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Item 9.2 Community and Recreation Facilities Study and Strategy - Post Public Exhibition



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# Public Exhibition Report

Draft Community and  
Recreational Facilities Strategy &  
Study

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

The draft Community and Recreation Facilities Strategy and Study was formally exhibited for 28 days. An online survey was available from 28th June to 26th July on councils Yoursay Wingecarribee Website. During that period, targeted consultation occurred with key stakeholders and user groups, as well as the recently formed Sports and Leisure Community Reference Panel.

The *Your Say* project page received 2230 visits and 127 visitors contributed to the online survey. Additionally, council received 55 emails from both community members and community associations.

#### **THE SURVEY**

To assist residents in making submissions under the exhibition of both documents, questions have been developed on the proposed strategic direction required to address preferred community and recreational facilities and locations across the Shire.

Council staff, in consultation with the Astrolabe Group developed a series of questions to assist the community in providing feedback on the draft Community and Recreation Facilities Strategy (CRFS) and associated documents. The questions were developed to explore the strategic priorities and to test key

recommendations outlined in the CRFS. The questions have been prepared under specific themes, and are outlined in below:

#### **AQUATICS IN THE SHIRE**

The Strategy recommends the permanent closure of Mittagong Pool in its current location, and the development of a major or regional indoor aquatics facility in the northern part of the Shire, to service the key service centres of Mittagong and Bowral, as well as the northern villages. This would also enable alternate community uses on the current Mittagong pool site, provided the uses were consistent with the flood affectivity of the site.

*Is the proposed indoor aquatics facility appropriate to meet the needs of our communities in the northern part of the Shire?*

*Do you have any ideas for the existing Mittagong Pool site?*

#### **INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE SHIRE**

The Strategy recommends that in addition to the existing Indoor Sports Centre in Moss Vale, a new multipurpose indoor facility be provided in the northern part of the Shire, providing access to residents in the Bowral, Mittagong and the northern villages within the 15 minute travel catchment. As this would be a new facility on public land, consideration would be given to an

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integrated community hub delivery model, to maximise efficiencies and provide improved community outcomes.

*Would you like to see a new indoor sports facility in the northern part of the Shire?*

*What other uses do you see as appropriate as part of an integrated community hub / multi-purpose facility (i.e. training and meeting rooms, café, free working spaces etc)?*

### **DESTINATION PLAY SPACES**

The Strategy recommends identifying sites / opportunities to provide Destination Play Spaces in both Moss Vale and Mittagong. 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).

*What would you like to see in a new Destination Play Space?*

### **MAJOR TOWNS AND VILLAGES - CO-LOCATION AND LEVERAGING UNUSED ASSETS**

In the three main center's and larger villages where the population demand for facilities will be at its greatest, there is an

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opportunity to rationalise the provision of smaller single use facilities and provide larger, multi-purpose and co-located community and recreation hubs. Colocation can have significant benefits for users and provides efficiencies with options 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 center's with library and community spaces and café services.

*Is the proposed transition from single use facilities to an integrated community hub approach a better way of meeting the communities social and recreational infrastructure needs?*

### **SMALLER VILLAGES - 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. The Strategy highlights the opportunity to provide smaller more flexible and adaptable spaces that can cater for a range of users, as well as maximising the use of the space, and reducing the total number of facilities needed.

*Should facilities in smaller villages be more adaptable and flexible to cater for a broader range of uses?*

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## 1.2 About the Strategy

The Community and Recreational Facilities (CRF) Strategy is a critical document that will enable Council to better plan for and deliver the essential community infrastructure that is required to support our growing communities both now and into the future.

Tredwell Management Services prepared the Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Study. The Study is an extensive set of documents to assess the needs and opportunities for community and recreational facilities across the Shire. The Study includes:

- Volume 1 - Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy & Study including:
  - Appendix A: Review of the 2004 Open Space, Recreation, Cultural and Community Facility Needs – Study, Strategy and Action Plan
  - Appendix B: Facility Audit

- Appendix C: Projected Requirements
- Appendix D - Literature Review and Consultation Summary

The draft Community and Recreation Facilities Strategy, prepared by Astrolabe Group, built on the detailed research and community engagement by Tredwell Management Services. The Strategy has a clear alignment to the Wingecarribee Community Strategic Plan and the detailed Community and Recreational Facilities Study.

The Strategy will also be a key informing document to the Developer Contributions Plan, to be developed over the coming 12 months as well as assist in the prioritisation of grant applications.

The CRFS document provides a robust framework to ensure that sustainable, fit-for-purpose, accessible and contemporary community and recreation facilities are equitably distributed across the Shire over the next 20 years.



1.3 Community Engagement Summary

CHALLENGES AND ISSUES		COUNCILS RESPONSE
<b>AQUATICS</b>	<p>Many disagreed with the closing of our existing pools, particularly Bundanoon Pool, as well as many people disagreed with the type, location and size of the facility.</p>	<p>The CRFS recommends that detailed cost benefit analysis be undertaken on both the Bowral and Bundanoon Pools to understand the cost of renewing both facilities to meet operational standards. The cost-benefit analysis should also inform a review of aquatics operation across the Shire.</p> <p>The scope and scale of future operation and any renewal works at both the Bowral and Bundanoon Pools should be made considering the outcomes of the Cost-Benefit Analysis as part of the Aquatics Plan.</p>
<b>INDOOR MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY</b>	<p>Many respondents believed that while a Mittagong facility would be useful in the Shire, a priority should be given the indoor multi-purpose sports facility at Moss Vale due to previous studies and design work being completed.</p> <p>There was also a strong argument from respondents who disagreed with the recommendation that the location of an additional multi-purpose indoor sports</p>	<p>The CRFS recognises the role that the Moss Vale facility provides to the community and will continue to support the Moss Vale District Basketball Association in advancing their plans for the site.</p> <p>The intent of the strategy is to improve access to facilities and to improve the multi-purpose nature of all facilities (both community and recreational). In light of these key planning principles, the strategy recommends that a new multi-purpose indoor facility be provided in the Mittagong precinct ensuring access for more residents within a 15min travel catchment.</p>

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CHALLENGES AND ISSUES		COUNCILS RESPONSE
	facility in the north is not properly justified in the strategy.	<p>Locating a new facility on public lands also will enable Council to utilise monies collected through Development Contributions Plans.</p> <p>Legal advice has confirmed that it would be contrary to Section 7.3 of the EP&amp;A Act, and beyond the power of the Council, to apply monetary developer contributions towards the purpose of constructing or upgrading the Moss Vale Indoor Stadium as it is a privately owned facility.</p>
<b>LACKEY PARK MASTER PLAN</b>	Many community members raised concerns about the lack of comment and inclusion around the Lackey Park Master Plan and the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub project.	<p>The CRFS has been amended to include the review of the Lackey Park Masterplan within the Precinct Actions for the Moss Vale Precinct.</p> <p>The review of the Masterplan will be such that further utilisation of land area and creation of multi-use potential is achieved, but the proposed facilities will be of a more appropriate size and scale.</p> <p>The Strategy concludes that further expansion of the Moss Vale Indoor Sports Stadium alone will not provide adequate service to the northern part the Shire, and so the priority for Council is to be the provision of a multi-use indoor facility in the northern part of the Shire.</p>
<b>PASSIVE RECREATION</b>	It was suggested from many participants that there was not enough emphasis on	The Strategy includes numerous references to passive recreation activities, including cycling and walking.

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CHALLENGES AND ISSUES		COUNCILS RESPONSE
	passive recreation activities including walking and cycling.	<p>Inclusions in the plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <i>Strategic Action 6: 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.</i></li> <li>→ <i>Strategic Action 8 - Develop a Cycle Wingecarribee Plan that positions the Shire as a multidisciplinary cycling centre.</i></li> </ul> <p>Additional wording has also been included within the strategy highlighting the key linkages to other strategies that also play a role in terms of passive recreational uses.</p> <p>Council is also currently developing an Integrated Transport Strategy which will provide further guidance in this area.</p>
<b>PRIORITISE A REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER</b>	Many expressed that the Strategy and supporting documents could be strengthened to support and prioritise a regional Performing Arts Centre.	<p>The Strategy includes a Shire Wide Action relating to the continual support of the arts.</p> <p><i>Shire Wide Action 10: Continue to Support the performing arts by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <i>Prioritising the reopening and reactivation of the Mittagong Playhouse, and</i></li> <li>→ <i>Seeking funding to complete a feasibility study for a purpose built regional performing arts centre within the Shire.</i></li> </ul> <p>The CRFS is also supported by the existing WSC Arts Culture Strategic Plan.</p>

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CHALLENGES AND ISSUES		COUNCILS RESPONSE
<b>OLDER POPULATION</b>	Many respondents expressed their concern for the lack of attention in the strategy to providing facilities for the older population.	<p>The CRFS is focused on providing spaces that are accessible and fit for purpose for all ages.</p> <p>The detailed design and allocation of facilities will ensure facilities are designed and renewed with the end user in mind, this will include detailed engagement with key user groups such as seniors.</p> <p>Council will also work with community development and other key partners to seek expansion of programs on offer for older members in our community.</p>
<b>NATURE BASED ACTIVITIES</b>	Many survey respondents raised concerns that the strategy does not include sufficient information around nature based activities such as mountain biking and rock climbing.	<p>The CRFS makes reference to several nature based passive uses including the below Shire Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <i>Strategic Action 6: 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.</i></li> <li>→ <i>Strategic Action 8 - Develop a Cycle Wingecarribee Plan that positions the Shire as a multidisciplinary cycling centre.</i></li> </ul> <p>Specific Precinct Strategies also address access improving access to the natural environment and formalising mountain bike activities.</p>

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CHALLENGES AND ISSUES		COUNCILS RESPONSE
		In addition to the CRFS Council also propose to develop a Natural Areas Recreational Activities Strategy that will further detail the linkages between recreational use and protection and enhancement of our unique natural areas.
<b>LOCALISED FACILITIES</b>	Some survey participants mentioned that there was not enough emphasis on localised facilities including facilities part of existing small hubs and within villages. There were some concerns about the social and environmental impacts of closing local facilities.	Minor amendment has been made to the CRFS to strengthen the importance of local centers and the important role that they play in given the community a focal point.  The CRFS support the ongoing enhancement of local centres and the need to ensure the spaces are modernised to cater for all users.
<b>INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY GROUPS</b>	Some community groups or clubs emailed in to express their concerns around lack of recognition of their future work plans within the CRFS.	Community associations and sporting groups will continue to have opportunities to inform implementation and ongoing engagement.  Council is also committed to strengthening relationships with the community and sporting groups of the Shire - so that needs, and opportunities, can be understood and actioned.
<b>FURTHER DETAIL AND CLARITY</b>	Many people commented that the Strategy's Actions needed more detail and clarity around the recommendations and actions in the Strategy.	The CRFS is a 20 year guiding strategic document, and the implementation of each action will be subject to its own delivery workflow.  All levels of actions (Strategic Priorities, Shire Wide Actions and Precinct Actions) will feature further opportunities for

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		<p>community engagement and sharing of updates as their delivery progresses.</p> <p>It is through business cases of the Strategic Actions, and the design phases of the other Actions, that the more detailed information such as facility scope and design inclusions, funding and operational models will be determined.</p>

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## 2 Feedback

### 2.1 The Conversation

#### **THE ONLINE SURVEY**

An online survey was available from 28th June to 26th July on councils *Your Say Wingecarribee* website for the community to provide feedback on the draft Strategy and Study. The *Your Say* project page received 2230 visits and 127 visitors contributed to the online survey. Additionally 55 emails were submitted to Council during the consultation period.

#### **COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION**

A community drop-in session was held at the Moss Vale Civic Centre Theatre from 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday 25 July 2023 to promote the consultation and provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts. 12 community members attended the drop-in session.



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#### **SPORTS, RECREATION & LEISURE COMMUNITY REFERENCE PANEL**

The role of the Community Reference Panel's (CRP's) is to support Council in reviewing the vision objectives and goals of the Community Strategic Plan and their translation to the Delivery Program through an active and ongoing community engagement program. The Sports, Recreation & Leisure CRP met on Thursday 22 June 2023 to discuss the draft Strategy and associated documents.

#### **WHO WE ENGAGED**

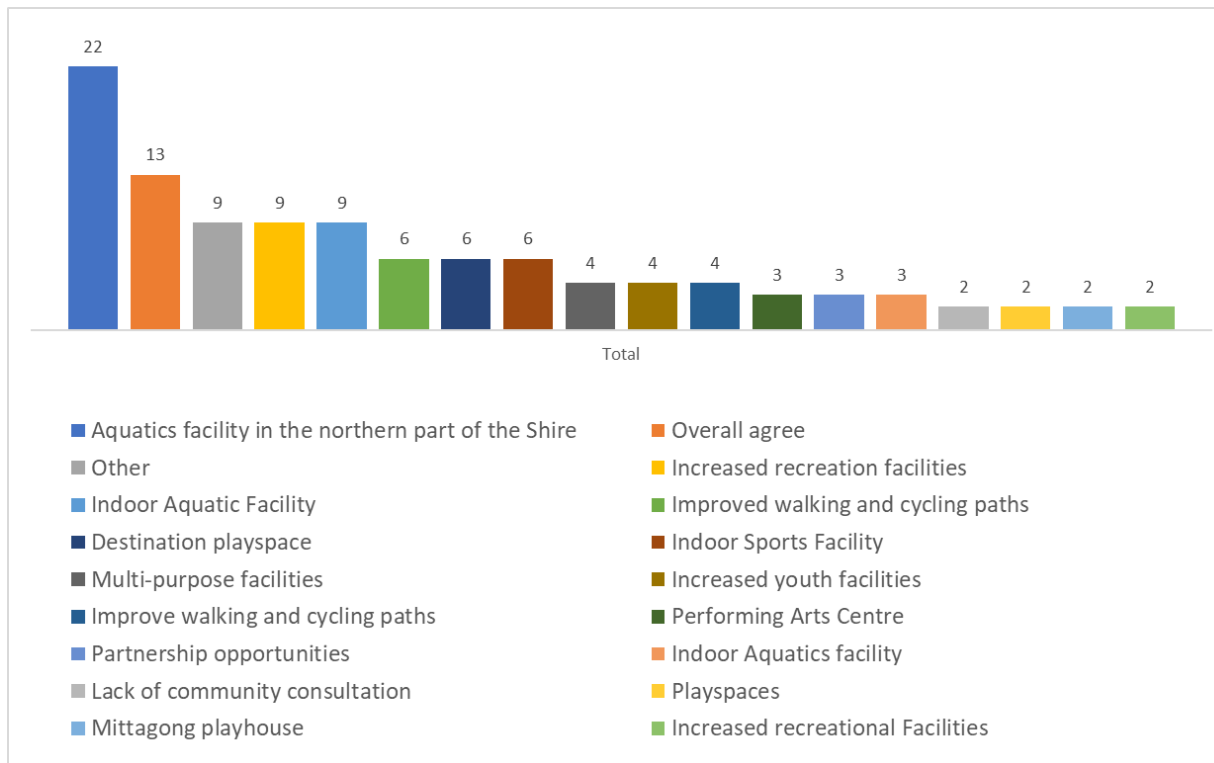
The public exhibition of the draft CRFS targeted Wingecarribee residents but did not exclude those who visit from outside the area.

The public exhibition was promoted via numerous channels including the *Your Say Wingecarribee* e-newsletter, Community Update, Social Media (including Councils Facebook and Instagram page), Council's e-newsletter, radio, Media Release, Village Associations and associated community groups.



**WHAT PARTS OF THE STRATEGY DO YOU STRONGLY AGREE WITH?**

Overall the survey participants strongly agreed with the 3 priority projects, particularly the indoor aquatic facility in the northern end of the shire. There was also a strong agreement from the community to provide better cycle and pedestrian connections across the Shire. Many also commented that they strongly agreed with the Precinct Actions, including providing more youth facilities across the Shire. Many people provided multiple comments.



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**KEY THEMES**

- Overall the community strongly agreed with the 3 priority projects, particularly the indoor aquatic facility in the northern end of the shire.
- There was also a strong agreement from the community to provide better cycle and pedestrian connections across the Shire.
- There were many comments that supported the overall approach and direction that the strategy was heading in in the light of our growing and changing population.
- Many survey participants also appreciated that the strategy recognized that there is a need to improve the Shires community and recreational facilities.
- Many noted that this strategy was crucial in the light of the Shires growing population.
- Some respondents commented that there was 'not a lot' that they strongly agreed with.
- 31 survey respondents left it or provided an unrelated comment.

