

Echuca East

Recreation Reserve Master Plan



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1.0 Executive summary

The Echuca East community is a proud community with strong linkages to its past and an optimistic view to its future. It values its local sporting, recreational and education facilities, as well as its proximity to the Murray River. Although many families have lived in the area for generations, local residents look forward to more families moving into the area and further invigorating the community.

There are currently 5,527 residents living in the Echuca (Central-East) district; 46.7% of whom are male and 53.3% of whom are female. Compared with Victoria, there is a lower percentage of people in the 20-39 year age bracket living in Echuca East and a higher percentage of people over 50 years of age. All other age groupings are fairly similar to Victorian percentages. 87% of residents were born in Australia and 91% of people only speak English at home.

Compared with Victorian statistics at the 2011 Census, there are slightly less people working full-time in Echuca East, more people working part-time and less people unemployed. Key industries are retail; health care and social assistance; and manufacturing, with technicians and trade workers; professionals; and labourers the key occupation types.

The average household size in Echuca East is 2.16 and the largest household type is that of the lone person. There is a much higher percentage of rented homes than those owned outright or with a mortgage in Echuca East compared with Victoria. Median weekly household incomes are also much lower in Echuca East than in Victoria, i.e. \$842 compared with \$1,216. 32.5% of Echuca Central-East households earn less than \$600 gross per week (compared with 23.8% of Victorian households). On average 80.8% of households own at least one car, compared to 87.5% in Regional Victoria. Relatively low income levels and low car ownership levels reiterate the importance of providing place based facilities which are free or inexpensive for residents of Echuca East.

Many long term residents of Echuca East fondly remember the days when the Echuca East Football Club played at the Echuca East Recreation Reserve. Despite this team amalgamating with Echuca South Football Club 21 years ago, there is still a sense of grief by some that football, which was strongly supported by many local residents, is no longer played at the Reserve. Since the departure of football from Echuca East, the recreation reserve has provided more for passive and informal recreational activities such as after school care, school holiday programs, dog obedience classes, dog events, circuses, first aid training, girl guides, quilting, community radio, dog events, casual dog walking and various other activities. Despite the variety of uses the site attracts, the majority of facilities at the Recreation Reserve no longer meet the needs of the community, are in poor condition, are not compliant with various regulations and are nearing or at the end of their useful life. Further, the space is not well set out; sport and recreation opportunities are not optimised; and there are occasional conflicts of use.

As the only significant area of open space in Echuca East, it is important that the Echuca East Recreation Reserve is redeveloped to ensure that it meets the needs of the community, from young children through to older adults. In order to achieve this, consultations have been undertaken with the community to identify their specific needs. The clear message from the consultations is that people want space for dog walking and dog obedience classes and also a space where children can

play and take part in sports training. Others want cycling and walking paths which connect to the township network and the development of an attractive area of open space where they can have a BBQ, picnic or just sit. Existing user groups want to continue to operate their activities from the Reserve. Taking these needs into consideration, along with trends and best practice from Australia and internationally, the following recommendations have been made for the Echuca East Recreation Reserve:

No.	Item	Action
1	Multi-purpose building	Construct a multi-purpose building featuring multi-purpose space, kitchen facilities, office accommodation, storage space, accessible toilets and facilities for community radio. The exact details of this building will be determined as part of a future detailed design process and will incorporate the needs of existing and future user groups.
2	Multi-purpose space	Construct a multi-purpose space in the middle of the Reserve which is suitable for junior football training, junior cricket training, dog obedience classes, informal recreation activities and events.
3	Former hockey field	Demolish the former hockey field.
4	Existing After School Care building and pavilion	Demolish the existing After School Care building and pavilion.
5	Off leash dog area	Develop an off leash dog park on the southern boundary of the reserve, planted up with trees and incorporating a shelter with storage, tunnels, bridges and other landscaping features.
6	Guide Hall	Demolish the Guide Hall.
7	Cycling / walking paths	Develop cycling and walking paths throughout the Reserve.
8	Passive and informal open space	Create an area of passive open space featuring BBQ, shelter, picnic facilities seats, paths and landscaping near the proposed multi-purpose facility Some form of community art will also be developed in this zone to reflect the former history of the site and its importance to the Echuca East Football Club.
9	Play area	Install an accessible play space, a youth adventure play area and a back to back netball and basketball ring, near the proposed multi-purpose facility. In addition, develop a grassed junior kick about space nearby where children can play informal ball games or just run around.
10	Bicycle skills development	Construct a bicycle skills development area in the space to the south of Echuca East Pre-school and east of the Echuca East Primary School,

No.	Item	Action
	area	featuring a toddler path, mountain bike skills area and BMX jumps.
11	Water recycling and harvesting	Install two 5000 litre water tanks next to the multi-purpose building and investigate non-potable water connection to access Council's water allocation. Plant the new multi-purpose area with warm season grasses to reduce amount of water required.
12	Parking	Construct on street car parking along the Sutton St edge of the Reserve within the road reserve. Create a small car park in the Reserve behind the multi-purpose building suitable for deliveries, disabled parking, emergency access and parking of trailers for events. Bicycle parks will also be installed.
13	Bus parking	Construct two parallel bus drop-off / parking bays and bus turning circle adjacent to the Community Centre.
14	Signage	Install signage around the reserve.
15	Landscaping	Improve the overall landscaping of the site.
16	Cricket practice nets	Upgrade the cricket practice nets.
17	Governance and management	Retain existing governance structure and current management and maintenance arrangements.
18	Partnerships	Work with Echuca East Primary School, Echuca East Pre-School and other partners wherever possible to share resources and maximise use of the Echuca East Recreation Reserve.

2.0 Introduction

Echuca East Recreation Reserve is positioned between Echuca East Primary School to its north, an industrial site to its south, Echuca East Pre-School and a residential area on its eastern (Stawell St) boundary and a medium density residential area on its western (Sutton St) boundary. It served primarily as a sports facility for the local community for many years. However, shortly after the Echuca East Football Club merged with Echuca South Football Club in 1994, the reserve was decommissioned as a sports facility by the Council.

Today, the precinct site is being used by various groups, including:

- After School Program / School Holiday Program
- Rich River First Aid Training
- Echuca-Moama FM Community Radio Station
- Echuca Dog Obedience Club
- Echuca and District Kennel Club
- Echuca Guides
- Echuca Lions Club
- Echuca East Primary School
- Echuca East Pre-School
- Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.
- Weight Loss Group
- Casual users, e.g. dog walkers
- Event organisers, e.g. circuses

Facilities on site include:

- Oval
- Former hockey field
- Cricket nets
- After School Care building
- Pavilion featuring dog obedience and kennel club facilities and the community radio station.
- Guide Hall
- Lions Club shed
- BBQ Area with shelter
- Playground

The majority of these facilities are reaching end of life and require significant works or replacement. Hence the Shire of Campaspe feels that it is an opportune time to review the current facilities and use of the site, with the intention of creating a more vibrant community hub to meet the existing and future needs of the people of Echuca East.



This strategic plan provides clear and concise directions as to the long term functions and purpose of the space, and is accompanied by recommendations of future development backed by evidence of community need, benefit and sustainability.

3.0 Policy context

A number of documents were reviewed in order to seek information of relevance to the development of the Echuca East Recreation Reserve Master Plan. Key points that emerged from the review of relevant literature are:

The Shire of Campaspe recognises that 'community infrastructure contributes to our long-term social and economic fabric' and that to achieve this, it will

- 'Enable effective decisions regarding long term use of and investment in community facilities
- Maintain, enhance and maximise use of community facilities and outdoor spaces that are prioritised by our communities in the long-term
- Provide appropriate, accessible and safe facilities.'

Council wants to ensure that new infrastructure can be multi-purpose or multi-use. It also recognises that at times, the rationalisation of community infrastructure will be required.

Some specific actions include:

- 'Improve, develop and promote safe walking and cycling tracks throughout the Shire
- Improve, develop and promote access to public recreation and open spaces
- Support social inclusion through providing and maintaining infrastructure that helps to bring people together
- Support opportunities for all members of the community to be involved in accessible community arts, events and programs.'

Further details of each document reviewed are contained within the Appendix.

4.0 Planning principles

A set of planning principles have been developed as part of the Shire of Campaspe's Open Space Strategy. These principles should also guide developments at Echuca East Recreation Reserve.

These principles are as follows:

- 'Reflect whole of community values
- Provide flexible and multi-purpose settings
- Be accessible, connected and distributed to allow access for the whole community
- Provide diverse opportunities
- Be environmentally sustainable spaces
- Will maximise community benefit
- Focus on partnerships and working together
- Allow for sustainable long term financial management of open space assets.'

The Shire's Recreation Reserves Analysis Plan also features principles for future facility development, which should be adhered to for any developments at Echuca East Recreation Reserve:

- 'Where possible and practical to do so, upgrade and extend existing facilities to accommodate an increased use rather than build new facilities (consolidation vs. proliferation).
- Maximise opportunities for joint facility development with other user groups, community groups and stakeholders (partnerships).
- Minimise development of single-use sporting areas and pavilions by investigating all possibilities for such facilities to be flexible in design, and shared-use in function.
- The development of single-use support facilities by user groups (such as clubrooms, bars, canteens and storage areas) will generally not be supported by Council if another group(s) on a reserve could benefit from such facilities being developed.
- Utilise environmentally sustainable design standards for all new and upgraded facilities (e.g. energy-efficient, water-wise, use of recycled materials, etc).
- Facilities will be designed and developed to encourage and to accommodate use by people with special needs.'

5.0 Community precinct trends

In terms of community precincts such as Echuca East, there has been a trend in recent years across the state and nationally towards:

Improved Planning

- Instigation of master planning of the entire community precinct and the surrounding area to ensure that needs of all existing and casual users are considered in the long term – including the linking of cycling / walking paths, development of play spaces, landscaping and BBQ / picnic facilities.

Development of Community Hub Buildings

- Development of multi-use community facilities which can cater for a variety of traditional, non-traditional or emerging activities, e.g. pilates, yoga, meetings, conferences, expos, markets, children's programs, etc. They will typically feature a kitchen, a meeting space, storage space and toilets as a minimum.

Greater Focus on Informal Sport and Recreation Activities

- Movement away from many traditional organised sports such as football, cricket, netball and tennis to more individual or small group non-organised activities, e.g. walking, aerobics, fitness classes, cycling, swimming, running, etc.

Greater Focus on Passive Recreation Facilities

- Significant increase in the development of off leash dog parks and community gardens – particularly important in areas where there is higher housing density and private back yards are small.

Incorporation of Public Art

- There has been a greater use of public art in community precincts as a way of recognising the significance of the site to local residents. The public art may take the form of sculptures, pavers, tiles, statues, etc.

Improved Facility Standards

- Expectation by the community that facilities, programs, services and management will be of a reasonably high standard.

Accessibility

- Installation of facilities and equipment to encourage participation by people of all abilities, e.g. use of ramps, unisex toilets with change tables, single storey buildings to allow for mobility aids and prams, Braille signs, etc. Greater awareness of and adherence to Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements and Universal Design principles.

Environmentally Sustainable Design Features

- Development of environmentally responsible practices such as solar electricity, solar lights, installation of water tanks, recycled water systems, etc to reduce the impact of sports facilities and their users on the environment.

Greater Availability of Facilities

- Expectation that facilities will be available during a range of time slots throughout the week, including weeknight, early morning and weekends.

Improved infrastructure

- Installation of lighting or higher standard of lighting to enable sites to be used in the evenings, enabling greater use of facilities and flexibility in terms of programming.

Sun Smart

- Greater focus on providing shaded areas to allow people to enjoy outdoor spaces with some protection from the sun.

Safety

- Development or upgrading of facilities and equipment so that they meet the safety requirements of their designated sport or activity.

School access

- Greater demands on some facilities by school groups due to the declining standard of school sporting infrastructure in some areas or the lack of facilities at new schools.

Events

- Greater demand on community precincts for special events and tournaments, e.g. circuses, markets, expos, displays, etc.

6.0 Community consultation

A variety of community consultation processes were undertaken in order to understand the needs of the community as well as site limitations, opportunities and gaps. Each of these processes and their outcomes are provided in more detail in the Appendix. A summary of the consultation outcomes follows:

6.1 Key stakeholder surveys and interviews

20 individuals representing 16 different organisations took part in one on one or small group interviews. Some also completed a survey. Key outcomes of these interviews and surveys include:

- Oval – support for oval to be irrigated and used for junior sport / training and also for community play and recreation
- Off leash dog area – support for an off-leash dog area at the Reserve
- Cycling / walking path – support for cycling / walking paths throughout the reserve
- Toilets – users of the site require access to public toilets, including accessible toilets
- Landscaping – site needs to be made more attractive and welcoming and then maintained
- Play – support for a playground near the BBQ area and a youth activity space
- BBQ – support for a new BBQ
- Multi-purpose facility – support for shared multi-purpose facility

6.2 Community Survey

A one page community survey was distributed / promoted via:

- A letterbox drop to all households near Echuca East Recreation Reserve
- Article in Echuca East Primary School newsletter
- Article on Echuca East Primary School facebook page
- Article on Shire of Campaspe website
- Article in Riverine Herald newspaper
- Emails to all user groups for further distribution to members

The survey opened in mid June 2015 and closed in mid July 2015. There were 49 surveys completed during this time. 56% were from females and 42% from males; with a further two people not stating their gender. The majority of surveys were completed by people aged 60-69 (29%) and 30-39 year olds (23%). The bulk of the remaining surveys include 50-59 year olds and 40-49 year olds. Results of the survey follow:

- Feature most used – sports ground
- Main barriers to use – site is poorly maintained / not appealing and there are no suitable activities or opportunities available at the site
- Frequency of use - 40% use the site several times per week.
- Positive aspects of the site – suitable fenced area for exercising dogs off leashes; and close to home / easy to access
- Negative aspects - Site is unattractive / not user friendly / neglected / poorly maintained
- Top four features people would like to see made available – playground; walking / cycling paths; improved landscaping; and well maintained oval

- Likelihood of increased use if works undertaken - 89% of people said that their use would increase
- Other potential user groups – sports clubs, community groups

6.3 Community listening posts

Community listening posts were held at the following locations during June, and promoted via:

- A letterbox drop to all households near Echuca East Recreation Reserve
- Article in Echuca East Primary School newsletter
- Article on Echuca East Primary School facebook page
- Article on Shire of Campaspe website
- Article in Riverine Herald newspaper
- Emails to all user groups for further distribution to members.

Thirty-eight members of the community took part in these listening posts. Key issues are:

Active sport	Use the oval for active sport such as AFL, soccer or Gaelic football or for training for these sports. Doesn't have to necessarily be an oval, as long as it's multi-purpose. Goal posts and cricket wicket will need to be reinstated. (11)
Dog walking	Want site retained for casual dog walking (8)
Playground	Consider developing a playground / an adventure playground that features monkey bars, slides, swings, water features, a concrete square for down-ball, half court basketball and fake grass (7)
Walking / cycling paths	Construct walking / cycling paths around and through the site (7)
Landscaping	Plant the site up with lots of trees (6)

6.4 Written submissions

Although not expressly requested, one written submission was received. Key points raised in this written submission are:

Issue / Opportunity	Details
Oval	Consider more use of the oval area
Sports facilities	Consider maintaining facilities such as the long jump
BBQ	Repair the BBQ
Landscaping	Consider improving the landscaping around the site, adding more seating and developing a play area near the BBQ
Community garden	Consider locating the proposed community garden in the centre of the oval.

