

NORTHERN TOWNS OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

JUNE 2010



1. Introduction	4
2. Background	5
3. Principles, Key Directions and Objectives	6
4. Participation	9
5. Master Plans	11
– Glengarry Recreation Reserve	11
– Toongabbie Recreation Reserve	14
– Toongabbie Village Green	17
– Tyers Recreation Reserve	19
– George Bates Reserve	23
– Yallourn North Town Oval	25
6. Implementation Plan	27



1. Introduction

The Northern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan provides a policy position and clear directions for the provision of outdoor recreation facilities in the northern towns of Latrobe City in line with Council's 2021 vision.

The plan focuses on planning for sporting facilities (i.e. sports fields, outdoor courts) and also informal recreation facilities (i.e. paths / trails, playgrounds and picnic facilities) located at the following reserves in the northern towns.

- Glengarry Recreation Reserve
- Toongabbie Recreation Reserve
- Toongabbie Village Green
- Tyers Recreation Reserve
- George Bates Reserve, Yallourn North
- Yallourn North Town Oval



The Latrobe City Council Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 recommended that local recreation plans be prepared for the townships within Latrobe City. The Northern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan is the final recreation plan to be completed.

The previously completed plans adopted by Council include;

- Traralgon Outdoor Recreation Plan 2006
- Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan 2007
- Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan 2008
- Southern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan 2009

Latrobe City Council has also adopted the Tennis and Soccer Facilities Plans in 2008 that provide information on the tennis and soccer facilities within the northern towns. Actions proposed in these plans are to be considered for delivery through the town based outdoor recreation plans.

The 'Northern Towns' areas have an estimated total population of 5,004 persons, based on 2006 demographic data, and can be described as a 'younger' area in comparison to Latrobe City and Victoria. This is due to a higher proportion of children and young people aged 5 to 17 years, in addition to adults aged 35 to 59 years. These age groups also represent 'families' who are generally considered the most active, highlighting the importance of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities in the northern towns of Latrobe City.

2. Background

The development of the outdoor recreation plan has involved significant consultation with the community associations, committees of management, schools and local sporting clubs for each reserve. The consultation process has focussed on developing a clear set of recommendations for the future improvements to recreation facilities in the northern communities of Latrobe City.

The consultation process has involved:

November and December 2009

- Seeking information from all local clubs about membership, participation, current issues and future plans via telephone interviews.
- Initial meeting with club, committee and community representatives to discuss project objectives and timeframes and commence identifying opportunities at each reserve.
- Discussing membership trends, key issues and priorities with sporting associations, township associations and relevant hall committees and recreation groups.
- Interviewing local schools about community use of school recreation facilities, school use of community facilities and future plans that may impact on local townships.
- Conducting a random household telephone survey.
- Follow up meeting with club, committee and community representatives to review the previously identified opportunity in greater detail.
- On site meetings with clubs at each reserve.

March 2010

- Following Council consideration of the Draft Report, all key stakeholders were given an opportunity to review the Master Plans and provide further feedback as part of the Public Exhibition process.

Implementation of Northern Towns Recreation Plan

The implementation of the Northern Towns Recreation Plan will involve the establishment of significant partnerships between Council and community organisations. The support of state and federal governments will be necessary to assist in the delivery of identified projects.

Council's commitment to the implementation of township based recreation plans involves budget consideration for inclusion in the annual capital works program.

Whilst there is no guarantee of funding to implement the recommendations of this plan, Section 7 of this report outlines an implementation plan that prioritises actions and provides indicative costs to guide decision making and funding applications.

The development and implementation of the town based plans is staged over three years. For the Northern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan the implementation will progress along the following timeframes.

2009/10 – Community consultation, draft plan development, draft document consultation, implementation plan preparation and adoption by Council.

2010/11 – Design of major projects and implementation of minor works.

2001/12 – Construction of major projects.

Subject to annual Council budget consideration and availability of external funding

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 Northern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan that emerge from these statements shown in the right column.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 Principles	Key Directions for the Northern Towns 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 Northern Towns 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. Council will plan for appropriate levels of development in each township to ensure residents have access to local level sporting facilities.
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 the northern towns / localities of Latrobe City to ensure the provision of adequate facilities that are safe and accessible and encourage participation 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 reserves in the northern towns 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, wellbeing and social benefits they provide.	7. Amenity and informal public access to reserves and facilities will be an important outcome of the Northern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan. 8. Opportunities for increased participation will be well promoted throughout the northern communities of Latrobe City.

3. Principles, Key Directions and Objectives

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 Principles	Key Directions for the Northern Towns 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. Consideration will be given to the provision of flexible facilities and spaces to meet changing sporting trends and the future needs of the northern communities of Latrobe City.
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.	12. Partnerships between Council and other key stakeholders (i.e. community groups and government agencies) will be critical to the implementation of master plan priorities. 13. 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 to the Northern Towns is outlined in the following table.

Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006 Strategic Objectives	Objectives for Northern Towns
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 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 refurbishment 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.	8. Work in partnership with Associations, Leagues, Clubs and key individuals to implement projects identified in the Master Plans.
5. Maximise opportunities for economic development through recreation and leisure.	9. Where appropriate, develop or upgrade facilities so they are capable of hosting major competitions and events.
6. Provide effective management, support and resources.	10. 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 six reserves involved in this plan, an assessment has been undertaken of participation in a range of activities in Latrobe's northern towns / localities. Some of this summary has been sourced from previous reports (including the Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006) and the rest from research and consultation completed as part of this plan.

