

CAMPASPE SHIRE RECREATION RESERVES ANALYSIS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Study Background

The Campaspe Shire is located 180 kilometres directly north of Melbourne and has a population in excess of 36,000 people. The bulk of the population is concentrated in the northern and eastern areas of the Shire. The main townships of Campaspe Shire are Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, Tongala and Rushworth.

The Campaspe Shire Council is committed to providing recreation facilities and services to residents throughout the Shire to enhance people's health and well-being and social connectedness. Council works in partnership with the community for the provision of many recreational facilities and spaces and now wishes to gain a better understanding of what its future role, responsibilities and focus should be through this ongoing commitment to the community.

Many of the sporting and recreation facilities available for community use are located on recreation reserves situated throughout the Shire. The standard, condition and relevancy of reserves is varied across the Shire due to a combination of issues, including changing community preferences for the type of recreation and sporting experience now being sought by residents, ageing infrastructure, and limited financial resources to adequately maintain and develop reserves. Further, Council is cognisant of the fact that there needs to be sustainable management arrangements in place at both Council owned and/or managed reserves and Crown Land Reserves under community management to ensure the continued viability and relevancy of reserves for community benefit.

Due to the above issues and Council's desire to undertake a Shire-wide assessment of the management and provision of sporting facilities at 31 key recreation reserves located within the Shire, Council engaged Stratcorp Consulting in July 2005 to undertake a *Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Analysis*. This Study Report outlines the process carried out to complete the study, including a description and analysis of the research and information collected, and the proposed strategy plan which identifies actions, responsibilities, timeframes and resource implications for its implementation.

This report is intended as a guide to community groups about the potential for development at the 31 Campaspe Shire recreation reserves included within the scope of this study. Whilst Council is committed to the development of sustainable community facilities, many of the identified and recommended projects will also need to be driven by local Committees of Management, user groups, clubs and/or the general community.

1.2. Study Scope

The Scope of the study included all sporting and recreation clubs/groups utilising facilities at 31 recreation reserves either currently managed directly or indirectly by Council, or Crown Land recreation reserves managed by community committees. Further, the needs and aspirations of all residents and age groups from within the Campaspe Shire had to be considered.

The 31 recreation reserves assessed during the study were:

- Bamawm Recreation Reserve
- Bamawm Extension Recreation Reserve
- Colbinabbin Town Recreation Reserve
- Echuca East Recreation Reserve
- Lancaster Recreation Reserve
- Lockington Recreation Reserve
- Nanneella Recreation Reserve
- Pine Grove Racecourse Reserve

- Echuca South Recreation Reserve
- Victoria Park (Echuca)
- Echuca Village Recreation Reserve
- Girgarre Recreation Reserve
- Gunbower Recreation Reserve
- Kyabram Recreation Reserve
- Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club
- Kyabram Racecourse & Recreation Reserve
- Northern Sports Oval (Kyabram)
- Kyabram Showgrounds Site
- Ky Valley Tennis Facility
- Rochester Recreation Reserve
- Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve
- Rochester Motor Sports Complex
- Rushworth Public Park Reserve
- Scurrah Reserve
- Stanhope Recreation Reserve
- Stanhope Public Park Reserve
- Tennyson Recreation Reserve
- Tongala Recreation Reserve
- Toolleen Recreation Reserve
- Welton Recreation Reserve
- Wyuna Recreation Reserve

1.3. Study Aim

The overall Study Aim was to provide Council with:

1. Clear guidelines regarding the level and standard of sporting reserves that Council should provide for residents.
2. A five – ten year strategy for the future provision of sporting reserves and outdoor courts within the Shire.
3. Clear standards for maintenance and development of infrastructure upon sporting reserves and outdoor courts.
4. Clear definition of Council's role in development and maintenance of facilities.

1.4. The Planning Process

The planning process used to undertake the *Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Analysis* included the following tasks or phases:

- Audit and review of 31 existing recreation reserves located within the Campaspe Shire.
- Assessment of current and likely future demographic profile of the Campaspe Shire and selected key townships.
- Review of relevant corporate plans and reports of Council.
- Review of National, State (Vic), and local recreation participation trends.
- Community and stakeholder consultation.
- Gap analysis and issues analysis.
- Strategy plan development.

- Client review and review of relevant sections of the report by respective Reserve Committees.
- Finalisation and Council adoption of the strategy plan.

1.5. Acknowledgements

Stratcorp Consulting would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Project Steering Committee for their input into the *Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Analysis*.

Also, the input, advice and information contributed by other people and groups during the study has been important, and includes Councillors, residents, representatives from Reserve Committees and sporting and recreation clubs, community groups and other stakeholder representatives.

Particular thanks are extended to Keith Oberin (Campaspe Shire Community Development Manager) for his assistance in providing background information and guidance as required.

2. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE CAMPASPE SHIRE

The demographic information for Campaspe Shire and smaller townships has been obtained from the following sources:

- *ABS 2001 Census (Source: www.abs.gov.au).*
- *Campaspe Community Profile, January 2003.*
- *Regional Victoria in Fact 2001, Department of Sustainability & Environment, 2003.*
- *Campaspe Youth Services Strategy, March 2003.*
- *Campaspe Universal Access Plan, 2005.*

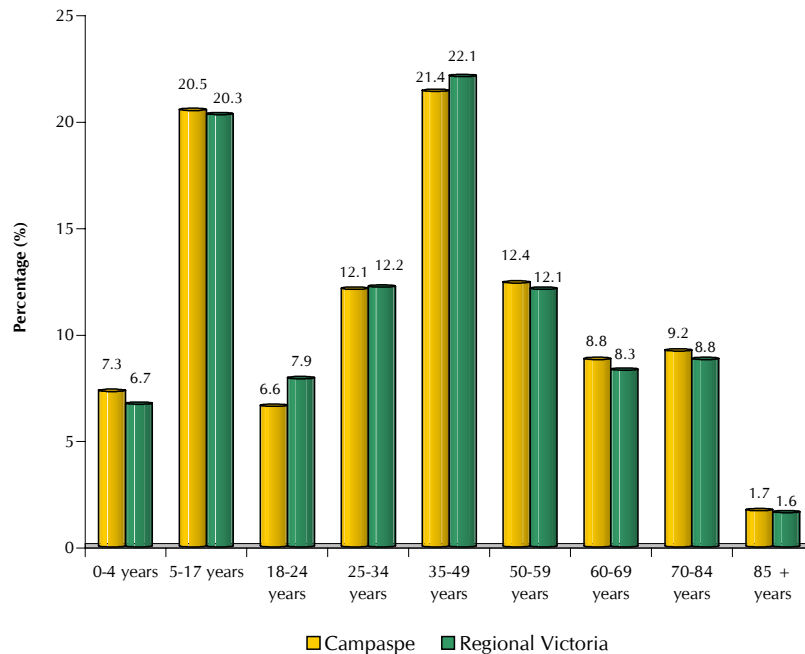
2.1. Shire-Wide Population

The following data reports the key demographic indicators for the Campaspe Shire.

2.1.1. Population and Age Structure

The 2001 population of the Campaspe Shire was estimated at 34,611, which is an increase of 1,291 people (or 3.9%) since 1996, and is a percentage increase marginally higher than all of Regional Victoria (3.5%). The population is projected to continue to increase to 39,412 in 2011 and 42,230 by 2021.

The following graph compares the 2001 age structure for the Campaspe Shire with that for all of Regional Victoria, and shows that the profiles of the two are very similar.



Age Structure - Campaspe Shire vs Regional Victoria

The main differences in the age profile between Campaspe Shire and Regional Victoria are that Campaspe Shire has:

- A slightly higher proportion of residents aged 0-17 years.
- A smaller proportion of residents aged 18-24 and 35-49 years.

- A higher proportion of residents aged over 50 years.

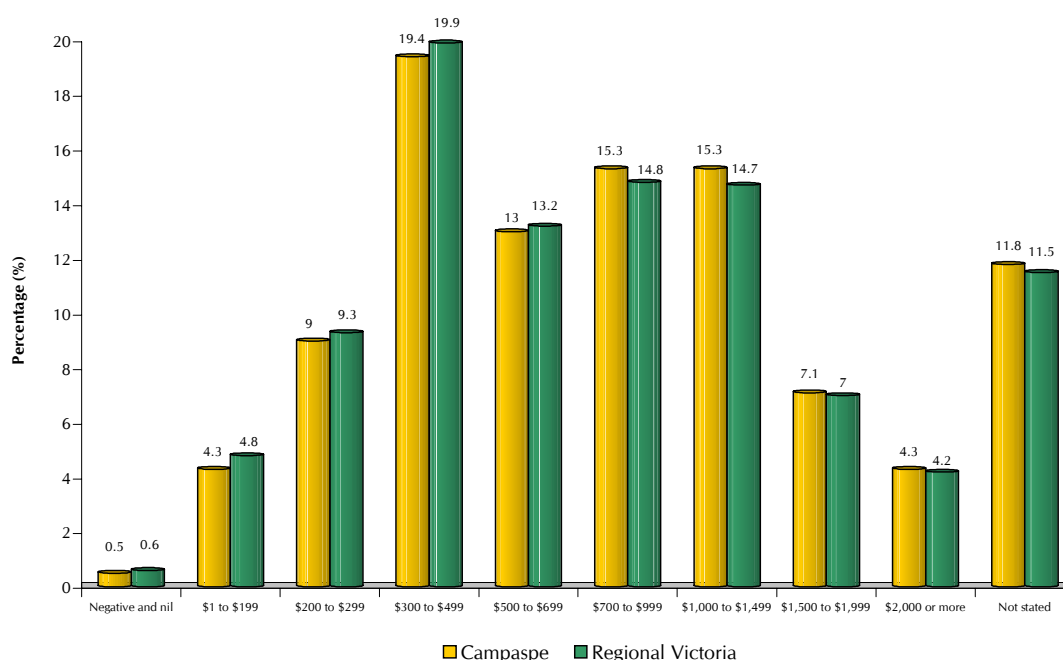
2.1.2. Country of Birth

The largest proportion of Campaspe Shire residents were born in Australia (88.9%), which is slightly higher than the average for all of Regional Victoria (85.0%).

Of those born overseas, the highest proportion was born in the United Kingdom (2.3%).

2.1.3. Weekly Household Income

The following graph shows that there is little variation in weekly household income between residents of the Campaspe Shire and those across all of Regional Victoria.



Weekly Household Income – Campaspe Shire vs Regional Victoria

The largest proportion of Campaspe households (19.4%) earn a weekly household income of “\$300 - \$499”.

2.1.4. Other Demographic Characteristics

Other characteristics of a community important in relation to the planning and provision for recreation opportunities include the level of disability amongst the population and the level of disadvantage of a population.

People with a Disability

Estimates from 1998 (the most recent data available) showed that 7,149 out of the total population approximately 34,000 (or 21%) had some form of disability, which is slightly higher when compared to other regions in Victoria. With an increase in the ageing of the Shire’s population, it is projected that there will also be a significant increase in the number of people with a disability who will reside within the Shire.

The most common cause of disability of all people with a disability living in Australia was a “physical” disability (estimated at 85%). The other 15% of people with disabilities were attributed to “mental” or “behavioural” disorders.

Level of Disadvantage

When compared to all other municipalities in Victoria, the Campaspe Shire is considered a more socio-economically disadvantaged area than the Victorian average. This data is sourced from the Socio Economic Index for Area (SEIFA)¹, which is a series of indices relating to the relative socio-economic well-being of a municipal area when compared to all others throughout Australia.

The SEIFA score for Campaspe Shire is 945.7, against an average of 1,012.0. For comparative purposes, the SEIFA score for selected other areas is:

- Average for all Melbourne Metro Area: 1,032.2
- Wodonga Rural City: 969.0
- Mildura Rural City: 939.0
- Central Goldfields Shire: 883.6

2.2. Township Profiles

The following data reports the key demographic indicators for highest populated townships in Campaspe Shire.

The table on the following page shows the population and age structure for each of the townships and shows that:

- Echuca is the largest community with 11,087 people (or 32% of the total Shire population), and has a slightly older age profile when compared to all of Campaspe Shire.
- Kyabram and Rochester are the next two largest townships and have a comparable age structure with all of Campaspe Shire.
- Albeit from a small population base, both Girgarre and Colbinabbin have the “youngest” age profile, whilst Gunbower and Toolleen have the “oldest”.
- Tongala, Rushworth and Lockington have unusual age profiles, in that each has a comparatively high proportion of its community aged under 14 years, and also over 65 years.

Township	Population	Aged 0-14 years	Aged 15+ years	Aged 65+ years
Campaspe Shire	34,611	23%	77%	15%
Echuca	11,087	21%	79%	17%
Kyabram	5,774	23%	77%	18%
Rochester	2,624	23%	77%	20%
Tongala	1,179	24%	76%	20%
Rushworth	1,001	20%	80%	25%
Stanhope	514	23%	77%	18%

¹ Data is extrapolated from the 2001 Census data.

Lockington	400	25%	75%	22%
Gunbower	283	17%	83%	18%
Toolleen	234	17%	83%	15%
Girgarre	214	30%	70%	11%
Colbinabbin	120	29%	71%	14%

Other relevant information concerning townships includes:

- All townships have a high proportion of Australian-born residents (i.e. > 82%).
- Rushworth has a comparatively high proportion of its residents (44.7%) in the 1st Quartile for Weekly Household Income (=lowest income), whilst Tongala (30.7%) and Echuca (31.6%) have the lowest.
- Echuca (1.8%) has experienced the highest average annual population growth between 1981 and 2001 and compares with growth of 1.0% for all of Campaspe Shire for a similar period.
- The average annual growth in population for the other five highest populated townships in Campaspe Shire during the same period are:
 - Kyabram is 0.1%, although for the most recent period of 1996 – 2001 there was population decline of -0.7%.
 - Rochester is 0.4% and has been relatively consistent for each 5 year interval.
 - Tongala is 0.9%, although for the most recent period of 1996 – 2001 there was population growth of only 0.3%.
 - Stanhope is -0.2%, although for the most recent period of 1996 – 2001 there was population decline of -1.9%.
 - Rushworth is 0.0%, although for the most recent period of 1996 – 2001 there was population growth of 0.5%.

2.3. Implications for Recreation Reserves Planning

Key assumptions from the above demographic analysis relevant to this planning study are:

- There is not likely to be any future significant growth in active sports participation across the Campaspe Shire (other than in the combined towns of Echuca-Moama – refer *Echuca-Moama Recreation Plan (2006)*).
- Conversely, participation in active sports is more likely to gradually decline as the population continues to age. The provision of passive recreation opportunities will become increasingly more important and should be investigated at the Recreation Reserves which are located in close proximity to (or within) townships.
- The “Anglo” sports of Australian football, cricket, tennis and netball are likely to continue to be the most popular in the Campaspe Shire, due to the relatively low cultural diversity within townships.
- The capacity of Recreation Reserve Committees, clubs and local communities to fund new and upgraded facility development projects at recreation reserves will continue to be a challenge as communities decline in real numbers and “grow older” (and leave the workforce), and building costs continue to escalate. As a result, Sports Planning Principles such as “rationalisation”, “co-location and sharing”, and “flexible

use" need to be championed in order to achieve a sustainable and achievable outcome in this planning study.

- Based solely on available catchment populations, regional standard facilities should ideally be considered for Echuca, and to a lesser extent Kyabram and Rochester.

3. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT REPORTS

A review of the current strategic planning documents of Council and other previous research was completed to identify key issues and recommendations relevant to the study. The key information from the review is summarised below.

3.1. Campaspe 2020

The Campaspe Shire Council has prepared this *20 Year Strategy* for the Shire as a whole and the individual townships to assist Council achieve the overarching Vision of

Building A Better Future

- By serving people
- By providing leadership
- By enhancing environment
- By encouraging industry
- By providing infrastructure

The Plan has gone through an extensive community consultation process and includes recommendations from current strategies, such as the *Small Towns Strategy* and the *Economic Development Strategy*. Key strategic directions relevant to recreation have been considered when formulating recommendations for the *Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Analysis*.

3.2. Shire of Campaspe Council Plan 2005-2009

The *Campaspe Shire Council Plan 2005-2009* is a review and update of the previous Council Plan 2004-2007, which involved extensive community consultation.

Council's **Vision** for the Shire of Campaspe is

People chose to live in and come to Campaspe because of the lifestyle and opportunities which are sustainable and vibrant.

Council's organisational **Purpose** is

Campaspe, in partnership with the community, will:

- *provide leadership and advocacy;*
- *provide cost effective quality services on an equitable basis;*
- *maintain and optimise competitive advantages in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, heritage and natural resources; to*

enhance the quality of life and opportunities for business, community organisations and citizens to succeed and develop.

Two of the four Key Result Areas of the Corporate Plan include Actions which are either relevant to or give direction to the *Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Analysis*.

Key Result Area 1: Social

Campaspe will plan for a prosperous, sustainable, creative and vibrant community that encourages participation, represents and responds to all interests to enhance the quality of life and well-being of all.

Actions Advocate on behalf of the community.
 Promote and maintain healthy outcomes for the community.
 Maintain and enhance recreation facilities.
 Assist communities to access government grants.

Key Result Area 2: Environment

Campaspe will provide leadership, resources and services to secure a sustainable environment which will meet the agricultural, urban, social, recreational and other requirements of the community.

- Actions
- Develop a plan for the future provision of public open space of parks, gardens and recreation reserves.
 - Enhance public areas.
 - Complete the Recreation Reserve Development Strategy.
 - Review maintenance standards for public open space.
 - Provide infrastructure that is responsive to the needs of the community.

Key Result Area 3: Economic

No specific Actions relevant.

Key Result Area 4: Organisation

No specific Actions relevant.

The Community Satisfaction rating for Recreation Facilities decreased by 3% in the period May 2003 (69%) to May 2005 (66%). The target for 2005/06 is 67%.

3.3. Township & District Community Plans

The process to develop *Town & District Community Plans* for the main rural communities across the Campaspe Shire was facilitated by Council's Community Development Officer in collaboration with local residents and community groups. All plans were prepared in 2004 and 2005, and the recommendations for recreation projects and initiatives contained within the plans have been considered as part of the *Campaspe Recreation Reserves Analysis*.

The following sub-sections outline the key recreation initiatives from each of the Community Plans which could in some way impact how a recreation reserve might be developed in the future. Any recommendations for enhancing recreation facility provision at reserves which have been supported through this recreation reserves planning study have been subsequently incorporated into the *Recreation Reserves Analysis Implementation Plan* outlined in Section 38.

