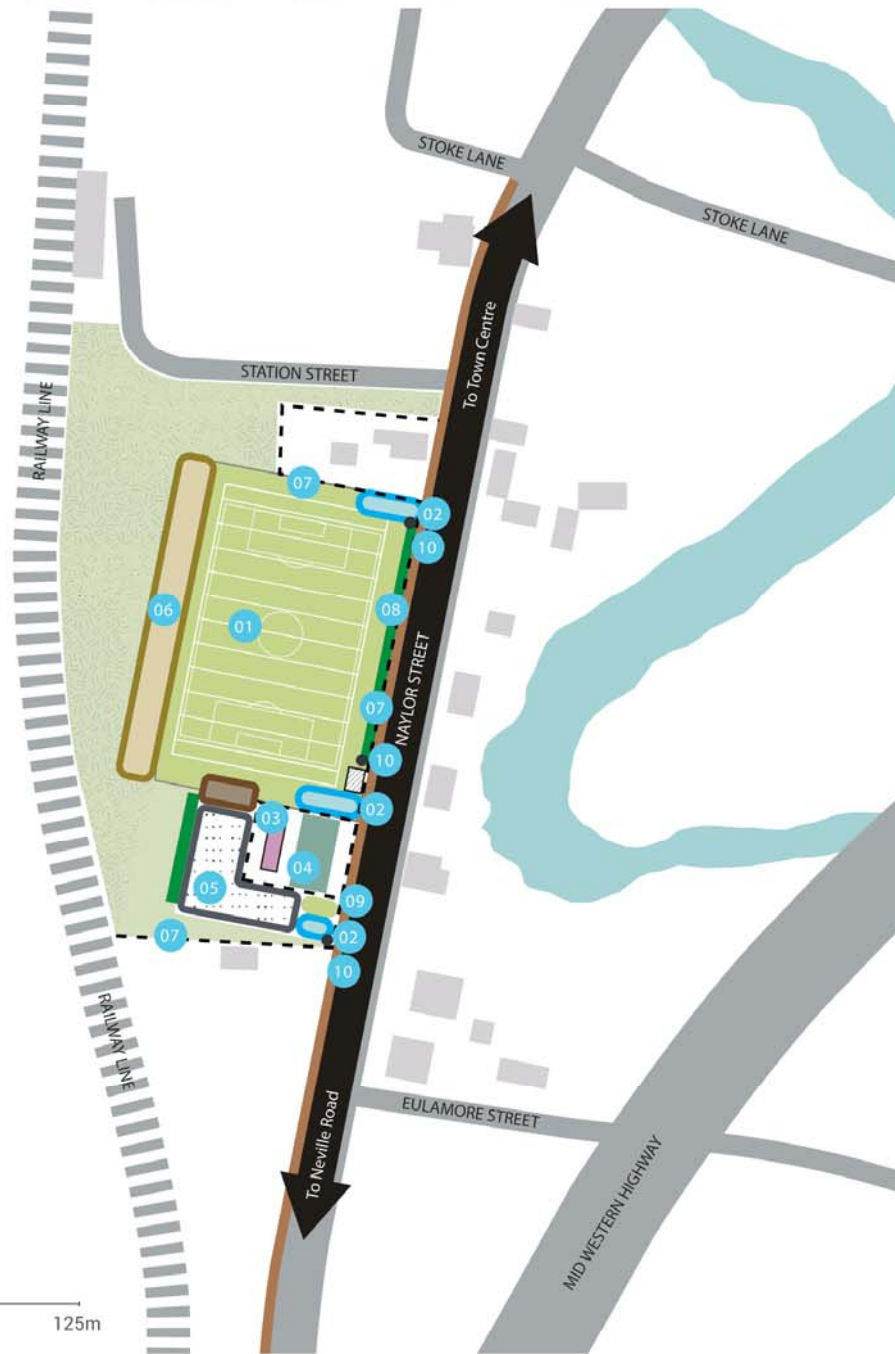


# Carcoar Sports Ground - Master Plan

## Carcoar



Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages



- 01 Existing rugby/ soccer field to be retained. Improvements to drainage and irrigation to be considered
- 02 Proposed main entry points along Naylor Street
- 03 Proposed location of new amenities building, including BBQ facilities, centrally accessible to all areas
- 04 Upgraded combination netball, basket ball and tennis court including a small covered seating area
- 05 Proposed surface car park, entry and exit off Naylor Street
- 06 Opportunity to use change in level to create terraced seating opportunities
- 07 New perimeter fence, preferably of heritage style and colour to maintain the authentic feel of the village and improve the aesthetic nature of the streetscape
- 08 Avenue of street trees along Naylor Street defining the edge of the oval and contributing to the heritage character of the streetscape
- 09 Existing location of small children's playground, to remain
- 10 Provide improved lighting for training purposes