7.0 Existing user groups

The following organisations / people use Echuca East Recreation Reserve at present:

Name of User Group	Facilities Used	Days and Times	Comments
After School Program / School Holiday Program	After School Care Building	Monday to Friday 3.30pm – 6.00pm during term. 8.00am – 6.00pm during school holidays.	The after school program is a licensed childcare centre funded for 30 children. It is managed by a stand-alone not for profit community organisation made up of volunteers. Approximately 15 children attend the after school program each afternoon during the term and approximately 15 children attend the school holiday program.
Rich River First Aid	After School Care Building	Varies – usually about 5 times per month during the daytime.	Up to 20 participants from all over Northern Victoria participate in the first aid classes.
Echuca-Moama FM Community Radio Station	Pavilion	Seven days per week. 24 hours per day.	Radio club has been at the site for 6-7 years. It has 35 members.
Echuca Dog Obedience Club	Pavilion Oval Former hockey court	Sundays 8.30am – 11.30am. Other occasional days. Don't operate in January.	Dog obedience club uses half of the oval. It has an office in the pavilion and also used the former hockey field for dogs requiring more work. Has approximately 30-40 dogs and owners attending classes.
Echuca and District Kennel Club	Pavilion Oval Former hockey court	Holds meetings in the club rooms 4-6 times per year and a two day annual dog show on the second weekend of November each year.	Club would like to extend its two day show to a three day show. The club has 15members. When events are held, some competitors from other regions camp on site.
Echuca Guides	Guide Hall	Wednesdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm	Currently has nine members and have a push on to continue this growth and to expand the number of nights activities are offered. Guides welcome use by others. Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc. and Weight Loss Groups currently use facilities.
Echuca Lions	Echuca Lions	Every second Tuesday	Echuca Lions Club has a

Name of User Group	Facilities Used	Days and Times	Comments
Club	Club Shed	(1 st and 3 rd of the month)	membership of 50 people. It would like to expand its shed. It would prefer not to share its shed with others.
Echuca East Primary School	School Oval	School – Monday to Friday during term: 8.30am – 4.00pm Casual use of oval.	Mostly only use EERR oval for cross country or shot pot events due to poor condition of surface and dog excrement on oval. Use Echuca South Recreation Reserve for events requiring a larger oval. School has a junior sized oval and an undercover basketball area. 325 children attend the school.
Echuca East Pre-School	Pre-School Land between pre-school and school	Pre-school – Monday to Friday during term. Walk between the two sites for transitions and other events.	Pre-School has a capacity for 70 children and is growing.
Casual users	Oval BBQ After School Care Building Pavilion	Various	Rich River Quilters and Friends and Weight Loss Group use the Guide Hall. Dog walkers use the oval seven days per week from sunrise to sunset. Other events such as circuses are held periodically and also camping by Murray River Marathon participants.

8.0 Audit of facilities – opportunities and limitations

8.1 Oval



Description:

The Echuca East Recreation Reserve oval was previously used for local level senior football until the mid 1990's. At that point in time, Echuca East Football Club amalgamated with Echuca South Football Club and made their home base at Echuca South Recreation Reserve. The oval was decommissioned approximately 10 years ago.

The oval is fenced (although there are some holes in the fence) and has one training light. In the middle of the oval there is a synthetic cricket pitch. The football goals gradually fell into disrepair and have been removed from the site and not replaced.

There is a spoon drain around the perimeter of the oval. As the oval is no longer watered, the ground is hard and very dry over summer. Providing there is sufficient rain, the site greens up over winter. Corellas tend to dig up the turf.

There are some drainage issues on site. It is understood that water drains from the oval to the north east corner near the Guide Hall.

Discussion:

Currently the oval is the only fenced off leash dog area in Echuca. There is strong demand to continue this use at Echuca East Recreation Reserve. At the same time, local residents have expressed a desire to allow junior sports training on the oval. These two uses are not compatible at the same time.

A new sports oval is planned for Echuca West, capable of hosting soccer, junior football and cricket games. It is understood that it does not have a pavilion attached to it.

Rather than maintaining the current oval (which limits the other potential uses of the site due to its shape and position), it is proposed that a smaller area be developed for this purpose, with viewing mound to the east and south. This area should be irrigated and could feature AFL goals posts at one end and a soccer goal at the other end if desired. The site will be able to be booked out by groups, e.g. dog obedience on Sunday mornings and junior sport on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for example, and will occasionally feature temporary fencing. At other times, it will be available for the general public to use for kite flying, kicking a

	<p>football and other activities.</p> <p>This space needs to be planted up with drought tolerant warm season grasses.</p> <p>In addition, it is proposed that a separate fenced off leash dog area is developed along the southern end of the reserve, planted up with trees and featuring tunnels, bridges, etc for dogs. One space will be available for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. A shelter will also be provided, incorporating a unisex accessible toilet. The location of this facility will have minimal impact on neighbours as it backs directly on to the industrial zone.</p> <p>Recommendation: Construct a multi-purpose space in the middle of the Reserve which is suitable for junior football training, junior cricket training, dog obedience classes, informal recreation activities and events.</p> <p>Plant the new multi-purpose area with warm season grasses to reduce amount of water required.</p> <p>Develop an off leash dog park on the southern boundary of the reserve, planted up with trees and incorporating a shelter with storage, tunnels, bridges, trees and other landscaping features.</p>
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8.2 After School Care building



Description:

The After School Care building (also known as the Jack O'Neill Pavilion) was relocated to the Echuca East Recreation Reserve in 1974 from 208 Primary School. A building condition assessment undertaken by the Shire of Campaspe in 2014 states that the building is “now showing its age; is generally not up to today’s standards.”

The building is constructed on a concrete slab, which is believed to be structurally sound. The steel framed walls are covered in Colourbond steel sheet, with a steel deck roof. Key issues associated with the building, according to the building condition assessment are:

- Colourbond steel sheeting is starting to show its age and losing shape in places.
- Internal wall cladding of kainite panels is in poor condition and not up to today’s standard
- Kainite ceiling panels nearing the end of their practical life
- Kitchen is not up to today’s standards
- Evaporative air conditioning unit on the roof does not work efficiently any more
- Gas heater needs to be replaced
- Sewer blockages occur often in the toilet block

There are approximately 15 children who use the facility each weeknight as part of the after school care program. Children from any school in the area are able to attend the program. At present, the majority of students are from the adjacent Echuca East Primary School. The centre is licensed to cater for 30 children. School holiday programs typically attract 15 users per day.

The facility features an activity area, some cupboards, a kitchenette and toilets that are accessible at the rear of the building (not in the building itself). Outdoor play is held at the nearby former hockey field or on the oval. However, as there are often dogs off leashes on the oval, this is a potential safety risk. The facility does not meet the standards expected for an after school care program.

The building is subject to occasional vandalism and break-ins.

From an accessibility perspective, there is a ramp at the western end of the building, but it is not connected to any paths – just bare ground and gravel. The toilets do not meet DDA requirements.

	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>The After School Care building no longer meets the needs of user groups, is in poor condition, is nearing the end of its useful life and is not DDA compliant. It is not cost effective to renovate this building given its age, condition and the limitation with its layout. Further, by developing a new facility closer to the school and pre-school, it is possible that additional users will be attracted to the facility.</p> <p>One shared facility will be more economical to manage and through the provision of multi-purpose spaces and shared kitchen and toilet facilities, will be a much greater utilised community asset and a place where the community can connect with one another.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Demolish the After School Care building and replace it with a multi-purpose building featuring multi-purpose space, kitchen facilities, office accommodation, storage space, accessible toilets and facilities for community radio.</p>
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8.3 Pavilion



Description:

The pavilion at Echuca East Recreation Reserve is estimated to have been built in the 1950's and features home and away change rooms, a small meeting room, storage space, a small kitchen, kiosk and toilets. The area used by EMFM community radio station features a reception area, two studios, an office, a computer room, and an external tower.

The building contains timber floorboards over timber bearers and concrete posts. According to the building condition assessment carried out by the Shire of Campaspe in 2014, there has been a history of termite intrusion and dry rot. A galvanised corrugated iron roof sits above the timber framed building. The corrugated steel sheeting on the roof is losing its shape and becoming loose at the edges. Walls are made of Colourbond steel sheet. Sewer blockages occur regularly.

A pool of water has been sitting under the building for almost two years.

Discussion:

The pavilion at Echuca East Recreation Reserve no longer meets the needs of user groups, is in poor condition, is nearing the end of its useful life and is not DDA compliant. It is not cost effective to renovate this building given its age, condition and the limitation with its layout.

One shared facility will be more economical to manage and through the provision of multi-purpose spaces and shared kitchen and toilet facilities, will be a much greater utilised community asset and a place where the community can connect with one another. There could be good synergies with the radio station and the school if located in closer proximity.

Recommendation:

Demolish the pavilion and replace it with a multi-purpose building featuring multi-purpose space, kitchen facilities, office accommodation, storage space, accessible toilets and facilities for community radio.

8.4 Lions Club shed



Description:

The recently constructed Echuca Lions Club shed is located on land adjoining Echuca East Recreation Reserve (but is not considered part of the reserve or its activities). It is used to store equipment such as trailers and BBQs and is fully fenced. The Lions Club does not hold formal Lions Club meetings at the shed, preferring to meet at facilities such as the Echuca Club which can cater for meals. It would like to add an administrative and storage area to the rear of the shed and also to be able to access the shed from the northern boundary of its fence. This would enable easier access for off street car parking. The club has recently been informed that it needs to construct a cage next to the shed for storage of its gas bottles.

Discussion:

The existing Lions Club shed is not large enough for the club to store all of its equipment; hence an extension to the existing shed is supported. However all works are independent of the master plan and of Council. No more land is required from the Council managed part of the reserve for the Lions Club to achieve its future desired state.

Recommendation:

Lions Club to retain and extend the Lions Club Shed to provide additional storage at its own cost, independent from the master plan.

8.5 Guide Hall



Description:

The Guide Hall fronts Stawell Street and is fully fenced. It features a kitchen, activity space able to cater for approximately 100 people, toilets and showers and an external storage shed. It is used by Echuca Guides and several other groups, e.g. a quilting group and a weight loss group. The building needs an overall upgrade if it is to better meet the needs of guides and other user groups.

Discussion:

Given that money needs to be spent to upgrade this building to the desired standard, and given that the guide hall blocks visibility of part of the site, thereby limiting passive surveillance, it is suggested that the guide hall is demolished and that guides become a regular user group of the proposed new multi-purpose facility. Guide camping equipment could be stored in the new storage shed. The site on which the guide hall currently stands will form a buffer between the multi-purpose area and the bike skills area.

	<p>Recommendation: Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. User groups of existing guide hall to relocate to a multi-purpose building on site featuring a multi-purpose space, kitchen facilities, office accommodation, storage space, accessible toilets and facilities for community radio.</p>
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8.6 Former hockey field



Description:

The former hockey field is located on the eastern boundary of the site. A carpet surface has been placed over two hard courts, and lights have been installed. The facility is no longer used by hockey as it relocated to the Echuca Secondary School site several years ago. The Echuca Dog Obedience Club uses the site periodically for dogs requiring a quiet space for training and the After School Care program also use the site periodically for play.

Discussion:

The former hockey field is in a poor state of repair and is rarely used. It will be surplus to requirements once the new off leash dog area and the multi-purpose open space area are developed. It should be demolished and become part of the area to be used for the off leash dog area.

Recommendation:

Demolish the former hockey field.

8.7 BBQ and passive open space



Description:

The BBQ and shelter are more recent additions to the recreation reserve. The BBQ features one hot plate, but has been decommissioned as it was not being cleaned properly by users. The Dog Obedience Club sometimes uses the shelter for small classes during inclement weather.

Discussion:

Although there is a BBQ on site, it is poorly positioned and not visible from neighbouring households. By collocating BBQ and picnic facilities with a playground along Sutton St, there will be much greater visibility to encourage use and much greater passive surveillance to optimise the perception of safety by users. It is not expected that the BBQ will have an impact on neighbouring residents as it is set back off the road.

Recommendation:

Create an area of passive open space featuring BBQ, shelter, picnic facilities seats, paths and landscaping near the proposed multi-purpose facility. Some form of community art will also be developed in this zone to reflect the former history of the site and its importance to the Echuca East Football Club.

8.8 Cricket practice nets



Description:

There are two cricket practice nets in the north east corner of the reserve, featuring a synthetic surface. These are in fair condition.

Discussion:

Given that the proposed multi-purpose open space will be suitable for junior cricket training, it will be advantageous to also upgrade the practice nets. These nets can also be used by the general public at anytime.

Recommendation:

Upgrade the cricket practice nets.

8.9 Pedestrian / cyclist access



Description:

Pedestrians / cyclists can access the site from a number of locations:

- From the north east corner (off Stawell Street – near the Guide Hall)
- From Barry St (walking between the school and the pre-school)
- From the corner of Sutton St and Leichardt St in the top north west part of the site
- From Sutton St on the western boundary of the site
- From the continuation of Service St in the bottom south east corner

Unformed dirt pathways traverse the site from each of these entry points.

Discussion:

Walking and cycling are two of the most popular physical activities in Australia. Each of these activities can be undertaken alone or with family friends at little or no cost. There is strong support from the community to develop a series of cycling and walking paths within the reserve and to connect these paths to the township network.

To help encourage active transport, it is important that people know how to ride a bicycle. This area, situated between Echuca East Primary School and Echuca East Pre-school will provide children the opportunity to learn to ride on a toddler track and progress through to a skills development track, all the way through to BMX. This will provide a free activity for children of Echuca East and something that is unique within the Shire. There will ultimately be the opportunity to run skills clinics and

	<p>even birthday parties in this area.</p> <p>Recommendation: Develop cycling and walking paths throughout the Reserve.</p> <p>Construct a bicycle skills development area in the space to the south of Echuca East Pre-school and east of the Echuca East Primary School, featuring a toddler path, mountain bike skills area and BMX jumps.</p>
<p>8.10 Car parking</p> 	<p>Description: There are currently two vehicular entrances to EERR. One is in the north west corner near the intersection of Sutton and Leichardt Streets, and the other is in the middle of the reserve off Sutton St.</p> <p>One area is used for parking, particularly by parents picking children up from Echuca East Primary School. It is on the northern boundary of the reserve. The other main car parking area is near the pavilion. Cars can travel around most of the reserve, however cannot drive between the After School Care building, the pavilion and the oval. This space has bollards preventing cars from travelling through the site. It is possible to drive around the rear of these buildings on the southern boundary of the site.</p> <p>Discussion: Formalised car parking should be developed within the road reserve along Sutton Street to limit the amount of reserve that is used for car parking.</p> <p>So as not to take up too much space within the reserve, it is suggested that formalised parking is developed within the road reserve along Sutton Street. Some parking will be required immediately behind the multi-purpose building for deliveries, disabled parking, emergency access and parking of trailers for events.</p> <p>To encourage active transport and less reliance on cars, a bus parking area will be developed in front of the multi-purpose building. This space could also be used by school buses picking children up for school excursions.</p> <p>Recommendation: Construct on street car parking along the Sutton St edge of the Reserve within the road reserve. Create a small car park in the Reserve behind the multi-purpose building suitable for deliveries, disabled parking,</p>

	<p>emergency access and parking of trailers for events. Bicycle parks will also be installed.</p> <p>Construct two parallel bus drop-off / parking bays and bus turning circle adjacent to the Community Centre.</p>
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8.11 Landscaping



Description:

Overall the quality of landscaping at EERR is poor. The site is sparse, has little in the way of shade trees and there are limited wind breaks formed by trees. Weeds such as Bindiis are a problem.

Discussion:

Residents commented on the poor landscaping amenity of the site at present. In order to create a park-like atmosphere, an area of land within the reserve has been designated as a passive open space area where residents can walk along a path, sit on a seat and enjoy the landscaping. This will help to make the site more attractive and encourage greater utilisation. It is important that any landscaping maintains passive surveillance of the site and does not create any hiding spaces or dark areas within the reserve (as per *Safer Guidelines for Victoria*¹).

Recommendation:

Improve the overall landscaping of the site.

8.12 Play space



Description:

The Shire of Campaspe has installed a playground on Council land behind the Guide Hall. The school uses this playground during the day and the community uses it at other times.

Discussion:

As part of the Echuca East Recreation Reserve development, a new playground and half court basketball area have been proposed for the Sutton Street boundary, next to the proposed multi-purpose building and the BBQ and picnic facilities. This will be a much better position as the playground will be easily seen from the main road and will become a central feature of the site.

Recommendation:

Install an accessible play space, a youth adventure play area and a back to back netball and basketball ring, near the proposed multi-purpose facility. In addition, develop a grassed junior kick about space nearby.

¹ Department of Sustainability and Environment Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria. [www: http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/231619/Safer_Design_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/231619/Safer_Design_Guidelines.pdf). Viewed 25/5/16.

8.13 Signage



Description:

The main vehicular entrance to the site is located off Sutton Street. A sign installed at the entrance states the contact number for the Shire of Campaspe and also the name of all user groups, i.e.

- Echuca Holiday and After School Care Program
- Echuca Kennel Club
- Echuca Dog Obedience Club
- EMFM Community Radio.

There are three other signs attached to a nearby post. One advises people to keep their dog on a lead at all times, another states the location of dog litter bags and another one states that no golf is to be played at the site.

There is another sign at the entrance to the oval which states that dogs are permitted off lead on the oval but must be kept on lead outside the oval.