Sport / Activity	Comments
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three clubs and approximately 200 players in the northern towns (in addition to Milo Have-A-Go participants). Two of these clubs have reported increased membership over recent years. Cricket is played on six ovals at five reserves in the northern towns. Three of these ovals have turf wickets. Recreation and Leisure Strategy (2006) suggested that there is likely to be an adequate provision of cricket ovals in Latrobe City to accommodate any new demand for cricket.
Football – Australian Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three senior football / netball clubs, two junior football clubs and approximately 370 players in the northern towns (in addition to Auskick participants). Football is played on five ovals which are located at Glengarry Recreation Reserve (2), Tyers Recreation Reserve, Yallourn North Town Oval and George Bates Reserve, Yallourn North. Demand from clubs and associations for improvements to supporting infrastructure, in particular change room facilities and shelter for players / spectators. Recreation and Leisure Strategy (2006) suggested that there is likely to be an adequate provision of football ovals in Latrobe City to accommodate any new demand for football.
Football – Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One club (Tyers Soccer Club) in the northern towns with 3 senior and 5 junior teams and approximately 115 players. Increasing number of participants including the establishment of a women's team. A single soccer pitch is located at the Tyers Recreation Reserve which has recently had a lighting upgrade. Soccer Facilities Plan (2008) identified a range of opportunities for Tyers including improved pitch conditions, installation of perimeter fencing and improved clubrooms (including change facilities for females).

4. Participation

Sport/Activity	Comments
Horse Riding / Equestrian Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four equestrian clubs and approximately 86 riding members in the northern towns. Additionally, the Victorian Endurance Riders Association hold three events in Toongabbie each year. • Equestrian facilities are located at the Toongabbie Recreation Reserve which is home to all four clubs. • Three clubs are newly formed. • Demand for the continued development of equestrian facilities and supporting infrastructure, including a riding arena (underway), fencing improvements, provision of power and improved public toilets.
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three football-netball clubs in the northern towns, including 17 netball teams and approximately 170 players. • Membership numbers are reported to be stable. • Four outdoor netball / multi-use courts are located in Glengarry (2), Tyers and Yallourn North (George Bates Reserve). • Two courts have compliance issues (associated with run-off distances) and there is demand for improved amenity facilities including toilets, change facilities and shelter for spectators. • Recreation and Leisure Strategy (2006) recommended continued support for combination football-netball clubs.
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three tennis clubs and approximately 125 tennis players in the northern towns and localities. • 10 tennis courts (including three multi-use) at three reserves in the northern towns, including Glengarry, Toongabbie and Tyers. There are an additional four disused courts at the Yallourn North Town Oval. • Tennis Facilities Plan (2008) identified a range of opportunities for each tennis facility in Latrobe City and the northern towns.

5. Master Plan Priorities

The following section covers the draft master plan for the remaining reserves:

Glengarry Recreation Reserve

Description:

Large recreation reserve that comprises 2 senior football / cricket ovals (1 with turf wicket) and 1 junior oval, 4 cricket nets, 2 asphalt tennis courts and 2 multi-use tennis / netball courts (with lighting between courts), clubroom facilities, public toilets, playground and BBQ / picnic facilities. This Crown Reserve has a Committee of Management directly appointed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Council provides the committee with an annual grant for maintenance of the reserve.

Users:

Glengarry Football Netball Club

Glengarry Junior Football Club

Glengarry Agricultural Show Society

Glengarry Cricket Club

Glengarry Tennis Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Netball / Tennis: Courts are in poor condition and show evidence of subsurface problems. Netball court is non-compliant as it does not meet the required 3.05m runoff. Potential exists to upgrade court lighting to enable clubs to conduct activities after dark. Amenity building lacks dedicated change facilities and disability access. Toilets need to be upgraded. Opportunity to consolidate toilets and tennis building. Shade / shelter for players and spectators is limited.
- Ovals: Potential to capture and re-use storm water run-off from main pavilion (to complement bore water) to water grounds. Grounds are watered manually and lack an underground / automated irrigation system. Top-dressing required on Fred King Oval.
- Lack of shelter / shade for players and spectators at Don Duncan Oval. Opportunity to remove coaches box and replace with a larger structure.
- Problem with vehicles accessing / damaging the Doug Timmins and Don Duncan ovals.
- Potential to consolidate cricket facilities by relocating nets to Doug Timmins Oval.
- Clubs have plans to extend / upgrade the main pavilion including an office, additional toilets and storage.
- Cricket Club has plans to upgrade clubrooms and separate public toilets on Doug Timmins Oval.
- Access road requires ongoing maintenance due to high volumes of school and reserve traffic. Need to investigate traffic management and car parking within the reserve.
- Opportunity to formalise path / trail around the reserve and install fitness stations.
- Fencing and ramp required for Agricultural Show. (Community grant received for yards.)
- Storage area is at capacity and additional sheds / yards are required for maintenance equipment. Opportunity to consolidate all storage sheds within the reserve.
- Need to investigate options for improved landscaping and the potential removal of some existing trees.

