



Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan

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1. Introduction

The Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan provides a policy position and clear directions for the provision of outdoor recreation facilities in Morwell in line with Council's 2021 vision.

The plan focuses on both sporting facilities (i.e. sports fields, outdoor courts) and informal recreation facilities (i.e. paths / trails and playgrounds) located at the following active reserves in Morwell.

- Toners Lane Reserve
- Morwell Recreation Reserve / Keegan Street Reserve
- Northern Reserve
- Maryvale Reserve
- Ronald Reserve
- Morwell Park Netball Centre
- Crinigan Road South Reserve
- Airlie Bank Reserve

The development of the outdoor recreation plan has involved significant consultation with the community, local clubs and Council to develop a clear set of recommendations for the future benefit of the Latrobe City community.



2. Background

The Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 recommended that local recreation plans be prepared for the four main townships in Latrobe City.

Morwell is the third largest town in Latrobe City, with an estimated total population of 13,766 (based on 2006 Census data).

Based on 2006 demographic data, Morwell can be described as an 'older' area in comparison to Latrobe City as a whole. This is due to a higher percentage of residents aged over 55 years and a lower number of residents in the 'family' age groups (10-39 years). The percentage of persons aged 5-24 years however, is higher than the Victorian average indicating a need for the continued provision of recreation opportunities for people of all ages.



3. Principles, Key Directions and Objectives

The Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 developed a set of principles that underpin the provision of recreation and leisure in Latrobe City. These principles are shown in the left column of the table below with the Key Directions for the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan that emerge from these statements shown in the right column.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 Principles	Key Directions for the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan
1. Council's role and responsibility in the development and provision of recreation and leisure opportunities shall be clearly defined.	1. Council plays an important role in the provision of facilities for community based sport, and in the provision of facilities and spaces for passive recreation. 2. Council works in partnership with key organisations to provide for competitive sport.
2. There shall be a diverse range of accessible recreation facilities and services, and open space areas available across the City.	3. The Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan will endeavour to cater for a range of activities, interests, abilities, ages and genders across its diverse recreation facilities.
3. Priority shall be given to supporting the provision of recreation facilities and services that cater for both municipal and local level needs.	4. Access to local and municipal facilities for sports in Morwell will be provided by consolidating facilities where possible and planning for appropriate levels of development.
4. The provision and allocation of recreation facilities and services shall be equitable according to age, gender, cultural background and ability.	5. Council will work closely with all sporting clubs in Morwell to ensure the provision of adequate facilities that are safe and accessible and encourage participation in activities at all levels.
5. Generally, there shall be a focus on the consolidation of existing sporting facilities within the Region, and an emphasis on the provision of new (unstructured) recreational pursuits and open space use.	6. Wherever possible, Master Plans for Morwell Reserves will maximise multi-use and sharing of facilities between clubs and sports while also seeking to improve the provision of passive recreation facilities and active reserves.
6. There shall be a genuine attempt by Council to encourage the community into recreational activities for the health, well-being and social benefits they provide.	7. Amenity and informal public access to reserves and facilities will be an important outcome of the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan. 8. Opportunities for increased participation will be well promoted throughout the Morwell community.

3. Principles, Key Directions and Objectives

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 Principles	Key Directions for the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan
7. Recreation and leisure facilities and settings shall provide safe and supportive environments for participants.	9. Compliance with all relevant regulations and legislations will be a priority, eg. food handling, health regulations, disability discrimination, planning permits, etc.
8. The provision of recreation and leisure facilities shall maximise shared usage and flexibility to meet changing community needs and aspirations.	10. Consideration will be given to multi-use and shared facilities to cater for reserve users. 11. Existing facilities will be upgraded and improved prior to consideration of any new developments. 12. Consideration will be given to the provision of flexible facilities and spaces to meet changing sporting trends and the future needs of the Morwell community.
9. A collaborative and partnership approach with community groups, government agencies and the private sector will drive the provision of recreation and sporting facilities and services, and the provision of open space.	13. Partnerships between Council and other key stakeholders (i.e. community groups and government agencies) will be critical to the implementation of master plan priorities. 14. Continued and improved partnerships with schools will be pursued by Council to ensure best use of existing resources.

3. Principles, Key Directions and Objectives

Further to the principles, the Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 listed the following Strategic Objectives to guide the provision of recreation and leisure resources for Latrobe City for the next ten years. The application of these statements (shown in the left column) to Morwell is outlined in the Objectives that have been listed in the right-hand column of the following table.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 Strategic Objectives	Objectives for Morwell
1. Provide a diversity of financially sustainable recreation and leisure facilities and opportunities.	1. Improve amenity and informal public access to and within active reserves. 2. Facilitate increased passive recreational use of selected major sports reserves. 3. Support clubs / groups to ensure a range of sport and recreation opportunities are available to the community.
2. Provide well used and relevant recreation facilities and settings.	4. Ensure facilities are safe, accessible and attractive to people of all ages and abilities. 5. Ensure sufficient facilities are provided to cater for demand. 6. Rationalise facilities that are underutilised to enable a more effective allocation of resources in key locations, including the re-use or removal of unused sporting facilities.
3. Consolidate recreation and sports facility provision and use.	7. Where appropriate, encourage clubs utilising separate clubrooms on the same reserve to consolidate into one building.
4. Encourage and support community involvement in sustainable facility management and development	9. Work in partnership with Associations, Leagues, Clubs and key individuals to implement the plans and manage ongoing arrangements and agreements.
5. Maximise opportunities for economic development through recreation and leisure.	10. Where appropriate, develop or upgrade facilities so they are capable of hosting major competitions and events.
6. Provide effective management, support and resources.	11. Council and community representatives to seek funding and support for implementation of the recreation plan.

4. Participation

To ensure a comprehensive review of the facilities at the eight reserves that this project covers, an assessment of participation in a range of activities in Morwell has been undertaken. Some of this summary has been sourced from the Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 and the rest from research and consultation completed as part of this project.