Discussion:

Signage helps people to find their way around a space and to understand how certain parts of a site are designed to be used. Signage will therefore be required on and in the multi-purpose building, at each of the activity spaces and along roadways and paths to identify the direction in which certain facilities are located.

Recommendation:

Install signage around the reserve.

8.14 Services



Description:

Electricity - available but required supply availability yet to be determined. This site will require group metering. It is understood that the site has 3 phase power.

Water – available to 300 diameter AC water main western side of Sutton Street. The site has access to potable water for irrigation purposes. Discussions have been held in the past regarding exploration of recycled treated water from a nearby business, but did not proceed any further. Opportunities exist to harvest water by capturing rain water from the proposed multi-purpose facility and from the car park and storing in tanks on site.

Gas – available 100mm diameter. High pressure main on eastern side of Sutton Street.

Telstra - available on western side of Sutton Street.

	<p>Stormwater - available at northern end of site.</p> <p>Sewer - existing sewer is remote to the proposed location of the building, will require pumping to sewer main.</p> <p>Discussion: The cost of upgrading services such as power, water and sewerage can be significant.</p> <p>Rainfall in Echuca is minimal and the capturing of water and storing in tanks for irrigation is unlikely to yield the appropriate and ongoing supply required.</p> <p>Recommendation: Identify and cost proposed service upgrade costs and include in funding applications.</p> <p>Install two 5000 litre water tanks next to the multi-purpose building and investigate non-potable water connection to access Council's water allocation.</p> <p>Plant the new multi-purpose area with warm season grasses to reduce amount of water required.</p>
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8.15 Echuca East Primary School



Description:

Echuca East Primary School backs onto the reserve along Sutton Street and Barry Street and features a number of sport and recreation facilities including a junior oval and an undercover asphalt basketball court. Rings for the basketball court are taken down on weekends due to vandalism concerns. There is also an asphalt area line marked for down ball and other informal ball games. The school is considering installing a bore to water the school oval.

Discussion:

Echuca East Primary School is likely to use the site for sport and also for learn-to-ride a bicycle day on a periodic basis.

Recommendation:

Work with Echuca East Primary School in a partnership capacity wherever possible.

8.16 Echuca East Pre-School



Description:

Echuca East Pre-School adjoins Echuca East Recreation Reserve on the Stawell Street side of the site. The pre-school, which was built around 1980, has capacity for 70 children.

Built on a concrete slab, this building features a clay tile roof above timber framed brick veneer walls.

The play space at the pre-school is very well designed and provides a broad range of age appropriate play and learning experiences for children. There is no pathway to link the pre-school to Echuca East Primary School, nor any pathway to link to the recreation reserve.

Discussion:

Kinder teachers are keen to see the final plan as they would ideally like to utilise the site whenever possible as part of their kinder program for activities such as bush kinder, learn to ride, etc.

Recommendation:

Work with Echuca East Pre-School in a partnership capacity wherever possible.

9.0 Management and future development of Echuca East Recreation Reserve

9.1 Governance and management

The Echuca East Recreation Reserve is located on Crown Land. The Minister of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has appointed the Shire of Campaspe as the committee of management under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 to manage the site. The Shire of Campaspe has subsequently appointed a local Committee of Management under Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989 to manage the site on its behalf. Powers of the Committee of Management under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 include:

- “manage, improve and maintain the land for the purposes for which it is reserved
- undertake financial transactions, including borrowing money (incorporated committees only, with the Victorian Treasurer’s consent) and entering contracts
- negotiate leasing and licensing arrangements for all or part of the reserve (subject to Minister’s approval)
- employ people
- exercise all such powers, functions and authorities and carry out all such duties as are conferred or imposed on it by any regulations
- maintain records and administer its affairs as a public body
- report on its finances and other issues as directed by DELWP.”²

The Echuca East Committee of Management comprises of one representative from each user group and two members of the general public. It meets every second month, but could meet more regularly if there is demand.

Campaspe Shire provides an annual grant of approximately \$14,000 to assist with maintenance of the grounds and the buildings. This amount is assessed each year by Council. It is expected that maintenance costs will be minimal in relation to the proposed new building for sometime; however money needs to be set aside each year in order to cover future maintenance costs as they arise and to ultimately replace the facility.

The existing governance structure and current management and maintenance arrangements work effectively. However, it is recommended that if use of the site increases significantly or if maintenance responsibilities become particularly onerous as user numbers increase and as the site is more intensively developed, Council should consider undertaking a review of these arrangement to determine the most appropriate / sustainable governance, management and maintenance model.

9.2 Accessibility

In terms of accessibility of Echuca East Recreation Reserve, there are no disabled car parks and no footpaths around the site. The toilets at the rear of the After School Care building do not include an accessible toilet and the ramp at the front of the After School Care building is not compliant with

² Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (2014) *Committees of Management Responsibilities and Good Practice Guidelines*

current regulations. The radio station is not compliant either. A new building at the site will need to be designed according to meet relevant Australian Safety Standards, Australian Building Code regulations, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements as well as Universal Design Principles. The seven key principles of Universal Design³ to be incorporated are:

1. Equitable use – the design is useful and marketable to people with diverse abilities
2. Flexibility in use – the design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities
3. Simple and intuitive use – use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills or current concentration level
4. Perceptible information – the design communicates necessary information effectively to the user, regardless of ambient conditions or the user's sensory abilities
5. Tolerance for error – the design minimises hazards and the adverse consequences or accidental or unintended actions
6. Low physical effort – the design can be used efficiently and comfortably with a minimum of fatigue
7. Size and space for approach and use – appropriate size and space is provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use regardless of user's body size, posture or mobility.

Some specific activities to promote universal access include:

- Provision of continuous accessible path of travel through the site
- Accessible elements contained within the play space
- Provision of designated accessible parking bays
- Street furniture to be accessible
- Multi-purpose facility to incorporate an accessible toilet
- Hearing loop installed within the multi-purpose facility if appropriate
- Signage and lighting to comply with Australian Standards.

9.3 Environmentally Sustainable Design

At present there are few features of the Reserve or the buildings on site which are considered to be environmentally sustainable. Opportunities could be explored to reduce the environmental footprint of the site through:

- Capturing run off from the roof of the proposed multi-purpose facility in water tanks and utilise this water to irrigate the grounds or to flush toilets
- Planting the multi-purpose sports field with warm season drought tolerant grasses
- Using recycled materials for street furniture around the site
- Installing solar lights around the site
- Installing solar panels on the roof of the multi-purpose facility
- Utilising double glazed windows and passive heating and cooling in the multi-purpose facility
- Installing eaves to offer sun protection on the north side of the building

³ National Disability Authority – Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (USA): <http://universaldesign.ie/What-is-Universal-Design/The-7-Principles/>. Website viewed 26/8/15.

- Planting trees near the building to provide some cooling through shade in summer
- Installing energy efficient lighting in the building, e.g. LED
- Using a reinforced concrete slab as a thermal mass to absorb winter sun and re-radiate into the building
- Incorporating low flow taps and dual flush toilets in the public toilets
- Weather sealing all external doors
- Insulating walls and ceiling of the building
- Using cross flow ventilation to take advantage of cooler southerly prevailing winds.

9.4 Safety and risk management

From a safety and risk management perspective, possibly the biggest issue on site at present is dogs off leashes and After School Care program children sharing the same outdoor space. This issue can be alleviated through the new design by creating a specific fenced area just for dogs off leashes at one end of the reserve and focussing children's activities at the other end of the reserve.

A number of comments were made about vandalism at the site. In order to help reduce vandalism, one of the most important activities is to create a sense of pride and ownership in the site by local residents. This can be achieved by involving local residents and user groups in the design of various aspects of the reserve, such as public artwork. It will also be important to demonstrate that their needs, which were expressed through community consultation, have been carefully considered, and where possible, actioned.

Other ways to help reduce vandalism include taking into consideration the Safer Design Guidelines produced by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning⁴:

These Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria are designed to facilitate the planning and design of safer urban environments. They specifically aim to:

- Increase community usage of public places, in the daytime and evening
- Achieve connection and integration of streets and public places
- Reduce opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improve the quality of life for the community by improving perceptions of public places
- Create more liveable and sustainable environments.

The Safer Design Guidelines are incorporated in to the State Planning Policy Framework of the Victorian Planning Provisions and must be considered in planning decisions. The guidelines note:

“People use parks and open spaces if they feel safe and comfortable there. Parks and open space become safer as more people use them, which also increase perceptions of safety. Provision for both active and passive recreation within parks encourages a range of age groups.”

⁴ *Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (2005) Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria:*

http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/231619/Safer_Design_Guidelines.pdf.

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With reference to the objectives and design considerations included in the guidelines, some key aspects to consider with the Echuca East Recreation Reserve development are:

Parks and open space:

- Maximise natural surveillance of Echuca East Recreation Reserve by ensuring that it is visible from neighbouring streets (Stawell, Sutton and Barry Streets), houses and Echuca East Primary School
- Ensure that there are sightlines deep into the reserve
- Avoid cut-off dead spaces or isolated pockets of land within the Reserve that cannot be overlooked (such as the current space between the primary school and the pre-school).
- Locate children's play areas where they are clearly visible from surrounding properties and streets.
- Provide comfortable places with well-placed seating, good shade and interesting views. These areas are important for encouraging people, particularly the elderly, to use and enjoy public spaces.
- Design and position elements such as public furniture, lighting, drinking fountains, public information, public toilets, and play equipment to encourage the informal use of parks.
- Provide generous seating opportunities throughout all public open space that is carefully positioned to attract and support its use.

Landscaping:

- Where possible, park planting and topography should not block views of paths and open spaces from surrounding streets and houses.
- Ensure trees or vegetation do not block the field of vision between 0.7 metres and 2.4 metres above ground level.
- There should be at least one safe through-route in all parks, with frequent 'escape routes' linking the through-route to surrounding streets and car parks.
- Tall shrubs can provide hiding places and should not be planted close to paths or fences.
- Ensure vegetation does not obscure lighting, either during its growth phase or at maturity.

Walking and cycling paths:

- Ensure that paths are a minimum of 1.2 metres wide to allow pedestrians to walk two abreast.
- Ensure that continuous accessible paths of travel requirements are met (Australian Standard 1428)
- Provide clear sightlines along pedestrian/cycle routes to assist navigation and provide visibility of potential hazards such as people or cars entering or crossing the path. Pedestrians and cyclists need to be clear about where they can move to and from.
- Locate paths to permit views of activity, as well as for safety and security.
- Avoid dense shrubbery around pedestrian routes and set plants well back from paths.
- Eliminate all potential entrapment spots within a reasonable distance (30 metres) of commonly-used pedestrian paths.
- Use lighting to ensure visibility is extended into the evening
- Physically integrate pedestrian/cycle paths and crossings into surrounding areas to avoid predictability of movement, fixed paths or routes that offer no choice to pedestrians

Public toilets:

- Locate public toilets adjacent to high traffic areas rather than in isolated areas and ensure that entrances are clearly visible.
- Design approaches and entrances to public toilets to be highly visible so that people cannot loiter or enter unseen.
- Ensure facilities are well maintained and graffiti promptly removed to promote a perception of safety. Consider robust materials to deter vandalism and surfaces to ensure graffiti can be promptly removed.

There are numerous other design suggestions contained within the guidelines that are of relevance to parks and open spaces around issues such as lighting, signage, fences and walls.

9.5 Signage and branding

Signage at Echuca East Recreation Reserve needs to feature a consistent style and brand (which ties in with Campaspe Shire's Wayfinding policy and corporate image) and be clearly understood so that people can locate the reserve and then find their way around it once there. Signs need to be DDA compliant and meet Australian Standards. Some of the specific signs that will be required include:

- Multi-purpose facility – name of venue clearly visible from the road, each room labelled (e.g. office, kitchen, etc), signs on public toilets, signs above fire hydrants, exit signs within buildings, etc.
- Site – a welcome sign detailing activities available at the site and a phone number for booking of the multi-purpose building and the multi-purpose field; a sign indicating who to contact in the case of an emergency or for maintenance; directional signage within the reserve to areas such as the off leash dog area; labelling of specific areas such as the multi-purpose field; and regulatory signage (e.g. no trail bikes on the walking / cycling paths), warning signage (e.g. section of reserve closed due to flooding) and behavioural signage (e.g. ensure that dogs are on leashes in all areas of the reserve other than the off leash dog area) signs as required.

9.6 Potential and probable use of EERR by 2025

Although it is difficult to ascertain with any great certainty how a site will be used in 10 years time, as much of it will depend on the type of features available. Based on feedback from the community about future needs, coupled with more general participation trends, it is likely that there will be demand for:

- Walking
- Cycling (trails and skill development)
- Running
- Play (playground and open space areas for informal play)
- Dog related activities (off leash and dog obedience)
- Sports training (primarily junior football and cricket)
- Activities that encourage social interaction (BBQs, half basketball court, social activities)

- Child care (playgroup and after school care)
- Children’s activities (e.g. guides and school holiday programs)
- Training opportunities (e.g. first aid courses)
- Events (e.g. dog shows, circuses).

In order to provide the best possible environment for these activities, it will be important to ensure that facilities at Echuca East are multi-purpose in design to cater for a variety of different uses, and for uses that may change over time.

10.0 Business case

In order to determine whether or not it is feasible to progress the proposed developments at Echuca East, it needs to be determined whether or not sufficient funds can be raised / attracted to undertake the works and that sufficient funds will be available to operate and maintain any facilities or infrastructure developed. Further, there needs to be an assessment of potential use. The following tables provide an indicative timetable of use:

10.1 Potential use - multi-purpose facility

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8am-9am							Dog obedience
9am-10am		Rich River First Aid (once per month)					Dog obedience
10am-11am	Playgroup	Rich River First Aid			Playgroup		Dog obedience
11am-12pm	Playgroup	Rich River First Aid			Playgroup		Dog obedience
12pm-1pm		Rich River First Aid					
1pm-2pm		Rich River First Aid				Children's birthday parties	Children's birthday parties
2pm-3pm		Rich River First Aid				Children's birthday parties	Children's birthday parties
3pm-4pm	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	Children's birthday parties	Children's birthday parties
4pm-5pm	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care		
5pm-6pm	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care	After School Care		
6pm-7pm			Echuca Guides			Private functions	
7pm-8pm	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.		Echuca Guides	Weight loss group	Committee of Management (6 times per year)	Private functions	
8pm+	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.			Weight loss group	Committee of Management	Private functions	

NB: during school holidays, the facility will be used from 8am to 6pm for the school holiday program. EMFM will be at the site 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

10.2 Potential use - multi-purpose area

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8am-9am							Dog obedience
9am-10am			Echuca East Primary School				Dog obedience
10am-11am			Echuca East Primary School				Dog obedience
11am-12pm			Echuca East Primary School				Dog obedience
12pm-1pm			Echuca East Primary School				
1pm-2pm			Echuca East Primary School				
2pm-3pm			Echuca East Primary School				
3pm-4pm			Echuca East Primary School				
4pm-5pm		Junior sports training		Junior sports training			
5pm-6pm		Junior sports training		Junior sports training			
6pm-7pm							
7pm-8pm							
8pm+							

NB: At all other times this space is available for the general public to use.

