

Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy Wingecarribee Shire Council



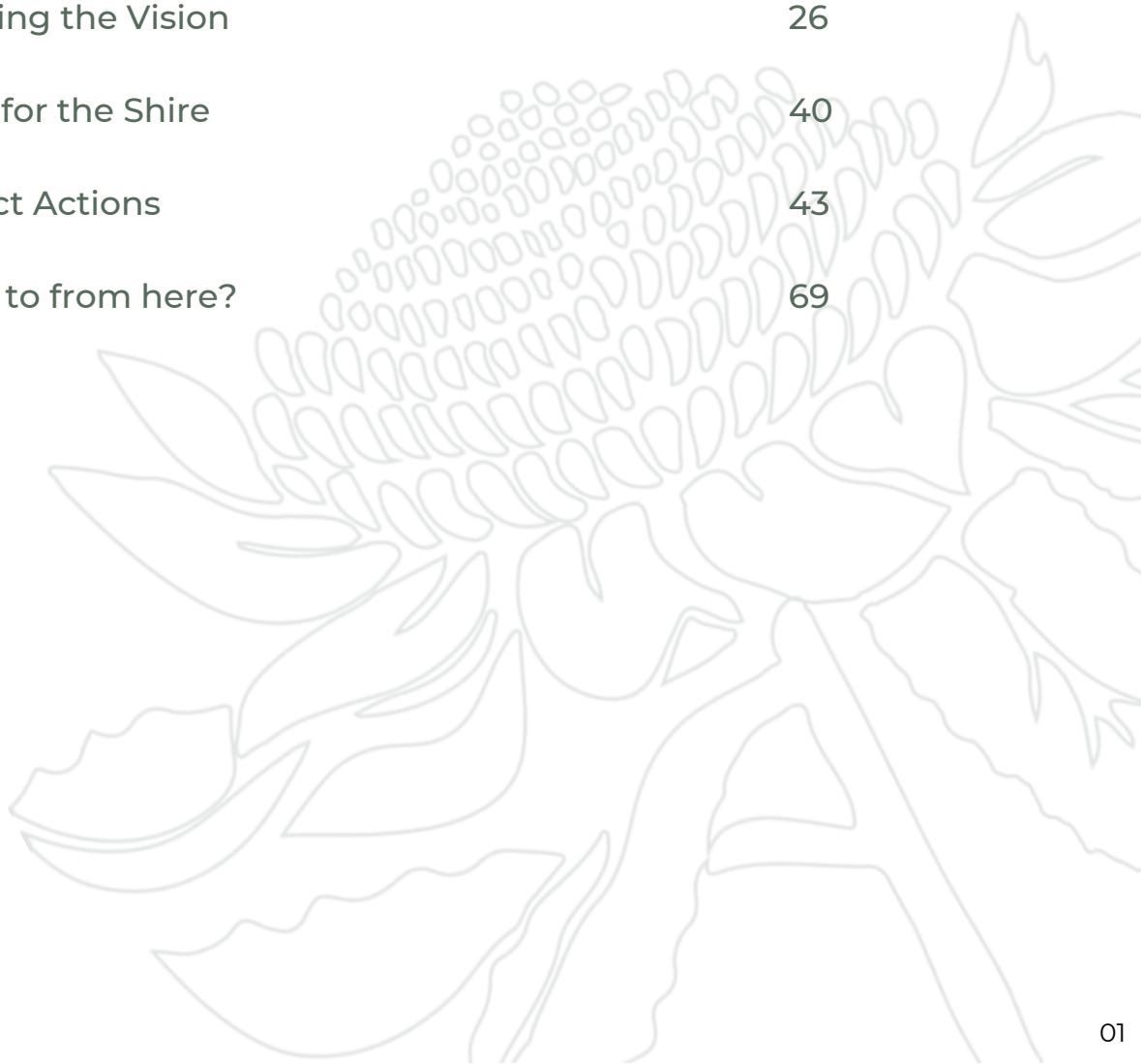
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Acknowledgement of Country



Wingecarribee Shire Council acknowledges the Gundungurra and Tharawal people as the Traditional custodians of this place we now call the Wingecarribee Shire.

Wingecarribee Shire Council recognises the continuous and deep connection to their Ngurra (Country) and that this is of great cultural significance to Aboriginal people, both locally and in the region.

For Gundungurra and Tharawal people, Ngurra (Country) means everything, it's physical, cultural and spiritual, it's belonging.

We pay respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people.

Message from the General Manager

In 2041 the Wingecarribee Shire will be home to over 65,000 residents. As we grow and change, it is important to have a long-term strategy that guides provision for our community and recreational infrastructure needs, ensuring there is a clear alignment between the needs of our community and the facilities that we provide.

In 2022 in conjunction with Tredwell Management Services, Council undertook extensive community engagement and research to understand our community's vision for their community and recreational facilities. You told us that you wanted

“Sustainable, multi-purpose, accessible and innovative community and recreation facilities equitably distributed across the Shire”

From the initial engagement and research, The Wingecarribee Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy (this Strategy) has been developed. This Strategy will guide Council's future decision making, ensuring alignment to the community's vision, and the responsible provision and use of community facilities.

As a community we have a proud and rich sporting, community and cultural history. This Strategy ensures a clear roadmap to continue to protect and enhance our community's proud history and move forward with generational infrastructure including a Regional Aquatic Facility, a Regional Indoor Sports Facility and a Destination Play Space.

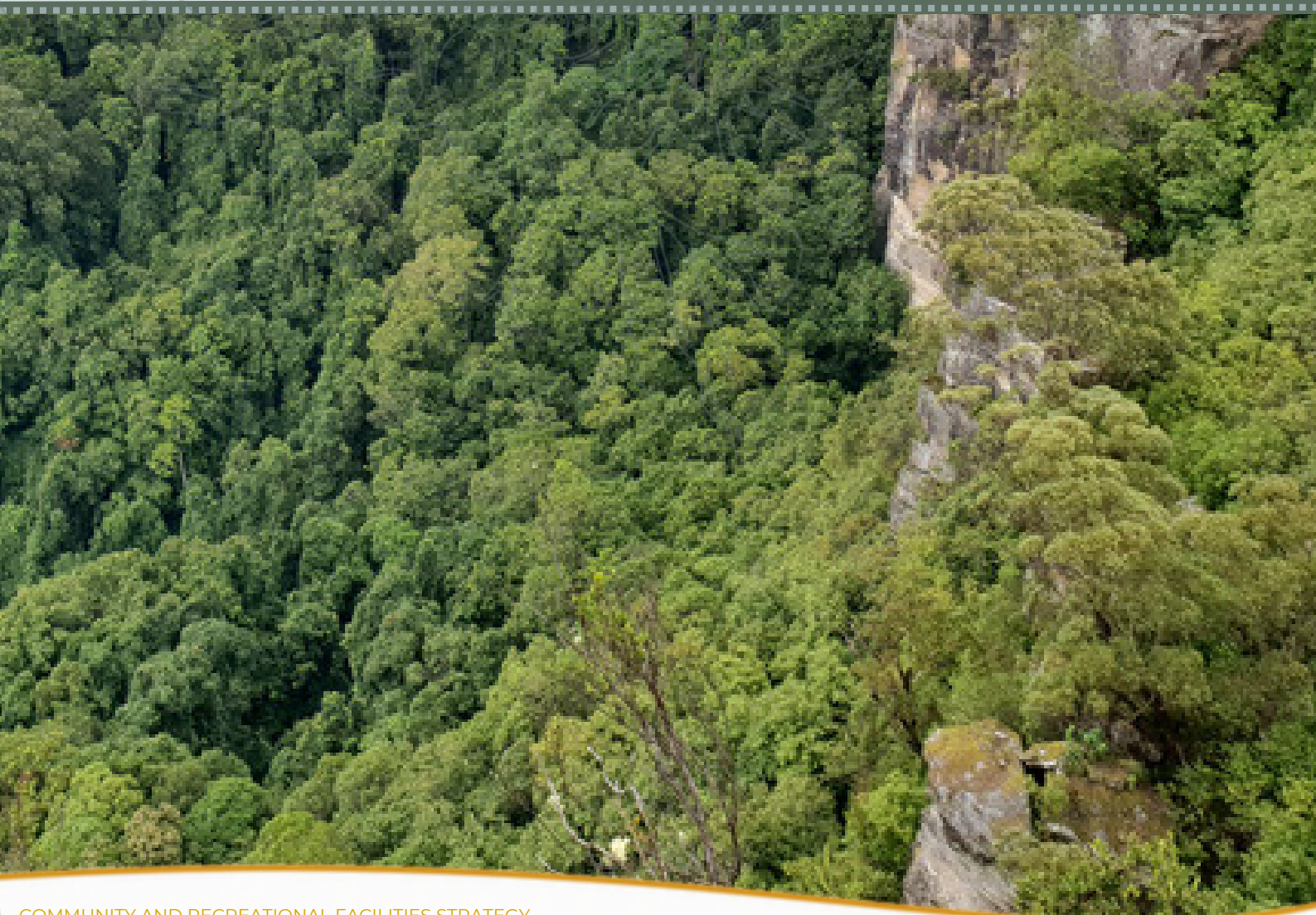
I would like to thank everyone that participated in the development of this Strategy and look forward to its implementation and positive outcomes being delivered for our community.



Lisa Miscamble
General Manager



Our Place, People and Facilities





Defining the Scope of the Community Recreation and Facilities Strategy

The Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy (CRFS) is a 20year strategic document developed to guide and inform Council and the Community to plan, fund and deliver formal community and recreation facilities across the Shire. The strategy is not intended to be definitive plan for implementation, it recognises the need for more detailed analysis and engagement with the community on specific elements, closer to the time of delivery, and in alignment with funding availability.

Understanding the long-term demand for facilities enables Council to plan financially to ensure the provision and ongoing maintenance costs are factored into annual budgets, ensuring they are fiscally responsible.

The key focus of this strategy is on formal facilities, however it is also recognised that community and recreational activities and events happen in less formal environments, such as the Shires diverse natural areas, walking and cycling tracks. To ensure that all these elements are provided due consideration, several other strategies are already in place or planned to be developed with community input.

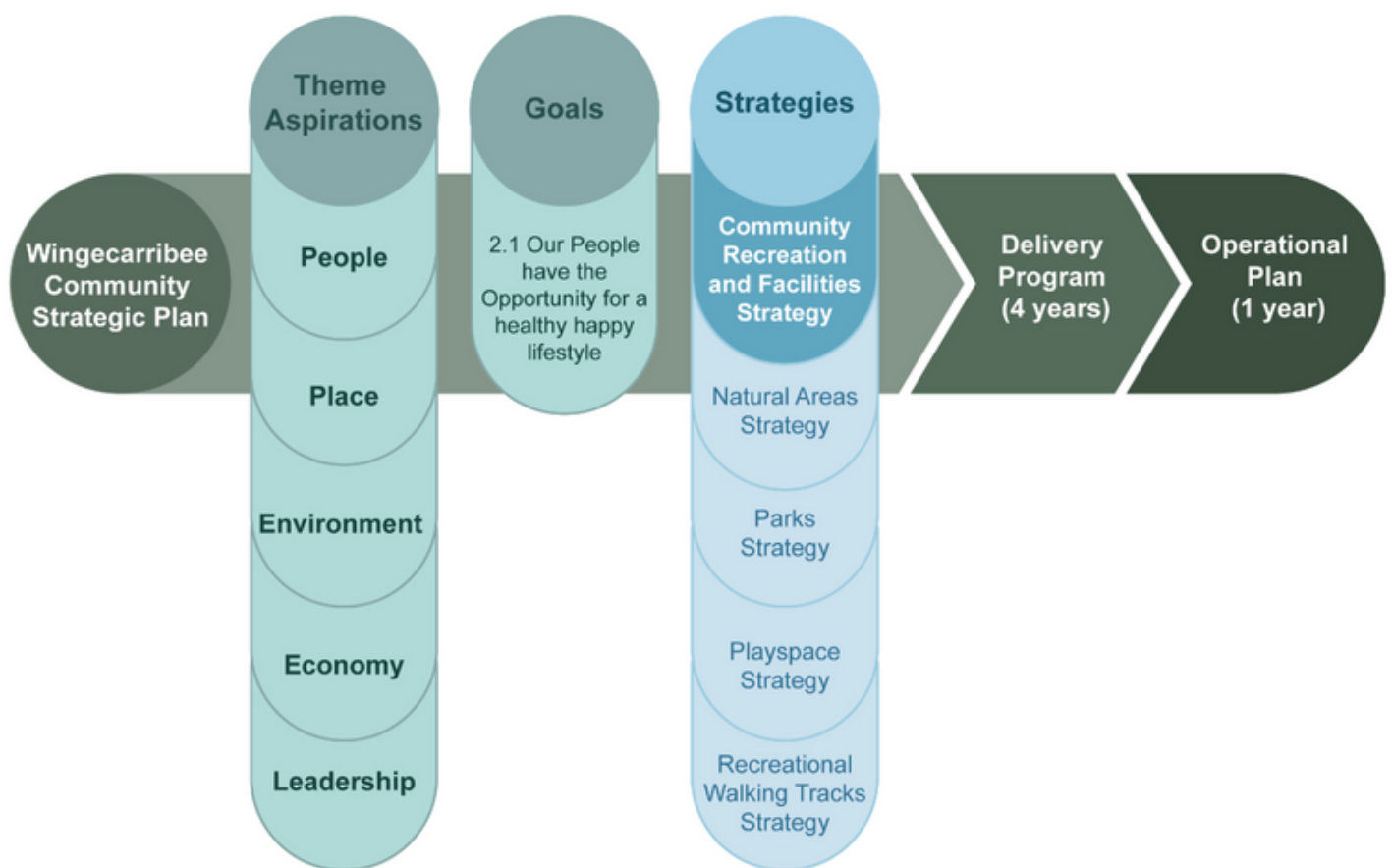


Figure 1: Alignment to Community Strategic Plan and other Strategies and Plans of Council

Figure 1 shows the relationship of the CRFS to Councils Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and other strategies of Council. Works and activities considered business as usual, like maintenance and service delivery, are not included in the CRFS and will be considered through Councils ongoing operational plans and programming.



Does the Strategy only plan for Council owned facilities?

The Strategy considers all facilities that play a role in providing support for recreational and community activities, this helps inform Council of potential gaps in the provision of infrastructure. The projects and actions identified in the strategy are focused on delivery of Council owned infrastructure and on strengthening key partnerships within other providers within the community to ensure they are supported.



How will Actions Identified in the Strategy be Implemented?



Figure 2: Implementing the CRFS

Figure 2 shows that the CRFS has three levels of actions. The actions vary in scale and therefore have varying pathways for implementation. All levels of actions provide the opportunity for ongoing engagement to help shape the final outcome, in line with the principles of the CRFS.



How can I be involved?

As well as the ongoing engagement associated with individual actions Council will also publish an annual report card on the implementation of the CRFS so that the community can see the progress made, and also what actions will be undertaken in the following 12month period.



How will implementation be funded?

The CRFS is a long-term strategy that helps Council plan strategically and financially for the future, it provides road map of infrastructure needed into the future. Importantly not every action within the strategy is funded for delivery, or able to be delivered straight away. Having an endorsed strategy is important so that Council can plan with certainty and advocate for funding across the 20years of the Strategy.

The funding of items within the strategy could be through three key streams:

- General Revenue – Monies levied by Council through rates.
- Developer Contributions – monies levied by Council where new development creates an increased demand for local infrastructure. This money can only be spent on items that are identified within the plans and cannot be used to fund maintain or upgrade facilities that are not impacted by the additional population demand.
- Grant Funding – Grant funding from other levels of government and philanthropic organisations will be proactively sought by Councils dedicated grants officer and other teams to ensure additional funding is secured where possible, Council are also committed to working with our partners across the Shire to access grants for facilities that are not owned or operated by Council.

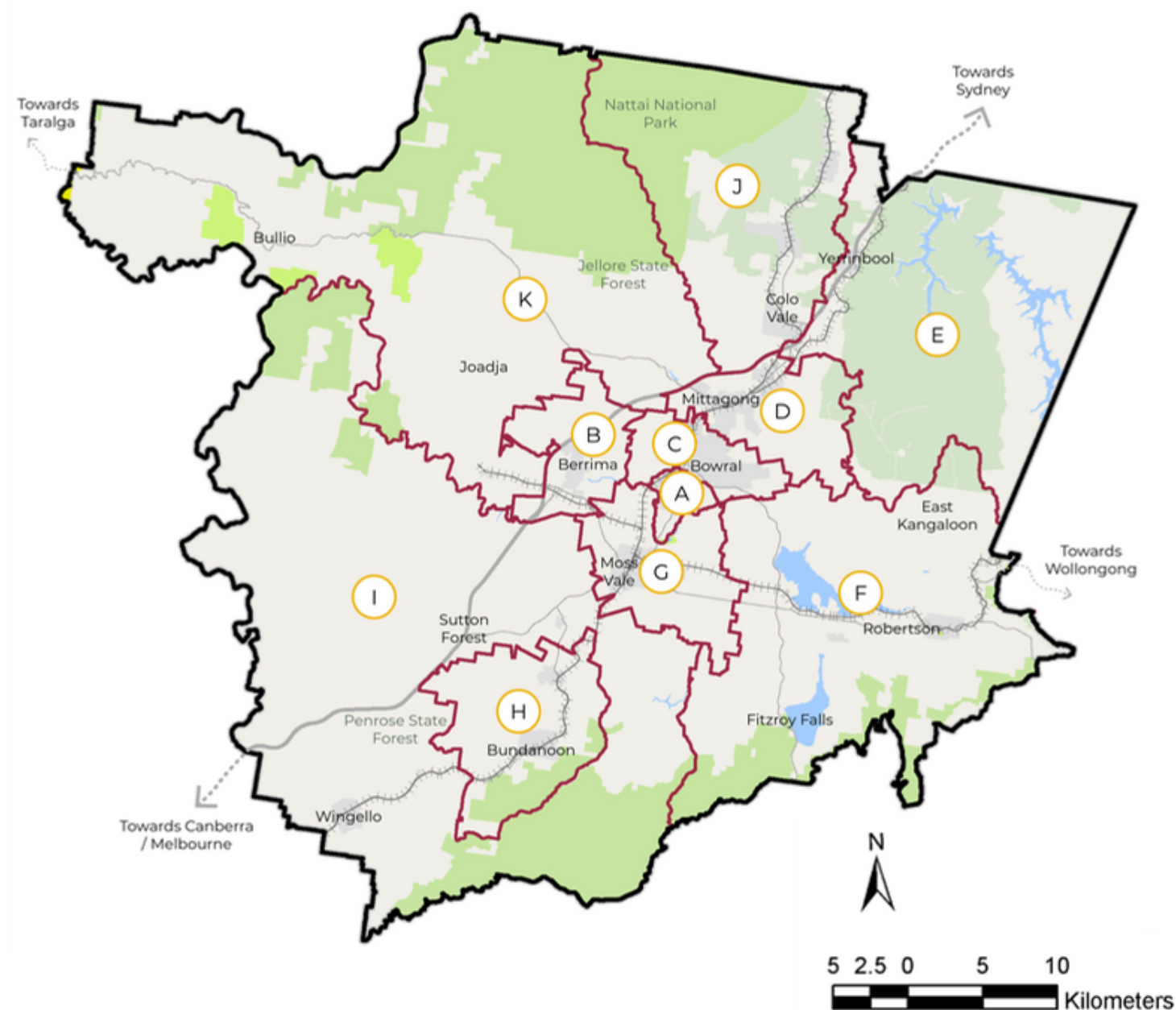


Moss Vale
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Our Place

The Wingecarribee Shire has a total area of 2,700 square kilometres. The Shire is renowned for its scenic landscapes, and picturesque network of towns and villages, set amongst a semi-rural backdrop.