Glengarry Recreation Reserve (continued)

Master Plan Summary:

- Tennis / Netball: As identified in the Tennis Facilities Plan 2008
 - Realign and re-surface tennis / netball courts 1 and 2 to achieve required run-off distances and address compliance issues.
 - Resurface courts 3 and 4 and investigate / address sub-surface problems of all courts as required.
 - Upgrade clubrooms to include change facilities, toilets, disability access and shade / shelter for players and spectators. Demolish existing public toilet block.
 - Upgrade court lighting to enable the scheduling of night programs / competition (pending the ability of clubs to contribute to the lighting installation and justify the demand).
- Install water tanks to recycle run-off from main pavilion (to complement bore water).
- Install automatic irrigation system on Fred King Oval.
- Undertake top-dressing on Fred King Oval.
- Install new coaches boxes and spectator shelter at Don Duncan Oval. Remove existing coaches boxes.
- Consolidate cricket facilities by relocating cricket nets to Doug Timmins Oval.
- Allow clubs to extend / upgrade main pavilion including an office, additional toilets and storage.
- Allow cricket club to undertake internal improvements to clubroom including connection to water and installation of kitchenette. Connect power to public toilets. Consider long-term consolidation of facilities.
- Traffic Management:
 - Install bollards along roadways to prevent vehicles from accessing Doug Timmins and Don Duncan Ovals.
 - Seal high-use roadways within the reserve including: 1) school drop-off area along the eastern boundary of the Fred King Oval (in partnership with the school); and 2) from the reserve entrance to the main pavilion.
 - Improve definition of car park adjacent to netball / tennis courts.
- Upgrade (mown) path / trail around the perimeter of the reserve (using a simple crushed rock surface). Install fitness stations.
- Upgrade area and facilities for Agricultural Show including fencing, ramp and access to water.
- Expand existing storage shed and compound.
- Develop program for progressive replacement of existing trees and plant shade trees around ovals.

Glengarry Recreation Reserve Master Plan Summary:

- 1 Tennis / Netball:
 - 1A. Realign and re-surface tennis / netball courts 1 and 2 to achieved required run-off distances and address compliance issues.
 - 1B. Resurface courts 3 and 4 and investigate / address sub-surface problems of all courts as required.
 - 1C. Upgrade clubrooms to include change facilities, toilets, disability access and shade / shelter for players and spectators. Demolish existing public toilet block.
 - 1D. Upgrade court lighting to enable the scheduling of night programs / competition (pending the ability of clubs to contribute to the lighting installation and justify the demand).
- 2 Implement water treatment solutions with the approval from relevant Water Authorities:
 - 2A. Install water tanks to recycle run-off from main pavilion (to complement bore water).
 - 2B. Install automatic irrigation system on Fred King Oval.
- 3 Undertake top-dressing on Fred King Oval.
- 4 Install new coaches boxes and spectator shelter at Don Duncan Oval. Remove existing coaches boxes.
- 5 Consolidate cricket facilities by relocating cricket nets to Doug Timmins Oval.
- 6 Allow clubs to extend / upgrade main pavilion including an office, additional toilets and storage.
- 7 Allow cricket club to undertake internal improvements to clubroom including connection to water and installation of kitchenette. Connect power to public toilets. Consider long-term consolidation of facilities.
- 8 Traffic Management:
 - 8A. Install bollards along roadways to prevent vehicles from accessing Doug Timmins and Don Duncan Ovals.
 - 8B. Seal high-use roadways within the reserve including:
 - 1) school drop-off area along the eastern boundary of the Fred King Oval (in partnership with the school); and
 - 2) from the reserve entrance to the main pavilion.
 - 8C. Improve definition of car park adjacent to netball / tennis courts.
- 9 Upgrade (mown) path / trail around the perimeter of the reserve (using a simple crushed rock surface). Install fitness stations.
- 10 Upgrade area and facilities for Agricultural Show including fencing, ramp and access to water (tunding allocated).
- 11 Expand existing storage shed and compound.
- 12 Develop program for progressive replacement of existing trees and plant shade trees around ovals.



Toongabbie Recreation Reserve

Description:

This large reserve consists of an oval with a turf wicket, 2 cricket nets, 2 acrylic tennis courts, clubrooms, indoor stadium (2 badminton courts), playground and skate park. The reserve also includes an equestrian riding area, stockyards and clubrooms / storage sheds. The Toongabbie Recreation Reserve is Crown land and has a Committee of Management directly appointed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Council provides the committee with an annual grant for maintenance of the reserve.

Users:

Toongabbie & District Trail Riders Club
Toongabbie Adult Riders Club
Toongabbie Pony Club
Toongabbie Riding for the Disabled
Victorian Endurance Riders Association

Toongabbie Cricket Club
Toongabbie Tennis Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Tennis: Existing shed / clubrooms are small and inadequate and lack sufficient shade / shelter. Development of new clubrooms underway by the club (west of courts).
- Tennis courts have some cracking and may need to be resurfaced. Need to consider sub-surface and impact of neighbouring trees on the court surface.
- Potential future opportunity for court lighting to enable night training / coaching / competition and potential long term development of an additional tennis court (pending sufficient need).
- Equestrian: Facilities lack power. Toilets are old and lack access for people with a disability. Provision of shower facilities would benefit campers / riders. Lack of shelter for reserve users. Opportunity for long term improvement and consolidation of facilities for all equestrian users.
- Potential for improved riding facilities through the development of an arena (works underway by clubs). Some fencing repairs required.
- Cricket nets need to be upgraded.
- Opportunity to access bore water (from Golf Club) to water oval.
- Potential to improve seating / shelter for spectators (development of viewing deck by club underway).
- Access road requires ongoing maintenance. Need to investigate traffic management and car parking within the reserve.
- Skate park surface is very rough and ramps are in a state of decline. (Funding allocated by Latrobe City to improve skate park.)
- Potential for a winter tenant / winter use.