10.3 Operational budget

The following budget provides an overview of the potential income and expenditure of the site. Based on this scenario, the Echuca East Recreation Reserve has a sufficient level of income versus expenditure to effectively provide the level of maintenance and service to manage the proposed new developments. Should there be no unforeseen circumstances; the Committee is likely to operate at a profit each year. This profit could be used to help fund some of the proposed works, or to be set aside for the replacement of buildings and infrastructure as they reach the end of their life. This operational budget assumes:

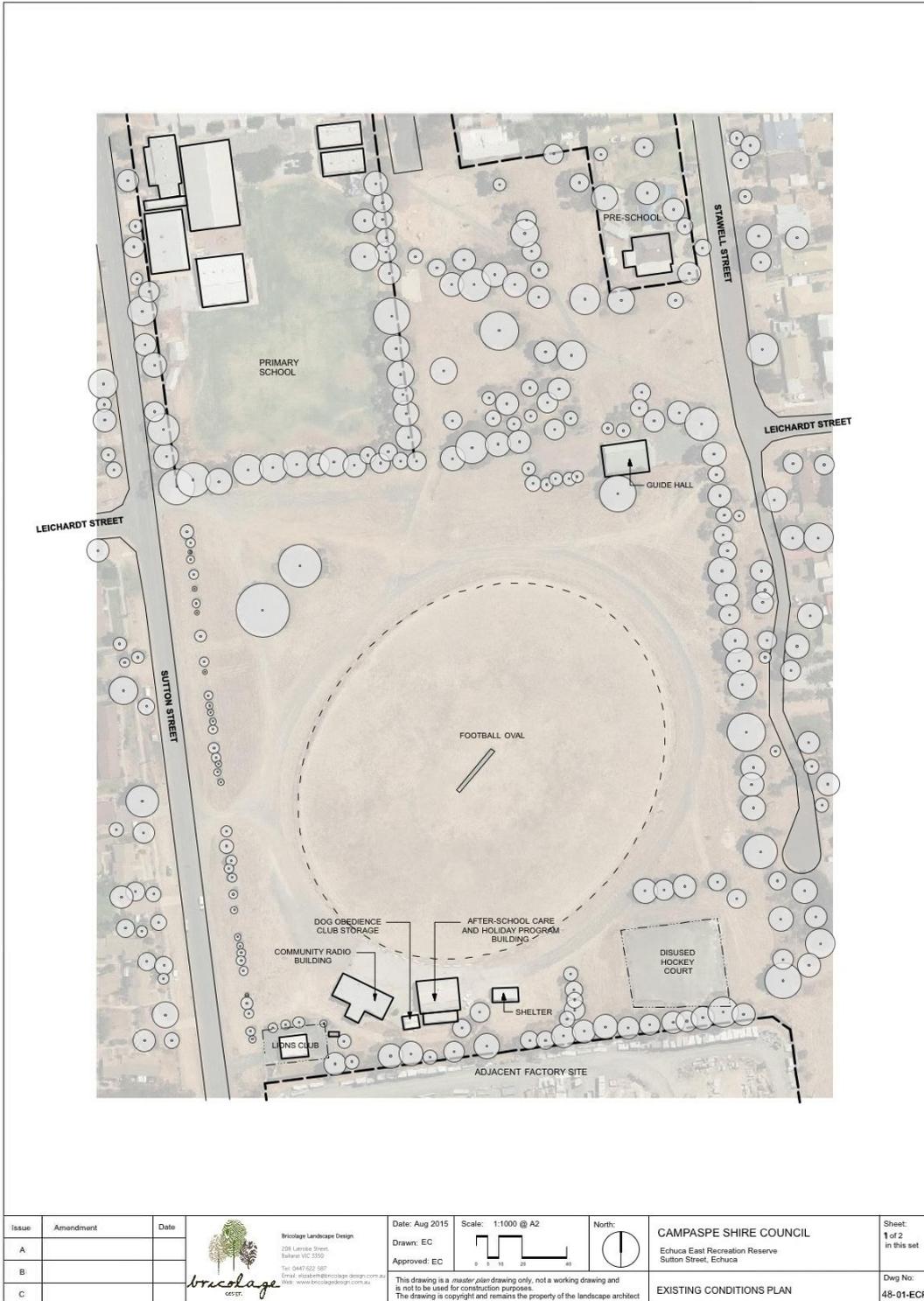
- The figures shown in the column for 2015 are actual figures from 2014-15 financial year as provided by the Committee of Management.
- The multi-purpose building will be constructed in 2018 and operational by 2019.
- That the existing buildings (After School Care, Pavilion / radio station and Guide Hall) will remain until such time as the new multi-purpose pavilion is completed.
- Hire fees will increase initially by \$1,000 in 2019 when the building is complete as new user groups hire the facility (e.g. playgroup), with a 3% annual increase thereafter.
- Existing user groups will be retained and will continue to use the reserve at their current levels, i.e. After School Care, School Holiday Program, Guides, EMFM Radio Station, Dog Obedience Club, Kennel Club, quilting group, weight loss group and Rich River First Aid.
- Whilst maintenance costs of the existing buildings will cease by 2019 as they will be demolished then, maintenance costs of the grounds will increase, hence the maintenance costs in the budget have remained the same (but will be distributed differently). Limited maintenance is likely to be required in the new building for the first seven years or so. General maintenance costs will increase 3% each year.
- When the multi-purpose facility is constructed, it is anticipated that there will be a higher level of usage. However, electricity costs for the site will potentially decrease as the three stand-alone buildings will be merged into one (therefore consolidating some of the costs) and the new building will be designed in such a way as to minimise heating, cooling and lighting costs. The cost of electricity for the radio station is also likely to decrease.
- When works commence on the grassed areas of the site, it is anticipated that water costs will increase significantly. However, any actions that reduce the reliance on potable water, e.g. water tanks, use of recycled water, planting of warm season grasses, water harvesting from car parking area to a wetlands area, etc will help to minimise these costs.
- All other costs increase by 3% annually.

Proposed 10 Year Operating Budget

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<u>Income (\$)</u>											
Hire fees	5140	5294	5453	5617	6600	6798	7002	7212	7428	7651	7881
EMFM											
Electricity											
Reimbursement	3108	3201	3297	3396	2500	2575	2652	2732	2814	2898	2985
Bank Interest	10	10	11	0	0	0	0	10	10	11	11
Shire of Campaspe Grant	<u>14377</u>	14808	15253	15710	16181	16667	17167	17682	18212	18759	19321
Total	<u>22635</u>	<u>23314</u>	<u>24013</u>	<u>24723</u>	<u>25281</u>	<u>26040</u>	<u>26821</u>	<u>27636</u>	<u>28465</u>	<u>29319</u>	<u>30198</u>
<u>Expenditure (\$)</u>											
Maintenance	4498	4633	4772	4915	5063	5214	5371	5532	5698	5869	6045
Requisites	20	21	21	22	23	23	24	25	25	26	27
Gas	570	587	605	623	642	661	681	701	722	744	766
Electricity	6688	6889	7095	7308	5500	5665	5835	6010	6190	6376	6567
Water	<u>1466</u>	1510	1555	1602	1650	4000	4120	4244	4371	4502	4637
Total	<u>13242</u>	<u>13639</u>	<u>14048</u>	<u>14470</u>	<u>12877</u>	<u>15563</u>	<u>16030</u>	<u>16511</u>	<u>17007</u>	<u>17517</u>	<u>18042</u>
Surplus	9393	9675	9965	10253	12405	10476	10791	11125	11458	11802	12156

11.0 Site plans

11.1 Existing site



Issue:	Amendment:	Date:	 <p>Bricolage Landscape Design 628 Lennox Street, Ballarat VIC 3208 Tel: 0447 522 587 Email: elizabeth@bricolage-design.com.au Web: www.bricolagedesign.com.au</p>	Date: Aug 2015	Scale: 1:1000 @ A2	North:	<p>CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL Echuca East Recreation Reserve Sutton Street, Echuca</p>	Sheet: 1 of 2 in this set	
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11.2 Proposed site



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12.0 Recommendations

The series of recommendations have been developed in order to provide a quality, well utilised area of public open space for the residents of Echuca East and visitors to the site. Costings for each component are included at the end of this table. In priority order, the recommendations are:

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
1	Multi-purpose building	Construct a multi-purpose building featuring multi-purpose space, kitchen facilities, office accommodation, storage space, accessible toilets and facilities for community radio. The exact details of this building will be determined as part of a future detailed design process and will incorporate the needs of existing and future user groups.	One shared facility will be more economical to manage and through the provision of multi-purpose spaces and shared kitchen and toilet facilities, will be a much greater utilised community asset and a place where the community can connect with one another.	After School Care / School Holiday Program Rich River First Aid EMFM Radio station Echuca Guides	High
2	Multi-purpose space	Construct a multi-purpose space in the middle of the Reserve which is suitable for junior football training, junior cricket training, dog obedience classes, informal recreation activities and events.	There was strong support from the community to provide a space for junior football and cricket to train at Echuca East, as well as space for dog obedience, informal recreation and events. Rather than maintaining the current oval (which limits the other potential uses of the site due to its shape and position), it is proposed that a smaller area be developed for this purpose, with viewing mound to the east and south. This area should be irrigated and could feature AFL goals posts at one end and a soccer goal at the other end if desired. The site will be able to be booked out by groups, e.g. dog obedience on	Shire of Campaspe Sport and Recreation Victoria	High

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
			Sunday mornings and junior sport on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for example, and will occasionally feature temporary fencing. At other times, it will be available for the general public to use for kite flying, kicking a football and other activities.		
3	Former hockey field	Demolish the former hockey field.	The former hockey field is in a poor state of repair and is rarely used. It will be surplus to requirements once the new off leash dog area and the multi-purpose open space area are developed. It will also need to be demolished prior to the off leash dog area being constructed.	None identified	High
4	Existing After School Care building and pavilion	Demolish the existing After School Care building and pavilion.	Existing facilities no longer meet the needs of user groups, are in poor condition, are nearing the end of their useful life and are not DDA compliant.	After School Care Program Shire of Campaspe EMFM Radio Station Dog Obedience Club Kennel Club Rich River First Aid	High
5	Off leash dog area	Develop an off leash dog park on the southern boundary of the	There was strong support by the community to maintain an off leash dog area as part of the	Local dog owners	High

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
		reserve, planted up with trees and incorporating a shelter with storage, tunnels, bridges and other landscaping features.	future development of Echuca East Recreation Reserve as it's the only off leash dog park in Echuca. It is proposed that a designated off leash dog area is constructed at the southern end of the reserve, linked from the road and residential areas by paths. This space will be fenced, planted up with trees and will feature a variety of interesting elements for dogs and their owners, e.g. tunnels, bridges, etc.		
6	Guide Hall	Demolish the Guide Hall.	Rather than spending the money required to upgrade the Guide Hall, it is more beneficial to spend this money on creating a multi-purpose facility that can be used by a range of community groups, including Guides. Further, the position of the existing Guide Hall limits visibility of the top part of the Recreation Reserve. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Its removal will allow much clearer sight lines and will enable a bicycle skills area to be developed, which may attract many users.	Echuca Guides Weight Loss Group Craft Group	High
7	Cycling / walking paths	Develop cycling and walking paths throughout the Reserve.	There was strong support from the community to develop a series of cycling and walking paths within the reserve. These paths will help to create a safe off road circuit for people to walk or ride along within the reserve. They will be connected to the existing town cycling and	Shire of Campaspe Sport and Recreation Victoria Bicycle Network Victoria	High

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
			walking network.		
8	Passive and informal open space	Create an area of passive open space featuring BBQ, shelter, picnic facilities seats, paths and landscaping near the proposed multi-purpose facility Some form of community art will also be developed in this zone to reflect the former history of the site and its importance to the Echuca East Football Club.	<p>The existing BBQ and shelter are poorly located. By locating the BBQ closer to Sutton St, there will be much greater visibility to encourage use and much greater passive surveillance to optimise the perception of safety by users.</p> <p>In order to create more of a park-like atmosphere, an area of land within the reserve has been designated as a passive open space area where residents can walk along a path, sit on a seat and enjoy the landscaping.</p>	Shire of Campaspe	High
9	Play area	Install an accessible play space, a youth adventure play area and a back to back netball and basketball ring, near the proposed multi-purpose facility. In addition, develop a grassed junior kick about space nearby where children can play informal ball games or just run around.	<p>Although there is a playground on site, it is hidden away between the school and the pre-school. By locating it next to Sutton St, there will be much greater visibility to encourage use and much greater passive surveillance to optimise the perception of safety by users.</p> <p>The play space is likely to be well utilised by the After School Care program, playgroups and members of the public.</p> <p>By providing both an accessible play space designed for younger children and a youth adventure play area, there will be something for everyone on site – helping to create a greater sense of ownership and not alienating groups</p>	Shire of Campaspe	High

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
			from the site.		
10	Bicycle skills development area	Construct a bicycle skills development area in the space to the south of Echuca East Pre-school and east of the Echuca East Primary School, featuring a toddler path, mountain bike skills area and BMX jumps.	To help encourage active transport, it is important that people know how to ride a bicycle. This area, situated between Echuca East Primary School and Echuca East Pre-school will provide children the opportunity to learn to ride on a toddler track and progress through to a skills development track, all the way through to BMX. This will provide a free activity for children of Echuca East and something that is unique within the Shire. There will ultimately be the opportunity to run skills clinics and even birthday parties in this area. This area of the reserve is currently poorly utilised and has limited street visibility due to the position of the Guide Hall (which will be demolished to accommodate this area).	Shire of Campaspe Sport and Recreation Victoria Bicycle Network Victoria	Medium
11	Water recycling and harvesting	Install two 5000 litre water tanks next to the multi-purpose building and investigate non-potable water connection to access Council's water allocation. Plant the new multi-purpose area with warm season grasses to reduce amount of water required.	Environmentally Sustainable Designs will reduce the impact of the facility and its users on the environment and will also help to reduce running costs.	Shire of Campaspe	Medium

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
12	Parking	Construct on street car parking along the Sutton St edge of the Reserve within the road reserve. Create a small car park in the Reserve behind the multi-purpose building suitable for deliveries, disabled parking, emergency access and parking of trailers for events. Bicycle parks will also be installed.	So as not to take up too much space within the reserve, it is suggested that formalised parking is developed within the road reserve along Sutton Street. Some parking will be required immediately behind the multi-purpose building for deliveries, disabled parking, emergency access and parking of trailers for events. Water will also be captured from the car park to be used for irrigating plants.	Shire of Campaspe	Medium
13	Bus parking	Construct two parallel bus drop-off / parking bays and bus turning circle adjacent to the Community Centre.	To encourage active transport and less reliance on cars, a bus parking area will be developed in front of the multi-purpose building. This space could also be used by school buses picking children up for school excursions.	Shire of Campaspe Echuca East Primary School	Medium
14	Signage	Install signage around the reserve.	Signage helps people to find their way around a space and to understand how certain parts of a site are designed to be used. Signage will therefore be required on and in the multi-purpose building, at each of the activity spaces and along roadways and paths to identify the direction in which certain facilities are located.	Shire of Campaspe	Medium
15	Landscaping	Improve the overall landscaping of the site.	Residents commented on the poor landscaping amenity of the site at present. In order to make the site more attractive and encourage greater utilisation, improved landscaping will be important.	None identified	Medium

No.	Item	Action	Rationale	Partners	Timeline
16	Cricket practice nets	Upgrade the cricket practice nets.	Given that the proposed multi-purpose open space will be suitable for junior cricket training, it will be advantageous to also upgrade the practice nets. These nets can also be used by the general public at anytime.	Shire of Campaspe Sport and Recreation Victoria	Low
17	Governance and management	Retain existing governance structure and current management and maintenance arrangements.	The existing governance structure and current management and maintenance arrangements work effectively. However, if use of the site increases significantly or if maintenance responsibilities become particularly onerous as user numbers increase and as the site is more intensively developed, Council should consider undertaking a review of these arrangement to determine the most appropriate / sustainable governance, management and maintenance model.	All user groups Echuca East residents	Ongoing
18	Partnerships	Work with Echuca East Primary School, Echuca East Pre-School and other partners wherever possible to share resources and maximise use of the Echuca East Recreation Reserve.	A partnership approach helps to maximise limited resources and provides opportunities to maximise usage.	Echuca East Primary School Echuca East Pre-School Other partners	Ongoing

Indicative costings for the works proposed at Echuca East Recreation Reserve are provided at commercial rates. It may be possible, using in-kind support and voluntary labour to reduce some of these costs. The exact cost will be dependent upon materials used. Where works are required to be tendered out, the cost will be dependent upon contractor's quoted price. Wherever possible, grants should be sought from government and the private sector to reduce the local contribution required to fund these works.

Opinion of probable cost:

Item	Indicative Cost
Demolition and disposal costs (After School Care building, pavilion, guide hall, fences)	\$37,000
Community centre car park and bus parking area	\$243,780
Junior bike skills development area	\$27,250
Mountain bike / BMX area	\$73,425
Multi-purpose area, mounds, cricket nets and open space	\$285,750
Play space and junior kick about area	\$104,710
Youth space and picnic area	\$69,046
Small dog zone and dog off lead area including single unisex accessible toilet	\$117,765
Multi-purpose community building and surrounds (paving, water tanks, seats, etc)	\$780,775
Community art project	\$25,000
Automated (digital) / manual zoned sub-surface irrigation for open space formal grassed areas and garden beds	\$494,170
Other items	\$15,000
TOTAL (Ex-GST)	\$2,273,671

The costing above doesn't include contractor preliminaries or lighting.

