

# MOE NEWBOROUGH OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

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# 1 Background Information

#### 1.1 Introduction

The townships of Moe and Newborough are situated approximately 140 kilometers east of Melbourne, with a population of approximately 16,000. The two townships have seven active reserves, which cater for formal sports such as football (AFL & Soccer), Cricket, Tennis, Baseball and passive recreational pursuits such as walking and running.

Council completed a plan for the upgrade and development of the seven active reserves in 2008. Over the past seven years Council has funded and implemented a large number of the key recommendations from the plan.

The following outdoor recreation reserves have been reviewed and included as part of the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan:

- Ted Summerton Reserve
- Racecourse / Joe Tabuteau Reserve
- Olympic Reserve
- Moe Botanic Gardens
- WH Burrage Reserve
- Monash and WH Corrigan Reserves
- Northern Reserve

The Moe and Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan has been developed to provide clear direction for the future planning, provision and enhancement of sport and community infrastructure across the seven recreation reserves located within the Moe Newborough area.

The outdoor recreation reserves reviewed provide a mixture of structured and unstructured sporting and community infrastructure, all of which have varying levels of provision and condition. They also cater for a wide range of sport and recreation users with a key focus on provision for active sports including Australian Rules Football, soccer, netball, soccer, cricket, baseball and tennis.

A common theme across all reserves is the 'dated' condition of facilities and the lack of infrastructure to support unstructured recreation use of each reserve.

SGL Consulting Group Australia Pty Ltd (SGL) was commissioned to complete the project in August 2014.

# 1.2 Outdoor Recreation Plan Documents

The Moe and Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan includes:

Section One: Background Information.
Section Two: Key Project Findings

Section Three: Outdoor Reserve Master Plans and Strategic Direction

Appendices: Supporting Documents

# 1.3 Project Purpose

The Moe and Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan project has been set up to deliver a long term plan for seven identified outdoor reserves with a focus on the critical elements of:

- Engagement
- Infrastructure requirements
- Facility design
- Investment required to deliver integrated and well co-ordinated community, sporting and recreational infrastructure.

### 1.4 Scope of Work

The aim of the study was to review the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan, which was originally developed in 2008. The review did not include Kingsford Street Reserve, as this reserve is no longer functioning as an active reserve.

#### 1.4.1 Project Objectives

The objectives of the project were:

- Identify current and future recreation reserve development opportunities for Moe Newborough and surrounding communities for the next 10 years.
- Optimise sports facility and open space usage and increase multi-use and efficiency of recreational facilities.
- Provide a prioritised implementation plan, including cost estimates for master plan infrastructure recommendations.

### 1.5 Project Methodology

The Project Methodology was undertaken in a three phase process including:

#### Phase 1 - Needs Assessment including:

- Identify stakeholders
- · Identify club and community values
- Demographic analysis of Moe and Newborough
- Identify relevant recreation and social trends
- Consult with key recreation, sport and community partners
- Prepare a draft report including analysis and synthesis of the information gathered

#### Phase 2 - Draft Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan including:

Preparation a draft master plan summary for each identified active reserve

#### Phase 3 - Final Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan including:

Prepare a final report presenting the master plan recommendations

# 1.6 Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserves

The Moe and Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan study area includes the seven key recreation reserves across an approximate 4km radius incorporating the areas of both Moe and Newborough.



Figure 1.1 Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserves Location Plan



# 2 Key Project Findings

### 2.1 Introduction

This section summarises the key project findings and forms the basis for the review and development of the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserves Plan. The information should be read in association with the detailed information provided in the Appendices.

This section provides a summary of:

- · Demographic Profile
- Strategic Context
- Community Consultation

# 2.2 Project Area Population Trends

The following section summarises the key population and demographic characteristics and trends likely to impact future participation in sport and recreation within the Latrobe City area. The population and demographic profiles are based wherever possible on the 2011 ABS Census data and has been sourced from .id, an online company that analyses ABS Census data.

The following provides a snap shot of the current demographic and population characteristics of the Moe Newborough area. A detailed demographic review is provided in **Appendix One**.

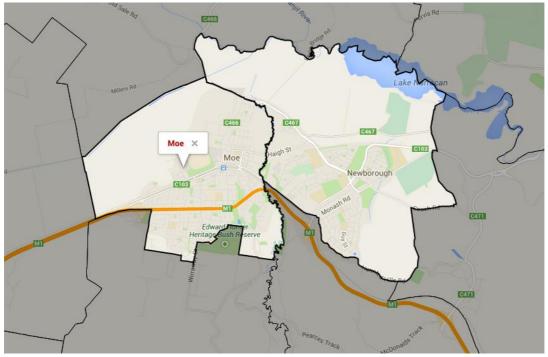


Figure 2.1 Map of Moe Newborough

#### 2.2.1 Population

The population trends indicate that between 2006 and 2011 the population of Moe Newborough increased from 15,332 people to 15,686 people. This equates to an approximate growth of 2.3%.

#### 2.2.2 Age Profile

Just over 6 out of 10 (60.1%) residents are aged in their most active years of 0 - 49 years. This indicates that the current pressure and demands being placed on Council to provide a range of leisure activities and facilities to meet the needs of residents will continue.

#### 2.2.3 Employee Profile

In 2011 approximately 5,706 people living in Moe Newborough were employed, of which 57.3% worked full time and 34.9% part time. There is a large representation of people living in Moe Newborough that are employed in retail trade, health care and social assistance, manufacturing and construction.

#### 2.2.4 Vehicle Ownership

A review of the vehicle ownership indicates that the majority of residents own one or more vehicles (86.2%) indicating most people have the ability to independently access sport and leisure activities.

However there are still a number of residents (13.8%) that are reliant on public or non-motorized forms of transport. The location and ease of access to facilities is therefore a key element to support access and participation.

## 2.3 Strategic Document and Policy Review

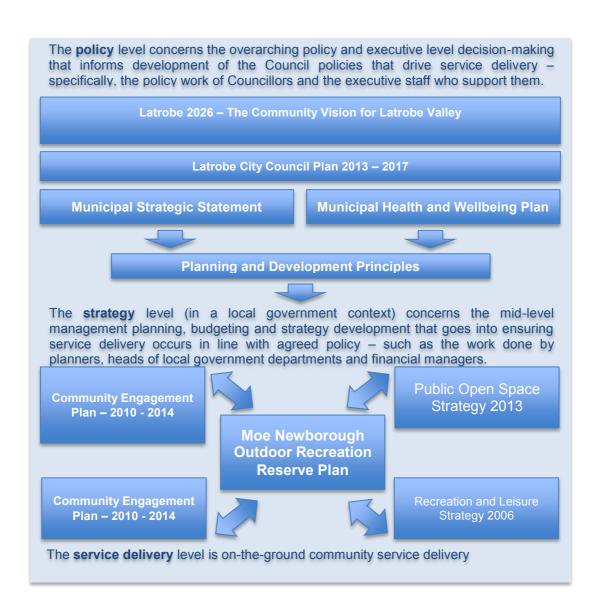
Council has a number of service planning and strategic documents that are relevant to the planning and delivery of sporting and leisure facilities in Latrobe.

Establishing and understanding the role of the Moe Newborough reserves in relationship with Council's other key strategies and plans across the organisation, will ensure the master plans for the site are consistent with these adopted policies and plans of Council.

The Council Plan 2013 – 2017, the municipal strategic statement and the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017 articulate Council's vision and the overarching framework used to make key decisions and deliver service priorities.

Council works strategically at multiple levels and across different sectors, addressing 'big picture' policy issues, management planning and strategy development, and community-level service issues.

The following provides a summary of the key issues identified within these strategic documents that will impact on the development of the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserves Plan.



The following provides a summary of the key strategic documents and the relationship to the Moe Newborough reserves and future use and development of the reserves. **Appendix Two** provides details of each document.

#### 2.3.1 Council Plan 2013 - 2017

The Council Plan identifies five themes and supporting objectives, which provide the framework for strategic directions, and supporting strategies and plans which define what Council will achieve.

Theme 2 of the Council Plan is particularly relevant to this Master Plan, which relates to appropriate, affordable and sustainable facilities, services and recreation. The strategic directions of this theme are:

- To promote and support a healthy, active and connected community;
- To provide facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse community; and
- To enhance the visual attractiveness and liveability of Latrobe City.

The development of a master plan for Catterick Crescent Reserve will assist Council to deliver on the strategic directions outlined in the Council Plan. These include:

Promoting and supporting more involvement of children in active recreation and sport;

- Develop and maintain community infrastructure that meets the needs of the community;
- Promotion and support of opportunities for people to enhance their health and wellbeing;
- Promoting and supporting opportunities for more community participation in sports, recreation, arts, culture and community activities;
- Enhancement and development of the physical amenity and visual appearance of Latrobe City; and
- Continuing to maintain and improve access to Latrobe City's parks, reserves and open spaces.

Achievement of the strategic directions outlined will be monitored via the number of reserve users, the community's satisfaction with recreation facilities and annual health and wellbeing community indicators.

#### 2.3.2 Review of Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan 2008

In 2008 Council in collaboration with the Moe Newborough community developed the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan.

The objectives of recreation in Moe Newborough include:

- · Facilitate increased passive recreational use of selected major sports reserves
- Rationalise facilities that are underutilised to enable more effective allocation of resources in key locations
- Where appropriate, encourage clubs utilising separate clubrooms at the same reserve to consolidate into one building
- Investigate the feasibility of establishing new sports fields at Burrage Reserve to create multiple playing fields for the same sport code
- Where appropriate develop or upgrade facilities so they are capable of hosting major competitions and events

The following were the key directions for the Mow Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan:

- Access to local and municipal facilities will be provided by consolidating facilities where possible and planning for appropriate levels of development
- Master Plan will aim to maximise multi-use and sharing of facilities between clubs and sports while also seeking to improve the provision of passive recreation facilities and active reserves
- Compliance with all relevant regulations and legislations will be a priority
- Existing facilities will be upgraded and improved prior to consideration of new developments
- Consideration will be given to multi-use and shared facilities to cater for reserve users

#### 2.3.3 Latrobe 2026 – The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley

The aim of this document is to identify current strengths and issues that can be built upon or improved to achieve the Community Vision by 2026. Three broad concepts were identified by the Latrobe Community including:

- Sustainability;
- Liveability; and
- · Leadership.

A further nine objectives were identified, one of these being "Recreation". High satisfaction levels with recreation and sporting options and facilities were identified.

A major aspiration is for a community that is both liveable and sustainable, with a continued focus on healthy lifestyles supported by high quality recreational and cultural facilities and a natural environment that is nurtured and respected.

Participation in sport and recreation is firmly embedded in the local culture with the majority of residents supporting or directly participating in some form of activity. Team based sports continue to be favoured by children, particularly Australian Rules football, netball, tennis, and soccer that continues to rise in popularity. The implementation of 'Access for All Abilities' facilities is becoming more widespread allowing the inclusion of residents from a range of cultures, ages and abilities.

Clearly positioned as the sporting hub of Gippsland, Latrobe Valley will continue to develop first-rate facilities in support of emerging and growing recreational pursuits across the region.

#### 2.3.4 Latrobe City Council Community Engagement Plan - 2010 - 2014

The recommendations of the Latrobe City Council Community Engagement Plan have been incorporated into the development of the Moe Newborough Master Plans to ensure better outcomes focused on the needs and aspirations of the community.

In accordance with the engagement plan, all policies, strategies, plans and projects that will impact on the community must be made available for public viewing and comment for a minimum of four weeks. This will be adhered to and the report provided to Council will include advice as to how community consultation has informed the recommendation.

The process undertaken provided face-to-face opportunities for the community to engage with the project. Opportunities for engagement were achieved via focus group workshops, face-to-face meetings, community surveys and telephone meetings.

#### 2.3.5 Public Open Space Strategy 2013

Open Space is defined by Council as publically accessible land that is set aside for recreation, leisure, sport, conservation and/or associated environmental and urban design functions.

The Open Space Strategy demand assessment confirmed that the majority of existing residential areas are generally well serviced and have adequate access to open space facilities. However, consistent with the community-identified priorities, the quality and appeal of many of the existing sites could be significantly improved.

The Open Space Strategy recommends the development of site-specific master plans to guide the future use and development of the Moe Newborough Reserves.

#### 2.3.6 Healthy Urban Design Good Practice Guidelines – 2008

The Healthy Urban Design Good Practice Guideline applies to residential developments, however, the principles can be applied to Council when designing open spaces and path networks.

The Healthy Urban Design Good Practice Guidelines encourages:

- Open space to incorporate a range of shade, shelter, seating and signage opportunities;
- Community spaces or buildings that incorporate a variety of uses; and
- Avoiding opportunities for concealment and entrapment along paths and in community spaces.

#### 2.3.7 Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2006

The Recreation and Leisure Strategy was completed in 2006 with six strategic objectives. The objectives relevant to the Moe Newborough Reserve Master Plans include:

- 1. Provision of diverse, financially sustainable recreation and leisure facilities and opportunities
  - Facilitate increased passive recreational use of selected major sports reserves by providing informal recreation facilities (e.g. Paths, seats, plantings, BBQ/picnic areas, playgrounds).

- 2. Provide and promote well used and relevant recreation facilities and settings
  - Establish accessible, safe and appealing recreation and leisure facilities and spaces for people with a disability;
  - Ensure affordable options for participating in recreation activities are available (e.g. provision of free recreation facilities in selected parks and open space areas, such as basketball half courts. Tennis rebound walls, linear bike paths and golf practice cages; and
  - Ensure key recreation facilities are safe and secure for older adults (security lighting, car park provision, access into and around facilities).
- 3. Consolidate recreation and sports facility provision and use
  - Re-use or remove unused sporting facilities;
  - Encourage clubs utilising separate clubrooms on the same reserve to consolidate into one building; and
  - Investigate the feasibility of establishing new sports fields to create multiple playing fields for the same sport code.

#### 2.3.8 State Sporting Associations

The State Sporting Association requirements and standards (where available) were reviewed and information collected through interviews with peak bodies and desk based research for the following:

- Australian Rules Football including AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines for State, Regional and Local Facilities (Australian Football League, August 2012).
- Cricket cricket facility development guidelines are currently under development.
- Community Sporting Facility Lighting Guide for Australian rules football, Football (Soccer) and Netball (Sport and Recreation Victorian 2012).

The relevant documents provide specific requirements including recommended sizes and should be utilised when designing new or upgrading existing facilities.

# 2.3.9 Environmentally Sustainable Design Universal Design Principles and Healthy by Design

In accordance with the project brief; environmentally sustainable design and universal design principles are to be incorporated. These are also requirements of some Government grants with Sport and Recreation Victoria Major Facilities requiring at least 20% of the grant amount to be allocated to components that will improve environmental sustainability.

The ESD principles are optimise size / existing structure potential, optimise energy use, protect and conserve water, use environmentally preferable products, enhance indoor environmental quality and optimise operational and maintenance practices. These need to be incorporated into the design and development of infrastructure for the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserve Master Plans.

Universal Design<sup>1</sup> is a concept that aims to "simplify life for everyone by making the programs, service and the built environment more usable by more people." The framework for creating solutions is:

- Equitable use (Be Fair)
- Flexibility in use (Be Included)
- Simple and intuitive use (Be Smart)
- Perceptible information (Be Independent)
- Tolerance for error (Be Safe)
- Low physical effort (Be Active)
- Size and space for approach and use (Be Comfortable).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Michael Walker, Universal Design, PLA Conference, Geelong, May 2014.

The Healthy by Design: a planners' guide to environments of active living (Heart Foundation, 2004) provides guidance in "designing walkable and ultimately more liveable communities" with the aim of facilitating healthy places for people to live, work and visit. Advice related to the planning of walking and cycling routes, local destinations, accessible open spaces for recreation and leisure and approaches to design of seating, signage, lighting and fencing to encourage active living has been considered in the development of the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserve Master Plans.

### 2.4 Summary of Community Consultation

An extensive community consultation process was undertaken to identify the needs and issues for each of the outdoor recreation reserves. The following provides a summary of the key findings based the following market research and consultation:

- Key stakeholders and reserve tenant workshop
- Internal Focus Group
- Councillor discussion
- Community survey
- Interviews with State Sporting Associations

A detailed summary of the consultation findings is provided in **Appendix Three**.

The summary is presented under the key headings of:

- Participation
- Sporting Facilities
- Club rooms
- Unstructured Recreation Facilities
- Access and Egress
- General

#### 2.4.1 Ted Summerton Reserve

#### **Participation**

The Ted Summerton Reserve is a highly valued facility however due to the problems associated with the playing surface the ground cannot currently be used.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

The current playing surface at Ted Summerton has significant drainage problems which is impacting the use of the facility.

Council is working with the key tenants to rectify the problems with the reserve surface and drainage.

Despite the school oval next door being available for community use, only the junior football teams use it for training.

There is a need for additional storage facilities for both the netball and football clubs. There is an opportunity to extend the existing soccer external storage area to provide additional storage opportunities.

#### **Club Rooms**

The netball and fire brigade participants do not have access to external amenities. There is a need to update clubroom facilities to provide external access to toilet facilities.

#### General

There were a number of issues surrounding the additional facilities or features of the reserve. Whilst the original plans identified areas for landscaping, this was not done to a satisfactory level. The

implementation of an establishment program to help with ongoing maintenance and the set-up of landscaping could significantly improve the reserve.

#### 2.4.2 Joe Tabuteau Reserve

#### **Participation**

The Joe Tabuteau Reserve is a large sporting and recreational precinct that caters for thirteen different user groups. The largest group being the Moe Racing Club.

Given the large number of tenants, the site is used to capacity particularly when all facilities are being used on a weekend.

The sporting reserves in the middle of the track are used by in excess of 300 junior participants during both the winter and summer season.

The netball courts on the site are currently servicing in excess of 1,100 participants. Due to the lack of courts and quality of the court surfaces the Association cannot accommodate further demand with teams not being catered for. The Association predict that participation is increasing annually by approximately 20%.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

The Joe Tabuteau Reserve has a number of different sports utilising the site. The netball courts, located at the northern end of the reserve, are currently in poor condition and require significant upgrade works. The opportunity to relocate the netball courts to an alternate location was identified as an option to alleviate the pressure of the northern part of the precinct and enable a purpose built netball facility to be established to address the long term needs of netball.

The large open space inside the racing track is currently used by a number of sports with Paintball also interested in utilising the space. It would be ideal if the area in the middle would remain as a multiuse space for events. For additional events to use the site improved access to power and water is required.

The lighting of the sporting reserves is poor and in need of upgrade. This would improve the problem of wear and tear by distributing the training load across the reserves.