**COMMUNITY QUOTES**

- “ *"The Strategy as a whole heads in a positive direction. The development of a "Cycle Wingecarribee" strategy is an exciting initiative."*
- “ *"The whole strategy is very agreeable. I strongly agree with the need for a swimming facility in the northern villages. All other things in the strategy are updates or expansions of existing facilities."*
- “ *"Providing a swimming pool (potentially covered to allow for year round swimming) in the northern area of the WSC is important or all members of the community, young and senior. More recreational activities are also an excellent way to engage younger people moving to the shire in outdoor activities."*
- “ *"The amount of sporting and recreational opportunities this facility will bring to the area"*
- “ *"I strongly agree with providing the shire a community play space, an arts/recreational facility and indoor sports/ swim space. Growing families including my own want safe places they can attend with their children of all ages and create lasting memories. We also want access to facilities that are walking distance from town centre or east my to get to by public transport"*

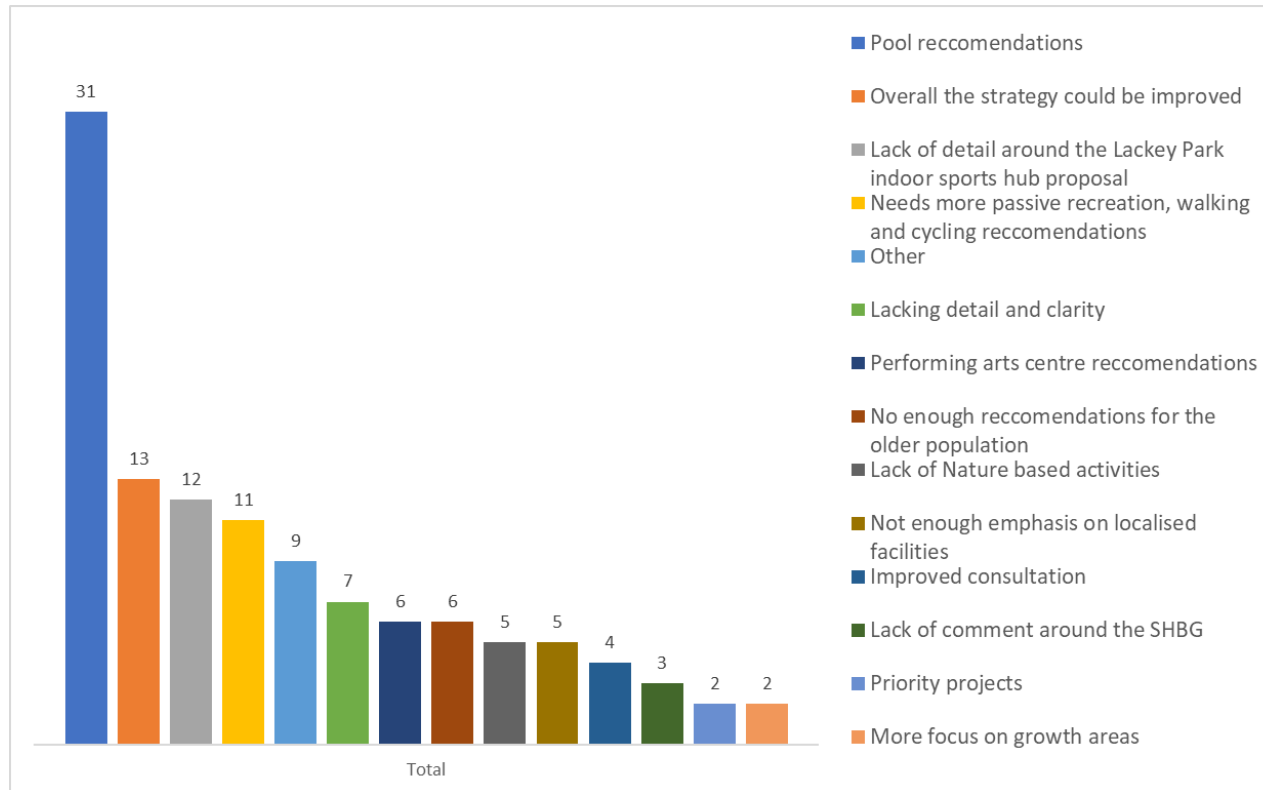
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**WHAT PARTS OF THE STRATEGY DO YOU BELIEVE CAN BE IMPROVED OR THAT YOU DISAGREE WITH?**

Many community members who participated in this survey articulated that many parts of the Strategy and the Study could be improved. Many people provided multiple comments.



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### KEY THEMES

- Many disagreed with the closing of our existing pools, particularly Bundanoon Pool, as well as many people disagreed with the location suggested for the Aquatic Centre.
- Many people commented that the Strategy's Actions lacked supporting arguments from the Tredwell Study and needed more detail and clarity around the recommendations and actions.
- Many participants believed that overall, the Strategy and supporting documents needed to be greatly improved, finding it too long and complicated as well noting some omissions.
- Many community members raised concerns about the lack of comment and inclusion around the Lackey Park Master Plan and the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub project.
- It was suggested from many participants that there was not enough emphasis on passive recreation activities including walking and cycling.
- Many expressed that the Strategy and supporting documents could be strengthened to support and prioritise a regional Performing Arts Centre.
- Many respondents expressed their concern for the lack of attention in the strategy to providing facilities for the older population.
- The strategy does not include nature based activities (MTB and rock climbing were mentioned specifically)
- Not enough emphasis on localised facilities including facilities part of existing small hubs and within villages. There were some concerns about the social and environmental (higher car use) impacts of closing local facilities.

### COMMUNITY QUOTES



*"The Strategy and supporting documents could benefit from a clear Summary that explains the Strategy adoption/action process more completely showing links to the various aspects of Strategy development and outcomes"*



*"the strategy seemingly ignores the population growth in the southern part of the shire and ignores the potential for a true regional Sports (Hub) facility in the shire. It ignores the existing & proposed Lackey Park Masterplan and furthermore ignores the potential for a larger, sustainable facility by leveraging off existing indoor facilities in Moss Vale. It ignores the timely provision of the facilities"*

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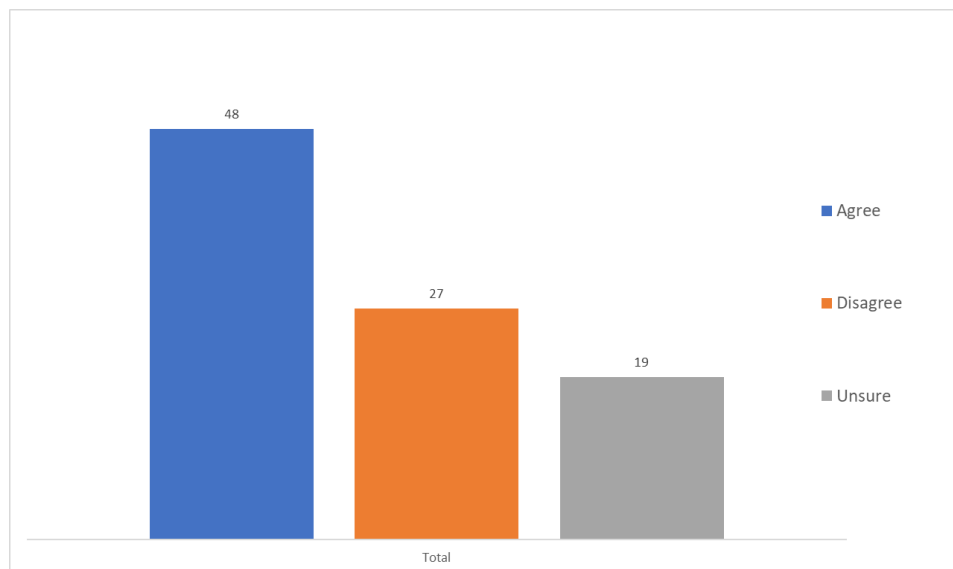
*as the indoor facility as Lackey Park Masterplan has been adopted and the SHISH is well advanced compared with a green fields site somewhere in the north. Not to mention the delays in the Northern part of the shire whilst they wait for upgrades to Civil infrastructure."*

- “There does not seem to be adequate recognition of the demographics of the area at present ie a very high percentage of people over the age of 60”*
- “There is no mention of passive recreation such as walking, picnicking, sitting in nature, bird watching nor is there any consideration of the public reserves, walking, walking paths, bushwalking which are some of the most participated in activities.”*
- “The implied push to close and/reduce local town and village facilities for a centralised hub. The centralisation and concentration of services to k e area may be economic but does not consider social or environmental benefits of dispersed facilities”*
- “Kids and teens should have access to be able to walk or ride safely to their nearby local pool to enjoy healthy, physical activity and socialise with friends. The creation of larger, regional or district facilities force the expectation that everyone will drive there.”*
- “The review did not include rock climbing which is also a sport that occurs in the shire: we have lovely climbing areas esp Mount Alexandra - and there is a lost opportunity with the report regarding provision of rock climbing facilities.”*

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**IS THE PROPOSED INDOOR AQUATICS FACILITY APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES  
IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SHIRE?**



**KEY THEMES**

- Most of the participants in the survey agreed to provide an indoor aquatics facility in the northern part of the Shire. Of the people that supported this, many commented on details on what they expect from this facility to include, such as:
  - Competitive swimming
  - Family friendly facility
  - Water sports (including water polo)
  - Natural, outdoor pools

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- 50m pool
  - Water play
  - Combined with other community facilities.
- Many also commented that would like to see more detail around the proposed Indoor Aquatic Facility including location, design, and facility level.
- There were many varied responses as to why participants disagreed with an indoor aquatic facility in the north. These included:
  - Population growth does not support this;
  - The cost of building the facility is too high;
  - Lack of cost benefit analysis;
  - Some people agreed with the locality but disagreed with the type and scale of the proposed facility.
- Some participants felt like there was not enough detail in the Strategy and supporting documents to comment on this.
- 33 participants did not provide a comment or left an unspecific response.

### COMMUNITY QUOTES

- “The northern part of the Shire needs an aquatic centre of sorts to meet resident needs, one that compliments the existing Moss Vale Aquatic Centre (with its gym and fitness classes). The northern end of the Shire will be another population growth area. There may be scope to value add further recreational facilities at a new aquatic centre at the northern end of the Shire.”
- “strongly support the concept of an indoor aquatic facility for the North, there is not enough detail provided as to the location, design and componentry of the Aquatic Facility to determine its suitability for a range of activities.”
- “If it includes a minimum 50m pool plus smaller pools for learn to swim and including gym and other multipurpose spaces - then yes.”
- “Probably not but requires very careful analysis of costs and benefits. If there is significant disadvantage to the north, it might be very cost efficient to promote an enhanced public transport service (particularly at weekends) to the main facility based on the 811 bus service.”
- “Its clear to me that Mittagong would benefit from an indoor aquatic facility, however what is recommended appears to be oversupply to the extreme. The studies clearly identify that the population demand does not support a 50M pool.”

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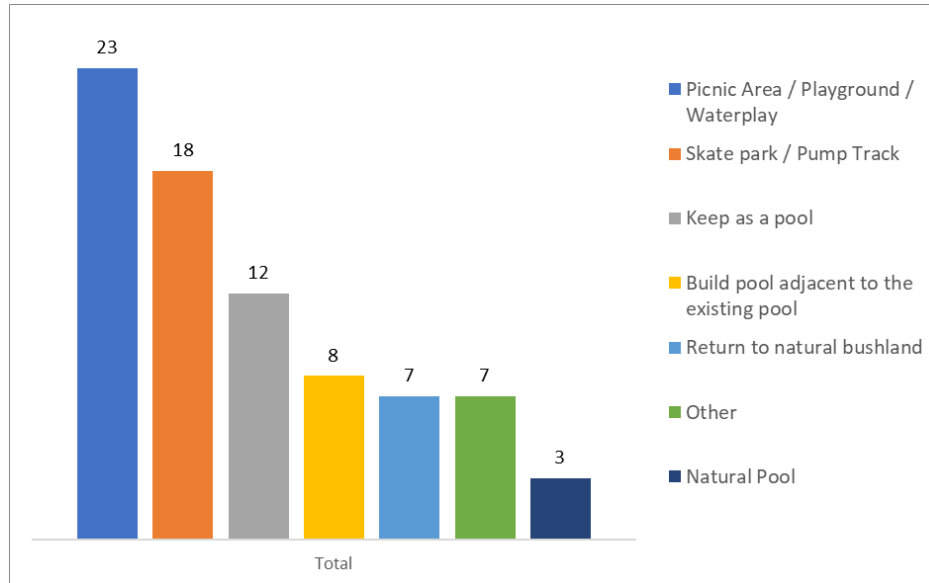
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- “There is no need for a further indoor aquatic centre in the highlands unless it is fully funded by state government. WSC invested in a aquatic centre in Moss Vale and there are alternate private pools that can be accessed by the public (Frensham)”
- “Moss Vale and Picton have indoor pools. Both are only 30mins away from the northern villages, that is not unreasonable travel.”
- “Insufficient detail provided about any proposed indoor aquatics facility. Location, size, design and facilities included are important. The change facilities at the Moss Vale centre are poorly designed and too small. I also want to still be able to swim outdoors.”

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**DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR THE EXISTING MITTAGONG POOL SITE?**



**KEY THEMES**

- In general, there was a mixed response from the participants for the use of the Mittagong Pool site.
- The most popular suggestion was to reinstate the natural bushland with picnic facilities, water play and playground facilities.
- Second to that was to transform the site into an area that supports youth facilities such as a skate park and pump track.
- And the third most popular response was to repair the pool in its current condition due to the sites uniqueness and its cultural significance to the local community.
- Other responses included:
  - Natural Pool

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- Return to natural area / bushland
- Outdoor amphitheatre
- Mini golf
- Unsure
- Some participants site suggestions for another pool location in Mittagong.
- Close the pool
- 33 participants did not provide a comment or left an unrelated response.

### COMMUNITY QUOTES

- “This area could be developed into a water play area like the Rocks Riverside area in Brisbane. A controlled artificial waterway trickles through a length of streamline structures and both shallow and deep pools. There are fountains and good natural rock edges for climbing on and jumping off, or just sitting. Pleasant, shady picnic areas and other play areas, and a beginner bike track are included.”
- “I think it needs to be just made into a recreational area for families to use, maybe some water play areas, like up in the hills district where young children can run and play!”
- “Closed and remediated back to its natural state. The frequency of flood events precludes its use for any man made structures. We can not continue building in what is clearly a flood prone waterway.”
- “I support redevelopment of the Mittagong pool area as a youth precinct with additional outdoor half or full multipurpose court potentially covered, play space and skatepark”
- “If upgrading it to be used as a pool isn't feasible, it should facilitate and the we purpose for our young people. Pump track with cafe/bbq facilities, skate park”
- “When I was a child in the 1970's and 1980's Mittagong pool was a huge part of my life. It was leaking back then and never fixed. My own kids have also spent a lot of time there - until it was shut. This pool is like no other, it could not be more important to fix it and return it to the community in the same location it is currently.”
- “Please keep Mittagong pool open and restore its historic bushland setting. This pool is a jewel that needs to be preserved for future generations.”

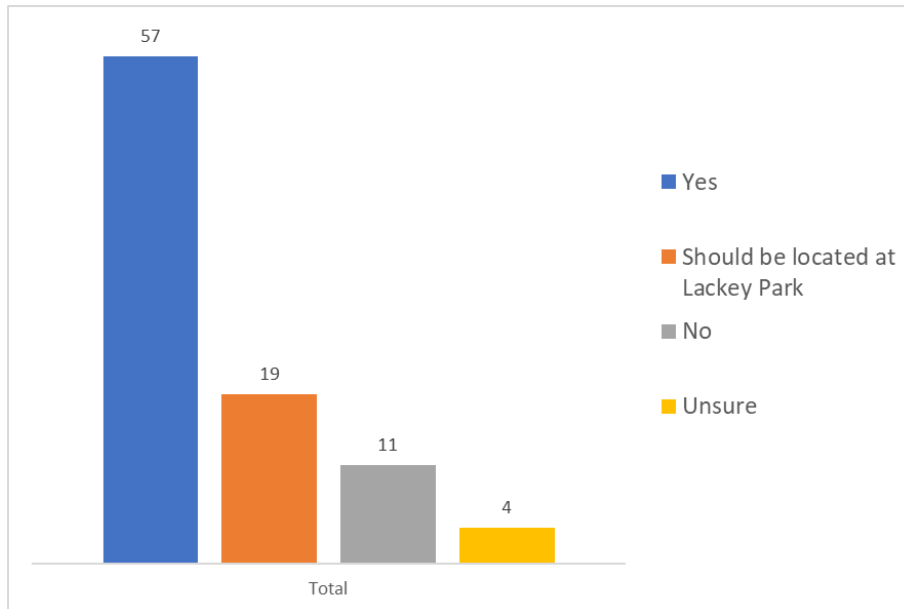
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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A NEW INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SHIRE?**



**KEY THEMES**

- Approximately 44% of participants in the survey agreed with this statement.
- Of the participants who agreed, many participants also commented on other considerations including:
  - Some existing facilities should be upgraded first.
  - It must be high quality and sufficient size to host sporting competitions.
  - Many people raised concerns that adequate planning needs to occur for the proposed facility to cater for all ages particularly the youth.