The indicative costings below are for the multi-purpose building only (and are included in the table above). Detailed design work will need to be undertaken to get an accurate costing:

Item	Indicative cost
Area of building 305m ² x \$2,000/m ²	\$ 610,000
Sewer pumping requirements	\$ 15,000
Water tapping	\$ 3,500
Authority charges	\$ 35,000
Contingency	\$ 40,000
Power – group metering (TBC)	\$ 2,000
Design fees	\$ 40,000
TOTAL	\$ 745,500

13.0 Appendix

13.1 Policy context

The following documents provide information of relevance to the development of the Echuca East Recreation Reserve Master Plan:

Document	Relevance
<p>Shire of Campaspe (2013-17) Council Plan</p>	<p>The aim of the Council Plan is to identify the priorities and actions that will help the Shire of Campaspe to achieve the following community outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosperity • Place • People <p>Council’s vision is: “A vibrant place to live, grow and visit, with a thriving, diverse and healthy lifestyle.”</p> <p>The most relevant strategic objective is: strategic objective #3 under the community outcome ‘place’. This objective is: ‘community infrastructure contributes to our long-term social and economic fabric.’</p> <p>Indicators for this objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved attendances at Council facilities is within 2% of projected service levels • 100% of annual capital works overall target spend achieved • 100% of planned facilities maintenance achieved • 100% of new Council facilities meet accessibility guidelines <p>Strategies for this objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable effective decisions regarding long term use of and investment in community facilities • Maintain, enhance and maximise use of community facilities and outdoor spaces that are prioritised by our communities in the long-term • Provide appropriate, accessible and safe facilities.
<p>Shire of Campaspe (2015) Campaspe: Our Future.</p>	<p>This document will inform the development and implementation of all strategic and operational plans to ensure all Council activities are delivering on the community’s vision for the future.</p> <p>It notes the need to ensure that community facilities are appropriate to the needs of communities. It also identifies the following actions for Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘When replacing existing community facilities, consider how new infrastructure can be multi-purpose or multi-use • Make strategic decisions about the future needs of the community and rationalise resources when necessary

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the needs of older residents and non-car users when planning footpath and road upgrades to aid accessibility and the use of non-motorised transport, such as walking and cycling • When rationalising community infrastructure identify how public transport can support community members accessing available facilities across the municipality and in other regional centres • Advocate with appropriate state and federal government agencies, such as VicRoads, VicTrack, Department of Transport Planning and Local Infrastructure, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Health, to ensure future infrastructure meets the needs of the growing population and its changing nature • Advocate for affordable and efficient public transport • Develop asset management plans that ensure community facilities are appropriate for the size and demographic of communities • Maintain effective data management systems to efficiently manage and maintain community facilities.'
Regional Development Australia (2015) Loddon Mallee Regional Strategic Plan	<p>This plan identifies the opportunities and needs of the Loddon Mallee Region. Although it does not specifically identify works at Echuca East Recreation Reserve, one of its four strategic directions supports the further development of the site for the community, i.e. protect and enhance the liveability and appeal of our region. Under this strategic direction, the most relevant priority direction is: 'support thriving arts, culture, sports, recreation and major events.'</p>
Shire of Campaspe (2013) Health and Wellbeing Plan	<p>The Campaspe Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 -2017 provides a framework for Council to "work with the community to promote the health and wellbeing of all residents through creating supportive and inclusive built, social, economic and natural environments." Some of Council's key strategies of relevance to EERR, as outlined in this plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve, develop and promote safe walking and cycling tracks throughout the Shire • Improve, develop and promote access to public recreation and open spaces • Support social inclusion through providing and maintaining infrastructure that helps to bring people together • Support opportunities for all members of the community to be involved in accessible community arts, events and programs.
Shire of Campaspe (2014) Council Contribution to Recreation Reserves Maintenance Policy	<p>The purpose of this policy is to ensure recreation reserves located within the Shire of Campaspe receive a maintenance contribution level in accordance with the defined service standard for that category of facility as per the recreation reserve classification system and the recreation reserve funding matrix.</p>

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	<p>It classifies Echuca East Recreation Reserve as a neighbourhood reserve. Such reserves usually have a catchment of less than 500 people, are generally full sized playing fields and provide users with access to basic toilet and change facilities. They primarily cater for low grade, practice and junior matches. Typically, neighbourhood reserves will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oval with existing top soil and grass cover, manual watering system and natural / no drainage • hard courts – generally none provided, however if they are they generally have a concrete surface and non-compliant line marking • parking – on road • fence – generally unfenced perimeter around the oval • player facilities – access to toilets • spectator viewing areas – access to public toilets • oval maintenance – up to 26 mows per year, no Vertidrain, no fertilizing, no top dressing, no restoration works • hard court maintenance – no weeding, repairs only undertaken when necessary, line marking as needed • usage – resident and active club or activity schedule and community / other sporting club use all year round on all surfaces. • <p>Council expects all Recreation Reserve Committees of Management to charge user fees. The amount is dependent on the fees collected, which in turn is reliant on the quality of the facility, the number of user groups and on the ability for the user to pay. Contributions from user groups can take the form of in-kind works rather than cash.</p> <p>Council will provide financial assistance to Recreation Reserve Committees of Management based on classification, funding formula and an annual review. In return, Committees of Management are required to enter into service agreements with Council around expected service standards; administration and reporting requirements (legislative, insurance requirements, contact details, fees policy, etc); and training requirements.</p>
<p>Shire of Campaspe (2014) Recreation Fees and Charges Policy</p>	<p>The purpose of the policy is to provide a rationale for determining fees and charges for council managed recreation reserves.</p> <p>If a user group has exclusive use of a neighbourhood reserve (such as Echuca East Recreation Reserve), it is required to pay 0.3% of the full maintenance cost of the reserve. Council will pay the remainder (based on estimated maintenance cost).</p> <p>One off users are required to pay twice the estimated daily maintenance cost. Schools can enter a term agreement only if they use a facility for 100 hours or more per term. Otherwise they need to pay the one off user's fee.</p>

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<p>Shire of Campaspe (2014) Open Space Strategy</p>	<p>Council’s vision for Open Space is:</p> <p>“We will work together to build our open space system to provide improved liveability for the people of Campaspe Shire in ways that celebrate our strength, support biodiversity and improves health and wellbeing now and into the future.”</p> <p>The principles identified in this report, that should be reflected in all open spaces in Campaspe, including Echuca East Recreation Reserve, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect whole of community values • Provide flexible and multi-purpose settings • Be accessible, connected and distributed to allow access for the whole community • Provide diverse opportunities • Be environmentally sustainable spaces • Will maximise community benefit • Focus on partnerships and working together • Allow for sustainable long term financial management of open space assets. <p>According to this strategy, Echuca East is undersupplied in terms of open space within 400 metres of residents. The strategy also noted that a master plan of Echuca East Recreation Reserve is a priority. Some initial suggestions from community members for the site include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • off lead dog park • community hub / neighbourhood house • community garden • accommodate current users • running / walking path (within and to the reserve) • links to Central Echuca • improved playground. <p>It was noted in the feedback to the draft report that the site attracts a lot of vandalism.</p>
<p>Shire of Campaspe (2007) Recreation Reserves Analysis</p>	<p>This report noted that Echuca East is located on Crown Land and is managed by a Committee of Management appointed by Shire of Campaspe under Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989 on behalf of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. It also noted that Echuca East Recreation Reserve was classified as a sub-district / small town reserve. It stated that Council maintains the oval through mowing and irrigation and that the Reserve Committee undertakes building maintenance.</p> <p>The principles for future facility development, as outlined in this report, are:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible and practical to do so, upgrade and extend existing facilities to accommodate an increased use rather than build new facilities (consolidation vs. proliferation). • Maximise opportunities for joint facility development with other user groups, community groups and stakeholders (partnerships). • Minimise development of single-use sporting areas and pavilions by investigating all possibilities for such facilities to be flexible in design, and shared-use in function. • The development of single-use support facilities by user groups (such as clubrooms, bars, canteens and storage areas) will generally not be supported by Council if another group(s) on a reserve could benefit from such facilities being developed. • Utilise environmentally sustainable design standards for all new and upgraded facilities (e.g. energy-efficient, water-wise, use of recycled materials, etc). • Facilities will be designed and developed to encourage and to accommodate use by people with special needs. <p>Some of the key features and issues identified by the report are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The formation of the Reserve provides for elevated, angled parking to enhance spectator viewing of the oval. • Oval surface is in poor condition. • There are currently no winter sports club using the oval. • Landscape amenity of the Reserve is poor. • The hockey training area has been developed by the Club and its surface is not truly even and appears to present some risk to players. • The adjoining park is in a good landscape setting and has been well developed. <p>The report made the following recommendations in relation to Echuca East Recreation Reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a BBQ in the park area of the reserve – high priority \$5,000 • Undertake additional tree planting around the reserve – high priority \$2,500 • Develop a gravel walking track around the reserve – medium priority \$17,500 • Install a playground near the after school care program building – medium term \$35,000 • Formalise the reserve entry through improved signage and landscaping – low priority \$5,000
Shire of Campaspe (2004) Echuca East Recreation Reserve Concept Plan	<p>The previous concept plan for Echuca East Recreation Reserve was prepared in 2004. It recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area connection – the existing children’s playground, Barry Street and other infrastructure to be connected to the walking

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	<p>track and oval pathways by a link-up pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koori Recreation – Koori recreation area and clubhouse to be established catering for the needs of the local community • Oval and reserve watering - at present all watering to the Recreation Reserve is carried out manually. Automatic underground watering systems are to be installed throughout the development, particularly the oval area itself to establish a high grade resource and reduce maintenance. • Oval shade trees – in areas indicated, establish vegetation areas for shade trees at the oval frontage. Depending on the final tree species chosen, linear root barriers may be installed to protect road asphalt surfaces and oval grassland against root invasion. Seating to be installed on fence line appropriate for spectator needs. • Walking track – refurbish a high quality walking / bicycle track to the circumference of the Recreation Reserve. Track to be disabled compliant 2.5 metres in width and surfaced with hot mix rolled bitumen. • Recreation area and playground – paved terrace area with seating and electric BBQ adjoining access path from walking track and oval. All weather shade sail to portion off terraced area. Children’s playground adjoins terrace area for supervision. Also protected from weather by the shade sail. • Baseball back net – provide removable baseball back net for use by the local baseball club and additional spectator protection from other sports. • Pedestrian area only – install removable bollards at points indicated to create a pedestrian only zone around buildings and playground when required. • Oval asphalt surface areas – construct asphalt access roadway and related 90 degree parking to the entire circumference of the oval. Areas surrounding the main building to be surfaced with asphalt. • Oval bench seating – install new bench seating to the oval perimeters on fence line where shown. Seating areas include the main vehicle exclusion zone surrounding the building complex and the four tree planted avenues around the oval. • Existing club rooms – the existing clubrooms to be upgraded to meet contemporary needs catering for various clubs that use the facility. • Main car park area – develop major car park area in close proximity to main infrastructure and where possible, establish car park shade using evergreen native tree species • Sutton St frontage – remove existing trees to Sutton St and replace existing fencing. New planting of cut-leaf plane trees to be a feature of the frontage. • Oval lighting – oval lighting presently exists on the south east side of the reserve. Lighting to be upgraded to include the north-west side, giving the oval a total lighting cover. • Oval parkland – develop area into parkland with tree lined

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	<p>avenue pathways, irrigated grass land, native and feature trees, seating and picnic areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability access and movement – the oval, roadway, associated walking tracks and link up pathways are designed to increase disability access and usage. Roads and pathways are to be sealed with hot mix rolled bitumen with pathways 2.5m wide, complying with combined disability, pedestrian and cycling usage. <p>It was also proposed that the following trees be planted at the Reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen trees for general planting, e.g. Eucalyptus Scoparia (Wallangara White Gum) and Eucalyptus Sideroxylon Rosea (pink flowering ironbark) • Evergreen trees for boundary planting, e.g. Eucalyptus Leucoxylon Rosea (pink flowering gum) • Deciduous trees for frontage and avenue planting, e.g. Robinea Pseudoagacia 'Frisa' (Golden Locust), Gleditsia Triacanthos 'Sunburst' (Golden Honey Locust), Pyrus Calleryana 'Chanticleer' (Chanticleer pear), Platanus Orientalis Digitata (Cut Leaf Plane), Jacaranda Mimosaefolia (jacaranda), Acer Freemanii Effersred Autumn Blaze (Autumn Blaze Maple) • Large screening shrubs for guide hall southern boundary, e.g. Callistemon 'Perth Pink' (pink bottlebrush), Callistemon Viminalis 'Hannah Ray' (Hannah Ray bottlebrush) • Small shrubs for car park planting areas, e.g. Melalueca Bractea Golden Gem (Dwarf Golden Honey Myrtle), Melalueca Armillaris 'Green Globe' (Dwarf bracelet honey myrtle), Callistemon Viminalis 'Captain Cook' (Captain Cook bottlebrush)
<p>Shire of Campaspe (2007) Walking and Cycling Strategy</p>	<p>The intent of this strategy was to identify new walking and cycling opportunities and to complete missing links. One of the key recommendations listed for year one of the strategy was the development of a major network of off road trails around Echuca linking the north and south and east and west. This path included areas of Echuca East. Specific streets / locations included in this \$1.2m development: Eyre St, Schoffel St, Martin St, Butcher St, Anstruther St, Pakenham St, Banyulla Park, Service St and Echuca East Primary School.</p>

13.2 Demographics

Demographic data provides information which can be used by organisations to understand the current make-up of the community. Potential markets can be determined by examining the number of people in specific age groups. Other details such as household income may help decision making in terms of setting fees and languages spoken at home may indicate a need to have information translated into other languages.

The population of Echuca East is quite difficult to identify as it is contained within the statistical data of Echuca as a whole. The closest breakdown of population would be that for Central – East Echuca. The data for this area has been used for this demographic analysis. Echuca (Central-East) is bounded by the Murray River and the NSW border in the north, Mary Anne Road in the East, the Murray Valley Highway and Ogilvie Avenue in the South and the Campaspe River in the West.

A brief summary of the demographic make-up of Echuca (Central-East) is as follows⁵

Population and Age

At the time of the 2011 Census Echuca (Central-East) comprised of 5,527 people, 46.7% males and 53.3% females. The median age of the Shire of Campaspe is 42 (compared with a median age of 37 for both Victoria and Australia).

There are 1,127 families in Echuca (Central-East) with an average of 1.08 children per family. Compared with Victorian figures, Echuca (Central-East) has a lower percentage of people aged between 20-39 years of age (23.9% compared with 28.5%) and significantly higher percentage of people aged over 50 years of age (38.8% compared with 32.2% in Victoria). The percentage of 0-4 year olds is relatively similar in both Echuca (Central-East) and Victoria (6.7% compared to 6.4%), however the percentage of people aged 5- 19 (17.7%) and 40-49 (12.9%) is slightly lower in Echuca (Central-East) when compared to Victoria (18.6% and 14.3% respectively).

Birth Place and Languages Spoken

The majority of residents were born in Australia (86.8% compared with the Victorian figure of 68.6%) with a further 2.6% born in the United Kingdom, 0.7% in New Zealand and 0.4% born in Germany.

The majority of residents only speak English at home (91.9%). There were 1.7% who did not speak English at home, but the languages spoken were not specified.

Employment and Income

21.7% of people over the age of 15 in Echuca Central – East carried out voluntary work for an organisation in the last 12 months, compared with 17.7% for Victoria.

2,321 people were in the labour force at the time of the 2011 ABS Census. 59.9% of these people worked full-time, 33.7% worked part-time and 3.7% unemployed. Compared with Victorian statistics, there are slightly less people working full-time, more people working part-time and less people unemployed.

⁵ <http://profile.id.com.au/campaspe/about?WebID=100>

(Viewed 21 July 2015)

Key employment industry sectors are Retail (14.2%); Health Care and Social Assistance (13.7%); Manufacturing (13.5%); Accommodation and Food Services (12.3%) and Construction (9.9%).

The highest categories of occupational types in 2011 are Technicians and Trade Workers (17.2%), Professionals (14.6%) and Labourers (14.3%) compared to (13.9%, 22.3% and 9.0% respectively) in Victoria overall, followed by Community and Personal Service Workers (12.5%), Sales (12%), Managers (11%) and Clerical and Administrative Workers (9.4%) compared to (9.3%, 9.7%, 13.2% and 14.4% respectively) in Victoria.

The median weekly household income is \$842 compared with the Victorian median household income of \$1,216. 32.5% of Echuca Central-East households earn less than \$600 gross per week (compared with 23.8% of Victorian households) and 2.9% earn more than \$3,000 gross per week (compared with 10.4% of Victorian households).