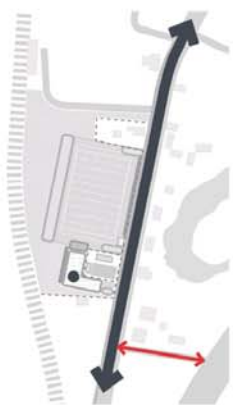


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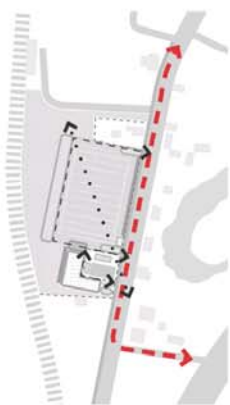
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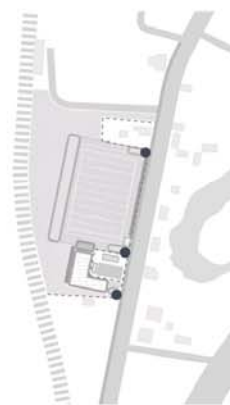
- Existing and proposed buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Service/ maintenance access
- Terraced seating areas
- Openspace/ steep terrain
- Netball/ Basketball courts
- Future shared path connection
- Proposed perimeter fence



Vehicular Circulation and proposed parking locations



Pedestrian/ Cyclist Circulation 'Blayney Access and Mobility Plan'