There is no shade or shelter from sun or inclement weather for spectators. There is a need to provide some form of protection.

#### **Club rooms**

The existing clubrooms in the middle of the racecourse are basis and need upgrading to meet the needs of the sporting clubs. This includes the provision of a kiosk, storage and hot water.

There is a need to provide upgraded club rooms to support both the netball and equestrian users at the precinct.

#### **Unstructured Recreation Facilities**

The unstructured recreation facilities located at the southern end of the precinct require upgrading and refurbishment. This includes the upgrading or rationalisation of the play spaces and picnic areas including the seating, shelter and barbeques.

The reserve required infrastructure to support community event such as paths, toilets, power, water and lighting. The park area requires upgrades to shade and shelters.

#### Access/Egress

There are a number of access issues to be considered. A new sub-division is being developed and as such connectivity with these residents through appropriate paths need to be considered.

Access to the sporting fields in the middle of the racecourse is currently a concern due to the need to cross the race track.

The opportunity to construct an underpass to improve access for community sporting and recreational activities and events should be considered. An underpass has been identified as an option in the past however the cost to implement may be prohibitive.

Access to services such as power needs to be considered when planning access and services.

Car parking around the entire precinct is a concern. There is a lack of car parking at the northern end of the precinct particularly on a Saturday when the netball and equestrian activities occur concurrently.

During race days the southern end of the precinct is at capacity for car parking.

#### 2.4.3 Olympic Reserve

#### **Participation**

The facility is used by the Moe United Soccer Club and Moe Swimming Club generally on a seasonal basis (soccer during the winter and swimming during the summer). There are 7 junior soccer teams and 3 senior teams. An informal group of Bocce players have used the Bocce courts in the past however, the Bocce players are undecided as to whether they will continue to play.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

The current playing facilities on the site include 2 soccer pitches and a Bocce area.

Drainage on and around both grounds requires attention. The drainage runs in an east/west direction on the No. 1 ground however, not the full length. The eastern side of the No. 1 oval experiences the greatest problems. The ground surface is uneven and it is thought that water runs off the road onto the No. 1 oval.

The No. 2 ground experiences drainage problems on the western side. Approximately 6 games were cancelled last season due to unplayable surfaces. The Club will often train at the South Street school or the Moe Racecourse grounds when the grounds are too wet.

#### **Club Rooms**

The swimming club and soccer club currently share the lease of the clubrooms with each club residing in the clubrooms for 6 months of the year. The toilets and kitchen need renovating. The Club would like to build a balcony along the front of the social rooms facing the reserve including the installation of barriers on the tiered landscaping. Access to the social rooms are a problem with no ramp access.

There have been a number of break-ins to the social rooms shared by the swimming and soccer clubs recently. The soccer club stores alcohol on the premises, which is believed to be one of the causes of the break-ins. There is a lack of surveillance at the site, which is an issue.

The existing pavilion is two years old (assisted by \$600,000 federal government funding) however there is insufficient social rooms. Despite this Council will not fund the building of social spaces especially if clubs are unable or unwilling to add in capital. There are currently 3 change rooms in the soccer pavilion. Additional change rooms would be required in the future if a female team were fielded.

#### **Unstructured Recreation Facilities**

There are no unstructured recreation facilities at the reserve. Connecting pathways around the sports grounds and through the reserve would improve access to walkers and passive recreation use.

#### **Access and Egress**

The lack of car parking at the Reserve is an issue that needs to be addressed. The area at the front of the reserve could be formalized into parking. Drainage is particularly poor around the bocce court and the pedestrian access gate at South Street.

#### **Additional Amenities**

Training lights are provided for both grounds with 6 light towers to the No. 1 ground and 2 towers to the No. 2 ground. The Club would like the lighting upgraded to competition standard. Power supply to the reserve would need to be investigated.

#### 2.4.4 Moe Botanical Gardens

#### **Participation**

Since 2007/2008 membership numbers of the Moe Tennis Club have been falling to around 65 – 70.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

There is currently a Master Plan in place for the tennis courts located at the Moe Botanical Gardens. Two courts to the west of the site have been earmarked for removal. A two stage plan involves the resurfacing of 10 courts including fencing the courts to allow use by the tennis club only. Three courts will remain available for community use and will remain in their current state. It was reported that there have been issues with trees located along the east side of the courts causing issues on the tennis courts.

#### **Club Rooms**

The clubrooms are currently used by:

- Moe Tennis Club
- Dog Walkers
- Rotary
- Rail Trail Committee of Management
- Motor Neuron organisation
- Special School

In 2002 drawings were completed to add a second story onto the building however these plans never progressed. Currently access to storage is an issue with the instillation of a roller door into the existing storage desired.

#### **Unstructured Recreation Facilities**

Rotary is currently looking at installing an additional playground on the site. There is concern that the Botanical Gardens area will be repurposed as a sports ground rather than the open garden space area that it is intended to be.

#### **Access and Egress**

There is currently no formalized car parking within the Moe Botanical Gardens site. The formalization of car parking would provide a benefit large number of people including users of the tennis courts, botanical gardens and the rail trail.

#### General

The Moe Yallourn Rail Trail ends suddenly just beyond the Moe Botanical Gardens with no definitive end destination. Ideally the trail would continue to another location. While the site is called a "Botanical Gardens", it is not officially recognized as such as it is not gazette. Therefore it may be beneficial to undertake a review regarding the naming of this site.

There is currently no signage directing the public to the Botanical Gardens off Narracan Drive and only a small sign off Botanic Drive. The lack of signage has a flow on effect with a lack of surveillance of the site.

#### 2.4.5 W.H.Burrage Reserve

#### **Participation**

The Newborough/Yallourn United Soccer Club, the Moe Newborough Baseball Club and the Newborough Bulldogs Cricket Club operate from W.H. Burrage Reserve.

The Newborough/Yallorn United Soccer Club uses the reserve in winter and has approximately 105 playing members including 4 senior teams and 6 junior teams.

It is believed that participation numbers for baseball are in decline in the area however soccer numbers, in particular spectator numbers, are significant and need to be taken into account when it comes to the Master Plan.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

Drainage improvements are required on the back pitch (soccer pitch no. 2) especially in the south east corner. This pitch is often unusable in winter due to poor drainage, resulting in games and training being cancelled.

Provide irrigation to the back pitch (soccer pitch no. 2) to ensure the ground surface is maintained to a good standard for play in winter.

Establish a 3<sup>rd</sup> soccer pitch west of the back pitch (pitch No. 2).

The back net of baseball diamond 1 is in poor condition. This requires replacing.

Diamond 2 requires player dugouts.

Move the diamond 2 back as second base is encroaching on the cricket pitch.

Extend diamond 2 tear drop to create 2 grounds back to back.

Develop a 3<sup>rd</sup> sports ground north of the main ground (with the 3<sup>rd</sup> soccer pitch included).

Improve drainage on the cricket/baseball ground (main ground) especially on the western side.

#### **Club Rooms**

Separate change and shower facilities are required for female teams (temporary change rooms are provided within the existing soccer club facility).

Female referee change and shower facilities are required in the soccer club facility.

There are no change rooms within the cricket/baseball pavilion.

#### **Unstructured Recreation Facilities**

BBQ facilities are required but it is not known if they are well used.

#### **Access and Egress**

Upgrade the existing access road behind the clubrooms and install removable bollards on either side of the undercover pavilion shelter to prevent cars driving through this area on game days.

Vehicle access around the oval is limited due to poor drainage and grass surface (there used to be a gravel road around the ground).

#### **Additional Amenities**

Upgrade the existing public toilets and maintain and upgrade the exterior of the building.

Competition lighting is required to the main pitch (including 2 new towers).

Provide lighting to the back pitch (No. 2).

Provide a ticket box at the entry to the reserve.

It is important that facilities connect with the local community and this needs to be increased at W.H.Burrage Reserve. There is currently no existing playground at the Reserve and there are no

current plans to install one. It may however be a good idea to install community infrastructure such as BBQ's paths and seats.

#### 2.4.6 Monash Reserve

#### **Participation**

The soccer club currently uses Monash Reserve on Saturdays for Senior and Junior competition and Sundays for Youth competition (Under 21). There are currently 4 senior teams (3 men's and 1 women's), 1 youth team, and 5 junior teams (3 boys and 2 girls' sides).

Adrenalin Paintball Club is currently one of only a few licensed clubs in Victoria. The club currently has 30 registered players and 50-100 supporters/family members. By law in Victoria, all players must be over the age of 18 years. Paintball is a very male dominated sort with low female participation numbers, however the only restriction on players is the 18+ age restriction. All genders, heights, weights, ethnicities and ages can participate. Paintball is predicting an increase in membership as a result on an amendment to the Firearms Act, which would see the legal age to hold a paintball license lowered to 16.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

While there is currently some cracking on the tennis courts, they are in generally good condition however they are non-compliant with regards to their size and run-off. There is currently a large embankment at the end of the tennis courts.

Both Pitch 1 and 2 are slightly narrower than existing standards. This could be altered if lighting were to be improved. The old soccer pitch could be utilized as training space.

Previously there was a third soccer pitch located south of the tennis courts, however this was located on top of an old rubbish tip and provided a poor surface. While cricket is not currently being played at Monash Reserve, there is an existing concrete cricket wicket that is covered on the oval.

Monash Reserve currently hosts 2 out of 5 state-wide paintball competitions, and is the backup field for the other 3 competitions. Each competition generally hosts 12-20 teams (100 players and 20-100 supporters). From a paintball perspective, the oval is in perfect condition and is considered one of the top 3 surfaces in Australia. Ideally paintball would like to have a permanently enclosed structure on the oval. This would require a 55m x 65m rectangle surrounded by chicken wire and covered in shade cloth. There are currently 6 concrete sleeves in the oval to hold portable poles, which are covered when not in use.

Drainage varies greatly across the reserve with significant issues surrounding the soccer pitches, while there are no major problems when it comes to the oval and tennis courts. The space to the west of the tennis courts is level and could be utilized for future netball courts however has major drainage issue and is consistently wet. The open drain on the south side of pitch 1 needs re-digging. Drainage behind pitch 1 and around the entrance is an issue.

There is currently no lighting on the tennis courts, which prevents training and competitions at night in winter. Pitch 1 currently requires an additional light pole (North West corner) with 100 lux available over the entire ground. Pitch 2 is also in need of lighting. Lighting is currently a priority for pitch 1, however you could relocate the existing lights on pitch 1 to pitch 2. The soccer club is currently in the process of training to raise funds for lighting. There are currently 2 light towers on the oval. While lighting is not necessary for competition, personal training operates on the oval 2-3 nights per week and lighting might help this.

#### **Club Rooms**

The soccer clubrooms are in good condition and include women's facilities that are in good condition. The current switch board is considerable unsafe and requires immediate replacement.

The paintball clubrooms currently have both female and male facilities, however the showers and toilets need improvements. The clubrooms are also not accessible and cause a problem for people in wheelchairs and prams. The availability of toilets during competitions is important, as hiring in facilities is expensive. A canteen is crucial as the site is located a fair distance to any shops. As such the club

requires space to serve catered food. The paintball club has done significant works on the clubrooms to improve the storage, built a referees room, paint storage room and a strong room. Victoria Police requirements dictate that there must be storage facilities that are only accessible by paintball licensed people.

#### **Unstructured Recreation Facilities**

To improve access around the reserve it was identified that a bike path along Torres Street would help link the reserve to the private development. The Lions Club would like to develop a new play space at the site however this will be dependent on the Latrobe City Council Play Space Review. The reserve currently requires improvement with regards to the vegetation, preferably with a focus on indigenous plants.

The surveyed residents regularly used the reserve to spectate/socialize (49%), jog in (21%) and walking the dog (15%).

#### **Access and Egress**

The installation of a bike path along Torres Street would provide improved linkages between the reserve and the private developments that are in the area.

Car parking at the Soccer end of the reserve is considered a major issue with no formalized entry or parking. A key priority of the soccer club would be to formalize the entry and car parking at the entrance to the reserve located near the soccer pitches. The paintball club is currently satisfied with the level of parking; however there might not be enough in the future if hosting larger competitions.

#### General

There have been troubles with "hoons" getting onto the soccer pitches as a result of no fences surrounding the pitches. Ideally a low fence to restrict access would surround each pitch. Soccer balls also roll onto Torres Street due to a lack of fencing around the reserve.

#### 2.4.7 Northern Reserve

#### **Participation**

The Newborough Football Netball Club operates from Northern Reserve during the winter season.

The Senior Football Club has 4 football teams and 6 netball teams. The Junior Football Club has 6 teams.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

Northern Reserve is located adjacent to a recently resurfaced synthetic athletics track and a cycling track that is due to be resurfaced in the 2014/2015 financial year. A beach volleyball court is also being installed. There is significant pressure on both football and soccer facilities in the area and any opportunity to build new facilities is supported.

The sports ground surface is in good condition with good drainage on the ground. However, drainage around the ground is a problem with water pooling off the boundary. Drainage needs to be considered around the ground.

The development of a second "junior" multi use ground is required on the site.

#### **Club Rooms**

The netball club has a toilet facility near the netball courts and a room within the pavilion for changing;

The pavilion contains change rooms, warm up room, umpires room, female umpire change, office, social space, kitchen, kiosk and veranda.

#### **Unstructured Recreation Facilities**

The existing playground needs upgrading;

#### **Access and Egress**

An alternative entry off John Field Road should be considered with formalised parking to be developed adjacent to the main oval.

New formalised parking should be provided to service any new sports ground developments on the site.

#### **Additional Amenities**

There are 6 light towers with 2 lights per tower on the sports ground however, they are not high enough to provide adequate lighting.

There is limited lighting to the netball court and only at one end. Upgraded lighting to the court and the future training 3/4 warm up court needs to be provided.

The Reserve requires an upgrade to its fencing however a balance needs to be found between developing a community space and sporting grounds which would impact the type of fencing installed.



# 3 Outdoor Reserves Master Plans Strategic Direction

### 3.1 Introduction

This section brings together the study's findings to develop a recommended master plan for each of the seven outdoor recreation reserves in the Moe Newborough area. This Plan has been guided by the:

- Project objectives
- Latrobe Open Space Strategy
- Peak bodies requirements and standards (where available)
- Results from the extensive consultation with key stakeholders, community members and tenant user groups.

# 3.2 Vision, Principles and Framework

Councils Public Open Space Strategy 2013 identified the following vision for the provision of public open space. The vision was drawn from the consultation and sought to capture the community and stakeholder aspirations for open space provision, management and development in Latrobe City:

Latrobe City will plan, provide and manage a diverse range of attractive, appealing and sustainable public open space facilities that are welcoming, accessible, and enhance the character of individual townships or neighbourhoods.

The key priorities for identified for the open space included the following themes:

- Linkages and connections (including those used for active transport).
- Physical accessibility.
- Sustainability standards, maintenance and acquisition.
- Increase activation and appeal of existing spaces.
- Way-finding signage.
- Enhance what we already have.
- Improve service / maintenance levels.
- Improve public toilets.
- Promote / market what we have.
- Additional car parking.
- Enhance planning provisions within the Planning Scheme and local planning policy.

Based on the above the following principles and strategic framework has been developed to guide the Outdoor Recreation Reserves Plan process:

#### a) Principles:

- Increased opportunities and participation for all;
- A diverse range of open space, sport and recreation choices;
- Great places for people to recreate;
- Building the health and wellbeing of the Moe Newborough community;
- Responsive to identified open space, sport and recreation needs of the community;
- Inspiring and empowering people to recreate; and
- Delivering economic outcomes for the community through sport and recreation.

#### b) Strategy Framework:

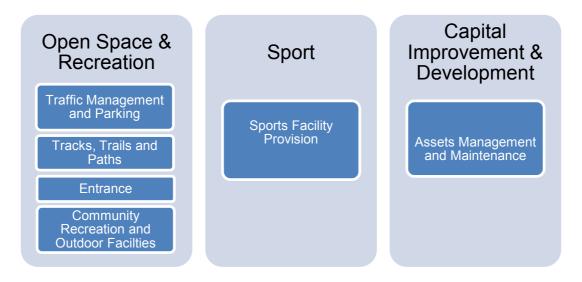
- **Facilities:** What we will do to provide safe, liveable, sustainable and usable assets to improve opportunities for residents to participate in active and healthy lifestyles.
- Programs: What we will do to provide safe, accessible and usable programs to improve
  opportunities for residents to participate in active and healthy lifestyles.
- Services: What we will do to provide safe, accessible and usable services to improve
  opportunities for residents to participate in active and healthy lifestyles

This is presented in the following graphic that links together the key strategy areas.



#### 3.2.1 Facilities Development Framework

The proposed plan framework is based on the key areas of Open Space and Recreation, Sport and Capital Improvement and Development as listed in the graphic below.



# 3.3 Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Reserve Master Plans

The following section provides a set of future directions and recommendations for the seven outdoor reserves listed in the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan. Recommendations have been designed to provide sport, government and community stakeholders with a schedule of prioritised reserve improvements along with stakeholder responsibilities/partnerships, estimated costs and potential funding opportunities. Ongoing ownership, monitoring and delivery of individual reserve master plan recommendations will require a planned approach from Council and partnering stakeholders. Recommendations listed are based on a 10-year timeframe.

#### 3.3.1 Summary of Key Findings

A summary of the key users, market research and consultation findings and upgrade and development priorities is provided for each reserve, followed by the recommended master plan and implementation plan. The implementation plan includes:

- Activity area
- Recommended actions/strategies
- Estimated cost
- Priority
- Potential funding
- Responsibility

The recommended actions have been prioritised as:

- Short Term 1-3 Years;
- Medium Term 4-7 Years: and
- Long Term 8-10 Years.

The Strategy's Action Plan will be reviewed in years 3 and 7 to determine the success of its implementation and any amendments to the proposed future actions.

#### 3.4 Ted Summerton Reserve

#### 3.4.1 Reserve Description

Ted Summerton Reserve is located on Sout Street Moe. The reserve comprises 1 football / cricket oval (with turf wicket and lighting), 1 asphalt netball court, turf (2) and synthetic (4) practice nets, a CFA training track, playground, pavilions, public toilets, and significant provision for perimeter parking around the oval.

In 2009 significant funding was provided for the redevelopment of the Southside Community Precinct Project that incorporated the Ted Summerton Reserve and the South Street Primary School. Along with a range of community facility developments the upgrade works on the reserve included:

- A new formal entry to the reserve;
- Undercover seating to ovals and improvements to oval change room facilities;
- Updating the multi-purpose room;
- Development of a community playground with a barbecue;
- Installation of irrigation systems and storm water harvesting facilities; and
- Sealed car parks and roadways.