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- Many people also included in their comments what the indoor sports facility should include.
- Some people also provided additional comments on what site they would like to be used for this facility.
- Many participants noted that there needs to be better clarity on what the indoor facility will include, and how these inclusions would affect the proposed location.
- Some people provided additional comments around what site they would like to see used in the north for this facility.
- 30 people disagreed with the Strategy proposing an indoor sports facility in the north, of the 30 that disagreed, 19 of those respondents felt like the facility would be better suited at Lackey Park.
- Of the respondents that disagreed many commented that:
  - An indoor facility would be better suited for Moss Vale due its projects population growth;
  - Some respondents didn't feel that an indoor sports facility should be a priority project;
  - Other believed, that while a Mittagong facility would be useful in the Shire, a priority should be given the indoor multi-purpose sports facility at Moss Vale due to previous studies and design work being completed;
  - Overall it was suggested by many respondents who disagreed with this statement that the location of an additional multi-purpose indoor sports facility in the north is not properly justified in the strategy.
- 72% of people who participated in the survey provided a comment for this question.

#### COMMUNITY QUOTES

“Yes, the current one near the pool is far too small, dark and cold. It lacks space and lacks multi-use options. I have witnessed a number of great multi-purpose centres in other areas and feel we could equal our rivals.”

“The northern villages have very few facilities and a growing population. Yes a new indoor facility is needed”

“Yes! If there is land big enough available, an indoor pool centre/sports facility all in one would be amazing. I would imagine cheaper to run than having two separate facilities.”

“I would be happy for a facility any where in the Shire, however having it the northern part to utilise the existing Mittagong pool site makes sense.”

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- “ *"The Strategy does not fully consider the extent of work undertaken with planning for Lackey Park and associated upgrade of the Moss Vale Basketball Stadium. Should this proceed, such a proposed 'Hub' would be the natural 'premier indoor facility' for the Shire.*
- “ *"With PCYC in Mittagong, there is already a significant indoor sporting facility. I'd love to see an indoor facility closer to Moss Vale, with multi-use spaces."*
- “ *"Should relevant growth and sporting participation be experienced, the development of a further large facility in the north may be warranted."*
- “ *"We need to be careful about this: there is already community support for development of the basketball facility at Lackeys Park, and although vehicular access to Lackeys Flat is terrible, we need to ensure we do not have competing facilities that spread funding too thin, leading to poor outcomes."*

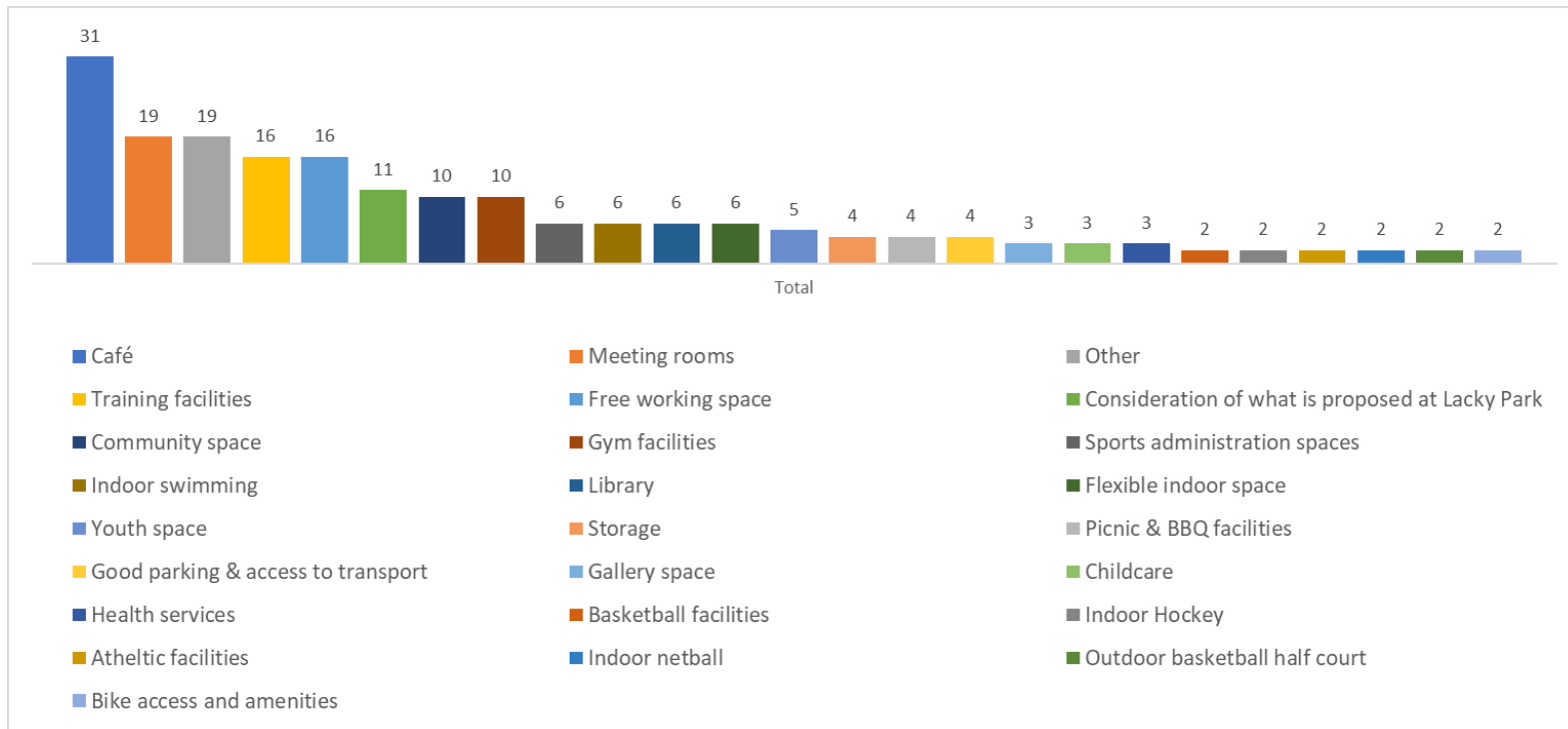
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**WHAT OTHER USES DO YOU SEE AS APPROPRIATE AS PART OF AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY HUB / MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY (I.E. TRAINING AND MEETING ROOMS, CAFÉ, FREE WORKING SPACES ETC)?**

The survey participants provided a variety of suggestions for the types of uses a community hub in the Shire should provide. Many people provided multiple comments.



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**KEY THEMES**

- Overall, the survey participants provided an extensive list of community and sporting facilities that a community hub could support.
- There were a variety of other considerations mentioned including:
  - providing a diverse facility with co-location of facilities;
  - consider the particular needs and demands of that precinct;
  - consider the impact on the use of other community facilities;
  - traffic and access considerations;
  - Some concerns for new multi-purpose facilities impacting existing facilities.

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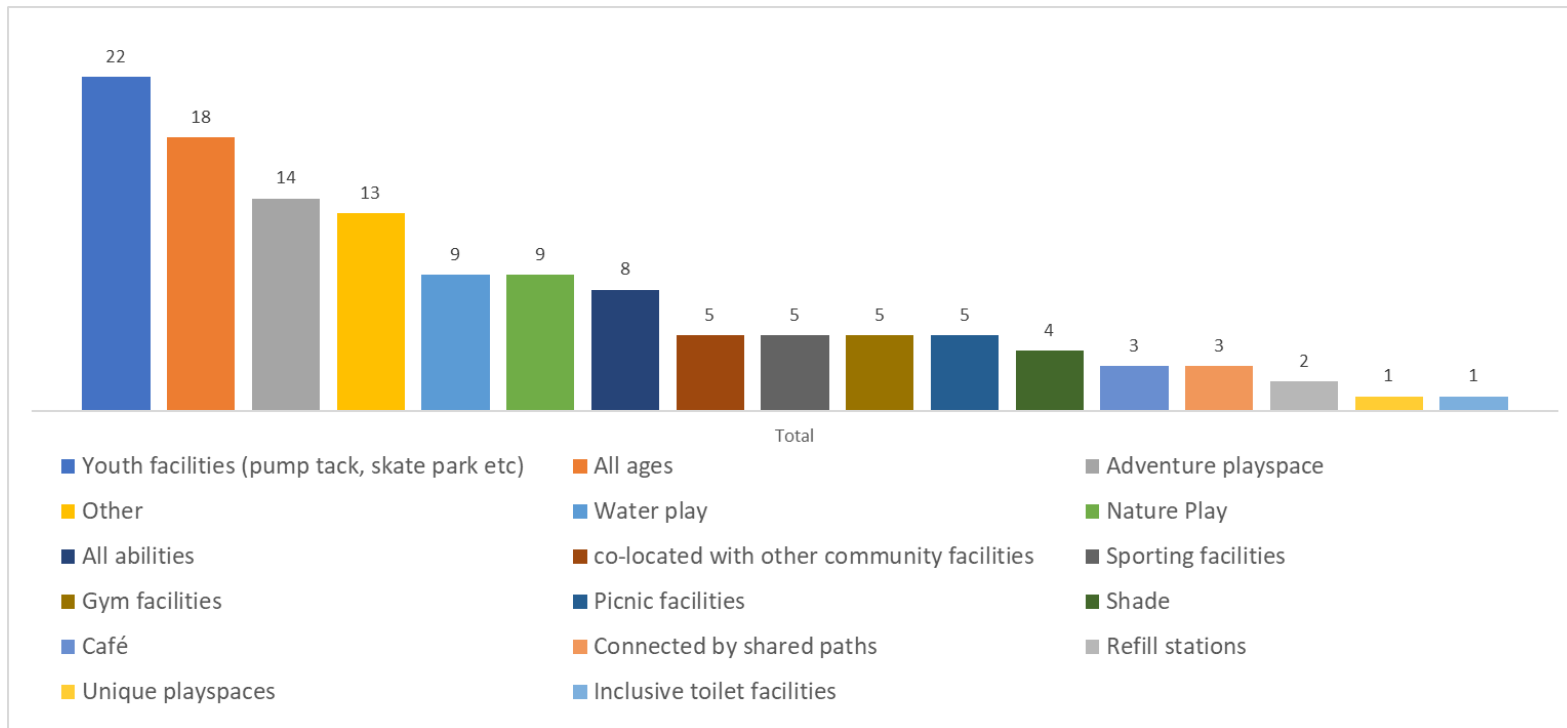
- “I think the more facilities at such a hub, the better. Cafes are good and those mentioned would be a positive”
- “Purpose built cafe (Rennie's in Renwick is a bit of a flop - council should do the kitchen fitout), free working space would be fantastic for all the professionals who have moved down from Sydney in recent years and who would appreciate a space to meet other commuters in a professional environment.”
- “Athletic facilities, outdoor basketball court, outdoor gym equipment, definitely a cafe and meeting rooms, free working spaces”
- “Yes - training and meeting rooms, cafes, and also outdoor seating and BBQ facilities. These are great for funding raising for sporting teams. Outdoor amphitheatre type spaces are also really useful for all sorts of different activities - presentation, outdoor film nights, music performances etc.”
- “Collaborative working spaces for community, arts, education and health services make sense”
- “Spaces for reading, chatting, knitting, card playing, board games”
- “Readily available community rooms that have facilities to communicate or record podcasts etc”

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**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A NEW DESTINATION PLAY SPACE?**

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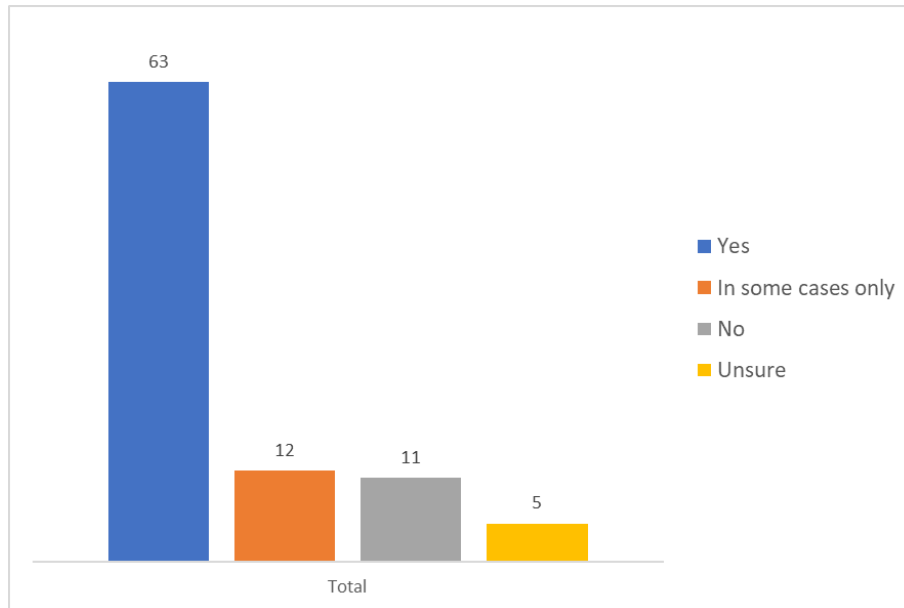
- Of the participants that provided comments, the most popular categories included; youth facilities (skate & pump track); A facility that caters for all ages; adventure play; water play; nature play; all abilities play space and for the play space to be co-located with other community facilities.
- Some respondents expressed their concern of a destination play space in the Shire.
- Some participants also provided suggestions for specific locations.

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- “Clearly such a Play space needs to be for all abilities. Also, there can be activities for the older age groups. Outdoor gym equipment is very popular.”
- “Something truly exploratory and multi sensory, that could take children through adventure, a journey, with or without an adult, that includes incidental learning about local history, the local indigenous people, local plants and animals. Facilities for parents - cafe, covered tables, seating, parenting rooms - to watch and supervise without having to be hands-on - children need time away from adults to play independently but safely; and adults need time to be in the victim of their children, supervising them and available when needed, but without having to be hands-on.”
- “Multiple slides ,swing sets, sand, flying foxes, play area for young kids as well as older children out door basket ball and soccer facilities (half court) and water spouts for summer”
- “Natural play areas incorporating sand and water play, natural rocks and tree trunks and stumps for climbing”
- “Equipment that can be used by those who are disabled, areas for multigenerational family members - equipment for babies/toddlers/teens/adults, skate park, swings for older people, space around the equipment so people can move freely”
- “Similar to the one at Berry, pump track etc, learn from other centres and progressive councils. Options for new extreme sports to be able to practice and grow.”
- “No. disperses play spaces in each village and town should be supported and further developed. The creation of riding/waking trails within and inbetween towns and villages and due consideration of the growing southern town and villages and the contribution these villages make to the overall economic success of the Highlands.”



**IS THE PROPOSED TRANSITION FROM SINGLE USE FACILITIES TO AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY HUB APPROACH A BETTER WAY OF MEETING THE COMMUNITIES SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS?**



**KEY THEMES**

- 91 (72%) of survey participants provided a response to this question. 63 (50%) of the survey respondents agreed with this statement.
- Many survey respondents who agreed also provided additional comments specifying the need for an integrated community hub:
  - To be high quality and adequately planned for to meet the sport and recreational needs of the community.