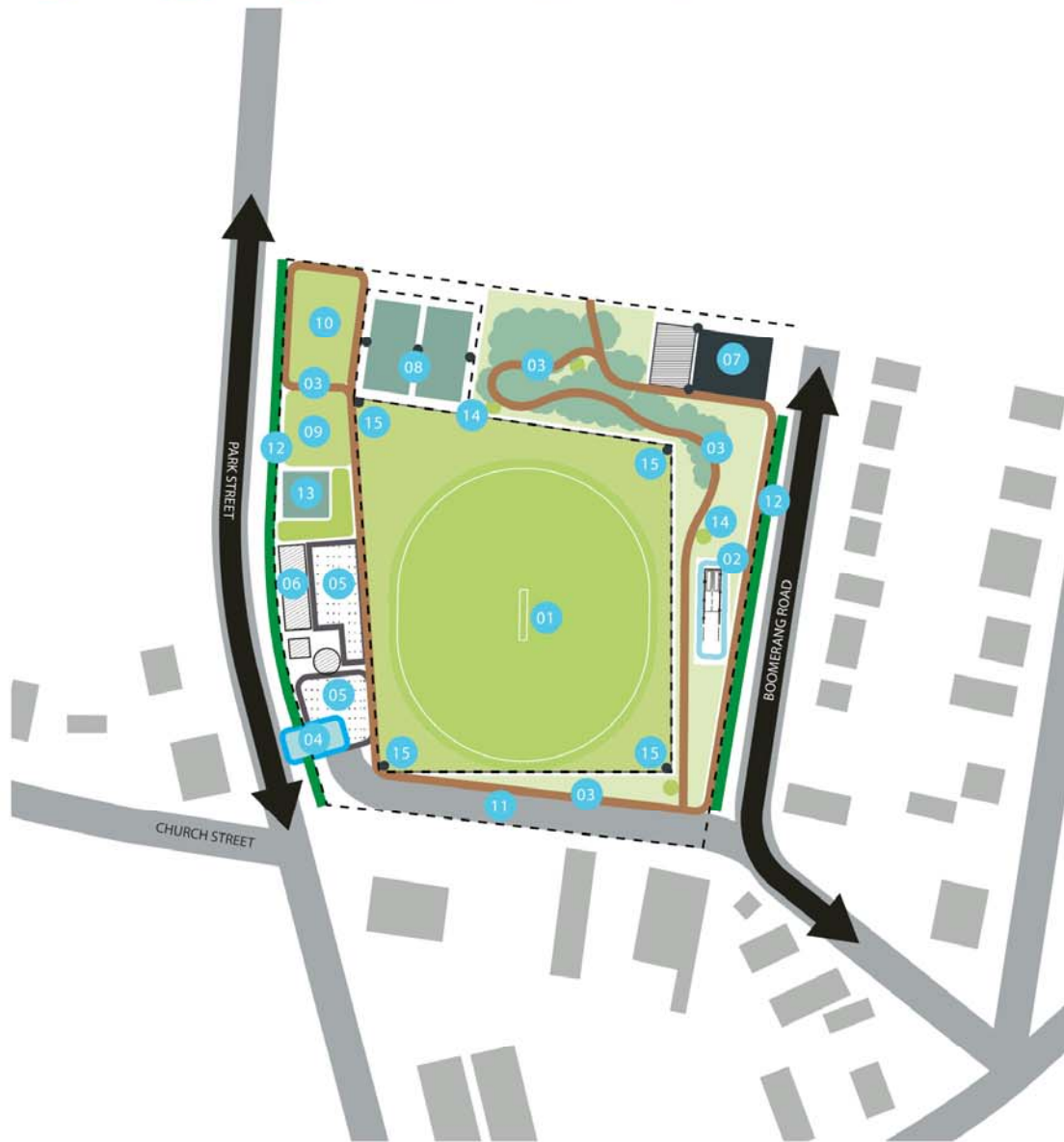
Potential Lighting Opportunities

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# Redmond Oval - Master Plan Millthorpe



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## LEGEND

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Openspace
- Tennis courts
- Future shared path connection
- Proposed perimeter fence

Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages

- 01 Improvement works to the playing surface of the existing Redmond Oval have been undertaken (2016-2017)
- 02 Existing cricket nets to remain
- 03 Proposed circulating network of pathways. Pathway has the opportunity to meander throughout existing trees and provide a northern connection to the cemetery.
- 04 Existing entry to the oval off Park Street
- 05 Existing car parking area to remain
- 06 The existing amenities building has been recently upgraded (2016-2017)
- 07 Existing skate park to remain, expansion to the west is possible. There is potential for the inclusion of a smaller all ages and abilities skate park
- 08 Existing tennis courts to remain. Upgrades to existing night lighting to be explored
- 09 Existing children's playground to remain. Potential for integration into the circulating network of pathways
- 10 Small park/ picnic area to remain. Existing facilities could be updated, new bench seats and picnic tables
- 11 Through site laneway connection to Boomerang Road, proposed as part of the current upgrade works to the oval
- 12 Maintain avenues of trees along Park Street and Boomerang Road
- 13 Proposed location of new half court basketball court
- 14 Opportunity for provision of exercise stations around the perimeter of the oval
- 15 Existing playing field lighting to be upgraded