Toongabbie Recreation Reserve (continued)

Master Plan Summary:

- Tennis: As identified in the Tennis Facilities Plan 2008
 - Club to develop new clubroom facility west of the tennis courts, including disability access and shade / shelter for spectators (project underway). Allow club to use old shed for storage in the short term.
 - Remove old umpires chairs from court area.
 - Resurface courts when required. (Seek professional geotechnical advice on the subsurface and pavement suitability).
- Equestrian:
 - Connect facilities to power.
 - Club to complete development of riding arena (project underway).
 - Upgrade public toilets and provide access for people with a disability.
 - Reposition entrance gates further into the reserve for improved safety. Replace / repair fencing where required.
 - Install a picnic shelter for spectators and reserve users.
 - Long term upgrade and consolidation of clubroom facilities.
- Upgrade cricket nets in same location. Install a sight screen.
- Provide additional seating and shelter for spectators (development of viewing deck underway).
- Access bore water (from Golf Club) for main oval.
- Upgrade access road by stabilising the surface and reducing ongoing maintenance requirements.
- Assess compliance of children's playground to Australian Standards and undertake any necessary improvements.
- Upgrade skate park in accordance with the Latrobe City Skate BMX Plan.



Toongabbie Recreation Reserve Master Plan Summary:

1 Tennis:

- 1A. Develop new clubroom facility west of the tennis courts, including disability access and shade / shelter for spectators (project underway). Allow club to use old shed for storage in the short term.
- 1B. Address risk management issues by removing potentially dangerous objects from court area.
- 1C. Resurface courts when required. (Seek professional geotechnical advice on the subsurface and pavement suitability).

2 Equestrian:

- 2A. Connect facilities to power.
- 2B. Complete development of riding arena (project underway).
- 2C. Upgrade public toilets and provide access for people with a disability.
- 2D. Reposition entrance gates further into the reserve for improved safety. Replace / repair fencing where required.
- 2E. Install a picnic shelter for spectators and reserve users.
- 2F. Long term upgrade and consolidation of clubroom facilities.

3 Upgrade cricket nets in same location. Install a sight screen.

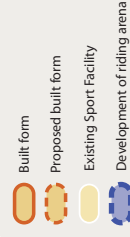
- 4 Provide additional seating and shelter for spectators (development of viewing deck underway).

5 Access bore water (from Golf Club) for main oval.

- 6 Upgrade access road by stabilising the surface and reducing ongoing maintenance requirements.

- 7 Assess compliance of children's playground and undertake any necessary improvements.

- 8 Upgrade skate park in accordance with the Skate Strategy (funding allocated).



JAN 2010

Toongabbie Village Green

Description:

This reserve consists of an oval with a synthetic wicket, grandstand, public toilets and Community Hall. The reserve is Crown land and has a Committee of Management directly appointed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Council provides the committee with an annual grant for maintenance of the reserve.

Users:

Toongabbie Cricket Club (secondary ground)
Toongabbie Hall Committee

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Problem with vehicles driving on oval and damaging playing surface.
- Need to investigate traffic management within the reserve and to / from neighbouring properties.
- Potential for water re-use by capturing storm water run-off from the hall.

Master Plan Summary:

- Install low Federation style fence (low metal posts with chain) at key locations around the reserve to prevent inappropriate vehicular access (along western boundary, either side of trees on southern boundary and north east boundary).
- Plant shrubs north of Mechanics Institute (move existing car stops back approximately 2m).
- Install seating between trees along southern boundary.

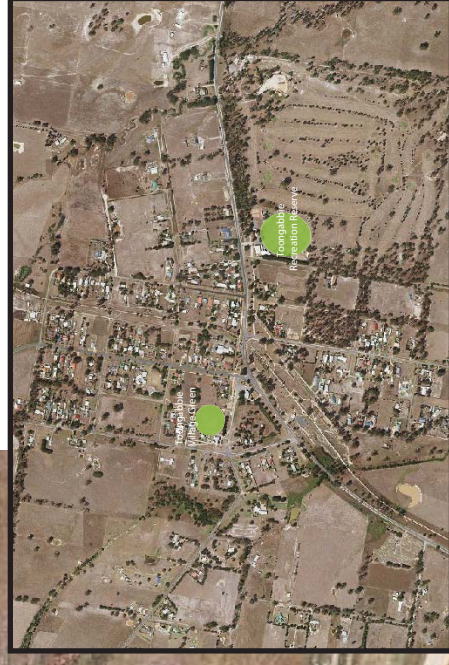




Toongabbie Village Green Master Plan Summary:

- 1 Install low Federation style fence (low metal posts with chain) at key locations around the reserve to prevent inappropriate vehicular access (along western boundary, either side of trees on southern boundary and north east boundary).
- 2 Plant shrubs north of Mechanics Institute (move existing car stops back approximately 2m).
- 3 Install seating between trees along southern boundary.