Households

The Census population of Echuca (Central - East) in 2011 was 5,527, living in 2,754 dwellings with an average household size of 2.16.⁶

The 2011 Census shows largest household type within Echuca (Central-East) is that of the lone person, at 32.4% which is significantly higher than the Victorian average of 24.5%⁷

The second largest household group within Echuca (Central-East) is that of Couples without Children, 23.3%.

There were 460 couples with young children in Echuca (Central-East) in 2011, comprising 18.7% of households. The Census also shows that 13.5% were single parent families and 1.4% categorised as 'other families'.

Home Ownership

There is a noticeable difference between home ownership (i.e. owned outright or owned with a mortgage) in Echuca (Central-East) (52.7% compared to 70.1% for Victoria) and a higher percentage of homes rented (38% compared with 26.5% for Victoria).

For those paying off homes, the median loan repayment in Echuca (Central-East) is \$1,457 per month, compared with \$1,700 for Victoria overall and for those who are renting homes, the median weekly rental amount is \$184 compared with the Victorian median of \$277.

Transportation

On average 80.8% of households own at least one car, compared to 87.5% in Regional Victoria.

Future Growth

According to Victoria in Future⁸, Shire of Campaspe is expected to see an increase in population by registering a growth rate of approximately 0.5% per annum.

⁶ <http://profile.id.com.au/campaspe/population?WebID=100>
(Viewed 22 July 2015)

⁷ http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2011/quickstat/2?opendocument&nvpos=220
(Viewed 22 July 2015)

13.3 Community consultation

13.3.1 Key stakeholder surveys and interviews

All existing user groups were forwarded a survey to complete in order to gain a greater understanding of their needs and future plans. This information was used as a basis for discussion in key stakeholder meetings.

Key stakeholder interviews were held with the following user groups or potential user groups:

Name	Organisation
• Jodie Boal	Echuca East Primary School
• Peter Murphy	Echuca East Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and Echuca Lions Club
• Glenn Brotchie	Echuca Lions Club
• Kevin Woolnough	Echuca Lions Club
• Ron Wood	EMFM Radio Station
• Troy Ramsey	Echuca BMX
• Tony Lawler	Echuca Moama Men's Shed Inc.
• Dianne Ross	After School Care
• Liz Birnie	Echuca-Moama Dog Obedience Club
• Dawn Glanville	Echuca-Moama Dog Obedience Club
• Geoff Taylor	Echuca-Moama Dog Obedience Club
• Karen Taylor	Echuca-Moama Dog Obedience Club
• Denise Appelbee	Echuca Guides
• Judy Down	Echuca East Pre-School
• Janelle Wheatley	Campaspe Shire Council
• Kim Burke	Echuca and District Kennel Club
• Ollie McNulty	Echuca Junior Football Club
• John Odgen	Personal trainer
• Shandel Keele	Echuca Neighbourhood House
• Helen Barnes	Echuca 1 st Scouts Group

Issues and opportunities identified in these discussions included:

Issue / Opportunity	Details
Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oval should be reinstated for sport or training and should remain as a full sized facility. • Goal posts need to be placed at each end of the oval • Victoria Park oval is over-utilised and there is demand for an additional oval to be used for training by junior football clubs and flow over games (U12 and U14) and cricket clubs. • Oval is in such poor condition that the school can really only use it for cross-country events and shot put. • Fence around the oval is too low – dogs can jump it fairly easily.

⁸ Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (2014) Victoria in Future. Website: http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/223133/Campaspe-One-Page-Profile-VIF2014.pdf (Viewed 22 July 2015)

Issue / Opportunity	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oval should not be for organised sport, but rather for community play and recreation. • Baseball club ceased to operate about five years ago.
Irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca East Primary School is considering sinking a bore to enable its half sized oval to be watered. Would be happy to share establishment and operational costs with the Recreation Reserve. • Oval needs to be irrigated. • Irrigation system is still in place on the oval.
Men's Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is potential that the Echuca Moama Men's Shed could relocate to Echuca East Recreation Reserve or Rotary Park in the future.
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible toilet required at the site
Guide Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works required include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvement to wooden entry ramp ○ Replacement of guttering in places ○ Repairs to ceiling ○ Painting of hall inside and out ○ Upgrade of fence ○ Improved external lighting ○ Installation of split systems – currently no air conditioning and old fashioned gas heaters have melted cords from blinds situated above them ○ Replacement of high windows ○ More cupboard space ○ More storage space for tables and chairs ○ Additional external shed for storage of camping equipment ○ New lino on the floor
Community garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for a community garden, but don't want it situated directly behind Guide Hall • Funding for community garden has been returned due to difficulties with project design.
Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to maintain off leash dog area • Question whether or not Echuca East is the right location for an off leash dog area • There may need to be two spaces for off leash dogs – one for small dogs and one for large dogs • May need one off leash dog area in the west of Echuca and a smaller one at EERR (i.e. on the former hockey field) • Conflicts can occur between Obedience Club and casual dog walkers trying to both use the oval at the same time • Need additional bins for dog excrement • May need to introduce a regulation that states that while the dog obedience group is meeting, all other dogs should be on a leash, or provide some temporary fencing. • Dog Obedience club only uses half the oval • There is a potential risk allowing After School Care children on to the oval when dogs are using it • Oval should be levelled, re-sown and mowed to enable it to

Issue / Opportunity	Details
	better meet the needs of the Dog Obedience Club and be more suitable for agility training
Landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to improve the site so there is some shade in summer and a barrier to the wind in winter. • Site needs to be made more attractive and welcoming. • Trees have been planted in the past, but were not watered • Support for a bush tucker garden. • If the site is designed well and nurtured, there is a possibility that a bush kinder program could run from EERR • User groups could plant trees.
BBQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to repair the BBQ.
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider installing a playground closer to the BBQ area • Include swings and natural materials.
Pavilion / Multi-purpose Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing facility is past its use by date • A new facility should be constructed featuring a multi-purpose space, a wet area (for art type activities), a kitchen able to serve 60-80 meals, multiple storage areas and basic change rooms • Water pools under the building and is potentially causing structural damage • Should a new pavilion be constructed, it is likely that the Kennel Club would run some major dog events on site.
Echuca Lions Club shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca Lions Club wants to add an administration area to the rear of their shed and to create access through the northern fence boundary to create easier access for off street parking.
Fund raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca Lions Club may be able to donate the proceedings of one of its events, example a golf day, to works at the site. • The radio station has a small building fund so could contribute some funding to a new facility.
Walking / cycling track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to develop shared walking / cycling paths throughout the site that are child friendly.
Land behind pre-school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land behind the pre-school needs to be integrated into the master plan.
Youth activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider constructing a skate park at the Reserve • Consider installing a half court for basketball and netball • Consider developing some BMX facilities on site (2,000 square metre site is required)
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing user groups rarely assist with maintenance works. • Clubs could undertake maintenance of the Recreation Reserve.
Hire fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a new facility is constructed, hire fees may need to increase to help fund the development.
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more policing of dog regulations and issues such as people playing golf at EERR.
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of the site need access to public toilets
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism is an issue at the site. Local people of all ages need to have a sense of involvement and ownership of the site.

Issue / Opportunity	Details
Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could construct wooden seats around the site incorporating animal shapes or designs to represent the fauna of the region, e.g. turtles or platypus
Radio Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The radio station would ideally like access to two on air studios, one production studio, a reception area, room for a transmitter, storage space and access to kitchen, toilets and a meeting space. • There also needs to be space for a large antenna and guy ropes.
Other potential users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Echuca Historic Vehicle Club could potentially relocate to the site if they don't remain at Rotary Park.
Car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more gravel in the car park near the radio station.
Exercise stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider installing exercise stations around the reserve.
Personal training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Care facility not suitable for personal training classes as it would be impossible to have sole use of the facility at times suitable for personal training.
Hockey field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to remove the artificial grass on the hockey field and return to a natural surface as the current synthetic surface is quite slippery • Would like to cover the hockey field to provide shelter from rain or sun for dog obedience activities.
Echuca 1st Scouts Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rarely use the site.
Echuca West Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The oval at Echuca West is not going to be a full sized oval and won't have change facilities.

13.3.2 Community survey

A one page community survey was distributed / promoted via:

- A letterbox drop to all households near Echuca East Recreation Reserve
- Article in Echuca East Primary School newsletter
- Article on Echuca East Primary School facebook page
- Article on Shire of Campaspe website
- Article in Riverine Herald newspaper
- Emails to all user groups for further distribution to members

The survey opened in mid June 2015 and closed in mid July 2015. There were 49 surveys completed during this time. 56% were from females and 42% from males, with a further two people not stating their gender. The majority of surveys were completed by people aged 60-69 (29%) and 30-39 year olds (23%). The bulk of the remaining surveys include 50-59 year olds and 40-49 year olds. Results of the survey follow:

Use of Echuca East Recreation Reserve

The majority of survey respondents use the sports ground (74%); the toilets (15%); the sports pavilion (meeting room / social space) (13%); the radio station (11%); or the BBQ area / shelter (10%). Twenty percent (20%) of survey respondents do not use the reserve at all.

Reasons for Non-Use

Of those who do not use the Recreation Reserve, the key reasons are:

Site is poorly maintained / not appealing	7 (35%)
No suitable activities / opportunities at the site	5 (25%)
Facilities are closed	1 (5%)
Dog excrement	1 (5%)
Altercations with other user groups	1 (5%)
Afraid of dogs off leash	1 (5%)
Didn't know it existed due to poor signage and promotion	1 (5%)

This was an open ended question.

Frequency of Use

Of the survey respondents who use Echuca East Recreation Reserve, the majority (40%) use the site several times per week. 15% use the site once per week, and another 13% use it on a daily basis.

Positive Aspects

Survey respondents were asked to identify what they most like about Echuca East Recreation Reserve (as part of an open ended question). Responses are:

Suitable fenced area for exercising dogs off leashes	17 (38%)
Close to home / easy to access	16 (36%)
Green / open space in a residential area	10 (22%)
Central location	5 (11%)
Lots of space for activities	4 (9%)
Cleanliness	3 (7%)
Next to the school	3 (7%)
Better walking trails than on the street	2 (4%)
It belongs to everyone / community hub	2 (4%)
Plenty of parking	2 (4%)
Club room / pavilion available	1 (2%)
Not crowded	1 (2%)
Playground	1 (2%)
Potential for sports clubs to become active at the site again	1 (2%)
Quiet	1 (2%)
The trees	1 (2%)
Well used by all age groups	1 (2%)

Negative Aspects

Survey respondents were asked to identify what they most dislike about Echuca East Recreation Reserve (as part of an open ended question). Responses are:

Site is unattractive / not user friendly / neglected / poorly maintained	20 (33%)
Lack of watering / poor state of turf on the oval / lack of green grass	14 (30%)
Dog excrement that is not picked up by owners	11 (24%)
Needs improved landscaping / more trees and shrubs	6 (13%)
Bindiis / weeds	5 (11%)
Fence needs to be repaired (there are holes in it)	5 (11%)
Not used to its potential	3 (7%)
Aggressive dogs	2 (4%)
BBQ area in poor condition	2 (4%)
Buildings in a poor state of repair	2 (4%)
After School Care facility – not an appropriate use	1 (2%)
BBQ doesn't work	1 (2%)
Graffiti takes too long to be cleaned up	1 (2%)
Gravel road	1 (2%)
Lack of fence along Sutton St	1 (2%)
Lack of shade	1 (2%)
Lack of shelter	1 (2%)
Litter bags are not replaced enough in dispensers	1 (2%)
Monopolisation of the site by some groups	1 (2%)
Needs a kids play park	1 (2%)
Needs more seating	1 (2%)
No access to the toilets on site	1 (2%)
No lights	1 (2%)
Oval is on a camber – makes it difficult for walkers	1 (2%)
Toilets in poor condition	1 (2%)

Types of Activities or Facilities People Would Like Made Available

Playground	10 (22%)
Walking / cycling trails	10 (22%)
Improved landscaping	8 (17%)
Well maintained oval (watered, without weeds, with no dog excrement)	7 (15%)
Active sport, e.g. cricket, football, Auskick, soccer	5 (11%)
BBQ and gazebo	5 (11%)
Community meeting / activity space in a hall	5 (11%)
Events, e.g. farmer's market, swap meet, expos, circuses, car rallies, school sports carnivals, etc	5 (11%)
Open space / parkland / green grass	5 (11%)
Public toilets	5 (11%)
Outdoor exercise equipment	4 (9%)
Retain and improve dog park	4 (9%)
Seats	4 (9%)
Improve gravel surface of roadways	3 (7%)
Night lighting	3 (7%)
Repairs to fence	3 (7%)
Skate park	3 (7%)
Additional bins and litter bags for dog excrement	2 (4%)
Better signage	2 (4%)
Dog obedience and dog agility classes continued	2 (4%)
Football goal posts	2 (4%)
New cricket pitch	2 (4%)
Basketball and netball rings	1 (2%)
Basketball court	1 (2%)
Community art, e.g. sculptures	1 (2%)
Community garden / bush tucker plants	1 (2%)
Cricket nets upgraded	1 (2%)
Fencing along Sutton St	1 (2%)
Fix the tennis court for public use	1 (2%)
Grassed area between the oval and the school boundary with some shelters and a couple of BBQ's	1 (2%)
Multi-purpose sports area	1 (2%)
Night classes	1 (2%)
Off leash area for dogs	1 (2%)
Outside boundary fences	1 (2%)
Personal training classes	1 (2%)
Playgroup	1 (2%)
Radio station	1 (2%)
Short term caravan / motor home facilities	1 (2%)
Sprinkler system on the oval	1 (2%)
Therapy pool	1 (2%)

Impact on Use

Survey respondents were asked if their use of Echuca East Recreation Reserve would increase or remain the same if their suggested improvements are made. 89% of people said that their use would increase, whilst 11% stated that it would remain about the same.

Other Potential Users

Survey respondents were asked to identify any other potential users of Echuca East Recreation Reserve. The following suggestions were made to this open ended question:

Sports clubs (training or junior games) Little Athletics, soccer, cricket, football, Auskick, baseball, hockey	11 (33%)
Community groups – for meetings, events, expos, markets, functions, dog shows, garden groups	6 (18%)
Echuca East Primary School	4 (12%)
Families - functions	4 (12%)
Fitness groups / personal trainers	4 (12%)
Scouts	3 (9%)
Travellers with caravans or motorhomes	3 (9%)
Grandchildren	2 (6%)
Guides	2 (6%)
Remote control vehicle users	2 (6%)
Skate boarders	2 (6%)
Walkers	2 (6%)
Children	1 (3%)
Circuses or event companies	1 (3%)
Disabled people for a sensory experience	1 (3%)
Dog owners	1 (3%)
Joggers	1 (3%)
Kite flyers	1 (3%)
Teenagers	1 (3%)

Other Comments

Other comments made by survey respondents about Echuca East Recreation Reserve include:

Need to further develop site	13 (41%)
Need to water and better maintain the oval	6 (19%)
Need to retain site	4 (13%)
Need to improve landscaping	3 (9%)
Ensure dog walkers are catered for	2 (6%)
Needs to be better promoted	2 (6%)
Need to develop cycling / walking paths	2 (6%)
Need to make site more family friendly	2 (6%)
Vandalism protection will be required, e.g. cameras and security lighting	2 (6%)
Consider road crossings for children so they can safely access the site	1 (3%)
Construct a community garden in the centre of the oval	1 (3%)
Construct a playground	1 (3%)
Construct a therapy pool	1 (3%)

Need a footpath from school to the back of the school oval where parents park	1 (3%)
Need more bins for dog excrement	1 (3%)
New multi-purpose facility should be constructed	1 (3%)
People need to be able to access the toilets	1 (3%)
Post a schedule of bookings / events for public awareness	1 (3%)
Scepticism that anything will result from master plan	1 (3%)

13.3.3 Community listening posts

Community listening posts were held at the following locations during June, and promoted via:

- A letterbox drop to all households near Echuca East Recreation Reserve
- Article in Echuca East Primary School newsletter
- Article on Echuca East Primary School facebook page
- Article on Shire of Campaspe website
- Article in Riverine Herald newspaper
- Emails to all user groups for further distribution to members.

Thirty-eight members of the community took part in these listening posts.