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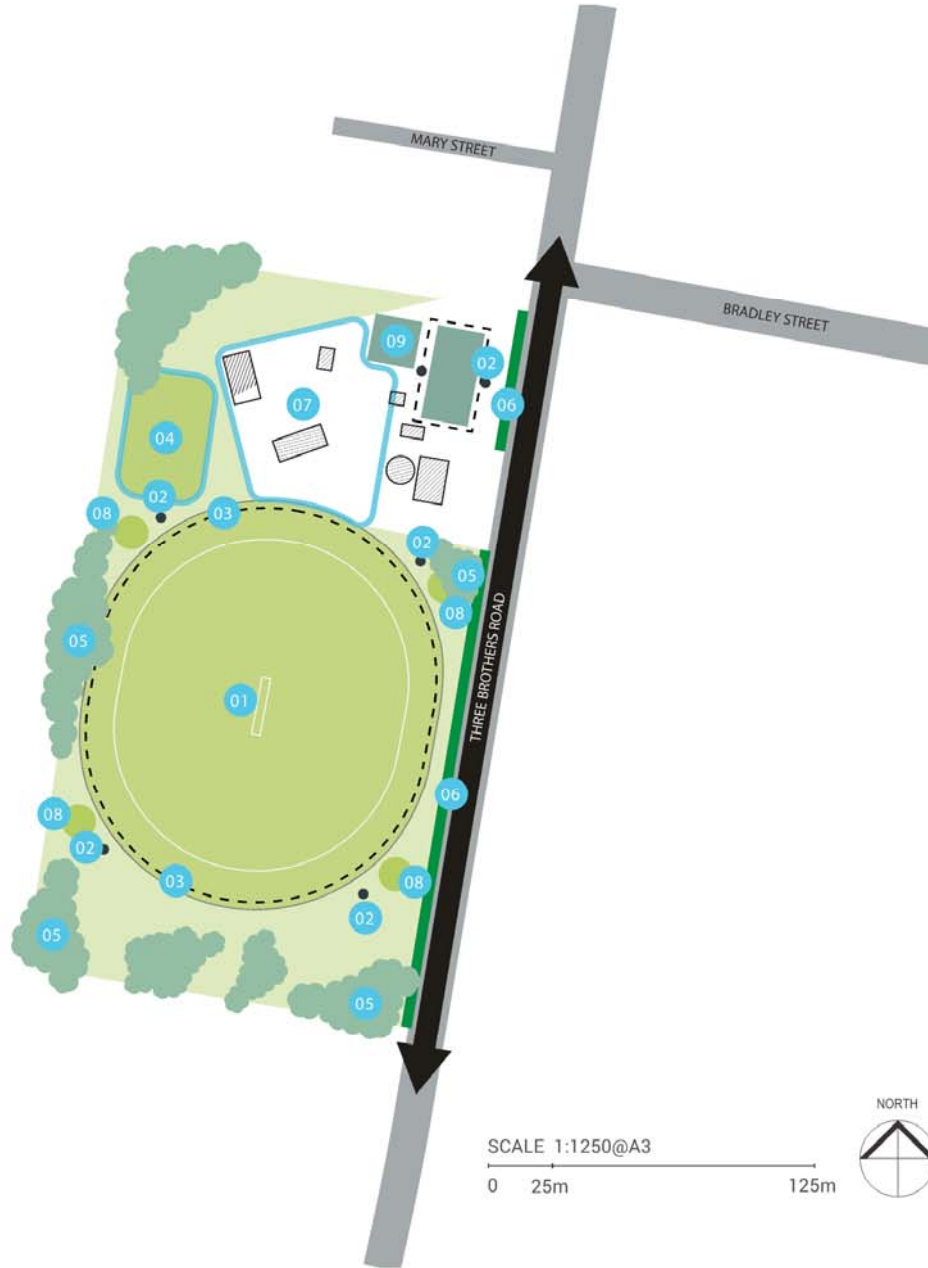
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# Newbridge Oval - Master Plan Newbridge



Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages



- 01 Existing oval to remain, potential for improved grounds maintenance
- 02 Opportunities for new lighting to the existing oval and tennis courts
- 03 Opportunity for new perimeter fencing to the existing oval
- 04 Provide horse enclosure
- 05 Remove poor quality trees and replace with new stock. This will assist in providing an improved amenity for spectators and users of the park grounds
- 06 Maintain the existing avenue of trees to Three Brothers Road. There is potential for an extension and continuation alongside the tennis courts
- 07 Demolish old sheds at rear of steel framed sports shed, and improve facility, including weather proofing enclosure
- 08 Opportunity for provision of exercise stations around oval perimeter
- 09 Opportunity for new half basketball court

## LEGEND

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Openspace
- Tennis court
- Proposed perimeter fence