<i>Project / Initiative</i>	<i>Stratcorp Comment</i>
Girgarre & District Community Plan (2005)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a skate park in Girgarre 	<p>The Girgarre Recreation Reserve is located on the edge of the Township and is therefore considered to be a little removed from the place of residence of a majority of potential users.</p> <p>However, the close location of the Reserve to the Girgarre Primary School and the availability of space at the Reserve on which a skate park could be developed, are advantages.</p> <p><i>On the balance of assessment, a site closer to town centre would be preferred, except if potential users (young people) were to endorse the Reserve as their preferred location.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bike track upgrade 	<p><i>Consider formalising a cycle link between the Recreation Reserve and the existing bike track route</i></p>

Project / Initiative	Stratcorp Comment
Gunbower & District Community Plan (2004)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve the Gunbower Recreation Reserve, e.g. introduce accommodation or camping facilities 	<p>Various improvement projects have been carried out recently at the Reserve, or are in progress, e.g. new multipurpose court, new time keepers box and installation of a playground. These should continue.</p> <p>Any proposal to formalise camping and caravanning at the Reserve will need to be fully investigated, especially in relation to developing a plan for campers to have access to the toilet and shower amenities (and their cleaning), possible damage and/or vandalism to property, litter collection and public liability implications. Would appear to be adequate space on the Reserve to set aside for this purpose.</p> <p><i>Formalising camping at the Reserve is not recommended to be proceeded with until a full assessment of the proposal is undertaken and a draft management plan is established.</i></p>
Kyabram District Community Plan (2004/05)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishing a Coordination Group to manage facilities within Kyabram 	<p>The concept is sound, as there is evidence of duplication of facilities occurring in Kyabram.</p> <p>It will be important for Council, all Reserve Management Committees and other recreation, sporting and community groups/clubs to fully support and commit to the concept.</p> <p><i>Recommended that planning commence for the establishment of such a group, by initially seeking feedback on the concept from groups.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of flood lighting at the Kyabram Skate Park 	<p>Floodlighting is considered an unnecessary addition for any skate park. Notwithstanding the capital and ongoing utilities' costs to operate the lights, it is considered that there is adequate daylight hours available all year round during which skaters can access the park for legitimate skate recreation.</p> <p>It is likely that lighting the skate park will only formalise the use of the skate park as a destination and meeting place for young people at night, to engage in activities unrelated to skate recreation.</p> <p><i>Project not recommended to be proceeded with.</i></p>
Lockington & District Community Action Plan (2004)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a Basketball Stadium 	<p>The need would be questionable unless undertaken as a shared-facility development with Lockington Consolidated School.</p> <p>It is noted that the sports centre at Bamawm Recreation Reserve is currently underutilised.</p> <p>Any feasibility study for the development of a basketball stadium should include an assessment of the capacity to upgrade the existing centre at Bamawm, and also to cover (not necessarily enclose) the existing multipurpose courts at the Lockington</p>

Project / Initiative	Stratcorp Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of physical recreation activities, such as walking and bicycle tracks 	<p>Recreation Reserve.</p> <p><i>Project not recommended to be proceeded with in the short-term.</i></p> <p>Any proposals for the development of walking and bicycle tracks in Lockington should consider utilising the grounds of the Recreation Reserve for part of the route and/or at the very least ensuring that there is a link to the Recreation Reserve from the primary route.</p> <p><i>Recommended that the Lockington Recreation Reserve be considered as a destination point during any future planning for walking and bicycle tracks.</i></p>
<p>Rochester & District Community Plan (2005/06)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish night tennis in Rochester 	<p>Lighting lawn tennis courts will not deliver a year round night tennis opportunity.</p> <p>The Rochester Lawn Tennis Club is currently developing a joint proposal with the Rochester Secondary School (located across the highway from the Rochester Lawn Tennis Club) to improve and extend an existing hard court area at the school to establish hard court tennis courts.</p> <p>A least preferred option is the potential upgrade and conversion of the existing netball courts at the Rochester Recreation Reserve to multi-use courts (netball and tennis). Whilst this option would maximise an opportunity to develop a shared facility, the location of the courts away from the existing headquarter facility of the tennis club is a disadvantage.</p> <p>A preliminary investigation should be undertaken as to the feasibility of the Rochester Netball Association relocating to the School site, to utilise the facility as a joint-use tennis and netball facility. This option may be a possibility due to the poor state of the Association's netball courts at the Rochester Recreation Reserve and the opportunity to share costs for a facility with other groups.</p> <p><i>Recommended that the Council, the Rochester LTC, the Rochester Netball Association and the Rochester Recreation Reserve Committee assess the possibility of upgrading the hard court area at the Rochester Secondary College to become a key tennis/netball precinct.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrading the Nanneella tennis courts 	<p>The Nanneella tennis court facility is currently in good condition.</p> <p><i>Recommended that the community continue to plan for upgrades, as required (as per the Community Plan strategy).</i></p>

Project / Initiative	Stratcorp Comment
Rushworth & District Community Action Plan (2004)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a skate park in Rushworth 	<p>Completed.</p>
Stanhope & District Community Plan (2005/06)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a skate park in Stanhope 	<p>The Stanhope Recreation Reserve is located in relatively close proximity to town centre and local residents.</p> <p>On this basis, and the fact that the Reserve is adjacent to the Stanhope Primary School ensures that the Reserve meets some of the essential site criteria as a potential location for a skate park.</p> <p>Various stakeholders associated with the management and use of the Reserve are supportive of the development of a skate park at the Reserve²</p> <p><i>Recommended that a skate park be developed at Stanhope Recreation Reserve, if future community consultation endorses the need for one to be provided in Stanhope.</i></p> <p><i>Recommended that the above proposal be referred to a Reserve Master Planning process.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of a multipurpose stadium 	<p>The Stanhope Primary School has prepared plans to develop a new indoor stadium space at the School (Sports & Performing Arts Centre). The Centre is to be located adjacent to the existing Recreation Reserve tennis court area. In the short-term, a covered multipurpose space is being considered.</p> <p>The School administration is supportive of the proposed new Centre being utilised by the broad community out-of-school hours³. This policy position needs to be ratified and supported as a long-term commitment to ensure that the Stanhope community, the Council and other stakeholders are not faced with the prospect in the future of having to consider the possibility of having to develop another indoor sports court facility in Stanhope (would be an unnecessary duplication of facilities brought on by an inability to resolve management issues).</p> <p><i>Recommended that the Stanhope community, the Council and the School administration continue to negotiate to establish a framework whereby the broad community and the School community can jointly use the proposed new Sports & Performing Arts Centre.</i></p> <p><i>Recommended that the above proposal be referred to a Reserve Master Planning process.</i></p>

² Community Meeting held 10th August 2005 as part of this study.

³ School Principal comments at the Community Meeting held 10th August 2005 as part of this study.

Project / Initiative	Stratcorp Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve / upgrade the netball courts 	<p>The netball courts are located within the Stanhope Recreation Reserve. Their condition is currently poor.</p> <p>The Reserve Committee and the Stanhope Football Netball Club supports an investigation taking place into the possible relocation of the courts to another site within the Reserve. It has been agreed between stakeholders⁴ that any new/upgraded netball courts should be constructed as multipurpose courts to allow joint-use as tennis courts. (An application for funding is currently being assessed under Sport & Recreation Victoria's Country Football and Netball Program).</p> <p><i>Recommended that a new site be investigated for the provision of two new multipurpose netball/tennis courts within the Stanhope Recreation Reserve, in order to replace the current poor quality netball and tennis courts at the Reserve.</i></p> <p><i>Recommended that the above proposal be referred to a Reserve Master Planning process.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a bicycle track around Stanhope 	<p>Any proposals for the development of a bicycle track in Stanhope should consider utilising the grounds of the Recreation Reserve for part of the route and/or should ensure that there is a link to the Recreation Reserve from the primary route.</p> <p><i>Recommended that the Stanhope Recreation Reserve be considered as a destination point during any future planning for a bicycle track around Stanhope.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erecting a playground at the Stanhope Recreation Reserve 	<p>Any proposal for the development of a playground at the Stanhope Recreation Reserve needs to firstly consider the current provision of playgrounds in Stanhope (including the adjoining Primary School) to avoid any unnecessary duplication in local areas of the design / materials used, the age group targeted, and the experiential value gained by the user.</p> <p>One possibility may be to simply relocate to the Reserve an existing playground in close proximity, subject to local resident input and support, and an assurance that community access to the playground will continue at all times (notwithstanding that on some occasions there will be restricted access to the Reserve coinciding with fee-paying events)..</p> <p>Any playground erected at the Reserve should ideally be able to be accessed by the visiting public when the Reserve is not being used (i.e. ensure good exposure to the Highway traffic). Further, any proposed playground location should be in close proximity to the area(s) where spectators attending sports events would typically gather.</p> <p><i>Recommended that an assessment of the current provision of playgrounds in Stanhope be undertaken prior to developing one at the Reserve.</i></p>

⁴ Community Meeting held 10th August 2005 as part of this study.

Project / Initiative	Stratcorp Comment
	<i>Recommended that the above proposal be referred to a Reserve Master Planning process.</i>
Tongala & District Community Plan (2005/06)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve Brose Reserve 	<p>The Community Plan has identified three improvement projects for the Reserve: the installation of safety nets along the Finlay Road side (<i>now completed</i>); relocation of the public toilet block; and providing an umpires' change room.</p> <p>These needs are consistent with the feedback received from the Reserve Committee representative⁵ and the onsite review by the consultant team.</p> <p><i>Recommended that public toilet facilities and an umpires' change room be developed at Brose Reserve at the existing change pavilion (and where possible, to combine these into one project).</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase the utilisation of the gymnasium at the Tongala Recreation Reserve 	<p>Any proposals to increase the utilisation of the gymnasium will need to be carefully considered in relation to OH & S issues which may result from the use of gym equipment in an unsupervised environment.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the principle of "opening up" recreation facilities for broader use by people who may not normally have the opportunity to use them, is sound. The management and operation of a fitness gymnasium for public use is a specialist service, which is typically provided by private contractors.</p> <p><i>Recommended that the Tongala Recreation Reserve Committee in conjunction with Council assess the feasibility of expanding the community use of the gym at Tongala Recreation Reserve.</i></p> <p><i>Recommended that the Council re-tender the contract for the management of the combined service of gym and indoor stadium (with the Tongala Recreation Reserve Committee of Management invited to submit a tender).</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of additional/upgraded youth recreation facilities in Tongala (tennis rebound wall, skate park, BMX Track) 	<p>The provision of informal (and free) recreation facilities for the broad community, including young people, is important.</p> <p>The existing BMX facility at the Tongala Recreation Reserve requires ongoing maintenance and development by the Reserve Committee/Council. Its location at the Reserve should remain.</p> <p>The extension and upgrade of the tennis rebound wall will provide an improved facility for all residents.</p> <p>It has recently been agreed that a skate park be developed on one of the surplus tennis courts at the reserve, providing a synergy with the BMX facility and the swimming pool (located in close proximity to the</p>

⁵ Meeting onsite at Tongala Recreation Reserve on 30 June 2005.

Project / Initiative	Stratcorp Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrading lights at Ky Valley tennis courts 	<p>Reserve entrance).</p> <p><i>Recommended that the BMX facility and the tennis rebound wall located within Tongala Recreation Reserve be upgraded and maintained to acceptable standards.</i></p> <p><i>Recommended that the skate park be developed on the hard court tennis court area adjacent to the Reserve access road.</i></p> <p>The Community Plan has identified the need to upgrade the lighting at the tennis courts (2 lit) to provide players with more effective night lighting for tennis use. The tennis courts are one of the key recreational facilities for the small community.</p> <p>This lighting upgrade was identified as a necessary project during the onsite review by the consultant team, particularly from a health and safety perspective, notwithstanding the improvement that better lighting will make for tennis players.</p> <p><i>Recommended that the lighting for two courts at the Ky Valley Recreation Reserve be upgraded.</i></p>

3.4. Shire of Campaspe Universal Access Plan (2005)

The *Campaspe Universal Access Plan* has been developed to assist Council in identifying opportunities that will enhance its services and facilities and eliminate barriers preventing participation by people with disabilities. The strategies contained in the Plan have been based on extensive consultation with relevant Council staff and the Shire's Rural Access Committee.

An important consideration in the formulation of the Plan was the fact that Campaspe Shire has an ageing population, which has a strong correlation with increased loss of physical and sensory function, i.e. increased incidence of disability.

The following Goals and Actions contained in the *Universal Access Plan* have informed the *Recreation Reserves Analysis*:

Goal: Increase recreational opportunities for people with a disability.

Actions: Ensure people with a disability are considered in recreation planning.

Create a working relationship with sports oriented organisations to encourage sports-related activities for people with a disability residing in or visiting the Shire of Campaspe.

Goal: Ensure the needs of people with a disability are considered in the provision of open space facilities.

3.5. Shire of Campaspe Public Health Plan (2004-2006)

The *Campaspe Public Health Plan* has been developed to promote and the maximum well-being of people living in Campaspe Shire. The following Objectives and Strategies contained in the *Public Health Plan* have informed the preparation of the *Recreation Reserves Analysis*:

Objective: To develop and maintain safe parks.

Objective: To promote public exercise areas.

Actions: Maintain the network of walking and bicycle tracks throughout the Shire.

Identify areas for the exercise of dogs.

Objective: To improve recreational facilities for young people.

Objective: To maintain and improve existing public toilet facilities.

The Shire has commenced a review of the current Public Health Plan and has recently published the outcome of a series of community consultative programs undertaken to inform the preparation of the new plan. The key findings relevant to this study include:

- Many people who participated in the research indicated that the look of their town's streetscapes, parks and gardens, and open space areas are important.
- The availability of sporting and recreational facilities was ranked 5th in relation to existing positive aspects of towns noticed by people.
- Future improvements mentioned by people:
 - Expand and upgrade walking tracks and bike paths.
 - Improve existing parks and gardens.
 - Increase the amount of shade in parks.
- There is a connection between good urban design and mental health and well being.
- Higher level of social and civic participation take place in areas where people hold a positive image of their environment.

3.6. Shire of Campaspe Youth Services Strategy (2003)

The *Campaspe Youth Services Strategy* was prepared to develop a strategic vision for the delivery of youth services by Campaspe Shire Council, and to identify a recommended service delivery model.

Research undertaken during the study found that:

- The highest ranked concern for young people was "inadequate activities and recreation facilities (such as skate parks and motorbike tracks)".
- The services most utilised in the past 12 months by young people were "Leisure" (ranked 1st) and "Leisure / Sport" (ranked 3rd).
- When asked what services young people needed, people from all districts of the Shire responded with the following most popular choices:
 - Sport and recreation facilities.
 - Places to connect and talk.

There are no specific strategies for increasing the range and scope of sport and recreation facilities or facilities either within specific townships, or across the Shire generally.

3.7. Other Shire of Campaspe Strategies and Plans Reviewed

The following documents were also reviewed:

- Shire of Campaspe Community Safety Plan 2004-05.
- Shire of Campaspe Arts & Cultural Strategy 2004-14.

4. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The following section documents various research outcomes relating to the management arrangements across the 31 recreation reserves. The data was obtained from a combination of sources, including club surveys, Council, and the Department of Sustainability & Environment. Information is reported on:

- Reserve ownership and management arrangements.
- Sporting club tenancy arrangements.
- Performance rating of reserve management groups.
- Reserve hierarchy.
- Council's Policy No. 93 - Recreation Reserves Committee of Management Grants Policy.

The results from these processes are reported below.

4.1. Summary of Reserve Ownership and Management Arrangements

The following table summarises the ownership and management arrangements at each of the recreation reserves.

Recreation Reserve	Council Land		Crown Land			Other (refer notes)
	Council Managed	Section 86	Council is Committee of Mgnt		DSE Local Comm	
			Council Managed	Section 86		
Bamawm Recreation Reserve						1
Bamawm Extension Recreation Reserve						
Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve						
Echuca East Recreation Reserve						
Echuca South Recreation Reserve			2			
Echuca – Victoria Park						
Echuca Village Recreation Reserve						
Girgarre Recreation Reserve						
Gunbower Recreation Reserve						
Kyabram Recreation Reserve						
Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club						
Kyabram Racecourse & Recreation Reserve						
Northern Oval - Kyabram						
Kyabram Showgrounds						3
Ky Valley Tennis Facility						
Lancaster Recreation Reserve						
Lockington Recreation Reserve						
Nanneella Recreation Reserve						

Recreation Reserve	Council Land		Crown Land			Other (refer notes)
	Council Managed	Section 86	Council is Committee of Mgnt		DSE Local Comm	
			Council Managed	Section 86		
Pine Grove Recreation Reserve						
Rochester Recreation Reserve						
Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve						
Rochester Motor Sports Complex						4
Rushworth Public Park Reserve						
Scurrah Reserve						
Stanhope Recreation Reserve						
Stanhope Public Park Reserve						
Tennyson Recreation Reserve						
Tongala Recreation Reserve						
Toolleen Recreation Reserve						
Welton Recreation Reserve						
Wyuna Recreation Reserve						
Total	1	6	2	5	14	3

Notes:

- # 1 Owned by Trustees.
- # 2 Some areas have subsequently been leased to user groups (Nestle Stadium and lawn bowls area).
- # 3 Part of the Kyabram Showgrounds site is leased to Council (Kyabram Sports & Entertainment Centre site).
- # 4 Site is leased to the Rochester Kart Club.

In summary:

- One reserve is owned and managed directly by Council.
- Six reserves are owned by Council but managed by Section 86 Committees.
- Two Crown Land Reserves, for which Council is the appointed Committee of Management, are directly managed by Council.
- Five Crown Land Reserves, for which Council is the appointed Committee of Management, have Section 86 Committees appointed to manage them.
- Fourteen Crown Land Reserves are managed by Local Committees.
- Three reserves have other management arrangements in place, i.e. leases or Trustees.

4.2. Summary of Tenancy Arrangements at Reserves

The survey sent to all permanent sporting and recreation clubs at each of the recreation reserves⁶ collected information on various factors relating to the current tenancy arrangements in place by Reserve Committees and/or Council at the reserves. The following table summarises this information for those clubs which responded to the survey.

<i>User Club</i>	<i>User Agreement</i>	<i>Annual Rental</i>
Reserves Directly Managed by Council		
Echuca United FNC	Seasonal allocation	\$825
Echuca FNC	Seasonal allocation	\$3,000
Kyabram FNC	Seasonal allocation	\$2,500
Echuca Cricket Club	Seasonal allocation	\$800
Echuca South Cricket Club	Seasonal allocation	\$440
Kyabram Cricket Club	Seasonal allocation	\$625
Echuca South Tennis Club	Seasonal allocation	\$560
Echuca Basketball Association	Lease	\$Nil
Echuca & District Netball Association	Seasonal Allocation	\$1,485
Reserves Directly Managed by Reserve Committees		
Colbinabbin Football Club	No	\$Nil
Girgarre FNC	No	\$Nil (Maintain facilities)
Lockington Bamawm United FNC	No	\$2,000
Tongala Junior Football Club	Seasonal allocation	\$100
Wyuna Cricket Club	No	\$Nil (Maintain facilities)
Stanhope Cricket Club	No	Yes (not known)
Rushworth Cricket Club	No	Yes (not known)

⁶ Club Surveys were distributed to all regular user groups at recreation reserves. Appendix 2 contains a list of all groups which returned a completed Club Survey.

User Club	User Agreement	Annual Rental
Rochester Tigers Cricket Club	No	\$650
Colbinabbin Cricket Club	No	\$100 (Plus cost of water and power)
Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club	No	\$Nil (Maintain facilities)
Tongala Cricket Club	Seasonal allocation	\$500
Kyabram Fire Brigade Cricket Club	Seasonal allocation	Yes (not known)
Rushworth Lawn Tennis Club	No	\$Nil
Campaspe Golf Club	Yes (Written Agreement)	\$800 (and maintain facilities)
Colbinabbin Bowls Club	No	Not supplied
Bamawm Ladies Badminton Club	No	\$8 per hour (court hire)
Bamawm Extension Pony Club	No	Not supplied

The table confirms that there is not a consistent approach currently in place across all recreation reserves in relation to tenancy agreements and annual fees and charges for specific sports.

For those sports clubs on reserves which are managed by Reserve Committees, the survey also asked whether user groups had membership on their respective Recreation Reserve Committee. Sixty-six percent of clubs (or 12 clubs) which responded to the survey had automatic representation on their respective Reserve Committee. Further analysis showed that there was no link between automatic representation and the ownership status of the reserve (i.e. Council, Crown Land or Trust).

Of those clubs which do not have automatic representation (6 clubs), a majority (66%) believe that automatic representation of regular user groups on Reserve Committees should be introduced.

4.3. Rating of Performance of Council and Reserve Committees

The club survey asked clubs to assess the overall effectiveness of the group responsible for managing the reserve at which they were a tenant. The management group is either Council (on those reserves directly managed by Council) or a Reserve Committee (could be either a Council Section 86 Committee or DSE Local Committee). The assessment was made using nine criteria.

Council Managed Reserves

The following table shows how clubs on reserves directly managed by Council rated Council's performance.

Club Survey Feedback – Rating of Council's Performance

Service	Total	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Average		Poor		Don't Know	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1 Responsiveness to Club enquiries/requests	9	0	0	2	22	6	67	0	0	1	11	0	0
2 Sports field / court maintenance	9	0	0	1	11	2	22	3	33	2	22	1	11
3 Pavilion and building maintenance	9	0	0	1	11	1	11	4	44	0	0	3	33
4 Coordination of allocation of use of grounds / courts / pavilions	9	3	33	2	22	1	11	0	0	1	11	2	22
5 Assistance in seeking external funding grants for capital improvements	9	2	22	0	0	1	11	3	33	1	11	2	22
6 Developing new facilities or areas around the Reserve	9	1	11	0	0	3	33	2	22	3	33	0	0
7 Keeping user groups up-to-date with information	9	2	22	4	44	1	11	2	22	0	0	0	0
8 Seeking input and suggestions from user groups about the development of the Reserve	9	1	11	2	22	5	56	0	0	1	11	0	0
9 Managing the risk of the use of sporting facilities	9	2	22	1	11	2	22	3	33	0	0	1	11

The results show that:

- Clubs believe Council is generally performing to expectation in the areas of “responsiveness to clubs enquiries / requests”, “coordination of allocation of use of facilities”, “club liaison”, “seeking input from clubs about the development of reserves” and “managing risk”.
- Some clubs believe that Council is not performing to their expectation in the areas of “maintaining sports surfaces and pavilion facilities” and “developing new facilities or areas around reserves”.
- Mixed responses were received from clubs about Council's performance in “assistance in seeking external grants”.

Reserve Committee Managed Reserves

The following table shows how clubs on reserves managed by Reserve Committees rated their performance.

(It should be noted that this information is not intended in any way to undermine or discredit the tremendous work carried out by Reserve Committees, but is rather a means by which those areas of management where improvement or assistance might be required can be more easily identified).