Date and time	Venue	Number of participants	Gender and approximate age
24 June 2015 10.30am – 12.30pm	O'Connor's Store, Packenham St, Echuca	13	10 males – 2 x 20, 2 x 30, 2 x 40, 1 x 50, 3 x 60 3 females – 10, 40 & 60
24 June 2015 12.30pm – 1.00pm	Echuca East Recreation Reserve	2	2 females – 1 x 60, 1 x 70
24 June 2015 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Echuca East Primary School	12	1 male – 1 x 10 11 females – 4 x 10, 2 x 20, 5 x 30
28 June 2015 9.00am – 11.00am	Echuca East Oval	11	6 males – 1 x 20, 1 x 40, 1 x 50, 2 x 60, 1 x 80 5 females – 1 x 20, 2 x 60, 2 x 70

Issues and opportunities identified in these discussions included:

Issue / Opportunity	Details
Active sport	Use the oval for active sport such as AFL, soccer or Gaelic football or for training for these sports. Doesn't have to necessarily be an oval, as long as it's multi-purpose. Goal posts and cricket wicket will need to be reinstated. (11)
Dog walking	Want site retained for casual dog walking (8)
Playground	Consider developing a playground / an adventure playground that features monkey bars, slides, swings, water features, a concrete square for down-ball, half court basketball and fake grass (7)
Walking / cycling paths	Construct walking / cycling paths around and through the site (7)
Landscaping	Plant the site up with lots of trees (6)

Issue / Opportunity	Details
Car parking	School car park on north end of the reserve gets very muddy – consider placing gravel in this location and formalising car parking to reduce parking issues in Sutton St (5)
Informal physical activity	Provide opportunities for informal physical activities such as kicking a football (4)
Dog excrement	Dog excrement is a problem on the oval. Also need better doggy bags (4)
Skate park	Consider developing a skate park (4)
Activities	Needs lots of things for children to do (3)
Dog obedience	Want to retain dog obedience club on site (3)
Irrigation	Need to upgrade sprinkler system and water the oval (3)
Toilets	Both formal and informal users of the site need to be able to access toilets – (3)
Vandalism	Site is prone to vandalism – passive surveillance is important (3)
BBQ	Repair BBQ (2)
Bindiis	Bindiis are a problem on the oval (2)
Community garden	Support for a community garden (2)
Kooris	Local Kooris need to be involved in the planning process. Site could include a bush tucker garden (2)
Maintenance	Site needs to be well maintained (2)
Multi-purpose building	Construct a multi-purpose building on site which incorporates groups such as After School Care. Should include a small meeting room and toilets (2)
Oval	Get rid of the oval as Council is building a new oval in the west, and turn existing oval into walking tracks (2)
Shade	Need more shade throughout the site (2)
Community	Need to provide something for people living in Echuca East, as there are few facilities available locally (1)
Community art	Consider installation of community art and a wall for graffiti painting (1)
Cricket nets	Upgrade the cricket nets (1)
Drainage	Improve drainage at the site (1)
Drinking water	Consider installation of bubble taps (1)
Exercise classes	Consider offering exercise classes for parents and children (1)
Exercise equipment	Consider construction of exercise equipment around the perimeter of the reserve (1)
Guide Hall	Guide hall should be retained (1)
Lighting	Need to ensure that the site is well lit at night for meetings (1)
Monopolisation of site	Concern by some that the site is monopolised by dog clubs (1)
Oval fence	Need better gate access to the oval (1)
Oval shape	The angle of the oval around its perimeter is difficult for people to walk on (1)
Pop up activities	Trial a few initiatives by using pop up activities, e.g. community garden, play space, etc. (1)
Utilisation by visitors	Visitors to Echuca may wish to use the off leash dog area (1)

13.3.4 Written submissions

Although not expressly requested, a written submission was received from Echuca Guides. Key points raised in this submission are:

Issue / Opportunity	Details
Oval	Consider more use of the oval area
Sports facilities	Consider maintaining facilities such as the long jump
BBQ	Repair the BBQ
Landscaping	Consider improving the landscaping around the site, adding more seating and developing a play area near the BBQ
Community garden	Consider locating the proposed community garden in the centre of the oval.

13.4 Possible grants

In order to fund proposed developments at Echuca East Recreation Reserve, a significant amount of funds need to be obtained. The most suitable funding programs that are currently available are:

Government Department	Funding Program	Maximum Funding Amount	Closing Date	Activities that may be supported
Department of Health and Human Services (State Government)	Community Sports Infrastructure Fund	<p>Minor Facilities Component: Grants of up to \$100,000 for facilities with a Total Project Cost of up to \$1,000,000 Funding ratio is SRV \$2:\$1 local</p> <p>Cricket Facilities Component: Grants of up to \$100,000 with no maximum Total Project Cost Funding ratio is SRV \$2:\$1 local</p> <p>Female Friendly Facilities Component: Grants of up to \$100,000 with no maximum Total Project Cost Funding ratio is SRV \$2:\$1 local</p> <p>NB: Council may apply for the maximum grant amount for up to three (3) projects from the above categories, with a maximum of two (2) applications from any single category</p>	Open now closing 1.59pm Thursday 29 th October 2015. Local Government authorities can apply directly to the DHHS, while community organisation can only access funds from the Minor Facilities, Cricket Facilities & Female Friendly Facilities categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unisex accessible change facilities. • Sports surfaces – new and/or improved surfaces that increase use or safety. • Sports lighting that improves participation opportunities and safety. • Play spaces, skate parks, BMX tracks or youth recreation facilities. • Multi-use recreation/meeting spaces. • Shared paths and trails. • Projects that result in energy or water efficiency, such as warm season grass conversions. • Multipurpose training facilities.
Department of Regional Development Victoria (State Government)	Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund Subsection:	<p>Infrastructure: up to \$300,000 with no maximum Total Project Cost</p> <p>Funding ratio is</p>	Program is currently open and is ongoing	Multi-purpose infrastructure, suitable and accessible for a wide range of business and community groups such as business hubs, co-

Government Department	Funding Program	Maximum Funding Amount	Closing Date	Activities that may be supported
	Regional Infrastructure Fund Stream: Rural Development Program	SRV \$3:\$1 other Over \$300,000 to a maximum \$500,000 with no maximum Total Project Cost Funding ratio is SRV \$2:\$1 other		working spaces, community and event facilities. Infrastructure that connects communities, links recreation to retail precincts, attracts visitors and promotes recreation activity such as rail trails and walking tracks.
Shire of Campaspe (Local Government)	Community Grants Program – Recreation Community Grants Program – Heritage & Culture	Up to \$5,000 for projects that have a focus on strengthening communities and assessed on the following criteria; Economic benefit; Project Sustainability; Community/Social Benefit; Council Plan alignment; and Partnerships Up to \$1,000 is available for Heritage & Culture /Grants	These community grants occur twice annually Round 1 – Opens in March and closes mid April Round 2 – Opens in August and closes mid September	The funding can be used for one off events or as seed funding to encourage funding from other agencies, but must demonstrate direct community benefit and have the following attributes: Encourage & support collaborative networks & partnerships Build creative communities & economies Promote community safety & healthy living Seek to maintain, restore & enable enjoyment of natural assets Enrich the multi-cultural diversity of the community An activity where all residents easily participate in community life Respects & values the contribution of young

Government Department	Funding Program	Maximum Funding Amount	Closing Date	Activities that may be supported
				<p>people</p> <p>Has a strong sense of local identity</p> <p>Are easy to participate in. provide enjoyable recreation & leisure opportunities</p> <p>Have a vibrant & diverse arts & cultural component</p>
VicArts Grants	Grant	Funding available is between \$5,000 and \$75,000. Solo projects will be eligible to apply for up to \$20,000. All requests of \$15,000 or more must have a minimum of 20% of the request in cash co-funding (e.g. generated fees/income and/or applicant cash contribution and/or other funding partners such as government, corporate, private etc).	Currently closed. This program is available biannually. The next funding round will be in early 2016.	Eligible activities include projects that encourage new partnerships or collaborations with Victorian industries, organisations and communities.
Australian Lions Foundation	General Grants	Grants requested must not exceed the funds being contributed by or raised by the direct efforts of the Applicant Club/District and are limited (\$ for \$) to a maximum \$15,000. Fund provided by the	Ongoing	Projects must be community based welfare projects. Only MD201 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs and Lions Districts may apply. All Grant Applications must include a letter from the Applicant Club/District to ALF and also a letter from the

Government Department	Funding Program	Maximum Funding Amount	Closing Date	Activities that may be supported
		Beneficiary cannot be included in the \$ for \$ calculation.		Beneficiary. The list of projects the ALF will not consider include: Club fundraising equipment of buildings Playground equipment (except for 'Soft-Fall' and shade covers)

Federal, State and Local Government grants and philanthropic grants and grants / donations from the private sector should be explored for the various components of the facility. It may be worth considering funding programs such as: www.community.grantready.com.au) for potential funding resources. Some examples of other funding programs that you may be able to access are included below:

- RACV Community Foundation Grants
- Creative Victoria – Education Partnerships (Artists in Schools)
- The William Buckland Foundation – Small Grants Program
- Community Sustainability Infrastructure fund
- Besen Family Foundation – Health and Welfare
- VicHealth – Active Club Grants
- Jack Brockhoff Foundation – Community Grant
- Aurizon Community Giving Fund
- Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
- National Stronger Regions Fund (Federal Government)
- Bendigo Bank
- ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program
- Endeavour Foundation Endowment Challenge Fund (EFECE) – Non-Profit Organisation
- Lord Mayors/Charitable Foundation - Capacity Building and In Our Community Grants
- Australia Council – Community Partnerships (Projects with Public Outcomes)
- Culture, Arts, Tourism & Community Heritage (CATCH)
- Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

13.5 Examples of dog park infrastructure



Figure 1: Dog Park Weather Shelter in Moscow, USA



Figure 2: Dog park mounds and tunnel in City of Playford, South Australia



Figure 3: Agility equipment at Free Spirit Dog Park in San Antonio Tlay, Mexico

13.6 Feedback to Draft Plan

ID	Source	Name	Group	Comments	Response	Notes
1	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like all of it, especially dog area. Dislike wetlands. High priority is the multi-purpose space.	Not Requested	Wetlands to be removed from plan.
2	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like all of it. Need sealed school pick up area. High priorities - multi-purpose building, off leash dog park, bicycle skills area, parking on Sutton St, bus drop offs, improve signage and landscaping	Not Requested	Additional parking will be made available on Sutton Street. School parking is an Education Department issue.
3	Online Survey	Brett Thomson	Resident	Like green grass and walking tracks. Needs AFL goal posts. High priorities - multi-purpose space, off leash dog area, cycling / walking paths, bus drop off, improved signage and landscaping. Name it Jack O'Neill.		Temporary AFL and soccer goal posts could be used on the site.

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4	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like renewal and upgrade, improved facilities and aesthetics. Thinks off leash dog area should be bigger and that there should be an oval. Doesn't support wetlands. High priorities - multi-purpose space, off leash dog area, cycling / walking paths, passive open space, accessible play space, signage and landscaping. Call it Echuca East Park.	Not Requested	Wetlands to be removed from plan. Open space can be used for a variety of informal sporting activities, but will not be full sized. Sports are catered for at Echuca South, Victoria Park and Echuca West (in the future).
5	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like multi-purpose building, dog area, bike area and walking areas. Doesn't want to see oval area reduced in size. High priorities - multi-purpose building, passive open space, play space, bicycle area. Need to publicise details of site managers.	Not Requested	Open space can be used for a variety of informal sporting activities, but will not be full sized. Sports are catered for at Echuca South, Victoria Park and Echuca West (in the future).

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6	Online Survey	Maree Harris		Likes just about everything - very comprehensive. May be challenging to have people share the one facility. After School Care will need its own room where equipment remains set up. Security for equipment in the building will be important. Need drinking fountains on site. High priorities - multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, cycling walking paths, passive open space, Sutton St car parking, signage and landscaping.		Multi-purpose space will be enlarged. Drinking fountains will be included at detailed design stage.
7	Online Survey	Nev Speight		Like that something is being planned. Doesn't look like it's catering for future users. Need more parking, change rooms and AFL goal posts. Doesn't support wetlands. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space.		Wetlands to be removed from plan. Site has been designed with both existing and future users in mind (taking into consideration what is provided at other recreation reserve), hence that is why spaces are multi-purpose.

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8	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like the fact that there is a plan. Felt that there was little information for the public and short timelines for feedback. Like the name Echuca East Community Precinct. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi- purpose space, off leash dog area, cycling walking paths, passive open space, play space, bike skills area, Sutton St car parking, bus drop off, signage and landscaping.	Not Requested	Noted.
9	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like all aspects of the plan. Everything is a high priority on site.	Not Requested	Noted.
10	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like walking track and off leash dog area separated from recreation area. Think multi-purpose building is too small - make it a hall. Doesn't support wetlands. Parking required along south boundary of school. Public toilets and drinking fountains required. Everything is a high priority, other than the wetlands. Needs football goal posts.	Not Requested	Multi-purpose space will be enlarged. It already includes public toilets. Drinking fountains will be included at detailed design stage. Wetlands will be removed from the plan.

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11	Online Survey	Not Provided		Needs football goal posts. High priorities - multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, passive open space.	Not Requested	Portable goal posts and soccer nets may be provided.
12	Online Survey	Peter Murphy	EERR Committee	Like bike and walking tracks, separate dog areas, bus parking car parking and recognition of East residents. Don't like demolition of guide hall, wetlands. Key to a good space is making it multipurpose and functional for all those wanting to use it with direct consultation to ensure it will suit users rather than trying to squeeze every idea into a single site and budget cap that ends up not being suitable for previous and future users.		More detailed design of multi-purpose space will occur prior to construction. Wetlands will be removed from the plan. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future.
13	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like green spaces and multi-purpose building. Don't like wetlands. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, off leash dog area, passive open space, play space, Sutton St car parking, bus drop off, signage and landscaping.	Not Requested	Wetlands will be removed from the plan.

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14	Online Survey	Not Provided		Plan caters for all groups. High priorities – multi-purpose space and off leash dog area. Where will funds come from and when will it happen?	Not Requested	As with all projects, funding will come from a multitude of sources.
15	Online Survey	Not Provided		Need a general purpose public hall. Don't support removal of guide hall. Everything is a high priority.	Not Requested	Multi-purpose space will be enlarged. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future.
16	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like the principle of the plan. Don't support wetlands. Quilters were not consulted. Would like to be offered a place in the hall with storage space. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi purpose space, cycling walking paths, passive open space, play space, bike skills area.	Not Requested	No contact details were made available re the Rich River Quilters and Friends Group. Group will be offered a place in the facility. Detailed plans will incorporate storage space. Wetlands will be removed.

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17	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like all components that improve the reserve, particularly trees and planting. Not enough information about the status of this planning study. High priorities - off leash dog area, cycling walking paths, passive open space, play space, signage and landscaping. Have 'park' in the name. Relocate guide hall to proposed multi-purpose building site and upgrade the guide hall.	Not Requested	Guide Hall is not in good enough condition to relocate and to extend.
18	Online Survey	Not Provided		Plans are excellent and well thought through. Like trees / shade, designated zones, playground, paths, amalgamated facilities, lighting and toilets for children. Don't like wetlands and don't want people to use the multi-purpose space for dog walking. Add drinking fountains, fencing for off lead area, water tanks to Lions Club and sculptures. High priorities - cycling walking paths, passive open space, play space, signage and landscaping.	Not Requested	Wetlands will be removed from the plan. Dogs on multi-purpose space will be a management issue, potentially resolved through signage and an attractive purpose built off leash dog area. Fence will be provided around off leash dog area. Drinking fountains, water tanks and sculptures to be incorporated into more detailed designs of the site.

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19	Online Survey	Travis Owen	Resident	<p>Likes the incorporation of current usages of the area along with the beautification of the precinct. The main Community Centre doesn't seem to be big enough for all of the current tenants of the area, not to mention have the ability to encourage other potential organisations or events. Need to ensure that both the multi-purpose building and multi-purpose space are designed to accommodate a broad range of user groups, activities and events. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, off leash dog area, cycling walking paths, passive open space. The key to a good space is making multipurpose and functional for all those wanting to use it with direct consultation to ensure it will suit users rather than trying to squeeze every idea into a single site and budget cap that ends up not being suitable for previous and future users.</p>		<p>Multi-purpose facility will be enlarged. All facilities have been designed to be multi-purpose.</p>

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20	Online Survey	Peter Mitchell	Resident	Like that there is a plan. Like greener and landscaping. Don't support wetlands. Mention history of other Echuca East sporting clubs. Include goal posts and lighting. Could provide back up to Vic Oval. High priorities are multi-purpose space, parking in Sutton St and signage and landscaping.		Wetlands will be removed from plan. Plan mentions need to remember history of the site. Portable goal posts could be used. There will be some lighting in more detailed planning.
21	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like off leash dog park (but needs to be fenced) and wetlands. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multipurpose space, off leash dog area, passive open space, play space, Sutton St car parking, bus drop off, signage and landscaping. Consider naming site after an indigenous person or a local native animal.	Not Requested	Off leash dog park will be fenced as per plan.