Sport/Activity	Comments
Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two clubs are located at Toners Lane Reserve. Clubs have approximately 65 members, which has increased over the past five years Excellent facilities within indoor and outdoor archery ranges. Majority of development has been completed by the clubs. Expansion of facilities is underway including clubrooms extension and new sheds. Facilities have the capacity to attract major events.
Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One club and three diamonds are located at Toners Lane Reserve. Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 recommends consideration of the development of a regional facility for Latrobe. It is yet to be determined where such a facility should be located.
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are three clubs and approximately 258 players in Morwell. Major facilities with turf wickets are located at Morwell Recreation Reserve / Keegan Street Reserve, Maryvale Reserve and Crinigan Road South Reserve. An additional two reserves and one school oval are used as secondary grounds. Varied views on the need for additional ground/s in Morwell.
Croquet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One club and 2 greens and practice area are located at the Morwell Recreation Reserve. Club is small and has experienced a decline in membership over the past five years. Funding received to improve area surrounding the greens.
Football – Australian Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very popular. Five football clubs and approximately 420 players in Morwell. Three football ovals at Morwell Recreation Reserve, Ronald Reserve and Northern Reserve. Demand from clubs and associations for improvements to amenity facilities, in particular change room facilities.

4. Participation

Sport/Activity	Comments
Football – Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very popular. Three clubs and approximately 369 players in Morwell. • Numbers of participants increasing with strong demand for junior and women's soccer. • Seven soccer pitches in Morwell, located at Ronald Reserve (1), Crinigan Road South Reserve (2), Latrobe City Sports Stadium (4 – private facility). • Request from clubs and associations for improvements to facilities, including additional pitches, amenity facilities (for female players and referees) and lighting. • Soccer Facilities Plan across municipality currently underway.
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Latrobe Junior Hockey Association is based in Morwell and has 130 members. • Sport is played at Maryvale Reserve, which has four grass hockey fields. • A future men's competition is proposed. • The Gippsland Hockey Facilities Plan proposes a regional all-weather hockey facility at Monash University in Churchill, which would be likely to accommodate any future men's competition.
Horse Riding / Equestrian Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrian activities are based at the Toners Lane Reserve (Morwell Pony Club). • Access road into the reserve is in poor condition. • Minor improvements are required ie, fencing. • Club has plans to develop a sand arena in the future.
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one association (based at the Morwell Park Netball Centre) and two football netball clubs in Morwell. • There are approximately 283 netball players and numbers are reported to be stable. • Netball courts do not comply with Netball Victoria standards. • Improved amenity facilities are required.
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two clubs and a total of 15 tennis courts located at Ronald Reserve in Morwell. • There are four unused tennis courts at Keegan Street Reserve and the neighbouring bowls club is interested in purchasing the site. • A Tennis Facilities Plan across the municipality is currently underway.

5. Master Plan Priorities

The following section covers the draft master plan for each reserve:

Toners Lane Reserve

Description:

This large reserve consists of 3 baseball fields (2 senior and 1 junior), a dog obedience area, an open archery field, bush archery field and indoor range, equestrian / pony club area, auto club and motorcycle facilities and various buildings accommodating sport and recreation groups. The reserve adjoins a large undeveloped bushland area.

Users:

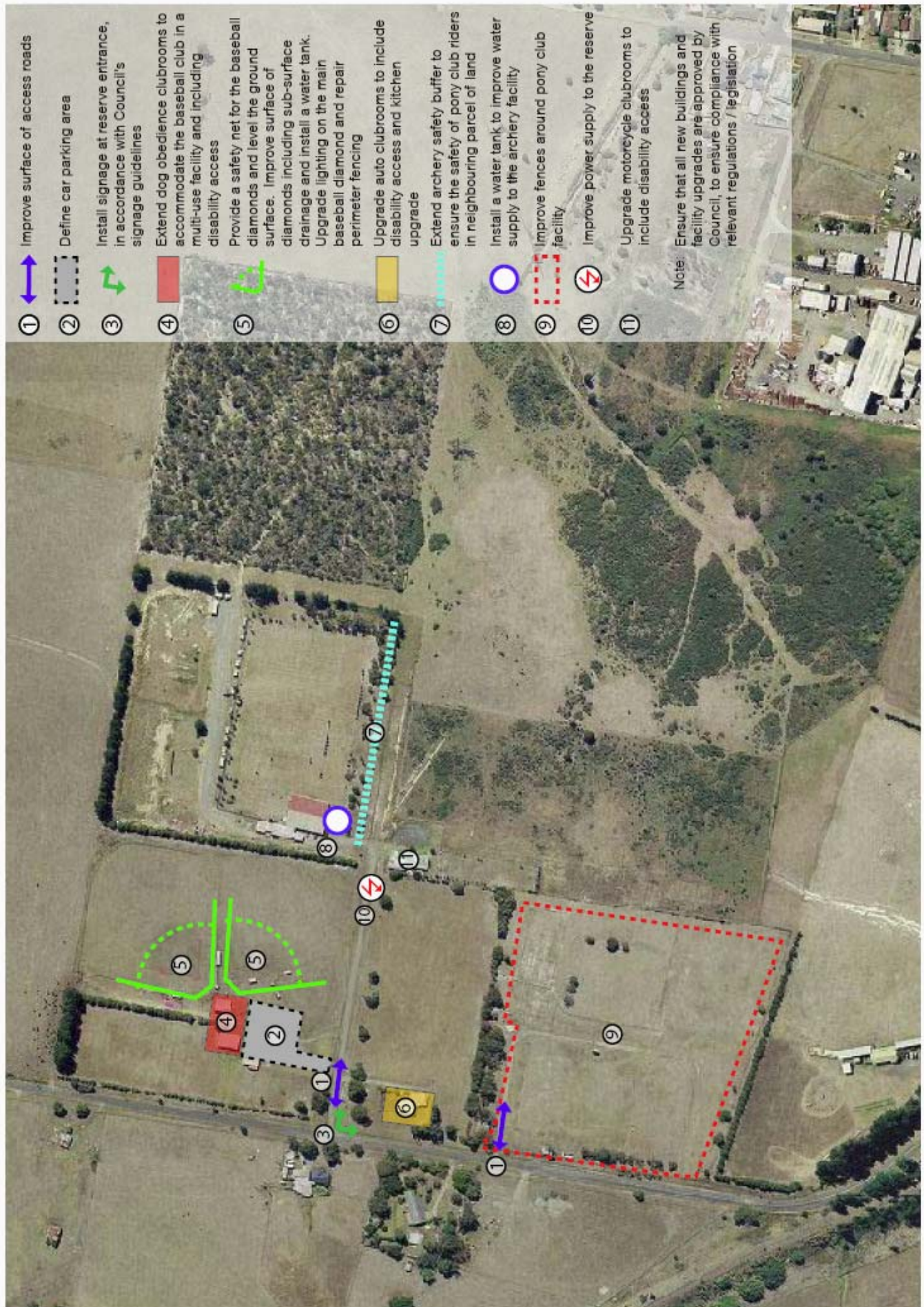
- Morwell Baseball Club
- Morwell Pony Club
- Gippsland Historical Automobile Club
- Us and Them Tourers Motorcycle Club
- Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
- Twin Archers Gippsland Inc.
- Boola Valley Archery Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Opportunity to improve the entrance and access roads as well as signage.
- Car parking within the leased areas in the reserve could be improved.
- Buildings generally lack disability access and shelter for large numbers of spectators.
- Baseball clubroom is in poor condition and needs to be upgraded / replaced. A safety net is required for diamonds and some leveling to improve the surface.
- Dog Obedience clubrooms are small, there is no disability access and the number of toilets is inadequate for large events.
- Archery safety buffer (mound) needs to be extended to enable safe use of the neighbouring land. Improved power supply and water supply / water tank is needed.
- Pony Club entrance and fences need to be improved. The club would like to develop a sand arena in the future.
- Auto Club facility lacks disability access and requires a kitchen upgrade. Verandah needs a concrete surface and a separate shelter is required in future.
- Motorcycle Club facility lacks disability access and has limited toilets facilities.