Club Survey Feedback – Rating of Reserve Committee's Performance

Service	Total	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Average		Poor		Don't Know	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1 Responsiveness to Club enquiries/requests	18	1	6	9	50	3	17	3	17	1	6	1	6
2 Sports field / court maintenance	18	5	28	1	6	3	17	2	11	2	11	5	28
3 Pavilion and building maintenance	18	1	6	5	28	3	17	4	22	4	22	1	6
4 Coordination of allocation of use of grounds / courts / pavilions	18	3	17	4	22	2	11	3	17	0	0	6	33
5 Assistance in seeking external funding grants for capital improvements	18	2	11	2	11	5	28	3	17	1	6	5	28
6 Developing new facilities or areas around the Reserve	18	3	17	2	11	3	17	3	17	4	22	3	17
7 Keeping user groups up-to-date with information	18	2	11	5	28	6	33	2	11	2	11	1	6
8 Seeking input and suggestions from user groups about the development of the Reserve	18	0	0	8	44	4	22	1	6	3	17	2	11
9 Managing the risk of the use of sporting facilities	18	1	6	7	39	4	22	2	11	1	6	3	17

The results show that:

- Clubs believe that Reserve Committees are generally performing to expectation in the area of “responsiveness to clubs enquiries / requests”, “coordination of allocation of use of facilities”, “sourcing external funds” “seeking input from clubs about the development of reserves” and “managing risk”.
- For the following services, Club’s varied significantly in their rating of Reserve Committees’ performances from excellent to poor: “maintaining sports surfaces and pavilion facilities”, “developing new facilities or areas around reserves” and “club liaison”.

4.4. Recreation Reserve Hierarchy and Annual Grant Scheme

Council Policy No. 93 – *Recreation Reserves Committee of Management Grants Policy* outlines a five tiered hierarchy used to classify selected recreation reserves and which is the basis upon which annual operations grants are determined for Reserve Committees. The five levels of the recreation reserves' hierarchy are:

1. Regional Reserve – Premier Ground.
2. District / Town Reserve.
3. Sub-District / Small Town Reserve.
4. Neighbourhood Reserve.
5. Boutique Reserve.

A description of each level within the hierarchy forms part of the policy and is attached as Appendix 4. Stratcorp has reviewed the description and has recommended some changes to the hierarchy and their respective descriptions (additions are noted in blue type, with deletions shown as ~~strikethrough~~).

The level within the hierarchy at which a reserve is classified is determined by the total score accumulated after rating the following criteria out of 6 points:

- Population of the town/district.
- Level of sport played at the reserve.
- Condition of the playing area(s) at the reserve.
- Condition and standard of other facilities and infrastructure at the reserve (e.g. pavilion/social rooms, car parking and public toilets).

The policy has classified selected recreation reserves into the five tiered hierarchy system. It is not clear how the reserves listed in the policy have been selected or why the other recreation reserves located within the Shire have been excluded. Ownership and management status appear not to be a determinant. Further, the current policy has determined that no reserve be classified as a *Regional Reserve*. Stratcorp, however, recommends that the Shire's key reserves should be classified as *Regional Reserves*, firstly, as it provides the upper benchmark for the comparative assessment of all reserves, and secondly, the term is a common one used by people to denote those reserves which people perceive to be their Shire's "premier" reserve(s). Using this rationale, Victoria Park (Echuca), Kyabram Recreation Reserve and the Rochester Recreation Reserve have been assessed as *Regional Reserves*.

The following table has classified all recreation reserves which were included in the scope of this study, in accordance with their conformance with the description (or criteria) for each of the five categories (as outlined in Appendix 4). The table highlights those reserves which were not included for classification in the original policy. Tongala has been reclassified as a *District / Town Reserve* due to the Tongala Football Netball Club not being an affiliate club in a "major" football league, and comparative reduced importance of the reserve from a Shire-wide perspective.

Where facilities or infrastructure at a reserve do not fully presently comply with the criteria of the classification for which that reserve has been allocated, specific notes have been included in the table identifying the characteristics which may need to be addressed.

Recreation Reserve	√ = Not Included in Current Policy	Areas of Non-Conformance with Classification Criteria
Regional Reserves (Premier Facility)		
Kyabram Recreation Reserve	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks dedicated netball change rooms
Rochester Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Victoria Park (Echuca)	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved condition of the playing surface and turf wicket on the main oval. Lacks dedicated netball change rooms
District / Town Reserves		
Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks dedicated spectator facilities. Netball/Tennis surface is failing.
Echuca South Recreation Reserve (oval & netball complex)	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks an effective irrigation system.
Girgarre Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball/Tennis surface is failing and position of central light poles is unsafe.
Lancaster Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Lockington Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks accessible public toilets.
Northern Oval - Kyabram		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball surface is failing in parts.
Rushworth Public Park Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks a good quality playing surface.
Stanhope Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition of changing rooms is not to standard. Netball surface is failing.
Toolleen Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors change room is below standard.
Tongala Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Sub-District / Small Town Reserves		
Bamawm Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of social rooms for cricket club.
Echuca East Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Gunbower Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks a good quality playing surface. Irrigation system is inefficient.
Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Wyuna Recreation Reserve		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oval lacks a perimeter fence.
Neighbourhood Reserves		
Echuca Village Recreation Reserve	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Kyabram Racecourse & Recreation Reserve	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Nanneella Recreation Reserve	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Tennyson Recreation Reserve	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Sports-Specific Reserve		
Bamawm Extension Recreation Reserve	√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil

Recreation Reserve	√ = Not Included in Current Policy	Areas of Non-Conformance with Classification Criteria
Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club	√	• Nil
Kyabram Showgrounds (indoor centre)	√	• Nil
Ky Valley Tennis Facility	√	• Nil
Pine Grove Recreation Reserve		• Nil
Rochester Motor Sports Complex	√	• Nil
Scurrah Reserve		• Nil
Stanhope Public Park Reserve	√	• Nil
Welton Recreation Reserve		• Nil

Two recreation reserves included in the policy statement but which were not included in the scope of this study were Koyuga Recreation Reserve and Torrumbarry Reserve.

Council's *Recreation Reserves Committee of Management Grants Policy* outlines the quantum of grant for each category within the reserve hierarchy. As previously stated, not all recreation reserves have been included within the scope of the policy, therefore, these reserves do not receive an annual operating subsidy from Council. Further, the policy does not classify any reserve as a *Regional Reserve*.

The total budgeted allocation made by Council in 2004/05 for operating grants to the 21 recreation reserves included within the scope of the Grants Policy was \$173,562. This allocation included:

1. \$144,202 being paid directly to Reserve Committees for them to independently manage annual maintenance requirements; and
2. \$29,360 being allocated in the form of either maintenance works provided directly by Council staff (at Kyabram Northern Oval and Echuca East Reserve) or a contribution to operating costs (at Echuca South Netball Complex).

The reserves identified in the following table were allocated budgets to cover annual maintenance and operating costs in the Council's 2004/05 Budget. These reserves are either directly managed and maintained by Council or have had a Reserve Committee established only recently.

Reserve	Expenditure	Income	Net
Victoria Park (Echuca)	\$25,540	\$6,404	\$19,136
Echuca South Rec Reserve (oval)	\$19,043	\$2,315	\$16,728
Echuca East Reserve ⁷	\$19,043	\$2,315	\$16,728
Kyabram Recreation Reserve	\$45,266	\$4,400	\$40,866
Kyabram Racecourse Res (oval)	\$6,093	\$372	\$5,721
Total	\$114,985	\$15,806	\$99,179

⁷ Actual Budget amounts not supplied – the amounts shown are estimates.

Based on the information available from the 2004/05 Council Budget, an estimated \$288,547 was allocated to 25 recreation reserves to contribute toward the costs associated with their maintenance and operation. The following recreation reserves/facilities included in the scope of this study currently receive no Council grants or other assistance to help Reserve Committees/Lesseees to undertake annual maintenance tasks:

- Bamawm Extension Recreation Reserve.
- Echuca Village Recreation Reserve.
- Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club.
- Kyabram Sports and Entertainment Centre (Kyabram Showgrounds).
- Ky Valley Tennis Facility.
- Nanneella Recreation Reserve.
- Rochester Motor Sports Complex.
- Stanhope Public Park Reserve.
- Tennyson Recreation Reserve.

4.5. Proposed New Directions for Managing and Funding Recreation Reserves

Stratcorp has assessed the current situation in relation to the management and funding arrangements currently in place for recreation reserves and in this section proposes a revised model for consideration by Council and other stakeholders.

The following is a summary of the current situation:

- There are 31 Campaspe recreation reserves which have been included in the review of management and funding arrangements undertaken in this study.
- The ownership and management arrangements for these reserves are varied:
 - One reserve is owned and managed directly by Council.
 - Six reserves are owned by Council but managed by Section 86 Committees.
 - Two Crown Land Reserves, for which Council is the appointed Committee of Management, are directly managed by Council.
 - Five Crown Land Reserves, for which Council is the appointed Committee of Management, have Section 86 Committees appointed to manage them.
 - Fourteen Crown Land Reserves are managed by Local Committees.
 - Three reserves have other management arrangements in place, i.e. leases or Trustees.
- There is not a consistent approach across all recreation reserves in relation to tenancy agreements and the amount of rental (if any) charged to user groups.
- Some Reserve Committees have automatic representation of user groups on the Committee, and where this is currently not occurring a majority of clubs support its introduction.
- Council established a grants policy in 1997 to provide a basis for allocating annual funds to Reserve Committees for the purpose of assisting them to meet maintenance and operating costs. The policy was reviewed in 2003 as a result of complaints and dissatisfaction received by Council from sporting groups which claimed that the policy was inequitable.
- The grants policy includes only 21 of the recreation reserves located within the Shire.

- The grants policy budgeted \$173,562 for allocation to Reserve Committees in 2004/05.
- A further five reserves received an allocation of \$114,985 in 2004/05 towards their maintenance and operation.
- There is no annual Council grants scheme which has the specific purpose to assist Reserve Committees, clubs and other tenants with the capital improvement and development of facilities at recreation reserves. Opportunities which are currently available to Reserve Committees, clubs and other tenants to source external funds for capital projects are largely restricted to Council's Capital Works program and the *Community Facility Funding Program* (major and minor grants scheme) offered annually by the Department of Victorian Communities (SRV).

4.5.1. Future Management of Recreation Reserves

As reported in Section 4.1, there are a variety of management arrangements in place at recreation reserves, irrespective of whether the ownership of the reserve is with Council, the Crown or other private group.

It is recommended That all recreation reserves in public ownership (Council or Crown) and with more than one user group be managed by a Reserve Committee.

That all regular user groups of a reserve will have one member automatically appointed to the Reserve Committee, and at least two members of the Reserve Committee will be community appointed representatives.

That Reserve Committee members be appointed for a three-year term.

That Reserve Committees meet at least quarterly every calendar year.

That Reserve Committees be required to enter into a **Service Agreement** with Council. This Agreement will require committees to provide Council with an Annual Financial Statement and an Annual Statement of Use which shall detail how the Council maintenance grant monies were expended, all activities and events conducted at the reserve during the previous 12 months, level of use of the reserve by the regular user groups, improvement projects carried out, and priority projects identified for the next 5 years.

That Reserve Committees have the authority to allocate use of the reserve to regular and casual users.

That Reserve Committees be actively involved in the planning and development of reserves. All proposals for the upgrade or improvement of a reserve will be coordinated by the Reserve Committee with applications for approvals and/or funding assistance also submitted by the Reserve Committee (i.e. clubs/user groups with specific improvement proposals for facilities will need to go through their respective Reserve Committee).

Rationale: To ensure a community management approach is encouraged and adopted for the ongoing management and

operation of a reserve, and that all user groups have an opportunity for input into the development of a reserve.

It is recommended That Council prepares a uniform and standard occupancy agreement which can be used by all Reserve Committees when allocating grounds and facilities to reserve user groups. This agreement to be based on Council's existing document, *Council Recreation Reserves Conditions of Occupancy*.

Rationale: Will ensure a consistent approach across all reserves in relation to the "landlord – tenant" relationship, role and responsibilities.

The document template will also provide Reserve Committees with a simple but formal approach with which it can allocate facilities, and which formalises each party's responsibilities.

The following three reserves are currently being managed by Council and need to have Reserve Committees established in the long-term:

- Victoria Park (Echuca).
- Echuca South Reserve (Nestle Stadium is leased to a management group).
- Kyabram Recreation Reserve.

It is recommended That Council initially establish Advisory/Reference Committees at Victoria Park (Echuca), Echuca South Reserve and Kyabram Recreation Reserve as a transition phase for the introduction of formal Reserve Committees (under Section 86 of the Local Government Act).

Rationale: Whilst it is acknowledged that attempts have been made in the past to establish reserve committees at these reserves, Council needs to continue its commitment to establish new committees. Establishing committees will ensure there is uniformity and consistency in management approaches across the Shire, and will further empower the clubs and community members utilising facilities and spaces at these reserves.

4.5.2. Future Funding of Recreation Reserve Committees

As outlined in Section 4.4, there are some Reserve Committees not currently receiving an annual maintenance or operating subsidy from Council, and there appears to be no consistency in the approach to setting annual rents charged to users groups by either Council or Reserve Committees. Whilst it is acknowledged that the arrangements which have traditionally existed in the past between Reserve Committees and user groups in relation to fees and charges appears to have worked reasonably well, there may a need to introduce a more formal arrangement to ensure Reserve Committees have the necessary support and resources to effectively manage and maintain reserves into the future.

The following proposals for revising the funding model for recreation reserves are designed to create a more sustainable approach for not only the day-to-day maintenance of reserves, but also the upgrade and development of facilities at reserves.

The funding model has the following four components:

1. **Recreation Reserves Operational Grant** funded and administered by Council to contribute to the cost of maintaining reserve facilities and spaces, which is based on the proposed new reserve hierarchy (refer Section 4.4). Single-use facilities/reserves will not be supported for funding with an Operational Grant.
2. **User fees** to be levied on user groups at recreation reserves with discounts on this fee applicable for those user groups which undertake maintenance works, such as mowing. User fees will continue to be determined by respective Reserve Committees, however, committees need to be mindful of the need to raise sufficient revenue to fund annual maintenance commitments to ensure facilities are kept at an acceptable and safe standard.
3. **Reserve Development Fund** to be established at each reserve by the Reserve Committee and funded by annual contributions from user groups. This is a new initiative.
4. **Recreation Facilities Improvement Grants Scheme** to be funded and administered annually by Council to provide Reserve Committees with an opportunity to access part funding for capital improvement projects at recreation reserves. This is a new initiative and will supplement the existing State Government funded community facility funding programs which typically result in only 2 – 3 capital improvement projects being funded each year in the Shire.

The Key Directions which underpin the development of the new funding model are:

- A move towards full cost recovery of all operational expenses incurred by Reserve Committees, including insurance premiums, maintenance charges, water and sewerage costs, and utility charges.
- Reserve Committees will be responsible for all mowing and building maintenance at their recreation reserve. In some instances, user groups may undertake such duties and receive a discount off their annual rental fee, or committees may chose to contract Council outdoor staff or local private contractors to undertake specific maintenance items on their behalf.
- Reserve Committees will be responsible for paying all costs associated with water and sewerage, where water and sewerage are chargeable services by Agencies.
- Reserve Committees will be responsible for paying all utilities charges, including gas, electricity and telephone, but will pass on these direct costs onto respective user groups.
- Council will subsidise the cost of maintenance of grounds and buildings at multipurpose reserves (through the **Recreation Reserves Operational Grant**). The quantum of the Operational Grant for each level reserve hierarchy will be determined by Council annually.

A condition of acceptance of the maintenance grant from Council will be that Reserve Committees agree to enter into a **Service Agreement** with Council and DSE (where Crown Land Reserves are involved) which outlines minimum standards, responsibilities and outputs from Reserve Committees, and which will require Reserve Committees to submit an annual acquittal of these funds.

- User groups will be required to pay a **ground/facility rental fee** to the Reserve Committee which will be commensurate with the level of competition the user group participates in and the standard of facilities available. This fee will be determined by respective Reserve Committees.
- The playing surfaces at Victoria Park and Kyabram Recreation Reserve (recreation reserves classified as *Regional Reserves*) will be maintained by Council to ensure an appropriate high standard of maintenance is achieved commensurate with the level of competition played at these reserves. For Rochester Recreation Reserve, the Reserve Committee will be required to continue to maintain the reserve to a standard as outlined in the proposed Service Agreement. In the event that the Reserve Committee was unable to consistently achieve such standard, then Council may consider bringing the maintenance in-house, and reducing/ceasing any current annual operating grant.

Additional use of these reserves will be actively pursued and encouraged for one-off activities and events beyond the regular use by user groups to provide sport development opportunities for other sports in the Shire and to provide audience/spectator opportunities for residents of sporting events/activities not typically available to Shire residents (e.g. AFL/VFL practice matches, Premier Cricket matches, and Football Federation Victoria (soccer) practice matches, etc).

- All regular user groups at recreation reserves will be required to contribute to a **Reserve Development Fund** set up for each recreation reserve by their respective Reserve Committee. The amount contributed by each user group will be determined by respective committees, but is recommended to be *10% of a user group's total (audited) annual turnover, or \$500 - whichever is the greater amount*. Reserve Committees will need to provide an annual audited statement to Council showing the transactions of this Fund.
- The proposed **Recreation Facilities Improvement Grants Scheme** to be funded and administered annually by Council will have an annual allocation to be determined by Council. It is recommended to commence at a level of \$100,000 with maximum grants of \$25,000, but which will require matching funding before approval is granted. It is proposed that similar criteria to SRV's Minor Facilities Grants Scheme be used in relation to the assessment process. Council may consider targeting specific development/improvement projects at reserves with some of this grant allocation, such as provision of shade/shelter, purchase of ground maintenance equipment, development of umpires rooms, etc.

5. OVERVIEW OF RESERVE AUDIT AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

Each of the sections between Sections 6 to 36 deals with an individual recreation reserve. The reserves have been predominantly listed in alphabetical order, except where a group of reserves are located in one township and in these instances all reserves within that township have been grouped together.

The information gathered for each recreation reserve has been collated and presented in a similar format, and includes sub-sections identifying the following:

1. Reserve ownership.
2. Management arrangements.
3. Reserve facilities inventory.
4. Reserve user groups.
5. List of “Issues and Opportunities” for facility and service improvements as identified from the following sources:
 - Observations by the consultant team during site visits.
 - Onsite meetings with Reserve Committee representatives⁸.
 - Feedback received from Club Surveys⁹.
 - Feedback received from Community Meetings¹⁰.
 - Feedback received from Reserve Committees at draft report stage.
6. Recommended infrastructure improvement projects for the reserve.

The infrastructure improvement projects have been prioritised, assigned a responsible organisation(s) for funding and/or implementation, and have been costed (estimated). The method used to calculate these factors is included in Section 38 Recreation Reserves Analysis Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan has collated all recommended reserve improvement projects into one table.

Further, a set of Principles to underpin future recreation and sport facility development (new and upgrades) has been recommended in the following sub-section.

⁸ Appendix 1 contains a list of those recreation reserves at which an onsite meeting was able to be arranged during the period 29-30 June and 1 July 2005, the period when the consultant team conducted the reserve audits.

⁹ Club Surveys were distributed to all regular user groups at recreation reserves. Appendix 2 contains a list of all groups which returned a completed Club Survey.

¹⁰ Appendix 3 contains a table which shows the schedule of Community Meetings held during the study and the list of attendees, and another table which outlines other meetings and interviews conducted during the Echuca-Moama Recreation Plan study (2005) with stakeholders from the Echuca-based recreation reserves.

5.1. Principles for Future Facility Development

The following Principles should guide future processes undertaken by both Council and Reserve Committees when assessing the merits, or otherwise, of proposed future upgrade projects and future projects to develop new facilities.

1. 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).
2. Maximise opportunities for joint facility development with other user groups, community groups and stakeholders (partnerships).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Utilise environmentally sustainable design standards for all new and upgraded facilities (e.g. energy-efficient, water-wise, use of recycled materials, etc).
6. Facilities will be designed and developed to encourage and to accommodate use by people with special needs.

6. BAMAWM RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Owned in Trust

Management: Trustees

Trustees maintain common areas and the sports centre.

Lockington Bamawm Cricket Club is responsible for mowing and maintaining the oval.

Bamawm Lawn Tennis Club is responsible for mowing and maintaining the tennis courts.

6.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cricket oval (turf) • 2 synthetic cricket nets • 15 lawn tennis courts • Bamawm Sports Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 1 multipurpose indoor court (basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton) – Kitchen – Upstairs viewing area – Player change rooms <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated scoreboard and timekeepers box • Tennis clubrooms • Playground/BBQ area at tennis area <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club • Bamawm Lawn Tennis Club • Bamawm Ladies Social Badminton Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School and local residents utilise the sports centre

6.2. Issues and Opportunities

6.2.1. Features and Issues

- Oval and tennis courts in good condition and well maintained.
- The sports centre is “spartan” (concrete floor) and the run-off area between the court and the spectator box seating is too narrow (safety risk for players).
- The sports centre is underutilised and therefore lacks income to be properly maintained.
- Cricket club does not have a clubroom and lacks equipment storage area.
- Sports ground lacks shaded areas for cricket spectators.