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22	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like that there is a plan but feel that it is more of a wishlist. Concerned that no budget has been made available. Want local indigenous plants used. Doesn't support wetlands. Felt that consultation was limited and opportunity missed to engage with indigenous community. Could incorporate indigenous culture in development. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, cycling / walking paths, passive open space, play space, bike skills area, mini wetland, Sutton St car parking, bus drop off, signage and landscaping.	Not Requested	Multiple phone calls made to indigenous community to be involved - no response. At least one indigenous person was involved in consultations. Standard protocol for master plans to identify projects and potential sources of funding, but not for Council to fund everything. Wetlands to be removed from plan. Local indigenous plants are likely to be used. Like all master plans, projects have been identified, but funds will need to be sourced from a variety of areas.
23	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like plans to beautify and make the site more welcoming. Doesn't support wetlands. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, cycling / walking paths, passive open space, play space, bike skills area, Sutton St car parking, bus drop off, signage and landscaping.		Wetlands to be removed from plan.

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24	Online Survey	Not Provided		<p>Likes the fact that it creates a usable space for the community and provide a space for kids to play outside. Need to link the reserve to walking / cycling paths. Should have activities for young families on the east side of the precinct and activities for older people on the west side. High priorities – multi-purpose space, cycling / walking paths, play space. Name should reflect outdoor activities.</p>		<p>Park should link to cycling / walking network. Demographics change, often people take part in multi-generational activities at the same time and park is not large, therefore don't support segregation of activities in the park according to age groups (where should a play space be located if a grandparent is taking their grandchild there?).</p>
25	Online Survey	Not Provided		<p>Like proposed improvements including the multi-purpose facility and the off leash dog area. Don't like location and internal layout of the multi-purpose facility including the reduction in toilets and showers. Don't support wetland. Don't want to see the oval reduced in size. Prefer play space to be located between school and kinder. Need to identify how site will be irrigated. Call it a recreation reserve. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, play space, bike skills area.</p>		<p>Multi-purpose space to be enlarged. Wetlands to be removed from plan. Play space needs to be in a location that has active passive surveillance. Irrigation will be reviewed (was provided in an earlier draft). Open space can be used for a variety of informal sporting activities, but will not be full sized. Sports are catered for at Echuca South, Victoria Park and Echuca West (in the future).</p>

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26	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like natural spaces, multi-purpose facility and attempt to meet multiple user needs. Don't support wetlands. Too many things on one site, thereby limiting its potential for kennel club show. Need deeper car parking on Sutton St to allow for trailers behind cars. Need showers and more toilets. Don't need two offices in building. Need more storage. Like the name Echuca East Community Precinct.		Wetlands will be removed from plan. Multi-purpose space to be enlarged. Need to consider whether it is appropriate to hold large events at a neighbourhood reserve.
27	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like walking paths and trees and the potential for more community use. Don't support wetland. Need a timeline for delivery of actions in the report. High priorities - cycling / walking paths, signage and landscaping. Should be called Grasshopper Park (the name of the old Echuca East football and cricket clubs). Consultation process didn't include posters at site or letters to people beyond the immediate boundary.		Wetlands to be removed from plan. Timeline will be dependent upon external funding opportunities.

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28	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like the fact that the park will provide something for people of all ages. High priorities - cycling / walking paths, passive open space, play space, bike skills area, mini wetland, Sutton St car parking.		Noted.
29	Online Survey	Not Provided		Good to see a refurbishment of a community area for multi use. No high priorities identified. Believe that it is best if it is not named after any particular identity as this could be a divisive issue within the community. Consider naming it "Grasshopper Park" or the "Friendly Park". NB: the whole of the area was originally known as the Friendlies Society Reserve.		Consider naming the reserve "Grasshopper Park".
30	Online Survey	Michael Napier		Like that redevelopment is planned. Multi-purpose building needs external storage space for trailers, BBQs, etc for all user groups - the size of a single car garage. Everything is a high priority. Like the name community precinct. Apex .club keen to be a co-tenant of the multi-purpose building - primarily for storage of equipment but		Multi-purpose space to be enlarged and consideration given to on-site storage.

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				also for occasional meetings.		
31	Online Survey	Tony Litt		Does not support wetland due to potential for flooding. Need to remove bindiis and fairy grass. No high priorities.		Wetlands to be removed from plan.

ID	Source	Name	Group	Comments	Response	Notes
32	Online Survey	Taylor Family		Like the fact that the site is being redeveloped and look forward to using it. Don't like wetlands. Multi-purpose building needs to be larger. Have both 'community' and 'reserve' in title. Involve community and school in development and maintenance. Existing buildings past use by date. Add angle parking along the bus turning circle a the bottom of the East School oval for school pick-ups and event parking. Install drinking fountains. Provide space for half pipe skate ramp, construct full sized hard court or a tennis rebound wall and plant large shade trees. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, cycling / walking paths, passive open space, play space, Sutton St car parking, signage and landscaping.		Wetlands to be removed from plan. Multi-purpose facility to be enlarged. Review parking. No skate facilities will be constructed on site as Council has contributed to the Moama Skate Park as the regional facility. There is already a hard court at the school.

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33	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like that park will cater for dogs, cycling / walking paths, passive and informal open space and that it will create a space that is for everyone to relax and enjoy. Think that bike skills area will bring youths to the area that will do the wrong thing. Don't like wetlands. High priorities - off leash dog park, cycling / walking paths, signage and landscaping.		Wetlands to be removed from the plan. Disagrees that bike skills area will bring youth to the area that will do the wrong thing. The park needs to provide something for people of all ages.
34	Online Survey	Not Provided		Like dog park and cycling / walking paths. Don't like skate park and wetlands. Like proposed name of the site. Want the plan to go ahead. High priorities – multi-purpose building, multi-purpose space, cycling / walking paths, passive open space, play space.		No skate park is proposed for the site. Wetlands will be removed from plan.
35	Email	G&L O'Keefe	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	Council doesn't own guide hall. Concerned that new facility will be too small. Concerned re affordability of renting the new facility. Don't support wetland. Need lockable storage space.		Multi-purpose facility will be enlarged. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future.

ID	Source	Name	Group	Comments	Response	Notes
36	Email	William Lahn	Resident	Concern over size of new facility. Believes that guide hall is in good condition. Believe that some facility users are incompatible. Radio station needs more space. Storage space required. Don't want bike facilities near a residence. Don't support wetland. The small outdoor activities need to be closer to the school. The bus entrance should be on the south end. The Multi Purpose Building should be more to the south end. Wants a 200m x 160m flat space for sport.		Multi-purpose facility will be enlarged and will incorporate storage space. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. The bike space is located between the pre-school and the school - not next to residences. Buses need to service the school and the multi-purpose facility, hence should be located at the north end, not the south end of the reserve. Open space can be used for a variety of informal sporting activities, but will not be full sized. Sports are catered for at Echuca South, Victoria Park and Echuca West (in the future).
37	Email	Ann Halden	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	Concern re cost of hiring new venue by Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc. Don't want guide hall demolished. Doesn't support wetland.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Wetlands to be removed from plan.

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38	Email	Colleen Wray	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	Concern re cost of hiring new venue by Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc. Don't want guide hall demolished. Don't believe they have been considered in future plans.		Craft group referred to is the Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc. No contact details were made available to speak with this group.
39	Email	Carol and Neil Ward	Resident	Support improvements to the Reserve, but are concerned that removing existing school car parking will be a problem for residents. Would like to see permanent off street car park for school and reserve users on the north boundary of the reserve.		Review parking.
40	Email	Valerie Collis	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	Support overall development, but is concerned that new hall won't meet needs of quilters or guides primarily due to probable lack of suitable storage for user groups.		Multi-purpose facility will be enlarged and storage issues addressed.
41	Email	Janice Richie	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	States that quilters have not been considered in new timetable. Concerned re cost of rental of new facility. Doesn't wish to see guide hall demolished. Doesn't support wetlands.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Wetlands to be removed from plan.

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42	Email	Denis Downey	Resident	Concern that proposed developments will cause more traffic, noise and devalue property around the area. Also concerned about security and privacy.		Research shows that property adjoining attractive areas of open space actually increase in value. The more a space is used, the safer it generally becomes. Usage of the park is not likely to change significantly. There is already an after school care program, a radio station, a dog obedience club, guides, dog walkers, Lions Club, etc.
43	Email	Lori Meincke	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	States that quilters have not been considered in new timetable. Concerned re cost of rental of new facility. Doesn't wish to see guide hall demolished. Doesn't support wetlands.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Wetlands to be removed from plan.
44	Email	Kerry Cox	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	States that quilters have not been considered in new timetable. Concerned re cost of rental of new facility. Doesn't wish to see guide hall demolished. Doesn't support wetlands.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Wetlands to be removed from plan.

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45	Email	Barbara Higgins	Rich River Quilters and Friends Inc.	Believes guide hall is in good condition and only needs some cosmetic work. Believe hall is owned by the guides, not Council. Notes considerable local fundraising to build hall initially. Agrees that the oval needs to be a more usable space for the community and that some of the old buildings need to be replaced. Would like to see guide hall retained.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future.
46	Phone	Gil Croch	Resident	Waste of money, trees planted have died, more maintenance, spend money on more footpaths around town.	✓	Noted.
47	Phone	Rosemary Mason	Property Manager Girl Guides Victoria	Had received concerns from local branch that hall was to be demolished. Advised that GGV "own" the hall.	✓	Advised that proposal was in draft form only and that Council would seek further conversations with Guides. Indicated I (Andrew Cowin) would speak with Denis Applebee.

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48	Phone	Denise Applebee	Echuca East Girl Guides	Was not happy with the consultation process with regards to the guide hall and expected further conversation. Public exhibition period too short. Could not possibly share facilities in new centre as proposed. Quilters group also use the hall. Hall in good condition.	✓	Advised that proposal was in draft form only and that Council would seek further conversations with Guides. Suggested that she send in a short submission outlining key concerns and requesting extension to exhibition period. Did not agree with her view that guides could not share facilities if adequate space and provision was made.
49	Email	Dianne Oliver	Rich River T.O.W.N Club	Believes that guide hall is in good condition. Doesn't believe that groups will be able to share the building. Is concerned re storage space. Wants to access building by 8am and is concerned that a before school program may use the facility at this time. Need a separate private weigh in room. Want a fully equipped kitchen for cooking demonstrations and catering. Concerned re potential increase in hire fees of a new facility.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future.

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50	Email	Michael Napier	Apex Club	Would like someone from Council to contact the Apex Club about the possibility of building a shed at Echuca East Recreation Reserve for meetings and to store equipment.		Council to contact Apex to discuss opportunities.

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51	Email	Marie Edwards	Echuca and District Kennel Club	<p>Would have liked the draft plan to go to the Echuca East Recreation Reserve Management Committee prior to being released to the general public. Support upgrade concept. Multi-purpose facility - needs more storage, two offices are unnecessary - prefer that one is used for storage, think that more toilets and showers are required, not sure if toilets could be used by After School Care program, building too far away for kennel club to use it for its annual two day event. Multi-purpose space - space is too small, want cars to be able to park next to green space, no emergency access to green space, need storage for temporary fencing on site. Off leash dog area - fully support, would like 6ft high fences and a gate for emergency services, but too far from building, power and BBQ facilities. Passive and informal space - like concept but too far away. Play space - would like it relocated in between school and pre-school. Doesn't support</p>		<p>Th usual protocol is that the draft plan would go to the steering committee before being released to the general public. Multi-purpose space will be enlarged. Need to consider whether it is appropriate to hold large events at a neighbourhood park. Wetlands to be removed from plan. Review parking - given that the space is primarily for the benefit of local residents, is it appropriate that a large area of the site is taken up for parking that is used on occasions by people from other areas? Play space needs to be in an area where there is good passive surveillance.</p>

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				<p>wetlands. Parking and access road - kennel club needs to be able to provide parking for 250 cars with trailers / caravans onsite for its annual 2 day event.</p>		

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52	Email	Amanda Kelly	Girl Guides Victoria	Lease on girl guide hall expired in 2013. GGV would like the lease renewed for a period of three years, with an option to renew for 2 further periods of 3 years. GGV would like the guide hall to be retained. Believes that guides will not be accommodated when guide hall is being demolished and prior to a new facility being built. Concern over potential rental fees. Need secure storage for records and equipment. Need to display honour boards, memorabilia and work undertaken by the girls. Need large floor space, showers and a secure yard to accommodate camping activities in the facility. Timetable of use is not suitable - would be clashes with after school care. Would like to further discuss the plan with Council.		The multi-purpose building will be constructed in a different location and in a different time period, hence if the guide hall is to be demolished, there would be no impact on operations.
53	Email	Yvonne Stewart	Campape District Manager - Girl Guides Victoria	Wants guide hall retained.		Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future.

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54	Email	Denise Appelbee		<p>Would like new facility located where existing buildings are currently situated as it would block vista and create too much traffic in one location. Like concept of wetland, but are worried about risk to children. Off leash dog area needs to be larger and located along Sutton St or Stawell St boundary. Don't support removal of trees. Don't support bike area due to demographics and potential for motorbikes - should have more facilities for older adults. Multi-purpose space needs to be larger. Consider a small outdoor auditorium. Would like a community garden. Want guide hall retained.</p>		<p>Position of multi-purpose building not suitable at far end for several reasons - current location ties in well with play areas and open space, is located in an area with good passive surveillance, would mean no home for any groups while construction occurs. Need to keep off leash dog area away from passive space (fenced off leash dog areas along the roads not suitable -need a quiet space away from active recreation and play areas). Bike area is primarily for children to learn to ride - would hold very little appeal for motorbike riders. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Community garden not supported by Neighbourhood House.</p>
55	Email	Tony Litt		<p>Does not support wetland due to potential for flooding.</p>		<p>Wetlands to be removed from plan.</p>

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56	Email - Pt 1	Echuca east Recreation Reserve Committee Management		<p>Grounds need to be irrigated. Don't support wetlands. Extend parking on Sutton St, on the south east corner and along the end of the school oval. Approve Lions Club shed extension. Allow Apex to build north of the Lions Club on Sutton St. Retain original shed and toilets for dog obedience club. Remove small dog zone to allow for Apex Shed and extend dog zone to other side of the trees on the north side of the track. Run the walking track further to the south along the fence line between the dog obedience and the boundary. Erect a 1500 mm to 1800 mm fence around the dog off leash area. Multi-purpose area to be a minimum of 30m x 30m and fenced to 900mm high. Move junior kick about area to space between school and pre-school. Girl guides hall to stay and be refurbished pending on agreement with girl guides Australia. Trees to be large shady and drought resistant. Not shrubs due to the school pre-school areas so close for</p>		<p>Irrigation to be reviewed (was included in earlier version of plan). Wetlands to be removed from plan. Support parking on Sutton St as per master plan. Support Lions Club extension. Council to discuss Apex Club's storage needs. Support a single unisex toilet and storage attached to the dog shelter for dog obedience. Don't support slight relocation of off leash dog area. Don't support walking track extension between two fences. Off leash dog area will be fenced as per plans. Multi-purpose area will not be fenced - temporary fencing can be provided as required. Junior kick-about area to remain at current location as bike park is planned for area between school and pre-school. Guide Hall lease to be discussed to enable continued use in the short term but with a view to demolishing the hall in the future. Trees will be shady and drought resistant. More detailed planning at a later stage will pick up landscaping, drinking fountains, seats,</p>

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				<p>chances of predators. Drinking fountains and chairs proposed around walking tracks. Lighting around walking area and buildings. The main building to be larger to accommodate two to three user groups at one time - possibly through use of petition doors.</p>		<p>lights, etc. Multi-purpose facility will be enlarged - but this will come as a cost to build and maintain. Separate toilet for radio station to be part of more detailed design work. Environmentally Sustainable Design principles will feature in more detailed design of the building. Multi-purpose building will be designed for all types of groups.</p>
56	Email - Pt 2	Echuca east Recreation Reserve Committee Management		<p>Need a separate toilet for the radio station. All buildings to be sustainable with solar power and hot water. All user groups to be able to use the multipurpose rooms and facilities.</p>		<p>See above.</p>