The network of towns and villages provides a unique challenge in provision of key infrastructure, the average distance across the Shire east to west is 55 kilometres and the average north to south distance is 45 kilometres, for those residents in smaller villages in the far north or west of the Shire travel times to key service centres can reach 30-35mins.







Precinct Index

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| (A) Burradoo | (E) Yerrinbool District | (I) Wingello - South West District |
| (B) Berrima - New Berrima | (F) Robertson District | (J) Hill Top - Balmoral - Colo Vale |
| (C) Bowral | (G) Moss Vale | (K) North West District |
| (D) Mittagong District | (H) Bundanoon - Exeter | |

Our People

The people that live across our Shire is another key consideration when analysing infrastructure needs. We need to have enough facilities for today's population while planning for our future population size, demographic makeup and recreation and community needs.



 Population 2022	 Population 2041	 How old are we?	 Volunteers
52,725	65,275 Growth of 23%.	17.4% of the population are aged (70-84), the largest age group in the Shire.	26.2% higher than the regional (20.8%) or NSW average (18.1%)

Overall, 20.3% of the population was aged between 0 and 17, and 34.8% were aged 60 years and over, compared with 21.4% and 29.1% respectively for Regional NSW.

What are we Participating in today?

Participation in recreation activities for adults and children needs to be treated differently, with children predominantly participating in more organised recreational activities as opposed to adults where the trend shows a clear preference towards individual pursuits that fit into people's increasingly busy lifestyles.

Top 5 Activities for NSW Adults

	1. Walking
	2. Fitness/Gym
	3. Athletics
	4. Swimming
	5. Cycling

Top 5 Organised Activities for Children in NSW

	1. Swimming
	2. Football
	3. Dancing
	4. Gymnastics
	5. Netball

Growth of Sporting Activities

Based on available membership data, Football (Soccer) is currently the highest participation sport in the Shire (1619) and will continue to grow its participation to 2920 by 2030. Netball participation is also identified as a growing sport with participation rates projected to increase significantly from 449 to 1,664 to 2030. (Sportseye – Active Exchange Data Platform).

The top 5 participation sports for the Shire (2030) are projected to be:

-  1. Football (Soccer)
-  2. Rugby League
-  3. Netball
-  4. Basketball
-  5. Football (AFL)





SPOTLIGHT ON The Southern Highland Botanic Gardens

The Southern Highland Botanic Gardens (SHBG) is a 14hectare site located at 1 Old South Road, Bowral. The Gardens have become a key community hub within Bowral and the wider Southern Highlands, providing opportunities for passive recreation, community gatherings and events. The SHBG also play a key role in the Southern Highlands visitor economy with 44,000 visitors recorded within the last 12month period.

Operated by the Southern Highland Botanic Gardens Ltd, a volunteer led not-for-profit organisation, the SHBG was established with an aim to educate the general public about horticulture and landscaping, plants and biological communities, and raise community awareness about biodiversity and plant conservation.

The SHBG Masterplan was endorsed in 2013 and continues to be implemented including the construction of an Education Centre that will provide an all-weather venue, and expansion of the education program. In the future it is planned to further expand the gardens and pedestrian pathways across the 14ha site and develop a Visitor Information Centre, café and gallery space.

Whilst the SHBG provides a popular facility for the community and visitors to enjoy it also plays a significant role in connecting the community through its extensive volunteer program, providing a sense of purpose for those volunteering time at the facility.

“The Southern Highland Botanical Gardens require continual development, an upgraded parking, and additional all-weather facilities”

Action for Council

Continue to support the Southern Highland Botanic Gardens to implement the overall master plan for the site including all weather facilities.



Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens
Source: Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Ltd

Our Facilities

Community and recreational facilities provide spaces for a range of activities including, sporting and recreational activities, social service provision, cultural and artistic activities, and spaces for learning sharing and celebration.

Our facilities provide an inclusive space for everyone in the community and contribute towards creating a strong, vibrant and healthy community.

Facilities Quick Facts



Community Facilities

3 Libraries

29 Community Halls

2 Youth Centres

4 Community Service Centres

10 Senior Citizen Centres



Recreation Facilities

16 Oval Playing Fields

31 Rectangular Playing Fields

38 Tennis Courts (1 district facility and 29 local facilities)

4 Swimming Pools (1 currently closed)

7 Netball Courts

1 Velodrome

4 Indoor Courts



Renwick Community Centre
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council



Renwick Community Centre
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Our Partners



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARTNERSHIPS Robertson Community Technology Centre (CTC)

Strong partnerships are one of the foundational principles of the CRFS. With a large number of towns and villages across the Shire, it's important that Council work closely with private and not-for-profit facilities and operators to provide support for the community.

The CTC is a not-for-profit community organisation that builds strong connections across the community. Operated by the CTC Robertson Management committee, the facility is an example of strong community partnerships providing local community solutions. With a focus on community, technology, and creativity the Robertson CTC plays a vital role within the wider Robertson Precinct and is an important local gathering place.

The facility located on Hoddle Street, Robertson provides a range of facilities, and programs including a community café and meeting place, spaces for hire, community workshops and a range of community programs and events including the seniors festival.

Shire Wide Action 4

Identify and develop partnership opportunities with key stakeholders .

Facility Provision

When determining how many facilities are needed to support a community the geographies of a place are key. Local facilities are generally provided within and for the local community and can be reached a short drive or by foot. District and regional facilities are generally bigger, with a multi-facility focus and a larger geographic catchment. As outlined in this Strategy the provision of community and recreational infrastructure considers a range of factors, including an areas unique geographies.

Regional and State Facilities



Regional and State Level Facilities

Regional Facilities

Eridge Park, Burradoo

Welby Heights, Mittagong

State Facilities

Bradman Oval, Bowral

Southern Highlands Regional Shooting
Complex, Hilltop



Bradman Oval , Bowral
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council



Developing the Strategy



Developing the Strategy

The Strategy has been developed utilising the detailed analysis and engagement undertaken by Tredwell Management Services, as part of developing the Community and Recreational Facilities Study. This Strategy draws from the Study and associated analysis detailed below:

- Community Recreation and Facilities Study
- Review of Recreation Needs (Appendix A)
- Inventory of Current Facilities (Appendix B)
- WSC Projected Facility Requirements (Appendix C)
- Literature Review and Consultation Findings (Appendix D).

The Strategy also reflects feedback from community engagement as part of the formal exhibition of the Draft CRFS.



Exeter General Store
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Initial Community Engagement

A range of community engagement activities were undertaken to inform the creation of the Strategy to ensure the outcomes of the Strategy reflect the values and aspirations of the community and stakeholders.

During the engagement the community and stakeholders were invited to a range of engagement activities, including online surveys, community workshops, stakeholder interviews and site tours.

Across the extensive engagement process a total of 566 responses were received, including 554 online survey responses.



Key Findings

Quotes from Engagement

"...Our courts look amazing, but our facilities are way behind in keeping up with our growing netball community."

"Southern Highlands Water Polo has been established in the Southern Highlands for 41 years. Mittagong pool was our home until it's closure"

"Gym floor lacks space for group fitness (Moss Vale Aquatic Centre)"

"The mountain bike trails are very limited and could be improved and expanded."

During the initial engagement eight key themes emerged which have shaped the Strategy. The detailed Consultation and Engagement Report can be found at Appendix D of the Supporting documents to the Community and Recreational Facilities Study.

Themes	Description
Play Spaces	Future play spaces: need to be accessible, engaging, all ages, adventure and nature based.
Aquatics	Aquatics: Need to service the Northern location (i.e., Mittagong), year-round and accessible access at Bowral, upgrades to Bundanoon, and expanded fitness gym at Moss Vale
Indoor Stadium	Indoor stadium: improved functionality, multi-use, additional capacity and highly accessible.
Skate Parks	Skate parks: upgrade and improve functionality.

Themes Continued	Description Continued
Outdoor Courts	Outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball, and tennis specifically the court surfaces.
Cycling	Need for improved/expanded mountain bike trails and pump tracks.
Upgrades and Improvements	Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.

Exhibition of the draft Community Recreational Facilities Strategy

During June and July of 2023 the draft CRFS and associated supporting documents were placed on exhibition and comments invited from the community. The exhibition also provided the opportunity for comments on specific elements within the CRFS. The feedback and survey responses have informed the finalisation of this strategy and will continue to inform the implementation of projects and actions within the strategy.



Seymour Park, Moss Vale
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Trends Influencing Provision

There are significant emerging trends and changes that need to be considered in the provision of future community and recreational facilities. These trends influence both the type and location of facilities.

Health and Wellbeing and Community Places - An increase in knowledge and focus on health and wellbeing has also increased the importance of our community places and spaces, ensuring that they are designed to be welcoming, inclusive and accessible to all abilities, and demographic cohorts.

Changing Face of Participation – participation in organised community sport and recreation is also experiencing change, with an increased focus on active ageing, female participation in sports, and an increased demand for modified sports.

Cost of Living – As the cost of living continues to rise, the community seeks alternate free community and recreational activities, which has seen a significant increase in the use of passive open space such as natural areas, pathways and cycling trails.

Improving Facility Outcomes for the Community – recent trends in the provision of facilities have shown co-located, flexible spaces provide increased flexibility for a range of uses and create a focal point or hub for the community, larger flexible facilities also provide significant benefits with regards to the cost of construction and ongoing maintenance and management when compared to more smaller facilities serving single purposes.

Increasingly, community and recreation facilities play an important role in building and supporting community resilience. Whether as emergency evacuation points and accommodation, safer neighbourhood points, or playing a critical role in the social recovery of a community following a natural disaster.



Lake Alexandra, Mittagong
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Case Study 1 - Cranbourne West Community Hub, Casey (Victoria)

Outcomes - Flexible Spaces - Co-located

Officially opened in 2021 The Cranbourne West Community Hub is a welcoming multi-purpose co-located Community Hub. The facilities can cater for a wide range of uses from small meeting spaces to larger spaces suitable for community events including dance all with access to a commercial kitchen.

The facility also provides spaces for service providers with four (4) consultation room spaces, and a free co-work space, the cost of construction for the centre was \$5.067million.

Features

- Multiple hall spaces ranging in size
- Commercial Kitchen
- Training room inclusive of wet area to facilitate arts and cooking classes
- Meeting Rooms
- Consultation Rooms
- Business Zone (free working spaces).



(City of Casey - Cranbourne West Community Hub)

Summary of Provision Across the Shire

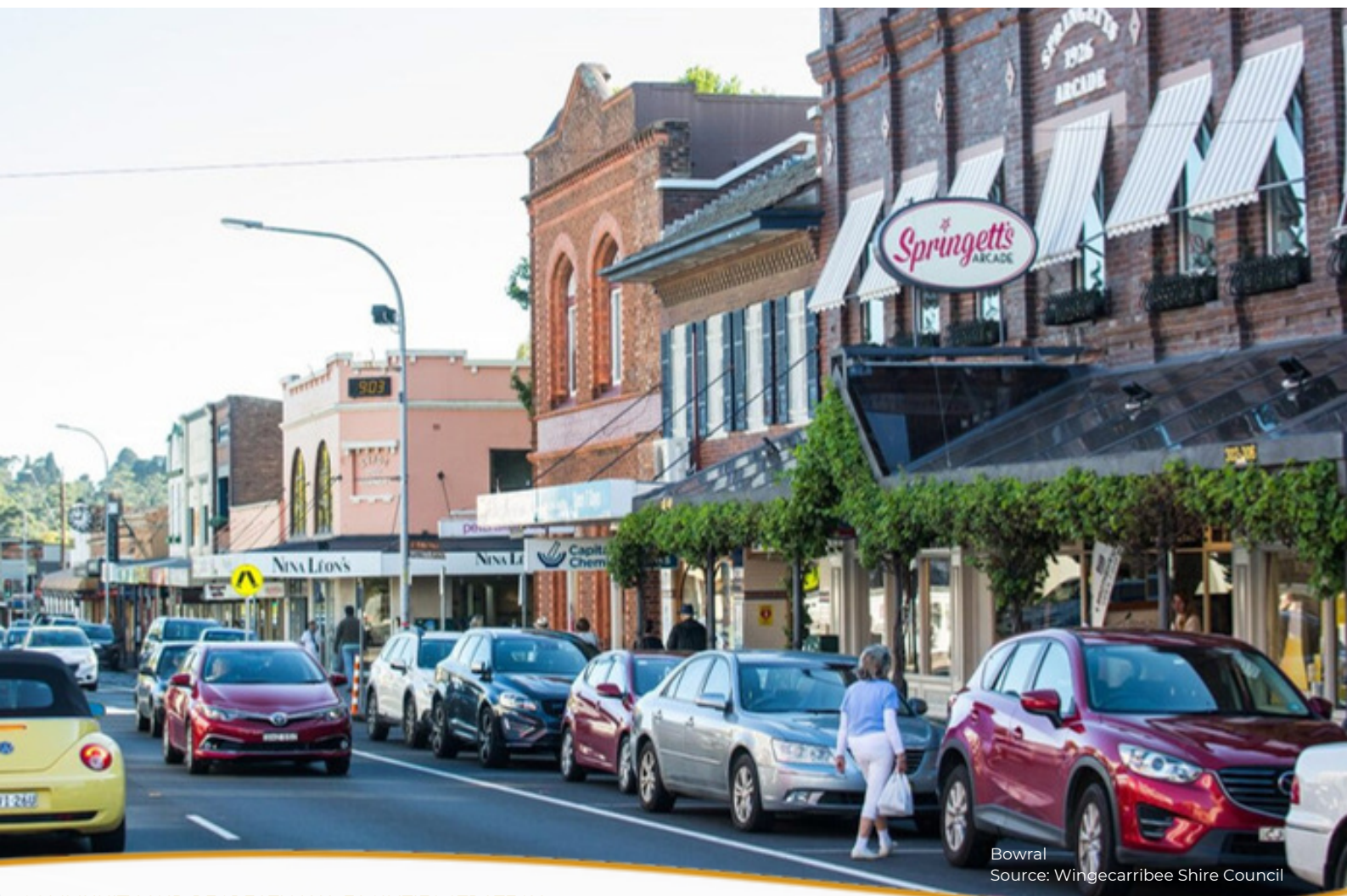
The Wingecarribee Shire is generally well served in terms of community and recreational facilities based on current and future population. However, provision needs to be considered on both a population needs basis as well as geographical catchment basis, ensuring that facilities are accessible for the community for which they are provided and have the ability to be adapted over time to meet changing needs.

With the Shire's extensive network of towns and villages, the consideration of geographical catchments becomes significant, as local community and recreational facilities create a community focal point, where the community can come together.

Within our smaller towns and villages this is particularly important as these facilities often serve a range of purposes for a number of stakeholders, and provide the only community space for gatherings, celebrations and emergencies. A key outcome for these smaller community hubs is the provision of modern, flexible and multi-purpose spaces that cater to a range of occasions and users.

Detailed analysis of the provision rates for community and recreation facilities are contained in **Appendix B Facility Inventory** of the Study. The following is a summary of those facilities that exceed, or do not meet provision requirements based on the current and future population of the Shire.

More detailed consideration of facility provision on a Precinct basis is provided within the Precinct Actions section of this strategy.



Bowral
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Community Facilities Shire Wide

Across the Shire community facilities are well provided in terms of number, however the scale and functionality of the current provision creates some service gaps, particularly as the population continues to grow and evolve.

Reviewing the use and service catchments of some of our existing facilities, there is an opportunity to create some larger, multi-purpose spaces that enable a greater range of uses within reasonable travel times, rather than maintaining a large portfolio of smaller centres with limited functionality and versatility. This enables us to create more usable spaces and services with the same amount of funding.

In our smaller towns and villages the focus is also on providing multi-purpose flexible spaces, that can support a variety of users throughout the year.

Further details are provided in *Appendix C Provision Rates for Facilities*.