- Existing Sport Facility
- Install Federation style fence with chain
- Seating
- Shrubs



JAN 2010



Tyers Recreation Reserve

Description:

This reserve consists of a football / cricket oval and lighting, a senior soccer pitch with lighting, 3 tennis courts, a multi-use tennis / netball court, 3 cricket practice nets, public toilets and 3 clubroom facilities. This reserve is owned by Council who provides an annual maintenance grant to an appointed Committee of Management.

Users:

Traralgon – Tyers United Football Netball Club
Tyers Soccer Club
Tyers Tennis Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Need to improve amenity and safety of drain along reserve entrance.
- Potential to improve reserve surrounds through landscaping and general clean-up. Potential for improved screen / barrier between reserve and neighbouring properties.
- Gravel access road creates ongoing maintenance issues. Potential to seal entrance. Need to address issue of trucks turning inside reserve. Need for better defined car parking.
- Netball / Tennis: Lack of shade / shelter and seating for spectators at the multi-use court. There are no dedicated toilets, showers or change facilities and disability access is limited. Potential for court lighting to enable scheduling of night activities. Need for windbreaks on the southern side of courts. Run-off distances at the ends of tennis courts 1 & 2 are non-compliant (as per Tennis Facilities Plan, 2008).
- Oval / Football: Ground has drainage issues and lacks irrigation (club is trying to install an irrigation system). Potential to improve ground lighting for training. Potential for a future summer tenant or summer use.
- Social rooms need to be upgraded and change rooms lack appropriate facilities for female umpires.
- Soccer clubrooms are small and do not properly cater for the large number of players / members. Change rooms lack facilities for female players and umpires. Canteen facilities require an upgrade, storage is inadequate and disability access is limited.
- Soccer pitch lacks fencing and there is no separation between players and spectators. Playing surface receives high levels of use and requires a camber to drain more effectively. Watering of pitch is dependent on mains water.
- Potential to bring ground lighting to competition standards through installation of two additional light poles (two have been installed for training).
- Opportunity to combine future needs of reserve users into a shared multi-use building.
- The existing wastewater treatment system at the reserve is at capacity.

Master Plan Summary:

- Improve landscaping through the planting of high canopy trees around the perimeter of the reserve.
- Seal the entrance of the reserve and upgrade remaining gravel access roads. Install speed humps where required.
- Improve definition of car parking within the reserve.
- Clean out the drain at the reserve's entrance and improve amenity. Undertake ongoing maintenance.

Tyers Recreation Reserve (continued)

Master Plan Summary (continued):

- Netball / Tennis: As identified in the Tennis Facilities Plan 2008
 - Develop shelter / shade at the multi-use court.
 - Install lighting to enable scheduling of night programs / competition by tennis and netball clubs (funding reportedly allocated).
 - Plant appropriate windbreak along the southern perimeter of the courts, ensuring the root system does not interfere with the court surface.
 - Address run-off distances on courts 1 and 2 at time of court resurfacing.
- Football:
 - Refurbish football clubrooms to provide adequate toilets and change facilities for females, umpires, netballers and tennis players.
 - Improve drainage on main oval and install an irrigation system.
 - Improve ground training lights for main oval.
- Soccer:
 - Upgrade clubrooms to include change facilities for female players and referees, and improve canteen facilities, storage and disability access.
 - Provide perimeter fencing around the soccer pitch.
 - Upgrade surface of soccer pitch including camber improvements to assist drainage. Investigate options for water re-use. (Possible connection to tank water.)
 - Consider the future need to increase lighting to competition standard.
- Allow football and soccer clubs to upgrade their own social club facilities.
- Investigate the potential future development of a multi purpose building to cater for all user groups.



Tyers Recreation Reserve Master Plan Summary:

- 1 Improve landscaping through the planting of high canopy trees around the perimeter of the reserve / Improve landscaping through perimeter planting.
- 2 Seal the entrance of the reserve and upgrade remaining gravel access roads. Install speed humps where required.
- 3 Improve definition of car parking within the reserve.
- 4 Clean-out the drain at the reserve's entrance and improve amenity. Undertake ongoing maintenance.
- 5 Netball / Tennis:
5A. Develop shelter / shade at the multi-use court.
5B. Install lighting to enable scheduling of night programs / competition by tennis and netball clubs (funding reportedly allocated).
5C. Plant appropriate windbreak along the southern perimeter of the courts, ensuring the root system does not interfere with the court surface.
5D. Address run-off distances on courts 1 and 2 at time of court resurfacing.
- 6 Improve ground training lights for main oval.
- 7 Refurbish football clubrooms to provide adequate toilets and change facilities for females, unimpres, netballers and tennis players.
- 8 Soccer
8A. Upgrade clubrooms to include change facilities for female players and referees, and improved canteen facilities, storage and disability access.
8B. Provide perimeter fencing around the soccer pitch.
8C. Continue to upgrade surface of soccer pitch including camber improvements to assist drainage. Investigate options for water re-use. (Possible connection to tank water.)
8D. Consider the future need to increase lighting to competition standard.
- 9 Improve drainage on main oval and install an irrigation system
- 10 Allow football and soccer clubs to upgrade their own social club facilities.
- 11 Investigate the potential future development of a multi-purpose building to cater for all user groups.