Master Plan Summary:

- Improve surface of access roads and define car parking area.
- Install signage at reserve entrance, in accordance with Council's signage guidelines.
- Improve power supply to the reserve.
- Extend dog obedience clubrooms to accommodate the baseball club in a multi-use facility and including disability access.
- Provide a safety net for the baseball diamonds and level the ground surface. Improve surface of diamonds, including sub-surface drainage and install a water tank. Upgrade lighting on the main baseball diamond and repair perimeter fencing.
- Upgrade auto clubrooms to include disability access and a kitchen upgrade.
- Upgrade motorcycle clubrooms to include disability access.
- Extend archery safety buffer to ensure the safety of pony club riders in neighbouring parcel of land.
- Install a water tank to improve water supply to the archery facility.
- Improve fences around pony club facility.
- Ensure that all new buildings and facility upgrades are approved by Council, to ensure compliance with relevant regulations / legislation.



Morwell Recreation Reserve & Keegan Street Reserve

Description:

This large multipurpose sports area comprises 1 football / cricket oval with turf wicket and lighting, 1 cricket oval with turf wicket (former grass athletics track), 1 asphalt netball court, 2.5 croquet greens, 2 bowling greens, 4 asphalt tennis courts, 3 cricket nets, pavilions, public toilets and adjoining areas of open space (including the old caravan park site).

Users:

- Gippsland Power
- Morwell Football Netball Club
- Morwell Cricket Club
- Morwell Croquet Club
- Morwell Bowls Club and Recreation Centre

Opportunities and Constraints:

- The road into the reserve is narrow and causes traffic management issues.
- There is an opportunity for further consultation regarding provision and improvements of stand-alone toilet facilities.
- There is an opportunity to expand the reserve to make better use of crown land (old caravan park land).
- Netball court does not comply with standards and improved clubroom facilities are required. Need to determine the potential relocation of court and need for a second court or warm up area.
- Football grandstand seating needs to be replaced and some improvements are required for change rooms.
- Gippsland Power is seeking permission to develop a new clubroom and indoor training facility.
- Cricket clubrooms lack change facilities and a storage shed is required for maintenance equipment. Potential future installation of water tanks.
- Landscaping improvements around croquet facility are currently underway.
- Cypress trees need to be assessed and tree planting is required around the Keegan Street oval. Perimeter fencing is in poor condition and needs to be upgraded.
- Tennis courts are not used and the Bowls Club is interested in purchasing the site.

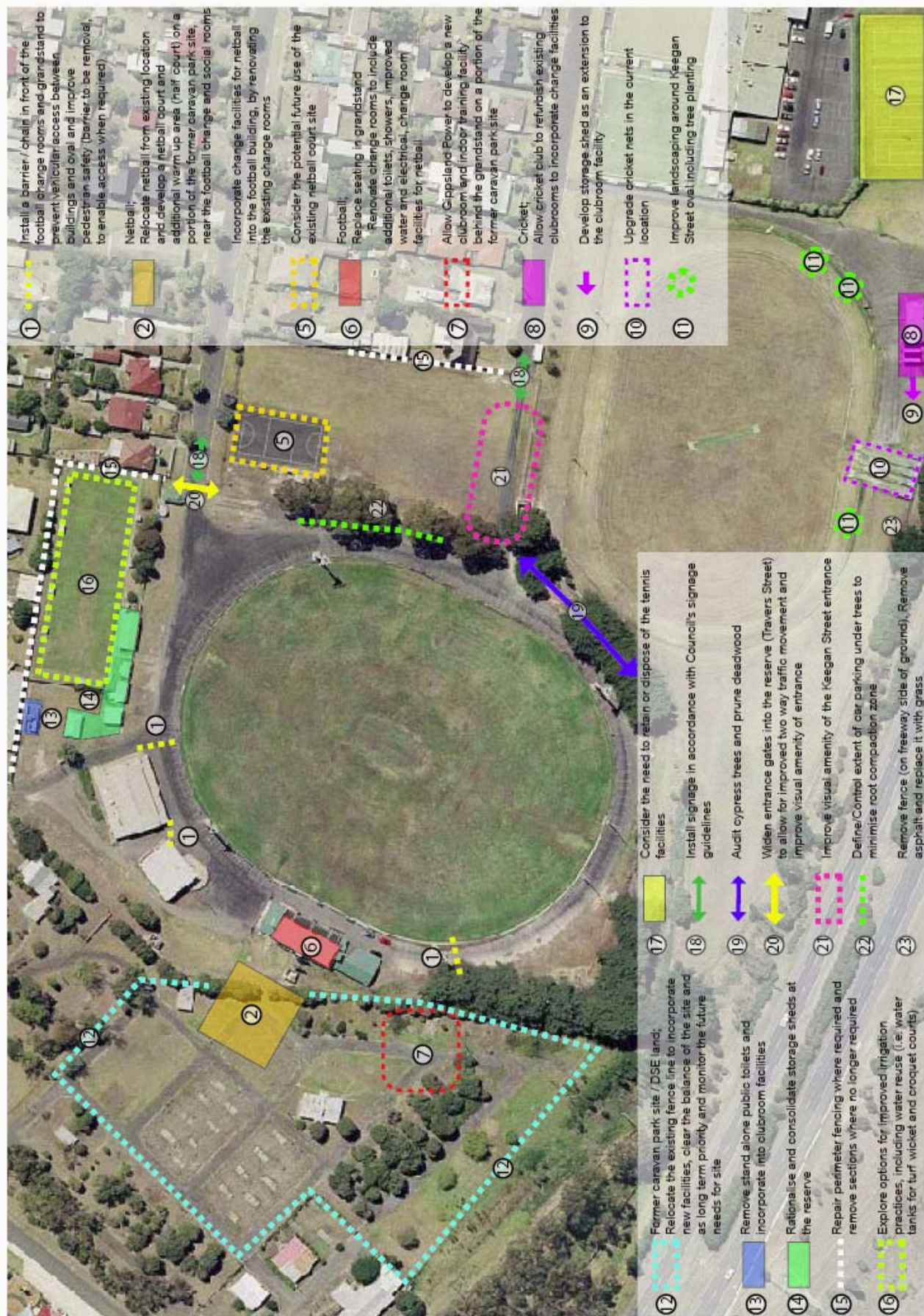
Master Plan Summary:

- Install a removable barrier in front of the football change rooms and grandstand to prevent vehicular access between buildings and oval and improve pedestrian safety (barrier to be removable, to enable access when required).
- Relocate netball from existing location and develop a netball court and warm up area (half court) on portion of the former caravan park site near the football change and social rooms. Incorporate netball change facilities into the football building, by renovating existing change facilities.
- Replace seating in grandstand and renovate football change rooms to include additional toilets, showers, improved water and electrical, change facilities for netball and female umpires.
- Allow Gippsland Power to develop a new clubroom and indoor training facility behind the grandstand on former caravan park site. Relocate fence line to incorporate new facilities.

5. Master Plan Priorities

Master Plan Summary (continued):

- Clear the balance of former caravan park site as long term priority and monitor the future needs for site.
- Allow cricket club to refurbish existing clubrooms to incorporate change facilities. Develop storage shed as an extension to the clubroom facility. Upgrade cricket nets in the current location.
- Investigate stand-alone public toilets and incorporate into clubroom facilities and rationalise.
- Consolidate storage sheds at the reserve.
- Repair perimeter fencing and remove sections where no longer required. Remove fence along freeway side of Keegan Street oval. Replace existing asphalt with grass.
- Explore options for improved irrigation practices, including water reuse (i.e. water tanks for turf wicket and croquet courts).
- Consider the need to retain or dispose of the tennis facilities.
- Install signage in accordance with Council's signage guidelines.
- Audit cypress trees and prune deadwood.
- Widen entrance gates into the reserve (Travers Street) to allow for improved two way traffic movement and improve visual amenity of entrance.
- Improve visual amenity of the Keegan Street entrance and plant trees around the Keegan Street oval.
- Define/control extent of car parking under trees to minimise root compaction zone.
- Provide lighting in car park.
- Replace old sections of spoon drain around main oval.



Morwell Recreation Reserve / Keegan Street Reserve

Northern Reserve

Description:

This reserve consists of a football / cricket oval (with minimal lighting), public toilets, pavilion and playground.

Users:

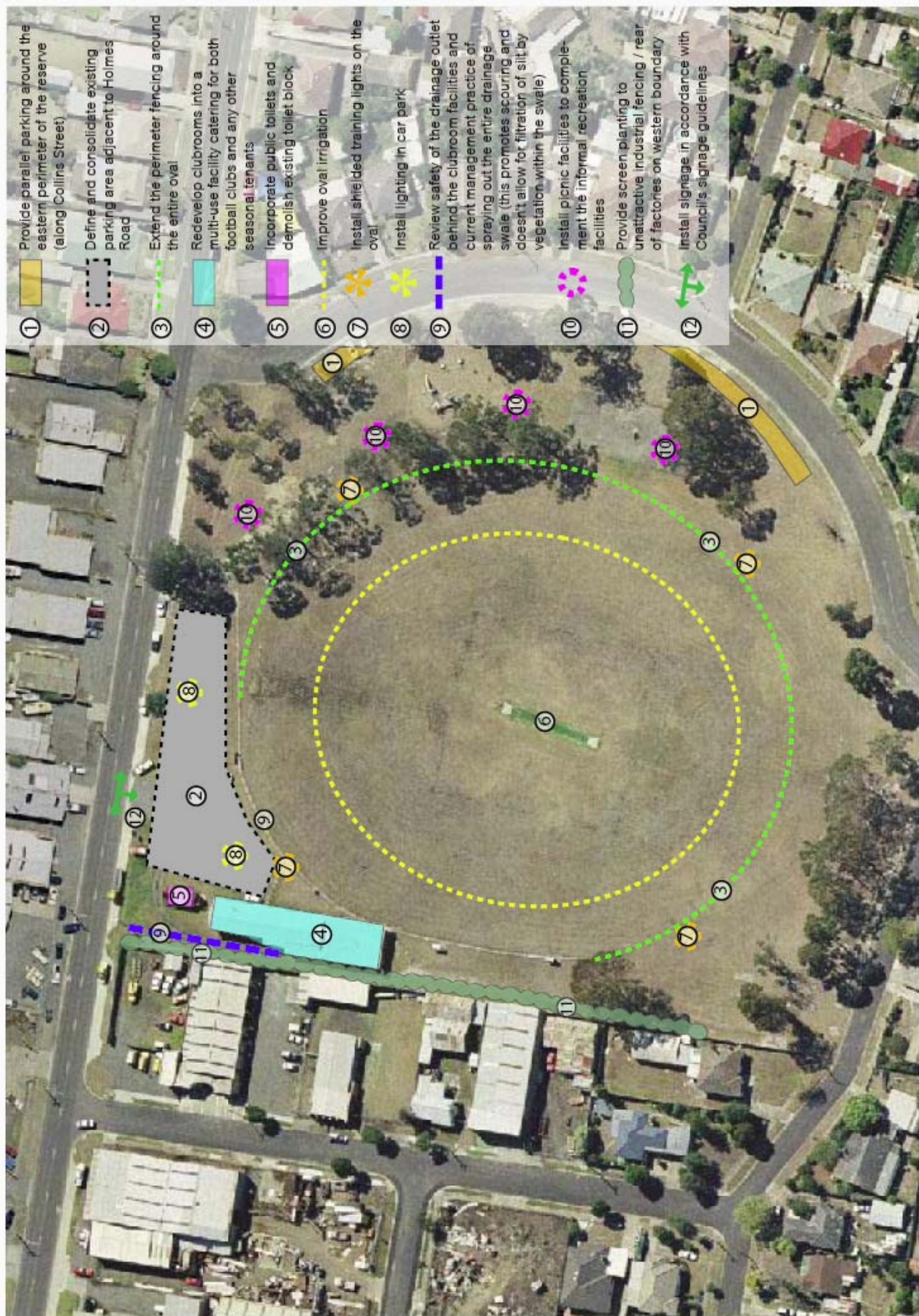
- Morwell Tigers Junior Football Club
- Morwell RSL and Citizens Youth Club Football Club
- St Vincent's Cricket Club (secondary ground)