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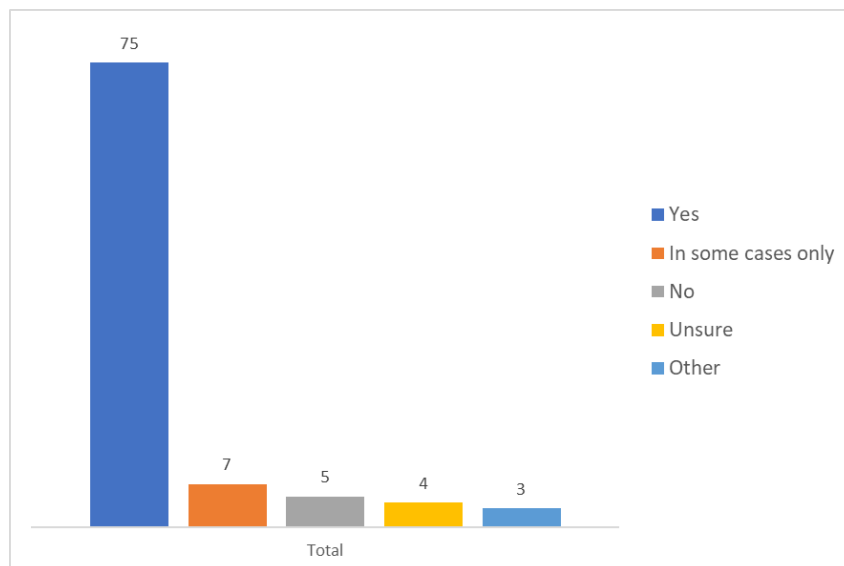
- To consider parking and access
- Many respondents agreed with this approach because they thought it would be more cost efficient / better value for money.
- Many respondents clarified that while this would work in some cases across the Shire, it would not work everywhere.
- 11 (9%) respondents disagree with this statement. Of the respondents that disagreed, common themes were:
  - Management issues when a facility is used for both social and recreational purposes;
  - Localised facilities need to consider the unique character of each town;
  - It will create a more car dependant community.

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- “I would agree with this, given limited available resources from a variety of providers and that many community and recreational facilities are not used or are under utilised for a large part of the day/evening/week.”
- “Such benefits are highlighted in responses above and relate to efficiencies of development and use, which all relate to reduced cost of provision.”
- “Single use facilities are a poor use of financial resources - they often sit unused and the cost per hours used is high. Multi-use facilities provide a more cohesive community and can also allow families the benefit of a 'one stop shop' compared to the alternative which is driving from multiple single use facilities”
- “I can see positives and negatives. Single use facilities can be set up for a specific need but then down here the seasons affect recreation. Integrated infrastructure allows for multigenerational and multi-ability activities to take place.”
- “Only if it doesn't have a detrimental effect on the community assets already in place.”
- “No, council continues to tout the individual and unique character of each town and as such the character and facilities of each town should be preserved as a minimum and developed as a priority. Local facilities such as Bundanoon pool are key local infrastructure as are all the recreational facilities in the smaller town and villages. Provision of these facilities at local town and village level contributes to overall livability, economy and connection of each community.”
- “No. I prefer them separate because it's less congested and parking is easier. Spreading facilities means we all get something nearby. Putting it all in the same space privileges some areas with lots of facilities and robs the rest.”



**SHOULD FACILITIES IN SMALLER VILLAGES BE MORE ADAPTABLE AND FLEXIBLE TO CATER FOR A BROADER RANGE OF USES?**



**KEY THEMES**

- The majority of survey respondents agreed that facilities in the smaller villages should be more adaptable and flexible to cater for a broad range of uses. However, many of these respondents also commented that the following should also be considered:
  - Maintaining the village character should be an important consideration.
  - The facility should help foster a community centre within the villages.
  - The facility should respond to the unique needs and demands of that village community.
  - Engaging with the local community when planning for these projects is essential.
  - Establishing flexible facilities for all generations, including the younger population.

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- Enhance the existing facilities in the villages to meet this need.
- Consideration for the primary use of a facility and not to limit resources for existing hirers and users.
- Of the few survey respondents that disagreed, they expressed the following concerns:
  - That the focus instead should be on providing connecting cycleways between towns and villages to link facilities.
  - That multiple-use will take away from specific needs of that village.
  - That a flexible facility will limit providing a range of 'proper facilities'.
- Some respondents left the field blank or noted that they were undecided or had no viewpoint on this issue.

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- “ *It is always desirable to have multi-purpose facilities so that a wider range of activities can be undertaken. Some of the current facilities are good but some need some urgent updating to make them more attractive to potential users.* ”
- “ *Yes to a limit, where they can be efficiently managed and financially effective, not necessarily profitable. Duplication of services needs to be planned by experts experienced in these designs and management across many LGAs, not multipurpose consultants who can't write a report understandable by Council Managers, Administrators, Engineers, who may have predetermined outcomes, and the general public.* ”
- “ *Yes, this is important while also considering that residents of the smaller villages would still need to travel to the larger towns to visit the larger community and recreational facilities eg aquatic facilities. Outdoor fitness circuits/walking tracks/tennis courts/ skate parks/meeting spaces (like Robertson CTC)/cycle paths and 'pump tracks' could be spread across the smaller villages - making some of these a 'destination' in themselves* ”
- “ *Yes, development or refurbishment of such facilities should be consistent with a 'theme' that relates to the unique environment and locality which is the 'Southern Highlands'.* ”
- “ *Yes that would seem sensible and completely reasonable so long last the can be successfully managed from a financial standpoint. They also need to closely meet the community expectations and vision as to what works best for them.* ”
- “ *No. The villages provide most of the charm and character of Southern Highlands. Cycleways linking villages and towns would be beneficial.* ”
- “ *No, we should provide facilities the community asks for, not a multiplex of random stuff* ”

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## **ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REGARDING THE CRFS**

### **Bundanoon Tennis Club**

- “ I have some specific comments regarding the facilities for the Bundanoon Tennis Club - your audit and comments are out of date (due to grants being applied to up-grade facilities).
- “ Entered for Bundanoon Tennis Club via T Vonhoff) - Strategy Document (pages 55 & 56) and Treadwell Report (pages 146 - 150) are out of date due to:
  - Bundanoon Tennis Club has up-graded the Clubhouse Facilities using a grant for \$15,000 and volunteer labour. We have installed air-conditioning; up-graded the cabinetry; refreshed the bathrooms; powder coated the window protection; and painted the interior. ATCOW submitted & approved by Council. We still require funding to up-grade the floor (\$7000) - perhaps Council could consider this as Council’s contribution to the up-grade?
  - Bundanoon Tennis Club has been successful in securing grants for \$20,000 to up-grade the LED lights (to Tennis Australia standards). ATCOW submitted and awaiting approval.
  - As per our requests below - we would like to know how we can contribute to Council’s deliberations regarding maintenance of our facility. We have raised in excess of \$35,000 and believe that working together with Council we can achieve much, much more.

### **Tourism**

- “ stop promoting more tourism. why? who does it benefit? How does it benefit them? this plan asserts increased tourism is a good thing with no explanation as to why it is. This is pure assertion. Have you done a cost analysis benefit of having more people using facilities and roads and parking and bushland as against the benefit to business and community? Does more money actually flow to the whole shire? Does this income exceed costs? Have you measured the cost of increased use? And what about the impact on the amenity of the residents who can no longer comfortably live and use their own shire? Roads are already under pressure and this will add to it. How does that benefit?

### **Overall Disagreed with the CRF Strategy**

- “ Too long. Too long winded. Probably too expensive. Too little engagement with community and sports groups. Priority projects were invented in advance and did not emerge a result of the Tredwell study or community engagement
- “ The paper is drafted in a manner which is very vague and difficult to understand if it is a concept paper or an agreed strategy with specific committed actions
- “ It would be desirable for Council to stop outsourcing it's thinking to consultants and develop a capable in-house planning group that could readily pull together and maintain the holistic information requires to manage this as part of the ongoing process of managing all Shire infrastructure.

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- “ Disappointing document. I shall make a separate submission
- “ I would like to bring you back to the point I made in question 2: the assumptions regarding growth in certain sports and participation if terrible. If the council uses the erroneous projections as the basis for decisions then terrible decisions will occur. If you start any project with incorrect assumptions then any outcome will be wrong. Please review the growth projections and update before any decisions are made using this report.
- “ I hope a lot of the things mentioned in the strategy actually starts sooner rather than later. I feel the council is great at doing all the background work but things really slow down once the background work is done. Surveys like this, are so important but what's the point if for example physical work on a destination play space or aquatic centre isn't started for another 5 years, not completed for another 10. I am a mum of young kids and I love the idea of better playgroups and pump tracks but I feel my kids will be too old to enjoy these places by the time they are physically built. Which is a shame as these things are something that the shire should already have.
- “ Flawed process, little consideration to private facilities which have simply been doing much of the heavy lifting for the Wingecarribee council to date. If private entities did not provide the current facilities there would be almost no provision in the shire. They have been crucial part of the puzzle and need to be treated with respect and the attention they deserve to contribute to supply.
- “ The community response that your strategy is based on is very very small. In order to get this important strategy right, might it not be preferable to undertake further

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community consultation so you can be sure the probably large sums of money that will be spent enacting the strategy are not wasted.

- I cannot understand why your strategy is being based on an area in Western Australia. After bothering to have community consultation you then seem to ignore the results of that consultation, inadequate though it is, and base your strategy on an off the shelf model prepared for another area. I think this is lazy and it deceives the Wingecarribee ratepayers into believing they have a model based on their particular needs when this is clearly not the case. On what basis do you believe this is a good idea?
- The community consultation that you have done identifies walking and bushwalking as the top recreations popular in The Highlands .So why is there no expanded strategy on these activities in your plan?
- I think you really need much further community consultation before you spend ratepayers' money. Getting it right is preferable to just getting it done .
- “ It is poorly written and structured and presented. There is not enough time to properly attend to it. It ignores passive recreation. It is contradictory
- “ Submission to the Draft Recreation and Community facilities Study.
  - Unfortunately, this Strategy has been undertaken when Wingecarribee Shire Council did not have the resources to pay for a consultant who would complete the research required to establish a

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contextual foundation. It appears Treadwell used a 'cookie cutter' approach, using population triggers when it came to suggesting the infrastructure the Southern Highlands needed or wanted, that did not necessarily have any community drivers or geographical or infrastructure context other than 'North' and 'South'. The initial Treadwell survey consisted of closed questions around what was guessed we would want, rather than open questions asking what we felt was lacking in our community. This then informed the overarching recommendations of their report and Astrolabe's work, without reference to projects into which our community has already placed significant investment.

- We are a regional, rural area, with limited to no public transport. Therefore we need a recreational and community facilities assessment which asks what each town and village needs, and then look at a picture of the Highlands to see what we need as a local government area. For example, children to be able to access at least some of their own activities without needing to depend on parents. And we do need one comprehensive indoor sports venue, one aquatic centre, and facilities which adequately support the performing arts.
- I do not see that a case has been made for Treadwell's vision of a destination playground, although considerable improvements and the provision of skate parks and pump tracks are required at many local town and village playgrounds, for example Hill top and Robertson. Older kids in particular, particularly teenagers need

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activities to do that they can access without requiring parents for transport.

- Key shovel-ready projects which have received considerable community investment and work need to be placed as the priorities in the Strategy.
- For example, the Indoor Multi-purpose Stadium at Moss Vale, and the projects advocated for by the Highlands Cricket Association. An upgrade to the skatepark at Robertson has been requested and campaigned for by the local children themselves. Mittagong Playhouse is going to cost us more money to repair the longer it is neglected. And a Performing Arts Southern Highlands (PASH) Centre merely needs support from Council in a change to land use as a site has already been identified in Bowral, and the funding and investment organised.
- We also have an issue regarding the provision of particular types of Mountain Biking (MTB) Tracks for gravity riding. The current situation in the Mount Gibraltar Heritage Area is an example of how more care and attention to outlining Council process is required in order to be fair in the allocation of Council's slim resources.
- While it be lovely if we could give kids the freedom to make trails where ever they liked so they could ride their mountain bikes, and the initiative of the kids who have created new unauthorised trails in Mount Gibraltar Heritage Reserve is acknowledged, we need to ensure our message is clear and consistent regarding adherence to Council regulations and signage for areas reserved for specific reasons. Otherwise, we open the floodgates

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to everyone who wants to do their own stuff in our Heritage or designated areas.

- We have a real dilemma because instead of consulting Council and asking permission, the boys took it upon themselves to start building new trails in a Heritage area. If Council determines any aspect of these new MTB trails can remain, what is to stop others seeing the precedent and thinking, that's the way to get what I want! Ignore the rules, then petition for approval. With the current 'pragmatic' approach, breaches of Council regulations are being rewarded, and it makes a mockery out of the investment underway in this Strategy.
- As it stands, Council is prioritising spending ratepayer dollars on considering infrastructure for elite sports when our budget is so stretched already. The kids asking for these tracks are not the only ones to have established a petition for their cause: the kids asking for an upgrade to their skatepark at Robertson have done the same, by the rules, and received no priority treatment. Therefore to be fair we need to consider seeking grant funding for such trails in another area as the only pragmatic way forward given all considerations.

“ Yes confusing documents

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- The study was highly priced and the additional consultant cost was incredible. The fact the Interim Administrator could not understand the reports, why the consultants didn't follow the brief and the results/recommendations speaks volumes, council staff who were unaware of the extent of the studies and work invested in the Lackey Park Regionals Sports Hub, previously supported by and elected council and staff, is very disappointing.
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- Council should budget and support the development of the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub and Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub to commence immediately.

“ The entire process was flawed, so many errors. Develop the SHISH and stop mucking around.

“ The new report seems to be flawed in its delivery - it didn't meet the brief, didn't take Frensham Pool in Mittagong into account, didn't recognise and include the amount of work and funds already invested in Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub, the Southern Highlands and Indoor Sports Hub and the supporting studies for those projects, thereby denying the public the opportunity to make a more informed decision and submission about the rec strategy.

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- I also have a concern with the cost of the report and the additional cost paid to a consultant to decipher the report?
- The Tredwell Report doesn't seem to be aligned with or take into account the Local Housing Strategy and Facilities Design Strategies, with conflicting reports of housing growth in Mittagong being 1400 as opposed to the 40 in the Local Housing Strategy.....and doesn't seem to take into account the increase in homes in the Ashbourne area on the outskirts of Moss Vale coming online sooner rather than later.
- The timing is also a concern. Wouldn't a project that delivers a sporting and community facility before ten years be preferable. This can be achieved by utilising an existing development plan, upgrading and building on existing facilities.
- The report also mentions an abundance of greenfield sites within the LGA but then recommend adding a greenfield site - location unknown - for an additional Aquatic and Indoor Sports facility. Why not use the greenfield sites we already have seeing we have an abundance and don't need anymore??
- I am also sad to see the contribution of Moss Vale and District Basketball Association has made to providing facilities to the local schools and community over the past five decades has been seemingly ignored. This is an active and community focused group that provides the youth of the Highlands and seniors an incredible space to get active and belong to well supported community. It's not collaborative and in the absence of having

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councillors to advocate for us, almost seems a combative move from a public relations perspective.

- As a WSC ratepayer, I'd like to see Council supporting the development of the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub and Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub and the upgrade or rebirthing of existing aquatic infrastructure.
- I feel that Council supporting a northern indoor sports hub in the absence of ratepayers having locally elected councillors to advocate for us will have a negative financial and community impact.

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- The contribution made by Moss Vale and District Basketball Association has made to the community and schools of the Highlands over the last 53 years by providing facilities normally the responsibility of Council or State Government, with little council support, cannot be ignored.
- Council should budget and support the development of the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub, and Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub to commence immediately.

- “ Moss Vale & District Basketball Inc (MVDBAI) has for many years lobbied for the development of a Multi-purpose Indoor Sporting Facility in Moss Vale (The SHISH). Some

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time prior to the suspension of the Duly Elected Council in 2021 MVDBAI entered into a MoU with the Council to move forward collaboratively in this regard. After many years of planning and significant public and members funds having been spent on undertaking studies, producing plans and other reports in part on the basis of this agreement only to have the Masterplan ignored outright in the Strategy. Significant amounts of information relating to the SHISH was supplied to Treadwell Management Services and it would appear that none of it was even considered as background information for the C&RFS. It is certainly not referred to at all in the C&RFS or included in attachments to the report. This is particularly concerning if transparency is a key fundamental. This omission was brought to the attention of the Executive Manager Strategic Outcomes who acknowledged that it was an oversight not to include some attachments in the C&RFS prior to it being put on public exhibition and yet they are still not included. This therefore fails to properly inform the community as the full situation.