Legend

- Built Form
- Proposed built form
- Soccer Field
- Existing Sport Facility
- Upgraded gravel surface & car park
- Sealed entrance
- Proposed vegetation

George Bates Reserve – Yallourn North

Description:

This reserve consists of a football / cricket oval with lighting and a synthetic wicket, an asphalt netball court with lighting, club / social rooms and a playground. This reserve is owned by Council who provides an annual maintenance grant to an appointed Committee of Management.

Users:

Yallourn North Football Netball Club

Yallourn North Cricket Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Lack of safe, off road path / trail to the reserve from the town.
- Informal access to reserve is limited due to the locking of gates to prevent vandalism.
- Ground irrigation system is dependent on mains water. Potential for water re-use.
- Drainage of playing surface could be improved.
- Netball court has cracking and drainage problems and does not comply with runoff standards. Court receives a high level of use and there is potential for a second court or warm up space. Basic facilities lack water, toilets and appropriate change facilities.
- Potential to improve training lights for oval and netball court. Clubs indicate power supply is insufficient to effectively light oval and netball court simultaneously. Netball court lighting is restricted to half the court.
- Reserve is reliant on septic evaporation ponds which are at capacity.
- Need for additional toilets in pavilion.
- Retaining wall supporting northern car park has a lean and needs to be assessed.
- Potential for improved pedestrian safety in front of club / social rooms.
- Reserve lacks natural shade / shelter for players and spectators.
- Maintenance issues associated with steep gradient between reserve and bushland.
- Potential for long term upgrade / modernisation of club / social rooms.

Master Plan Summary:

- Resurface netball court (and run-off area) and address drainage and compliance issues. Develop a half court / warm up area adjacent to the existing court. Build a small clubroom with toilets and change facilities (with connection to power and water).
- Allow clubs to refurbish pavilion / social rooms (long term priority).
- Increase capacity of power supply for improved ground and court lighting. Extend netball lighting to entire court.
- Top dress oval and investigate options to improve drainage. Investigate options for water re-use.
- Assess retaining wall supporting northern car park and undertake necessary repairs.
- Install removable barriers in front of pavilion and grandstand to prevent vehicular access between buildings, playground and oval and improve pedestrian safety.
- Improve provision of shade by planting mature trees in key locations.
- Further investigation be completed into the capacity of the septic system to accommodate increasing usage at the reserve.
- Develop a multi-use path / trail along North, Purvis and Howlett Roads to improve access to the reserve from the town.



George Bates Reserve Master Plan Summary:

1 Netball:

- 1A. Resurface netball court (and run-off area) and address drainage and compliance issues.
- 1B. Develop a half court / warm up area adjacent to the existing netball court.
- 1C. Build a small clubroom facility with toilets and change facilities (with connection to power and water).

2 Allow clubs to refurbish pavilion / social rooms (long term priority).

3 Upgrade power supply for improved ground and court lighting. Extend netball lighting to entire court.

4 Top dress oval (with sand-based soil) to improve drainage. Investigate options for water re-use.

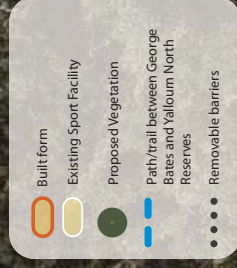
5 Assess retaining wall supporting northern car park and undertake necessary repairs.

6 Install removable barriers in front of pavilion and grandstand to prevent vehicular access between buildings, playground and oval and improve pedestrian safety.

7 Improve provision of shade by planting mature trees in key locations (south of the oval).

8 Further investigation be completed into the capacity of the septic system to accommodate increasing usage at the reserve.

9 Develop a multi-use path / trail along North, Purvis and Howlett Roads to improve access to the reserve from the town.



JAN 2010

Yallourn North Town Oval

Description:

This reserve consists of a cricket oval with turf wicket, 2 cricket practice nets, 4 concrete tennis courts, pavilion, public toilets and the Yallourn North Community Hall. The reserve is Crown land and has a Committee of Management directly appointed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Council provides the committee with an annual grant for maintenance of the reserve.

Users:

Yallourn North Cricket Club

Yallourn North Hall Committee

Yallourn North Junior Football Club

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Reserve is centrally located and forms part of a community precinct. Partnership opportunities available with neighbouring land owners / users.
- There is a lack of amenity facilities (i.e. club / change rooms) and public toilets are in poor condition. Floor in the Community Hall needs to be replaced. Potential to consolidate buildings.
- Good size ground with high quality turf wicket.
- There are no watering facilities for the oval and the playing surface could be improved (through top-dressing and improved drainage *near north east boundary*). Potential for water re-use options (i.e. use of tanks, re-use of pool back-wash).
- Opportunity to relocate cricket nets. Location to be considered.
- Tennis courts are in poor condition and have no regular users.
- Potential to develop multi-use courts for community use, such as netball / basketball and “public use” tennis courts. Need to decommission remaining disused courts.
- Need to improve reserve entrance through potential widening or realignment.
- Access roads receive high volumes of traffic resulting in maintenance issues. Car parking is limited. Opportunity to review traffic management.
- Need for improved screening of private dwelling.