#### 3.4.2 Reserve Users

- The users of the reserve include:
- Moe Football and Netball Club
- Moe Cricket Club
- Moe Urban Fire Brigade

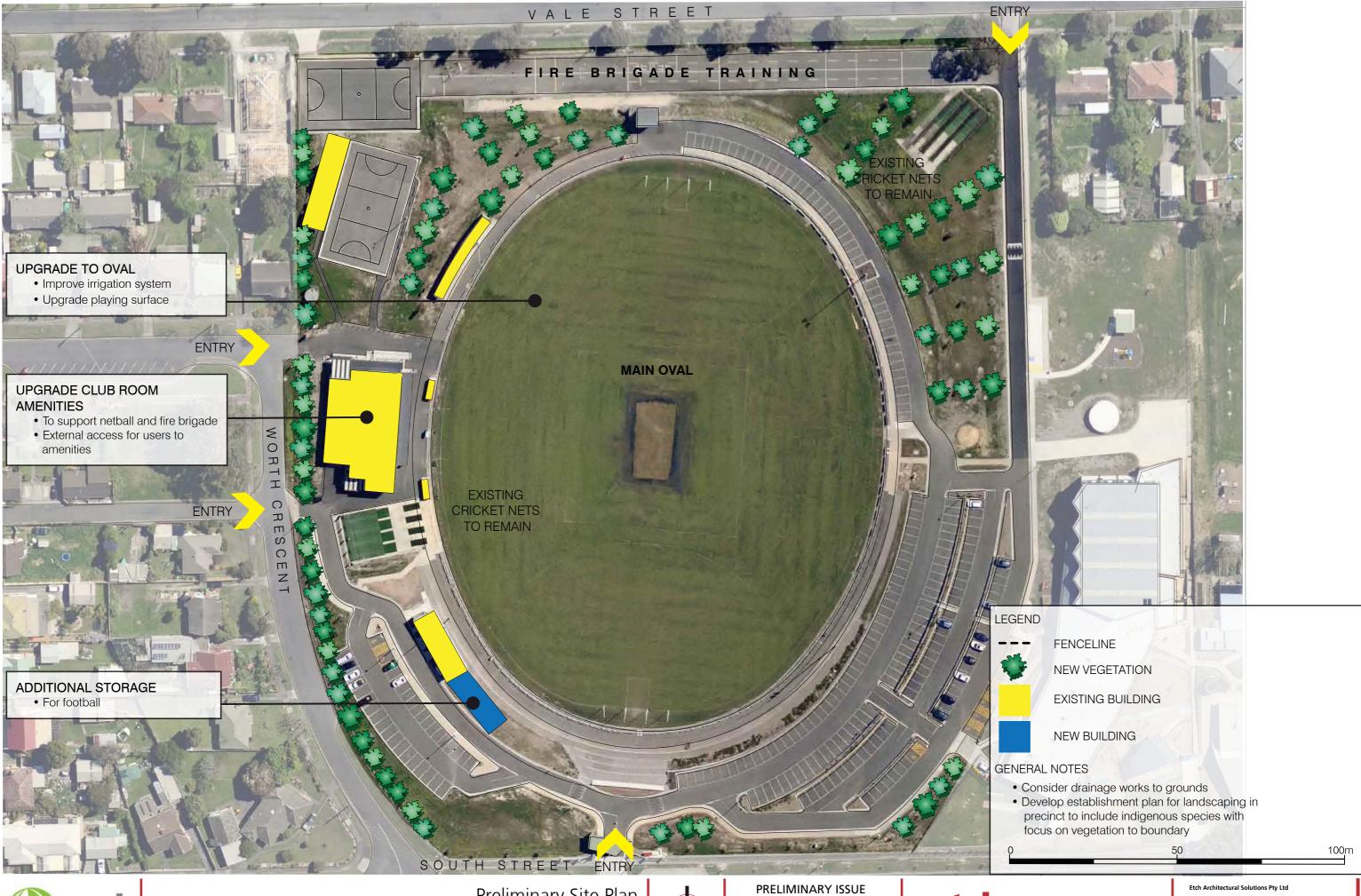
#### 3.4.3 Current Issues and Constraints

- Significant concern over the irrigation and drainage of the reserve.
- Need for additional storage for Football Club equipment with access directly off reserve.
- Need for upgrade to club room amenities to support external access for netball participants and Fire Brigade.
- Need for a landscape establishment plan and process.

#### 3.4.4 Priority Upgrade/Development opportunities

- Investigate the options and associated costs for improving the drainage and irrigation of the sporting surface.
- Upgrade current clubrooms to provide improved access to amenities for Netball and Fire Brigade.
- Extension of the existing external storage area to increase the capacity for the storage of football training equipment.

Figure 3.1 Ted Summerton Reserve Master Plan		
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Table 3.1 Ted Summerton Reserve Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA		RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERSHIPS
Playing Facilities						
Oval	:	Improve irrigation system Upgrade playing surface	\$1,500,000	Short	-	LCC
<b>Additional Amenities</b>						
Clubrooms	•	Develop external access for users to amenities	Included with Netball Club facilities upgrade	Medium		LCC Tenant Clubs
Storage and Facilities	•	Provide additional storage and toilet/kitchenette for netball adjoining the existing club facilities (at the netball courts)	\$1,100,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Storage	•	Provide additional storage for football adjoined to the existing storage facility.	\$50,000	Medium	-	Tenant Clubs
General notes						
	:	Consider drainage works to grounds  Develop establishment plan for landscaping in precincts to include indigenous species with focus on vegetation to boundary		Short	-	LCC

#### Responsibility Key:

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#### 3.5 Joe Tabuteau Reserve

#### 3.5.1 Reserve Description

Joe Tabuteau Reserve is a Crown Land sporting reserve managed by the Latrobe City Council. The reserve is bordered by Waterloo Road, Mitchells Road and Saviges Road, Moe. The reserve is the largest multi-purpose recreation reserve in the City of Latrobe. The precinct is the home of the Moe Racecourse as well as a range of structured and unstructured recreational and sporting facilities including:

- Two football / cricket ovals and small club room
- Ten outdoor asphalt netball courts (2 with lighting),
- Two lawn bowling greens
- A large equestrian ménage / pony club area
- A range of buildings accommodating sport and recreation groups
- Apex Park unstructured recreation area including playgrounds with one access for all playground, picnic area, shelters, barbeques and seating and public toilets
- Moe Gardens Caravan Park

Given the size of the open space area the precinct is also used for a range of recreational and cultural events and activities.

#### 3.5.2 Reserve Users

The users of the reserve include:

- Moe Racing Club
- Moe & District Netball Association
- Moe Pony Club
- Moe Riding for the Disabled Ass.
- Latrobe Valley Model Railway Association
- Moe Pigeon Club
- Moe Cricket Club
- Moe City Junior Football Club
- Moe Saints Junior Football Club
- Moe Youth Boxing Club Gym
- Moe Bowls Club
- Moe Scout Group
- Moe Lions and Apex Clubs

#### 3.5.3 Current Issues and Constraints

- Current clubrooms that service sporting reserves are basic and provide limited amenities and support infrastructure.
- Improved access to sporting reserves and unstructured open space required for training, competition and events.
- Car parking around the precinct is at capacity particularly on race days and at northern end of the precinct during peak usage times for netball and the equestrian activities.

- Northern end of the precinct is at capacity on Saturdays when netball and equestrian
  activities are operating concurrently.
- Apex Playground is valued community facility but is in need of an upgrade to meet current play space standards. Lion's playground requires an upgrade to ensure fully accessible.
- Improved way finding signage required to ensure community facilities are easily accessible and identified.

#### 3.5.4 Priority Upgrade/Development opportunities

- Upgrade and extend current clubrooms to improve amenities including the provision of additional storage and hot water.
- Develop spectator shelter areas for protection against sun and poor weather conditions.
- Investigate rationalisation of current playgrounds located at the southern end of the precinct.
   This may include the investigation of alternative play space options.
- Review the current Lions play space to ensure it meets all standards for an "accessible for all" play space. This should include under surface and car parking.
- Consider the opportunities of developing additional structured sporting reserves within the centre of the racecourse in the location of the former turf hockey pitch.
- Investigate the opportunity to relocate the netball courts to Monash Reserve to enable a purpose built netball facility to be established to service long-term needs of netball.
- If netball relocates to alternate location redevelop existing netball area into car parking to support equestrian activities, pigeon club, model railway association and other community events conducted in the open space area inside the track.
- Investigate the feasibility and cost of constructing an under pass from Mitchells Road, under the race track to significantly improve access to the open space area and structured sporting reserves. This would include the provision of a formalised sealed car park within close proximity to the structured sporting reserves.
- Retain the existing vehicle access via the racetrack to the centre of the track and improve
  way finding signage to ensure access to the community sporting and recreation facilities is
  easily accessible and identifiable.

Figure 3.2 Joe Tabuteau Reserve Master Plan	







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Table 3.2 Joe Tabuteau Reserve Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA	RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERSHIPS			
Netball Courts Stage 1								
Existing Netball Courts	<ul> <li>Convert existing courts to carpark</li> <li>Relocated to Monash Reserve</li> </ul>	\$1,700,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Moe and District Netball Association Netball Victoria			
Car Parking on Saviges Road	Provide sealed car parking along Saviges Road and a footpath to both entries	\$250,000	Medium	-	LCC			
Removed One Netball Court	Create a small amount of parking in the location of court 1 (not sure how many parks will fit here yet Jason)	\$130,000	Medium	-				
Connections and Acce	SS							
New underpass	Improve access to sports fields from Mitchells Road	\$2,000,000	Long	VRC, SRV Building Stronger Region	LCC Moe Racing			
Formalise car parking	Provide sealed and marked car park	\$200,000	Long	-	LCC			
Maintain Access	<ul> <li>Existing vehicle access via race track to be retained</li> <li>Improve signage to direct sports field users to the entry off Mitchells Road</li> </ul>	\$5,000	Medium	Moe Racing Club	Moe Racing Club			
Club Facility Requirem	ents							
Extension to pavilion	<ul> <li>Improved amenities</li> <li>Provide storage</li> <li>Provide hot water</li> <li>Improved lighting to club rooms/carpark</li> </ul>	\$900,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs			
Team/Spectator Shelters	Project against sun and weather	\$50,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC			
Community Facilities								
Upgrade Apex playground	<ul> <li>Investigate rationalization of playground</li> <li>Investigate the opportunities for provision of alternative playground types</li> </ul>	\$35,000	Short	-	LCC			
Upgrade Lions Playground area	<ul> <li>Upgrade play space, car parking and amenities to accessibility standards</li> <li>Formalise carpark.</li> </ul>	\$100,000	Short	-	LCC			
General Notes								
	Consider drainage works to grounds     Installation of water and power to support events in middle of track and in south east corner		Medium	-	LCC			

#### Responsibility Key:

LCC

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### 3.6 Olympic Reserve

#### 3.6.1 Reserve Description

Olympic Reserve is located on Vale Street, Moe. The reserve comprises 1 senior and 1 junior soccer field with lighting, soccer pavilion with public toilets, bocce court and limited sealed parking within the reserve. The reserve is located adjacent to the Moe Olympic Swimming Pool with the Swimming Club rooms located on the boundary which is accessible to both the Swimming Club from within the pool grounds and the Soccer Club from the reserve.

#### 3.6.2 Reserve Users

The users of the reserve include:

- Moe United Soccer Club
- Moe Swimming Club
- Informal Bocce Group

#### 3.6.3 Current Issues and Constraints

- Significant concern over the drainage on and around both of the soccer grounds. Drainage works have been undertaken in the past however, drainage continues to be a problem with concern that water from Vale Street drains to the playing surface of the senior oval.
- Lighting of both grounds is inadequate and requires upgrading.
- Sealed parking is limited however, additional sealed parking could be provided to the north of the senior oval.
- Shared use of the Swimming Club rooms by the Soccer Club is not ideal due to the location
  of the rooms (located on a hill with poor access and safety concerns) and the potential mix of
  alcohol sales and access to the swimming pool.
- Poor drainage throughout the southern end of the reserve (near the Bocce court) with non-connecting paths through the reserve.

#### 3.6.4 Priority Upgrade/Development opportunities

- Upgrade the senior and junior soccer pitches by improving drainage, irrigation and levelling where needed.
- Upgrade lighting to both senior and junior soccer pitches.
- Provide formalised car parking north of the senior soccer pitch.
- Upgrade existing car parking east of the reserve.
- Upgrade the existing pavilion to include soccer social rooms.
- Provide path links from the east to the west of the reserve.

Figure 3.3 Olympic Reserve Master Plan						











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Table 3.3 Olympic Reserve Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA	RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERSHIPS
Playing facilities		-	-		-
Upgrade senior soccer pitch #1	<ul> <li>Improve drainage (\$100k spent recently but the drainage is still a problem). Mainly on the east side. Drains run east west but not the full length of the ground.</li> <li>Provide drainage around the ground which may include a gravel path around the boundary</li> <li>Upgrade lighting to competition standards (currently training standard). Can use existing 6 towers.</li> <li>Install irrigation</li> </ul>	\$600,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Fund Program	LCC Tenant Clubs SRV
Upgrade Junior soccer pitch #2	<ul> <li>Improve drainage especially on the west side.</li> <li>Provide drainage around the ground which may include a gravel path around the boundary</li> <li>Improve lighting to training standards. There are currently 2 towers.</li> </ul>	\$225,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Fund Program	LCC Tenant Clubs SRV
Retain existing Bocce	<ul><li>Remove vegetation surrounding and make good for use</li><li>Provide drainage in this area.</li></ul>	\$10,000	Medium	-	LCC
Connections					
New pathway	<ul> <li>Pedestrian access from South Street to pavilion (concrete path)</li> <li>Links also to adjacent pool facility to the east (concrete paths)</li> </ul>	\$35,000	Short	-	LCC
Club Facility Requirer	nents				
Upgrade of Club Rooms	<ul><li>Extend club rooms to include social room.</li><li>2 additional change rooms for female players</li></ul>	\$320,000	Medium	Tenant Clubs	LCC Tenant Clubs
Car parking and acces	SS	-	-		-
Improve car parking	<ul> <li>Seal and mark parking in the north</li> <li>New car parking in the south east (25 spaces)</li> <li>Improved drainage to the north car park</li> <li>Access to soccer pitches view new gravel paths around grounds</li> </ul>	\$260,000	Medium	-	LCC
General Notes					
	Consider re-size/re-aligning sports ground to suit standards     Consider installation of 6.0m high fence to goal ends of grounds     Consider landscape plan for precinct to include indigenous species		Medium	-	LCC

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# 3.7 Moe Botanic Gardens

# 3.7.1 Reserve Description

Moe Botanical Gardens is located on Botanic Drive, just off Narracan Drive. The Botanic Gardens comprise of 15 plexipave tennis courts, clubrooms and a number of gazebos featuring BBQ's, picnic facilities and public toilets. The Moe-Yallourn Rail Trail currently runs through the site. There is a structure utilized by the Rail Trail committee as storage.

In 2014 a Master Plan was developed to guide the redevelopment of the tennis facilities. The following recommendations were suggested:

# • Stage One:

- Permanent removal of courts 11 and 12
- Total rebuild of the 6 western courts as acrylic hardcourt with new subsurface works
- Replace all fences, equipment and pathways
- Maintain the existing lights where possible
- Realign the courts within the existing footprints to meet compliance needs

#### Stage Two:

- o Total rebuild of the 4 eastern courts as acrylic hardcourt with new subsurface works
- Replace all fences, equipment and pathways
- Maintain the existing lights where possible
- Realign the courts within the existing footprints to meet compliance needs
- No works are to be undertaken on the current courts 13, 14, 15 as these are to be used as the public courts that are open at all times for casual use.

# 3.7.2 Reserve Users

The users of the reserve include:

- Moe Tennis Club
- Moe-Yallourn Rail Trail Committee

## 3.7.3 Current Issues and Constraints

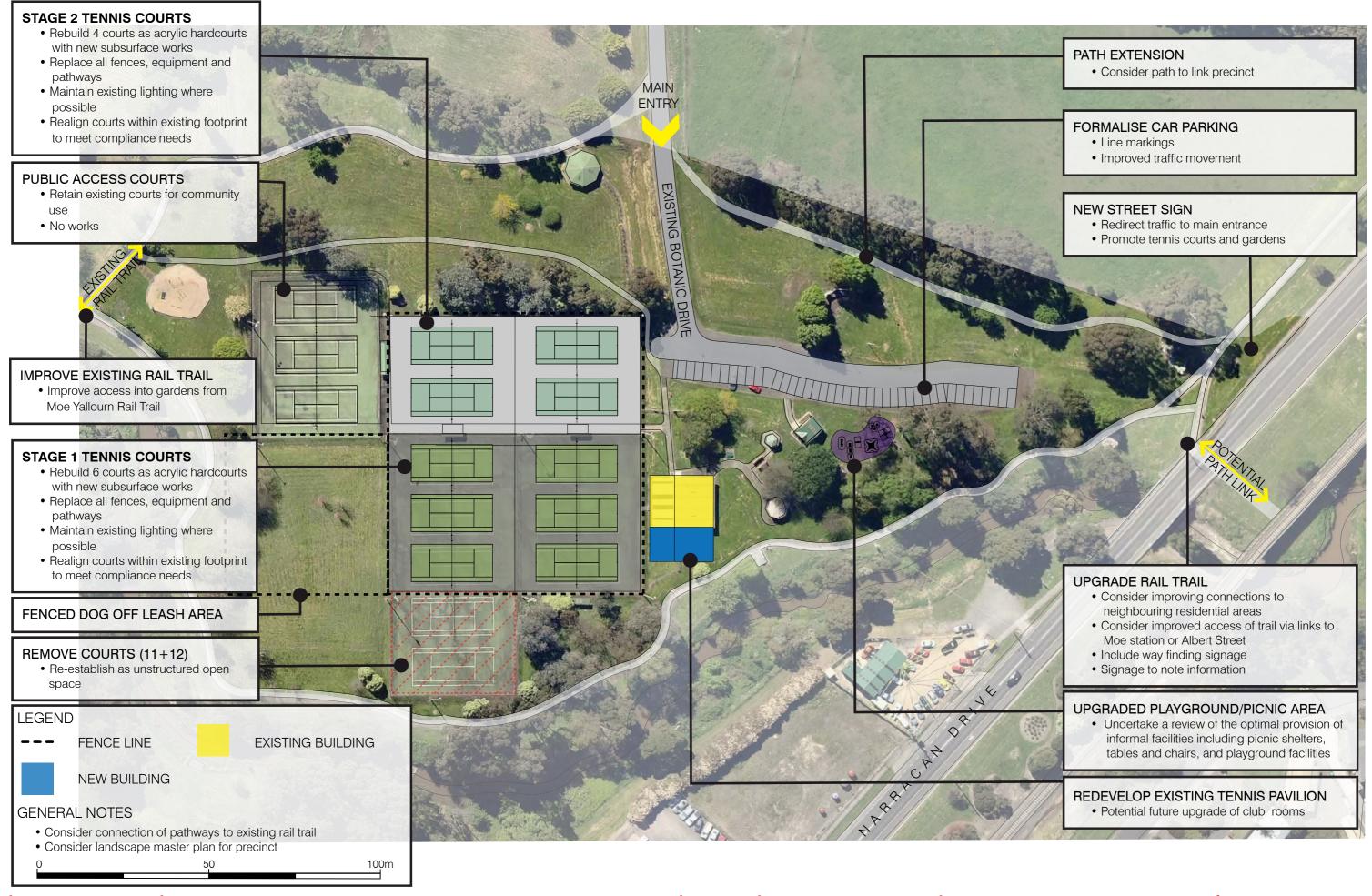
- Tennis Courts aged and in need of refurbishments
- · Clubrooms are aged and in need of refurbishment to service long term needs of tennis club
- Current sealed car parking does not provide delineated spaces. Formalisation is needed to improve traffic management
- New updated play space is required
- · Rationalisation of gazebos required
- Poor linkages between Rail Trail and local housing