- The strategy seems to simply offer lip-service to Moss Vale and District Basketball by making the existing facility a 'spotlight'. If, as the strategy suggests, that 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, why then, does it stop short of including the future plans for expansion of the indoor facility and the Lackey Park sporting Hub as an outcome and as a recommendation of the actual strategy? If the findings say it is important then why is it not included? In addition, the assumption that the existing privately owned facility in Moss Vale

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already services the southern part of the shire excludes other possible indoor sports as the existing facility is at near capacity just with basketball. The strategy states in the 'spotlight' that the expansion of MVDBAI would cater for other sports (such as such as indoor soccer, volleyball, netball and badminton) I assume then without expansion it cannot. Therefore, the development of an additional indoor multi-use facility in the Southern part of the shire is essential to cater for all sports and must be included in the strategy.

- In addition, during the community consultations stage, MVDBAI supplied significant amount of information to Treadwell at the community drop-in session. None of which appears to have been referred to or included as background information or attachments so the process cannot be seen as transparent it appears very selective, perhaps even manipulated with a pre-determined outcome in mind.

“ Please consider the Lackey Park Sporting Hub and Southern Highland Indoor Sports Hub, as well as saving Mittagong Pool.

“ I think the process was flawed, the initial report didn't meet the brief, didn't take into account private facilities like Frensham, didn't recognise and include the amount of work and funds already invested in Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub, the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub and the supporting studies for those projects, thereby denying the public to make informed decisions and submissions.

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- The study was high priced and the additional consultant cost was incredible. The fact the Interim Administrator could not understand the reports, why the consultants didn't follow the brief and the results/recommendations speaks volumes, council staff who were unaware of the extent of the studies and work invested in the Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub, previously supported by an elected council and staff, is very disappointing.
- The fact that the Public Exhibition survey was poorly structured and needed to be reset, the survey questions appeared skewed to support the study and not be critical of, the survey was not printable or saveable so people could have multiple reviews before submission.
- The recommendations by Astrolabe on an aquatic and indoor sports centre in the north had no foundation in the Treadwell report and appeared predetermined, didn't align itself with Local Housing Strategy and Facilities Design Strategies.
- Reports of growth in housing in Mittagong (1400) in the report were contrary to those in the Local
- Housing Strategy (40), misleading the community.
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“ I support the development in Moss Vale of the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub and the Lackey Park Sports Hub and NOT indoor courts in the north of the shire where there are already publicly owned indoor sports courts.

“ Finally, many of the components that make up the Community and Recreational Facilities, as detailed in the Tredwell Draft Study and associated documents, are in urgent need of updating, refurbishment and or replacement. Council must provide a range of appropriate facilities to support recreation, leisure and the local community. These all require urgent attention and the highest priority should be given to financing the provision of the proposed components of this Strategy.

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- Entered for Bundanoon Tennis Club via T Vonhoff) - Strategy Document (pages 55 & 56) and Treadwell Report (pages 146 - 150) are out of date due to:
  - Bundanoon Tennis Club has up-graded the Clubhouse Facilities using a grant for \$15,000 and volunteer labour. We have installed air-conditioning; up-graded the cabinetry; refreshed the bathrooms; powder coated the window protection; and painted the interior. ATCOW submitted & approved by Council. We still require funding to up-grade the floor (\$7000) - perhaps Council could consider this as Council's contribution to the up-grade?
  - Bundanoon Tennis Club has been successful in securing grants for \$20,000 to up-grade the LED lights (to Tennis Australia standards). ATCOW submitted and awaiting approval.

### Overall Agreed with the CRF Strategy

- “ Its time that the Southern Highlands were in line with other smaller regions and that things go ahead. Can't wait too see the Moss Vale end of the Bong Bong track completed. Thanks
- “ This is long overdue and I hope I'll get to see it materialise one day. Well done.
- “ It's great to see the thought and research that has been done on this Strategy. I dearly hope we see it implemented
- “ Not really. It all seems fine.
- “ There is considerable detail of many aspects relating to Community and Recreational Facilities in documents

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currently on Exhibition relevant to the Strategy. It is noted that the Community had an opportunity to provide feedback at a Community Drop in Session provided on 25 July and via Submissions such as afforded by this Survey. There is further scope through Council's recently formed 'Sport, Recreation & Leisure Community Reference Panel' for consultation – an essential 'consultation' component in the process as there are no councillors at present to represent the broader interests of the community.

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- SHWP thanks Council for the opportunity to participate in this Strategy development and looks forward to further consultation in the near future.

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### Lighting facilities

“ Adequate shade facilities and lighting to David Woods Sporting Fields same as Church Road Moss Vale or Stephens Park Bowral

### Aging population

“ Please remember that an aging population means less driving. Please give access to all. Let's keep the cars off the road and provide cmtly shuttle bus or local smaller hubs. Thank you

### Pools

“ I believe all pools should be repaired and made easier for families to access as we need our kids learning to swim especially with more younger families moving to the area

“ Unfortunately so many of the Strategies that Council have paid for in the past gather dust and stay as just good ideas. They are never funded and never progress. We are desperate for improved recreational facilities, so it is important that we move on these targeted facilities quickly.

- I believe the Aquatic Centre, with an adjacent multipurpose facility, should be the priority, even though it is a big project. Funds will need to be sourced.
- I believe hard decisions will need to be made, and I think the hardest will be that Bworal Pool will need to be closed and some of the land sold off to fund the new facility. Bowral pool is too old and desperately needs funds to upgrade it. I have fond memories of swimming there as a kid but even I

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can see that it needs to be sold. There are hardly any people using it for 10 months of the year.

- “ Please also consider an indoor 50m pool with water park / slides and leisure centre facilities affordable to community members.
- “ 50m pool indoor for all year round swimming, waterpolo, swimming lessons, squad, allows for future olympians to develop and improve with suitable facilities to train in. Currently these children are confined to 25m pools for more than half the year due to the closing of the only 50m pool the shire has during winter. Heating the pools to an appropriate temperature is a must and it will also allow for lap swimming, aqua aerobics, multiple different uses it could have if 50m and indoor facility was built.
- “ Get a decent indoor aquatic centre built before another 20years pass by!
- “ New swimming facilities would be amazing for the area. Treat Villages like Colo Vale not as pariah towns but opportunities to expand the highlands without disturbing the main city centres. We just need renewal at the top and a new mindset fit for 2023 and beyond. Eg Colo Vale the most under utilised area in the entire shire.

### *Mittagong Pool*

- “ Don't rob Mittagong of its pool. Build a new one on the stable car park land next to the current site and if you can't afford the whole cost, reach out to Club Lime and replicate the ANU facility.
- “ Fix our pool with all the extra money from ratepayers at Renwick and Braemar Gardens estates as they are the reason the flooding is worse than ever I have lived here since the 80's and the pool has never been neglected and

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flooded as much since the encroaching development which you guys stamped the approval for

- “ It's a travesty that Mittagong Pool has been ruined and let go - it really was the most beautiful spot and had a lovely atmosphere. It wasn't in the wrong place for 100 years.
- “ I support the Southern Highlands Water Polo submission and as I have a long history of using the Mittagong Pool I support it's refurbishment
- “ Please consider the Lackey Park Sporting Hub and Southern Highland Indoor Sports Hub, as well as saving Mittagong Pool.

### *Bundanoon Pool*

- “ Im live in Bundanoon and strongly believe that the pool is a vital part of our town and we should be able to retain this facility for the benefit of everyone.
- “ I think this council really needs to stop destroying our villages. Once again you're living up to the reputation of the worst council around. Stop over populating the villages and then also trying to take away from them. Bundanoon pool should be enclosed and heated so it can be used all year round. So many villages use it and saves us the extra cost of having to drive to an already over populated moss vale and aquatic centre. You cut the hours back to virtually nothing so of course patronage will be low. Perhaps that was your plan all along, to sabotage. I'm pretty sure some years back as well, funds were raised and approval was given and then a celebration bbq happened to enclose the pool but yet nothing came of that. Probably because the corrupt council stamped their greedy feet down on saving the pool. Too busy approving rich developers so there's extra funds in your pockets. Just like fancying up the

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council chambers over other projects that could have taken place first. What a disgrace this council is and nothing has changed since it's members were stood down.

- “ Yes the Bundanoon pool must be kept operational as it is used by all the south villages and people south of bowral who prefer a outdoor pool. Bundanoon doesn't have any other facilities for the children in summer
- “ Keep Bundanoon pool and have it open all day . It's part of this community and families need somewhere local to go to entertain children . Also good for seniors to gave a local pool
- “ The Bundanoon Pool has been an integral part of Bundanoon and Southern Villages for over 60 years ,not only for exercise but also social gatherings and should not bee closed but kept for posterity. Over the years thousands of kids have learnt to swim there and closing the pool would deny the kids from learning this important skill. The pool now forms part of a recreational precinct including playground ,skatepark oval and basketball court all within walking distance for the youth of Bundanoon. Council says it has low patronage but with the effects of La Nina with lots wet weather and irregular pool opening hours would have contributed to this .The population of Bundanoon has increased in recent years with lots of young families moving to the area is Council going to deny these family the use of what in my opinion the nicest pool in the Shire
- “ Bundanoon pool specifically was built by community for community. It is a central hub for Bundanone and the Southern villages, however diminishing opening hours limits patronage which limits economic sustainability. Council could consider returning the pool to community

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management, could work with community genuinely and authentically for extended opening hours, could resurrect the plan provided by the BCA under Christine Jensen to develop the pool into an all weather facility with contribution funding from grants sought by the community.

### Animals

- “ More focus on integration of companion animals into the strategy

### Performing Arts Centre

- “ I believe strongly that the area should have a multipurpose performing arts venue for concerts with parking for concert goers.
- “ There is a great need for a large dedicated live theatre space to accommodate local and touring theatre groups. The loss of the Mittagong Playhouse has seen the loss of live theatre in the area to the detriment of both entertainment and education. We are a growing region but unlike other similar areas we lack this cultural central facility.
- “ We need a local professional performing arts centre if Mittagong theatre isn't going to be re-opened. I understand a private group are interested in developing this in Wattle Lane, Bowral - perfect location in terms of accessibility. The old brick works in Bowral should be converted into public space, maybe including a large lake, not turned over to new housing.
- “ I highly support the arts/ recreational facility being in Bowral with an underground car park

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- “ There is urgent need for performing spaces. In order for these to attract high level artists they need to be state of the art - not just plonked inside an unsuitable building. Community performance would benefit greatly from having better spaces to work in too.
- “ The idea of the wattle lane underground carpark with a performing arts space is excellent - Goulburn has been transformed with their performing arts centre and people regularly travel in and have dinner and a show. We need something like this
- “ Please consider a fully functional theatre to cater for external performers (comedians, musicians etc) as well as local dance studios and theatre groups with a sizeable stage, tiered theatre seating, suitable backstage areas and parking.

### Mittagong Playhouse

- “ What about fixing the playhouse in Mittagong so we have at least one good venue for plays and musicals

### Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens

- “ Firmly believe that the current site of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens should be incorporated and linked to the development of walkways and bike tracks in the East Bowral and the South Bowral (new development). Request that the current development and growth of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens be supported not only verbally but financially by the Shire Council. This facility has the potential to be the Premier or Central Park facility, with the land already being developed for this purpose.
  - The current site is centrally located within the shire and provides not only a playground, toilet facilities,

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- but park and picnic areas for young families and visiting tourists.
- The Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens also provides safe and accessible walking areas, which is required due to 35% of the population being over 60 and there is no provision for facilities for this age group in the strategy.
- Many people with limited walking and disabilities currently use the present walking paths within the gardens. Not only would the development of the Botanic Gardens be a destination for locals and tourists within the Shire, but the gardens can also assist with the wellbeing and mental health for people, as being in and surrounded by nature has been proven to be of benefit.
- The development of the Gardens financially would enable the site to continue to grow and be established as a place to showcase native plants, trees and botanical collections associated with the Southern Highlands.
- The Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens even in its present limited developed state, currently attracts visitors from within and out of state, due to regular and annual events: ie. Autumn Garden Weekend
- The Gardens presently is supported by a large number of volunteers within the shire and has become a regular meeting point, with the volunteers actively participating with maintaining the gardens.
- Under the present increase of residential development within the Wingecarribee Shire the

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development and growth of the Gardens would be a significant step to providing a green space and a lung for the area, not only for wildlife and people, but also as bird haven.

- We agree with the other facilities proposed within the strategy, but feel that the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens is also a significant project.

“ My additional comments are consistent with those included in the SHBG submission. I am a passionate supporter of the botanic garden and believe this facility will be a major contributor to tourism and will deliver important social and economic benefits in this Shire. I think council, in the past, has overlooked an opportunity to assist more with the garden's development as it is a council owned asset. Council takes a 'hands off' approach to its management as it should with the Plan of Management playing an important role in the management of the garden. But SHBG is also responsible for the full development of the garden, starting with an empty paddock. We are not shying away from this responsibility and have made significant progress, but it is a very big ask of a non-profit organisation to fulfill such a huge task. It is therefore disappointing to see this draft CRFS pay so little attention to pursuing the development of an existing asset to become the Shire's Premier Park and, instead, take the view that it will look for a new site to purchase and develop as the Shire's major Premier Park. The Shire would greatly benefit from the garden's full development and I believe we can work together to successfully deliver an extraordinary quality asset for the Shire that will suit all ages and abilities within the community.

“ In today's world 60+ year olds are active and engage in many community activities. Therefore more priority needs

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to be given to recreation facilities for this age group (>60) as they represent 35% of the population in the shire. The Southern Highlands Botanic Garden is already on a site owned by Council so supporting this site with funding rather than acquiring new land to develop a park would be more economical .

- Many people >60 walk regularly, often long distances and is one of their top 5 activities in the survey. If walking paths surrounding the SHBG could be connected to the South Bowral area under development this would provide better and safe access to this new community to East Bowral and the SHBG. I would suggest a tunnel under Kangaloon road or a wide walking bridge be constricted as Kangaloon is likely to become busier in the future and could be less safe for those wishing to cross the road.

“ As a 77 year old keen walker & local resident of some 20 years, I walk on average 10 kms; a day around the Bowral area.

- My favourite area to walk is around the Botanic Gardens area, Boardman Rd; and Old South Rd;
- It seems to me that it is unnecessary to purchase more land for parks etc; when the money could be spent to improve the Botanic Gardens already owned by Council.
- I know volunteers spend hours at that site doing what they can but the Gardens could be improved so much faster, making it the Premier Park site conveniently placed between Mittagong and Moss Vale.

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- With the South Bowral development on Old South Rd; planned, linking this area together would be a tremendous improvement for walkers, of which some 35 % of the locals are over 65 and many are walkers.
- Please consider developing the Botanic Gardens rather than spending money on a new site plus all the development costs associated with a new Park area. Thank you.

“ Recreational facilities for the over 60s with more focus on walking paths. SHBG is a site which is owned by council and being developed as a Premier park. Council should redirect resources towards the development of the site and connecting SHBG to walking paths especially with the Bowral South development. 35% of population are over 60 and walking is one of the top five adult activities.

“ a reason people visit the southern highlands is for the gardens and outdoor spaces ,as we have in progress a Botanical Gardens with a childrens play area I feel the council could help build further at this facility. this would satisfy a wide range of ages as a destination

“ I volunteer at the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens where 30-40 retired people work to build the Gardens every week and over 150 Friends support and organise functions for old and young in the community to attend. Several thousand people come each April for the popular Fair and Open Gardens we organise. As 35% of the SH community are of retiring age, this facility allows for their preferred activity of walking and admiring beauty. There is also a playground for young children and soon an Education Centre, needing more funding. This large area

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needs more promotion, more dedicated funds, more accessibility for parking and access, more everything.

- Talk of another Park to be built somewhere else is inappropriate when the retired community is working hard to build a Botanic Garden for young and old, residents and tourists alike.

### Community Engagement

“ I've said it before, actually engage with and listen to community associations trying to better the community since they have a better pulse of what people want. I want to see more than the handful of references to tennis and community theatre.

“ There is considerable detail of many aspects relating to Community and Recreational Facilities in documents currently on Exhibition relevant to the Strategy.

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### Recreation facilities

- “ Spend more time and money to do things right the first time. Provide recreational infrastructure that will attract visitor and events to the region.
  - Look at a synthetic athletics track ( Bowral Little Athletics has over 300 members) and a high quality all weather soccer pitch. Soccer is the biggest sport in the highlands and continually loses talent to neighbouring regions.
  - Develop the areas along the wingecarribee river, boardwalks etc.
- “ All weather facilities are the number one consideration for longevity and return on investment in the highlands.
- “ Just fix simple things first eg uncompleted cycle paths on Eridge park road, Yean street
- “ I would think our low cost and underfunded bush walking trails should merit attention in this strategy.
- “ It should be a universal design and be accessible to all members of the community
- “ Look at successful venues beyond NSW and take advantage of this.
- “ The entire Shire is crying out for improved existing facilities, and new ones. Hoping this study helps progress things and hold council more accountable to the voices of their community.
- “ Please communicate updates and news on the strategy extensively to the community so that we can all stay informed. Please try to develop facilities that still

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encourage and support a sense of local community, not a view to just turn the Highlands into an extension of Sydney.