Master Plan Summary:

- Replace floor in the Community Hall.
- Consolidate buildings by extending and refurbishing the Hall to include change rooms, multi-purpose social room, office, storage facility and undercover spectator area for all user groups. Demolish existing public toilets and change facilities.
- Relocate cricket nets (north of oval).
- Develop two multi-use courts at either the site of the existing courts or within the school grounds. Decommission remaining disused courts and use for car parking.
- Top dress oval and improve drainage where required.
- Investigate options for water re-use (i.e. use of tanks, re-use of pool back-wash).
- Install removable barriers in front of Hall and recreation facilities to prevent vehicular access and improve pedestrian safety.
- Widen reserve entrance to provide a dual entry / exit. Upgrade surface of gravel access road within the reserve.
- Improve amenity of reserve through use of landscaping (including beautifying reserve entrance and screening of private property).

Yallourn North Town Oval Master Plan Summary:

- 1 Replace floor in the Community Hall.
- 2 Consolidate buildings by extending and refurbishing the Hall to include change rooms, multi-purpose social room, office, storage facility and undercover spectator area for all user groups. Demolish existing public toilets and change facilities.
- 3 Relocate cricket nets (north of oval).
- 4 Develop two multi-use courts for the community at:
4A. Either the site of the existing courts;
4C. Decommission remaining disused tennis courts and use for car parking.
- 5 Top dress oval and improve drainage where required.
- 6 Investigate options for water re-use (i.e. use of tanks, re-use of pool backwash).
- 7 Install removable barriers in front of Hall and recreation facilities to prevent vehicular access and improve pedestrian safety.
- 8 Widen reserve entrance to provide a dual entry / exit. Upgrade surface of gravel access road within the reserve.
- 9 Improve amenity of reserve through use of landscaping (including beautifying reserve entrance and screening of private property).

- Proposed built envelope
- Buildings to be decommissioned
- Decommission disused tennis courts
- Vehicle Access
- Existing Sport Facility
- Proposed Sport Facility
- Proposed Vegetation
- Removable barriers



6. Implementation Plan

The implementation of the Northern Towns 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.

Actions	Community Response	Minor Projects	Major Projects	Future years
		2010/11	2011/12	
Glengarry Recreation Reserve				
Realign and resurface tennis / netball courts 1 & 2	COM identified court resurfacing as the no.1 priority at the reserve.		\$40,000	
Resurface courts 3 and 4 and address sub-surface problems.	COM identified court resurfacing as the no.1 priority at the reserve.		\$40,000	
Upgrade tennis / netball clubrooms and demolish toilet block.	COM strongly supports upgrading the clubroom and public toilet (no. 2 priority).			\$120,000
Upgrade court lighting.	COM support lighting upgrade as part of the court resurfacing.		\$12,000	
Install water tanks to recycle run-off from main pavilion (to complement bore water).	COM identifies this project as the no.3 priority at the reserve.		\$20,000	
Install automatic irrigation system on Fred King Oval.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$70,000
Undertake top-dressing on Fred King Oval.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$20,000
Install new coaches boxes and spectator shelter at Don Duncan Oval.	No specific response received.	\$12,000		
Consolidate cricket facilities by relocating cricket nets to Doug Timmins Oval.	No specific response received.			\$15,000
Allow clubs to extend / upgrade main pavilion.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$0
Allow cricket club to undertake internal improvements to clubroom.	No specific response received.			\$0
Connect power to public toilets.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$5,000
Install bollards along roadways to prevent vehicles from accessing Doug Timmins and Don Duncan ovals.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$5,000
Seal school drop-off roadway along eastern boundary of Fred King oval.	Identified as high priority by COM due to high traffic volumes and maintenance requirements.			\$80,000

6. Implementation Plan

Seal roadway from reserve entrance to main pavilion.	Identified as high priority (no. 4) by COM due to ongoing maintenance requirements.			\$80,000
Improve definition of car park adjacent to netball / tennis courts.	No specific response received.			\$10,000
Upgrade (mown) path / trail around the perimeter of the reserve and install fitness stations.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$50,000
Upgrade area and facilities for Agricultural Show including fencing, ramp and access to water.	No specific response received.			\$15,000
Expand existing storage shed and compound.	Project supported by COM and identified in priority list.			\$20,000
Develop program for progressive replacement of existing trees and plant shade trees around ovals.	No specific response received.			\$25,000
Sub Total		\$12,000	\$112,000	\$515,000
Toongabbie Recreation Reserve	Community Response	2010/11	2011/12	Future years
Develop new clubroom facility west of the tennis courts.	Project underway.	n/a		
Resurface tennis courts.	Project strongly supported by club and TTP&DG due to reported risk management issues.		\$15,000	\$40,000
Connect equestrian facilities to power.	Project identified as low priority by user groups and TTP&D.			\$10,000
Complete development of riding arena.	Project underway.	n/a		
Upgrade public toilets and provide access for people with a disability.	Project identified as priority by users and TTP&DG.			\$40,000
Reposition equestrian entrance gates further into reserve and repair fence where required.	Identified as no 1 priority by TTP&DG due to reported safety issues.	\$5,000		
Install a picnic shelter for spectators and reserve users.	No specific response received.			\$15,000
Upgrade and consolidate equestrian clubroom facilities.	No specific response received.			\$80,000
Upgrade cricket nets in same location.	Identified as high priority by cricket club.			\$10,000
Install a cricket sight screen.	Identified as a low priority by club in comparison to cricket net upgrade.			\$5,000
Provide additional seating and shelter for spectators.	Construction of viewing deck recently completed.	n/a		
Access bore water (from Golf Club) for main oval.	No specific response received.			\$15,000
Upgrade access road by stabilising the surface.	No specific response received.			\$30,000
Assess compliance of children's playground to Australian Standards and undertake any necessary improvements	Project supported by TTP&DG due to ensure compliance with relevant standards.			\$8,000
Upgrade skate park in accordance with the Latrobe City Skate BMX Plan.	Project supported by TTP&DG.			\$25,000
Sub Total		\$5,000	\$15,000	\$278,000