# 3.7.4 Priority Upgrade/Development Opportunities

- Develop additional pathway connections between Rail Trail, housing developments and tennis facilities
- Implement recommendations regarding upgrade/removal of tennis courts found in the Moe Tennis Needs Assessment

- Redevelop current clubrooms to provide storage and access to current tennis club
- Rationalization of infrastructure including gazebos
- Formalise car parking
- Installation of new play space to support unstructured use of the park

Figure 3.4 Moe Botanic Gardens Master Plan						











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Table 3.4 Moe Botanical Gardens Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA	RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERSHIPS
Development of Playing	g Facilities				
Stage 1 Tennis Courts	<ul> <li>Rebuild 6 courts as acrylic hardcourts with new subsurface works</li> <li>Replace all fences, equipment and pathways including 3.6m high fencing around courts</li> <li>Maintain existing lighting</li> <li>Realign courts within existing footprint to meet compliance needs</li> </ul>	\$918,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Stage 2 Tennis Courts	<ul> <li>Rebuild 4 courts as acrylic hardcourts with new subsurface works</li> <li>Replace all fences, equipment and pathways including 3.6m high fencing around courts</li> <li>Maintain existing lighting</li> <li>Realign courts within existing footprint to meet compliance needs</li> </ul>	\$612,000	Long	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Public Access courts	<ul><li>Retain existing courts for community use</li><li>No Works required</li></ul>	NIL	-		
Remove Courts (11+12)	Re-establish as unstructured open space	\$40,000	Short	-	LCC
Club Facility Requirem	ents	-			-
Redevelop existing Tennis Pavilion	<ul> <li>Expand tennis pavilion by 10m x 19m</li> <li>Exclude works inside existing pavilion</li> </ul>	\$418,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC
Connections		-		-	-
Improve existing Rail Trail	<ul> <li>Develop paths around the gardens made of granitic sand</li> <li>Connect tennis clubroom path to outdoor fitness stations west of the reserve.</li> </ul>	\$13,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC
Path extension	Develop paths to connect existing Botanical Drive to gardens	\$12,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	
Upgrade Rail Trail	Install way finding signage around gardens	\$5,000	Short	-	LCC
Parking and Access					
Formalise car parking	Mark parking bays and formalize parking area	\$85,000	Short	-	LCC
New street sign	Install large roadside street sign directing traffic into the site	\$5,000	Short	-	LCC
Potential path link	Consider pedestrian access from opposite side of Narracan Drive e.g. zebra crossing, pedestrian lights	\$150,000	Medium	-	LCC
Community facilities					
Dog Off Leash area	Provide a 1.2m high fence (utilizing the tennis court fencing) to create a dog off leash area west of the stage 1 tennis courts.	\$30,000	Medium	-	LCC

Upgraded Playground/Picnic area	Install small playground including soft fall     Review picnic tables, chairs, shelter and BBQ provision	\$65,000 \$100,000 (allow)	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	
General Notes					
	Consider landscape master plan for precinct		Short	-	LCC

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# 3.8 W.H. Burrage Reserve

# 3.8.1 Reserve Description

WH Burrage Reserve comprises 2 senior soccer pitches, 1 senior cricket oval with turf wicket, 1 baseball field, practice cricket nets, 2 sports pavilions and public toilets.

# 3.8.2 Reserve Users

The users of the reserve include:

- Moe Newborough Baseball Club
- Moe Yallourn United Soccer Club
- · Newborough Bulldogs Cricket Club

#### 3.8.3 Current Issues and Constraints

- Additional playing grounds including a second sports ground with a 3<sup>rd</sup> soccer pitch overlay is required at the reserve to cater for increased growth.
- The main cricket ground has drainage issues on the western side of the oval.
- The second baseball diamond needs upgrading to a more structured diamond to include bases, back netting, player dugouts etc.
- The practice cricket nets are old and require updating with retractable netting.
- Lighting upgrades are required to playing surfaces such as the number 1 soccer pitch and the baseball diamond.
- Both sports pavilions do not meet the needs of users and require additional space for change rooms, female change rooms, umpires rooms, public toilets upgrades and general pavilion upgrades.
- Parking and access roads within the site are not adequate and require upgrading.

# 3.8.4 Priority Upgrade/Development opportunities

- Develop a 2<sup>nd</sup> sports ground with a 3<sup>rd</sup> soccer pitch overlay.
- Improve drainage on the cricket oval.
- Develop a 2<sup>nd</sup> baseball diamond, replace back netting to the main diamond and provide lighting to the main diamond for training.
- Upgrade the practice cricket training nets with retractable netting.
- Provide lighting upgrades to the no. 1 soccer pitch.
- Upgrade the cricket pavilion to include additional change rooms.
- Upgrade the soccer pavilion to include female umpire and change rooms, upgrade public toilets and the facility requires a general upgrade.

Figure 3.5 WH Burrage Reserve Master Plan		

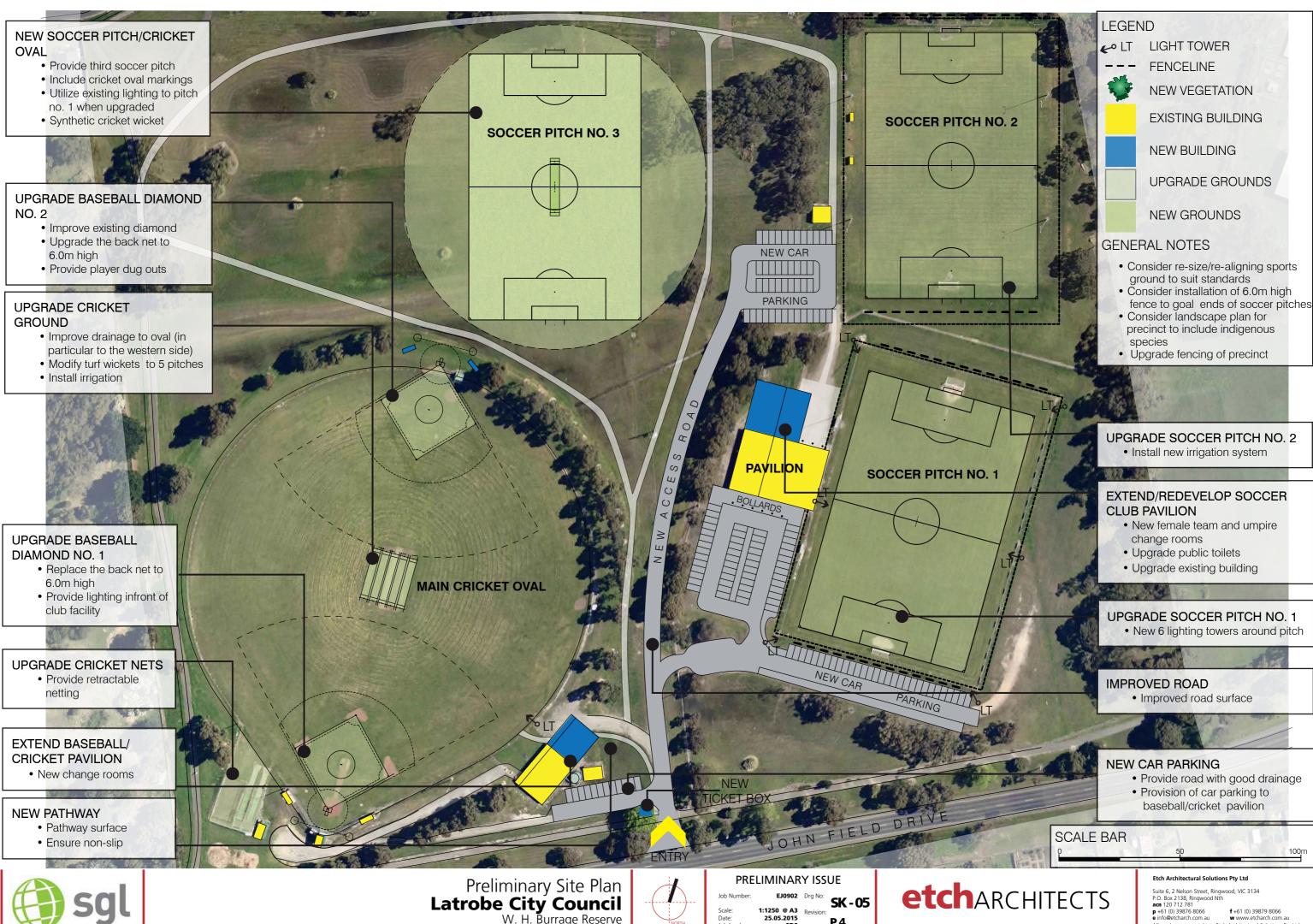








Table 3.5 W.H. Burrage Reserve Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA	RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILIT Y/ PARTNERSHIP S
Playing Facilities					
New soccer pitch/cricket oval	<ul> <li>Provide third soccer pitch</li> <li>Include cricket oval markings</li> <li>Utilize existing lighting to pitch #1 when upgraded</li> <li>Synthetic cricket wicket</li> </ul>	\$1,400,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Upgrade Baseball Diamond #1	<ul> <li>Replace the back net to 6.0 high</li> <li>Provide lighting in front of club facility (for training purposes)</li> </ul>	\$70,000	Short	-	LCC Tenant Clubs
Upgrade baseball Diamond #2	<ul> <li>Provide a second diamond</li> <li>Upgrade the back net to 6.0m high</li> <li>Provide player dug outs</li> </ul>	\$110,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Upgrade Cricket Ground	<ul> <li>Improve drainage to oval (in particular to western side)</li> <li>Modify turf wickets to 5 pitches</li> <li>Install irrigation</li> </ul>	\$1,140,000	Medium	-	LCC
Upgrade Soccer Pitch #1	New 6 lighting towers around pitch to game standard	\$200,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	Tenant Clubs
Upgrade Soccer Pitch #2	Install new irrigation system     Provide drainage (there is existing drainage but doesn't work particularly in the south east corner)	\$310,000	Medium	-	LCC Tenant Clubs
Club Facility Requiremen	ts		-		-
Extend baseball/cricket pavilion	2 New Change rooms (there are currently no change/shower facilities within the pavilion)	\$550,000	Short	-	LCC Tenant Clubs
Extend/redevelop soccer club pavilion	New female team and umpire change rooms     Upgrade public toilets (cosmetic)     Upgrade existing building (cosmetic)	\$800,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Upgrade cricket nets	Provide new cricket nets with retractable netting	\$150,000	Medium	-	Tenant Clubs
New ticket Box	Provide new ticket box	\$20,000	Medium	-	Tenant Clubs
Parking and Access					
New car parking	<ul> <li>Provide new parking south of soccer pitch 1.</li> <li>Provision of new car parking to baseball/cricket pavilion</li> <li>Line mark existing parking at soccer pitch 1</li> <li>Provide new parking to soccer pitch 2</li> </ul>	\$620,000	Long	-	LCC
Access road	Provide sealed road surface to access road (to soccer pitch 2)	\$295,000	Long	-	LCC
Connections					
New pathway	<ul> <li>Sealed pathway from entrance to cricket pavilion and oval (for wheelchair access)</li> <li>Ensure non-slip</li> </ul>	\$10,000	Medium	-	LCC

General Notes			
	<ul> <li>Consider re-size/re-aligning sports ground to suit standards.</li> <li>Consider installation of 6.0m high fence to goal ends of soccer pitches</li> <li>Consider landscape plan for precinct to include indigenous species</li> <li>Upgrade fencing of precinct</li> </ul>	Medium/Long	LCC

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# 3.9 Monash and W.H. Corrigan Reserves

# 3.9.1 Reserve Description

Monash Reserve is located on the corner of Torres Street and Monash Road. The reserve currently comprises of 2 soccer pitches, sports oval currently being utilized for paintball and 8 plexipave tennis courts. There are a number of areas available for car parking. There is currently a large area of open space which was previously a third soccer pitch.

There are currently 3 buildings being used as clubrooms:

- Soccer Clubrooms alongside pitch 1
- Paintball Clubrooms located between the oval and tennis courts
- Tennis Clubrooms located in the middle of the tennis courts

# 3.9.2 Reserve Users

The users of the reserve include:

- Monash Soccer Club
- Newborough Tennis Club
- Adrenalin Paintball Club

#### 3.9.3 Current Issues and Constraints

- Concern over the drainage around the soccer pitches and entry
- Requirement for additional lighting on soccer pitches and tennis
- · Lack of support amenities including picnic and seating areas
- · Need for landscaping plan to be developed
- Need to upgrade and redevelop existing pavilions to support additional users with the netball facility
- Need to realign soccer pitches to conform to current standards

# 3.9.4 Priority Upgrade/Development Opportunities

- Opportunities to refurbish current tennis court area to develop purpose built netball/tennis facility
- Develop new play space to provide linkage to netball facility and housing development off Coach Road
- Installation of pathways connecting Torres Street, housing development and facilities located at reserve

Figure 3.6 Monash and W.H. Corrigan Reserves Master Plan	1		









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Table 3.6 Monash and W.H. Corrigan Reserve Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA	RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERSHIPS
Development of playing	ng facilities				
Existing tennis courts to new netball facilities	<ul> <li>Redevelop tennis court area to convert facility to include 10 netball courts, including 3 courts with tennis markings</li> <li>Demolish existing tennis pavilion</li> <li>Relocate netball association from Joe Tabuteau Reserve</li> <li>Inclusion of lighting to courts</li> <li>Allow 2.0m of circulation for team/spectator seating between courts, in addition to the 3.05m court run-off</li> </ul>	\$1,600,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program Building Stronger Region	LCC Netball Assoc. Netball Victoria
Upgrade to Soccer Pitch #1	<ul> <li>Re-sized (larger) with 5.0m surround</li> <li>Improved drainage along east side of pitch</li> <li>Clear drains around pitch</li> <li>Install new lights and light poles for competition use</li> </ul>	\$1,350,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Upgrade to Soccer Pitch #2	<ul> <li>Re-sized (larger) with 5.0m surround</li> <li>Improved drainage on pitch</li> <li>Relocated existing lights from pitch 1 to pitch 2 and replace poles</li> <li>Remove the vegetation between pitch 2 and oval</li> </ul>	\$866,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Low Level Fencing	Install low level bollard style fencing around pitch 2 to prevent car access	\$23,000	Short	-	LCC
Club Facility Requiren	nents	**	-	-	
Dedicated sports pavilion	<ul> <li>Shared Facility for netball and paintball [allow 300m2]</li> <li>Including separate storage spaces for paintball</li> <li>Demolish existing sports pavilion</li> </ul>	\$1,500,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program Building Stronger Region	LCC Netball Assoc. Netball Victoria
Connections		-	-		-
Pathways	<ul> <li>Granitic sand pathway connecting netball courts to soccer pitches</li> <li>Pathways connecting Coach Road housing development through reserve</li> </ul>	\$20,000	Medium	-	LCC
Community facilities					
Picnic/seating areas	Install informal picnic/seating areas through reserve	\$50,000	Medium	-	LCC
New Playground	<ul> <li>Install small playground</li> <li>Provide pathways to tennis courts and surrounding housing from playground</li> </ul>	\$65,000 Paths incl in pathways	Long	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC
Additional Facilities					
Netball Car Parking	<ul> <li>50 spaces of new car parking located off Torres Street near tennis courts</li> <li>34 spaces of new car parking at corner of Monash Road and Coach Road</li> </ul>	\$330,000 \$155,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC
Soccer Car Parking	Formalise existing car park alongside Pitch 1     Develop new car park near Pitch 2 for 38 car parks	\$60,000 \$220,000	Medium		LCC

Vegetation	•	New indigenous vegetation around the reserve [adjoining netball and netball carparks]	\$30,000	Short	-	LCC
General Notes						
	:	Consider landscape plan for precinct to include indigenous species Consider re-size/re-aligning soccer ground to suit standards Consider installation of 6.0m high fence to goal ends of soccer grounds		Medium	-	LCC

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# 3.10Northern Reserve

# 3.10.1 Reserve Description

Northern Reserve is located in between Southwell Ave and John Field Drive, Newborough. The reserve comprises 1 senior sports ground with lighting, 1 netball court (limited lighting), a sports pavilion and public toilets.