6.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Upgrade sports centre.
(Stratcorp: There would have to be considerable resurgence of interest in indoor sports from people within the surrounding district for any upgrade to be justified, particularly given that the Lockington & District Community Action Plan has identified a project for the development of a multipurpose indoor centre for Lockington township).
- Upgrade cricket practice nets.
- Identify options for developing cricket clubrooms.
(Stratcorp: Any proposal for new cricket clubrooms at the Reserve should be incorporated as part of the stadium building (e.g. kitchen area) to minimise unnecessary duplication of community buildings on the Reserve).

6.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Bamawm Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Investigate options for and the feasibility of upgrading the Bamawm Sports Centre	M	\$5,000	CoM / Council
Identify options for developing cricket clubrooms as part of the Sports Centre	L	\$100,000	CoM / Club / SRV
Upgrade the cricket practice nets	M	\$7,500	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$112,500	

7. BAMAWM EXTENSION RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land
Management: Local Committee
 Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

7.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Australian football oval (not currently used for football or cricket) 2 equestrian areas (1 sand, 1 grass) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bamawm Extension Pony Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equestrian clubrooms 	<u>Other Groups</u> Nil
<u>Other Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Centre 	

7.2. Issues and Opportunities

7.2.1. Features and Issues

- Equestrian areas were previously tennis courts.
- The oval is in good condition and the equestrian areas are in good condition and to a State-level standard¹¹.
- Reserve requires a gate to assist security.
- Equestrian clubrooms require upgrade (i.e. condition of toilets is poor and there is a lack of drinking water).

7.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Make Reserve more secure (front gate).
- Improve the condition and amenity of the clubroom.

¹¹ As assessed by the Bamawm Extension Pony Club Secretary.

7.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Bamawm Extension Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Install a secure gate at the reserve entry	L	\$3,500	CoM / Club
Upgrade the equestrian clubroom (includes toilets and connections to access drinking water)	M	\$40,000	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$43,500	

8. COLBINABBIN TOWN RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Local Committee

Reserve Committee manage all facilities other than the outdoor pool and coordinate major upgrade and improvement projects of facilities across the Reserve.

All clubs and groups are responsible for maintaining the respective sports areas and buildings which they use.

The outdoor pool is managed by a Contractor under supervision of Council.

8.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 1 cricket practice net (synthetic) • 2 plexipave tennis courts • 2 multipurpose asphalt tennis/netball courts • 1 bowls green (turf) <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion (player / pool change rooms) • Bowls/tennis clubrooms • Scoreboard • Combined tennis/netball shelter and public toilets • Playground <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community swimming pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 25m x 6 lane main pool – Toddlers pool • Kindergarten 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colbinabbin Football Netball Club • Colbinabbin Cricket Club • Colbinabbin Tennis Club • Colbinabbin Bowls Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten • Colbinabbin Primary School • Informal walking groups • Disabilities group

8.2. Issues and Opportunities

8.2.1. Features and Issues

- The pavilion is a change room (football/cricket/pool users) and canteen facility only – there is no dedicated football / netball and cricket social area, nor access for people with disabilities
- Tennis / netball court surfaces are in average condition (cracking).
- Oval surface in good condition (automated irrigation system).
- Reserve is in a good setting with the creek located along the eastern boundary.
- The Reserve is used by travellers as a “town park and rest stop”.

- Residents have expressed a need to fence the playground to ensure the safety of children.
- Swimming pool management issues.

8.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The Reserve Committee has identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Extension and upgrade of the existing pavilion to provide social rooms (floor plans have been prepared), separate change rooms for pool users and sports ground users, a dedicated medical/first aid room, a verandah to provide shade and shelter for players (cricket) and spectators, and access for people with disabilities.
 - Maintenance items for some buildings, such as painting, replacement of fascia boards, improve ventilation in the shower areas, etc.
 - Upgrade the kitchen and install a new bar area in the bowls/tennis clubrooms.
 - Re-surfacing of the tennis/netball courts.
 - Re-fence the tennis/netball courts.
 - Demolish the existing netball shed and replace it with a more effective shade and shelter facility (with new public toilets) for the netball and tennis area.
 - Better provision of umpires change rooms.
 - Upgrade the amenity of the pool area.
 - Upgrade the toilets servicing the kindergarten.
 - Seal the access road to the tennis, netball and bowls area.
 - Installation of second cricket practice net.
 - Formalise the internal traffic circulation and car parking, and develop a defined walking track.
 - Provide a security gate to the time keeper's box.
 - Fence off the playground to improve the safety of children.
- Upgrade and repair the wooden pedestrian bridge, and have it linked to a formed walking track between town centre and the Reserve.
- Upgrade the power supply to the Reserve.
- Upgrade oval lighting to permit installation of two lighting towers and improve lighting to other areas of the Reserve.
- Install strategically placed safety/security lighting at various locations around the Reserve and to the wooden pedestrian bridge walking track (across Waranga Western Channel).
- Installation of picnic tables/seating to provide increased amenity for public use.

8.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Colbinabbin Town Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Extend and upgrade the oval pavilion (Review current plan to provide social rooms, a separate medical room, improved umpires change, access for people with disabilities, and an undercover spectator area through possible extension of the existing verandah. During design development, and if funding permits, consider separate change rooms for pool users and sports ground users)	H	\$330,000	CoM / Clubs / Council / SRV
Upgrade the bowls/tennis clubroom (kitchen and bar area)	L	\$45,000	Clubs/ CoM
Resurface the netball/tennis courts	M	\$40,000	Clubs / CoM
Re-fence the netball/tennis courts	M	\$20,000	Clubs / CoM
Demolish the existing netball shed and replace it with a new shade and shelter facility (with new public toilets)	H	\$120,000	CoM / Clubs / Council / SRV
Upgrade the toilets in the kindergarten building	M	\$25,000	CoM / Council
Seal (hot mix) the section of the Reserve access road between the Reserve entry and the kindergarten	L	\$90,000	Clubs / CoM
Formalise the pedestrian link between the Reserve and Town Centre (including upgrade of pedestrian bridge across Waranga Western Channel)	M	\$45,000	Council / SRV
Provide a security gate to the time keeper's box	M	\$2,000	Council / CoM
Install a fence around the playground	M	\$7,000	Council / CoM
Upgrade power supply to the Reserve	H	Not costed	Council / COM
Upgrade oval lighting by installation of two lighting towers	H	\$50,000	Council / COM
Install strategically placed safety/security lighting at various locations around the Reserve and to the wooden pedestrian bridge and walking track	M	Not costed	Council / COM
Installation of picnic tables/seating to provide increased amenity for public use.	L	\$3,500	Council
Sub-Total		\$777,500	

9. ECHUCA EAST RECREATION RESERVE

- Ownership: Crown Land
- Management: Council is Committee of Management (Section 86 Committee in place)
Council maintains the oval (mowing and irrigation).
Reserve Committee undertakes building maintenance.

9.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 2 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • Double hard court area currently being used as a hockey training facility (synthetic & lit) <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change room building • Multipurpose room • Playground and picnic facilities (adjoining park) <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide Hall • Lions Club storage shed 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koori Cricket Club • Echuca Moama Hockey Club • Koori AusKick <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca Guides • Echuca Obedience Dog Club • Echuca & District Kennel Club • Echuca Lions Club • Echuca Holiday and After School Care Program • Echuca East Primary School • Echuca-Moama FM (community radio)

9.2. Issues and Opportunities

9.2.1. Features and Issues

- The formation of the Reserve provides for elevated, angled parking to enhance spectator viewing of the oval.
- Oval surface is in poor condition.
- There is 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.

9.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Reserve entry lacks focus.
- Reserve Committee has a landscape master plan which identifies the following key projects over the next 5 years:
 - Install a playground adjacent to the Reserve buildings (to supplement the aftercare programs).

- Install and BBQ facility in the park.
- Develop a formed walking track around the Reserve.
- Additional tree plantings across the Reserve to improve the landscape amenity.

9.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Echuca East Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Formalise the reserve entry through improved signage and landscaping	L	\$5,000	Council / CoM
Install a playground near the after care program building	M	\$35,000	Council / Stakeholders
Develop a gravel walking track around the reserve	M	\$17,500	CoM / Council
Undertake additional tree planting around the reserve	H	\$2,500	CoM
Install a BBQ in the park area of the reserve	H	\$5,000	CoM / Council
Sub-Total		\$65,000	

10. ECHUCA SOUTH RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Council is Committee of Management

Council has leased the lawn bowling area to the City of Echuca Bowls Club which is responsible for all grounds and buildings maintenance.

Council has appointed Echuca Basketball Stadium Management to operate and manage the Nestle Stadium on its behalf, however, Council is responsible for major maintenance items.

Council undertakes overall management of the remaining recreation areas on the Reserve, being the sports ground and the netball/tennis court area and undertakes building maintenance:

- Council maintains the oval (except the turf wicket which is maintained by the Echuca South Cricket Club).
- The oval and the netball/tennis courts are allocated seasonally by Council to the user groups.

10.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 3 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • 10 plexipave netball/tennis courts (4 lit) • 4 turf bowling greens (2 lit) • Nestle Stadium, comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 3 basketball/netball courts – or 4 volleyball courts – or 6 badminton courts – Terraced seating – Multipurpose room <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports oval area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pavilion incorporating player change rooms and social rooms – Spectator shed • Clubroom for netball/tennis area • Clubroom for lawn bowls area <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca United Football Netball Club • Echuca South Cricket Club • Echuca & District Netball Association • Echuca South Tennis Club • City of Echuca Bowls Club • Echuca Basketball Association <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca Basketball Stadium Management • Echuca South Primary School • Echuca Secondary College • St Josephs College • Echuca Specialist School

10.2. Issues and Opportunities

10.2.1. Features and Issues

- The diversity of sports and activities available at Echuca South Recreation Reserve is a strength of the site. However, there is currently no representative group in place to unite the existing user groups to assist them in their co-location of the site and advocacy to Council, amongst other things.
- The general quality of all sports areas and support buildings across the whole Reserve is good, with the exceptions being:
 - The poor surface of the netball/tennis courts.
 - The poor condition of the surface of the oval (grass cover is patchy, irrigation system is inadequate).

10.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The user groups have identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Resurfacing of the netball/tennis courts (*project is underway*).
 - Floodlighting for an additional 2 netball courts (to make it 6 lit courts).
 - The Echuca United Football Netball Club has identified a need to develop 2 outdoor netball courts within the sports ground area of the Reserve to facilitate improved access to netball training and competition facilities. (*Stratcorp: This project is not considered necessary as access to indoor and outdoor netball courts is available at the adjoining stadium and netball/tennis complex. The solution to facilitating access to these courts is to negotiate an appropriate agreement between the Council, the Echuca & District Netball Association and Echuca Basketball Stadium Management*).
 - Upgrade the irrigation system and the floodlighting at the sports ground.
 - Seal the access road around the sports ground.
 - Upgrade the kitchen servicing the social rooms at the sports ground.
 - Condition of the basketball rings and supporting infrastructure in the Nestle Stadium are poor.
 - The Echuca Basketball Stadium Management is advocating for the development of three new squash courts at the Stadium (i.e. to replace the two existing ones at the Echuca Secondary College).

10.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Echuca South Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
New flood lights for 2 netball/tennis courts	H	\$30,000	Assoc / SRV
Resurface the netball/tennis courts	H	\$100,000	Council / Assoc
Upgrade the irrigation system for the oval	M	\$20,000	Council / Club
Upgrade the floodlights for the oval	M	\$50,000	Club
Seal (hot mix) the access road around the oval	L	\$250,000	Council / Club
Upgrade the kitchen in the social rooms at the oval	M	\$35,000	SRV / Club
Replace the basketball rings and supporting infrastructure in the Nestle Stadium	H	\$70,000	Council / Lessee
Develop 3 squash courts adjacent to the entry area of the Nestle Stadium (pending feasibility)	M	\$300,000	Council / Lessee / SRV
Sub-Total		\$855,000	

11. VICTORIA PARK (ECHUCA)

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Council is Committee of Management

Council undertakes overall management of the facilities and undertakes building maintenance:

- Council maintains the lawn tennis courts and the oval (except the turf wicket which is maintained by the Echuca Cricket Club).
- The sports facilities are allocated seasonally by Council to user groups.

11.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 2 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • 17 grass tennis courts • 1 plexipave netball court • 2 asphalt netball courts combined with CFA training track <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandstand incorporating player change rooms • Social rooms (Haw Pavilion) • Spectator viewing shed • Tennis clubrooms • CFA training track pump house and administration <p><u>Other Facilities/Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space area (former second oval) • Bush reserve and former Echuca High School site abut the Reserve 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca Football Netball Club • Echuca Junior Football Club • Echuca Cricket Club • Echuca Lawn Tennis Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca CFA • Echuca West Primary School • St Marys Primary School • St Josephs College • Echuca College

11.2. Issues and Opportunities

11.2.1. Features and Issues

- Surface of the oval has degraded over the past 10 years. The choice of kikuyu grass for the turf species is wrong (lies dormant in winter – little growth, and is too spongy for cricket).
- Centre wicket is poor quality and is lower than the surface of the ground. (*Stratcorp: Centre wicket has been relaid recently*).
- Social room (Haw Pavilion) no longer meets the needs of the football and cricket clubs.
- Tennis pavilion is in good condition.

- There is a lack of irrigation on the second oval and in the area around the cricket nets.
- Echuca CFA advocate strongly for the retention of the second oval as a turf area used for their event days.

11.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Representatives from the Echuca Cricket Club and the Echuca Football Netball Club¹² identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Support for the establishment of a Reserve Committee – but Council to retain maintenance responsibility.
 - Installation of onsite water storage.
 - Installation of a protective fence at the grandstand end of ground to control stray cricket balls (or review internal car parking arrangements).
 - Installation of additional seating around the oval, and improve existing.
 - Continued work to improve the quality of the centre cricket wicket.
 - Joint social room development with all Reserve user groups in a more central location on the Reserve, to replace Haw Pavilion.
 - Upgrade of the grandstand, including the visitor's rooms and umpires' rooms, and install netting in the understorey of the roof to "bird-proof".
 - Upgrade the floodlighting on the oval.
- Possible development of a synthetic hockey field on the current open space site adjacent to the CFA training track (pending a more detailed investigation).
- Representatives from the Echuca Lawn Tennis Club and the Echuca CFA¹³ identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Increased parking to service the use of the tennis courts.
 - Development of hard courts to enable year round access for members.
 - Joint social room development with all Reserve user groups in a more central location on the Reserve, to replace Haw Pavilion.

Stratcorp: Many of the issues and opportunities were investigated and assessed during the preparation of Victoria Park Master Plan (2006).

¹² An interview was held with Reserve user groups in August 2005 as part of the Echuca-Moama Recreation Plan project.

¹³ A meeting was held with representatives from the clubs/groups in April 2006.

12. ECHUCA VILLAGE RECREATION RESERVE

<u>Ownership:</u>	Council Land
<u>Management:</u>	Council is Committee of Management (Section 86 Committee in place) Reserve Committee maintains courts, grounds and undertakes building maintenance

12.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 plexipave tennis courts (lit) • 2 sand-filled synthetic grass courts 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echuca Village Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis clubrooms / community hall (comprises 2 meeting rooms, kitchen, store and office) 	<u>Other Groups</u> Nil
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

12.2. Issues and Opportunities

12.2.1. Features and Issues

- The court surface on the 2 plexipave tennis courts is poor.
- The bottom of the ramp servicing the tennis clubrooms is not flush with the ground (trip hazard).
- No identification signage for the Reserve.
- The car park is not defined and is in poor condition.

12.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The township does not have a community playground, so there is an opportunity to develop the land behind the tennis clubrooms into a picnic and playground area (land is owned by Church of England and leased by Council - the Reserve Committee maintain the area).
- The Reserve Committee has identified the following two key upgrade projects:
 - Re-surface the plexipave courts with sand-filled synthetic grass.
(Stratcorp: The retention of the courts is important as the facility provides the main social "hub" for local residents. Consider options to introduce other court sports (such as netball and basketball) to one or more of the existing courts to create a more flexible recreation space for local people).
 - Upgrade the surface and configuration of the car park.

12.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Echuca Village Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Re-surface the hard courts with sand-filled synthetic grass, and install basketball/netball rings to enable multi-use of courts (pending demand)	M	\$70,000	CoM / SRV
Develop the land behind the clubrooms as a township park (install a playground and seating)	M	\$50,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$120,000	

13. GIRGARRE RECREATION RESERVE

- Ownership: Crown Land
- Management: Council is Committee of Management (Section 86 Committee in place)
Reserve Committee maintains the buildings
Girgarre Football Netball Club and the Girgarre Cricket Club are responsible for mowing and maintaining the oval.
Girgarre Tennis Club is responsible for court maintenance.

13.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 1 cricket oval (concrete wicket) • 2 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • 4 plexipave tennis courts (3 lit) • 1 multipurpose plexipave tennis/netball court <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player change rooms • Social rooms • Tennis clubhouse <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girgarre Football Netball Club • Girgarre Cricket Club • Girgarre Tennis Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girgarre Primary School

13.2. Issues and Opportunities

13.2.1. Features and Issues

- The availability of the second oval adjacent to the Girgarre Recreation Reserve is a valuable resource for the Cricket Club.
- The ovals are in excellent condition and the reserve surrounds are well maintained.
- The social room is a substantial building and in good condition, and is well serviced by a large sealed car park.
- The surface of the tennis and netball courts is average only, and there are safety issues created by the poor positioning of light towers on the playing surface (inadequate clearances and run-off areas).
- The northern boundary of the main oval is very exposed and would benefit from perimeter tree plantings.

13.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The Reserve Committee has identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Development of 2 dedicated netball courts in the southeast corner of the main reserve area.
(Stratcorp: This project is unnecessary as continued joint-use of the tennis courts is a more practical and cost effective option. If proceeded with, it is recommended that Council not contribute funds as a viable alternative exists).
 - Installation of a fenced playground behind the social rooms.
(Stratcorp: This project is unnecessary in that a large children's playground in good condition is located at the Primary School – approximately 75 metres away from the social rooms. If proceeded with, it is recommended that Council not contribute funds as a viable alternative exists).
 - Extend and upgrade the kitchen servicing the social rooms.
 - Perimeter plantings along the edges of the Reserve.
- Other projects identified include:
 - Ensure the light posts located on the playing surface of the tennis/netball courts are padded in the short-term, and relocated to behind the perimeter fence in the long-term.

13.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Girgarre Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Undertake tree planting along the reserve boundaries (source indigenous native species)	L	\$2,000	CoM / Clubs
Extend and upgrade the kitchen in the social rooms	M	\$50,000	CoM / Clubs
Relocate the floodlighting poles located on the tennis courts to the edges	H	\$50,000	CoM / Clubs
Re-surface the tennis courts	M	\$40,000	CoM / Clubs
Sub-Total		\$142,000	

14. GUNBOWER RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land
Management: Local Committee
 Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

14.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 1 cricket practice net (synthetic) • 4 grass tennis courts • 1 multipurpose plexipave tennis/netball court (lit) • 1 concrete netball court 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leitchville Gunbower Football Netball Club • AusKick • Gunbower Cricket Club • Gunbower Lawn Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis clubhouse • New elevated timekeepers box • Large pavilion incorporating player change rooms and a large social area • Separate canteen shed 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunbower Angling Club • Gunbower Primary School
<u>Other Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing jetty (Gunbower Creek) • BBQ area • 2 sets of public toilets 	

14.2. Issues and Opportunities

14.2.1. Features and Issues

- Gunbower Creek provides an attractive setting for the reserve.
- Transition area between the 2 central turf wickets on the oval is unsafe.
- Limited lighting on the oval.
- Current irrigation system is inefficient and inadequate.
- Fencing around the tennis courts is beginning to fall away.
- Condition of public toilets is average.
- Canteen facility is "spartan" in its condition and functionality.
- Lack of identification signage denoting the location of the reserve from the Murray Valley Highway.

14.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Reserve appears to be developed in an ad hoc manner – would benefit from a long-term master plan.
- Canteen requires upgrade / rebuild.
- Install a new playground.
- Install a new irrigation system.
- Provide directional signage to the Reserve.
- Upgrade the oval lighting.