6. Implementation Plan

Toongabbie Village Green	Community Response	2010/11	2011/12	Future years
Install low Federation style fence at key locations around the reserve.	Project identified as a priority by the TTP&DG and supported by the cricket club.			\$25,000
Plant shrubs north of Mechanics Institute (and relocate car stops approx. 2m).	Project supported by TTP&DG.			\$400
Install seating between trees along southern boundary.	Project supported by TTP&DG.			\$5,000
Sub Total				\$30,400
Tyers Recreation Reserve	Community Response	2010/11	2011/12	Future years
Improve landscaping by perimeter planting of high canopy trees.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$3,000
Seal reserve entrance and upgrade gravel access roads. Install speed humps where required.	Action endorsed by COM. (Identified as a priority at public meeting).			\$30,000
Improve definition of car parking.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$16,000
Clean out drain at reserve entrance and improve amenity.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$20,000
Develop shade / shelter at multi-use court.	Action endorsed by COM.	\$15,000		
Install court lighting.	Project underway.	n/a		
Plant windbreak along southern perimeter of courts.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$4,000
Refurbish football clubrooms to include adequate toilet and change facilities for females, umpires, netballers and tennis players.	Action endorsed by COM.		\$70,000	
Improve drainage on main oval and install an irrigation system.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$80,000
Improve training lights on main oval.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$18,000
Upgrade soccer clubrooms to include change facilities for female players and referees, and improve canteen facilities, storage and disability access.	Action endorsed by COM.		\$50,000	
Provide perimeter fencing around soccer pitch.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$40,000
Upgrade surface of soccer pitch including camber improvements and investigate options for water re-use.	Action endorsed by COM.			\$25,000
Allow football and soccer clubs to upgrade their own social club facilities	No specific response received.			\$0
Investigate the potential future development of a multi-purpose building to cater for all user groups	Option proposed by COM.			\$500,000
Sub Total		\$15,000	\$120,000	\$736,000

6. Implementation Plan

George Bates Reserve	Community Response	2010/11	2011/12	Future years
Resurface netball court (and run-off area) and address drainage and compliance issues.	No specific response received.	\$15,000		
Develop a half court / warm up area adjacent to the existing court.	No specific response received.			\$20,000
Build a small clubroom with toilets and change facilities (with connection to power and water).	No specific response received.			\$60,000
Allow clubs to refurbish pavilion / social rooms.	No specific response received.			\$0
Increase capacity of power supply for improved ground & court lighting.	No specific response received.			\$20,000
Extend netball lighting to entire court.	No specific response received.			\$12,000
Top dress oval and investigate options to improve drainage and water re-use.	No specific response received.			\$18,000
Assess retaining wall supporting northern car park and undertake necessary repairs.	No specific response received.			\$20,000
Install removable barriers in front of pavilion and grandstand to prevent vehicular access.	No specific response received.			\$5,000
Improve provision of shade by planting mature trees in key locations.	No specific response received.			\$8,000
Address septic system (pending investigation).	No specific response received.			\$50,000
Develop a multi-use path / trail to the reserve from the town.	Community support for recreation trail / safe access to the reserve.			\$120,000
Sub Total		\$15,000	\$0	\$333,000
Yallourn North Town Oval	Community Response	2010/11	2011/12	Future years
Replace floor in Community Hall.	Hall Committee report that this has become an urgent issue.			\$100,000
Consolidate buildings by extending & refurbishing the Hall. Demolish public toilets & change facilities.	Project is strongly supported by the Hall Committee and other users.		\$250,000	
Relocate cricket nets (north of oval).	No specific response received.			\$25,000
Develop two multi-use courts at either the site of the existing courts or within the school grounds.	Support for project from community and Hall Committee.			\$60,000
Decommission remaining disused courts and use for car parking.	Support for project from community and Hall Committee.			\$10,000
Top dress oval and improve drainage where required.	No specific response received.			\$20,000
Install removable barriers in front of Hall and recreation facilities to prevent vehicular access.	No specific response received.			\$5,000

6. Implementation Plan

Widen reserve entrance to provide a dual entry / exit.	No specific response received.			\$15,000
Upgrade surface of gravel access road within the reserve.	No specific response received.			\$100,000
Improve amenity of reserve through use of landscaping.	No specific response received.			\$10,000
Sub Total		\$0	\$250,000	\$345,000
TOTAL (ALL RESERVES)		\$47,000	\$497,000	\$2,237,400