	55,000 population	60,000 population	65,000 population	70,000 population
Childcare Centres	-4	-6	-9	-11
District Level Community Service Centre	-	-	-	-1
Libraries (Floor size)	Floorspace provision gap in existing libraries of: a minimum 1,020m ²	Floorspace provision gap only	Floorspace provision gap a minimum of an additional 2,700m ²	-1
Community Halls	+18	+17	+16	+15

The current provision of community facilities shows a shortfall in two areas, childcare and the size of the current libraries. While the Shire meets the provision rates in terms of the number of libraries the square meters per person provision rate (State Library NSW) identifies a gap of over 1,020sqm for today's population which increases to over 2,600 sqm when the population reaches 60,000. Modern contemporary libraries are hubs of technology, community activity, and innovation they provide spaces to learn, study, work, and play. To enable the provision of modern contemporary spaces that meets the needs of the community, opportunities should be explored to increase the size of existing library spaces. This will help meet the needs of the population growth and the changing needs and expectations of users.

As the community continues to grow (70,000 people) population demand will also trigger the need for a District Level community space, in addition to the expansion of library services.

Recreational Facilities Shire Wide

The Shire is well serviced with spaces such as playing fields, however there are opportunities to increase provision of recreational spaces with larger consolidated facilities for skating, recreational bike riding and recreational basketball.

	55,000 population	60,000 population	65,000 population	70,000 population
Baseball Diamonds	- 2	-2	-3	-3
Basketball Half Courts	-8	-9	-10	-12
Netball	0	-1	-1	-2
Pump Track	-6	-6	-7	-7
Skate facility (regional)	-1	-1	-1	-1
Regional and District level tennis facility.	-1	-1	-1	-1

The provision of recreational facilities across the Shire identifies a current shortfall in several recreation facility types including basketball half courts, pump tracks, baseball diamonds, and regional level skate and tennis facilities.

As the population continues to grow to 2041 there is also an identified shortfall in the provision of netball courts.



Exeter Oval
Source: The Fold Southern Highlands

Case Study 2 – Bridges Hill Park Playground – Cessnock NSW

Outcomes – Multigenerational – Creative Play – Accessible

Opened in 2021 the Bridges Hill Park Playground is an excellent example of a play space designed to integrate with its natural environment, providing connections across the wider open space network.

The play space provides a range of play experiences that encouraged children to explore. The design includes fitness stations, a basket-ball court, nature play areas, custom-designed tunnels, slides, climbing elements, and a bike path, as well as amenities and facilities to support gatherings and picnics. The project cost including the destination playground was \$4 million.



(Moir Landscape Architecture - Bridges Hill Park Playground, Cessnock City Council)

Case Study 3 - Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre

Key Outcomes – Flexible Design – Multipurpose – Co-located

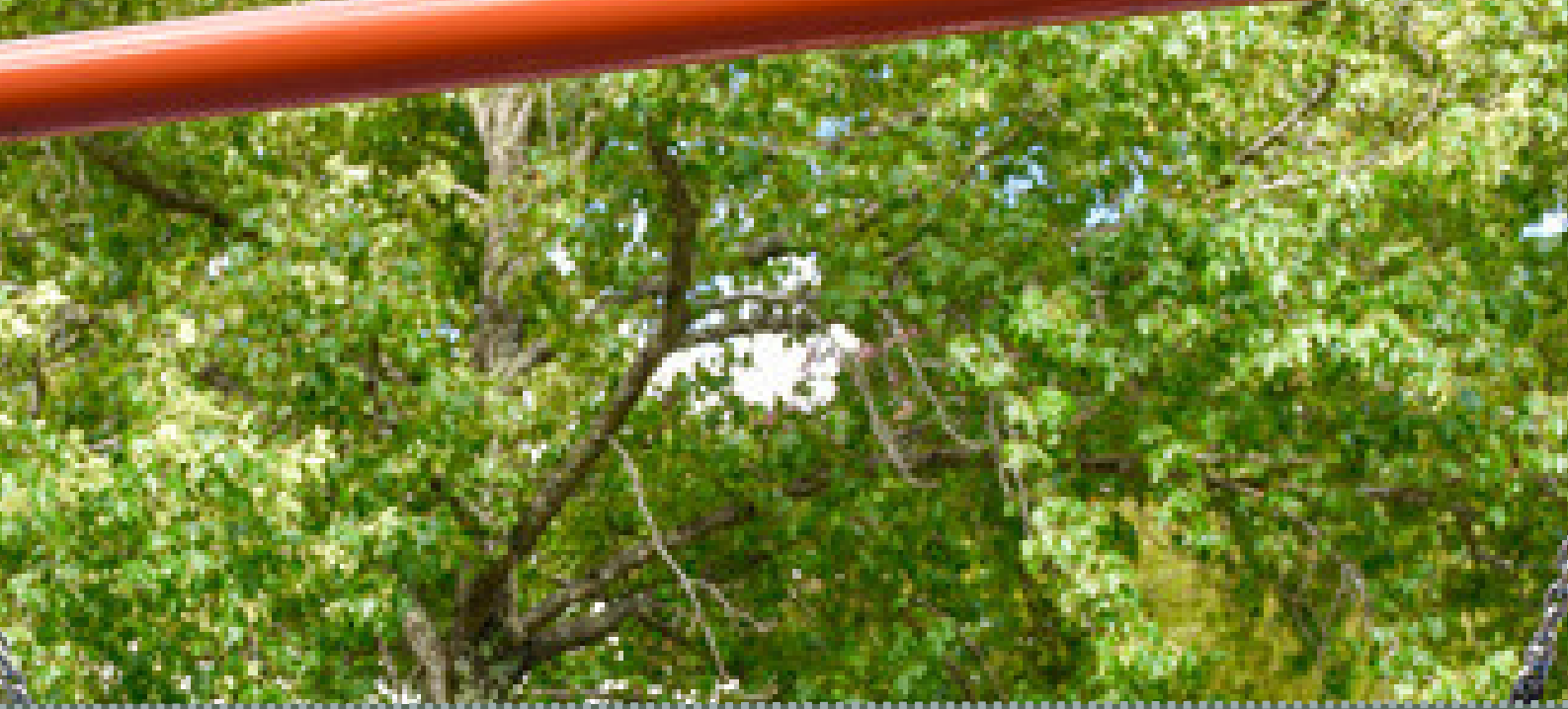
Shoalhaven's Indoor Sports Facility provides a multipurpose stadium to accommodate a range of sports and community activities. The 5,675sqm, \$16.4 million facility is located in a hub of community and recreational facilities in Bomaderry that include the Bomaderry Aquatic Centre, Bomaderry High School, and the Royal Artie Smith Oval.

Features:

- 4 multi purpose indoor courts – basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, and futsal compliant
- Meeting and conference space – flexible space able to service smaller meetings or larger conferences
- Offices Space – leasable office space available for community or commercial hire
- Childminding/Creche facility
- Fitness Area
- Stadium seating for up to 558 people
- A large multipurpose mezzanine area
- Indoor/Outdoor Café and large dining space
- Shower/change rooms & Referee Rooms



(Urban Development Institute of Australia - Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre by Shoalhaven City Council)



Achieving the Vision



Strategic Vision

The community's vision of *“sustainable, multi-purpose, accessible and innovative community and recreation facilities equitably distributed across the Shire”* will be achieved through the consideration of the underpinning Planning Principles and the implementation of Priority Projects, Shire action and Precinct Actions.

Planning Principles

Following community engagement, review of demand data and current trends in community and recreational facility provision and planning, seven Planning Principles have been developed that underpin this Strategy.

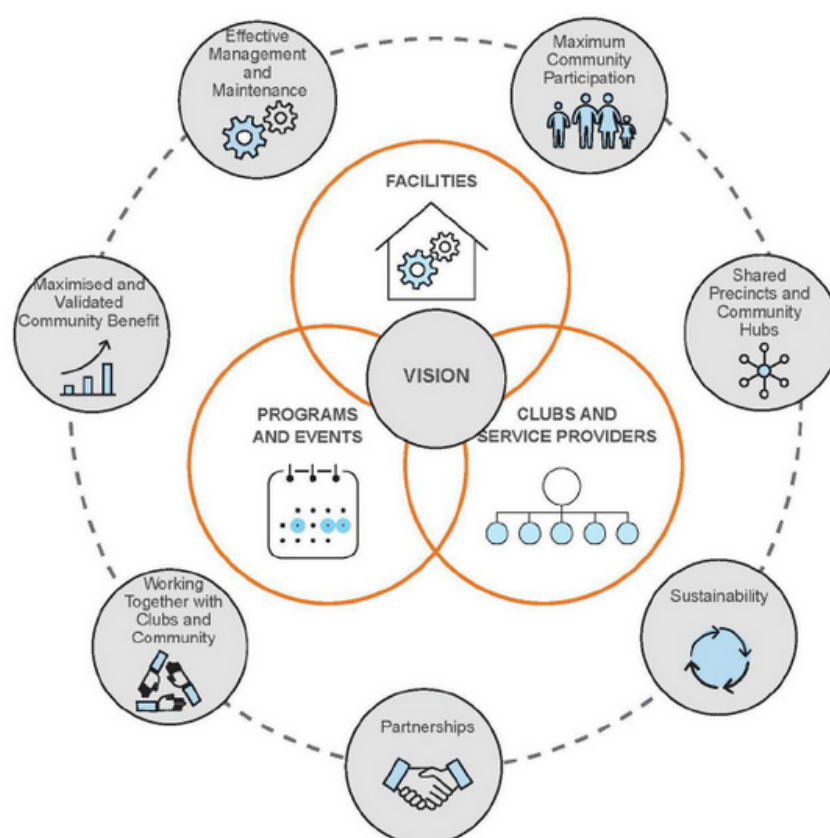


Figure 3: Wingecarribee Shire Community and Recreational Study, Tredwell Management Services (Jan 2023)

Challenges for the Shire

- **Geography of the Shire** - with three main town centres (Moss Vale, Bowral and Mittagong) and a network of smaller villages the geography, of the Shire provides a unique challenge and requires the Strategy to strike a balance between proving local facilities in smaller population catchments, as well as providing bigger, co-located facilities to service larger areas.
- **Ageing Infrastructure** - 6 in 10 of the facilities considered as part of the facilities audit required maintenance, renewal, or were not serviceable. Many of these facilities lacked functionality to cater for today's user needs or were at the end of their useful life.
- **Aquatic Facilities** - The Shire owns and operates four aquatic/swimming facilities across the region, located in Bowral, Moss Vale, Mittagong and Bundanoon. Three of these facilities are either reaching the end of their useful life, costly to operate and/or not operational and will require significant renewal in the foreseeable future.
- **Balancing Provision** - Planning for and developing community and recreational facility opportunities across the Shire requires a strategic approach to ensure that provision is balanced to maximise community benefit within finite resources.
- **Increased Cost of Construction and Provision** – The escalation in construction costs, and ongoing operational costs of facilities has put additional pressure on Councils, particularly rural and regional Councils with limited populations but significant geographic spread.



Exeter
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Opportunities for the Shire

- **Place Based Design** - While the geography of the Shire proposes challenges in the provision of community and recreational facilities, it also creates opportunities for innovative models of provision that are place based, and designed to meet the needs of the local community which they serve. A place based model and design also increases community pride and ownership in facilities leading to improved community outcomes.
- **Co-location and Leveraging Unused Assets** – by providing larger, contemporary, flexible co-located community and recreation hubs, there is any opportunity to rationalise the provision of smaller single use facilities. Co-location has significant benefits for users and creates economies of scale in terms of provision with the option to share common requirements such as parking and utilities as well as enhancing the broader service and facility offering, e.g. combining learn to swim centres with library, community spaces and café services. This is of particular relevance in the three main centres, and larger villages where the population demand for facilities will be at its greatest.
- **Flexible Co-use Spaces to Optimise Utilisation** – Within the smaller villages, having larger co-located facilities may not be necessary or viable to cater for population and community demands. In this instance there is an opportunity to provide smaller more flexible and adaptable spaces that can cater for a range of users. Developing flexible spaces that can cater for a range of users, increases opportunities to maximise use of the space, offers a more financially viable model and reduce the number of facilities needed.
- **Recreation Tourism** – The Shire also has a significant opportunity to leverage our infrastructure for the purpose of recreational tourism. Unique facilities such as Bradman Oval in Bowral, the range of equine facilities, cycling both on and off road (i.e. mountain biking) and our unique natural assets such as the Fitzroy Falls, National and State Parks and Kangaroo Valley Mountain Bike Trail should be promoted to the wider New South Wales and Sydney Market, bringing people into the Shire supporting the visitor economy and further supporting local economic development opportunities.



Cyclists
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Priority Projects

Aquatics within the Shire

Currently the Shire has a total of four Council owned aquatic facilities located in Moss Vale, Bowral, Mittagong and Bundanoon, although it is noted that the Mittagong facility has not operated since 2019 due to flood damage. The facility has experienced a number of flood events which has required significant periods of closure. The Mittagong Precinct also includes the Frensham Pool (Frensham School) which provides public access.



Bowral Pool

Outdoor 25m Pool, Outdoor 50m Pool (6 Lane), toddler pool, canteen, kiosk, picnic facilities, and all ability access (parking and toilets).

Current facility requires renewal, is at the end of its lifecycle.

Averages 38,391 visits per year (seasonal), which equate to an operational cost of \$13.24 per visit, with an annual operating expense of \$508,232.



Mittagong Pool (closed)

Outdoor Splash Pad, Outdoor 50m pool, program pool, all Ability Access, Canteen Kiosk, Parking Picnic Facilities.

Facility is currently unserviceable; the current location is not suitable infrastructure of this nature.

The last two fully operational years of the facility saw an average of 15,347 visits, with the pool closed for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years. The 2020/21 operational year was also affected by flooding with only 7,270 visits recorded.

The operational cost per visit (based on the full season average) equates to \$32.41 per visit with an annual operating expense of \$497,337.

Aquatics within the Shire Continued



Moss Vale Aquatic Centre

Indoor 25m, Indoor Leisure Pool, Indoor Warm Water Program Pool, Indoor Splash Pad, all Ability Access (disability parking, toilets), Canteen/ Kiosk, Parking, Café, Creche, Gym Equipment (indoor).

The facility is the newest of all the aquatics facilities having opened in 2013 and is open year round. The facility averages 175,760 visits per year, which equates to an operational cost of \$12.07 per visit with an annual operating expense of \$2,121,098.



Bundanoon Pool

Outdoor 25 pool, toddler/wading pool.

Facility is at the end of its asset lifecycle and requires renewal.

Averages 5,221 visits per year (seasonal), which equates to an operational cost of \$22.20 per visit with an annual operating expense of \$115,905.

What we heard...

As part of the community engagement process there was strong community support to improve the provision of year-round aquatics access within the Shire with 79% of respondents supporting a Regional Aquatic Facility.

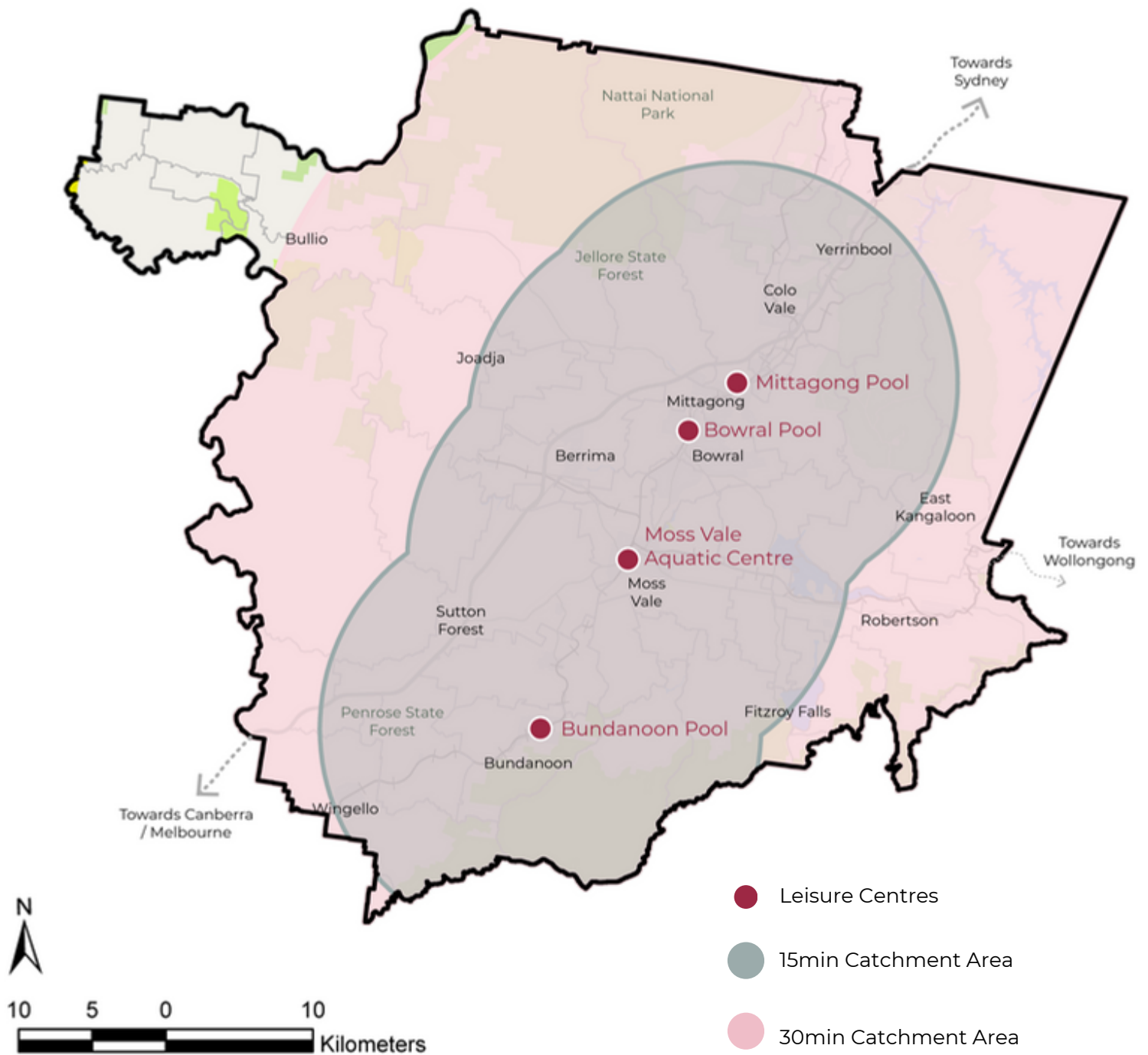
The engagement also highlights the need for improvement in the facilities accessible to residents in the northern part of the Shire.