- Netball clubhouse upgrades are essential to meet the needs of our thriving netball community.
- Keeping local outdoor swimming pools are essential to maintaining a friendly sense of community.
- Tweens and teens in our region are screaming out for age-appropriate facilities. Parents are screaming out for facilities as, on a whole, we want to keep our kids off screens and remaining active and social. We want significant and varied MTB tracks (Welby, The Gib, etc - both technical and downhill options), decent fields that don't close down when it rains, local pools our kids can ride or walk to together, better footpath infrastructure to reduce reliance on cars. Look to secure long-term planning to extend the cycleway between Burradoo to Moss Vale up towards Berrima and improve pathways into Bowral. Find options for pathways between Mittagong and Bowral that aren't right next to the busy and scary Old Bowral Road. Kiama created the Coast Track between Gerringong and Kiama by having a long term plan to attain strips of land off landowners along the coast so that it could open. It took years, but it got there. Thank you.
- “ Please cater for our varied population. Please consider teens and access from northern villages to the southern villages. Please consider the growing population of families. Access for young, in between and old.

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- “ As the carer of a child/young adult who has struggled accessing play equipment and sporting facilities I would be keen to have further involvement to help ensure any designs/ outcomes are likely to meet our needs.
- I do not believe that community/sporting facilities should be profit driven or even cost recovery.
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“ It is unfortunate that many of the Shire's community and recreational facilities require maintenance, require renewal, have poor functionality, have 'minor' defects'; some are 'near capacity' and some are near the end of life. The challenge for the current Council is to prioritise its approach to these facilities, to ensure the needs of the community are met while planning anticipated, future services and facilities as the Shire's population grows and becomes more diverse. All in an environment of economic restraint.

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“ Council should encourage whenever possible the community/private sector’s involvement in sport and recreation facility and service provision. Some facilities and services should be entirely provided by the

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community/private sector (eg learn to swim, childcare, fitness centres, etc). This approach would enable Council to focus on those facilities and services that require public subsidy (eg playing fields, swimming pools, indoor courts)

#### **Cycleways**

“ It would be good if some thought went into the South Bowral development and integration of that development’s recreation facilities with the existing Council owned land on which the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens stands. This facility could be enhanced greatly and made available for wider public use at a lower cost than trying to locate, purchase and develop other sites. It is acknowledged that there can never be too many public recreation/park spaces but working within an existing framework may be sensible. While the current roadworks/footpath work at the corner of Eridge Park Road and Kangaloon Road is acknowledged, it would be great if some sort of pedestrian/cycle way could be built over Kangaloon Road to link the South Bowral development to the cycle and pathways on the Old South Road side.

“ Could the old loop line be converted into a bike track linking the northern villages to Mittagong?

#### **MTB / Pump Track**

“ There is significant opportunity to develop small scale MTB trail and pump track facilities within existing sporting fields in population centres across the Shire. These could utilise perimeter areas or pockets of unused or native vegetation. This would provide easily accessible facilities for children without the need for parents to drive to the cycling facilities. Examples might include (but are not limited to): Boronia Park, Yerrinbool Oval, Ironmines Oval, David

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Woods, Lackey Park, Exeter Oval, Bundanoon Oval or Ferndale Oval, Bill O'Reilly Oval, Hampden Park. Furthermore, a coordinated approach to planning and construction with a view to engaging local families and junior riders has the potential to build connection within the communities, which could then translate into local community-based user groups which would be able (and empowered) to maintain and care for the trails and pump track facilities.

“ Existing parks could be better utilised to provide multi use facilities such as bike tracks and pump tracks

### Skate Parks

“ I will be lodging a separate submission regarding the need for immediate upgrades of the Bowral skate park to a Youth Space and upgrade to a fit for purpose skate park at Robertson.

### Rock climbing

“ Rock climbing access in NSW is represented by the Australian Climbing Association NSW and we would be happy to be contacted about any further climbing related matters.

“ Rock climbing (indoors and outdoors) needs to be recognised as a legitimate activity and included in the recreational strategy.

### Sporting complex

“ We need an extra Public High School! And if this has some immediate connection to a larger community facility like an

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indoor sporting complex - both places will only benefit, and thrive!

### Play spaces

“ I also highly support the use of the David woods playing fields for an adventure playground and believe something similar in the northern end of the shire would also be beneficial

### Halls

“ There are some good ideas in the report, however the importance of local small halls to the community needs to be stressed. The idea of large combined facilities is more appropriate for large regional areas, we just need a pool that can be easily accessed by the growing number of residents in the northern villages and growth centres like Renwick and Nattai ponds.

- Renwick community hall provides many spaces for parties, yoga, circus classes, playgroups and meetings and is well used. We don't need more meeting places and gyms.

### Bird Watching

“ I'd like to see bird watching facilities such as bird hides at appropriate areas e.g. banks of Welby Weir Reserve, Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, at Council's sewage / water treatment sites, sites recommended by BirdLife Southern Highlands.

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31.07.2023	Individual - J Aylen	N	Dear Wingecarribee Shire Council, Please reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the council's Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a parent of cricket-loving kids in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development.
02.08.2023	Bundanoon Community Association (BCA) - A Carnahan	N	<i>See below table for submission</i>

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31.07.2023	Individual - P Canestrari	N	<p>Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy.</p> <p>As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.</p> <p>The historical significance of lackey park as a cricket oval is far too important to ignore. Don Bradman played his first ever game there against Moss Vale and later on score his first triple century on that very oval. England has previously played a game on it for a promotional friendly game. Moss Vale cricket club is turning 150 years old next season and is one of the oldest running clubs in the state of NSW.</p> <p>Moss Vale is the geographical center of the Southern Highlands and many feel it is the optimal location for everyone in the Southern Highlands. Please don't miss out on a perfect opportunity to help everyone in the community.</p>
01.08.2023	Individual - K Chand	N	<p>Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy.</p> <p>As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy".</p> <p>Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.</p>

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21.04.2023	Individual - L Breen	Y	<p>In perusing this document, I was surprised to notice some reserves and open space areas did not get a mention. No doubt there are more that have been overlooked. Those I particularly noticed are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MOUNT Gibraltar - a substantial bushland area between Bowral and Mittagong with roads, lookouts, walking tracks, historical places and even an ad hoc mountain bicycle riding track. This is also a very important endangered ecological community with corridor connections supporting koala movement in the area</li> <li>2. an unnamed Reserve in Moss Vale, sometimes known to locals as "the old quarry" or "the old tip". This reserve has entrances or easements into it from Berrima Road, Watson Road, Stanley Terrace, Anulka Street, Anembo Street and Attunga Place. Currently the Council is using the depression caused by the old Quarry for the deposition of excess fill from Council projects so quite a large section is closed off. But I have been assured by Council officers that this area will be a park, featuring a lookout area at the top of the hill, and a constructed walkway/bikeway from Anembo Street to Stanley Terrace (where a set of steps leads down to the road). This park would be an ideal spot for some outdoor gym equipment.</li> <li>3. A third spot missing from the strategy is Leaver Park in Bundanoon. A bushland reserve, this was where Bundanoon residents went swimming in the Paddy's River prior to the building of the swimming pool, and there used to be picnic tables, swings, etc. I note the indication that a new plan of management is suggested for the Lake Alexandra area, and it would be a good idea to include some protected habitat to assist the turtles nesting there. It is sad that there seems evidence that not one hatchling made it this year due to vehicle movements on the grass among other impacts. Quite a few other open space areas are missing, presumably</li> </ol>

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			<p>because they have no special facilities. But given the history of public spaces being re-categorised from community to operational lands in this Shire, it may be wise to include all community land reserves and open spaces in this strategy. There is no doubt that these spaces are still valuable to their localities and hold potential for the future as publicly owned connections between areas, or sites for future endeavours such as community gardens. Another question unaddressed by the Strategy is the status of Crown land that has been transferred from State Government to Council control relatively recently.. an example of such a space is, I believe, the Old Cricket Ground at the end of Sutton Street, Berrima, near the river. I would like to see some adjustments made before this plan goes to public exhibition.</p>

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23.04.2023	Mount Gibraltar Landcare and Bushcare - J Lemann	N	<p>As I have had little time to do more than scan this strategy and get a comment in before the meeting on 26th April I would like to question why the Council I managed natural areas "Bushland for passive recreation" has been omitted. Such a place is the Mount Gibraltar Heritage Reserve which is used constantly by the community and when accessible by visitors (the gates are still locked to the lookout and toilets)</p> <p>Oxley Drive has a constant flow of pedestrians, walking, running, pushing strollers and dog walking.</p> <p>This Reserve has three identified lookouts, Bowral, Jellore and Mittagong, one remaining set of public toilets at Bowral Lookout, shelter sheds in the Inner Bowl and Bowral Lookout Picnic Area, and picnic tables at Bowral Lookout Picnic Area. It has a network of walking trails, including the Mount Gibraltar Heritage Quarries Circuit walk and Heritage steps to the Bowral Lookout, it also has access laneways and parking areas to be maintained AND the council has installed three rubbish bins to be managed. Surely this is a public asset that should be recognised in the Community and Recreational Strategy.</p>

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27.04.2023	MVDBAI - P Barcicki	Y	<p>I discussed the CRFS with Mr May last night, he recommended we write to Council with our concerns, see below. We are concerned with a multitude of items in the report, as it stands, which we will itemise in our submission after it goes on public exhibition. Before we get to exhibition stage we would like the following inclusions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appendix items were not attached to the agenda copy of the report. The following items were provided to Treadwell and, therefore, should be attached to the report: The WSC Pools and Sports Facilities study 2006, Southern Highlands Multipurpose Indoor Sport Stadium Feasibility and Financial Studies o The Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub report</li> <li>• Southern Highlands Multipurpose Indoor Sports Stadium (AKA SHISH) o The SHISH Vision 4, FAQ's 4 and List of Letters of Support o The status of the proposed SHISH stadium project should be included in the report so residents can get a true and fair picture of how much work and how far the project has progressed before they decide on a new site. o 1000's of volunteer hours and \$65000 in members money invested so far, design, stakeholder meetings, usage study, operational budget estimate, Council meetings</li> <li>• The current status of the Moss Vale and District Basketball Association stadium has recently (2022) undergone ~\$650,000 in Government grant funded renovations, supported by NSW Government. Estimated value of the stadium now around \$5M plus ~7000m2 of flat vacant land ready for the proposed stadium. We host domestic, regional, state, NBL/WNBL events, and have ~850 members.</li> <li>• It is unreasonable for the community to make an informed comment on the proposal without the full information, at Treadwell's disposal, being presented. All these documents have been sent to WSC as well but are readily available on request. We also have copies of Power Point</li> </ul>

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			<p>Presentations made to former Sport and Rec Committee, Mr May and Ms Miscamble and other Council officers, available on request. We also have copies of the MoU agreed to with WSC, re DA development and funding for Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub, including SHISH, available on request. Happy to discuss. Our team members, Nigel Browne (MVDBAI Chair), Peter Mitchell (former WSC Town Planner) and Simon Haire (Planning Consultant) and I would be happy to meet with you, in office, our site or electronically.</p>

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11.04.2023 & 19.05.2023	MVDBAI - N Browne	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>
N/A	MVDBAI - N Browne	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>
13.07.2023	Mount Gibraltar Landcare and Bushcare - J Lemann	N	<i>See below table for submission</i>

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19.07.2023	Robertson CTC - J Kena	N	<p>We are preparing submissions in Robertson relating to the Draft Community &amp; Recreational Facilities Strategy. There are a number of major omissions in the study including the absence of any mention of CTC Robertson as a Community Service Centre/Community Hall space even though this is regularly hired for community meetings and workshops, including by Council, and provides a range of services to the community which are consistent with the definition of a Community Service Centre in the Study. Consultations in regard to the Robertson Place Plan have been held in the CTC and we understand it has been identified as part of a community precinct in the documents being drafted. Also, we recently met with the Administrator in regard to the role of the CTC in the community. So we will be addressing this omission and other issues in our submission. However, we are finding it really heavy going to respond to all the documents that are part of this study due to the volume of material to try to access online. It is costly to print all the documents. It has become clear that it is important to review all the documents as all of them contain relevant information on Robertson that needs to be responded to. We have raised the issue of needing a printed copy of Council documents on exhibition relevant to Robertson (at a number of Council consultations and with the Administrator) so we can make this available at the CTC for the community. However, as yet no printed documents have been received. The mobile library is visiting CTC Robertson tomorrow and we would like to request that a printed copy of the 3 key documents – the Strategy, the Study and the Appendix with the Consultation summary – be delivered to the CTC so that we can advise the community that it is available. Alternatively, we can provide a quote for the cost of printing it at the CTC and invoice Council for the cost. Your assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated. Regards]</p>

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27.07.2023	Bowral Tennis Club - C Blaxland	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>
28.07.2023	Individual - H Edwards	N	<p>I'm writing in relation to specifically the Mittagong Swimming Pool. We need a pool in Mittagong, with all of the new houses going in the pools elsewhere in the shire are crowded and the council has failed us on numerous occasions with respect to Mittagong Pool.</p> <p>All I see in your strategy is RATIONALISATION, I would like Mittagong to continue to have a pool. I am aware of the current problems due to flooding. Perhaps you can consider an Indoor Facility and move it out of the River bed to another location but still in Mittagong. This council has everything miles away in Moss Vale and the pool a Bowral is aging and probably needs renovation. The population increase also puts pressure on it. SAVE MITTAGONG POOL! The northern suburbs need facilities.</p>
30.07.2023	Individual - J Slattery	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>

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29.07.2023	Highlands Cricket - S McKie	N	As Director of Junior cricket in the Highlands District it is imperative that we see the Lackey Park Sporting Hub continue to be on the agenda. The benefit to the entire shire and region will be immense if done correctly. No one can doubt the benefit to the community of a Sporting Hub being built in Moss Vale, the Basketball indoor complex will be immense, giving opportunity to multiple sporting groups. From a cricketing point of view the ability for Lackey Park to be able to hold multiple matches at the same venue. We have seen the U14's Bradman Competition held for the last 20 or so years with limited teams, this could be expanded bringing 10 or more teams and parents to the highlands for a week. Add to that the ability to hold other NSW wide carnivals or attract representative teams for trial matches etc. With an indoor cricket academy, multiple fields, a floodlight field, the development would be the Cricketing showpiece between Sydney and the Victorian border. We are all aware of Bradman Oval, but remember that Lackey Park is also where Sir Donald Bradman scored his first two scores of 300 plus. The history trail could be built, Bradman Oval, Lackey Park, Bill O'Reilly Oval in Wingello. Lackey Park has also been there for over 130 years, making it one of, if not the oldest in the shire. Embrace the history of Lackey Park. Build it and they will come!!!!
30.07.2023	Moss Vale and District Basketball Association Incorporated (MVDBAI) - P Mitchell	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>

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29.07.2023	Individual - K Zegenhagen	N	<p>1. To the administrator and general manager of Wingecarribee Shire Council: Recreation strategy submission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It seems bizarre to me that walking tracks and cycle routes are not listed as recreational facilities. Walking is a significant form of exercising.</li> <li>2. The document appears quite shallow. I suspect this is because of a lack of local knowledge.</li> <li>3. Where facilities have access to a toilet this needs to be clear, also if the toilet is only open at certain hours. Availability and quality of kitchen facilities should also be listed.</li> <li>4. Ideally shade / trees and seating as well as picnic tables should be listed on open spaces.</li> <li>5. Privately owned spaces need to be marked for public availability where appropriate. For example, the New Berrima community hall and oval which is a Boral-owned space.</li> <li>6. There is no mention of a camping area on Wingecarribee River at Berrima.</li> <li>7. The Wingecarribee River is also overlooked in the strategy. I know people who canoe and kayak who would be thrilled to have a couple of accessible launch spots.</li> <li>8. There is no mention of several open spaces and bushland reserves which provide recreational activities. For example: Hammock Hill, Mount Gibraltar, walking paths: Cherry Tree walk, Bong Bong to Burradoo shared path.</li> <li>9. There needs to be very clear signage setting out the protections and penalties applying to nature reserves such as the Mt Gibraltar Heritage Reserve.</li> <li>10. Dangerous activities such as extreme Mountain biking should not be permitted on public land. All paths that have been created for this purpose must be decommissioned</li> </ol>