# 3.10.2 Reserve Users

The users of the reserve include:

- Newborough Football Netball Club (includes juniors)
- Newborough Bulldogs Cricket Club (not a primary tenant)

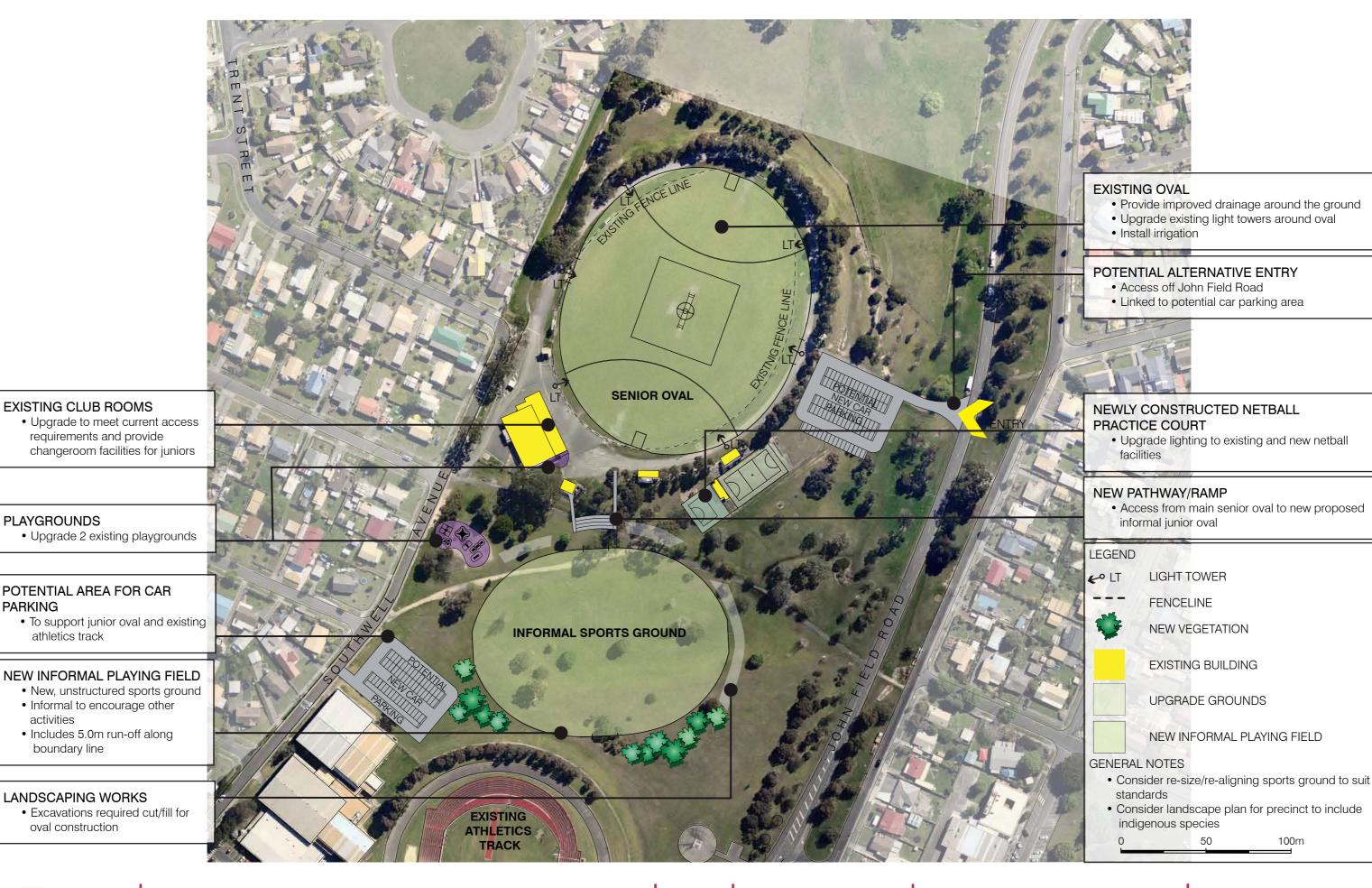
# 3.10.3 Current Issues and Constraints

- Drainage on the senior oval needs improving and irrigation is required.
- Existing lighting on the senior oval is inadequate.
- Lighting of the netball court is inadequate and a warm up area is required.
- There is a need to develop a second sports ground for junior use.
- Junior change rooms are required in the existing pavilion.
- The existing playground needs upgrading.
- An alternative entry off John Field Drive needs investigating and formalised parking is required to service existing and proposed ovals.

# 3.10.4 Priority Upgrade/Development opportunities

- Improve drainage and irrigation to the senior oval.
- Upgrade lighting to oval and netball courts.
- Develop a junior informal sports ground.
- Upgrade the sports pavilion to include junior change rooms and accessibility compliance.
- Upgrade the existing playground.
- Investigate an alternative entry off John Field Drive.
- Provide formalised car parking to serve both grounds.

Figure 3.7 Northern Reserve Master Plan		





**EXISTING CLUB ROOMS** 

**PLAYGROUNDS** 

**PARKING** 

requirements and provide

POTENTIAL AREA FOR CAR

• Includes 5.0m run-off along

athletics track

boundary line

LANDSCAPING WORKS

oval construction







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Table 3.7 Northern Reserve Implementation Plan

ACTIVITY AREA	RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL FUNDING	RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERSHIPS
Playing facilities					
New informal playing field	New, unstructured junior oval with Australian Rules Football goal posts	\$470,000	Medium	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC
New netball practice court	Upgrade lighting to existing and new netball training facilities. Currently only one light at one end of the existing court. Provide new lighting to both spaces.	\$50,000	Short	Tenant Clubs	LCC Tenant Clubs
Existing Oval	<ul> <li>Improve drainage around the oval (drainage of surface is OK, need a spoon drain around the ground to disburse water)</li> <li>Upgrade existing light towers around oval (install 6 new towers with appropriate light fittings for training purposes)</li> <li>Install irrigation to the sports ground</li> </ul>	\$600,000	Short	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Club Facility Requiren	nents				
Existing Club Rooms	Upgrade to meet current access requirements and provide change room facilities for juniors	\$500,000	Long	SRV Community Facility Funding Program	LCC Tenant Clubs
Parking and Access					
Potential area for car parking	To support junior oval and existing athletics track     Sealed and line marked	\$732,000	Medium	-	LCC
Potential alternative entry	Access off John Field Road     Linked to potential car parking area, sealed and line marked	\$75,000	Long	-	LCC
New pathway/ramp	Access from main senior oval to new proposed informal junior oval. Concrete paths and stairs.	\$82,000	Medium	-	LCC
Landscaping works					
Excavation	Required to cut/fill for oval construction	\$200,000	Medium	-	LCC
General Notes					
	Consider re-size/re-aligning sports ground to suit standards     Consider landscape plan for precinct to include indigenous species		Long	-	LCC

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# 3.11 Future Funding Development Opportunities

Sport and community facility industry history shows there are limited alternative funding opportunities for Council to attract funding to assist with developing sport and leisure facilities. Facility funding sources usually involve:

- Council Funding
- State and/or Federal Government Grants
- Commercial Investment
- Commercial Fundraising
- Community Fundraising and User Group / Contributions
- Developer Contribution Schemes.

Traditionally, a combination of Council funding with Government Grants and some limited community fundraising has occurred for the majority of sport and leisure facilities in Australia.

In larger areas with greater commercial opportunities, there has been some commercial investment in return for rights to manage / operate facilities (\$1M to \$2M investment in return for longer-term management agreements). There also has been a number of Councils look at commercial fundraising. This appears to have been more successful in New Zealand than Australia.

A review of potential facility and program / activity funding is summarised in the following table.

Table 3.8 Summary Potential Key Funding Opportunities

Funding Program	Grant Amount	Details
Community Facility Funding Program – Major Facilities	Maximum \$650,000. Funding ratio SRV \$1:\$1 local.	Available to develop or upgrade major sport and recreation facilities with the objective "To enable the development of major community sport and recreation facilities that are high-quality, accessible, innovative, effectively managed, sustainable and well-used.2"  Assessment includes how project responds to identified community needs and issues and is strategically supported by local or regional plans and/or state sporting associations/peak bodies planning and addresses a gap in regional/sub regional provision of facilities.
Community Facility Funding Program – Minor Facilities	Maximum grant amount up to \$100,000 for any one project (where the total project cost is up to \$500,000 exc GST). Funding ratio SRV \$2:\$1 local.	Available for community groups, working in partnership with local government, to develop or upgrade community sport and recreation facilities with the types of projects that might be funded including accessible change facilities, shared paths and trails, sports lighting, play spaces, youth recreation facilities and multi-use recreation / meeting spaces.
Community Facility Funding Program – Soccer Facilities	Grants of up to \$100,000 Funding ratio SRV \$2:\$1 local.	Available for local soccer clubs working with local government, to upgrade existing or develop new facilities to maximise participation opportunities in soccer. Priority given to the development of soccer facilities in communities with no or inadequate soccer facilities.
Country Football Netball Program	Eligible Councils are able to receive up to \$100,000 per financial year comprising one larger or up to three smaller projects. Funding ratio of SRV \$2:\$1 local.	Assists grassroots Country Football and Netball Clubs, Associations and Umpiring Organisations to develop facilities such as unisex change room facilities and amenities, multi- purpose meeting spaces, development or upgrading of playing surfaces or lighting, etc.
Regional Growth Fund – Putting Locals First Improved Local Infrastructure	Funding ratio of RDV \$3:\$1 other for grants up to \$300,000 Projects between \$300,000 and \$500,000 at a ratio of RDV \$1:\$1 other.	Types of projects include upgrading open space, building or upgrading shared community facilities (e.g. meeting places), pathway projects connecting communities and attracting visitors (e.g. walking tracks).
Local Facilities for Local Clubs	Match funding for club and community contribution (cash and in-kind) up to \$50,000 for	Types of projects that might be funded include outdoor sport surfaces and sports lighting, play spaces, multi-purpose spaces (e.g. courts), youth recreation spaces and outdoor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2015-2016 Community Facility Funding Program Guidelines, Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure, March 2014.

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Funding Program	Grant Amount	Details
	projects up to \$150,000.	fitness stations.
Country Action Grant Scheme	Grants up to \$5,000	Initiatives that increase the skills of coaches, officials and managers and improve the accessibility and operational capacity of community sport and recreation organisations in rural and regional Victoria. Three types including increasing community participation by provision of accessible sport and active recreation opportunities.
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal - Small Grants for Rural Communities Program	Grants up to \$5,000	Projects contributing to social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural development of communities in small rural, regional and remote locations.
National Stronger Regions Fund	Between \$20,000 and \$10 million to meet up to half the project cost.	Funding for priority infrastructure projects that support economic growth and sustainability of regions, particularly disadvantaged regions.  Projects which may be supported include community centres or signature multi-purpose sporting facilities that generate significant long-term economic and social benefits and or support leadership in local communities. Local sporting facility upgrades or expansions or single sport facilities are unlikely to be supported.

# Appendix One: Moe Newborough Demographic Review

# **Demographic Profile and Population Trends**

The following section of the report reviews the demographics information for the Moe Newborough area within the Latrobe City Council region.

The population of Moe Newborough in 2011 was 15,686 people, which accounts for 21.7% of the total Latrobe population. This was increase from 15,332 residents in 2006, an approximate growth of 2.3%.

# **Age Group Population Profile**

The age profile of residents in 2011 according to the ABS Census compared to Latrobe is estimated below:

Population Age Profile of Moe Newborough

		2011	
	Number	%	Latrobe %
0-4 years	937	6.0%	6.6%
5-9 years	923	5.9%	6.3%
10-19 years	2086	13.3%	13.8%
20-29 years	1813	11.6%	12.9%
30-39 years	1690	10.8%	11.6%
40-49 years	1982	12.6%	13.5%
50-59 years	2167	13.8%	13.7%
60-69 years	1843	11.7%	10.7%
70-79 years	1282	8.2%	6.6%
80-89 years	816	5.2%	3.6%
90-99 years	134	0.9%	0.6%
100 and over	13	0.1%	0.0%
Total	23,837	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2006 and 2011

An analysis of the breakdown of the population into age brackets for Moe Newborough and Latrobe show that there is a slight difference in the breakdown of the population between the two areas. Moe Newborough has a lower proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 19 years) and a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (70+ years) when compared to Latrobe.

Overall, Moe Newborough has 25.2% of the population aged between 0 and 19 compared to 26.7% for Latrobe; while Moe Newborough has 14.4% aged over 70 years compared to 10.8% for Latrobe.

The major differences between the age group structure of Moe Newborough and Latrobe were:

- A larger percentage of people aged 70 to 79 years (8.2% compared to 6.6%)
- A larger percentage of people aged 80 to 89 years (5.2% compared to 3.6%)
- A smaller percentage of people aged 20 to 29 years (11.6% compared to 12.9%)
- A smaller percentage of people aged 40 to 49 years (12.6% compared to 13.5%)

# **Country of Birth**

The percentage of a population born overseas and the diversity of their country of origin can give an indication of how diverse the population is within the community.

An analysis of the country of birth data for Moe Newborough shows that there is a low level of diversity with a relatively small percentage of the population born overseas. Of the residents that were born overseas the majority of them were born in England.

The table below details the country of birth for residents in Moe Newborough in 2011 and compares it to the greater Latrobe area.

Most Common Countries of Birth - Moe Newborough

	2011		
	Number	%	Latrobe %
Australia	12,536	79.9%	80.6%
England	616	3.9%	3.1%
Netherlands	231	1.5%	1.1%
Scotland	187	1.2%	1.0%
Germany	183	1.2%	0.8%
Malta	182	1.2%	0.6%
New Zealand	116	0.7%	0.9%
Philippines	93	0.6%	0.5%
Italy	53	0.3%	1.0%
Sudan	46	0.3%	0.2%
Greece	34	0.2%	0.2%
Ireland	33	0.2%	0.2%
China	27	0.2%	0.4%
India	22	0.1%	0.3%
Total	15,686	100.0	100.0

# Languages Spoken at Home

The Moe Newborough area has a slightly lower percentage of residents that speak another language compared to Latrobe with 10.26% of the population speaking a language other English (compared to 11.54% for Latrobe).

The top five languages other than English spoken within the Moe Newborough area in 2011 are:

- Maltese
- Dutch
- Greek
- Italian
- German

# **Residents Income Levels**

The table below identifies the personal weekly income of residents in Moe Newborough.

Weekly Individual Gross Income Levels of Moe Newborough

Weekly Income		2011	
Weekly Income	Number	%	Latrobe %
Negative income	66	0.4%	0.4%
Nil income	768	4.9%	5.5%
\$1-\$199	1047	6.7%	6.6%
\$200-\$299	1938	12.4%	10.6%
\$300-\$399	2140	13.6%	10.3%
\$400-\$599	1872	11.9%	10.4%
\$600-\$799	1202	7.7%	7.8%
\$800-\$999	809	5.2%	5.5%
\$1,000-\$1,249	678	4.3%	5.3%
\$1,250-\$1,499	422	2.7%	3.5%

\$1,500-\$1,999	453	2.9%	4.2%
\$2,000 or more	417	2.7%	3.8%
Not stated	1047	6.7%	6.6%
Not applicable	2827	18.0%	19.5%
Total	15686	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 and 2011

Analysis of the individual weekly incomes of residents in Moe Newborough and Latrobe shows that there is a higher proportion of the population earning a low income (less than \$400 per week) and a lower proportion earning a high income (\$1,500 per week or more) in Moe Newborough when compared to Latrobe.

Overall, 32.7% of the Moe Newborough population earn less than \$400 per week compared to 27.5% for the Latrobe region, while 5.6% earn a high income (\$1,500 per week or more) compared to 8.0% for Latrobe.

The major differences between the Moe Newborough and Latrobe individual incomes are:

- A larger percentage of people earning \$200 \$299 (12.4% compared to 10.6%)
- A larger percentage of people earning \$300 \$399 (13.6% compared to 10.3%)
- A smaller percentage of people earning \$1500 \$1999 (2.9% compared to 4.2%)
- A smaller percentage of people earning \$2000 or more (2.7% compared to 3.8%)

# **Vehicle Ownership**

The number of vehicles per household is detailed in the table below:

Vehicle Ownership - Moe Newborough

		2011	
	People	%	Latrobe %
None	1193	7.8%	5.5%
1 motor vehicle	4860	31.8%	26.1%
2 motor vehicles	5229	34.2%	38.6%
3 motor vehicles	1903	12.5%	14.0%
4 or more motor vehicles	924	6.0%	7.3%
Not stated	874	5.7%	6.0%
Not applicable	302	2.0%	2.5%
Total	15285	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011

The number of cars that a household own can be used as an indicator to their ability to access leisure facilities independently without having to rely on public transport or utilising other modes of transport.

A review of the vehicle ownership in Moe Newborough shows that the majority of households have access to at least one car (84.5%) with 66% of these owning one or two cars.

# Appendix Two: Summary of Previous Documents

Name of
Report/Document
2008 Moe
Newborough Outdoor
Recreation Plan

# **Summary of Key Issues**

The following are some of the key directions for the Mow Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan:

- 1. Access to local and municipal facilities will be provided by consolidating facilities where possible and planning for appropriate levels of development
- 2. Master Plan will aim to maximize multi-use and sharing of facilities between clubs and sports while also seeking to improve the provision of passive recreation facilities and active reserves
- 3. Compliance with all relevant regulations and legislations will be a priority
- 4. Existing facilities will be upgrades and improved prior to consideration of new developments
- 5. Consideration will be given to multi-use and shared facilities to cater for reserve users

#### Objectives of recreation in Moe Newborough include:

- 1. Facilitate increased passive recreational use of selected major sports reserves
- 2. Rationalize facilities that are underutilised to enable more effective allocation of resources in key locations
- 3. Where appropriate, encourage clubs utilising separate clubrooms at the dame reserve to consolidate into one building
- 4. Investigate the feasibility of establishing new sports fields at Burrage Reserve to create multiple playing fields for the same sport code
- Where appropriate develop or upgrade facilities so they are capable of hosting major competitions and events

# Recommendations include:

# Ted Summerton:

- All sport buildings and public toilets to be consolidated into one building envelope. Existing
  buildings to be returned to parkland. New community pavilion to be developed as part of
  renovation to main pavilion for all users
- · Remove access road adjacent to netball courts and expand park
- · Sealing of sections of roads
- · Upgrade existing playground, install park furniture an improve amenity
- Reserve entrances:
  - South Street develop as main vehicular entrance
  - Vale Street restrict vehicular access (finals)
  - o Barwick Street & Worth Crescent restricted vehicular entrance (maintenance)
  - Rectify ground drainage issues and explore improved irrigation practices
- Improve overall landscaping
- Install signage at entrance/s in accordance with Council signage guidelines

#### Joe Tabuteau Reserve:

- Football/Cricket/Hockey
  - Improve Saviges Road entrance
  - Improve surface of access road and car parking for football
  - Define access road and car parking for hockey
  - Provide lighting (car park and outside clubrooms)
  - Explore options for alternative or improved irrigation
  - Undertake minor upgrade works to football clubroom and coaches box
  - Provide minor amenity facilities for hockey including shelters and small building with toilets, change facilities, seating and running water
- Resurface 2 netball courts, upgrade court lighting and support Association's future plans to expand lighting to other courts
- Pony Club: develop new clubrooms and improve toilet facilities. Improve surface and address drainage issues
- Continue to enhance passive recreation area and playgrounds including provision of a new accessible playground
- Improve security lighting associated with all buildings within reserve.