"When Mittagong Pool is closed (whether from damage or Winter closure), travel to Moss Vale Pool is too lengthy due to traffic and often too crowded".

"Another indoor aquatic Centre for the northern suburbs"

Access

The geographic catchment for a Regional Aquatic Facility considers a 30min drive a feasible travel catchment. A District or Major Level Facility would cater for a 15-20min travel catchment.



Facility Standards

The population demand for aquatic facilities is summarised in **Table 1**. These provision rates are considered a guide to provision needs by population, and do not take into consideration specific community needs or travel times.

Aquatic Component	Rate per 100,000 residents	WSC demand at 70,000
Indoor 25m	1.61	1.127
Indoor 50m	0.18	0.126
Outdoor 25m	0.18	0.126
Outdoor 50m	0.89	0.623
Spa/Sauna	1.43	1.001
Water Polo	0.36	0.252
Recreational Water Space	1.25	0.875

Table 1 – Provision Rates for Aquatic Facilities (https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/sport-and-recreation/decision-making-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=2c5d1a6a_1)

The provision of aquatics facilities in the Shire is currently above population demand requirements for most components. The Shire is not projected to require an indoor 50m pool based on population demand. However, it is noted that there is currently no access to competition level swimming facilities for the community. The closest 50m competition pool is located within the Wollondilly Shire Council area to the north of the Shire. The climate is also a key factor for consideration, in determining the mix of indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities. Wellness and rehabilitation components such as spa/sauna's are also currently under provided within the Shire.

Strategic Directions

Regional Aquatic and Leisure Facility

Considering the specific community needs of the Shire, the development of a regional aquatic's facility is recommended within the Mittagong Precinct. This would service a wider catchment including the key service centres of Mittagong and Bowral year-round. Detailed scoping should review opportunities to provide this facility as part of a larger multipurpose community and recreation hub. The provision of indoor facilities will also ensure year-round access for the community.

Note: At Ordinary Council Meeting 18 October 2023, it was resolved that Bowral Swimming Centre was to also be considered as a potential location for the Regional Aquatic and Leisure Facility

Mittagong Swimming Centre

Reconstruction of the Mittagong Pool in its current location is not feasible, the site should be included in a wider master planning process for the Mittagong Oval precinct that investigates alternate uses for the site, having consideration to the flood affectivity. This should include consideration of rehabilitating the site and enhancing its natural aquatic qualities and the potential to increase recreational access.

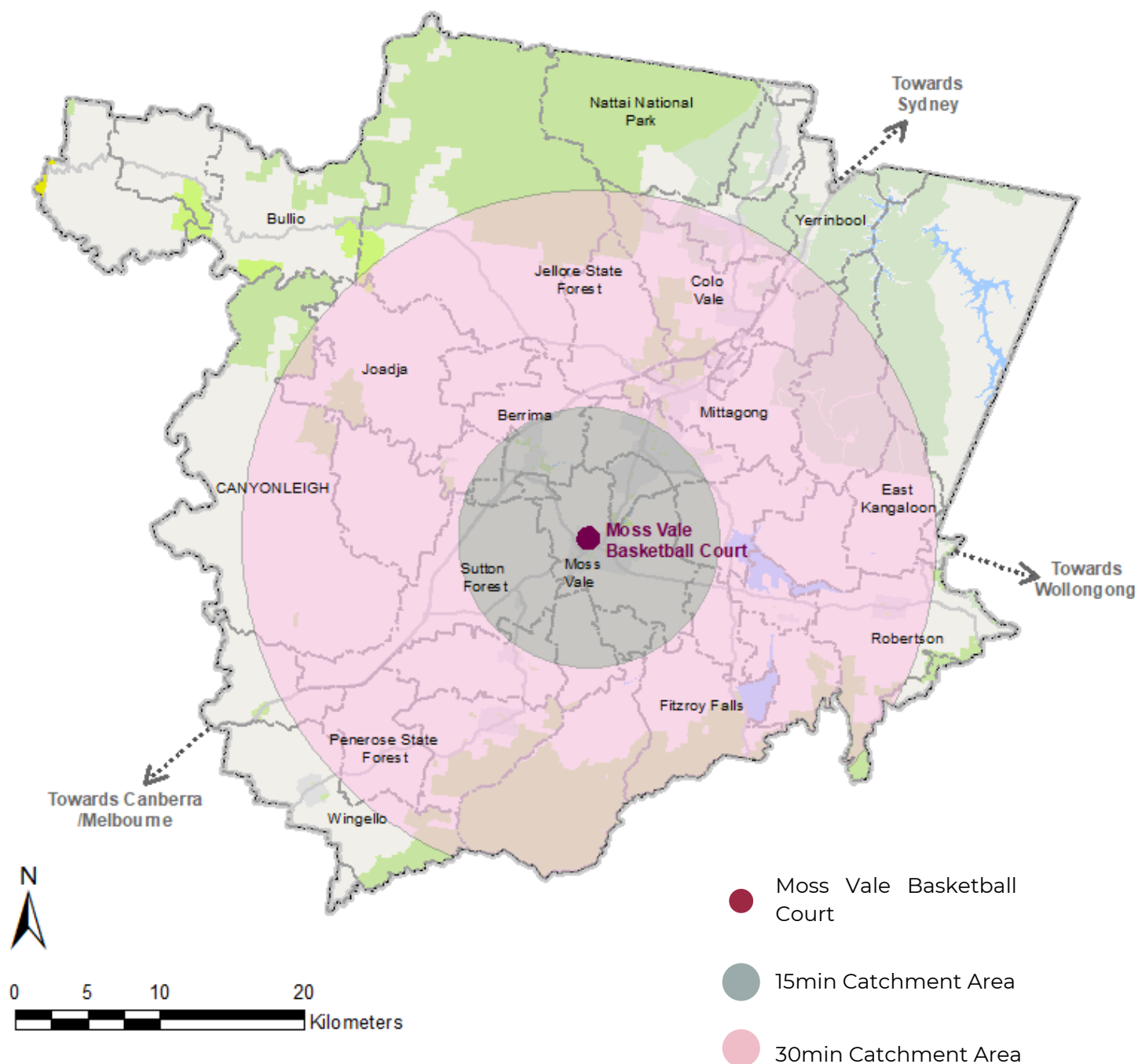
Bundanoon and Bowral Swimming Centres

The facilities at both Bundanoon and Bowral are near the end of their asset lifecycles and will soon be in need of significant investment and renewal. It is recommended that a detailed cost benefit analysis be undertaken of the facilities to determine the feasibility and wider community benefit of renewing both assets. The assessment should also investigate alternative operational models that may improve viability and community outcomes at both sites.



Indoor Recreational Facilities in the Shire

The Shire currently has one multi court indoor facility which is privately owned and operated by the Moss Vale District Basketball Association. Other smaller indoor recreation facilities are also located in Hill Top at the Hill Top Community Centre, and the Mittagong PCYC, Mittagong. In addition there are 6 Indoor courts located within schools which contribute to overall supply.



Spot Light on Moss Vale Indoor Sports Stadium

The Moss Vale Indoor Sports Stadium is owned and operated by the Moss Vale and District Basketball Association. The facility contains two full sized basketball courts (and four smaller courts) as well as a range of amenity facilities, a canteen, office space and a function room.

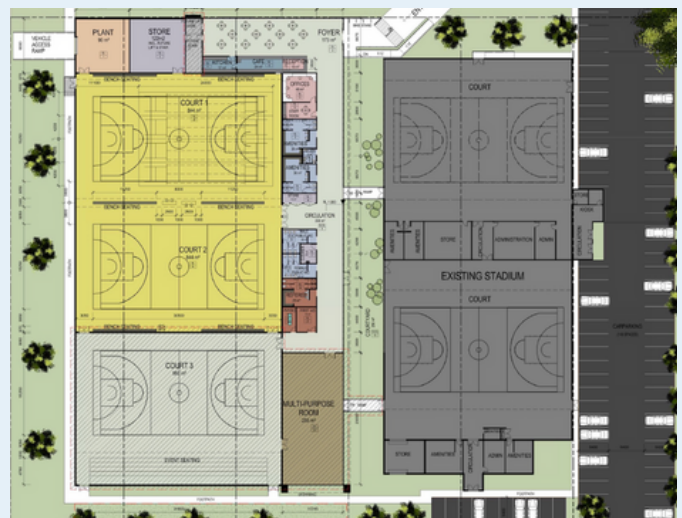
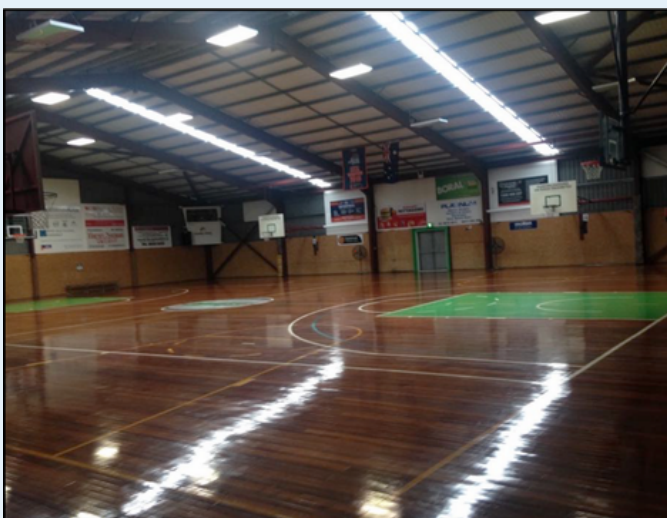
The Moss Vale Indoor Sports Stadium is and will continue to be an important piece of community infrastructure to meet the needs of our community both now and into the future.

Plans for the Future:

Over a number of years, the Moss Vale and District Basketball Association has progressed investigations and concept plans to expand the Moss Vale Indoor Sports Stadium to a regional facility that would / could attract regional level basketball tournaments.

The Association's proposed expansion would increase the number of courts at the facility, to not only meet the increasing demand from the Association itself, but would also cater for other indoor sports activities such as indoor soccer, volleyball, netball and badminton.

Any future upgrades to the facility would positively contribute to the supply of recreation facilities in the southern part of the Shire.



(Extract from Feasibility and Facility Concept Design prepared by Otium Planning Group 2016)

What we heard

As part of the community engagement there was strong support for the provision of a multi-purpose Indoor Sporting Facility to support the growing sports of basketball, gymnastics, badminton and martial arts, as well as providing alternate all weather training opportunities.

"A sporting facility that allows people to be able to train/play regardless of weather"

"A multipurpose indoor sporting facility would be fantastic"

Facility Standards

The provision of indoor sporting facilities should be considered as a multipurpose facility, designed to cater for a range of indoor sporting, recreational and cultural pursuits.

Based on the provision rates for the largest indoor sport, Basketball, the Shire requires a population-based provision of 3.25 facilities at a population of 70,000 (2041).

Currently the Shires largest facility is a privately operated facility located in the Moss Vale Precinct in the south of the Shire. Based on the geographic catchment, this will service the southern population centre of Moss Vale and its surrounds, however, there is a need and opportunity for another multi-purpose indoor space to service the northern part of the Shire.

Strategic Direction

1. That Council provide a multi-purpose indoor facility in Mittagong Precinct to ensure access within the 15min driving catchment for residents towards the north of the Shire.
2. Investigation be undertaken to identify a site that supports an integrated multi-purpose hub delivery model, which will maximise efficiencies, and provide improved community outcomes.

Providing a new facility on public land would allow Council to fund the facility through development contributions and ensure that new development contributes appropriately towards new and improved infrastructure to meet the needs of our communities.



PCYC Southern Highlands

A Destination Playground

Destination play spaces have the capacity to provide unique experiences that attract users from outside the Wingecarribee Shire Council area, with supporting facilities that support all day stays i.e. picnic areas, shelter, and other user amenities.

While the Shire is well serviced with smaller local play spaces there is an opportunity to consolidate some of these older assets and provide a network of larger destination play spaces.

There are currently 48 play spaces provided across the Shire which aligns with the national average provision rate, however, the quality of play spaces is not meeting the communities wider expectations, offering limited opportunities for creative and inclusive play and only addressing single age cohorts at one site.



Example – Riverside Regional Play space, Wagga Wagga

What we heard

As part of the community engagement the community were asked whether they supported the provision of a regional place space with 85% in support, and over 55% strongly supportive of the development of a Destination Play space.

"The parks are geared to young children and not 7-12-year-old. They also need play equipment that is age appropriate"

"Destination Playground located somewhere central to one of the bigger towns, so that you can grab takeaway, coffee etc and meet friends. I'd also love to see a nature playground and toilets part way along the Bong Bong path."

Facility Standards

There are no standard provision rates for Destination Play spaces. The location of larger play spaces should be considered as part of the wider play space planning and analysis, giving consideration to the six pillars of open space planning, Equitable Distribution, Access and Connectivity, Quality, Quantity, Diversity, Sustainability.

Having considered the geography and population centres (now and future) it is recommended a network of higher order play spaces (including Destination Play spaces) are planned, focusing on the catchments that service the population centres of Moss Vale, Mittagong and Bowral.

Strategic Direction

1. Investigate the opportunity to provide a destination play space within the Moss Vale Precinct.
2. Identify a site within the northern part of the Shire (Mittagong area) to deliver a destination play space.
3. Ensure any upgrades of existing play spaces within the Bowral and Burradoo precincts considers opportunities to enhance creative and nature play for a range of age groups and abilities.





Actions for the Shire



	Strategic Action	Outcome
SA1	Undertake a review of physical and booking access to all facilities to ensure there is equitable access for all user groups.	The optimisation of facilities is an important principle in the provision of community and recreational infrastructure. To ensure facility usage can be improved an understanding of physical accessibility and booking accessibility is important. The review should identify actions to improve facility access and usage.
SA2	Council to support and advocate the ongoing provision of Childcare Centres across the Shire	The provision of childcare centres is generally driven by supply and demand in the market. Councils role in closing the gap in provision should be to advocate to State government and private sector providers to increase operation within the Shire.
SA3	Develop a sports field lighting implementation plan.	Developing an implementation plan for Sports Fields Lighting will enable a whole of Shire consideration of lighting needs and aspirations. With implementation to be integrated into Councils Capital Works Program.
SA4	Identify and develop partnership opportunities with key stakeholders	Council has the opportunity to work with a number of key stakeholders in partnership to increase access and usage of a range of facilities, e.g., Education and RFS, private facility providers and operators.
SA5	Review Parks Strategy and Playground Strategy to ensure alignment with the Strategy and support documents.	The Park Strategy (2016) and Playground Strategy (2020) will be updated to reflect the detailed actions contained within Community and Recreation Facility Strategy.
SA6	Investigate opportunities to increase walking and cycling participation across the Shire through both progression of cycle/footpath programs as well as promotion of existing trails.	Incidental exercise has the most impact on healthy lifestyles, so improving access to these networks will have significant benefit. There is also an opportunity to promote to the day visitor market.

	Strategic Action	Outcome
SA7	Promote existing community and recreational facilities and events to the wider visitor economy, including eco and adventure tourism i.e. cycling, trail running, and horse riding.	Leverage the existing natural advantages of the Shire to promote and target eco and adventure tourism markets and businesses linking to Destination Management Plan.
SA8	Develop a Cycle Wingecarribee Plan that positions the Shire as a multidisciplinary cycling centre.	A coordinated plan that includes capital upgrades and improvements, event development, promotion and marketing for all cycling disciplines sporting and recreational.
SA9	In conjunction with the local and wider equestrian industry prepare a plan to identify opportunities to enhance equestrian opportunities and sports in the Shire.	A comprehensive plan united plan to enhance and support the strong equine community and history within the Shire.
SA10	Continue to support the performing arts by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritising the reopening and reactivation of the Mittagong Playhouse, and • Seeking funding to complete a feasibility study for a purpose built regional performing arts centre within the Shire. 	<p>Reopening of the Mittagong Playhouse would activate a critical piece of community infrastructure to support the performing arts.</p> <p>The proposed feasibility study would provide an evidence base to determine the need for and viability of a regional performing arts centre within the Shire.</p>



Spot Light on Cycling

Participation in cycling is a multi-generational activity, open to all abilities from novices learning to ride, elite cyclists on the mountain, road or velodrome, or the weekend warrior looking for their next challenge or adventure.

The natural beauty of the Shire makes it a destination for all forms of cycling, from the serene undulating rural roads to the Eridge Park Velodrome, and off road and mountain bike trails such as Mount Alexandra and Fitzroy Falls.

With investment in infrastructure and supporting existing groups and events such as the Bowral Classic, the Shire has a unique opportunity to position itself as a multidisciplinary cycling centre.

Precinct Actions



Welby Hockey Fields

Precinct A - Burradoo



Reference

- A1 Eridge Park
- A2 Berrima Pony Club
- A3 Apex Park (Play Space)
- A4 Oxley College
- A5 Chevalier College

Located approximately 3km to the south of the Bowral Precinct is the Burradoo Precinct. The current population of the Burradoo Precinct is 2,951 which is forecast to grow by 58% (4,655) to 2041. Most of the anticipated growth will occur within the Bowral South Precinct, which sits partially within the Bowral and Burradoo Precincts.

In total the Burradoo Precinct has 76 facilities all of which are recreational facilities including the largest sporting precinct in the Shire with Eridge Park Regional facility. The Precinct also provides a good network of open space including cycleway/walkways along the Wingecarribee River.

What we heard...

"There is a lack of lighting, shelter and spectator facilities at Eridge Park"

"Our courts look amazing, but our Facilities are way behind in keeping up with our growing netball community."

Provision Gaps...

Childcare Centre, Community Hall, Basketball and Multi-Purpose courts, netball courts (future), Pump Track, Skate facilities.