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			<p>and the bush regenerated immediately. Those who responsible for the illegal creation of these paths must be fined as soon as legally possible.</p> <p>I hope you will consider carefully the comments I have made in this submission.</p>

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29.07.2023	Individual - L Breen (second submission)	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>
31.07.2023	Individual - R Parry	Y	I am reading through the documents you have prepared for Wingecarribee Shire Council. In reference to appendix 1: there is a column of ticks and crosses. I cannot find any key or explanation of what a tick or a cross indicates. Does a tick mean the item is in place, under consideration, part of the plan? Does a cross mean the item is not in place, not under consideration, not part of the draft plan? I then tried to call you to clarify, however the phone number you provide on the documents rings out. There is no voicemail facility. No one answers the phone. Can you please clarify what appendix 1 means. Can you please provide correct contact details

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31.07.2023	Moss Vale Cricket Club Committee - D Roxburgh	N	<p>Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy.</p> <p>As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.</p> <p>MORE INFO ON THE LACKEY PARK MASTER PLAN</p> <p>As you may or may not be aware, the Wingecarribee Council is currently working on its "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy,". In its deliberations, Council removed the already council approved Lackey Park Master Plan Concept from the Facilities Strategy and we have been given no reason why? We are now in a new funding cycle and we need the Council to put the Lackey Park Concept Master Plan back into the Facilities Strategy document.</p> <p>If we can convince the council to reinstate the Lackey Park Plan into the Facilities Strategy, the HDCA can begin working with Southern Districts Zone, Country Cricket NSW, CNSW and Government on funding the project. In addition the HDCA have reviewed the original layout and will reconfigure the field layout to create 4 cricket fields by moving Lackey 1 South West and Lackey 2 north East to create the 2 extra grounds that would be capable of holding CNSW Carnivals for Womens, Mens and Juniors as well as Turf practice nets and the indoor Cricket</p>

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			<p>Centre of Excellence on the site of the existing Lackey nets. The grandstand fronting Lackey 1 would be moved from the western side in the original plan to the Southern end of the site. On completion a new Lackey park would provide the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal would create an indoor training Centre of Excellence to cater for South East NSW Academy, regional and Zone teams as well as all HDCA clubs.</li> <li>• The proposal would be the home of Highlands Cricket, our rep teams and our Academy</li> <li>• The proposal would provide a stadium that can host winter and summer sports events with Broadcast Standard lights for night cricket and have the ability to host 1st class cricket with a 1200 seat grandstand and a hill for seating on the western side.</li> </ul> <p>We have a significant opportunity to advocate for the development of Lackey Park into a state-of-the-art Cricket Facility. This ambitious project could capitalise on several Key funding opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Highlands is central to both Greater Illawarra Zone and Southern Districts Zone and so is a suitable place for a new combined Southern Zone Cricket Centre of excellence.</li> <li>• 2024 will be the 150th anniversary of Representative cricket in the Highlands when in 1874 Sutton Forest and Berrima combined to play a combined Goulburn team at Lackey Park.</li> <li>• All eyes in NSW politics are on the state seat of Goulburn as one of the most marginal seats in the state. If there was an opportunity for Highlands to ask for better facilities in line with other areas, now is the time.</li> </ul>

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31.07.2023	Individual - M Tiyce	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
31.07.2023	Individual - Matthew and Verity	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
31.07.2023	Individual - N Nasser	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy".

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31.07.2023	Individual - A Foster	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
31.07.2023	Individual - J Simons	Y	I wish to comment on Appendix B, the Facility Audit. I was astonished to note that it has no reference to that large area of land owned by Council: the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. How could an audit possibly fail to note this existing facility? In the proposals it is suggested that the Council might acquire a block of land and make a public recreation area! We have one already, open to the public every day of the year, with toilets, playground and walking tracks. The tracks are enjoyed already by the public – including myself. The large residential area to be developed opposite the Gardens is another reason why the Council should be depending on the Gardens for the recreational needs of the future residents. I think Council should be providing more support to the Gardens than it does and helping it to progress faster, rather than spending large amounts of money to replicate its facilities.

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31.07.2023	Individual - T Mattick	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
01.08.2023	Individual - J Bruce	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
01.08.2023	Individual - I Little	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy".

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01.08.2023	Individual - D Kent	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
01.08.2023	Individual - T Downey	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
01.08.2023	Individual - E Heinrich	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.

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01.08.2023	Individual - M Harrison	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy.As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.As a homeowner, I believe investment into this development would also benefit a number of other sporting codes within the local community increasing the overall health of the Wingecarribee shire council region.
01.08.2023	Individual - M Law	N	(I am registered and receive emails on all this, but can't do the survey as I don't have a password).  I live in Sydney and have been rock-climbing at Mt Gibraltar for over 40 years, and at Mt Alexander for almost 20 years; approximately 5 times per year. I also go walking in the area as well as coming down for general tourism with my family.  I see that climbing isn't noted as a legitimate activity in this strategy, I would like to see this changed and included in the strategy.
02.08.2023	Australian Climbing Association NSW Inc - V Wills	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>
02.08.2023	Southern Highlands Water Polo - M Lochhead	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>

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02.08.2023	Individual - I Ferguson	N	Could you please tell me what this strategy cost for : - employment of consultants - councils contribution. I cannot see any reference to this in strategy.

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02.08.2023	Individual - B Anstee	N	<p>I note the strategy states that population for the Shire could increase between 12,550 and 18,244 over the next 20 years.</p> <p>The upper end of an 18,244 increase in population has not been supported in other strategies adopted by Council such as the Housing Strategy adopted.</p> <p>The increase in population of 18,244 is more than likely to be correct and maybe even be understated the Department of Planning has been advising.</p> <p>The population increase and location of that increased population and employment location is fundamental to decisions on the required facilities and their location.</p> <p>Increased population brings with it increased housing and thereby additional rate income and developer contributions which assists in providing for required facilities that a strategy should envisage.</p> <p>In my view the drafts strategy does not appreciate the transport facility that the freeway should provide to access through the Shire.</p> <p>It is envisaged by the State Government that there will be additional ramp accesses created at Welby.</p>

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			<p>This is necessary as it is not sustainable for traffic accessing the Shire to continue to enter from the freeway via Braemar and Mittagong as the population increases.</p> <p>The Mittagong Pool cannot be replaced in its former location as there has been enormous losses incurred by attempting to maintain the pool in that location.</p> <p>The existing Mittagong Playhouse should be demolished and the town square returned to the people of Mittagong which would greatly improve the retail connectivity of Mittagong which has been destroyed by the former playhouse. Certainly a new build on a new location would result in cost savings to those currently suggested.</p> <p>So new facilities for community are required and need to be planned for in line with the upper population growth and sustainable transportation and employment locations and tourist facilities.</p> <p>The effect of tourism on the Shire must also be accommodated and provide for within the strategy.</p> <p>The strategy should have a focus on walking tracks and alternative water recreation facilities.</p> <p>In the early 1900's people came to the Shire for the taking of the waters as mineral water was and is freely available.</p>

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			<p>A facility such as “Peninsular Hot Springs” as located in Mornington Peninsular should be facilitated in the Shire.</p> <p>The Shire has the perfect location for this being adjacent to the Lower Welby Reservoir constructed in 1908 and disused by Council in 1999.</p> <p>Certainly the Shire needs are large Performing Arts Centre with a seating capacity to attract travelling shows and a smaller facility for community theatrical groups.</p> <p>A new build for a Performing Arts Centre in a ideal location would be very cost effective than renovating small outdated facilities.</p> <p>The Shire is going to have a large population and diverse population and an increased tourist activity and need to think big to accommodate the future.</p>

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02.08.2023	Individual - R Freeman	N	Hi - regarding the community and recreational survey and associated studies and strategies, I am keen to know what consideration has been given to the upgrade of existing facilities such as the Moss Vale Basketball courts. I believe a recent study recommended new courts in Mittagong?
03.08.2023	Individual - M Hudd	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
03.08.2023	Individual - M Perry	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
01.08.2023	Individual - C Facer	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.

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11/07/2023	Bundanoon Tennis Club - T Vonhoff	Y	<p>Bundanoon Tennis Club has some additional comments on the WSC Community &amp; Recreational Facilities Strategy - which relates to point one below.</p> <p>Would you forward this to the appropriate person as we would appreciate some discussion on the topic.</p> <p>Feedback on Strategy Document and Treadwell Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy Document (pages 55 &amp; 56) and Treadwell Report (pages 146 - 150) are out of date due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bundanoon Tennis Club has up-graded the Clubhouse Facilities using a grant for \$15,000 and volunteer labour. We have installed air-conditioning; up-graded the cabinetry; refreshed the bathrooms; powder coated the window protection; and painted the interior. ATCOW submitted &amp; approved by Council. We still require funding to up-grade the floor (\$7000) - perhaps Council could consider this as Council's contribution to the up-grade?</li> <li>- Bundanoon Tennis Club has been successful in securing grants for \$20,000 to up-grade the LED lights (to Tennis Australia standards). ATCOW submitted and awaiting approval.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We have completed the "survey" and contributed comments on the Strategy Documents</li> </ul> <p>Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per our requests below - we would like to know how we can contribute to Council's deliberations regarding maintenance of our facility. We have raised in excess of \$35,000 and believe that working together with Council we can achieve much, much more.</li> </ul>

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01.08.2023	Moss Vale Tennis Club - V Gerada	N	<i>See below table for submission</i>

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02.08.2023	Highland District Cricket Association - S Nasser	N	<p>The Cricket Community is aware that the Wingecarribee Council is currently working on its "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy,". In its deliberations, Council removed the already council approved Lackey Park Master Plan Concept from the Facilities Strategy possibly because it was too ambitious. We are now in a new funding cycle and we need the Council to put the Lackey Park Concept Master Plan back into the Facilities Strategy document. We have been give strong indications that funding is available for a specialised zone facility that meets the needs of south east NSW pathways cricket.If we can convince the council to reinstate the Lackey Park Plan back into the Facilities Strategy, the HDCA can begin working with Southern Districts Zone, Country Cricket NSW, CNSW and Government on funding the project. In additionthe HDCA have reviewed the original layout and will reconfigure the field layout to create 4 cricket fields by moving Lackey 1 South West and Lackey 2 north East to create the 2 extra grounds that would be capable of holding CNSW Carnivals for Womens, Mens and Juniors as well as Turf practice nets with lights and the indoor Cricket Centre of Excellence on the site of the existing Lackey nets. The grandstand fronting Lackey 1 in the original Master Plan would be moved from the western side in the original plan to the Southern end of the site. On completion a new Lackey park would provide the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal would create an indoor training Centre of Excellence to cater for South East NSW Zone Academy, regional and Zone teams making it a tourism driver as well</li> <li>• As well as being a home for our 1,000 cricket players, it will have toilets and upgraded facilities for the 2000 strong cricket community as well as all Highlands sporting clubs that use the parks in winter as well.</li> <li>• The proposal would be the home of Highlands Cricket, our rep teams and our Academy</li> <li>• The proposal would provide a stadium that can host winter and summer sports events with Broadcast Standard</li> </ul>

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			<p>lights for night cricket and have the ability to host 1st class cricket with a 1200 seat grandstand and a hill for seating on the Southern side. We have a significant opportunity to advocate for the development of Lackey Park into a state-of-the-art Cricket Facility. This ambitious project could capitalise on several Key funding opportunities. • The Highlands is central to both Greater Illawarra Zone and Southern Districts Zone and so is a suitable location for the new combined Southern Zone Cricket Centre of excellence. • 2024 will be the 150th anniversary of Representative cricket in the Highlands when in 1874 Sutton Forest and Berrima combined to play a combined Goulburn team at Lackey Park. • All eyes in NSW politics are on the state seat of Goulburn as one of the most marginal seats in the state. If there was an opportunity for Highlands to ask for better facilities in line with other areas, now is the time. Your support is vital to making this vision a reality. Let's stand united as a community and create a sporting facility that will be the pride of our region. Thank you for your time and consideration of the Highland District Cricket Association correspondence. We greatly appreciate Councils ongoing support.</p>

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31.07.2023	Individual - J Lewis	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
	Mittagong Football Club - N/A	N	Use of Jurd Park by Mittagong Football and Loopline Pony Club  Jurd Park was originally designed as a soccer ground and was the home ground for Patrice Football Club for a number of years. Mittagong Football club has one of the largest catchments in the Highlands yet we have the smallest field. We are also one of the biggest clubs with potential to grow even more with the continuing development at Nattai Ponds etc. We need to be able to cater to local residents, juniors in particular. With over 200 members and use of the field potentially every second weekend and weeknights (once lights are installed) the field would actually be used to its full potential. As it has now been mown etc it will also be a beacon for the local residents rather than sitting dormant and having minimal usage.
31.07.2023	Individual - S McKie (second submission)	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy.  As a Life Member of Moss Vale Cricket Club and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our

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			unique community. Embrace the history of the region which produced two of the greatest cricketers the world has known, Bradman and O'Reilly.
01.08.2023	Individual - R Parry (second submission)	Y	<i>See below table for submission</i>
31.07.2023	Individual - T Perry	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.
02.08.2023	CTC Robertson - J Kena	N	<i>See below table for submission</i>
01.09.2023	Individual - M Webb	N	Please Reinstate the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept into the Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. As a lover and supporter of cricket in the Southern Highlands, I would love to see the Lackey Park Master Plan Concept back on the "Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy". Cricket is obviously a hugely important part of the Highlands identity and the development of Lackey Park would ensure cricket continues to be part of our unique community.

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02.08.2023	Robertson Community Association Inc - M Turner	N	See below table for submission

Long Submissions

“ **Southern Highlands Water Polo** - M Lochhead

I am writing this letter in strong support of the Southern Highlands Water Polo Club's submission of support to the Wingecarribee Council in line with their Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy (CRF). As the State Sporting Organisation, Water Polo NSW recognises the remarkable 42-year history of the Southern Highlands Water Polo Club and the significant positive impact it has had on the local residents and community. Aquatic facilities that address the needs of a community including it's local sports clubs is necessary to empower clubs and their volunteers to continue their invaluable work providing opportunities for local residents to engage in social activities, health benefits and support local businesses.

The Southern Highlands Water Polo Club has demonstrated a commitment to promoting water polo events that not only engage the community but also bring substantial economic benefits to local businesses. By partnering and organising these events, the club has become an integral part of the region's social fabric and continues to strengthen community ties through community sport.

Moreover, I am delighted to emphasise the club's dedication to nurturing the sport of Water Polo and its potential for growth and increased engagement within the Southern Highlands community. With the appropriate facilities in place, the club will be better equipped to accommodate growth and provide opportunities for local residents to participate in social and pathway programs. These programs not only foster athletic skills but also promote water safety, water confidence, and overall health and well-being, which are essential life skills.

Water Polo, as a sport, plays a crucial role in developing teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills among its participants. By supporting the Southern Highlands Water Polo Club's pursuit of enhanced facilities, the Wingecarribee Council will contribute significantly to the overall development and empowerment of the local youth and residents.

Water Polo NSW wholeheartedly endorse the Southern Highlands Water Polo Club and ask that their needs be considered by the Wingecarribee Council for the advancement of their Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy. I firmly believe that by providing the necessary resources and support, the council will not only enhance the lives of current and future water polo

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enthusiasts but also promote a healthier and more closely-knit community.

### SUBMISSION

The Draft CRF Study and Strategy was presented at the 21 June Ordinary Council Meeting 2023 and was open for public exhibition for the required 28 days (once prepared for exhibition). Proceedings of that meeting can be viewed here. The full Council Agenda and Report is available here.