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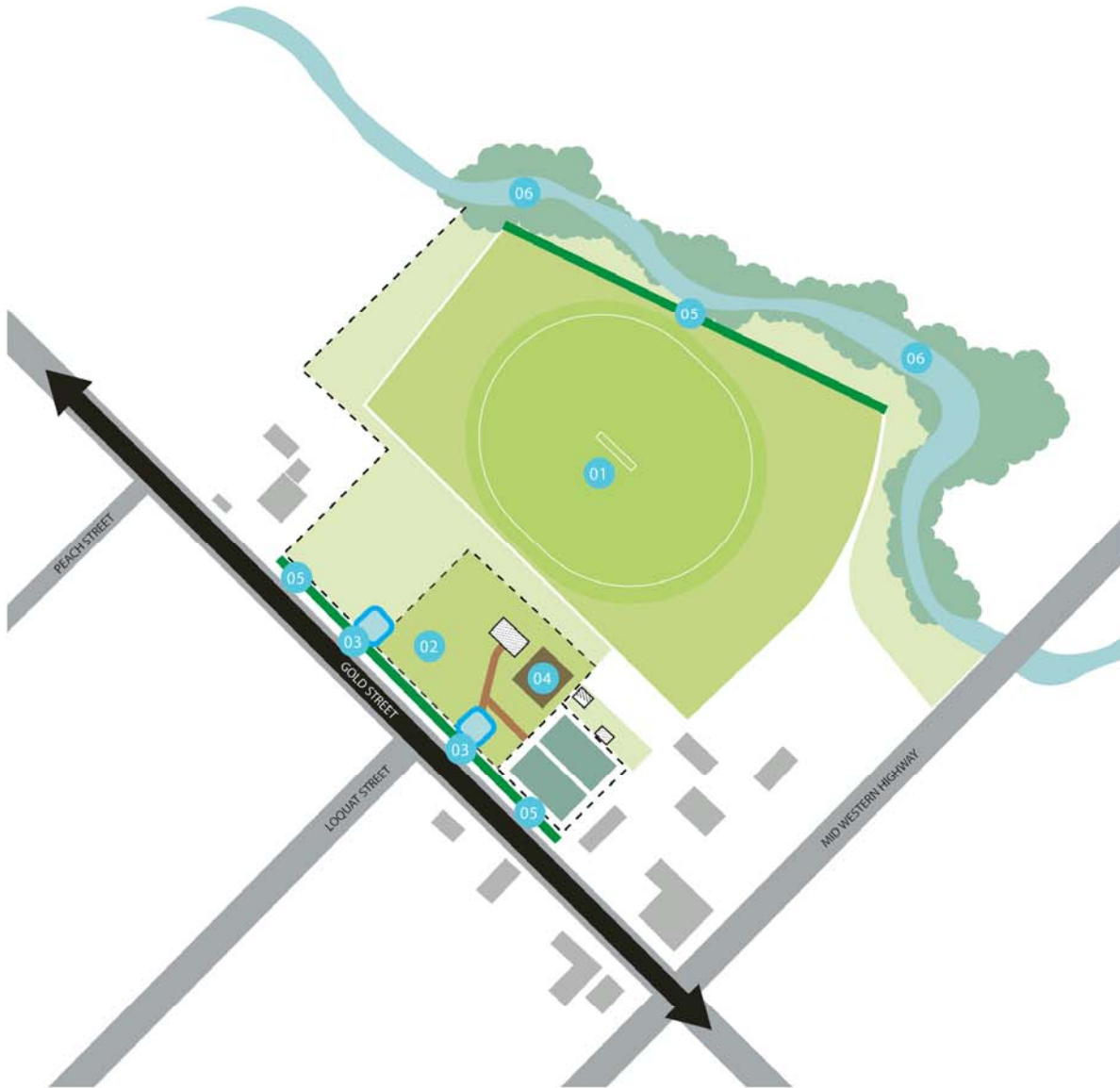


# Mandurama Memorial Park - Master Plan

## Mandurama



Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages



- 01 Existing oval to remain, potential for improved grounds maintenance
- 02 Existing grounds to park to remain. There is potential for better access from the park to the wider open space areas and improvements to the existing children's playground area
- 03 Existing entries to remain. There is potential for a formalised entry to the oval and wider open space areas
- 04 The introduction of a community garden within the grounds of the park will benefit the local community
- 05 Existing avenues of trees to remain, enhance or extend where possible
- 06 Mandurama Ponds to the north to be enhanced and protected where possible

### LEGEND

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Openspace
- Tennis Courts
- Path connections
- Proposed perimeter fence