14.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Gunbower Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Prepare a formal master plan for the reserve	M	\$15,000	Council / CoM
Upgrade the public toilets	L	\$65,000	Council / DS&E / CoM
New/upgraded canteen required (integrate with main pavilion, if possible)	M	\$25,000	CoM / Clubs
Install a new irrigation system on the oval	H	\$60,000	CoM / Clubs
Replace the perimeter fence around the tennis courts	L	\$30,000	CoM / Club
Install a new playground	H	\$45,000	Council / DS&E / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$240,000	

15. KYABRAM RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Council Land

Management: Council undertakes overall management of facilities:

- Council maintains the oval (except the turf wicket – Kyabram Cricket Club) and undertakes building maintenance.
- Sports facilities allocated seasonally to user groups by Council.
- Wilf Cox Community Complex allocated by a Committee of Management.
- Kyabram Youth Club operated and managed by Council.

15.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 1 asphalt netball court (lit) • 3 cricket practice nets (synthetic) <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandstand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Upstairs: spectator seating – Ground floor: away football team change rooms, Kyabram Cricket Club change rooms and social area. • Spectator viewing shelter • Scoreboard • Timekeepers stand <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilf Cox Community Complex: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Upstairs: large community hire space – Ground floor: home team change rooms, gym, social and administration area • Kyabram Youth Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Badminton – Table tennis – Indoor cricket – Gymnasium • Kyabram Theatre Hall (building was extensively damaged in a recent fire). 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Football Netball Club • Kyabram Cricket Club • Kyabram Fire Brigade Cricket Club • Kyabram Little Athletics Association <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Youth Group • Dawes Road Primary School • Kyabram Secondary College

15.2. Issues and Opportunities

15.2.1. Features and Issues

- Oval playing surface and surrounds are in good condition.
- The cricket club identified that the quality and condition of the turf wicket table and the irrigation system is inadequate for the standard of competition and facilities available.
- One netball court is inadequate for club needs, and existing court suffers from pondage (despite being resurfaced only 2 years ago).
- Wilf Cox Community Complex provides user groups with an excellent social facility.
- Several examples of duplication of facilities, such as cricket/football clubs using separate change rooms and there are 3 different sports club social areas on the Reserve.

15.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Upgrade the playing surface by applying appropriate turf management practices and by upgrading the irrigation system.
- Kyabram Football Netball Club wish to upgrade the ground lighting to competition standard for both night cricket and football matches.
(Stratcorp: Funding has recently been approved this project).
- Development of a netball toilet/change facility and provision of appropriate court-side shelter for netball.
(Stratcorp: Relocation of the netball courts closer to the Wilf Cox Community Complex as a means of providing the netballers with change facilities without having to build another facility on the Reserve is not a viable alternative as relocation will require the removal of a substantial number of mature trees which will impact the landscape amenity of the Reserve).
- Consider relocation of the cricket practice nets to behind the grandstand which will position them closer to Cricket Clubrooms and will free-up space for an additional netball court.
- Seal the internal road and upgrade the main entrance.
- Consider further developing the Reserve as one of the Shire's (and Region's) major sporting venues, able to attract State and National level sporting events.
- Ensure any future lease agreements for the management of the Wilf Cox Community Complex incorporate opportunities for the broad community to access and utilise the facility.

15.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Kyabram Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playing surface to regional sports ground quality (improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the irrigation system, and level and top-dress the surface)	M	\$60,000	Council / Clubs / SRV
Upgrade the floodlighting to competition standard	L	\$75,000	Council / Clubs
Develop a new netball change/toilet building adjacent to the courts	H	\$200,000	Council / Clubs / SRV
Investigate the possible relocation of the cricket practice nets to a site behind the grandstand	M	\$45,000	Council / Clubs
New scoreboard (purchase and installation)	M	\$100,000	Clubs
Seal (hot mix) the access road around the oval	L	\$200,000	Council / Clubs
Upgrade the reserve main entry	L	\$7,500	Council
Sub-Total		\$687,500	

16. KYABRAM LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Ownership: Council Land
Management: Section 86 Committee in place
Reserve Committee maintains courts and undertakes building maintenance

16.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 lawn tennis courts (not lit) • 2 sand-filled synthetic grass courts (lit) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis clubhouse • Maintenance shed 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis coaching • Kyabram Secondary College • Easter Tournament (main event hosted by the Club) • Kyabram Ladies Hockey Club (use the synthetic courts for training) • Occasional use by other local sporting clubs as an alternate training option or social event
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

16.2. Issues and Opportunities

16.2.1. Features and Issues

- Water restrictions have impacted upon the quality of the courts as the Club has not been able to irrigate them to the required levels.
- Clubroom has an old and inefficient interior.
- Poor quality equipment to maintain the courts, i.e. second-hand mower is always breaking down (cannot afford a new mower).
- There is no off-street parking available.
- Condition of some of the courts:
 - Courts 1-4 require laser levelling and top-dressing.
 - Courts 14-18 need to be re-built.
- Potential to relocate tennis complex from this site to a new site which co-locates with the proposed new Kyabram P-12 School, and to sell the land.

16.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Investigate the feasibility of relocating the complex to a new site to enable co-location with another organisation(s), such as the proposed new Kyabram P-12 School, and dispose of the land.
- Pending a decision to remain at the current site:
 - Upgrade the condition of the courts, as required.

- New/upgrade clubrooms, including kitchen, bar and change areas.
- Install a new BBQ and picnic area on the site of the maintenance shed.
- Install a water tank to trap and store rain water (*Completed*).

16.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playing surface of selected courts, as required	H	Not Costed	Council / Club
Upgrade clubroom (kitchen, change rooms and bar area)	M	\$150,000	Council / Club / SRV
Establish a new outdoor BBQ and picnic area on the site of the maintenance shed	M	\$6,500	Club
<i>Sub-Total</i>		<i>\$156,500</i>	

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17. KYABRAM RACECOURSE & RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Local Committee

Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance for all areas other than the Kyabram Parklands Golf Course. Kyabram Parklands Golf Course site has been sub-let to an operator who is responsible for all grounds and building maintenance.

17.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkland Golf Club (18 hole, Par 3 course) • Trotting Track (training track only) • 2 cricket ovals (synthetic wickets) on the in-field of the Trotting Track – poor surface • Indoor small bore rifle range • BMX track <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf clubhouse • Secretary's office and judges stand (Trotting Track) • Small bore rifle range building <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout Hall 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Harness Racing Club • Kyabram Parklands Golf Club • Kyabram Smallbore Rifle Club • Kyabram Hockey Club • Kyabram Cricket Club • Kyabram Fire Brigade Cricket Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Scouting Group • Kyabram Secondary College

17.2. Issues and Opportunities

17.2.1. Features and Issues

- Sports ground (2 cricket ovals) has poor quality surface and is under utilised.
- BMX track is in poor condition.

17.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Improve the condition of the sports ground to encourage greater use.
- Sports ground could accommodate sports other than cricket, if and when demand arises for additional sports fields.
- Pending demand, upgrade the BMX track.

17.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Kyabram Racecourse & Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playing surface of the oval area (top-dressing)	L	\$7,500	Council
Upgrade the condition of the BMX track	L	\$3,500	Council
Sub-Total		\$11,000	

18. NORTHERN SPORTS OVAL (KYABRAM)

Ownership: Council Land

Management: Section 86 Committee in place

Reserve Committee is responsible for maintaining the grounds (currently contracts Council's parks crew) and undertakes building maintenance

18.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 2 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • 12 asphalt netball courts (lit) • CFA training track <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion and clubrooms • CFB operations shed <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Junior Football Club • St Augustines Junior Football Club • Kyabram Fire Brigade Cricket Club • Kyabram Netball Association <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram Country Fire Brigade • Haslem Street Primary School • St Augustines School

18.2. Issues and Opportunities

18.2.1. Features and Issues

- Good quality netball facility.
- Netball court run-offs generally conform to standards, however, the light poles are placed within the run-offs (non-conforming).
- Netball surface is beginning to deteriorate (cracking) in many places.
- CFB training track has been recently re-surfaced, however, the surface is now a rough-grade finish which is damaging the fire hoses when they are pulled across it.
- Reserve pavilion and clubroom building is an excellent example of co-location and consolidation of facilities into one structure.
- Potential to relocate some or all of the sports areas from this site to a new site which co-locates with the proposed new Kyabram P-12 School, and to sell the land.

18.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Investigate feasibility of relocating some or all of the existing facilities at Northern Sports Oval to a new sports precinct which could co-locate with the proposed new Kyabram P-12 School, and dispose of the land.
(Stratcorp: If possible, Council, DEET and other major Government agencies should undertake a "high level" joint planning exercise to assess what options may exist for the future urban growth of Kyabram, in relation to provision of community facilities – also applies to the future of the Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club and the future provision of aquatic facilities).
- Pending a decision to remain at the current site:
- Install a new BBQ and picnic area (possible location is land beyond the northern end of the pavilion).
- Upgrade the Reserve entry.
- Seal internal roads and install speed humps, and seal the area between the pavilion and the oval.
- Re-surface the netball courts (especially Court No.s 3 – 6, 8, 9 and 12).
- Upgrade the car parking area along the western boundary of the netball courts.

18.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Northern Sports Oval (Kyabram)	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the reserve main entry	M	\$5,000	Council / Clubs / CoM
Re-surface the netball court surface (priority for courts 3 - 6, 8, 9 and 12)	H	\$100,000	Council / CoM / Assoc
Seal (hot mix) the access road into the reserve and the area between the pavilion and the oval	L	\$125,000	Council / Clubs / CoM
Formalise the car parking along the western boundary of the netball courts	M	\$25,000	Council / CoM
Develop the land beyond the northern end of the pavilion into a quality passive area (install a BBQ, seating and picnic table)	M	\$7,500	CoM / Clubs
Sub-Total		\$262,500	

19. KYABRAM SHOWGROUNDS SITE

- Ownership: Showgrounds site owned by Kyabram Agricultural & Pastoral Society
Kyabram Sports & Entertainment Centre owned by Council
- Management: Kyabram Agricultural & Pastoral Society manages and maintains the Showgrounds site
Kyabram Sports & Entertainment Centre site is leased to a Centre Management Committee
Management Committee maintains and operates the Centre

19.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas (Indoor Centre)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 multipurpose indoor courts (basketball, netball, hockey, soccer, handball) • 1 meeting room <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures (Indoor Centre)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large sealed car park <p><u>Showgrounds Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrian equipment and jumps • Various buildings associated with the Kyabram Show 	<p><u>Sports Groups (Indoor Centre)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyabram & District Netball Association • Kyabram Carpet Bowls Association • Centre-based competitions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – basketball – indoor soccer – European handball – indoor hockey <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – After School Group – Line Dancing – Strut Dance School – Kyabram Secondary College and various other local schools – Murray Human Services (disability programs) • Showgrounds site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kyabram Annual Show (October) – Annual Rodeo (March) – Kyabram Pony Club

19.2. Issues and Opportunities

19.2.1. Features and Issues

- Showgrounds site is underutilised.
- Indoor Centre is in excellent condition.
- Indoor Centre is approaching capacity at peak usage times.

19.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Possible additional facilities may include an indoor aquatic centre and extended indoor court space.
- Kyabram Agricultural & Pastoral Society to investigate options for consolidating the buildings on the site.

19.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Kyabram Showgrounds (Indoor Centre)	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Undertake a feasibility study to extend the indoor centre to include a swimming pool	L	\$20,000	Council
Sub-Total		\$20,000	

20. KY VALLEY TENNIS FACILITY

Ownership: Council Land
Management: Section 86 Committee in place
Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

20.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sand-filled synthetic grass courts (lit) 2 plexipave courts 2 asphalt courts 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ky Valley Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubrooms 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyabram Ladies Hockey Club (use the synthetic courts for training)
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

20.2. Issues and Opportunities

20.2.1. Features and Issues

- The condition of the asphalt courts and of Court 5 is poor (cracked surface).
- The lighting method used for the 2 lit courts is unreliable and unsafe.
- The facility and surrounds are well maintained by the Committee.

20.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Install conforming court lighting on 2 courts.
- Consider options to introduce other court sports (such as netball and basketball) to one or more of the existing courts to create a more flexible recreation space for local people.

20.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Ky-Valley Tennis Facility	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade court lighting on 2 courts	H	\$65,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install basketball/netball rings and lines on one court to enable multi-use of facility (pending demand)	M	\$7,500	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$72,500	

21. LANCASTER RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Local Committee

Reserve Committee is responsible for maintaining the grounds (currently contracts Council's parks crew) and undertakes building maintenance

21.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football oval (lit) • 2 asphalt netball courts (lit) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancaster Football Netball Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion and clubrooms • Timekeepers box • Netball shelter • Playground 	<u>Other Groups</u> Nil
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

21.2. Issues and Opportunities

21.2.1. Features and Issues

- The grounds, courts and buildings at the Reserve are all in good condition.
- The Reserve abuts a nature reserve and there has been successful planting of perimeter trees around the northern, eastern and southern boundaries.
- The flood irrigation method of watering the oval is inefficient and wasteful.

21.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Netball group has identified the need for additional or improved amenities adjacent to the netball courts.
(Stratcorp: Whilst the netball group supports an extension or upgrade to the existing building, adjacent to the netball courts for the provision of change facilities, a more sustainable and cost-effective option may be to extend the football change rooms as part of a broader program of works to upgrade the football players' and umpires' rooms and to provide new netball rooms. Such a project would be eligible to receive funding assistance through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Country Football and Netball Program).
- Installation of a sub-surface irrigation system.
(Stratcorp: Funding possibility through a Federal Water Grant to contribute to the cost of the transition from flood irrigation to sprinklers and/or through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Country Football and Netball Program).
- Playground is utilised by local residents so could benefit from some seating, tables, a BBQ, and possibly some shelter to improve its amenity.

21.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Lancaster Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Extend and upgrade the existing football players' and umpires' change rooms, and build new netball change rooms and toilet/shower facilities.	M	\$115,000	Council / Club / CoM / SRV
Upgrade the quality of the existing playground area (install a BBQ, seating, a shelter and picnic table)	M	\$10,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install an irrigation system	H	\$65,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$190,000	

22. LOCKINGTON RECREATION RESERVE

- Ownership: Part Crown Land and part Council Land
- Management: Section 86 Committee in place
Reserve Committee maintains common areas around the Reserve and undertakes building maintenance
Lockington Bamawm Football Netball Club is responsible for mowing and maintaining the oval.
Lockington Lawn Tennis Club is responsible for mowing and maintaining the tennis courts.

22.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football oval (lit) • 8 lawn tennis courts • 2 multipurpose plexipave courts (lit) (netball / basketball / tennis) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockington Bamawm United Football Netball Club • Lockington Lawn Tennis Club • Lockington Basketball Association
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion and clubrooms • Tennis clubroom • Playground 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockington Action Club
<u>Other Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous shed 	

22.2. Issues and Opportunities

22.2.1. Features and Issues

- On the multipurpose courts, the run-off areas for the netball & basketball courts along the northern sidelines and in the end-zones are too narrow (needs to be minimum 3.05m netball, 2.0m for basketball). There is risk of injury created by the current position of the bench seating.
- Oval is in excellent condition (recently top dressed, crowned and automated irrigation system installed).
- Pavilion and clubrooms generally in excellent condition, and comprises:
 - Football player change rooms (home and away).
 - Separate netball change rooms.
 - Large social area (separate bar/kitchen).
 - 1 meeting room / administration office.
- Constraints with the pavilion include:
 - Visitor change room does not have separation between the urinal and shower area.
 - Size of umpire's room is inadequate.

- Football Club would like to establish a formal weights/gym area.
- Tennis clubroom is in poor condition.
- Lack of an outdoor public toilet block – the only public toilets on the Reserve are located in the social rooms which creates a conflict of use if the social rooms are being used concurrently with any event when spectators are attracted to the outdoor sporting areas.

22.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Clubs and Reserve Committee have identified the following improvement and upgrade projects:
 - Extend the pavilion to develop a new visitor’s change room, which will allow internal re-fit of existing change room area to develop a larger umpire’s change room, improved toilet/shower areas, a gymnasium and additional storage provision.
(Stratcorp: Funding possibility through the Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Country Football and Netball Program).
 - Replacement of the tennis court fencing.
 - Installation of a shade sail over the playground.
 - Installation of new hot water service in the social rooms.

22.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Lockington Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Relocate existing seating along the northern side of the multipurpose courts to provide conforming run-offs (3.05m netball, 2.0m for basketball)	H	No Cost	Clubs / CoM
Extend and upgrade the player change area of the pavilion (provide a new visitor’s change room, which will allow internal re-fit of existing change room area to develop a larger umpire’s change room, improved toilet/shower areas, a gymnasium and additional storage)	M	\$175,000	CoM / Council / Clubs
Develop a public toilet facility with any redevelopment of the pavilion	L	\$85,000	CoM / Council
Replace the perimeter around the tennis courts	M	\$40,000	CoM / Club
Install a shade sail over the playground	M	\$15,000	CoM
Sub-Total		\$315,000	

23. NANNEELLA RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Council Land

Management: Section 86 Committee in place

Reserve Committee maintains the sports areas and buildings.

23.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 asphalt tennis courts • 1 cricket practice net (concrete) • 1 basketball half-court 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanneella Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis club rooms 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playgroup
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

23.2. Issues and Opportunities

23.2.1. Features and Issues

- Low use reserve serving a small community.
- Tennis courts are in good condition.
- Cricket practice net and half-court facilities are in poor condition.
- The Reserve comprises a large open grassed area which has either formerly been a sports oval, or is set aside for future development into a sports oval.
- The Reserve lacks directional and identification signage.

23.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- It appears as though the local Primary School facilities (such as the playground and open space grass areas) are being developed and maintained as the main community facilities for the residents of Nanneella.
- Provide directional signage to the Reserve.

23.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

Nil

24. PINE GROVE RACECOURSE RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land
Management: Local Committee
Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

24.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field and game range Pistol wall 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pine Grove Field and Game Club Pine Grove Pistol Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubrooms Bush kitchen 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Police (training) Pony clubs Country Fire Brigade Landcare
<u>Other Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Eddy's" Shed 	

24.2. Issues and Opportunities

24.2.1. Features and Issues

- Lack of power to the Reserve.
(Application currently before Regional Infrastructure Development Fund).
- Lack of directional signage (however, Reserve Committee indicated that they prefer this to reduce vandalism and damage due to the remote location).

24.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Connection of power to the Reserve (estimated cost \$15,000).
- Development of camping sites.
- Removal of "Eddy's" Shed and consolidation of all buildings, where possible.

24.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Pine Grove Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Connect power to the reserve	M	\$20,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Develop camping sites at the reserve	M	\$5,000	CoM
Sub-Total		\$25,000	

25. ROCHESTER RECREATION RESERVE

- Ownership: Crown Land
- Management: Local Committee
- Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance.
- Cricket clubs maintain the turf wickets.

25.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) (Windridge Oval) • Second Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 7 asphalt netball courts (5 lit) • Two sets of 3 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • Field events area for little athletics • Sand arena (equestrian area) • Table tennis building <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main oval: Grandstand incorporating player change rooms and football social room • Second oval: Cricket clubrooms • Netball Association clubrooms <p><u>Other Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve Committee clubrooms • Agricultural Society clubrooms • Various sheds / buildings for the Show 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochester Football Netball Club • Rochester & District Umpires Association • Tigerettes Netball Club • Rochester Tigers Cricket Club • Rochester United Cricket Club • Rochester Netball Association • Rochester Little Athletics • Rochester Table Tennis Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochester Agricultural Society • Rochester Pony Club • Rochester Fishing Club • Horse Day • Rotary OH&S Safety display • St Josephs School

25.2. Issues and Opportunities

25.2.1. Features and Issues

- Sports ground surfaces are in good condition (automated irrigation system is installed). Water supply for irrigation is sourced from the Campaspe River.
- Netball court surface has cracking.
- Evidence of duplication of like facilities on the reserve.
- Reserve has a good setting beside the River along western boundary, however, it is not fully fenced.

25.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Proposed new equestrian area south of the existing sand arena.
- Open space along the River should be preserved for passive, unstructured recreation use.
- Reserve comprises a number of diverse users and buildings and would benefit from a long-term master plan to ensure future facility planning maximises co-location opportunities and reduces the number of buildings and structures across the Reserve, for example:
 - The cricket club and football club should have shared-use of the existing social rooms, rather than the cricket club developing its own single-use social rooms. (The cricket club should “buy-into” the existing football club social rooms by allocating its available resources towards an upgrade/extension of the existing rooms).
 - Consider relocating the football club netball court to the pavilion precinct to enable netball change rooms to be provided.
- Investigate the feasibility of the Rochester Netball Association relocating to the Rochester Secondary College, where a hard court tennis facility is being proposed between the Rochester Lawn Tennis Club and the School. The courts could be multipurpose (netball). This option may be a possibility due to the poor state of the Association’s netball courts at the Rochester Recreation Reserve and the opportunity to share costs for a facility with other groups.
- Pending the outcome of this investigation, return to grass (open space) the existing netball court area at the Rochester Recreation Reserve.