#### Olympic Reserve

- Redevelop existing swimming clubrooms into a multi-use facility catering for all users. Demolish existing soccer clubroom facility
- · Provide improved spectator facilities, through seating and shelter
- Improve surface of soccer grounds and explore options for alternative or improved irrigation
- Upgrade ground lighting to comply to training standard
- · Install security lighting
- Address drainage issue in north east corner of reserve
- Screen properties along the western boundaries of the reserve

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- Define car parking areas
- Expand bocce facilities to include 2 pitches, shelter, improve seating and landscaping. Relocate Moe Bocce Club from Kingsford Street Reserve
- Develop path from car park for pedestrian access only to bocce facilities
- Improve pedestrian access into the reserve from South St & pipe existing drainage swale
- Provide a pedestrian connection through reserve from South St to Railway Crescent

# Moe Botanical Gardens

- Tennis:
  - Assess trees in close proximity to courts for potential relocation within the reserve
  - Improve fencing around courts
- Install signage to improve access into Botanical Gardens and associated facilities/trails using existing access roads
- · Improve picnic facilities and amenity of surrounding area
- Install seating and playground
- Improve path/trail connections from neighbouring residential areas including Haigh St, Albert St, Sommerville Court
- Improve access into the Botanical Gardens through an extension of the Moe Yallourn Rail Trail into Moe Station or provide access via Albert St
- Investigate potential to improve interconnecting trails to Moe South Area
- Improve vegetation/landscaping and maintenance of creek banks

#### W.H. Burrage Reserve

- Consolidate Newborough Yallourn United Soccer Club facilities including the development of an additional two soccer pitches and associated infrastructure
- Upgrade soccer clubrooms to include facilities for females and people with disabilities. Install training lights for pitch 1 and 2. Address irrigation maintenance issues and investigate potential for water re-use
- Extend 2<sup>nd</sup> basketball diamond to allow for 2 full sized baseball fields, explore options for alternative or improved irrigation and upgrade lighting
- Allow for the expansion of the Newborough Bulldogs Cricket Club playing facilities to be undertaken by the club. This would include development of additional oval with turf wicket between proposed soccer pitches
- Upgrade access roads and car parking and address drainage issues around cricket/ baseball pavilion
- Address drainage issues within the reserve where it impacts users
- Develop passive recreation area including playground and picnic facilities

## Monash Reserve and W.H.Corrigan Reserve

- Relocate Newborough Yallourn United Soccer Club from Corrigan Reserve and consolidate at Burrage Reserve
- Relocate Monash Soccer Club to Corrigan Reserve and provide access to the two soccer pitches. Remove a section of fence between the pitches for improved access
- Upgrade surface of soccer pitches and explore options for alternative or improved irrigation
- Upgrade lighting to comply with training standards
- Define car parking area at Corrigan Reserve
- Cricket oval to be converted to open space with potential for training use and an additional cricket ground
- Monash Clubrooms: upgrade clubrooms in the short term, with long term view to demolish/ downgrade to a small public toilet and shelter facility to service open space and low level club use. Explore the potential for this to be incorporated with the tennis clubroom
- · Resurface 4 tennis courts
- Improve spectator facilities associated with soccer and tennis facilities
- Upgrade existing playground in accordance with guidelines for local playgrounds, install park furniture and improve amenity. Consider development of unstructured recreational opportunities including half-court

#### Northern Reserve

- Provide alternative entrance from John Field Drive
- Close existing entrance behind clubroom and limit to pedestrian entrance only
- Restrict vehicular access from Trent Street
- Improve surface around clubrooms
- Upgrade and extend football clubrooms and consolidate public toilet into building envelope.
   Address risk management issues
- Improve ground drainage and explore options for alternative or improved irrigation
- · Extend netball court run-off area to meet standards

Improve recreational amenity of area surrounding playing fields

#### Name of **Summary of Key Issues** Report/Document The Latrobe 2026 report identifies nine key objectives - economy, natural environment, built Latrobe 2026 - The Community Vision for environment, our community, culture, recreation, governance and partnerships, and regulation and Latrobe Valley accountability. A major aspiration is for a community that is both liveable and sustainable, with a continued focus on healthy lifestyles supported by high quality recreational and cultural facilities and a natural environment that is nurtured and respected. Walking is recognised as one of the most popular forms of exercise for adults, while team sports are favoured by children; particularly AFL, netball, tennis and soccer. The implementation of "Access for All Abilities" facilities is increasing allowing for the inclusion of residents from a wide range of cultures, ages and abilities. Strengthening the capacity of sport and recreation clubs and organisations and seeking to improve the quality of local facilities will ensure greater opportunities to participate. Latrobe City Council Five Key Themes: Plan 2013 - 2017 1. Job Creation & Economic Sustainability 2. Appropriate, affordable & sustainable facilities. Services & recreation 3. Efficient, effective & accountable governance 4. Advocacy for & consultation with our community 5. Planning for the future Theme 2 Objectives: To promote and support a healthy, active and connected community To provide facilities and services that are accessible and meet the needs of our diverse community Strategic Direction: 1. Promote and support more involvement of children in active recreation and sport 2. Develop and maintain community infrastructure that meets the needs of our community 3. Promote and support opportunities for more community participation in sports, recreation, arts, culture and community activities 4. Improve and link bicycle paths, footpaths and rail trail networks to encourage physical activity and promote liveability 5. Continue to maintain and improve access to Latrobe City's parks, reserves and open spaces Indicators: 1. Number of visitors and memberships for Latrobe City Councils' leisure facilities, stadiums and reserves annually Latrobe City Council's satisfaction rating for recreational facilities in the annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Recreation and The following strategic objectives were listed in the Recreation and Leisure Strategy: Leisure Strategy 1. Provide a diversity of financially sustainable recreation and leisure facilities and opportunities 2006 Facilitate increased passive recreational use of selected major sports reserves by providing informal recreation facilities (e.g. Paths, seats, plantings, BBQ/picnic areas, playgrounds) 2. Provide and promote well used and relevant recreation facilities and settings Establish accessible, safe and appealing recreation and leisure facilities and spaces for people with a disability Investigate the feasibility of utilising and existing indoor stadium(s) as a supervised venue for young people to "drop-in" to engage in informal sporting activities for a specified period after school or on weekends Ensure affordable options for participating in recreation activities are available (e.g. provision of free recreation facilities in selected parks and open space areas, such as basketball half courts. Tennis rebound walls, linear bike paths and golf practice cages Ensure key recreation facilities are safe and secure for older adults (security lighting, car park provision, access into and around facilities) 3. Consolidate recreation and sports facility provision and use Re-use or remove unused sporting facilities Encourage clubs utilising separate clubrooms on the same reserve to consolidate into one Investigate the feasibility of establishing new sports fields to create multiple playing fields for the same sport code Public Open Space Out of the consultation a number of themes were developed: Strategy 2013 Theme 2: Enhance what we already have. The desire to improve and enhance what the community current has including:

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- Improve the appeal of existing sites
- Upgrade/replace ageing infrastructure
- Improve linkages and connections
- · Improve physical access and mobility
- Provide/upgrade public toilets, playgrounds and gathering spaces
- Improve maintenance standards and consistency

#### Theme 4: Activation

There is a strong desire to encourage more use and appreciation of what the community already has.

- Enhance design (walkability, maintenance, landscaping, appeal)
- Safety (lighting, physical access)
- Core infrastructure including paths, seating, drinking taps, fitness stations, way finding signage and interpretive information

Key priorities that came out of the consultation process for the provision of open spaces include:

- Linkages and connections
- · Physical accessibility
- Sustainability standards, maintenance, acquisition
- Increased activation and appeal of existing spaces
- · Way finding signage
- Improve what we already have first
- Improve public toilets
- Additional car parking

# Recommendations:

The following recommendations apply to all aspects of open space within the Latrobe region:

- Consider opportunities to improve the appeal of existing spaces for young people and families, including the instillation of multi-use half-court areas, park seating, drinking taps, shade/shelter, public toilets and informal gathering spaces where appropriate
- Ensure future planning and reserve improvements consider opportunities to integrate community gathering spaces and infrastructure that supports social interaction
- Increase instillation of outdoor fitness stations and exercise equipment at selected 'District'
  reserves across the city
- Improve provision of infrastructure that supports increased physical activity participation including paths, seating, drinking taps, fitness stations, way finding signage, interpretive information, half-court facilities etc.

The following recommendations apply to Morwell:

- Ensure future open space outlined in the Morwell North West Development Plan provides attractive and appealing linear linkages connecting Toners Lane Reserve and Maryvale Reserve
- Develop site specific Master Plans to guide the future use and development of Maryvale Reserve including integrating the reserve with the new residential subdivisions to the north and proposed wetlands

The following recommendations apply to Traralgon:

- Identify preferred sites for upgrade of existing reserves to District standard venues. Options could include Catterick Crescent Reserve
- Develop site specific Master Plan to guide the future use and development of Catterick Crescent Reserve

The following recommendations apply to Moe Newborough:

- Develop site specific Master Plans to guide the future use and development of the Northern Reserve and Moe Botanical Gardens
- Explore opportunities for establishing an Advisory Committee for the Moe Botanical Gardens and establish a master plan to guide future development of the precinct

Latrobe City Council Community Engagement Plan – 2010 - 2014 A review of the Community Engagement Policy and Strategy 2005 found that face to face engagement is the preferred method of engagement with the local community while community members are most engaged with Council when the topic is of direct interest to them.

Council's Community Engagement Objectives:

- 1. To maintain an effective and ongoing dialog with community by both informing and listening
- 2. To consult the community in policy development, planning and project delivery

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- To involve the community in matters that directly affects them in a specific location or in the delivery of a Council service
- To collaborate with and empower the community to deliver selected services on behalf of Council
- 5. Ensure the community understands how their input has influenced Council
- 6. To continue to develop and improve Latrobe City Council's community engagement capacity

In accordance with the engagement plan, all policies, strategies, plans and projects that will impact on the community must be made available for public viewing and comment for a minimum of four weeks.

Ensure that reports provided to Council include advice as to how community consultation has informed the recommendation.

Endeavour to provide face to face opportunities for the community to engage with policy, strategy, and plan or project development. This may include engagement via advisory committees, focus groups and workshops.

#### Healthy Urban Design Guidelines – 2008

The Healthy Urban Design Good Practice Guidelines encourages:

- Open space to incorporate a range of shade, shelter, seating and signage opportunities
- Community spaces or buildings that incorporate a variety of uses
- Avoiding opportunities for concealment and entrapment along paths and in community spaces

#### Open Spaces and Path Networks

Does the proposed deign reflect the Urban Design Guideline principles by answering the following questions:

- Does landscaping delineate routes and destinations?
- Are tracks safe and attractive (where relevant)?
- Do footpaths incorporate lighting, calmed traffic and crossing points (where relevant)?
- Is frequent and accessible seating and shelter available?
- Is shade provided using the most appropriate trees or shade structures?
- Is shade provided over paths and rest stops?
- Do shade structures avoid obstructing access or sight lines?
- · Are sightlines clear
- Are boundaries between public and private spaces clearly delineated?
- Are vandal-proof finishes incorporated into fencing, seating and signage?
- Does all open space have Continual Accessible Paths of Travel?
- Have AS 1428 standards been addressed (where relevant)?
- Is street furniture and equipment accessible for mobility aid users?
- Are clear sightlines maintained at intersections and crossings?
- Are safe paths and crossings provided along frequently used pedestrian/cycle paths including approaches to key destinations (where relevant)?

Are conflict points between paths and vehicular traffic minimized (where relevant)?

# Soccer Facilities Plan 2008

The Soccer Facilities Plan reviews all soccer facilities located within the Latrobe City Council area and provides a strategic approach to addressing the current and future needs of the sport and to cater to the growth and development of the sport in Latrobe City.

In 2007 there were 1,537 registered players in Latrobe City. Facilities are currently used on Saturday and Sunday for competitions and Tuesday and Thursday for club training. Usage levels per pitch vary from 1:47 players to 1:118 players. The demand on facilities is mostly associated with large numbers of players that train and compete on the playing surface resulting in over use.

# Olympic Reserve

#### Recommendations:

- Redevelop existing swimming clubrooms into a multi-use facility catering for all reserve users.
   Demolish existing soccer clubrooms facility
- Provide improved spectator facilities, through the provision of seating and shelter
- Improve surface of soccer grounds and explore options for alternative or improved irrigation
- · Upgrade ground lighting to comply with training standards
- Install security lighting and pipe existing drainage swale
- Screen properties along the western boundaries of the reserve
- Relocate the soccer goals on pitch 1 to be within the recognized standard for senior competition
- Address identified risk management issues associated with signage on the fence line

Monash Reserve and WH Corrigan Reserve

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#### Recommendations:

- Upgrade the Monash Soccer Club change rooms to meet current and future needs
- Upgrade surface of soccer pitches and explore options for alternative or improved irrigation
- Improve spectator facilities
- Corrigan Reserve:
  - o Renovate change rooms to include facilities for females an people with disabilities
  - Extend pitch 1 to comply with standards for senior competition
  - Extend pitch 2 to comply with standards for junior competition and improve landscaping around pitch 2 with tree planting. Install training lighting on pitch 2
  - Define car parking area at Corrigan Reserve

#### Burrage Reserve

#### Recommendations:

- Upgrade soccer clubrooms to include facilities for females and people with disabilities
- Install training lights for pitches 1 and 2 (with the capacity to upgrade pitch 1 lighting to competition standard in future
- · Address irrigation maintenance issues and investigate potential for water reuse
- Install irrigation on pitch 2
- Relocate soccer goals on pitch 1 to within the recognized standard for senior competition
- · Address identified risk management issues associated with junior soccer goals

Provide spectator seating around the grounds

# Tennis Facilities Plan 2008

#### **Future Opportunities**

#### Capital Improvements - Court Resurfacing

Upgrade courts in 'poor' or 'fair' condition in short or medium term by undertaking necessary resurface/reconstruction works. Courts in 'poor' condition should be addressed as a high priority including Monash Reserve.

#### **Moe Botanical Gardens**

#### Key Issues:

- All courts in good condition. All courts have minor non-compliance run-off distances between courts (20mm to 50mm)
- Net winding handles protrude and create risk management issues on court 7
- Fencing around the courts need improvement. Problem with vandalism
- Potential for improved/additional shelters around courts to better cater for spectators
- Trees around courts reportedly create problems with debris and cracking of court surfaces
- Clubroom facilities reportedly need improvements including toilets and canteen facilities.
   Disability access is limited

#### Opportunities:

- Implement recommendations of the Moe Newborough Outdoor Recreation Plan including:
  - o Assess trees in close proximity to courts for potential removal
  - o Improve fencing around courts
  - Install seating
- Address risk management issue associated with net winding handles
- Undertake minor renovations to clubroom facility to include improved toilet and canteen facilities and disabled access

#### **Monash Reserve**

# Key Issues:

- Court 1 is in poor condition due to extensive cracking in the acrylic surface. Courts 2, 3 and 4 are
  in fair condition and cracking is evident on courts 2 and 3. Courts 5, 6, 7 and eight are relatively
  new and are in good condition, however some cracking is evident between courts
- Run off distances between courts are non-compliant
- Net posts are in average condition
- · Disability access is limited

#### Opportunities:

- Implement recommendations of the Moe Newborough outdoor Recreation Plan
- Address condition of court 1 and non-compliant issues relating to all run off distance at the time
  of court resurface
- Monitor future need/viability of all 8 courts and consider downsizing if demand does not increase Provide disability access

# Appendix Three: Summary of Community Consultation

# **Internal Focus Group Workshop**

A meeting was held with Council Officers across a range of departments to identify key issues and needs that should be considered in the development of the master plans. The following provides a summary of the discussion:

## **Ted Summerton Reserve**

# **Playing Surface**

The current playing surface at Ted Summerton has drainage problems and as such requires resurfacing. Despite the school oval next door being available for community use, only the junior football teams use it for training.

#### **Additional Facilities**

There were a number of issues surrounding the additional facilities or features of the Reserve. While in the original plans there were areas identified for landscaping, this was not done to a satisfactory level. The implementation of an establishment program to help with ongoing maintenance and the set-up of landscaping could significantly improve the reserve.

There is also concern with the amount of storage available at the Reserve with users reportedly wanting an increase in the available storage. A solution presented was an extension of the soccer clubrooms to supply additional storage.

#### Joe Tabuteau Reserve

#### Access

There are a number of access issues to be considered. A new sub-division is being developed and as such connectivity with these residents through appropriate paths need to be considered. There are also access issues when it comes to gaining access to the sporting fields in the middle of the racecourse. An underpass has tried to be implemented in the past with little success, and while it would like to be implemented the cost is prohibitive.

Access to services such as power needs to be considered when planning access and services.

Joe Tabuteau is DSC owned land that is managed by the Latrobe City Council. The racecourse have a lease over the car park.

## **Sporting Facilities**

The Joe Tabuteau Reserve has a number of different sports utilising the site. The netball courts, located at the northern end of the Reserve, are currently in poor condition and require work on them. The large space inside the racing track is currently used by a number of sports with Paintball also interested in utilising the space. It would be ideal if the area in the middle would remain as a multiuse space for events such as Monster Trucks that cannot fit in typical spaces. Therefore it would be preferable if there were minimal disruptions to the area such as fencing or buildings. It was identified that the existing clubrooms in the middle of the racecourse would preferably be demolished and replaced from scratch. The Controlled Model Flyers use the middle of the site and the old hockey field to fly their aircraft.

In the past the Moe Racing Club have expressed an interest in having control over the area in the middle of the race track.

# **Public Amenities**

There are a number of public amenities at the reserve that require upgrading or consideration when developing a master plan for the area. The reserve required infrastructure to support community event such as paths, toilets, power, water and lighting. The park area requires upgrades to shade and shelters.

Discussion was held regarding the importance of the caravan park. The lack of accommodation was identified as a problem in the area and how the caravan is a provider of accommodation and hence is required.

## **Moe Olympic Reserve**

## Safety and Security

There have been a number of break-ins to the clubrooms shared by the swimming and soccer clubs recently. The swimming club and soccer club currently share the lease of the clubrooms with each club residing in the clubrooms for 6 months of the year. The soccer club stores alcohol on the premises, which is believed to be one of the causes of the break-ins. There is a lack of surveillance at the site, which is an issue.

## **Playing Facilities**

The current playing facilities on the site include 2 soccer pitches and a Bocce area. It is believed that the Bocce area is currently unused. Pitch 1 has sufficient drainage and access to irrigation however it requires lighting. Pitch 2 currently has no drainage and only access to one water connection point.

#### **Additional Amenities**

The lack of car parking at the Reserve is an issue that needs to be addressed. The area at the front of the reserve could be formalized into parking. The existing pavilion is two years old (assisted by \$600,000 federal government funding) however there is insufficient social rooms. Despite this Council will not fund the building of social spaces especially if clubs are unable or unwilling to add in capital.