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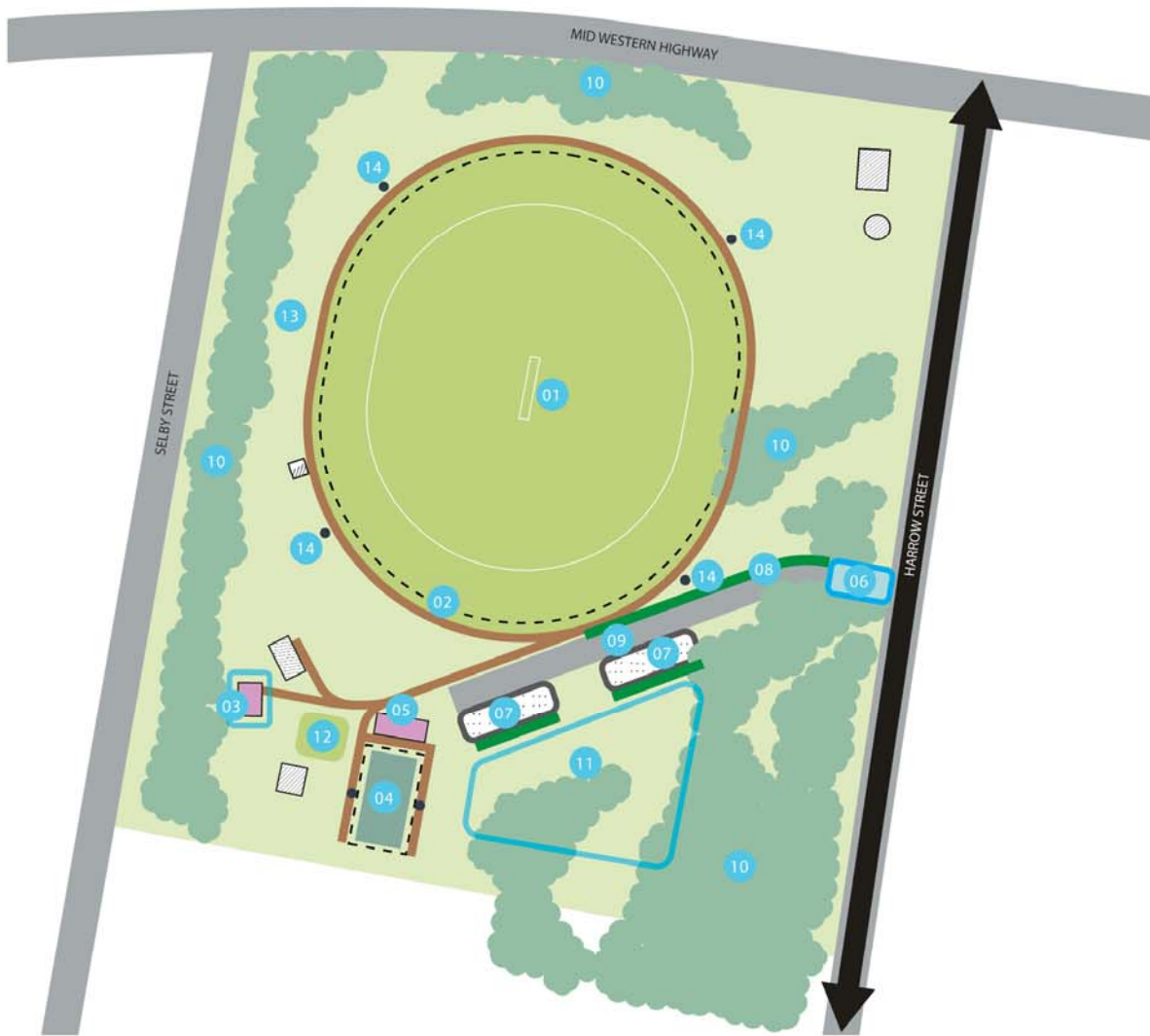


# Lyndhurst Recreation Ground - Master Plan

## Lyndhurst



Indicative responses - final locations to be determined through detailed design stages



- 01 Existing oval to remain, and grounds maintenance to be improved through modified landscapes (optimising maintenance of steeper spectator areas)
- 02 Opportunity for new perimeter fencing to the existing oval
- 03 Improved and expanded toilet facilities with disabled access and coin operated showers
- 04 Upgraded tennis court facility with new lighting
- 05 Proposed picnic shelter with BBQ facilities, adjacent to the tennis courts
- 06 Develop a defined entry point into the recreation ground
- 07 Potential location for car parking bays
- 08 Trees planted alongside the new entry road will provide an entry statement
- 09 Proposed new entry road
- 10 Maintain existing vegetation to the periphery of the recreation ground to improve visual amenity to road and reduce the prevalence of weed species
- 11 Maintain a dedicated camping area
- 12 Provide small children's playground
- 13 Improvements to site drainage would address localised stormwater management issues
- 14 Opportunities for new lighting

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### LEGEND

- Existing buildings
- Avenues of trees
- Main entrances
- Car parking
- Openspace
- Tennis Court
- Future shared path connection
- Proposed perimeter fence

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