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Public toilets and clubrooms are in poor condition.
- Opportunity to consolidate public toilet and clubroom facilities into an upgraded / redeveloped facility.
- Need to consider the potential consolidation and sharing facilities between the two football clubs in the future.
- The surface of the oval is poor due to the drought.
- Perimeter fencing is needed around the oval due to problems with vehicles and children running onto the oval.
- Lack of lighting on the oval limits the clubs ability to train during winter months. The absence of lighting in the car park poses safety / security concerns.
- Drain at rear of clubrooms poses a safety issue and is in poor condition.

Master Plan Summary:

- Provide parallel parking around the eastern perimeter of the reserve (along Collins Street).
- Define and consolidate existing parking area adjacent to Holmes Road.
- Extend the perimeter fencing around the entire oval.
- Redevelop clubrooms into a multi-use facility catering for both football clubs and any other seasonal tenants. Incorporate public toilets and demolish existing toilet block.
- Improve surface of oval and oval irrigation.
- Install shielded training lights on the oval and provide lighting in the car park.
- Review safety of the drainage outlet behind the clubroom facilities and current management practice of spraying out the entire drainage swale (this promotes scouring and doesn't allow for filtration of silt by vegetation within the swale).
- Install picnic facilities to complement the informal recreation facilities.
- Provide screen planting to unattractive industrial fencing / rear of factories on western boundary.
- Install signage in accordance with Council's signage guidelines.



Northern Reserve

5. Master Plan Priorities

Maryvale Reserve

Description:

This reserve is a large multipurpose unfenced open space area which consists of 2 cricket ovals (1 turf and 1 synthetic wicket), training lights, 5 cricket nets, 4 hockey fields (3 multi-use with cricket ovals, a CFA training track, public toilets and various buildings accommodating recreation and community groups.

Users:

- Latrobe Valley Umpires Association
- Latrobe Junior Hockey Association
- Latrobe Cricket Club
- Morwell Fire Brigade
- Morwell Racing Pigeon Club
- Maltese Community Centre

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Assess trees and fence line on northern boundary and resolve drainage issues.
- Encourage greater sharing of facilities by all users and future consolidation where appropriate.
- Improve lighting for all reserve users in the car park area.
- Lack of disability access to, and within the Umpires / Cricket clubroom facility.
- More trees are needed for shade.
- Access roads are in poor condition.
- Perimeter fencing is needed along the southern boundary to prevent balls going on the road.
- Mound on playing surface needs to be leveled. Bins are required east of hockey pitch.
- Fire track perimeter fence and safety rail need some repairs and an underground water tank to be installed by fire brigade.
- Pigeon Club facility is 50 years old and has no heating or toilets.

Master Plan Summary:

- Address drainage issues by installing a drainage swale along the northern boundary of the site. Repair fence in consultation with the neighbouring land owner.
- Improve signage at reserve entrance and remove / relocate existing advertising signage, which is currently in direct line of sight at Henry Street.
- Install low level perimeter fence along the southern boundary of the reserve (Grant Street) and improve the amenity of the boundary and adjacent residential streetscape by planting trees.
- Improve surface of access roads, install lighting in car parks, improve definition of car park areas and reduce extent of vehicular access near fire brigade training track.
- Investigate potential for Umpires Clubroom to become a multi use facility and accommodate the Junior Hockey Association. Provide disability access and consolidate public toilets into the clubroom facility.
- Investigate the potential use of the old rugby change rooms to cater for the pigeon club (and demolish existing pigeon club facility).
- Improve the surface of the hockey ground by levelling the existing mounds.
- Undertake minor repair to safety rail / perimeter fence around fire brigade track. Install an underground water tank.
- Enable sporting grounds to be used as an overflow training venue for other clubs / sports as required.



Maryvale Reserve

Ronald Reserve

Description:

This reserve comprises 1 football / cricket oval (with lighting), 3 cricket nets, 1 netball court (with lighting), 15 tennis courts (5 with lighting), 1 soccer pitch in the centre of a disused cycling track, pavilions and halls, public toilets and playgrounds. A footpath / walking track runs along the reserve's eastern boundary, adjacent to Waterhole Creek.