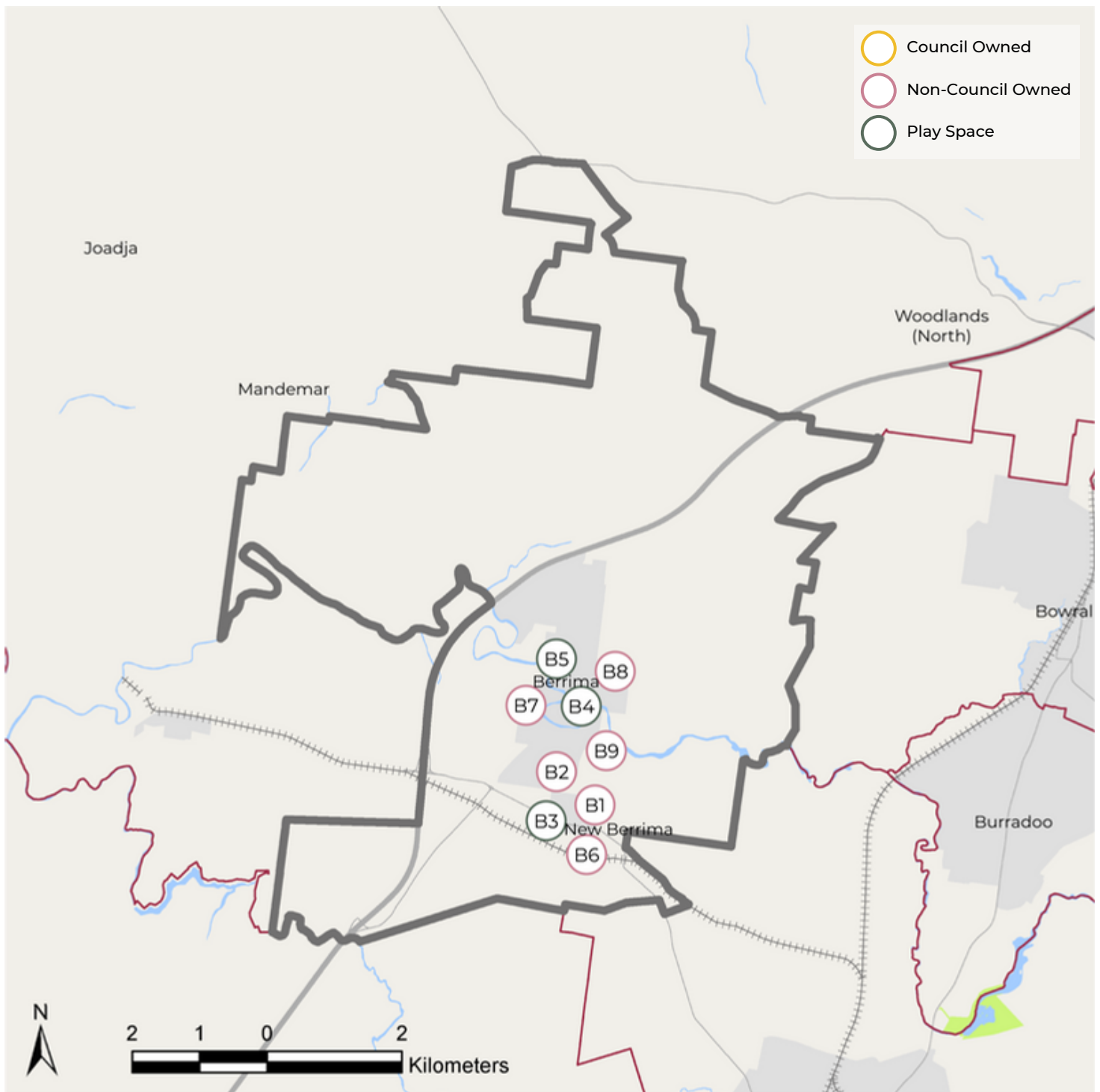
Key Opportunities

- Improved pedestrian and cycle connectivity to the Bowral Precinct.
- Improve and promote Eridge Park to attract regional sporting opportunities .
- Identify opportunities for new social infrastructure as part of future developments (Bowral South).
- Increased integration of the natural areas with passive and active play i.e. walkways, cycleways etc.

Precinct Actions

- Develop a Masterplan for the Eridge Park Sports facility, with consideration of improved spectator amenity, upgraded lighting and Netball facilities and a review of overall facility maintenance.
- Plan for the provision of a youth recreation precinct as part of the Bowral South development, including skate facilities, multi-purpose hardcourts and pump track or learn to ride facility.
- As part of the Bowral South development, plan for the provision of a new shared path along the Wingecarribee River and explore opportunities for broader linkages in accordance with the aims of Council's Cycling Strategy.
- Plan for the provision of additional community tennis courts within the future Bowral South development.
- Work with the Southern Highlands Cycling Club to promote cycling across the Shire and access to the facility.

Precinct B - Berrima – New Berrima



Reference

B1	New Berrima Community Centre	B6	Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club
B2	Community Centre - Basketball Half Court	B7	Berrima Scout Camp
B3	Community Centre (Play Space)	B8	Berrima RFS Shed
B4	Berrima Market Place (Play Space)	B9	Berrima Public School
B5	Berrima Campground (Play Space)		

The Berrima - New Berrima Precinct is located approximately 15km to the west of the main centre of Bowral. The Precinct includes the townships of Berrima and New Berrima. Featuring a boutique range of shops within heritage colonial buildings, museums and other natural attractions including the river walk the Berrima-New Berrima Precinct is popular with visitors.

The nearest major town to Berrima is Bowral and the nearest to New Berrima is Moss Vale which are both relatively accessible by motor vehicle.

The Precinct has a current population of 1,396 and is projected to experience minimal growth of 3.83% (2499) to 2041 (this includes the Northwest District). The Precinct has a total of fourteen (14) facilities with four (4) community and ten (10) recreational facilities with a number of these in private ownership.

Key Opportunities

- Strengthen partnership opportunities with key stakeholders within the Precinct.
- Opportunity to capitalise on the existing visitor economy through recreational tourism opportunities.

Precinct Actions

- Investigate opportunities to enhance existing walking and cycle opportunities within the Berrima-New Berrima Precinct.
- Continue to partner with key stakeholders to ensure existing facilities meet the needs of the community.

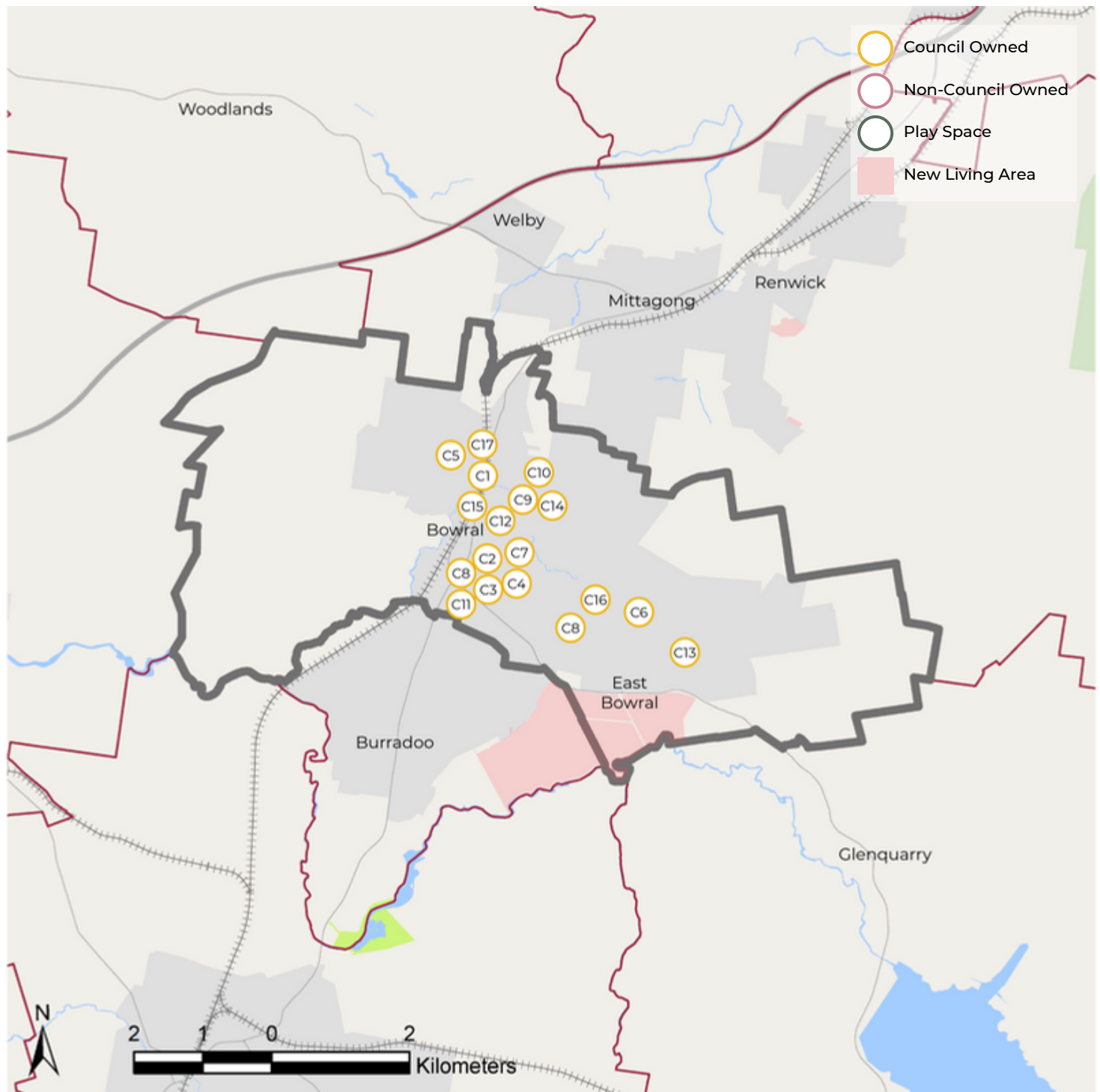
What we heard...

"Bong Bong walking track could be extended through to Berrima which would be a great tourist asset"



Cyclists
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Precinct C - Bowral



Reference

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|----|-------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| C1 | Bowral Swimming Pool | C9 | Gumnut Kindergarten |
| C2 | Loseby Park - Skate Park | C10 | Centennial Park (Brian Martin Oval) |
| C3 | Loseby Park - Basketball Half Court | C11 | Bowral Memorial Hall |
| C4 | Loseby Park | C12 | East Bowral Community Centre |
| C5 | Loseby Park Community Centre | C13 | Bowral Community Health Centre |
| C6 | David Wood Playing Fields | C14 | Bowral Senior Citizens Hall & Offices |
| C7 | Bradman Oval | C15 | Adult Day Care |
| C8 | Bowral Central Library | C16 | Stephens Park |
| | | C17 | Gilbraltar Golf Course |

Bowral is the largest town in the Shire with a current population of 11,752 and forecast growth of 21.52% (14,280) to 2041. The majority of growth will occur in Bowral (South) which is the second largest proposed development area within the Shire, this development sits across the Burradoo and Bowral Precincts.

Bowral has a strong community and cultural focus with a total of 113 facilities with 17 community and 96 recreational facilities across the Precinct. The Bowral Precinct has a strong arts and culture focus with the Ngununggula Regional Gallery, the Bowral Art Gallery, and the Southern Highlands Artists Co-op. The Precinct also includes a regional recreation facility and State level cricket facility with the Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse and Bradman Oval Cricket Facility.

What we heard...

"Indoor pool facility - or covering of Bowral Pool to give it year-round accessibility"

"Looking forward to the completed refurbishment of Bowral Memorial Hall"

"Build a skateboarding facility or more youth focused recreation area in Bowral"

Key Opportunities

- Improved access to Aquatic facilities year round.
- Enhance opportunities for outdoor youth recreation and play.
- Identify potential opportunities for new recreation land including long term opportunities such as the Bowral Brickworks site.
- Enhance local community and recreational facilities functionality .
- Actively promote opportunities associated with Bradman Oval, Bowral Memorial Hall, Ngununggula Regional Gallery, Southern Highland Botanic Gardens and the Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse.
- Increased integration of the natural areas with passive and active play via improved pathway and cycleway networks.

Provision Gaps...

Childcare Centres,
Basketball Courts, Skate
Facilities, Pump Track.



Ngununggula Regional Gallery, Bowral

Precinct Actions

- Undertake analysis of land within the Precinct to identify potential sites for a future Regional Community Hub, including opportunities for asset and site consolidation.
- Undertake a feasibility assessment to understand opportunities to expand the floor area of the existing Bowral Library and enable the creation of additional community space.
- Undertake a comprehensive master planning process for Loseby Park to consider facility improvements, and a potential inclusion of a Pump Track as part of a consolidated youth play area.
- Review maintenance standards for Centennial Park and Stephens Park Ovals.
- Identify and undertake upgrade works to the changerooms at David Wood Playing Fields and Stephens Park and the storage shed at Bradman Oval.
- Continue to support the Southern Highland Botanic Gardens to implement the overall master plan for the site including all weather facilities.
- Develop an Activation and Events Strategy for the Bradman Oval Precinct including the Bradman Museum and working with Cricket NSW to identify opportunities to host State and National matches at the ground.



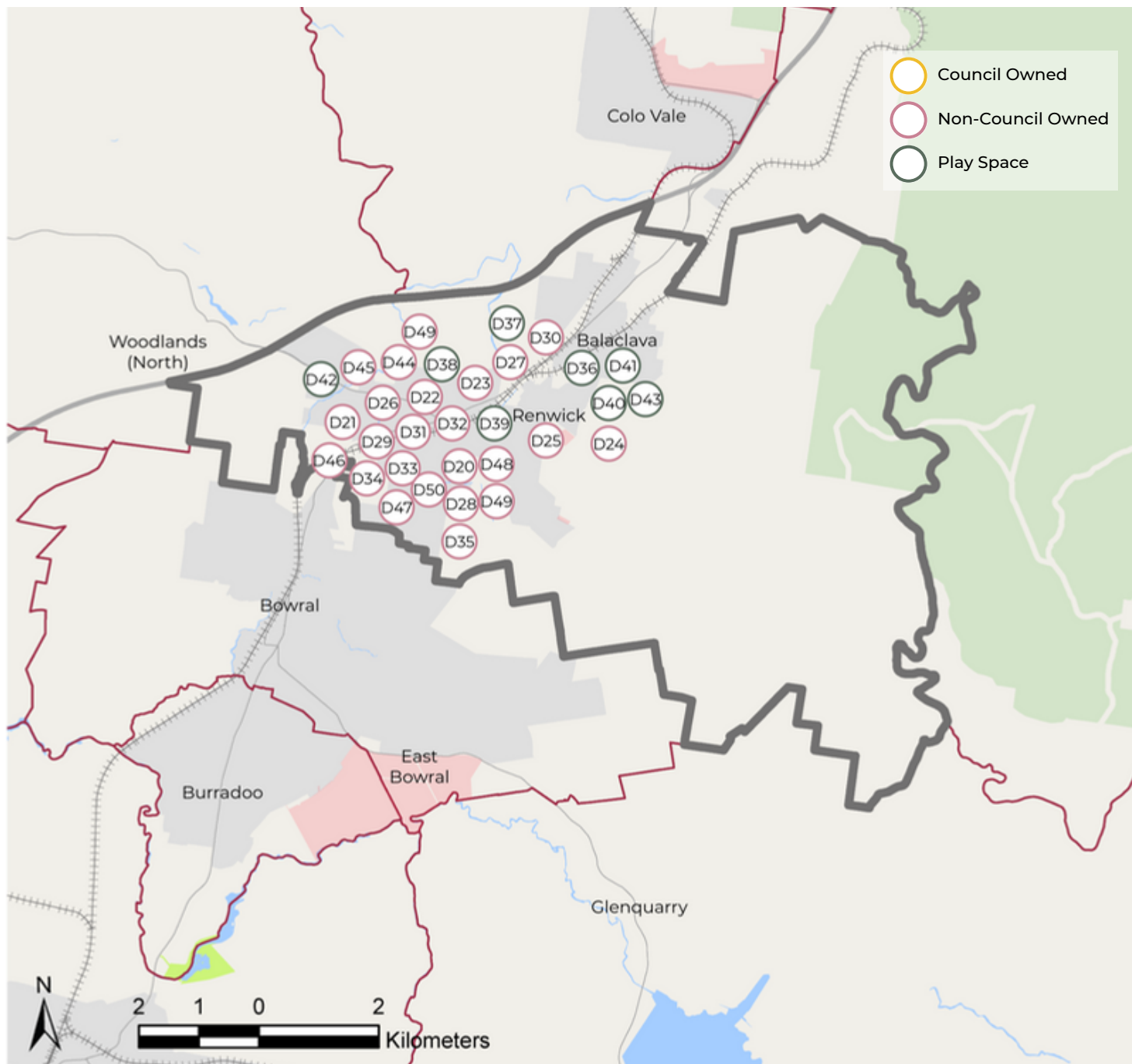
David Wood Playing Fields
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

Precinct D - Mittagong Precinct



Reference

D1	Mittagong Swimming Pool	D11	Mittagong Preschool
D2	Ironmines Oval	D12	Aboriginal Community Centre
D3	Mittagong Oval	D13	Mittagong Memorial Hall (& Playhouse)
D4	Welby Heights Oval	D14	Senior Citizens & Community Centre
D5	Welby Oval	D15	Welby Community Centre
D6	Lake Alexandra Recreation Area	D16	PCYC Southern Highlands
D7	Mirren Nunguna Gulla Park (Gym Equipment)	D17	Renwick Community Centre
D8	Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Trails	D18	Mittagong CWA & Baby Health Centre
D9	Highlands Golf Course	D19	Mittagong Girl Guides Hall



Reference

D20	Frensham School	D35	Bebrue Girl Guide Camp
D21	Gib Gate Preschool and Primary Education	D36	Colo Street Park (Play Space)
D22	Mittagong Primary School	D37	Cook Street Park (Play Space)
D23	St Michaels Public School	D38	Lake Alexandra Reserve (Play Space)
D24	Renwick Highlands School	D39	Winifred Park (Play Space)
D25	Renwick Tangara Special School	D40	Mirren Nunguna Gulla Park (Play Space)
D26	Mittagong RFS Shed	D41	Rotherwood Park (Play Space)
D27	CrossFit Southern Highlands	D42	Welby Oval (Play Space)
D28	Plus Fitness 24/7	D43	Orient Street (Play Space)
D29	Southern Highlands Strength & Conditioning	D44	The Disability Trust Childcare Centre
D30	Highlands Golf Course	D45	WOOSH Childcare Centre
D31	Mittagong Anglican Church Hall	D46	Best Kidz Early Learning Centre
D32	Mittagong Uniting Church Hall	D47	Explorers Learning Academy
D33	Mittagong Presbyterian Church Hall	D48	QCE Childcare Centre
D34	1st Mittagong Scout Hall	D49	Highlands Health Club
		D50	Mittagong RFS Comms Centre

Located in the north of the Shire Mittagong is surrounded by natural landmarks such as Mount Alexandra, Gibbergunyah and Mount Gibraltar, which offer significant opportunities for recreation.