25.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Rochester Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Prepare a formal master plan for the reserve (to identify opportunities to contain/rationalise the number of buildings, and to ensure a planned approach for the development of the site)	M	\$20,000	Council / Clubs / CoM / SRV
Construct a new netball court near the football netball club pavilion and remove existing court used by the club	L	\$25,000	CoM / Assoc
New scoreboard (purchase and installation)	M	\$100,000	Clubs
Re-surface the Association netball courts (pending retention of the courts)	M	\$65,000	CoM / Assoc
Develop a new equestrian exercise area	M	No Cost	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$210,000	

26. ROCHESTER RACECOURSE RECREATION RESERVE

- Ownership: Council Land
- Management: Section 86 Committee in place
Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance.
Reserve Committee manages major improvement projects.

26.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hole golf course • 10 lawn tennis courts (unlit) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaspe Golf Club • Rochester Lawn Tennis Club • Rochester Churches & District Tennis Association • Rochester & District Umpires
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubroom and player change 	
<u>Other Facilities</u> Irrigated open grassland area west of the clubrooms	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochester Sports Club (pavilion manager) • Aerobics (YMCA) • Social and local groups hire • Walking groups • Various schools (cross country, golf, tennis)

26.2. Issues and Opportunities

26.2.1. Features and Issues

- Sports ground surfaces are in good condition (automated irrigation system is installed).
- Re-cycled water is available onsite from dams (stormwater is collected from neighbouring streets).
- Weed control.
- Safety of cars entering and exiting the current car park from the Highway.

26.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Install irrigation/sprinkler system to hole no.s 10 – 18 on the golf course.
- There are two options possible to improve the safety of cars coming and going from the sporting facilities and the new function centre:
 - Relocate the main car parking area from its existing site east of the pavilion, to a new site west of the pavilion – off Diggora Road.

- Install a slip-lane and a right-hand turn refuge lane on the Highway outside the current entrance (more complex and expensive option which will require approval from VicRoads).
- Develop additional hard court tennis courts at the Rochester Secondary School (located across the highway from the Rochester Lawn Tennis Club) to enable all-year tennis use. As part of this proposal, investigate the practicality of including the Rochester Netball Association as a stakeholder by relocating from their courts at the Rochester Recreation Reserve.
- Extend shade provision around the tennis courts.
- Develop a new rotunda and picnic area.
- Complete the new pavilion project:
 - New chairs and tables.
 - Dish-washer, food warmer, hot water unit.
 - Undertake landscaping improvements and paving around the new pavilion.

26.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Install an irrigation system to hole no.s 10 - 18	M	Not Costed	CoM
Investigate the feasibility of relocating the main entry and car park to the western side of the clubroom (off Diggora Road)	H	Not Costed	Council / CoM
Develop 4 hard courts to supplement the grass courts (pending demand and suitable location) (option includes installing new courts at the school across the Highway)	M	\$100,000	Club / CoM / DEET / SRV
Extend the provision of shade around the existing grass tennis courts (combination of shelters/sails and tree planting)	H	\$20,000	CoM / Club
Develop a quality passive area (install seating, a picnic table and a shelter)	M	\$15,000	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$135,000	

27. ROCHESTER MOTOR SPORTS COMPLEX

Ownership: Council Land

Management: Council manages the facility, whilst the Rochester Kart Club maintains it.

27.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Go Kart track (sealed)	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rochester Kart Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Toilet and canteen shed	<u>Other Groups</u> Nil
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

27.2. Issues and Opportunities

27.2.1. Features and Issues

- Site is adjacent to the Campaspe Quarry.
- The complex is relatively new and is in good condition.
- No directional signage.

27.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Investigate other potential but compatible users.
- Provide directional signage to the facility.

27.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

Nil

28. RUSHWORTH PUBLIC PARK RESERVE

<u>Ownership:</u>	Crown Land
<u>Management:</u>	Local Committee – appointed by the Crown Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance
<u>Type of Open Space:</u>	Public Park – gazetted in 1874

28.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 1 cricket practice net (synthetic) • 2 asphalt netball courts • 12 grass tennis courts (8 currently maintained to playing standard) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushworth Football Netball Club • Rushworth Cricket Club • Rushworth Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social rooms • Administration office (portable) • Football club change rooms • Public toilets / Netball change building • Netball shelter • Tennis clubroom 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's School • Rushworth P-12 College • General public
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

28.2. Issues and Opportunities

28.2.1. Features and Issues

- Supply of water for irrigation of the Reserve oval and tennis courts has been a major problem due to rapidly escalating costs associated with urban water supplied by Goulburn Valley Water, the lack of rain and the lack of access to stock and domestic water from the channel system. However, the recent expansion (2003) of the existing dam has partially resolved this issue, with the drought having a major impact.
- Recent installation of two new 5,260 gallon water tanks permits overnight watering of the Reserve and compliance with Water Efficiencies and Restrictions.
- The Reserve oval and tennis courts both have in-ground sprinkler systems for watering.
- The oval scoreboard was replaced using a community donation, and community volunteer labour during 2006.
- The Reserve oval has two umpires boxes.

- One cricket training net with a synthetic surface.
- Reserve incorporates a large expanse of natural Box Iron Bark forest, featuring historically significant tracts of alluvial gold-mining and associated settlement sites.
- As the Reserve was established in 1874, much of its layout and development has occurred largely on an “as needs” basis over the years, as is the case with many similar recreation reserves around the state. Most of the buildings are single-use and in need of an upgrade. (The Reserve once boasted a trotting track).
- Traffic management issues at “home game” football matches needs to be resolved to provide designated car parking areas, a ‘vehicle free’ zone between facilities (except for emergency vehicles) and sealing of the road surface.
- Four tennis courts are not being used presently due to a lack of water and the high cost of providing town water to irrigate the lawn courts, coupled with high maintenance costs.
- Oval flood lights and netball lights are inadequate for their intended use and do not meet OH & S requirements nor appropriate lux levels and do not permit helicopter landings with adequate or appropriate lighting.
- Netball surface is in poor condition (cracking) and the run-off area does not conform to the minimum standard of 3.05 metres with advice received that the netball courts may be used for this current season (2007) only.
- The cricket practice net, subsurface, surface and drainage is in poor condition, and part of the run-up approach is a concrete surface that extends onto the Oval surface.
- Timekeeper’s Box requires upgrading.
- Umpire’s change-room facilities require upgrading – currently, it is a thoroughfare to the Timekeeper’s Box and accommodates one person only. No separate facilities exist for male/female.
- Lack of playground facilities on the Reserve.
- Tennis clubroom identified by the Tennis Club as too small and outdated.
- Stormwater management is crucial to avoid flooding of the social clubrooms and Reserve oval, and to a lesser degree, other structures such as roads.
- Recent expenditure (2007) has addressed stormwater drainage works to the south of the netball courts, (open drain collapsed at rear of netball courts), with reconstruction of an open drain that carries storm water in an east/west course to the dam. At the same time, other more urgent electrical and plumbing works have been addressed.
- Further drainage systems need to be addressed at the northern area of the Reserve and in other places associated with road infrastructure.
- Implementation of “Sustainable Water and Energy Efficiency” measures and development of a “Water Conservation” plan has been prepared.
- Public Toilets have received upgraded cisterns (to comply with water efficiencies), and replacement of broken/cracked outlet pipes to septic.

NB: A number of the other crucial infrastructure issues are currently being addressed by the Parks Trust and user groups.

28.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- A concept development plan was developed for the Rushworth Public Park Reserve (2002).
- Currently (2007), the Parks Trust, with funding approved by the Shire of Campaspe Council, has been undertaking a “Master Planning” process with all user groups of the Reserve.
- A review of Reserve Assets has been undertaken, with a view to asset rationalisation.
- The Tennis Club and Football/Netball Clubs have agreed to co-locate.
- Upgrade the condition and layout of the netball courts and the cricket practice net.
- Provide a new social clubrooms facility over the existing social clubrooms with the latter to be converted/reconfigured to become new football change rooms and separate umpire change rooms for male and female.
- Construct four new hard surface tennis courts east of the current netball courts with appropriate shade/shelter.
- Improve the landscape amenity of the Reserve and the traffic management.
- Improve storm water management throughout the Reserve, as per Mapcon topographical survey and the 2007 extension, with surface run-off to the dam.
- Seal roadway.

28.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The projects identified in the table on the following page are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Rushworth Public Park Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Implement recommendations of the 2007 Master Planning Process (Identify opportunities to contain/rationalise the number of buildings, to incorporate the natural Ironbark Forest/historic digging's reserve, and to ensure a planned approach for the development of the site)	H	Costs detailed below	Council / Clubs CoM
Redevelop the current two netball courts as a multipurpose hard court area, being the first stage of a future 6 court tennis facility to replace the existing lawn tennis courts to achieve sustainable water and energy efficiencies. (Extend current two courts to comply with Netball Victoria Standards, re-surface the courts, install fencing, new line marking, re-site current shed, construct a shelter, and upgrade lighting)	H+	\$60,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Formalise and seal the access road into and around the Reserve, and the car parking areas.	L	\$100,000	Council / CoM
Improve the landscape amenity of the Reserve (Follow the historic and existing paths within the existing native forest area, and connecting new pathways from the Railway Reserve. Install a playground, seating and picnic area.)	M	\$30,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Continue to improve drainage at the Reserve to prevent damage and to preserve / conserve water (Drainage required within the road reserve on the west side of Coyle Street, outside the Reserve fence to prevent stormwater damage flows onto the Reserve)	M	\$80,000	Council / Clubs CoM
Redevelop the Reserve oval ground surface to improve drainage and level the playing field and investigate 'drought-tolerant' turf species for the playing surface	H-M	\$300,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Replace the current 'rotting' timber posts around the perimeter of the Reserve oval (4,012), and insert cable between posts, allowing one emergency access point onto the oval, and one access point for the Curator			
Include two player races from change rooms			
Replace rotting posts at entry points to the Reserve (not included in above costings)			
Relocate cricket practice nets northwards from current location to remove the 'run-up' approach from the oval and construct three new nets and improve drainage	H	\$22,500	Council / Clubs CoM

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Rushworth Public Park Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
<p>Construct new Social Clubrooms over the top of the existing social rooms (the top floor would consist of improved social clubrooms for all codes of sport, a meeting room, office space, a commercial kitchen, time keeper's box and an access/egress ramp. The current social clubrooms to be converted to player change rooms and male/female umpire change facilities while retaining the current kiosk. The current football change room facilities would be converted to storage for football/netball & cricket clubs and a curator's storage area)</p>	H to M	\$500,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Construct 4 new hard surface tennis courts, fences, etc., east of the current netball courts. (No lights)	H	\$100,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
<p>Upgrade the power supply from point of entry to the Reserve to the main switchboard Install security lighting at various locations around the Reserve</p>	H	\$80,000	Council / Clubs CoM
Following boundary surveys of the Reserve, replace north and east perimeter fences, and install fences to west and south of Reserve. Fence Reserve dam for OH&S reasons and to ensure safety of general public, including children playing at the Reserve.	L	\$30,000	DSE – Crown lands & forestry.
Install signage – speed (as per VicRoads), directional, interpretive	H	\$3,000	VicRoads and Council
<p>Sewerage requirement (quote for current amenities \$26,000, but with asset rationalisation, should be less from two locations and without the need for a 'rising' main.)</p>	M	\$20,000	Council / Clubs / COM
Sub-Total		\$1,325,500	

29. SCURRAH RESERVE

Ownership: Council Land
Management: Section 86 Committee in place
 Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

29.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Drafting arena • Pony Club grounds 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich River Camp Draft Club • Lockington Pony Club • Lockington Camp Draft Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shed • Toilets and showers (portable building) 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

29.2. Issues and Opportunities

29.2.1. Features and Issues

- Camp draft arena is in very good condition (only 3 years old).
- Facility has successfully attracted large regional events.
- Shed and amenities area are “spartan”.

29.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The Reserve Committee has identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Increase and upgrade the provision for toilets and showers.
 - Form spectator mounds.
 - Continue re-vegetation of the site (with possible assistance from Landcare and schools).
 - Installation of floodlighting for the arena and some lighting for the designated camping area.
 - Complete the shed, which is the main administration and social facility.

29.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Scurrah Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Increase and upgrade the provision of toilets/showers	M	\$120,000	Council / CoM
Form spectator mounds around the camp draft arena	M	\$10,000	CoM
Continue the re-vegetation of the site	Ongoing	\$5,000	
Install floodlights for the arena, and security lighting in the designated camping area	M	\$80,000	CoM / SRV
Complete the final stage of works for the construction of the administration / social building	M	\$100,000	CoM / Council
Sub-Total		\$315,000	

30. STANHOPE RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Local Committee

Reserve Committee maintains common areas around the Reserve and undertakes building maintenance

Stanhope Football Netball Club and the Stanhope Cricket Club are responsible for mowing and maintaining the ovals.

30.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 1 smaller oval (concrete wicket) • 2 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • 2 concrete tennis courts • 2 plexipave netball courts (lit) • CFA training track <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change rooms • Football social rooms • Cricket social rooms • Netball change rooms (incorporated into the public toilet facility) • CFA pump house <p><u>Other Buildings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guides Hall • Scout Hall • Lions Club storage sheds 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanhope Football Netball Club • Stanhope Junior Football Club • Stanhope Cricket Club • Stanhope Guides / Scouts • Stanhope CFA <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Club • Stanhope Primary School • Goulburn Valley Machinery Field Day (April)

30.2. Issues and Opportunities

30.2.1. Features and Issues

- The main oval has an automated irrigation system and is in good condition.
- The second oval is also irrigated, however, it is too narrow in its current configuration to be used for formal senior cricket matches (minimum radius recommended at 50 metres¹⁴) and for formal junior cricket matches (minimum radius for junior cricket is recommended at 30-40 metres).
- There is also a lack of delineation between the playing area for the second oval and the internal access road.

¹⁴ Source: Cricket Victoria

- An assessment of the Crown Land mapping information, suggests that the current designated eastern boundary of the Reserve may be running along a line which is approximately 20 metres inside of what it should be.
- The player change room building has evidence of structural stress fractures in the north west corner. Whilst there has been some upgrade of the toilet and shower facilities in the change rooms, their overall condition is average.
- The recent development of the cricket clubrooms appears to have been an unnecessary duplication of existing facilities already available in the football clubrooms.

(Stratcorp: It is our view that the funds used for the cricket clubroom development could have been better used by allocating them to a project to upgrade and extend the football clubrooms to create a high quality space that then could have been shared by both groups. In addition, any upgrade project could have resolved or corrected some of the current deficiencies of the football clubrooms, such as the poor viewing aspect to the ground (kitchen and canteen block the view) and the condition of the kitchen and bar areas).

- There is no formal club use of the tennis courts – they are utilised as “free to the public” courts.
- The condition of the netball courts is poor (cracked) and the netball change rooms are “spartan” in their condition.

(Stratcorp: It should be noted, however, that at least there is provision of separate netball change rooms adjacent to the courts – a different scenario at most other reserves).

30.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The Stanhope Primary School has recently commenced a project for the development of a new Indoor Sports & Performing Arts Centre along the western edge of the public tennis courts, however, in the short-term the multipurpose area is likely to be a covered outdoor area on the site for the proposed new Centre.
- The Reserve Committee and other township groups have identified the following key improvement projects:
 - Redevelop the existing tennis courts into two shared tennis/netball courts.
 - Convert the existing netball area into a small caravan/camping area to facilitate short stay tourist accommodation.
 - Establish a new Reserve entry off Savage Road and close (or scale-down) the existing entry off the Highway.
 - Upgrade the public toilets and connect to the town sewerage.
 - Improve the fencing around the Reserve to create a more secure fence to assist fee collection for paying events (e.g. football matches and the Field Day).
 - Install a new skate park (adjacent to the current Reserve entry area).
 - Upgrade of the Primary School oval into a useable 3rd oval for reserve user groups.
 - Relocate the short-stay visitor stop on the Highway just west of the Savage Road corner, to a new location alongside the Reserve (ease of access to public toilets and playground).

- The Reserve has many development options and projects pending. It is essential that an overall master plan for the Reserve is prepared which investigates more thoroughly the feasibility and practicality of many of the potential projects, and engages all key stakeholders, including the adjacent Primary School.

30.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Stanhope Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Prepare a formal master plan for the reserve to identify opportunities to develop new facilities and spaces within the reserve precinct (ensure good integration with the primary school and the proposed new stadium development, re-use the existing tennis courts as a new multipurpose hard court area - netball/tennis, convert the existing netball courts into a short-stay caravan/camping area, relocate the main vehicle entry access to Savage Road and down grade the Highway entrance to be predominantly pedestrian)	M	\$20,000	Council / Clubs / CoM / SRV
Investigate options to reconfigure the second oval and access road to increase the playing area of the ground and to better define the playing area and the access road	L	\$5,000	CoM / Clubs
Improve the perimeter fence around the reserve to make more secure	M	\$35,000	CoM / Clubs
Investigate the feasibility of developing a skate park at the site adjacent to the current entry	H	\$80,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Investigate the feasibility of relocating the short-stay visitor stop on the Highway just west of the Savage Road corner, to a new location alongside the Reserve adjacent to the current entry	L	Not Costed	CoM / Council
Upgrade the public toilets and connect to town sewerage	M	Not Costed	CoM / Council / Clubs
Sub-Total		\$140,000	

31. STANHOPE PUBLIC PARK RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land
Management: Local Committee
 Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

31.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 greens (turf & lit) • 10 grass tennis courts 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanhope Bowls Club • Stanhope Lawn Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowls clubrooms • Tennis clubrooms 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Club (adjacent park)
<u>Other Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Club Park is situated adjacent to the Reserve (playground) 	

31.2. Issues and Opportunities

31.2.1. Features and Issues

- The greens and tennis courts are in excellent condition.
- The Bowls clubrooms are in good condition, whilst the Tennis clubrooms are in average condition.
- There appears to be a lack of car parking to service the two clubs.

31.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The adjacent park would benefit from an upgrade (new and more varied equipment).
(Stratcorp: Currently being upgraded).

31.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Stanhope Public Park Reserve			
Upgrade the playground and visitor facilities at the Lions Club Park (play equipment and seating)	in progress		Lions Club / Council
Investigate the feasibility of connecting the Lions Club Park to raw water irrigation supply as an alternative to the current use of Town water.	M	Not Costed	CoM / Council
Sub-Total		\$0	

32. TENNYSON RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land
Management: Local Committee
Reserve Committee maintains courts and undertakes building maintenance

32.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 tennis courts (painted concrete) 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diggera Tennis Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubroom Playground 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents using it as a local community meeting place
<u>Other Buildings</u> Nil	

32.2. Issues and Opportunities

32.2.1. Features and Issues

- Only two of the four tennis courts are in use.
- Clubroom is "spartan" - concrete floor, no formal kitchen and toilets are external (but also serve as public toilets).

32.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Repaint tennis courts.
- Long-term - installation of court lighting on 2 courts.

32.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Tennyson Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the two useable tennis courts (repaint surface)	M	\$10,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install lighting on 2 courts	L	\$65,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$75,000	

33. TONGALA RECREATION RESERVE (& RK BROSE RESERVE)

- Ownership: Council Land
- Management: Section 86 Committee in place
Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance
Tongala Stadium is operated and maintained by a private contractor on behalf of Council (Belgravia Leisure)

33.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas (Tongala RR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 2 cricket practice nets (synthetic) • 10 grass tennis courts • 4 asphalt tennis courts • 2 asphalt netball courts (lit) • CFB training track • BMX track (under construction) <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures (Tongala RR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongala Stadium (1 multipurpose court, 2 squash courts, meeting room and joint-use change rooms for indoor and outdoor sports clubs) • Gymnasium • Scoreboard • Timekeepers stand • Tennis clubrooms • Cricket/netball clubrooms <p><u>Other Facilities (Tongala RR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community social rooms • Playground (Lions Park) <p><u>Sports Areas (RK Brose Reserve)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football / cricket oval (concrete wicket) <p><u>Support Buildings (RK Brose Reserve)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change pavilion 	<p><u>Sports Groups (Tongala RR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongala Football and Netball Club • Tongala Junior Football Club • Tongala Cricket Club • Tongala Tennis Club <p><u>Other Groups (Tongala RR & Stadium)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongala Country Fire Brigade • Stadium-based activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – basketball – netball – indoor cricket – squash – table tennis – martial arts • Tongala Primary School <p><u>Sports Groups (RK Brose Reserve)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongala Junior Football Club <p><u>Other Groups (RK Brose Reserve)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongala Primary School

33.2. Issues and Opportunities

33.2.1. Features and Issues

- Change rooms for home and way teams using the sports ground at Tongala Recreation Reserve are located within the Tongala Stadium. They are inadequate for the needs of football clubs.
- The community social rooms are managed by the Reserve Committee and have to be booked by the clubs for their use. This has been identified by the clubs as a constraint, as external bookings for the rooms has meant that on some occasions the clubs have been unable to access the rooms for their after-match socials.
- The tennis clubroom is in poor condition.
- Netball is continuing to grow. Consider installing a third netball court to better cater for its 7 teams: U13, U15, U17, A, B, C and C Reserve.
- The gymnasium building and the scoreboard/timekeepers stand are in poor condition and detract from the overall amenity of the Reserve.
- The new cricket / netball rooms will provide change facilities for female umpires. Toilets in the new complex will replace the old toilet facility located nearby and will also provide a change room for netball players, baby change / feeding facility, media box, and the control centre for the new scoreboard.