#### **Moe Botanical Gardens**

#### **Purpose of the Gardens**

There is concern that the area will be developed into a sport ground instead of the garden type area that it is intended to be. It was also identified that while it is named a Botanical Gardens, as it is not gazette it cannot officially be named this. It was therefore raised that a review should be undertaken regarding the name of these gardens.

#### **Facilities**

There are a number of gazebos located within the Botanical Gardens built by Apex and Rotary. The Rail Trail committee is currently using the "old toilet block" as a storage shed.

#### **Tennis Courts**

A Master Plan has already been developed for the tennis courts at the gardens with the two courts to the west being earmarked for removal. There are already plans in place to update this area. This Master Plan needs to be supported and reflected in any Master Plan for the Botanical Gardens.

## W.H.Burrage Reserve

#### **Community Connections**

It is important that facilities connect with the local community and this needs to be increased at W.H.Burrage Reserve. There is currently no existing playground at the Reserve and there are no current plans to install one. It may however be a good idea to install community infrastructure such as BBQ's paths and seats.

#### **Participation**

It is believed that participation number for baseball are in decline in the area how soccer numbers, in particular spectator numbers, are significant and need to be taken into account when it comes to the Master Plan.

## **Facilities**

The oval at W.H.Burrage Reserve has good quality drainage, however soccer pitch number 2 has poor drainage.

#### **Monash Reserve**

## **Participation**

Monash Reserve caters to both formal and informal sporting use. Informal use of the tennis courts is quite high. The paintball users of the facility are a community club rather than a commercial operation. The club has hosted big Victorian events that bring a significant amount of money into the local economy.

The soccer club is going strong with the Gippsland Soccer League looking to bring new competitions to the area in their 5 year plan.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

While cricket is not currently played at Monash Reserve, there is an existing concrete cricket wicket covered on the oval. There was also previously an additional soccer pitch on the site located south of the tennis courts. This pitch was built on top of what was previously a rubbish tip and rubbish kept coming through the playing surface.

#### **Additional Features and Facilities on Site**

The Monash Reserve forms a key connection through to the community shops. Connections with the community could also be helped by the fact that the Lions would like to have a play space as part of the Reserve however this will be dependent on the Latrobe City Council Play Space Review. It was suggested that the pavilion requires demolition and rebuilding while the building at the south end also requires some fixing. A number of areas of the Reserve currently require improved vegetation preferably with a focus on indigenous plants.

#### **Northern Reserve**

#### **Competition Facilities**

Northern Reserve is located adjacent to a recently resurfaced synthetic athletics track and a cycling track that is due to be resurfaced in the 2014/2015 financial year. A beach volleyball court is also being installed. There is significant pressure on both football and soccer facilities in the area and any opportunity to build new facilities is jumped on.

#### **Support Facilities**

A number of support facilities at Northern Reserve require improvements. Cycling currently lacks storage facilities and the athletics/cycling track have a lack of spectator seating. The Reserve also requires some beautification.

The Reserve requires an upgrade to its fencing however a balance needs to be found between developing a community space and a sporting grounds which would impact the type of fencing installed.

## **Potential Future Uses**

There are a number of future potential uses for the Northern Reserve. Conducting training in the large open area would help increase the usage of the site without taking away from informal activities. This area could also be used for junior football, which at present doesn't have any space on the site. The space at the back of the site could also be used as a depot.

# **Councillors Workshop**

A meeting was held with two Councillors to identify key issues and needs that should be considered when developing the master plans. The following provides a summary of the discussion.

#### **Ted Summerton Reserve**

- The reserve requires storage
- If the users of the facility were to pool grants together they could make better use of the money.

#### Joe Tabuteau

- There is currently a problem with drainage from the racecourse running onto the netball courts
- The question was raised over any potential future plans for the race course
- The land for the reserve was deeded to the Crown
- The land in the middle of the race course legally needs to be used for recreation, therefore making its main purpose car parking may not be allowed
- The netball club needs bigger clubrooms and additional lighting
- If the netball courts were relocated, would the equestrian expand?
- The bowling club do not want to move however are receiving pressure to move from the race course.

## **Olympic Reserve**

- Does the soccer club put in any money?
- If clubs invest, they take more ownership/pride in the facility
- Council wont fund social spaces but would love to move soccer out of their current clubrooms into another building
- There are concerns about the clubrooms having access to the pool area as alcohol is often served in the clubrooms and water and alcohol don't mix.

#### **Moe Botanical Gardens**

- What would be needed to make the gardens a "Botanical Gardens"?
- You used to be able to access the gardens area from the Narracan Drive
- Would be great to link it to the Rail Trail

### W.H. Burrage Reserve

- Junior participation numbers are growing
- The female change rooms and referees rooms need improvement
- Lighting needs work
- Council needs to look at more space for soccer
- Off lead dogs need space could extend the area west along the skinny piece of land owned by Council
- Fitness stations could be a valuable asset to the area
- Are BBQ's actually used?

#### **Monash Reserve**

- There are concerns about how a combined netball/tennis/paintball club rooms would be used (potential Memorandum of Understanding)
- Soccer club doesn't get along with the Paintball club and would like to make use of the oval
- Paintball would be happy if there were sleeves in the ground
- There is a bus stop located at the reserve

# **Northern Reserve**

- Would be good to have a dedicated turning lane
- Everyone wants the entrance to be on the unnamed road
- Councillors are keen for there to be more courts at the Leisure Centre
- Cycling requires seating, shade and lighting. There is also a requirement for disability access across the track. Would it be possible to flatten the straight on the cycling track?
- Access for disabled athletes is poor to the athletics track because of the cycling track
- If you were to want to get major cycling/athletics events would need to improve the club rooms

# **Residents Surveys**

This section summarises the key findings from the Residents Surveys conducted during October and November 2014.

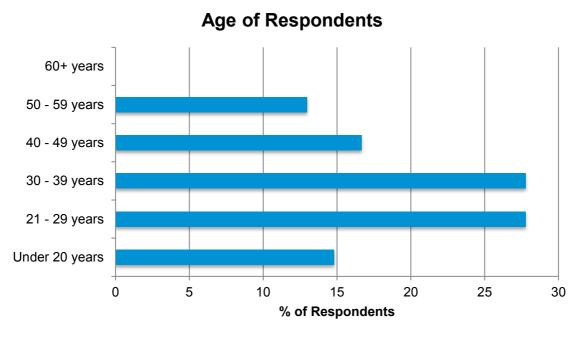
A total of 60 surveys were completed by residents around the Moe Newborough area relating to the seven reserves providing information on:

- Respondent profile
- Current and future use of the Centre and Reserve

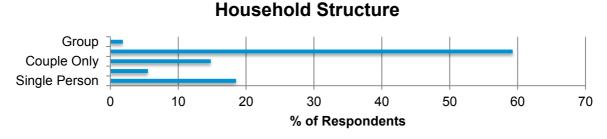
The following provides a summary of the key issues identified.

#### **Monash Reserve**

Monash Reserve received the largest number of residential surveys. There were a total of 54 surveys completed with 53 having used the reserve in the preceding 2 years. The respondents covered a range groups with the largest percentage of respondents aged 21-29 years or 30-39 years old (both 28%).



Nearly sixty five percent (64.81%) of respondents were male with 35.19% being females. The most common household structure was couples with children living at home (59%) followed by single person households (19%).



The majority of respondent used the reserve more than once a week (43%) followed by weekly (28%). Respondents nominated all of the activities that they participate in at the reserve. A significant proportion of respondent have participated in soccer (92%), while spectating and socializing was also a common activity (49%).

Activity	% of Respondents
Paintballing	2%
Tennis	2%
Soccer	92%
Using the Playground	8%
Jogging	21%
Walking the Dog	15%
Spectating/Socializing	49%
Informal Play	4%
Enjoying the Environment	2%
Relaxation/Contemplation	4%
Function Room	2%

The majority of respondents travel to the reserve via car (81%) with 19% walking.

When asked the rate the importance of certain features of the site the following answers were supplied:

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Not Important
Sporting fields/Soccer Pitches	96%	2%	2%
Clubrooms/Pavilion	94%	6%	0%
Pathways	62%	32%	6%
Playground	34%	40%	26%
Car Parks	75%	23%	2%
Shade/shelter	75%	19%	6%
Seats	83%	17%	0%
Public Toilets	77%	19%	4%
Tennis Courts	13%	34%	53%
Paintballing facilities	6%	15%	79%

Respondents were also asked to identify the standard/quality of the existing facilities located at the site on a 3-point rating scale.

	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Sporting fields/soccer pitches	21%	43%	36%
Clubrooms/Pavilion	19%	45%	36%
Pathways	6%	32%	62%
Playground	6%	55%	40%
Car parks	2%	36%	62%
Shade/shelter	4%	45%	51%
Seats	0%	15%	85%
Public Toilets	2%	40%	58%
Tennis Courts	13%	76%	11%
Paintballing facilities	21%	62%	17%

Generally the quality of the facilities was rated as satisfactory or poor. The majority of people rated the sporting fields/soccer pitches, clubrooms/pavilion, playground, tennis courts and paintball facilities as satisfactory, while the pathways, car parking, shade/shelter, seats and public toilets were rated as poor by the majority of respondents.

The respondent who had not utilized the reserve in the preceding 2 years did so because they were not interested.

All survey respondents were asked to identify what would encourage them to increase their use of the reserve and were allowed to select up to 3 answers.

•	Improved surfaces on playing fields	78%
•	Improved club rooms	51%
•	More seating	33%
•	Improved lighting	33%
•	More shade/shelter	22%
•	Improved maintenance generally	18%
•	BBQ/picnic facilities	16%
•	Improved car parking	14%
•	Walking paths	8%
•	Additional planting and landscaping	8%
•	Update play equipment	4%
•	Improved tennis court surface	2%

While the top area for improvement involved the playing facilities, a number of the other key areas mentioned revolve around the support facilities for both players and spectators.

## W.H. Burrage Reserve

There were two responses by residents concerning the W.H. Burrage Reserve. One was a 40-49 year old female who lives as a sole parent with children living at home. The other was a 60+ year old male who lives in a couple only household. Both respondents have used the W.H. Burrage Reserve in the preceding two years. The 2 respondents utilise the reserve more than once a week and used the reserve for cricket, baseball, walking the dog and spectating/socializing. One respondent drove to the reserve while the other walked.

When asked the rate the importance of certain features of the site the following answers were supplied:

	Responder	nt One	Responder	nt Two
	Importance of facility	Quality	Importance of facility	Quality
Soccer fields	Moderately important	Good	Very important	Good
Baseball fields	Very important	Poor	Very important	Satisfactory
Cricket fields	Very important	Satisfactory	Very important	Good
Clubrooms/Pavilion	Very important	Poor	Very important	Satisfactory
Cricket practice wickets	Very important	Poor	Very important	Poor
Pathways	Very important	Satisfactory	Very important	Poor
Car parks	Very important	Poor	Moderately important	Poor
Shade/shelters	Very important	Poor	Very important	Poor
Seats	Very important	Poor	Very important	Poor
Public toilets	Very important	Poor	Very important	Poor

The following facilities would help encourage greater use of the reserve:

- More shade/shelter
- · More seating
- Improved cricket practice nets
- Improved lighting
- Improved maintenance generally

#### **Northern Reserve**

There were two responses by residents for the Northern Reserve. Both respondents were female aged 40-49 years and 60+ years old. One currently lives in a single person household, with the other in a couple only household. Neither respondent had used the Northern Reserve in the past 2 years.

## **Olympic Reserve**

There was one response by a resident living close to Olympic Reserve. The respondent was aged between 30-39 years old, female and living in a household as part of a couple with children living at home and has used Olympic Reserve in the past 2 years a few times per year. The swimming pool was the facility of choice and travel was via a car.

When asked the rate the importance of certain features of the site the following answers were supplied:

	Importance of facility	Quality
Sporting Fields/Soccer	Not important	Satisfactory
Clubrooms/Pavilion	Moderately important	Satisfactory
Pathways	Very important	Satisfactory
Pool	Very important	Satisfactory
Bocce	Not important	Satisfactory
Car parks	Very important	Poor
Shade/shelters	Very important	Poor
Seats	Very important	Poor
Public toilets	Very important	Poor

The improvement of BBQ/picnic facilities, more shade/shelter and improvement car parking would likely encourage greater use of the reserve.

#### **Ted Summerton Reserve**

One resident living near Ted Summerton Reserve responded to the survey. The respondent was a 40-49 year old male who lived in a single person household and is a user of Ted Summerton Reserve. The resident uses the reserve a few times per year for Australian Rules Football and generally travels via public transport.

When asked the rate the importance of certain features of the site the following answers were supplied:

	Importance of facility	Quality
Sporting Fields	Very important	Satisfactory
Clubrooms/Pavilion	Very Important	Good
Cricket practice wickets	Not Important	Satisfactory
Netball courts	Moderately important	Good
Pathways	Very important	Good
Playground	Moderately important	Good
Car parks	Moderately important	Good
CFA training track	Moderately important	Satisfactory
BBQ/Picnic areas	Very important	Good
Shade/shelters	Very important	Poor
Seats	Very important	Poor
Public toilets	Very important	Satisfactory

The instillation of more shelter/shade and seating would help encourage increased use of the site.

## Joe Tabuteau Reserve/Moe Botanical Gardens

There were no surveys completed regarding either the Joe Tabuteau Reserve or the Moe Botanical Gardens.

## **Survey Comments**

Mona	ash Reserve
1	Ground conditions are very poor. No paths or connection between grounds
2	The club rooms need an upgrade as well as the whole area outside
3	All good thanks
4	1.Monash Soccer ground surface is the worst in Gippsland with virtually no grass during winter. 2.The Lighting of the soccer field is not sufficient to be able to hold night matches and provide the local Moe/Newborough soccer community with the spectacular of watching night matches. 3.Having no fixed seating around the soccer ground reduces the comfort and enjoyment of the overall facilities to the soccer community. 4.The car parking arrangement around the soccer ground are not suitable over winter with the surface having no gravel.
5	Great central location
6	This reserve is very important and useful to our local community. Over the last couple of years I have noticed the condition of the reserve deteriorate dramatically.
7	As a soccer player and a spectator it would be nice to have seating around the ground for comfort of watching the games.
8	If we make the area more family friendly then as a community we will be more inclined to take advantage
9	Great place, so many activities can be in played around the area with its large size of space. Wouldn't mind to see the soccer club getting some upgrades to it:)
10	The grass on the pitch needs to be addressed, the lighting on the towers need to be upgraded and there needs to be better seating around the ground so spectators don't have to get a chair from inside the club rooms. Drainage around the grounds need to be looked at as well.
11	Better lighting for soccer pitch, better playing surface and put a stand of some sort up there. BBQ area and park would be wicked. A big park. Really big.
12	I believe that is soccer club should be upgraded to make sure that it is properly utilised by the players, spectators and public. It is used all year round and could do with better facilities. The grounds, club rooms, car parking and seating could all do with an upgrade.
13	The pitches don't drain very well. Cars and motor bikes often hoon around on the middle pitch making the playing surface worse. Lighting definitely needs to be looked at.
14	I think that as this reserve is in an ideal location and central it could do with an upgrade as many people use it for the children to play and socialise as well as soccer and functions. It would be nice for soccer to gain more recognition and incentives to match the football in the area, especially as soccer is in the rise
15	The public toilets on the bottom ground next to the paint ball clubrooms should be available to use whenever Monash Soccer Club train on those grounds or play matches there. It is unfair to expect young children and spectators of all ages to walk such a long distance when they need to use the toilet.
16	Car Parking at Monash Reserve needs major improvement, crushed rock would be sufficient. There is bare minimum seating available in the whole precinct. This could definitely be improved.  Weed/Blackberry spraying in the Bush Reserve adjacent needs to be implemented as the path is often overgrown with blackberries and stinging nettle.
	Summerton Reserve
1	There needs to be mesh on the playing fencing. Safety construction site style fencing around the northern end mounding put there until any stand there is constructed to stop people falling down the embankment. Spectator seating is also required as well as professional turf.
	Burrage Reserve
1	From a cricket perspective the support of council is very poor when you look at the state of the practice wickets, the surrounds and the lack of seating and shade provisions. The announcement of this survey and possible action is very pleasing.
2	Currently Moe\Newborough Baseball Club can only use the facilities in the winter due to Newborough Bulldogs Cricket Club using the venue during the summer. The Baseball club is prepared to coordinate and partly fund the formation of another sporting area on the UN-USED grass area on the North side of the Burrage (behind houses on Southwell Ave), however the council is unprepared to listen.

# **Reserve Tenant Workshop**

A workshop was held for all reserve tenants of the Moe Newborough recreation reserves. 15 people attended the workshop, representing 12 sport/recreation clubs.

The following feedback was received from the tenants at each reserve:

#### Joe Tabuteau Reserve

#### Riding for the Disabled

 Access to the middle area of the racetrack would provide increased opportunities for participants. The group are supportive of the development of an underpass to improve access to the middle area.

#### Football Club

- The ovals provide one turf wicket, which is used by first and seconds, and one hard wicket, which is used by thirds and fourths.
- The club room facilities are substandard. The race club resists development of buildings in the middle due to concern of sight lines. There is a need to refurbish the facilities to provide additional storage, hot water and a kiosk.
- There is not shade or protection from sun or poor weather at either of the reserves.
- The lighting of the reserves is poor for training. Improved lighting would enable training to be spread across the reserve.

#### Netball

- The 10 netball courts are 32 years old and in need or major refurbishment. Since the construction of the courts there has been no resurfacing of the courts.
- A recent audit indicated that the courts are fair to poor and don't meet current standards.
- Netball participation is growing by approximately 20% annually. Teams are being turned away.
- Need for a refurbished purpose built netball facility with lights and a club room.

#### **Moe Botanical Gardens**

A meeting was held with representatives of the key user groups to identify key issues and needs that should be consider in the Master Plan for Moe Botanical Gardens. The following provides a summary of the key points to come out of the discussion. The three main issues that were identified include:

- Access
- Car Parking
- Signage

#### Car Parking

Currently there is no designated parking within the Moe Botanical Gardens. Formalising the car parking would benefit a large number of people including users of the tennis courts, botanical gardens and rail trail.

#### Signage

There is little to no signage indicating the presence of the botanical gardens and tennis courts. Currently there is no signage on Narracan Drive and only a small sign off Botanic Drive. This lack of signage has a flow on effect on the lack of surveillance as people infrequently drive in that direction.