The Mittagong Precinct has a current population of 10,107 people and projected growth of 22.85% (12,417) to 2041. Most of the growth is forecast to occur within existing residential areas and a small area of development identified in Mittagong East.

Mittagong is one of the three major towns in the Shire and has a wide range of both community and recreational facilities, with a total of 97 facilities, with 22 community and 75 recreational facilities, including one regional level facility The Welby Heights hockey facility. Mittagong is also home to the Sturt Gallery and Studio arts facility and gallery.

What we heard...

"The mountain bike trails are very limited and could be improved and expanded"

"Lack of an aquatic facility in the north of the Shire"

Provision Gaps...

Childcare Services, Community Service Centre, Basketball Courts, Skate Facilities, Pump Tracks, Mittagong Library is undersized for the catchment it services.

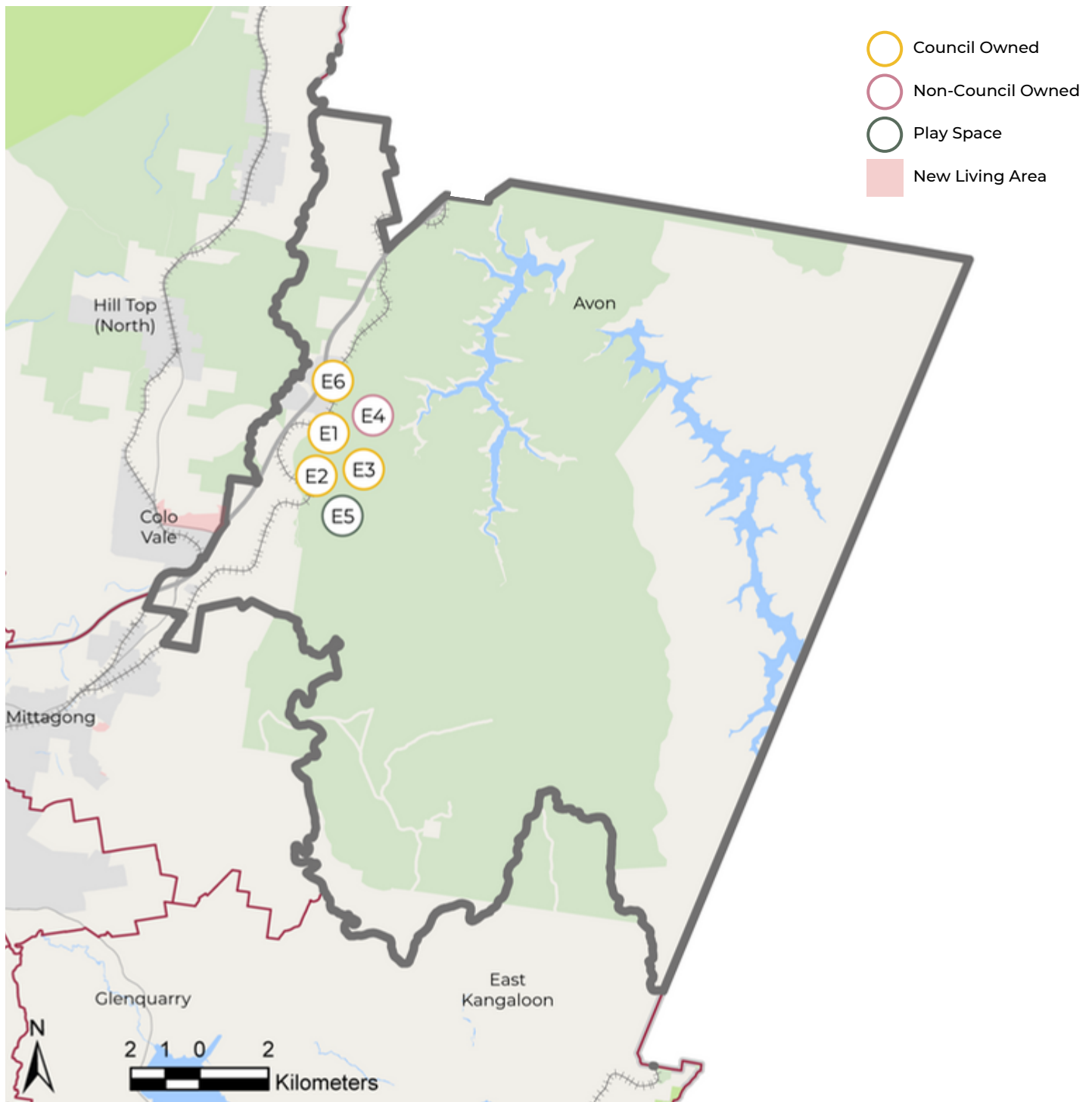
Key Opportunities

- Identify opportunities to improve access to natural water systems within the Precinct.
- Improved access to Aquatic facilities year round.
- Opportunity to consolidate older community facilities to provide a best practice co-located community hub.
- Enhance opportunities for outdoor youth recreation and play.
- Increased integration of the natural areas with passive and active play via improved pathway and cycleway networks.

Precinct Actions

- Undertake investigations and scoping for the provision of a regional community hub within the Mittagong Precinct, to include a larger library space and community space.
- Undertake a Masterplan for the wider Mittagong Oval Precinct including removal of the current Mittagong Swimming Centre, and enhancement of youth focused facilities to complement the PCYC in this location.
- Undertake a masterplan for the Lake Alexandra Reserve to improve overall functionality and utilisation of the site.
- Undertake detailed planning for the Welby Heights Oval to identify opportunities to improve spectator facilities, including seating, shade/shelter, parking, and pathways.
- Develop a Masterplan to identify opportunities to develop a regional mountain biking facility at Mount Alexandra Reserve while ensuring protection and enhancement of environmental outcomes.
- Undertake a site identification process to develop a new skate park in the Mittagong District.

Precinct E -Yerrinbool



Reference

- E1 Yerrinbool Oval - Skate Park
- E2 Yerrinbool Oval - Basketball Half Court
- E3 Yerrinbool Oval (Joe Smith Sports-field)
- E4 Yerrinbool RFS Shed
- E5 Sunrise Park (Play Space)
- E6 Yerrinbool Hall

Located in the northeast of the Shire the Yerrinbool Precinct includes the villages of Yerrinbool, Mount Lindsey and Avon, it also includes the Upper Nepean State Conservation Area. Mittagong is the closest service centre for the southern part of the precinct, with the northern portions likely to access key services from Tahmoor (Wollondilly LGA)

Due to the small population the Precinct has a small number of facilities with six in total, two (2) community facilities and four (4) recreation facilities.

The Precinct has a current population of 1,626 people and no future development areas identified so will experience minimal growth to 2041.

What we heard...

"Would like to see improved access to our community hall so indoor activities can occur like gentle exercise, yoga, tai chi etc."

"Would like to see some new outdoor fitness equipment in Yerrinbool"



Yerrinbool Community Hall

Key Opportunities

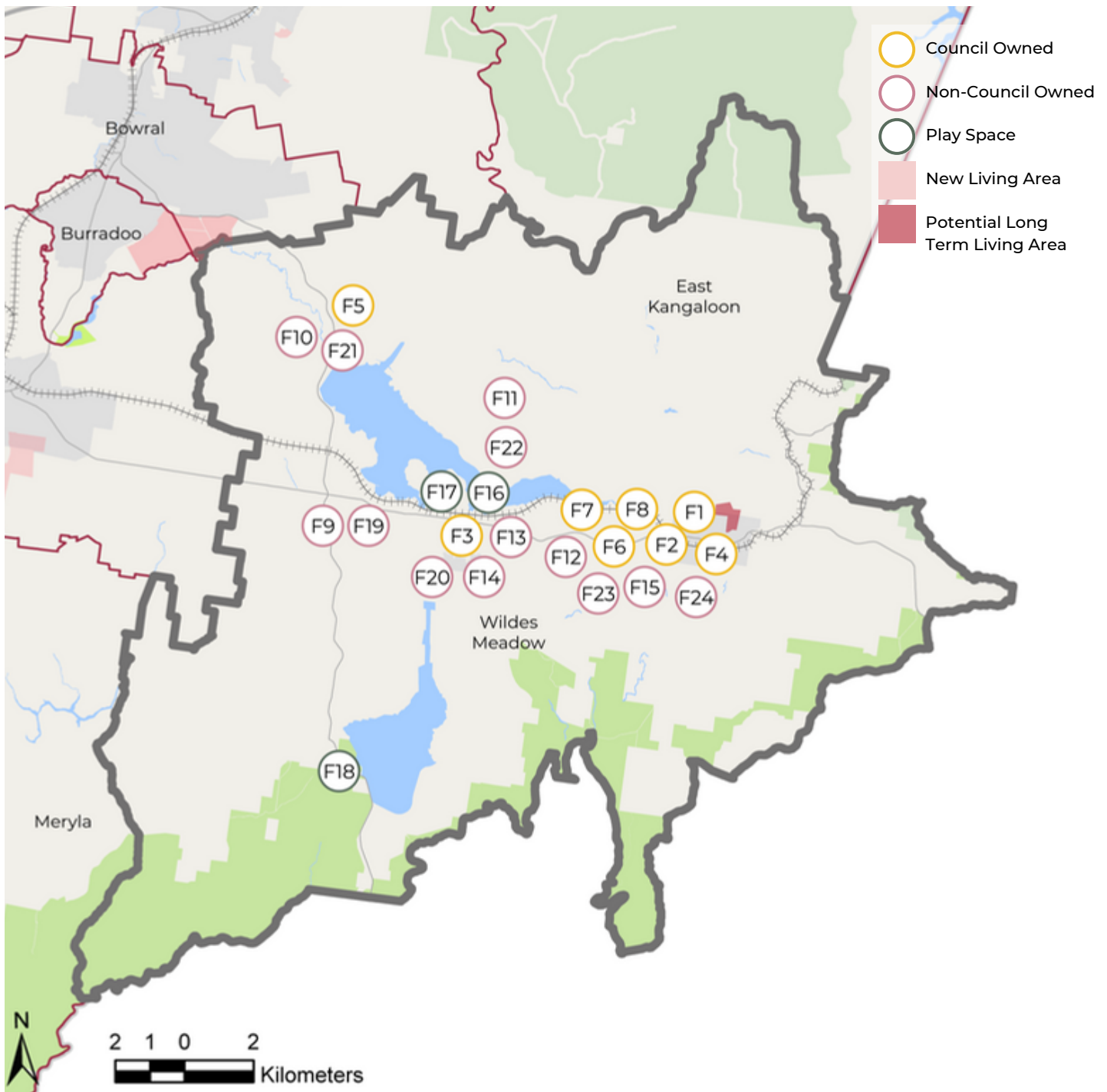
- Improved community space that caters for a wide range of activities.
- Promotion of the unique Model Sport Race Car facility.

Precinct Actions

- Undertake upgrade works to the Yerrinbool Hall to improve functionality, and multipurpose nature of the space, including enhanced landscaping and amenity.
- Undertake a Masterplan for Yerrinbool Oval, to consider improvements to the current facilities and the potential inclusion of a small play space.



Precinct F - Robertson



Reference

F1	Robertson - Skate Park	F13	Burrawang School of Arts
F2	Hampden Park - Basketball Half Court	F14	Burrawang RFS Shed
F3	Burrawang Oval	F15	Robertson Anglican Church Hall
F4	Hampden Park	F16	Burrawang Oval (Play Space)
F5	Tourist Rd Oval	F17	Hoddle St (Play Space)
F6	Robertson Showground	F18	Mimosa Gardens (Play Space)
F7	Robertson Preschool	F19	Avoca Public School
F8	Robertson Community Centre	F20	Burrawang Public School
F9	Avoca Community Hall	F21	Glenquarry Public School
F10	Glenquarry Peace Memorial Hall	F22	Kangaloon Public School
F11	Kangaloon Hall	F23	Robertson Public School
F12	Robertson School of Arts	F24	Robertson Community Technology Centre

Located in the southwest of the Shire, the Robertson Precinct includes the villages of Avoca, Burrawang, Fitzroy Falls, Glenquarry, Kangaloon and Robertson. The Precinct of Robertson currently has a population of 3,472 and projected growth of 6.8% (3709) to 2041. Most of the anticipated growth is contained within the future small development area known as Robertson (North East).

The Robertson Precinct contains a total of 54 facilities, eight (8) community and 46 recreational facilities with the main concentration located within the largest town in the Precinct Robertson.

What we heard...

*"Robertson Playground-
upgrade with more
activities for the bigger
kids"*

*"A decent skate park and
general play park for the
children/youth in
Robertson"*

*"Carpark at Hampden
Park is dangerous when
busy, needs to be
upgraded, resurfaced,
and designated parking
lines painted to stop
people parking wherever
they want"*

Key Opportunities

- Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) and partnership agreements to ensure ongoing equitable access to privately owned and managed community centres in the Robertson Precinct.
- Optimise provision of activities within the town of Robertson to create a strong community hub.

Precinct Actions

- Undertake upgrades to the Robertson School of Arts. Building to improve user experience and functionality, including air conditioning and meeting technology upgrades.
- Proceed with demolition of the Robertson Community Centre and prepare concept options to determine future use of the site.
- Prepare a concept plan for a combined skate park, pump track and basketball/multipurpose hardcourt facility at Hampden Park, Robertson.

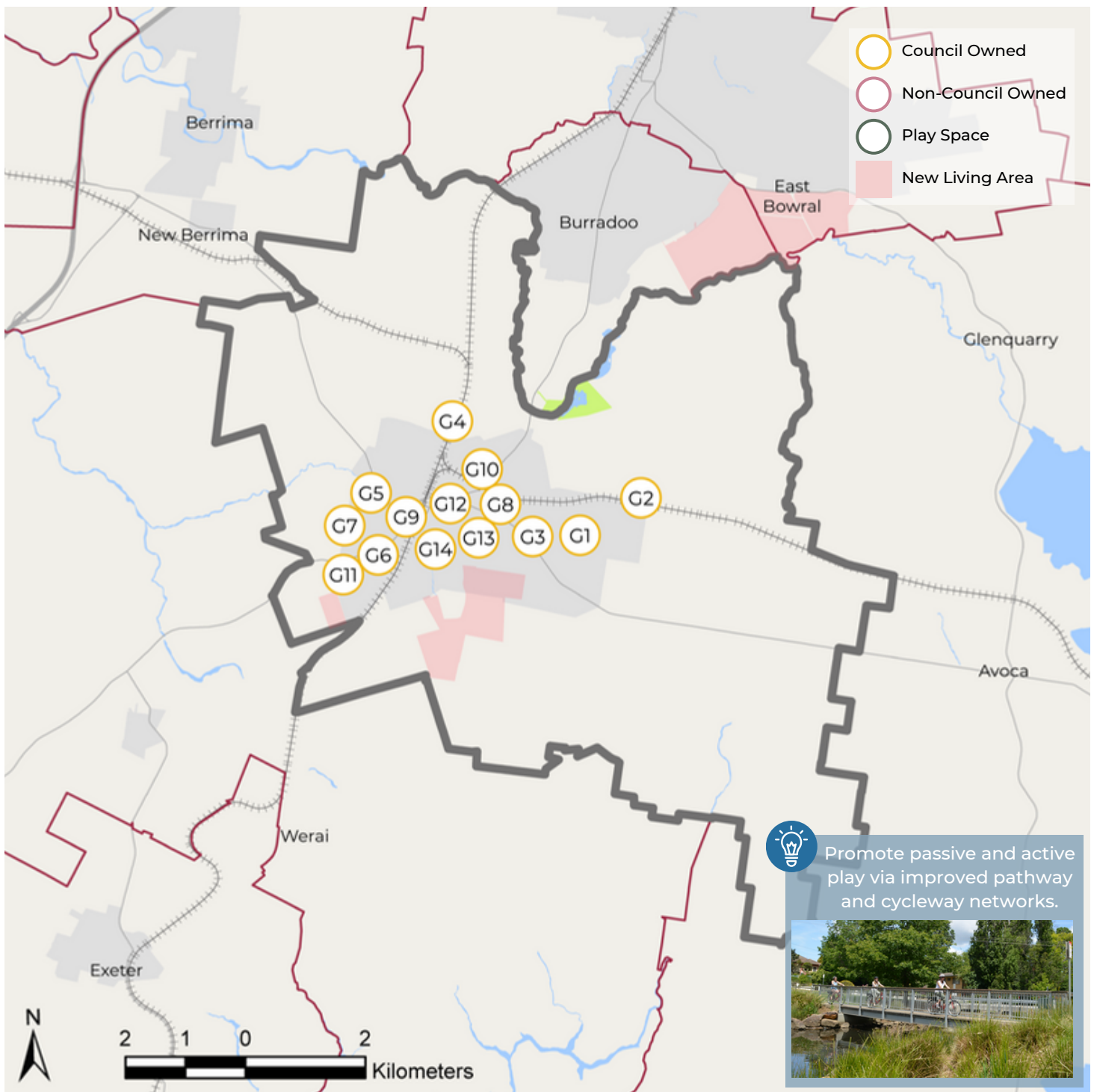
Provision Gaps...