Users:

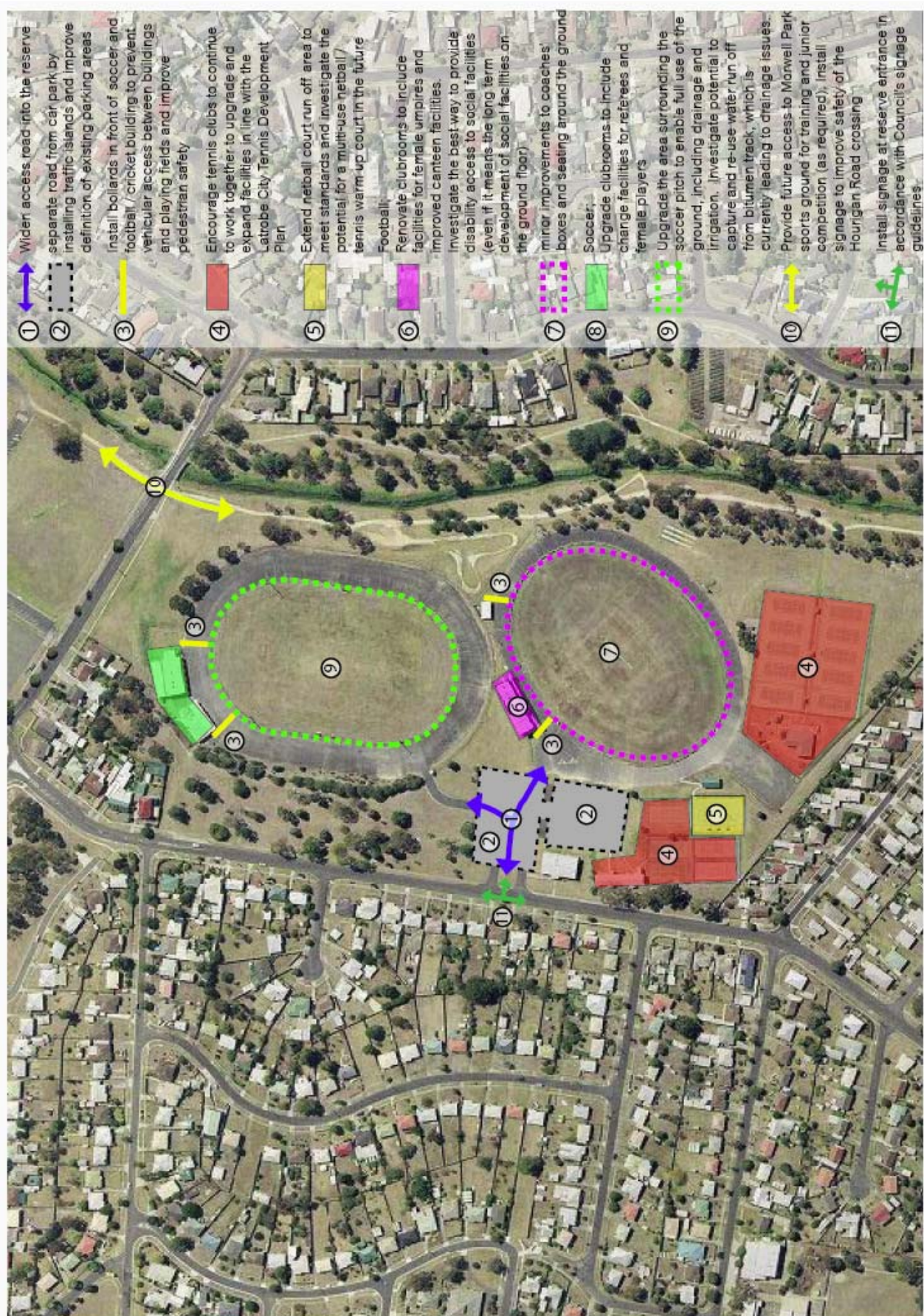
- Morwell East Football Netball Club
- Morwell Pegasus Soccer Club
- Morwell Cricket Club (secondary ground)
- Morwell East Tennis Club
- Morwell Tennis Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Traffic management issues associated with reserve entrance and car parking.
- Vandalism is a significant problem.
- Netball court does not comply with standards. The need for a second court or warm-up area may need to be investigated.
- Potential for improved facilities which will be identified and considered in the Tennis Facilities Plan currently being developed.
- Football clubrooms lack facilities for female umpires, have a small canteen, and social facilities lack disability access. Coaches boxes and seating require improvements.
- Soccer: Drainage and irrigation are confined to the main pitch, which has implications to the clubs ability to train on the surrounding area. Ground lighting does not comply with standards for night competition and there is a drainage problem associated with run off from the embankment. Clubrooms lack female change facilities.

Master Plan Summary:

- Widen access road into the reserve and install signage at reserve entrance in accordance with Council's signage guidelines. Separate road from car park by installing traffic islands and improve definition of existing parking areas.
- Install removable barriers in front of soccer and football / cricket building to prevent vehicular access between buildings and playing fields and improve pedestrian safety.
- Encourage tennis clubs to continue to work together to upgrade and expand facilities.
- Extend netball court run off area to meet standards and investigate the potential for a multi-use netball / tennis warm up court in the future.
- Renovate football clubrooms to include facilities for female umpires and improved canteen facilities. Investigate the best way to provide disability access to social facilities (even if it means the long term development of social facilities on the ground floor). Undertake minor improvements to coaches' boxes and seating around ground.
- Upgrade soccer clubrooms to include change facilities for referees and female players. Upgrade the area surrounding the soccer pitch to enable full use of the ground, including drainage and irrigation. Investigate the potential to capture and re-use water run off from the bitumen track, which is currently leading to drainage issues.
- Provide future access to Morwell Park sports ground for training and junior competition (as required). Install signage to improve safety of the Hourigan Road crossing.



Ronald Reserve

Morwell Park Netball Centre

Description:

This Council owned reserve consists of 9 asphalt netball courts (with lighting) a multi-use sporting ground (with synthetic wicket) and pavilions. The reserve is adjacent to Morwell Park Primary School and a footpath / walking track runs along the reserve's eastern boundary, adjacent to Waterhole Creek.

Users:

- Morwell Netball Association
- Morwell Park Primary School

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Netball courts have insufficient run-off area. The proposed realignment of courts (to achieve the required run-off area) would reduce the overall number of courts from nine to four.
- Trees at front of reserve continually drop debris on the courts.
- Seating needs to be replaced.
- Building requires a new roof and disability access.
- The steep embankment down to the oval is difficult to maintain.
- The sporting ground currently has no regular users (aside from Morwell Park Primary School). Opportunity for soccer training and junior competition.