## **Tennis Courts**

The tennis courts located at the Moe Botanical Gardens have previously had a Master Plan completed. One of the recommendations was to fence all of the tennis courts with the club courts

locked and three courts available to the public. This was raised in the consultation. It was also reported that the trees along the east side of the courts cause issues.

#### **Buildings**

The clubrooms currently located at the Moe Botanical Gardens are currently used by:

- Tennis
- Dog Walkers
- Rotary
- The rail trail committee of management
- Motor Neuron organisation
- Special School

Drawings were completed for the building in 2002 to add a second story onto the building however nothing was ever done. Users would like to see a roller door added to the storage area.

Rotary are also looking to build another playground on the botanical gardens site.

#### Rail Train/Paths

Currently the Rail Trail runs alongside the Botanical Gardens. It was raised that the trail ends suddenly just beyond the gardens and doesn't go anywhere. Ideally the trail would continue on to another area. It was also identified that the path the runs alongside Botanic Drive should continue into the gardens behind the old toilet/storage building into the gardens.

#### **Monash Reserve**

A meeting was held with representatives of the key user groups to identify key issues and needs that should be consider in the Master Plan for Monash Reserve. The following provides a summary of the key points to come out of the discussion.

## Car Parking/Fencing

Car parking at the Soccer end of the reserve is considered a major issue with no formalized entry or parking. A key priority of the soccer club would be to formalize the entry and car parking at the entrance to the reserve located near the soccer pitches. The paintball club is currently satisfied with the level of parking, however there might not be enough in the future if hosting larger competitions.

There have been troubles with hoons getting onto the soccer pitches as a result of no fences surrounding the pitches. Ideally a low fence to restrict access would surround each pitch. Soccer balls also roll onto Torres Street due to a lack of fencing around the reserve.

To improve access around the reserve it was identified that a bike path along Torres Street would help link the reserve to the private development.

#### **Drainage**

Drainage varies greatly across the reserve with significant issues surrounding the soccer pitches, while there are no major problems when it comes to the oval and tennis courts. The space to the west of the tennis courts is level and could be utilized for future netball courts however has major drainage issue and is consistently wet. The open drain on the south side of pitch 1 needs re digging. Drainage behind pitch 1 and around the entrance is an issue.

#### Lighting

There is currently no lighting on the tennis courts, which prevents training and competitions at night in winter.

Pitch 1 currently requires an additional light pole (North West corner) with 100 lux available over the entire ground. Pitch 2 is also in need of lighting. Lighting is currently a priority for pitch 1, however you could relocate the existing lights on pitch 1 to pitch 2. The soccer club is currently in the process of training to raise funds for lighting.

There are currently 2 light towers on the oval. While lighting is not necessary for competition, personal training operates on the oval 2-3 nights per week and lighting might help this.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

While there is currently some cracking on the tennis courts, they are in generally good condition however they are non-compliant with regards to their size and run-off. There is currently a large embankment at the end of the tennis courts.

Both Pitch 1 and 2 are slightly narrower than existing standards. This could be altered if lighting were to be improved. The old soccer pitch could be utilized as training space.

Monash Reserve currently hosts 2 out of 5 state-wide paintball competitions, and is the backup field for the other 3 competitions. Each competition generally hosts 12-20 teams (100 players and 20-100 supporters). From a paintball perspective, the oval is in perfect condition and is considered one of the top 3 surfaces in Australia. Ideally paintball would like to have a permanently enclosed structure on the oval. This would require a 55m x 65m rectangle surrounded by chicken wire and covered in shade cloth. There are currently 6 concrete sleeves in the oval to hold portable poles, which are covered when not in use.

#### Clubrooms

The soccer clubrooms are in good condition and include women's facilities that are in good condition. The current switch board is considerable unsafe and requires immediate replacement.

The paintball clubrooms currently have both female and male facilities, however the showers and toilets need improvements. The clubrooms are also not accessible and cause a problem for people in wheelchairs and prams. The availability of toilets during competitions is important, as hiring in facilities is expensive. A canteen is crucial as the site is located a fair distance to any shops. As such the club requires space to serve catered food. The paintball club has done significant works on the clubrooms to improve the storage, built a referees room, paint storage room and a strong room. Victoria Police requirements dictate that there must be storage facilities that are only accessible by paintball licensed people.

#### **Northern Reserve**

- The Newborough Football Netball Club operates from Northern Reserve during the winter season.
- The Senior Football Club has 4 football teams and 6 netball teams. The Junior Football Club has 6 teams.
- There are 6 light towers with 2 lights per tower on the sports ground however, they are not high enough to provide adequate lighting.
- The sports ground surface is in good condition with good drainage on the ground. However, drainage around the ground is a problem with water pooling off the boundary. Drainage needs to be considered around the ground.
- There is limited lighting to the netball court and only at one end. Upgraded lighting to the court and the future training ¾ warm up court needs to be provided.
- The development of a second "junior" multi use ground is required on the site.
- · The existing playground needs upgrading;
- The netball club has a toilet facility near the netball courts and a room within the pavilion for changing;
- The pavilion contains change rooms, warm up room, umpires room, female umpire change, office, social space, kitchen, kiosk and veranda.
- Priorities would be to upgrade lighting of sports ground and netball courts, provision of a 2<sup>nd</sup> sports ground and improve the drainage around the ground.

## **Olympic Park**

- Moe United Soccer Club operates out of Olympic Park during the winter season.
- There are 7 junior teams and 3 senior teams.
- There are currently 3 change rooms. Additional change rooms would be required in the future
  if a female team was fielded.
- The swimming club rooms are used by the soccer club as social rooms during the winter season. The toilets and kitchen need renovating. The Club would like to build a balcony along the front of the social rooms facing the reserve including the installation of barriers on the tiered landscaping. Access to the social rooms are a problem with no ramp access.
- Drainage on and around both grounds requires attention. The drainage runs in an east/west direction on the No. 1 ground however, not the full length. The eastern side of the No. 1 oval experiences the greatest problems. The ground surface is uneven and it is thought that water runs off the road onto the No. 1 oval.
- The No. 2 ground experiences drainage problems on the western side. Approximately 6 games were cancelled last season due to unplayable surfaces. The Club will often train at the South Street School or the Moe Racecourse grounds when the grounds are too wet.
- Cars cannot park around either oval in winter or at the northern end of the reserve due to poor drainage. There is limited parking on site due to the drainage issues.

- Drainage is also particularly poor around the bocce court and the pedestrian access gate at South Street.
- Training lights are provided for both grounds with 6 light towers to the No. 1 ground and 2 towers to the No. 2 ground. The Club would like the lighting upgraded to competition standard. Power supply to the reserve would need to be investigated.

#### **Ted Summerton Reserve**

- There is a significant problem with the ground surface drainage. Council has committed to resolve the problem.
- There is a lack of storage for the football and netball club. An extension to the soccer storage area could address this problem.
- The netball and fire brigade do not have access to external amenities or storage.
- The operational cost of the training lights is high. There is capacity to provide solar panels.
- There is a need to bring in additional toilet facilities on event days to service the numbers of spectators.
- Water storage tanks were supposed to be provided as part of the major redevelopment. This
  has not occurred dude to the cost.

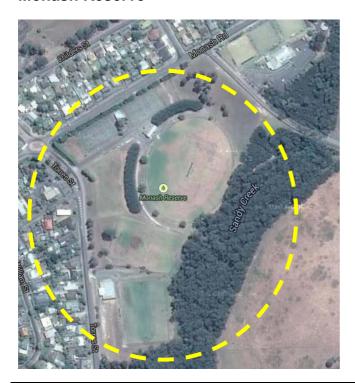
## W.H. Burrage Reserve

- The Newborough/Yallorn United Soccer Club, the Moe Newborough Baseball Club and the Newborough Bulldogs Cricket Club operate from W.H. Burrage Reserve.
- The Newborough/Yallorn United Soccer Club uses the reserve in winter and has approximately 105 playing members including 4 senior teams and 6 junior teams.
- Separate change and shower facilities are required for female teams (temporary change rooms are provided within the existing club facility).
- Female referee change and shower facilities are required.
- Competition lighting is required to the main pitch (including 2 new towers).
- Drainage improvements are required on the back pitch especially in the south east corner.
   This pitch is often unusable in winter due to poor drainage, resulting in games and training being cancelled.
- Provide irrigation to the back pitch to ensure the ground surface is maintained to a good standard for play in winter.
- Upgrade the existing access road behind the clubrooms and install removable bollards on either side of the undercover pavilion shelter to prevent cars driving through this area on game days.
- Upgrade the existing public toilets and maintain and upgrade the exterior of the building.
- Provide a ticket box at the entry to the reserve.
- Establish a 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch west of the back pitch (pitch No. 2).
- Provide lighting to the back pitch (No. 2).
- The back net of baseball diamond 1 is in poor condition. This requires replacing.
- Diamond 2 requires player dugouts.
- Move the diamond 2 back as second base is encroaching on the cricket pitch.
- Extend diamond 2 tear drop to create 2 grounds back to back.
- Develop a 3<sup>rd</sup> sports ground north of the main ground.
- Improve drainage on the cricket/baseball ground especially on the western side.

•	Vehicle access around the oval is limited due to poor drainage and grass surface (there used to be a gravel road around the ground).
•	There are no change rooms within the cricket/baseball pavilion.

# Appendix Four: Site Report

## **Monash Reserve**



Source: Goggle Aerial map of Monash Reserve

Room Name: Monash Reserve					
General visual condition (see definitions below)	Poor	Fair X	Reasonable	Good	

- Football Oval The main sports oval appears in a reasonable condition with minimal wear and tear.
- Football Oval Boundary fencing and existing sport lighting towers appear 'tired' and have evidence of corrosion.
- Football Oval Pavilion no internal inspection as access was restricted. External access appears not compliant to current BCA / DDA requirements.
- Children's Playground very limited with equipment and isolated away from oval, tennis courts and soccer fields. Has potential CPTED risk issues with the close proximity of the large Cyprus pine hedge.
- Tennis courts asphalt/concrete courts. All appear in a fair condition with evidence of wear and tear and expansion cracks between courts.
- Tennis Courts fencing appears in a reasonable condition.
- Tennis Courts team seating located outside of courts/ fence zone. Not really practical due to the limited amount of access gates to the courts.
- Tennis Courts Pavilion no internal inspection as access was restricted.
- Monash Soccer- both soccer pitches appear to be undersized based on current FIFA senior pitch dimensions (105m x 68m) excluding safety run-off and practice areas (125m x 85m)
- Monash Soccer- no goal end safety fencing to main pitch. Recommend to installed a 6.0m high goal
  end fence to limit balls (on match day and training) passing the goals. Minimise any potential hazard
  with impact (this fence is located outside the safety runoff area)
- Monash Soccer- existing boundary fencing (rail) is in a fair condition with evidence of wear and tear.
- Monash Soccer- Drainage to be improved, including access around the main soccer pavilion.
- Monash Soccer Pavilion no internal inspection as access was restricted.
- Monash Soccer no formal car parking (could park anyway)



Tennis courts – asphalt/concrete courts. All appear in a fair condition with evidence of wear and tear and expansion cracks between courts.



Tennis Courts – team seating located outside of courts/ fence zone. Not really practical due to the limited amount of access gates to the courts.



Tennis Courts Pavilion – no internal inspection as access was restricted.



No goal end safety fencing to main pitch



Main soccer pitch appears to be undersized to FIFA standards



Secondary soccer pitch appears to be undersized.



Goal end safety fencing to secondary pitch at one end. In a fair condition.



Monash Soccer Pavilion – no internal inspection as access was restricted.



Drainage to be improved, including access around the main soccer pavilion.



Football Oval Pavilion – no internal inspection as access was restricted. External access appears not compliant to current BCA / DDA requirements.



External access appears not compliant to current BCA / DDA requirements.



Children's Playground – very limited with equipment and isolated away from oval, tennis courts and soccer fields. Has potential CPTED risk issues with the close proximity of the large Cyprus pine hedge.



Boundary fencing and existing sport lighting towers appear 'tired' and have evidence of corrosion.



The main sports oval appears in a reasonable condition with minimal wear and tear.

#### **Northern Reserve**



Source: Goggle Aerial map of Northern Reserve

General visual condition (see definitions below) Poor Fair Reasonable X	Room Name: Northern Reserve						
		Poor	Fair	Reasonable	X	Good	

- Football Oval The oval appears in a reasonable condition with minimal wear and tear.
- Football Oval Boundary fencing and existing sport lighting towers appear 'tired' and have evidence of corrosion.
- Football Oval the oval doesn't appear to be 'an oval'. The boundary lines appear to 'cut in'
  and straighten along the wings. Recommendation to re-size the oval to match AFL field
  specifications (170m long x 140m wide)
- Football Pavilions no internal inspection as access was restricted.
- Children's Playground very limited with equipment.
- No formal car parking areas.
- Netball Court pedestrian access appears restrictive and not complaint to current BCA/ DDA requirements.
- Tiered seating area (on bank) no balustrades as retaining wall to courts from banks appears higher than 600- 700mm. No ramp access to courts.
- Netball Pavilion no internal access. Pavilion externally appears in a reasonable condition.
- Netball Court appears in a good condition. Would recommend colour the 'safety runoff' area around the court a different colour to minimise confusion.



The oval appears in a reasonable condition with minimal wear and tear.



The oval doesn't appear to be 'an oval'. The boundary lines appear to 'cut in' and straighten along the wings.



The boundary lines appear to 'cut in' and straighten along the wings. The boundary should be located at the road edge.



Boundary fencing and existing sport lighting towers appear 'tired' and have evidence of corrosion.



No formal car parking areas.



Football Pavilions – no internal inspection as access was restricted.



Netball Court appears in a good condition. Would recommend colour the 'safety runoff' area around the court a different colour to minimise confusion.



Netball Pavilion – no internal access. Pavilion externally appears in a reasonable condition.



Tiered seating area (on bank) – no balustrades as retaining wall to courts from banks appears higher than 600-700mm. No ramp access to courts.

## **Olympic Reserve**



Source: Goggle Aerial map of Olympic Reserve

Room Name: Olympic Reserve							
General visual condition (see definitions below)	Poor	Fair	X	Reasonable	G	ood	

- Soccer Pavilion no internal inspection as access was restricted.
- Soccer- main soccer pitch appears to be undersized based on current FIFA senior pitch dimensions (105m x 68m) excluding safety run-off and practice areas (125m x 85m)
- Soccer junior pitch appears to satisfy FFV SSF and U11/12 pitch size requirements
- Soccer- no goal end safety fencing to main pitch. Recommend to installed a 6.0m high goal end fence to limit balls (on match day and training) passing the goals. Minimise any potential hazard with impact (this fence is located outside the safety runoff area)
- Soccer- existing boundary fencing (rail) is in a fair condition with evidence of wear and tear.
- Soccer- Drainage to be improved
- Soccer no formal car parking (could park anyway)
- Swimming Pool and associated buildings not inspected











## W.H Burrage Reserve



Source: Latrobe City Council Aerial map of W.H Burrage Reserve

Room Name: W.H Burrage Reserve							
General visual condition	Poor	Fair	Reasonable	Y	Good		
(see definitions below)				^			

- Cricket Oval The main sports oval appears in a reasonable condition with minimal wear and tear.
- Cricket Oval Boundary fencing and existing sport lighting towers appears in a fair condition.
- Cricket / Baseball Pavilion no internal inspection as access was restricted. Shaded areas (veranda) appeared to be minimal and no clear access apparent from pavilion to oval.
- Cricket wicket good condition. At time of inspection was being prepared for match day.
- Baseball diamonds appear in a fair condition, including safety fencing.
- Soccer Pavilion no internal inspection as access was restricted. Extensive covered area from pavilion to side of soccer pitch. Appears in a reasonable condition
- Soccer- main soccer pitch appears to be undersized based on current FIFA senior pitch dimensions (105m x 68m) excluding safety run-off and practice areas (125m x 85m)
- Soccer- no goal end safety fencing to main pitch. Recommend to installed a 6.0m high goal end fence to limit balls (on match day and training) passing the goals. Minimise any potential hazard with impact (this fence is located outside the safety runoff area)
- Soccer- existing boundary fencing (rail) is in a fair condition with evidence of wear and tear.
- Soccer no formal car parking (could park anyway)



Cricket / Baseball Pavilion – no internal inspection as access was restricted. Shaded areas (veranda) appeared to be minimal and no clear access apparent from pavilion to oval.



Baseball diamonds – appear in a fair condition, including safety fencing.



Cricket wicket – good condition. At time of inspection was being prepared for match day.



Cricket Oval - The main sports oval appears in a reasonable condition with minimal wear and tear.



Soccer- main soccer pitch appears to be undersized – based on current FIFA senior pitch dimensions (105m x 68m) excluding safety run-off and practice areas.

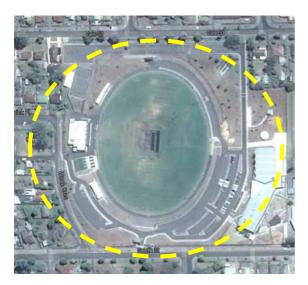


Soccer Pavilion – no internal inspection as access was restricted. Extensive covered area from pavilion to side of soccer pitch.



Extensive covered area from pavilion to side of soccer pitch.

## **Ted Summerton**



Source: Latrobe City Council Aerial map of Ted Summerton

Room Name: <b>Ted Summerton</b>					
General visual condition	Poor	Fair	Reasonable	Good	Y
(see definitions below)					^

- Main football pavilion not inspected, on day of inspection.
- Main oval appears in a reasonable condition.
- Cricket practice nets appear in a good condition and recently built (at least 2 yrs.)
- Formal Car parking evident.
- Netball courts in a reasonable condition orientation not ideal. Courts should be sited on a north/ south axis and not on an east / west axis.







# Joe Tabuteau Reserve



Source: Latrobe City Council Aerial map of Joe Tabuteau Reserve / Moe Race track

Room Name: Joe Tabuteau Reserve								
General visual condition	Poor	Fair		Reasonable		Good		
(see definitions below)								

## Comments:

• Site not inspected on day of inspection, this included the pony club, accessible playground and internal sporting fields to the race track.





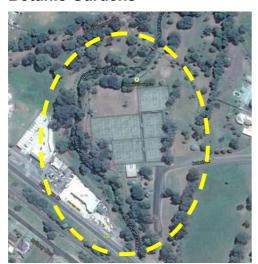








# **Botanic Gardens**



Source: Latrobe City Council Aerial map of Botanic Gardens

Room Name: Botanic Gardens						
General visual condition (see definitions below)	Poor	Fair	X	Reasonable	Good	

## Comments:

• Tennis Courts and existing pavilion not inspected on day of inspection.