Stratcorp: We believe that a stronger commitment to the principles of maximising co-location of user groups and of the joint-use of facilities by various stakeholders may have resulted in a more effective and sustainable outcome.

33.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- A master planning process was facilitated by the Reserve Committee in 2004 and has set the direction for future upgrade and improvement of facilities. Key projects include:
 - Redevelopment of the tennis clubrooms and associated car parking.
 - Development of a BMX track (in progress).
 - Improved traffic management (sealing the internal service road and providing additional car parking).
- Installation of protective fencing/netting along Finlay Road at RK Brose Reserve to improve safety.
(Stratcorp: project completed 2006).
- Improved provision of public toilets and umpire change rooms at RK Brose Reserve.
- Installation of a small playground in the netball court/clubroom precinct would assist mothers and young families whilst participating in netball activities.
- Potential to develop a skate park at the Reserve.

33.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Tongala Recreation Reserve (and RK Brose Reserve)	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Resurface netball courts	H	\$30,000	COM / Club
Develop a new netball court	M	\$30,000	CoM / Council / Club / SRV
Redevelop the tennis clubrooms	M	\$45,000	CoM / Club
Develop a skate park and upgrade the BMX track	H	\$85,000	Council
Seal (hot mix) the access road around the Reserve and formalise the car parking	L	\$250,000	Council / CoM
Investigate options combine the public toilets with an upgraded change pavilion at RK Brose Reserve (to incorporate umpires change rooms)	M	\$100,000	CoM / Council / Club
Install a small playground adjacent to the netball courts	M	\$15,000	CoM / Clubs
Construct a new scoreboard / media box	M	\$35,000	CoM / Clubs
Relocate cricket practice nets	M	\$15,000	CoM / Clubs
Redevelopment of Football / Cricket Clubrooms	L	\$300,000	CoM / Clubs / Council / SRV
Install security lighting around the Reserve to provide improved safety and security	L	\$50,000	Council / CoM
Develop a fitness trail "Tonnie Track" around the Reserve	L	\$20,000	Council / CoM / Clubs / SRV
Sub-Total		\$975,000	

34. TOOLLEEN RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Local Committee

Reserve Committee maintains grounds (with assistance from the football club) and undertakes building maintenance

34.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Australian football (lit) / cricket oval (turf wicket) • 2 asphalt netball court (lit) <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre (incorporates social club rooms / large meeting room with folding dividing wall between both, kiosk / kitchen, small storeroom, bar & facilities, DDA compliant male/female toilets, Mt Pleasant Football Club change rooms, umpires change room – one gender only) • Visitor change rooms / storage • Netball change rooms • “Beer” shed • Dam • Bore – DSE owned <p><u>Other Facilities / Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground • The Reserve is located within a native bush setting 	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Pleasant Football Club • Mt Pleasant Netball Club <p><u>Other Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolleen Recreation Reserve Committee of Management • Toolleen Fire Brigade • Lunch & Seniors' Group • Walk 'n Talk Group • Exercise Group • Toolleen Citizen’s Advisory Group • Mt Pleasant Landcare Group

34.2. Issues and Opportunities

34.2.1. Features and Issues

- Sports ground surface is in good condition (“quick coupling” irrigation system is installed). Bore and dam water available for irrigation.
- The original netball court has been completely upgraded to meet all standards (2006).
- A new netball court has been constructed adjacent to the aforementioned netball court and meets current standards (2007).
- Netball change room facilities are in poor condition.
- The Toolleen Recreation Reserve Committee of Management has identified that there is a lack of people available to join the Committee.
- The Committee of Management has received approval from the Crown to manage the Toolleen Highway Park Rest Stop. The Committee has been re-

gazetted by the Crown to become the Toolleen Recreation Reserves Committee of Management to empower it to be responsible for the care and control of both reserves.

- Issue – despite creation/installation of road access to private property at Toolleen Recreation Reserve, the current private landholder continues to utilise the Reserve for vehicular access/egress. DSE has undertaken a survey of the private property/Reserve boundary and will fully fund installation of seven foot high colorbond fence, upon determination of freehold landowner's request to construct fence two metres into the Reserve. (Issue remains outstanding as at 27th June 2007).

34.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Upgrade current irrigation by installing an underground irrigation/watering system.
- Upgrade the current Community Centre by extending the southern end of the building to include upgraded Mt Pleasant Football Club change rooms, a storeroom and an elevated timekeeper's box on top of the extended building which includes facilities for video-filming football games.
- Community Centre – install "split system" air-conditioning to increase its capacity to be sustainable into the future.
- Install chain mesh security fencing around current water tanks at the Community Centre.
- Install a netball timekeeper's box at ground level.
- Upgrade netball change room facilities.
- Enlarge trainer's box to meet current standards (adjacent to football ground).
- Install male/female umpires change rooms.
- Install ramp to access current kiosk.
- Install strategically placed external safety lighting (possibly "solar").
- Further develop the surrounds of the Reserve by installing playground equipment and picnic facilities.

34.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Toolleen Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the Community Centre by extending the southern end of the building, to incorporate new football change rooms, a storeroom, and an elevated timekeeper's box which will permit video-filming of football games.	M	\$300,000	Council / Club CoM / SRV
Install underground irrigation system to the Reserve	H	\$35,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Construct netball timekeeper's facilities at ground level	H	\$25,000	Council / Club CoM
Install chain mesh fencing around water tanks at Community Centre	L	\$7,000	Council/CoM
Upgrade Netball Club change room facilities	H	\$30,000	Council/CoM/Club.SRV
Install football trainer's box to meet current standards (adjacent to football oval)	M	\$30,000	Council/Club/CoM/SRV
Upgrade/install separate male/female umpires change rooms	H	\$40,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Install ramp to access current kiosk (OH&S, and DDA compliance)	H	\$5,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Install strategically placed external safety lighting (possibly "solar")	M	\$5,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Install playground equipment and picnic facilities at the Reserve	M	\$10,000	Council / Club CoM
Sub-Total		\$487,000	

35. WELTON RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land
Management: Local Committee
 Reserve Committee maintains grounds and undertakes building maintenance

35.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<p><u>Sports Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multipurpose court area, configuration for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2 tennis courts – 1 netball court – 2 basketball backboards <p><u>Support Buildings and Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Storage shed (includes plans for a kitchen) • Playground and fencing <p><u>Other Facilities</u> Nil</p>	<p><u>Sports Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of the facility include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Junior netballers – Primary School – Local residents – Ladies day tennis days – Junior tennis <p><u>Other Groups</u> Community Club</p>

35.2. Issues and Opportunities

35.2.1. Features and Issues

- Use of the toilets by campers in the area has been an issue since their opening (damage), and the hours of operation are now limited to during use of the recreation reserve by local community.
- No formal parking areas.

35.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- The Committee has identified a number of future improvements for the Reserve:
 - Floodlights to enable night use.
 - Shade sail and fencing for the playground.
 - Install a kitchen in the shed.
 - Install picnic furniture around the site.
 - Install a cricket practice net.
- Install directional signage to the Reserve on the Murray Valley Highway (down Weir Road) and on Weir Road.

35.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Welton Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Install flood lighting at the multipurpose court area	H	\$60,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install a shade sail over the playground, and consider fencing it	H	\$10,000	CoM
Install a cricket practice net	L	\$20,000	CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$90,000	

36. WYUNA RECREATION RESERVE

Ownership: Crown Land

Management: Local Committee

Reserve Committee don't have any role in the maintenance and upkeep of the oval and surrounds, the sand arenas and the buildings. The user groups are each provided with a grant from the Reserve Committee and they have to undertake these roles for their respective facilities.

36.1. Facilities and User Groups

Facilities	User Groups
<u>Sports Areas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cricket oval (turf wicket) • 4 asphalt tennis courts (no club) • 3 sand arenas for equestrian activities 	<u>Sports Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyuna Cricket Club • Murray River Western Performance Horse Club
<u>Support Buildings and Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket / tennis pavilion • Storage shed • Public toilets (southern end) • Equestrian pavilion • Public toilets (portable building) • Horse stalls 	<u>Other Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riding for the Disabled • Country Fire Authority • Pony Club clinics
<u>Other Facilities</u> Nil	

36.2. Issues and Opportunities

36.2.1. Features and Issues

- Tennis courts are used informally by local residents - there is no formal club based at the Reserve.
- No hot water onsite.
- Lack of identification signage denoting the Reserve and the user groups.
- The flood irrigation method of watering the oval is inefficient and wasteful.
- Lack of Town water supply to service toilets and other areas (during the irrigation period, raw water from the Goulburn-Murray supply channel is used).
- The Horse Club has several large events each year attracting up to 300 participants and spectators, and organises approximately two smaller events each month.
- Horse Club requires a multi-purpose facility, which could be shared with other user groups, to effectively conduct horse events, catering, etc

36.2.2. Opportunities for Development

- Construct a basic multi-purpose facility over the existing cricket club rooms to be shared between cricket and the horse club, and available for community events / meetings.
- Provide a cover over the existing sand-based horse club facility.
- Install a playground at the southern end of the ground next to the multi-purpose facility.

36.3. Recommended Improvement Projects

The following projects are recommended to improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities at the Reserve.

Wyuna Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Construct a multi-purpose facility attached to the existing cricket clubrooms	H	\$350,000	Council / COM / Clubs / SRV
Install a playground next to the multi-purpose facility	M	\$25,000	Club / CoM
Cover the main horse arena	L	\$200,000	Club / CoM
Sub-Total		\$575,000	

37. OTHER RESERVES

Koyuga Recreation Reserve is used for junior cricket overflow games from Tongala, as well as social events. It does not require any upgrades, due to its low usage level. Koyuga Hall, however, is a focal point for the community and is well patronised. The facility was built with volunteer labour, donated trade services and a grant of \$30,000 from Campaspe Shire Council.

38. RECREATION RESERVES ANALYSIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The following table identifies the recommended improvement projects for each recreation reserve. Some projects have been identified by Reserve Committees and/or user groups, whilst other projects were identified by the consultant team or through the *Township & District Community Plans* and community meetings conducted during this study.

For each project an indicative prioritisation and costing has been provided (where possible) as well as an indication of the organisations that are likely to be responsible for the implementation and/or funding of each project. Whilst the table prioritises the proposed projects according to a classification of **High**, **Medium** and **Low**, the actual order of implementation and practicality of proceeding with projects may be subject to a number of factors and criteria before commencement, including:

- Existing condition of buildings and infrastructure.
- Availability of funding from Reserve Committees, user groups, Council and/or other external funding sources.
- Current and future Council priorities.
- Level of importance or priority of projects as identified by Reserve Committees and clubs or in the *Township & District Community Plans*.
- Community needs.
- Community safety.
- Further investigation, research and consultation.

Other explanatory notes in relation to the information provided in the table include:

1. The cost estimates have been provided as indicative costs, based on similar projects undertaken in the past 18 months. No concept plans have been prepared for any of the proposed upgrades, which would typically be required if more accurate estimated costs are sought from a Quantity Surveyor.
2. All estimated costs shown in the table are in “today’s dollars”, have allowed for works to be undertaken by private contractors (i.e. not “self-help”), and assume site conditions to be favourable.
3. Cost exclusions relating to the estimated costs include architectural and design fees, construction contingencies, project management fees, Goods and Services Tax (GST), and any costs/loss of income which may be incurred by user groups or Committees during construction of improvement projects.
4. The information within the table does not commit any organisation to a responsibility for funding allocated projects. Funding for particular projects will be determined following an analysis of the capacity of stakeholder organisations to raise required funds, an assessment of competing demands, and a clear understanding of priorities.

It should be noted that some capacity may exist for cost savings during the implementation of the capital improvement program if local contractors are sourced, materials and/or labour are donated, or like projects are combined/packaged into one larger contract.

Legend for abbreviations used in the table:

Council = Campaspe Shire

SRV = Sport and Recreation Victoria

Clubs = Existing and/or future user groups

CoM = Reserve Committees of Management

DS&E = Department of Sustainability & Environment (Vic)

Stakeholders = Peak Sporting Associations / Leagues / Town Progress Associations or Service Clubs

Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Development Implementation Plan

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
General			
Install uniform identification signage at all recreation reserves and, where required, install directional signage for those reserve not properly sign-posted	M	Not Costed	Council
Introduce water resistant turf species to all grounds used for cricket	H	Not Costed	Council / DS&E / CoM / Clubs
Undertake an accessibility audit at all reserves	H	\$25,000	Council / DS&E
Undertake an independent review of all public toilet facilities located at reserves (The review needs to recognise that some public toilets located at recreation reserves have a function beyond just the reserve users, as they are also the designated township public toilets available for use by tourists)	M	\$15,000	Council / DS&E
Sub-Total		\$40,000	
Bamawm Recreation Reserve			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Investigate options for and the feasibility of upgrading the Bamawm Sports Centre	M	\$5,000	CoM / Council
Identify options for developing cricket clubrooms as part of the Sports Centre	L	\$100,000	CoM / Club / SRV
Upgrade the cricket practice nets	M	\$7,500	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$112,500	
Bamawm Extension Recreation Reserve			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Install a secure gate at the reserve entry	L	\$3,500	CoM / Club
Upgrade the equestrian clubroom (includes toilets and connections to access drinking water)	M	\$40,000	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$43,500	
Colbinabbin Town Recreation Reserve			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Extend and upgrade the oval pavilion (Review current plan to provide social rooms, a separate medical room, improved umpires change, access for people with disabilities, and an undercover spectator area through possible extension of the existing verandah. During design development, and if funding permits, consider separate change rooms for pool users and sports ground users)	H	\$330,000	CoM / Clubs / Council / SRV
Upgrade the bowls/tennis clubroom (kitchen and bar area)	L	\$45,000	Clubs/ CoM
Resurface the netball/tennis courts	M	\$40,000	Clubs / CoM
Re-fence the netball/tennis courts	M	\$20,000	Clubs / CoM

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Demolish the existing netball shed and replace it with a new shade and shelter facility (with new public toilets)	H	\$120,000	CoM / Clubs / Council / SRV
Upgrade the toilets in the kindergarten building	M	\$25,000	CoM / Council
Seal (hot mix) the section of the Reserve access road between the Reserve entry and the kindergarten	L	\$90,000	Clubs / CoM
Formalise the pedestrian link between the Reserve and Town Centre (including upgrade of pedestrian bridge across Waranga Western Channel)	M	\$45,000	Council / SRV
Provide a security gate to the time keeper's box	M	\$2,000	Council / CoM
Install a fence around the playground	M	\$7,000	Council / CoM
Upgrade power supply to the Reserve	H	Not costed	Council / COM
Upgrade oval lighting by installation of two lighting towers	H	\$50,000	Council / COM
Install strategically placed safety/security lighting at various locations around the Reserve and to the wooden pedestrian bridge and walking track	M	Not costed	Council / COM
Installation of picnic tables/seating to provide increased amenity for public use.	L	\$3,500	Council
Sub-Total		\$777,500	
Echuca East Recreation Reserve			
Improvement Project	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Formalise the reserve entry through improved signage and landscaping	L	\$5,000	Council / CoM
Install a playground near the after care program building	M	\$35,000	Council / Stakeholders
Develop a gravel walking track around the reserve	M	\$17,500	CoM / Council
Undertake additional tree planting around the reserve	H	\$2,500	CoM
Install a BBQ in the park area of the reserve	H	\$5,000	CoM / Council
Sub-Total		\$65,000	
Echuca South Recreation Reserve			
Improvement Project	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
New flood lights for 2 netball/tennis courts	H	\$30,000	Assoc / SRV
Resurface the netball/tennis courts	H	\$100,000	Council / Assoc
Upgrade the irrigation system for the oval	M	\$20,000	Council / Club
Upgrade the floodlights for the oval	M	\$50,000	Club
Seal (hot mix) the access road around the oval	L	\$250,000	Council / Club
Upgrade the kitchen in the social rooms at the oval	M	\$35,000	SRV / Club

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Replace the basketball rings and supporting infrastructure in the Nestle Stadium	H	\$70,000	Council / Lessee
Develop 3 squash courts adjacent to the entry area of the Nestle Stadium (pending feasibility)	M	\$300,000	Council / Lessee / SRV
Sub-Total		\$855,000	
Victoria Park (Echuca)			
Priority	Cost	Responsibility	
Refer reserve master plan (2006) - <i>in progress</i>	NA	NA	NA
Sub-Total		\$0	
Echuca Village Recreation Reserve			
Priority	Cost	Responsibility	
Re-surface the hard courts with sand-filled synthetic grass, and install basketball/netball rings to enable multi-use of courts (pending demand)	M	\$70,000	CoM / SRV
Develop the land behind the clubrooms as a township park (install a playground and seating)	M	\$50,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$120,000	
Girgarre Recreation Reserve			
Priority	Cost	Responsibility	
Undertake tree planting along the reserve boundaries (source indigenous native species)	L	\$2,000	CoM / Clubs
Extend and upgrade the kitchen in the social rooms	M	\$50,000	CoM / Clubs
Relocate the floodlighting poles located on the tennis courts to the edges	H	\$50,000	CoM / Clubs
Re-surface the tennis courts	M	\$40,000	CoM / Clubs
Sub-Total		\$142,000	
Gunbower Recreation Reserve			
Priority	Cost	Responsibility	
Prepare a formal master plan for the reserve	M	\$15,000	Council / CoM
Upgrade the public toilets	L	\$65,000	Council / DS&E / CoM
New/upgraded canteen required (integrate with main pavilion, if possible)	M	\$25,000	CoM / Clubs
Install a new irrigation system on the oval	H	\$60,000	CoM / Clubs
Replace the perimeter fence around the tennis courts	L	\$30,000	CoM / Club
Install a new playground	H	\$45,000	Council / DS&E / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$240,000	

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Kyabram Recreation Reserve			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playing surface to regional sports ground quality (improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the irrigation system, and level and top-dress the surface)	M	\$60,000	Council / Clubs / SRV
Upgrade the floodlighting to competition standard	L	\$75,000	Council / Clubs
Develop a new netball change/toilet building adjacent to the courts	H	\$200,000	Council / Clubs / SRV
Investigate the possible relocation of the cricket practice nets to a site behind the grandstand	M	\$45,000	Council / Clubs
New scoreboard (purchase and installation)	M	\$100,000	Clubs
Seal (hot mix) the access road around the oval	L	\$200,000	Council / Clubs
Upgrade the reserve main entry	L	\$7,500	Council
Sub-Total		\$687,500	
Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playing surface of selected courts, as required	H	Not Costed	Council / Club
Upgrade clubroom (kitchen, change rooms and bar area)	M	\$150,000	Council / Club / SRV
Establish a new outdoor BBQ and picnic area on the site of the maintenance shed	M	\$6,500	Club
Sub-Total		\$156,500	
Kyabram Racecourse & Recreation Reserve			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playing surface of the oval area (top-dressing)	L	\$7,500	Council
Upgrade the condition of the BMX track	L	\$3,500	Council
Sub-Total		\$11,000	
Northern Sports Oval (Kyabram)			
	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the reserve main entry	M	\$5,000	Council / Clubs / CoM
Re-surface the netball court surface (priority for courts 3 - 6, 8, 9 and 12)	H	\$100,000	Council / CoM / Assoc
Seal (hot mix) the access road into the reserve and the area between the pavilion and the oval	L	\$125,000	Council / Clubs / CoM
Formalise the car parking along the western boundary of the netball courts	M	\$25,000	Council / CoM
Develop the land beyond the northern end of the pavilion into a quality passive area (install a BBQ, seating and picnic table)	M	\$7,500	CoM / Clubs
Sub-Total		\$262,500	