Master Plan Summary:

- Investigate how the courts can be reconfigured to meet facility standards and the needs of the Association and schools network, in conjunction with Netball Victoria.
- Replace seating around netball courts where required and provide additional shelter for players / spectators.
- Install new roof on netball clubrooms and provide disability access.
- Investigate the potential multi-use of building to accommodate ground user/s in the future.
- Provide access to sports ground for soccer training / junior competition as required in the future.
- Address maintenance issue associated with steep embankment by mulching and planting out with drought tolerant vegetation.
- Install signage in accordance with Council's signage guidelines.



Morwell Park Netball Centre

Crinigan Road South Reserve

Description:

This reserve consists of a senior soccer pitch (with lighting), sub junior soccer pitch, cricket oval (with turf wicket), 3 cricket nets, pavilions and public toilets.

Users:

- Fortuna Soccer Club
- St Vincent's Cricket Club
- Gippsland Karneval Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Gravel car park is in poor condition (pot holes) and poor lighting is an issue.
- Drainage problem on western side of reserve near the boundary.
- Problem with vandalism and motorbikes illegally using the reserve.
- Creek banks require maintenance.
- Soccer clubrooms need to be upgraded to include change facilities for female players and referees. Consider a partnership proposal with the cricket club to create multi-use change facilities and increased storage.
- Lighting on main soccer pitch does not meet standards for night competition and there are no training lights on the sub junior pitch. The sub junior pitch is 1 metre too short to accommodate U11s and U12s competition (based on Small Sided Games format).
- The large number of soccer players requires that all grounds (main pitch, training pitch and oval) are used for training. Consider the potential for additional pitch/es.
- Need to extend cricket clubrooms and create more storage space. Consider a partnership proposal with the soccer club to create multi-use change facilities.
- Ground is rough and uneven.
- Potential future installation of water tank for turf wicket by the club/s.

Master Plan Summary:

- Extend and refurbish change rooms as a multi-use facility for both soccer and cricket and incorporating public toilets. Demolish existing public toilets.
- Install training lights on the sub junior soccer pitch to maximise use.
- Provide soccer club with access to cricket ground for training and sub junior competition (excluding the turf wicket). Monitor the need for an additional pitch, with the only viable location being in the north east portion of the oval, with an east-west orientation.
- Improve the surface of cricket oval. Explore options for improved irrigation including the installation of water tanks for the turf wicket.
- Improve surface and define extent of car park and install lighting.
- Install removable bollards near change room facility to prevent through vehicular access and allow for the potential future expansion of the sub junior soccer pitch.
- Improve path access to adjacent residential court heads.
- Enclose and extend the existing spoon drain. Improve maintenance of creek banks.
- Install signage at reserve entrances in accordance with Council's signage guidelines.

- ① Improve path access to adjacent residential court heads
 - ② Enclose and extend the existing spoon drain into pipe
 - ③ Extend and refurbish change rooms as a multi-use facility for both soccer & cricket and incorporating public toilets
 - ④ Demolish existing public toilets
 - ⑤ Install Training light on the sub junior soccer pitch to maximise use
 - ⑥ Improve the surface of cricket oval.
 - ⑦ Explore options for improved irrigation including the installation of water tanks for the turf wicket
 - ⑧ Improve surface and define extent of car park and install lighting
 - ⑨ Install removable bollards near change room facility to prevent through vehicular access and allow for the potential future expansion of the sub junior soccer pitch
 - ⑩ Improve maintenance of creek banks
 - ⑪ Install signage at reserve entrances in accordance with Council's signage guidelines
- Notes: Provide soccer club with access to cricket ground for training and sub junior competition (excluding the turf wicket)
- Monitor the need for an additional pitch, with the only viable location being in the north east portion of the oval, with an east-west orientation



Crinigan Road South Reserve

Airlie Bank Reserve

Description:

Open space area consisting of a footpath and disused cricket wicket, located adjacent to Kurnai College.

Users:

- N/a

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Investigate potential of reserve to cater for long term sporting needs.
- Investigate potential partnership with school regarding use of reserve.
- Assess public open space needs of the local community to identify park and connection needs for the surrounding area.

Master Plan Summary:

Develop Airlie Bank Reserve as a local neighbourhood park with:

- Landscaping / tree planting and seating.
- A multi-use open space area that has the flexibility to be used as an overflow training venue or secondary sporting ground.



Airie Bank Reserve

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6. Implementation Plan

The implementation of the Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan will be a long term priority for Council and the community. Availability of funding will be the main factor in timing of projects and any external funding opportunities and partnership proposals will contribute to projects being completed earlier. Other criteria used to prioritise projects in this implementation plan include risk management, reserve usage levels, increasing participation and meeting community needs.

Project costs shown here are indicative only . It would be expected that external funding and club / association contributions to specific projects will reduce the overall financial commitment required from Council.

In the implementation table, reserves are referred to with the following abbreviations:

TSR:	Toners Lane Reserve
MRR/KS:	Morwell Recreation Reserve / Keegan Street Reserve
NR:	Northern Reserve
MR:	Maryvale Reserve
RR:	Ronald Reserve
MPNC:	Morwell Park Netball Centre
CRSR:	Crinigan Road South Reserve
ABR:	Airlie Bank Reserve

High Priority Actions

Reserve	Actions	Indicative Costings	Source
TLR	Improve surface of access roads and Pony club access point	* \$60,000	Major Projects 2009/10
TLR	Provide a safety net for the baseball diamonds.	* \$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
TLR	Extend archery safety buffer.	* \$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
MRR/KS	Replace seating in grandstand.	* \$30,000	10K LCC Minor Projects 2008/09 20K CFN
MRR/KS	Replace old sections of spoon drain around main ground	* \$20,000	2008/09 Capital Program
MRR/KS	Widen entrance gates into the reserve and improve visual amenity (Travers Street).	* \$20,000	Minor projects 2008/09
NR	Redevelop clubrooms into a multi-use facility. Incorporate public toilets and demolish existing toilet block.	* \$360,000	LCC \$300K CFN \$60K
NR	Review safety of the drainage outlet behind the clubroom facilities.	* \$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
MR	Address drainage issues by installing a drainage swale along the northern boundary of the site.	* \$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
MR	Improve the surface of the hockey ground by levelling the existing mounds.	* \$10,000	Minor projects 2008/09
RR	Extend netball court run-off area to meet standards (and investigate potential for warm up court in the future).	* \$40,000	LCC Bit. Resurfacing 2009/10 \$20K CFN \$20K
MPNC	Install new roof on netball clubrooms	* \$20,000	2008/09 Capital works Program
CRSR	Extend and refurbish clubrooms as a multi-use facility and incorporating public toilets. Demolish existing public toilets.	* \$180,000	LCC \$120K CFF \$60K
CRSR	Enclose and extend the existing spoon drain.	* \$20,000	Minor projects 2008/09

* Works to be completed 2008/09 – 2009/10 subject to funding.