Basketball courts, pump tracks



Hampden Park, Robertson

Precinct G - Moss Vale



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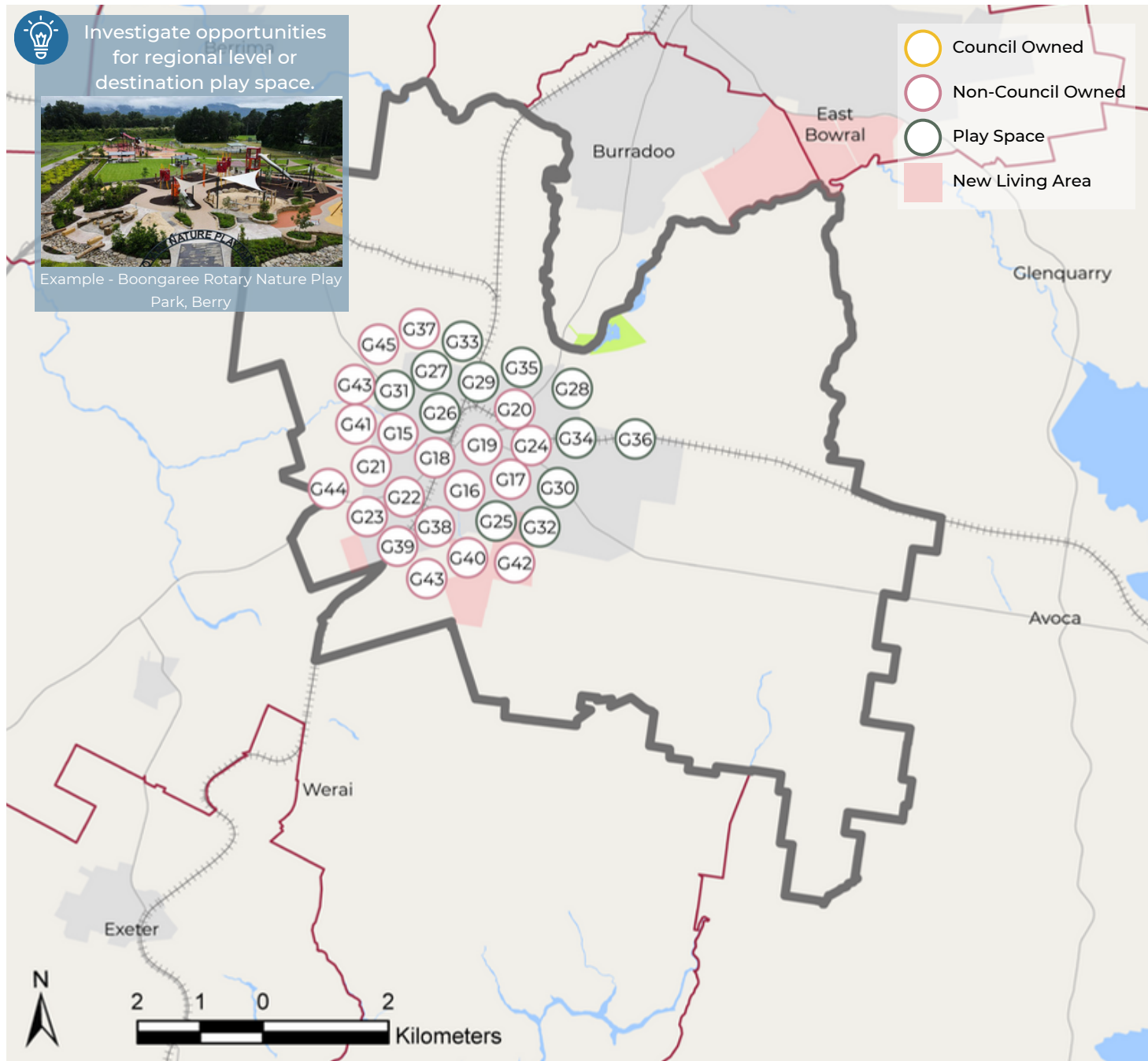
G1	Community Oval - Skate Park	G8	Moss Vale Preschool
G2	Church Rd Playing Fields	G9	Civic Centre Theatrette
G3	Community Oval (Bevan Badgery Park)	G10	Senior Citizens & Community Centre
G4	Lackey Park	G11	Moss Vale Queen Street Centre
G5	Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club)	G12	Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall
G6	Moss Vale Library	G13	Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre
G7	KU Moss Vale (Broulee Park Preschool)	G14	Moss Vale Scouts Hall



Investigate opportunities for regional level or destination play space.



Example - Boongaree Rotary Nature Play Park, Berry



Reference

G15	Moss Vale & District Basketball Association	G30	Henderson Park (Play Space)
G16	Moss Vale Showground	G31	Lackey Park (Play Space)
G17	Moss Vale Golf Club	G32	Monterey Park (Play Space)
G18	Moss Vale Childcare Centre	G33	Ritchie Park (Play Space)
G19	Southern Highlands Childcare Centre	G34	Seymour Park (Play Space)
G20	Wembley Road Childcare Centre	G35	Thwaites Park (Play Space)
G21	Rainbow Kindy	G36	Church Rd Oval (Play Space)
G22	Early Childhood Clinic	G37	Moss Vale High School
G23	Moss Vale RFS Shed	G38	St Paul's International College
G24	Moss Vale Rotary Shed	G39	St Paul's Primary School
G25	Acacia Park (Play Space)	G40	Tudor House
G26	Argyle Street (Play Space)	G41	Moss Vale Public School
G27	Broulee Park (Play Space)	G42	Evolution Strength & Fitness 24/7
G28	Coromandel Place Park (Play Space)	G43	Moss Vale Aquatic Centre (Gym)
G29	Goode Park (Play Space)	G44	Simply Fitness Southern Highlands
		G45	Moss Vale Men's Shed

The Moss Vale Precinct is located in the south of the Shire, Moss Vale is an historic town, with many heritage buildings and sites throughout the precinct. It also features the University of Wollongong and a TAFE campus.

The Moss Vale Precinct has a current population of 9,500 people and projected growth of 39.9% (13,292) to 2041.

There are two new growth areas proposed within the Moss Vale Precinct Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area and Moss Vale (West) development area. In total the Moss Vale Precinct contains 88 facilities with 15 community and 73 recreational facilities including the privately owned Moss Vale and District Basketball Association Stadium and the Moss Vale Showgrounds, managed by the Moss Vale and District AH&I Showground Trust.

What we heard...

Provision Gaps...

"Opening hours of Moss Vale Aquatic Centre pool and gym area - especially on weekend. Gym needs to be 24 hours"

"Would like to see a Multifunctional indoor recreation centre - Moss Vale"

Childcare Centres (Future), outdoor fitness equipment, basketball courts, pump tracks.

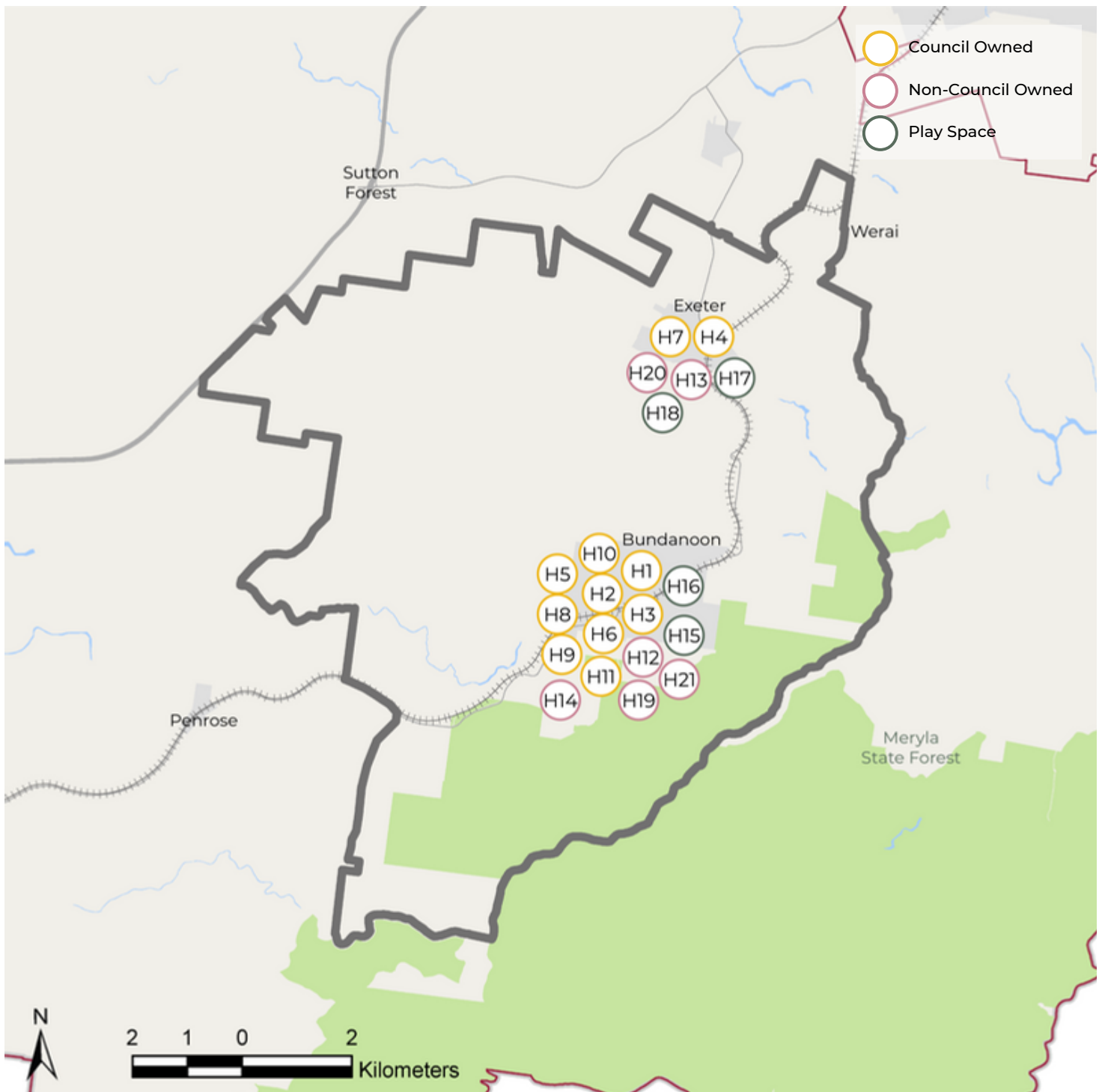
Key Opportunities

- Investigate opportunities for regional or destination play space.
- Provide new social infrastructure as part of future development areas.
- Consolidate older community facilities to provide a single state of the art co-located hub of community space.
- Increased integration of the natural areas with passive and active play via improved pathway and cycleway networks.

Precinct Actions

- Undertake scoping and feasibility assessment to provide a consolidated Community Hub facility within Moss Vale
- Undertake a Concept Plan for the delivery of a Destination Play Space within the Moss Vale Precinct.
- Review the current Lackey Park Masterplan to ensure consistency with planning principles, and opportunities to maximise usage through multi-purpose facilities.
- Develop a masterplan for the redevelopment of the Community Oval Skate Park including consideration of additional Youth Play elements.
- Prepare a scope and upgrade the three clubrooms at Community Oval (Bevan Badgery Park), Lackey Park and Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club).
- Plan for the provision of an all ages play space as part of the Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area, including active recreation spaces such as multipurpose hardcourts.

Precinct H - Bundanoon – Exeter



Reference

H1	Bundanoon Oval - Skate Park	H11	Bundanoon Preschool
H2	Bundanoon Oval - Basketball Half Court	H12	Bundanoon RFS Shed
H3	Bundanoon Oval	H13	Exeter RFS Shed
H4	Exeter Oval	H14	Holy Trinity Church Hall
H5	Ferndale Reserve	H15	Broughton Park (Play Space)
H6	Bundanoon Preschool	H16	Bundanoon Oval (Play Space)
H7	Exeter Village Hall	H17	Exeter Oval (Play Space)
H8	Bundanoon Soldier's Memorial Hall	H18	Jensen Park (Play Space)
H9	Bundanoon Men's Shed	H19	Bundanoon Public School
H10	Bundanoon Swimming Pool	H20	Exeter Public School
		H21	Bundanoon Pony Club

The Bundanoon-Exeter Precinct is located in the southwestern portion of the Shire. The two main villages within the Precinct are Bundanoon and Exeter, both are historic villages, including a range of heritage buildings and community and recreational facilities. The centre of Moss Vale provides the closest town for residents within the Precinct.

The Precinct also features significant natural elements including the popular cycling route to Morton National Park. The Precinct has a total of 58 facilities with seven (7) community and 51 recreational facilities.

The Precinct currently has a population of 3,903 with minimal projected growth of 16.19% (4,535) to 2041.

What we heard...

“would like to see parking in Exeter around the croquet courts, hall and oval”

“swimming pool operating hours too limited – I would use Bundanoon Pool if it opened at reasonable hours”

“Walking tracks beside roads e.g., between Bundanoon and Exeter”

Key Opportunities

- Improve pedestrian and cycle access between Exeter and Bundanoon and opportunities for linkages to other pathway networks.
- Improve and upgrade facilities to improve overall functionality and efficiencies.
- Improve outdoor fitness opportunities.

Provision Gaps..
Basketball courts, pump tracks

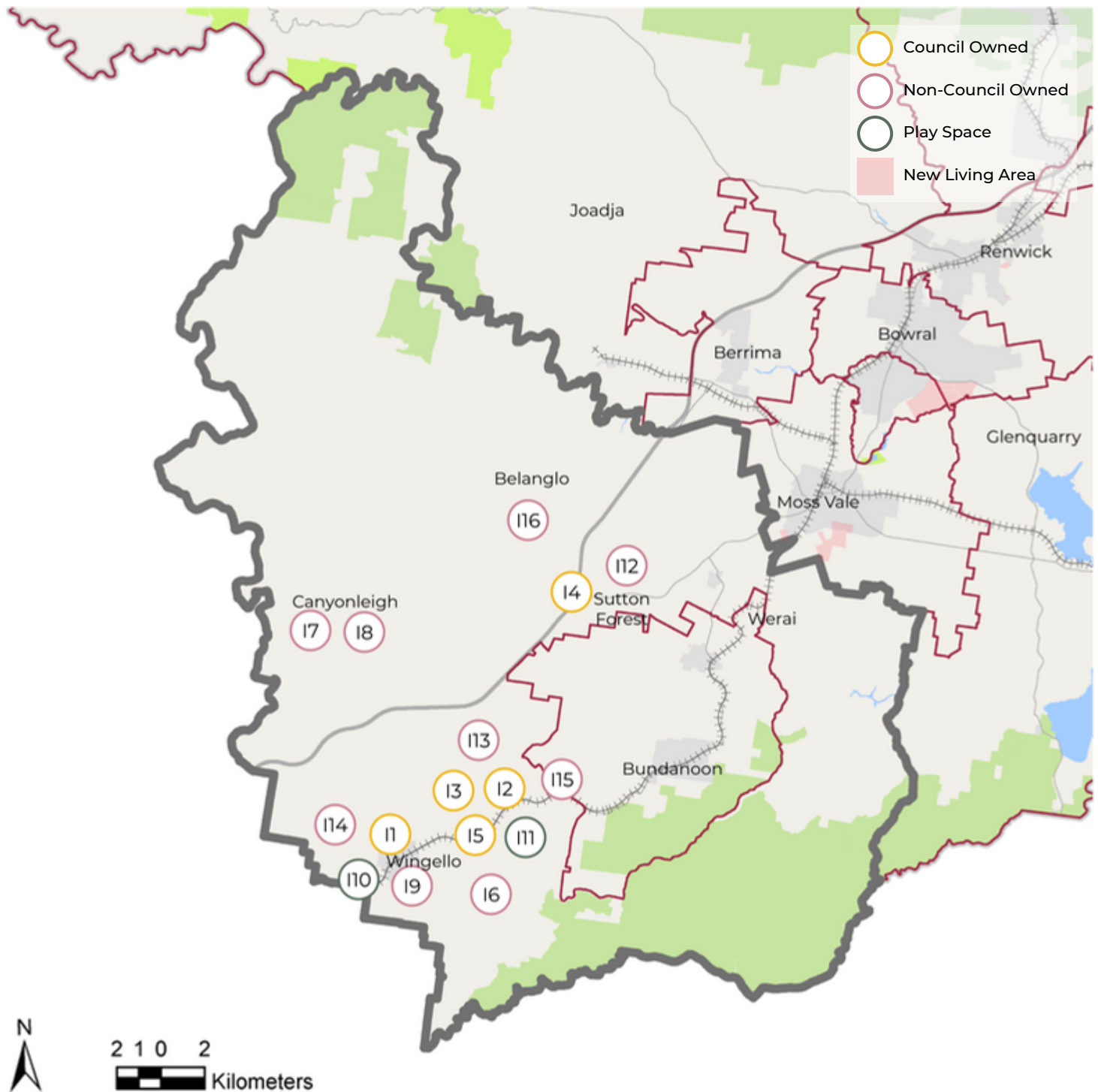
Precinct Actions

- Undertake a Masterplan for the Bundanoon Oval Precinct, including consideration of the consolidation of the skate park and hardcourt area and the upgrade of changeroom and amenities.
- Investigate options to improve carparking and spectator amenity at Exeter Oval and upgrade existing tennis courts.
- Undertake a cost benefit and operational review analysis to investigate the future provision of aquatics at the Bundanoon Swimming Centre prior to required upgrades.