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Kyabram Showgrounds (Indoor Centre)	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Undertake a feasibility study to extend the indoor centre to include a swimming pool	L	\$20,000	Council
Sub-Total		\$20,000	
Ky-Valley Tennis Facility	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade court lighting on 2 courts	H	\$65,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install basketball/netball rings and lines on one court to enable multi-use of facility (pending demand)	M	\$7,500	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$72,500	
Lancaster Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Extend and upgrade the existing football players' and umpires' change rooms, and build new netball change rooms and toilet/shower facilities.	M	\$115,000	Council / Club / CoM / SRV
Upgrade the quality of the existing playground area (install a BBQ, seating, a shelter and picnic table)	M	\$10,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install an irrigation system	H	\$65,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$190,000	
Lockington Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Relocate existing seating along the northern side of the multipurpose courts to provide conforming run-offs (3.05m netball, 2.0m for basketball)	H	No Cost	Clubs / CoM
Extend and upgrade the player change area of the pavilion (provide a new visitor's change room, which will allow internal re-fit of existing change room area to develop a larger umpire's change room, improved toilet/shower areas, a gymnasium and additional storage)	M	\$175,000	CoM / Council / Clubs
Develop a public toilet facility with any redevelopment of the pavilion	L	\$85,000	CoM / Council
Replace the perimeter around the tennis courts	M	\$40,000	CoM / Club
Install a shade sail over the playground	M	\$15,000	CoM
Sub-Total		\$315,000	
Nanneella Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
<i>No recommendations</i>			

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Pine Grove Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Connect power to the reserve	M	\$20,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Develop camping sites at the reserve	M	\$5,000	CoM
Sub-Total		\$25,000	
Rochester Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Prepare a formal master plan for the reserve (to identify opportunities to contain/rationalise the number of buildings, and to ensure a planned approach for the development of the site)	M	\$20,000	Council / Clubs / CoM / SRV
Construct a new netball court near the football netball club pavilion and remove existing court used by the club	L	\$25,000	CoM / Assoc
New scoreboard (purchase and installation)	M	\$100,000	Clubs
Re-surface the Association netball courts (pending retention of the courts)	M	\$65,000	CoM / Assoc
Develop a new equestrian exercise area	M	No Cost	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$210,000	
Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Install an irrigation system to hole no.s 10 - 18	M	Not Costed	CoM
Investigate the feasibility of relocating the main entry and car park to the western side of the clubroom (off Diggora Road)	H	Not Costed	Council / CoM
Develop 4 hard courts to supplement the grass courts (pending demand and suitable location) (option includes installing new courts at the school across the Highway)	M	\$100,000	Club / CoM / DEET / SRV
Extend the provision of shade around the existing grass tennis courts (combination of shelters/sails and tree planting)	H	\$20,000	CoM / Club
Develop a quality passive area (install seating, a picnic table and a shelter)	M	\$15,000	CoM / Club
Sub-Total		\$135,000	
Rochester Motor Sports Complex	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
<i>No recommendations</i>			

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Rushworth Public Park Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Implement recommendations of the 2007 Master Planning Process (Identify opportunities to contain/rationalise the number of buildings, to incorporate the natural Ironbark Forest/historic digging's reserve, and to ensure a planned approach for the development of the site)	H	Costs detailed below	Council / Clubs CoM
Redevelop the current two netball courts as a multipurpose hard court area, being the first stage of a future 6 court tennis facility to replace the existing lawn tennis courts to achieve sustainable water and energy efficiencies. (Extend current two courts to comply with Netball Victoria Standards, re-surface the courts, install fencing, new line marking, re-site current shed, construct a shelter, and upgrade lighting)	H+	\$60,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Formalise and seal the access road into and around the Reserve, and the car parking areas.	L	\$100,000	Council / CoM
Improve the landscape amenity of the Reserve (Follow the historic and existing paths within the existing native forest area, and connecting new pathways from the Railway Reserve. Install a playground, seating and picnic area.)	M	\$30,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Continue to improve drainage at the Reserve to prevent damage and to preserve / conserve water (Drainage required within the road reserve on the west side of Coyle Street, outside the Reserve fence to prevent stormwater damage flows onto the Reserve)	M	\$80,000	Council / Clubs CoM
Redevelop the Reserve oval ground surface to improve drainage and level the playing field and investigate 'drought-tolerant' turf species for the playing surface	H-M	\$300,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Replace the current 'rotting' timber posts around the perimeter of the Reserve oval (4,012), and insert cable between posts, allowing one emergency access point onto the oval, and one access point for the Curator			
Include two player races from change rooms			
Replace rotting posts at entry points to the Reserve (not included in above costings)			
Relocate cricket practice nets northwards from current location to remove the 'run-up' approach from the oval and construct three new nets and improve drainage	H	\$22,500	Council / Clubs CoM
Construct new Social Clubrooms over the top of the existing social rooms (the top floor would consist of improved social clubrooms for all codes of sport, a meeting room, office space, a commercial kitchen, time keeper's box and an access/egress ramp. The current social clubrooms to be converted to player change rooms and male/female umpire change facilities while retaining the current kiosk. The current football change room facilities would be converted to storage for football/netball & cricket clubs and a curator's storage area)	H to M	\$500,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV
Construct 4 new hard surface tennis courts, fences, etc., east of the current netball courts. (No lights)	H	\$100,000	Council / Clubs CoM / SRV

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the power supply from point of entry to the Reserve to the main switchboard Install security lighting at various locations around the Reserve	H	\$80,000	Council / Clubs CoM
Following boundary surveys of the Reserve, replace north and east perimeter fences, and install fences to west and south of Reserve. Fence Reserve dam for OH&S reasons and to ensure safety of general public, including children playing at the Reserve.	L	\$30,000	DSE – Crown lands & forestry.
Install signage – speed (as per VicRoads), directional, interpretive	H	\$3,000	VicRoads and Council
Sewerage requirement (quote for current amenities \$26,000, but with asset rationalisation, should be less from two locations and without the need for a 'rising' main.)	M	\$20,000	Council / Clubs / CoM
Sub-Total		\$1,325,500	
Stanhope Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Prepare a formal master plan for the reserve to identify opportunities to develop new facilities and spaces within the reserve precinct (ensure good integration with the primary school and the proposed new stadium development, re-use the existing tennis courts as a new multipurpose hard court area - netball/tennis, convert the existing netball courts into a short-stay caravan/camping area, relocate the main vehicle entry access to Savage Road and down grade the Highway entrance to be predominantly pedestrian)	M	\$20,000	Council / Clubs / CoM / SRV
Investigate options to reconfigure the second oval and access road to increase the playing area of the ground and to better define the playing area and the access road	L	\$5,000	CoM / Clubs
Improve the perimeter fence around the reserve to make more secure	M	\$35,000	CoM / Clubs
Investigate the feasibility of developing a skate park at the site adjacent to the current entry	H	\$80,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Investigate the feasibility of relocating the short-stay visitor stop on the Highway just west of the Savage Road corner, to a new location alongside the Reserve adjacent to the current entry	L	Not Costed	CoM / Council
Upgrade the public toilets and connect to town sewerage	M	Not Costed	CoM / Council / Clubs
Sub-Total		\$140,000	

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Stanhope Public Park Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the playground and visitor facilities at the Lions Club Park (play equipment and seating)		In Progress	Lions Club / Council
Investigate the feasibility of connecting the Lions Club Park to raw water irrigation supply as an alternative to the current use of Town water	M	Not Costed	CoM / Council
Sub-Total		\$0	
Tennyson Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the two useable tennis courts (repaint surface)	M	\$10,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install lighting on 2 courts	L	\$65,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$75,000	
Tongala Recreation Reserve (and RK Brose Reserve)	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Resurface netball courts	H	\$30,000	COM / Club
Develop a new netball court	M	\$30,000	CoM / Council / Club / SRV
Redevelop the tennis clubrooms	M	\$45,000	CoM / Club
Develop a skate park and upgrade the BMX track	H	\$85,000	Council
Seal (hot mix) the access road around the Reserve and formalise the car parking	L	\$250,000	Council / CoM
Investigate options combine the public toilets with an upgraded change pavilion at RK Brose Reserve (to incorporate umpires change rooms)	M	\$100,000	CoM / Council / Club
Install a small playground adjacent to the netball courts	M	\$15,000	CoM / Clubs
Construct a new scoreboard / media box	M	\$35,000	CoM / Clubs
Relocate cricket practice nets	M	\$15,000	CoM / Clubs
Redevelopment of Football / Cricket Clubrooms	L	\$300,000	CoM / Clubs / Council / SRV
Install security lighting around the Reserve to provide improved safety and security	L	\$50,000	Council / CoM
Develop a fitness trail "Tonnie Track" around the Reserve	L	\$20,000	Council / CoM / Clubs / SRV
Sub-Total		\$975,000	
Toolleen Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Upgrade the Community Centre by extending the southern end of the building, to incorporate new football change rooms, a storeroom, and an elevated timekeeper's box which will permit video-filming of football games.	M	\$300,000	Council / Club CoM / SRV
Install underground irrigation system to the Reserve	H	\$35,000	Council/CoM/SRV

Improvement Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Responsibility
Construct netball timekeeper's facilities at ground level	H	\$25,000	Council / Club CoM
Install chain mesh fencing around water tanks at Community Centre	L	\$7,000	Council/CoM
Upgrade Netball Club change room facilities	H	\$30,000	Council/CoM/Club.SRV
Install football trainer's box to meet current standards (adjacent to football oval)	M	\$30,000	Council/Club/CoM/SRV
Upgrade/install separate male/female umpires change rooms	H	\$40,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Install ramp to access current kiosk (OH&S, and DDA compliance)	H	\$5,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Install strategically placed external safety lighting (possibly "solar")	M	\$5,000	Council/CoM/SRV
Install playground equipment and picnic facilities at the Reserve	M	\$10,000	Council / Club CoM
Sub-Total		\$487,000	
Welton Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Install flood lighting at the multipurpose court area	H	\$60,000	Council / CoM / SRV
Install a shade sail over the playground, and consider fencing it	H	\$10,000	CoM
Install a cricket practice net	L	\$20,000	CoM / SRV
Sub-Total		\$90,000	
Wyuna Recreation Reserve	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
Construct a multi-purpose facility attached to the existing cricket clubrooms	H	\$350,000	Council / COM / Clubs / SRV
Install a playground next to the multi-purpose facility	M	\$25,000	Club / CoM
Cover the main horse arena	L	\$200,000	Club / CoM
Sub-Total		\$575,000	
Grand Total		\$8,104,500	

39. CONCLUSION

The *Campaspe Shire Recreation Reserves Analysis* has investigated and identified a consistent approach for the future management, operation and development of 31 recreation reserves located in the Campaspe Shire. The proposed new *Management Framework* provides Council, the Department of Sustainability & Environment, Reserve Committees and user groups with practical processes and policies for the effective management of the recreation reserves. A significant benefit of the Management Framework is that recreation reserves will operate in accordance with the same policy base and with similar procedures, including fees and charges for user groups.

The *Recreation Reserves Analysis Implementation Plan* identifies a range of specific improvement projects for each reserve, which respond to the needs of existing user groups and/or the aspirations of local communities to improve the opportunities for participating in recreation activities. The Plan provides an indicative prioritisation for all projects, estimated costs, and recommends an allocation of responsibility for implementation/funding of the specific projects.

The full implementation of the proposed *Management Framework* and the *Development Implementation Plan* will provide sustained benefit for local communities situated around the recreation reserves, the user groups utilising facilities, and the respective Reserve Committees charged with the responsibility for their management and development.

APPENDIX 1

Reserve Committee Interviews

Reserve Committee Interviews

An onsite meeting at the recreation reserve was held with a representative(s) from the Reserve Committee from the following Reserves.

Where no interview took place, it was due to either no contact details of a Committee person being available to Council to pass onto the consultant, incorrect (or out of date) contact details on Council's database for the Committee person, or an inability of the Committee person (or another Committee member) to meet the consultant at the Reserve at the designated time/day.

- Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve
- Gunbower Recreation Reserve
- Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club
- Kyabram Racecourse & Recreation Reserve
- Northern Sports Oval (Kyabram)
- Ky Valley Tennis Facility
- Lancaster Recreation Reserve
- Lockington Recreation Reserve
- Pine Grove Racecourse Reserve
- Rochester Recreation Reserve
- Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve
- Rushworth Recreation Reserve
- Scurrah Reserve
- Stanhope Recreation Reserve
- Tennyson Recreation Reserve
- Tongala Recreation Reserve (& RK Brose Reserve)
- Toolleen Recreation Reserve
- Welton Recreation Reserve

In addition, telephone interviews or separate meetings were held with a representative(s) from the Reserve Committee from the following Recreation Reserves.

- Echuca East Recreation Reserve
- Victoria Park (Echuca)
- Girgarre Recreation Reserve
- Kyabram Recreation Reserve
- Nanneella Recreation Reserve
- Wyuna Recreation Reserve

APPENDIX 2

Sports Club Survey Returns

Sports Club Survey Returns

The following sports clubs returned a completed Sports Club Survey:

- Bamawm Ladies Social Badminton Club
- Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club
- Bamawm Extension Pony Club
- Colbinabbin Bowls Club
- Colbinabbin Football Netball Club
- Colbinabbin Cricket Club
- Echuca South Cricket Club
- Echuca & District Netball Association
- Echuca South Tennis Club
- Echuca Basketball Association
- Echuca Football Netball Club
- Echuca Junior Football Club
- Echuca Cricket Club
- Girgarre Football Netball Club
- Kyabram Football Netball Club
- Kyabram Cricket Club
- Kyabram Netball Association
- Kyabram Fire Brigade Cricket Club
- Lockington Bamawm United Football/Netball Club
- Rochester Tigers Cricket Club
- Campaspe Golf Club
- Rushworth Cricket Club
- Rushworth Lawn Tennis Club
- Stanhope Cricket Club
- Tongala Cricket Club
- Tongala Junior Football Club
- Wyuna Cricket Club
- Echuca United Football Netball Club

APPENDIX 3

Community Forum Schedule

Community Forum Schedule

The schedule of Community Forums held in rural townships throughout the study period, and a list of attendees is summarised in the following table.

In addition, attendees at other stakeholder meetings/interviews conducted throughout the study period are identified in the table.

Name	Group Represented
Community Forum: Colbinabbin/Toolleen/Rushworth Venue: Colbinabbin Hall Date: 9th August 2005	
Graeme Weeks	Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve Committee
David Hill	Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve Committee
Frank Stewart	Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve Committee
Brian Wright	Colbinabbin Football Netball Club
Paul & Andrew Tait	Colbinabbin Football Netball Club Colbinabbin Tennis Club Community Action Group
Joe Hayes	Colbinabbin Football Netball Club Colbinabbin Cricket Club
Barrie Borger	Community Action Group
Ray McEvoy	Colbinabbin Football Netball Club
Christopher Ryan	Colbinabbin Tennis Club
Sam Vale	Colbinabbin Football Netball Club Colbinabbin Cricket Club
Pauline McTaggart	Colbinabbin Netball Club Colbinabbin Pre-School
Robert Brown	Colbinabbin Football Netball Club
Community Forum: Rochester/Nanneella Venue: Rochester Council Service Centre Date: 9th August 2005	
No attendees	

Community Forum: Stanhope/Girgarre Venue: Stanhope Hall Date: 10th August 2005	
Sandy Ryan	Goulburn Valley Field Day Committee
Dennis Roberts	Goulburn Valley Field Day Committee Stanhope Recreation Reserve Committee
Gerard Lucardie	Stanhope Recreation Reserve Committee
Wayne Ryan	Stanhope Football Netball Club
Gavam Poole	Stanhope Recreation Reserve Committee Stanhope Football Netball Club
Marj Brewer	Stanhope Lions Club
Ian Butler	Stanhope Primary School
Pip Scoble	Girgarre Recreation Reserve Committee Girgarre Football Netball Club Girgarre Cricket Club
Community Forum: Kyabram/Lancaster/Ky Valley/Tongala Venue: Wilf Cox Community Centre (Kyabram) Date: 10th August 2005	
Peter Nelson	Kyabram Football Netball Club Kyabram Community Planning Committee
Ian Hilton	Kyabram Football Netball Club Kyabram Community Planning Committee
Lou Gavarella	Kyabram Football Netball Club
Steven Cail	Kyabram Cricket Club
Lyn Dobbin	Kyabram Sport & Entertainment Centre
Community Forum: Lockington/Bamawm/ Tennyson Venue: Lockington Community Centre Date: 17th August 2005	
Greg Toll	<i>Former Shire Councillor</i>
Community Forum: Gunbower/Torrumbarry Venue: Gunbower Soldiers Memorial Hall Date: 17th August 2005	
Stephen G Brown	Gunbower Recreation Reserve Committee
Marg L'Huillier	Hall Committee Recreation Reserve Committee
Greg Toll	<i>Former Shire Councillor</i>

APPENDIX 4

Revised Recreation Reserve Hierarchy (Proposed)

The following table which appears as part of the Recreation Reserves Committee of Management Grants Policy has been revised (additions shown in blue text, with deletions shown as strikethrough).

Revised Hierarchy of Sporting Recreation Reserves

Category Level	Competition Level	Ground	Reserve Infrastructure	Maintenance	Pavilion
Regional Reserve (Premier Facility)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering for the highest standard of sport played in the Shire municipality. High level of facility provision, possibly a variety of activities available across the reserve, high ability to generate income and a range of complementary facilities. Appropriate for a major league and first division teams competitions and finals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High grade turf with a good depth of top soil and a graded base. Very good surface quality, including grade, evenness and grass coverage. Predominantly sand profile with in-ground automatic sprinkler system and drainage. May have a turf centre wicket. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserve perimeter fence. Oval perimeter fence with in-fill. Boundary mesh fence. Flood and/or training lights provide full ground cover. Quality Covered and seated spectator facilities. & Public toilets with disabled access. Designated, sealed car parking with two sealed disabled parking bays access. Scoreboard. Coaches/timekeepers/commentary box(s). 2 Coaches boxes. Timekeepers box. 1 Media box. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fields would be mown twice a week in peak growing periods. De thatching, aeration, fertilizing and top-dressing at least annually as needed. Regular restoration May require wickets to be covered and uncovered after every season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M&F visitors/players Minimum of 2 separate change rooms with HWS. Netball change rooms with showers. M & F umpire rooms with HWS. Separate umpire change rooms with separate male and female spaces. High standard social club room/s. Disability access. Commercial kitchen. Canteen. Adequate storage areas.
District / Town Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town type catchment. Will be suitable for minor league competitions (but 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good cover of quality turf. Good surface quality, including grade, evenness and grass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oval perimeter fence. Boundary mesh fencing. Flood and/or training lights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular mowing. Restoration works as required. De thatching, aeration, fertilizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M&F visitors/players Minimum of 2 change rooms with HWS. Umpire change

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	<p>may be suitable for top-end sporting (major league) but plus senior, middle grade club competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more Playing surfaces of a good standard for at least two activities. Possibly Will be a variety of activity areas and training and competition venues, and some complementary facilities. 	<p>coverage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top soil should be of a good depth and well graded. Playing surface is full size but may or may not have turf cricket wickets. In-ground automatic Effective above-ground sprinkler system (as a minimum) and drainage. May not be as well graded as District Level or have as well prepared a soil base. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoreboard. 2 Coaches boxes. Timekeepers box. Public toilets with disabled access. Some dedicated spectator facilities. (e.g. mound, terracing, covered standing area limited). Designated car park including oval perimeter parking (may be unsealed) with minimum 2 disabled parking spaces. 	<p>and top-dressing annually.</p>	<p>rooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good social club room/s. Kiosk. Canteen. Adequate storage area.
Sub-District / Small Town Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable minor/district league competitions for senior, middle grade, club competition. Smaller Town and local district type catchment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good cover of quality turf. Playing surface is full size but may or may not have turf cricket wickets. Appropriate sprinkler system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oval perimeter fence. Boundary mesh fencing Training lights. Scoreboard. Timekeepers box. Public toilets 2 Coaches boxes. Some spectator seating. Designated car park including oval perimeter parking (may be unsealed) with minimum 2 disabled parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular mowing. Restoration works, as required. De thatching aeration, fertilizing and top-dressing, as required annually. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 2 change rooms with HWS. Visitors/players change rooms Good social club room/s. Kiosk. Canteen. Some storage area.

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			spaces.		
Neighbourhood Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable for training/low level competition (seniors and juniors) and schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turf cover can be patchy in places, but generally good to medium quality. Field generally without in-ground irrigation and drainage and may not be well formed. Generally full sized fields. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May or may not be fenced. Not necessarily have lights – maybe training lights Some spectator seating. On-road car parking available as a minimum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular mowing. Restoration works, top dressing and aeration subject to need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to toilet and change facilities. Kiosk
Boutique Sports-Specific Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newly emerging Sports with a low or small participation base. Reserves is usually single-purpose. May service a regional catchment area that is municipal Shire-wide or beyond. Reserve may be located on dual purpose open spaces, such as retarding basins, road reservations etc., or private land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turf cover maybe patchy due to lack of soil depth and irrigation and have some worn areas. Maybe poorly formed and subject to flooding. Surface will conform to minimum standards determined by sports peak body. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be fenced. Not likely to have lighting. Floodlighting provided, as may be required. Minimal reserve infrastructure may be evident, including seating, unsealed car parking, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not necessarily watered or well drained. Mowing on an as needs basis. As may be required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May only in some cases be served by change and toilet facilities. Generally basic amenities.