High Priority Actions (cont.)

Reserve	Actions	Indicative Costings
MRR/KS	Allow Gippsland Power to develop new clubroom and indoor training facility. Relocate fence line to incorporate new facilities.	\$0
MRR/KS	Allow cricket club to refurbish existing clubrooms to incorporate change facilities.	\$0
MRR/KS	Develop storage shed as an extension to the cricket clubroom facility.	\$0
MRR/KS	Upgrade cricket nets in current location.	\$0
MRR/KS	Audit cypress trees and prune deadwood.	\$3,000
NR	Extend the perimeter fencing around the entire oval.	\$20,000
MR	Install low level perimeter fence along the southern boundary of the reserve	\$8,000
MR	Install lighting in car parks	\$80,000
MR	Install an underground water tank for use by the fire brigade.	\$10,000
RR	Widen access road into the reserve. Install signage. improve definition of parking areas and install traffic islands between road and car park.	\$120,000
RR	Install removable barriers in front of soccer and football / cricket buildings to prevent vehicular access.	\$3,000
RR	Upgrade area surrounding soccer pitch including drainage and irrigation.	\$80,000
CRSR	Install removable bollards near change room facility to prevent through vehicular access.	\$2,000
Total High Priority Works		\$1,126,000

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Medium Priority Actions

Reserve	Actions	Indicative Costings
TLR	Improve power supply to the reserve.	\$100,000
TLR	Extend dog obedience clubrooms to accommodate the baseball club in a multi-use facility and including disability access.	\$200,000
TLR	Install a water tank to improve water supply to the baseball diamonds.	\$5,000
TLR	Upgrade lighting on the main baseball diamond.	\$50,000
TLR	Repair fencing around the baseball facility.	\$5,000
TLR	Upgrade auto clubrooms to include disability access and kitchen upgrade.	\$20,000
TLR	Upgrade motorcycle clubrooms to include disability access.	\$15,000
TLR	Install a water tank to improve water supply to the archery field.	\$5,000
TLR	Improve fences around pony club facility.	\$20,000
MRR/KS	Install a removable barrier in front of the football change rooms and grandstand to prevent vehicular access.	\$3,000
MRR/KS	Relocate netball from existing location and develop a netball court and warm up area (half court) on portion of former caravan park site.	\$100,000
MRR/KS	Renovate football change rooms to include additional toilets, showers, improved water and electrical, change facilities for netball and female umpires	\$150,000
MRR/KS	Plant trees around Keegan Street oval.	\$5,000
MRR/KS	Investigate stand-alone public toilets and incorporate into clubroom facilities and rationalise.	
MRR/KS	Consolidate storage sheds at the reserve.	\$25,000
MRR/KS	Repair perimeter fence and remove sections where no longer required.	\$10,000
MRR/KS	Explore options for improved irrigation practices, including water re-use (water tanks for turf wicket and croquet courts).	\$8,000
MRR/KS	Improve visual amenity of Keegan Street entrance.	\$7,000
MRR/KS	Define / control extent of car parking under trees.	\$5,000

Medium Priority Actions (cont.)

Reserve	Actions	Indicative Costings
NR	Provide parallel parking around the eastern perimeter of the reserve.	\$35,000
NR	Define and consolidate existing parking area adjacent to Holmes Road.	\$20,000
NR	Improve surface of oval and oval irrigation.	\$150,000
NR	Install shielded training lights on the oval and provide lighting in the car park.	\$150,000
NR	Install picnic facilities to complement the informal recreation facilities.	\$10,000
NR	Provide screen planting on western boundary.	\$8,000
MR	Repair northern boundary fence in consultation with neighbouring property owner.	\$5,000
MR	Improve the amenity of the southern boundary and adjacent residential streetscape.	\$2,000
MR	Improve surface of access roads, improve definition of car park areas and reduce extent of vehicular access near fire brigade track.	\$95,000
MR	Investigate potential for Umpires Association clubroom to become a multi-use facility and accommodate Junior Hockey Association. Provide disability access and consolidate public toilets into the clubroom facility.	\$80,000
MR	Investigate the potential use of the old rugby change rooms to cater for the pigeon club and demolish existing pigeon club facility.	\$10,000
RR	Renovate football clubrooms.	\$200,000
RR	Undertake improvements to coaches' boxes and seating around ground.	\$20,000
RR	Upgrade soccer clubrooms.	\$150,000
MPNC	Replace seating around netball courts and provide additional shelters.	\$15,000
CRSR	Install training lights on the sub junior soccer pitch.	\$80,000
CRSR	Improve the surface of the cricket oval. Explore options for improved irrigation including the installation of water tanks.	\$15,000
CRSR	Improve surface and define extent of car park and install lighting.	\$100,000
CRSR	Improve path access to adjacent residential court heads	\$12,000
ABR	Develop as a local neighbourhood park with landscaping / tree planting and seating	\$50,000
Total Medium Priority Works		\$1,940,000

Low Priority Actions

Reserve	Actions	Indicative Costings
TLR	Improve surface of baseball diamonds including sub-surface drainage.	\$80,000
MRR/KS	Clear the balance of the former caravan park site and monitor future needs.	\$20,000
MRR/KS	Remove fence along freeway side of ground, remove asphalt and replace it with grass.	\$12,000
MRR/KS	Provide lighting in car park	\$80,000
MRR/KS	Mulch and plant-out steep embankment with drought tolerant vegetation.	\$10,000
ABR	Multi-use open space area, for potential use as an overflow training venue / secondary sports ground.	\$50,000
Total Low Priority Works		\$252,000