Exeter Oval Aerial

Precinct I - Wingello - South West Precinct



Reference

11	Casburn Park - Basketball Half Court	19	Wingello RFS Shed
12	Bill O'Reilly Oval	110	Casburn Park (Play Space)
13	Penrose Park	111	Penrose Park (Play Space)
14	Sutton Forest Hall	112	Mount Broughton Golf Club
15	Penrose Community Hall	113	Sylvan Golf Club
16	Wingello Mechanics Institute	114	Wingello Public School
17	Canyonleigh Community Centre	115	Penrose Public School
18	Canyonleigh RFS Shed	116	Bowral Pistol Club

The Wingello – South West District Precinct is located in the south west portion of the Shire and includes the small villages of Canyonleigh, Penrose, Sutton Forest, and Wingello. This precinct is the largest and one of the most sparsely populated in the Shire. Due to the dispersed nature of the villages both Moss Vale and Bowral centres are likely to provide key services to residents within the Precinct.

The Precinct has a current population of 2,407 with forecast growth of 4.39% (2,137) by 2041. There are no new development areas identified within this Precinct.

The Precinct has a total of sixteen (16) facilities six (6) community and ten (10) recreational facilities including the regional facilities of Bowral Pistol Club (private), Morton National Park, Penrose State Forest and Wingello State Forest.

What we heard...

"It would be great to have running trails in Wingello Forest"

"Upgrade existing tennis courts adjacent Bill O'Reilly Oval which are currently not useable"

Provision Gaps...

Pump Tracks

Key Opportunities

Improve access to natural areas within the precinct for recreational purposes

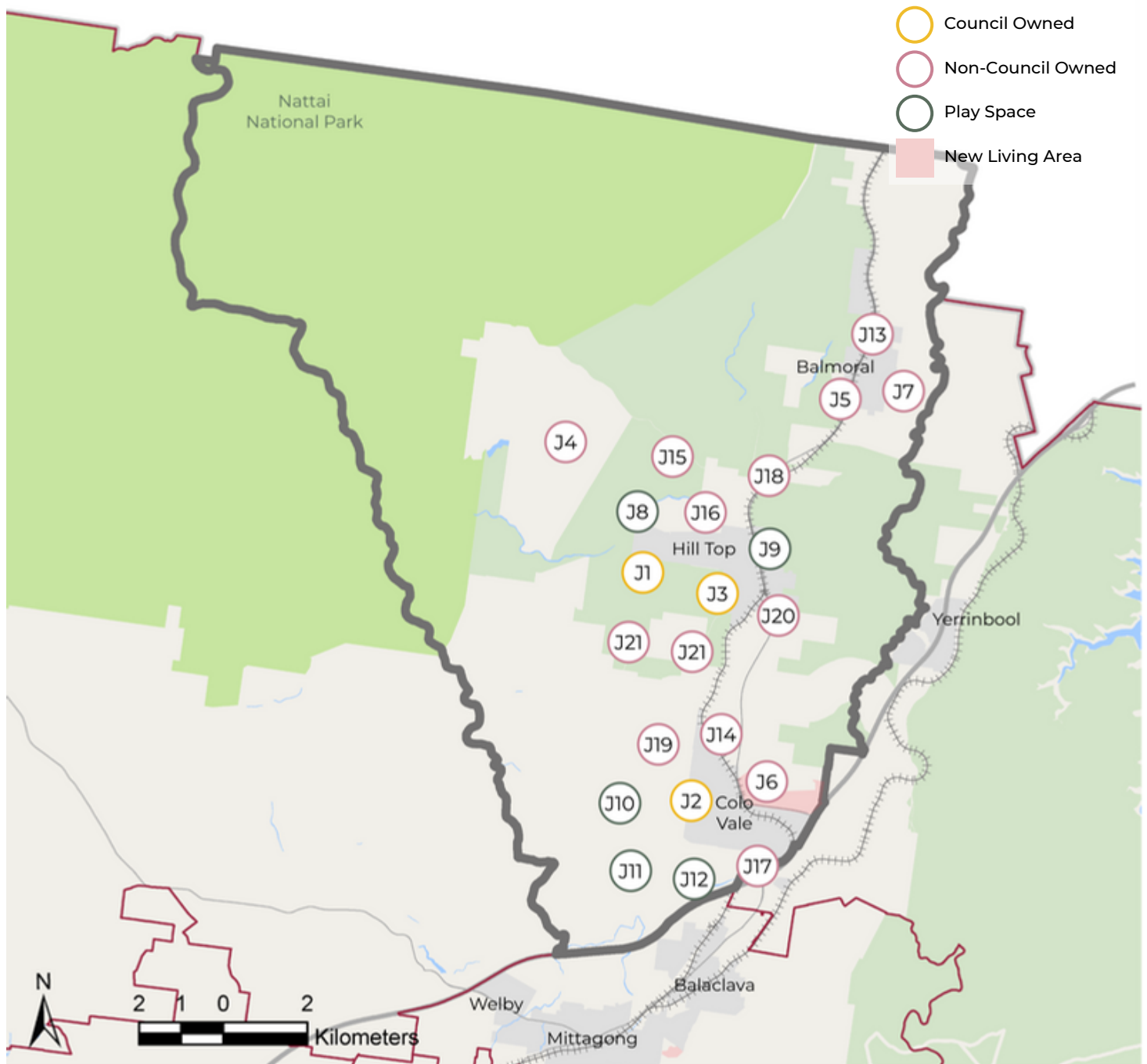
Precinct Actions

- Undertake a review of usage and potential alternate uses for the current community facilities at Sutton Forest, Canyonleigh and Wingello.
- Develop a concept plan for provision of improved multi-purpose courts at Bill O'Reilly Oval and Penrose Park (netball court), including potential lighting options.
- Install lights at the Penrose tennis courts.
- Advocate to NSW National Parks and NSW Forestry to retain and continually improve access to parks for recreational purposes including designated mountain bike, walking and running trails within Morton National Park, Wingello State Forest and Penrose State Forest.



Bill O'Reilly Oval, Wingello

Precinct J - Hill Top - Balmoral - Colo Vale



Reference

J1	Boronia Park	J12	Railway Park (Play Space)
J2	Jurd Park	J13	Balmoral RFS Shed
J3	Hill Top Community Centre	J14	Colo Vale RFS Shed
J4	Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex	J15	Hill Top RFS Shed
J5	Baoral Village Hall	J16	Northern Villages Childcare Centre
J6	Colo Vale Community Hall	J17	Theaslea Childcare Centre
J7	Balmoral Tennis Court	J18	Hill Top Childcare Centre
J8	Waratah Park (Play Space)	J19	Colo Vale Public School
J9	Boronia Park (Play Space)	J20	Hilltop Public School
J11	Jurd Park (Play Space)	J21	F for Fitness

The Precinct of Hill Top-Balmoral-Colo Vale is in the northern end of the Shire, and includes the key village of Hill Top, Balmoral and Colo Vale. The closest service centre to the Precinct is Mittagong which from Balmoral is 21kilometers driving distance.

The current population of the Precinct is 6,586 with projected growth of 17.68% (7,751) to 2041, the growth will be mostly located within the future Wensleydale development near Colo Vale. The Precinct includes a total of 45 facilities with nine (9) community and 36 recreational facilities including the State level Southern Highland Regional Shooting Complex.

What we heard...

“Hill Top area in major need for children run facilities”

“Hill Top Soccer Club, which fielded two women’s sides last season needs facilities for females”.

Provision Gaps...

Pump Tracks, skate parks



Jurd Park, Colo Vale



Boronia Park Cricket Nets, Hill Top

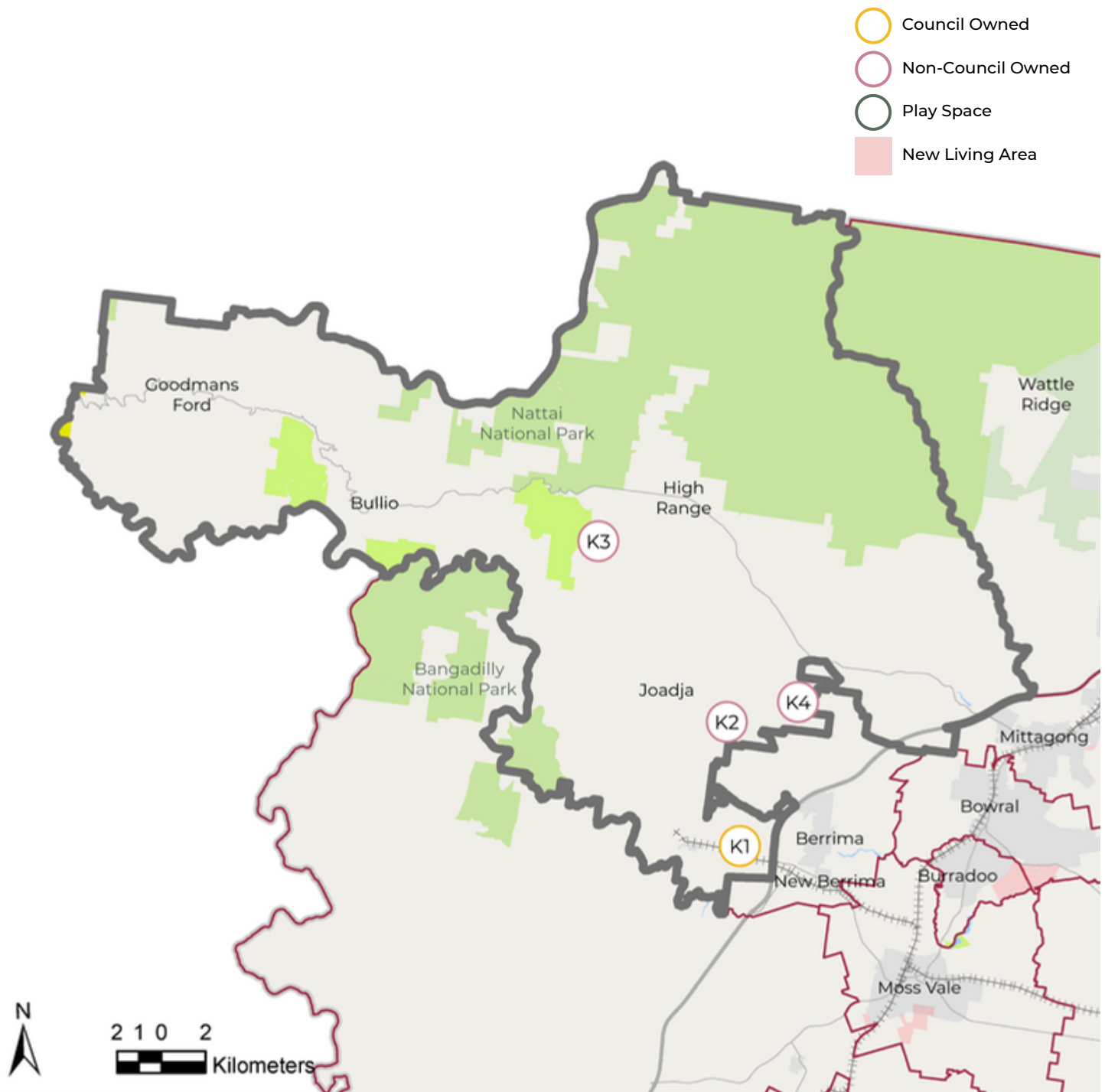
Key Opportunities

- Potential for new social infrastructure as part of future new development.
- Facility improvements and upgrades to improve overall functionality and efficiencies to cater for increases in population in the future.
- Leverage opportunities associated with new infrastructure to enhance community and recreational infrastructure within the precinct.

Precinct Actions

- Undertake a masterplan for the Jurd Park facility to include additional recreational community use, including potential cricket provision at the site.
- Implement the Boronia Park Sporting and Recreational Complex Master Plan 2022 – 2030 in conjunction with the Hill Top Community Association.
- Investigate the consolidation of clubroom facilities at Boronia Park to improve outcomes for users.
- Undertake an upgrade to the Hill Top Community Centre to improve user experience, and space flexibility to accommodate a range of users.

Precinct K - North West Precinct



Reference

- K1 Medway Hall
- K2 Mandemar RFS
- K3 Wollondilly RFS
- K4 Woodlands RFS

The North West Precinct in the North Western portion of the Shire includes the settlements of Medway, Mandemar and High Range. The North West Precinct is characterised by its remote rural setting and unique natural assets, including the Wombeyan Caves, Nattai National Parks and Joadja and Jellore Nature Reserves.

From the main settlement of Medway the service centre of Moss Vale is approximately 12km driving distance. The Precinct currently has a population of 1,120 and is expected to experience minimal growth to 2041 of 3.83% to 2041.

Due to the small population within the Precinct, there are limited facilities three (3) community facilities with the Rural Fire Service Sheds at Wombeyan Caves, Mandemar and Woodlands, the Precinct is also home to Medway Hall which has not been operational for a number of years.

What we heard...

Key Opportunities

Integrating recreation tourism opportunities with the existing visitor economy associated with the natural environment within this Precinct.

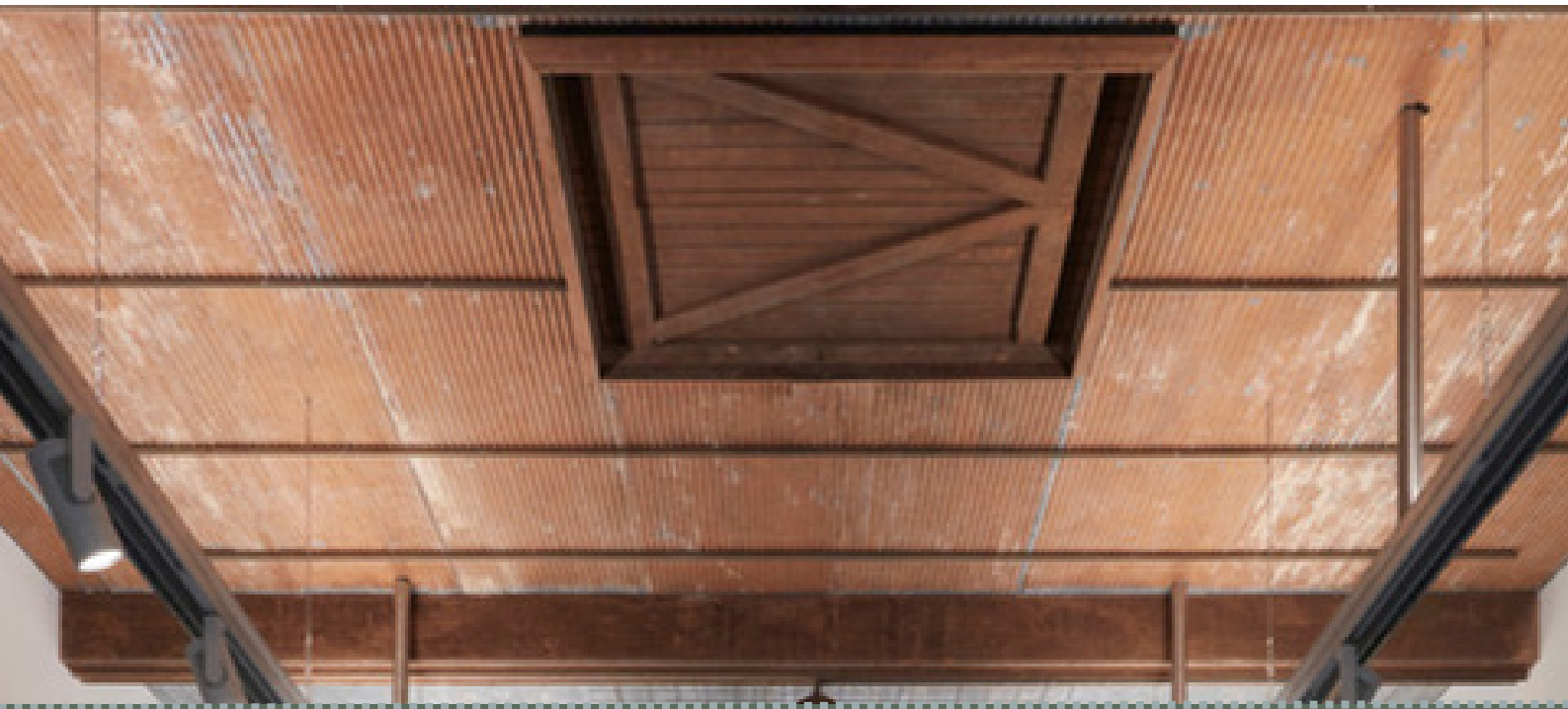
Precinct Actions

- Develop concept options for the use of the current Medway Hall site.
- Identify opportunities to work with key stakeholders to improve and promote access to the Precinct's unique natural assets, including, the Wombeyan Caves, Nattai National Parks and Joadja and Jellore Nature Reserves.

“Would like to see improved bush tracks with accurate signage and up to date maps for tourists. This includes bird walks”



Cyclist
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council



Where to from here?



Implementing the Strategy



Our Strategic Priorities

The initial priorities for delivery within the CRFS are the Priority Projects. These projects will have generational impact on the Shire and provide an important foundation for the provision of recreational and community facilities across the Shire.

The following Strategic Directions will be implemented across the next 24 months.



Strategic Direction 1 Aquatics

- Mittagong Aquatics Detailed Business Case – includes site consideration, scope and feasibility.
- Bundanoon and Bowral – Cost benefit and operational analysis.
- Mittagong Precinct Masterplan (encompassing the current Mittagong Pool footprint).



Strategic Direction 2 Multipurpose Indoor Facility

- Mittagong Indoor Facility (and potential community hub) Detailed Business Case – includes site consideration, scope and feasibility.



Strategic Direction 3 Destination Play Space

- With the priority of Strategic Direction 1 and 2, no progress is directly forecast for this Strategic Direction, however it will be considered through the preparation of the Business Cases and Masterplans of Strategic Directions 1 and 2.

Shire wide and Precinct Actions

Delivery of Shire wide and Precinct Actions will be considered through Council's Delivery Program and Operation Plan. This will ensure actions are prioritised and funded through Council's formal budget process.