Council's 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. (*Astrolabe 2023*)

Council engaged consultants, Tredwell Management Services, to deliver a document in response to a high-level brief (*approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 24 November 2021*). The following points have been extracted (*edited*) from Council's Report of 21 June and attempt to explain developments to date. The points below provide an assessment of the draft Strategy/Study process against Council's Scope of Works developed to deliver the Strategy:

1. A review and summary of Council's facilities to identify the viability of the existing assets including utilisation, condition, life expectancy and proposed renewal date:
  - Tredwell completed a comprehensive high-level audit and condition assessment of Council's existing 581 facilities (*see CRF Study Appendix B*).
2. A needs analysis for the community and recreational facilities based on current and future demographic trends and current government policy and strategies:

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- Tredwell completed a precinct-based needs analysis which considered infrastructure needs based on population triggers, community consultation, facility audit, emerging demands & trends and the planned New Living Areas. Tredwell also completed an assessment of the previous Wingecarribee Open Space, Recreation, Cultural and Community Facilities Needs Study 2004 which informed the current developer contributions plan (*see CRF Study, Appendix A & C*).
3. A strategic framework for the equitable provision of community and recreational facilities now and into the future considering social demographic target groups, facility type and purpose, and geographic areas (or hubs):
    - Tredwell has partially covered this item within the precinct-based needs analysis. (*see CRF Study*)
  4. An implementation plan with recommendations for funding and rationalising of Council's existing community and recreational facilities assets:
    - Although Tredwell identified infrastructure needs through the precinct-based analysis, consideration of funding models for infrastructure was not completed. (*see CRF Study*)
  5. High level cost estimate and funding model for the delivery of the strategy (including renewal, disposal, consolidate, maintenance and management of community and recreational assets) against benchmark infrastructure costs:
    - Tredwell has partially covered this item within the precinct-based needs analysis through an estimation of each item being of either low (<\$200k), medium (\$200k-\$1M) or high (\$1m+) financial resource requirements. (*see CRF Study and Strategy*)

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6. Recommendations for ongoing stakeholder engagement:
  - Tredwell delivered on this component through the outcomes of both the *Section 8 Vision and Principles* and *Section 9 Precinct Based Analysis*. (see *CRF Study and Strategy*)
7. As part of understanding demand for community and recreational facilities, the Consultant will be required to conduct a demand analysis that will identify the provision of: a Regional Sporting Hub, a Destination Playground and an Aquatic and Fitness Centre. Potential business cases are to be developed for some key scenarios:
  - Business Cases are to be developed following Council’s adoption of the CRFS. The document produced by Tredwell does fulfil the majority of the Scope of Works as described within the Project Brief. The reframing of the Scope of Work, to exclude the Business Cases from within the CRFS, and the differing expectations for the Business Cases did create disruption through the delivery. (WSC 2023)

Further from Council’s Report of 21 June:

“The final draft from Tredwell (see *CRF Study*) provided comprehensive data and delivered an extensive assessment of Council’s existing facilities and projected needs. There however was a need for a more succinct and comprehensible version of the Strategy to link all findings from the Tredwell study. Council therefore engaged Astrolabe Group to bring together the research and engagement outcomes into a concise, easy to understand Strategy for Community and Recreation Facilities in the Shire. Given the significance of the Strategy, it was considered important that the Strategy was not only robust and evidence based but was also easy to understand by the community and key stakeholders.”

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In Summary relevant to point **7.** above, the Draft Strategy Report (see *CRF Study*) comes up with a series of ‘Strategic Directions’ as below, which if adopted and combined with ‘Precinct Actions’, will form the basis of ongoing Actions to deliver the Strategy.

SHWP notes proposed Strategic Directions in the Table below and offers commentary on each:

Strategic Direction 1 (SD1) - Aquatic Facilities		
Strategic Review	Strategic Direction	Comment
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	a) Regional Aquatic and Leisure Facility  Development of a major or regional aquatic’s facility towards the north of the Shire will enable servicing to a wider catchment including the key service centres of Mittagong and Bowral. A regional centre would enable a number of aquatic, leisure and community elements to be provided in a single location increasing construction and operational	a) <i>Southern Highlands Water Polo (SHWP) supports the provision of an Aquatic Facility in the north of the Shire to replace the Mittagong Pool (see (b) below).</i>  <i>Our sport has been challenged for appropriate facilities with Mittagong Pool regularly experiencing operational issues due to flooding, especially since 2016 – this site has only been available sporadically from 2016 with our Club having to rely on the Frensham Aquabliss Facility in Mittagong</i>

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<p>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.</p>	<p>feasibilities, and improved user outcomes. The provision of indoor facilities will also ensure year-round access for the community.</p> <p>b) Mittagong Swimming Centre</p> <p>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</p>	<p><i>for the majority of our competitions. Bowral Pool has also been utilised for competition/events however, is not suited for water polo due to being only 6 lanes wide and of insufficient depth for competition.</i></p> <p><i>It is noted that competition for both sites has resulted in difficulties scheduling enough games to cater for our growing sport. Further, there is no scope to expand under these existing conditions.</i></p> <p><i>b) SHWP supports rehabilitation of Mittagong Pool being very mindful of flooding and other engineering issues. There is scope to use this site as a potential Destination Playspace which would allow for heritage aspects of the site to be accommodated and the popularity /</i></p>
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	<p>recreational access.</p> <p>c) Bundanoon Swimming Centre</p> <p>The facility at Bundanoon is at the end of its asset lifecycle and in need of renewal. It is recommended that a detailed cost benefit analysis be undertaken of the facility to determine the feasibility and wider community benefit of renewing this asset.</p>	<p><i>extreme beauty of the site to be capitalised as part of rehabilitation / development of such a playspace.</i></p> <p><i>c) SHWP supports the refurbishment of Bundanoon Pool with a view to maintaining this site. We are aware of significant local support to continue the site as an aquatic facility, particularly for local residents and tourism.</i></p> <p><i>It is noted that Bowral Pool requires rehabilitation / upgrade</i></p> <p><i>as it is considered "in poor condition". SHWP supports the investigation of a Bowral Pool upgrade to 'Aquatic Leisure Centre' status as potential to address Strategic Direction 1.</i></p>
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Strategic Direction 2 (SD2) – Indoor Sporting Facility		
Strategic Review	Strategic Direction	Comment
<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Provision of a large multipurpose indoor facility is recommended in the northern part of the Shire, providing access to residents in Bowral, Mittagong and the northern villages within the 15 minute travel catchment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As this would be a new facility, it is</p>	<p><i>SHWP supports the development of a multi-purpose indoor facility in the North of the Shire. As noted in the Strategy, co-location of facilities has significant merit in terms of efficiency, cost and operational benefit.</i></p> <p><i>SHWP also notes that the planned upgrade of Lackey Park in Moss Vale, in conjunction with the provision of the Southern Highlands Multi-Purpose Indoor Sports Centre (upgrade of the existing Moss Vale Basketball Stadium – see Lackey Park Masterplan Report uploaded to the SHWP website) should it proceed, will provide the major indoor</i></p>

<p>service the southern population centre of Moss Vale and its surrounds, however, there is a need and opportunity for a larger multipurpose indoor space to service the northern part of the Shire.</p>	<p>recommended that further investigation be undertaken to find a site that supports an integrated community hub delivery model, which will maximise efficiencies, and provide improved community outcomes.</p>	<p><i>sporting venue for the Shire, and any other indoor facilities to the North should be designed to complement such plans already well underway for Lackey Park.</i></p>
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Strategic Direction 3 (SD3) – Destination Playspace		
Strategic Review	Strategic Direction	Comment
<p>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 for focusing on the catchments that</p>	<p>1. Investigate the opportunity to provide a Destination Play space within the Moss Vale Precinct.</p> <p>2. Identify a site within the northern part of the Shire (Mittagong area)</p>	<p><i>SHWP fully supports the provision of Destination Playspaces in strategic locations as proposed. There is evidence these types of facilities are growing in Regional NSW and provide a range of activities. It is noted that co-location with other</i></p>

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<p>service the population centres of Moss Vale, Mittagong and Bowral.</p>	<p>to deliver a destination play space that includes water play features.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>recreational/leisure components again complements efficiencies as noted above. Further, there is scope to upgrade underutilised facilities or sites requiring upgrade, such as Mittagong Pool, which will no doubt be considered in assessing suitable sites.</i></p>
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Council also proposed a series of Questions, in the form of a Survey, with a view to assisting residents contribute to the finalisation of the Strategy and associated Actions. The Survey Questions are reproduced in full below and include SHWP responses.

SHWP would welcome the opportunity to further comment on 'Shire Wide' and 'Precinct' Actions listed in the Fact Sheet on Council's YourSay page once refined as a result of this Strategy Exhibition phase.

*Additional comments in survey*

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### **Bundanoon Community Association - A Carnahan**

#### **Bundanoon Community Association response to Draft Community and Recreation Facilities Strategy**

The Bundanoon Community Association welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Draft Community and Recreation Facilities Strategy* that Council has on exhibition.

We would like to congratulate Council on a comprehensive Shire Wide Strategy looking to the future needs of the entire community.

Our response is from a Bundanoon community perspective – the Community and Recreation Facilities strategy for the village that almost 3,000 people call home.

As the largest, by population, of the Southern Villages, Bundanoon has a good set of Community and Recreation facilities. These are well used and well appreciated.

We have split this submission into our support for local facilities; a catalogue of our resources; our concerns about the assessment of the Pool; and our desire to work actively with Council to create a local community and recreation management group.

#### **Local facilities**

As we submitted to the original facilities survey, we are not in favour of regional facilities that come *at the expense* of local facilities. We are lobbying for a balanced approach that meets the elite and specialised needs of the entire shire as well as the general needs of our local community.

Local facilities enable active transport options to the facility. Active transport (walking, cycling, human powered) is Transport

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for NSW's top transport preferred method with car use the least preferred.

We also note and support the concept of 15-minute cities (and towns) where resources are available within a 15 minute radius, preferably by active or public transport. This is another key and emerging criterion in place-making and planning.

The Bundanoon recreation precinct is local, and many users can and do walk or ride to the facilities.

The Bundanoon Community Association strongly endorses the village model of local facilities and urges Council and its consultation to preference strong local facilities to reduce passive (vehicle) transport.

#### **The Precinct**

Bundanoon has:

- Bundanoon Oval (main recreation and sporting) Precinct:
  - Bundanoon Skate Park
  - Bundanoon Tennis Club
  - Bundanoon Club
    - Bundanoon Lawn Bowls
    - Bundanoon Croquet Club
  - Bundanoon Pool
    - Bundanoon Swimming Club
  - Bundanoon Oval
    - Bundanoon Cricket Club
    - Brigadoon
  - Basketball court
  - Jordans Crossing Reserve
    - Fenced off-leash dog park

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- A paved loop 2km walking track through the precinct making an exercise path linked to the shopping area at the Railway Station
- Ferndale reserve
- Soccer fields
  - Bundanoon Rebels soccer club
- Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall
- Leased and managed by Bundanoon Community Association

The Bundanoon Oval precinct is an excellent holistic precinct that can be maintained and enhanced. Adult exercise stations and a permanent performance stage have been suggested as future enhancements.

The Memorial Hall is well used by exercise classes, two choirs, a ukulele group, a theatre group, cinema screenings, piano recitals, meetings, performances, training, a bagpipe band and private hire. It is at the centre of the town and well maintained by volunteers of the Association.

### **Bundanoon Pool**

Of significant concern to the Association is the assessment in the Draft Strategy (*Appendix B, item H10 Bundanoon page 88*) that the Bundanoon Pool is rated as "requires renewal". Many residents have expressed to the Association that there is an "agenda" to close the Pool as a non-performing asset.

The Association is seeking clarification from Council that the cost of remediating the Pool will be transparent and community consultation will occur prior to any decision of Council to close the Pool. The Association would strongly oppose any intention to close the Bundanoon Pool. We assert that the cost must be considered as part of the cost of the entire precinct and with a twenty-to-forty-year lifespan to write down the cost.

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The precinct where the Pool is located is in the hub of Bundanoon's Community and Recreation precinct and to close the Pool would leave a significant and irreplaceable gap in the precinct.

We are heartened to note that Council is continuing to maintain the Pool and will be installing accessibility stairs to the Pool in the near future.

In our submission to Council on the delivery program we suggested working with Council to improve attendance numbers. As a community asset, and with some imagination, the pool could attract more patrons to prove the viability.

Aqua-aerobics classes may prove popular, more promotion of pool hours on social media, "pool party" nights – there is an active community that care about the pool and would be willing to assist.

Although too late for the 23-24 season, we suggest a membership charge model similar to gym membership for single local pools. A membership season ticket for Bundanoon Pool only would allow locals to show their support for the pool and provide a small amount of additional revenue.

### **Precinct Working Group**

The Association would like to see and is willing to work towards a revamp of the Bundanoon Oval working group with a "whole of precinct" focus rather than simply the Oval. Currently the Oval working group is not a visible working group and there are new and important additions to what is an entire precinct rather than simply the Oval. The Skatepark and fenced off leash dog park are two additions that enhance the precinct – the skatepark being an important asset for younger generations and the fenced dog-park for dog owners.

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We feel it is critical to consider all assets in the precinct as parts of a whole and not excise components for individual cost reasons. The Bundanoon Club is a good example of the importance of protecting the whole. In the past, the club has experienced difficulties and if it closed it would leave an empty space that detracts from the precinct. With the support of Council and the community, the Club did not close and now hosts a vibrant hub for bowls, croquet, dining and live entertainment.

In summary we wish to work with Council to provide a cohesive and holistic plan of management for the current community and recreational facilities in Bundanoon. We also express our concerns about the "requires renewal" assessment of Bundanoon Pool and seek assurances the Pool will be assessed with the intention to renew the asset.



**Mount Gibraltar Landcare and Bushcare - J Lemann**

I realise that this strategy is mostly related to constructed entertainment centres so I am raising the issues of provision of self-motivated activities.

All these strategies are very confusing. Are they overlapping or is this one an umbrella strategy for all the others. As a community member I feel it is high time we saw some work on the ground esp. for the \$77,000 Walking Track Strategy.

I am very concerned that if this is the umbrella strategy and if our Natural Reserves and their purpose are not included they will not be funded. Is this a now or never strategy? How do the Plans of Management fit into the Strategy and are they conflicting? Do they all lead to the Operational Plan and Budget or get forgotten like the Walking Track Strategy?

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There appears to be glaring omissions in this Community Recreational Strategy. These are the identification of the Natural Reserves as assets which are primarily for Biodiversity Conservation and as E2 Zoning describes, also for Passive Recreation. Another is the need for Mountain Bike Tracks and obstacle courses in acceptable dedicated places which should include each of the listed Precinct Plans.

**The documents state that the Number One of the five top activities of adults in NSW is WALKING.**

One of the most important places for this is bushwalking and we have spent a great deal of community energy in providing and caring for walking tracks in our accessible Natural Reserves for quiet, peaceful nature walks. This is a popular and often daily form of exercise for residents and the shire has huge potential for ecotourism in the form of short walks which are easily accessible and fit a visitor's time or physical capacity. This can also be extended to long walks such as the Katoomba to Mittagong trek which conveniently has a railway station at each end. Tracks in good repair are known to protect the bushland as people will naturally stay on the designated routes.

**These Natural Reserves are NOT places for bicycles which are classified as vehicles.**

Item 9. States Council Promotes the Natural Areas Walkways. How can the Council promote the walking tracks in our natural reserves when they are in such a derelict state it can only bring shame and liability on the Council and walkers are imperilled by barely controlled mountain bikes?

Page 24. Promotes mountain bicycle riding in our 'unique natural assets'. In our experience it is essential that this sort of statement always makes clear the vehicles can ONLY use the

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firetrail network with care as they are also a component of the walking trails (see Walking Tracks Strategy)

It is clear that the Mountain bikes also need dedicated tracks and obstacles courses in addition to or a greatly improved Welby Mountain Bike Complex

**The immediate outcome of this, due to current misuse of the Natural Reserves is to ensure strong compliance regulations and their implementation. This will need funding.**

AS Mountain Bike Promotion is already on the World Wide Web the Council should make sure that such promotion is accurate or have it reved in order to prevent further damage to the natural assets of the shire.

\_ States the Council will continue to undertake approved programs such as the Walking Track Strategy. How can it say it will 'continue' when no works have been undertaken.

### **Bowral Tennis Club - C Blaxland**

Bowral Tennis Club believes that the Community and Recreation Facility Strategy has missed several opportunities when it comes to promoting the sport of tennis (along with other racquet sports) in its plan.

In 2022, Bowral Tennis Club commissioned a membership survey, to understand our members current and future needs, helping to inform a longer term plan for the management of Bowral Tennis Club. From the survey, it was clear that indoor courts and additional courts were required for members. Alongside this survey, community feedback has been around a lack of other racquet sport facilities for squash, badminton and pickle ball.

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The consultant reports and CRFS proposals fail to account for the Southern Highlands climate, with many rain days, low temperatures and persistent strong winds.

We believe the community needs a hub for indoor tennis and other racquet sports based on the existing facilities at Loseby Park. This location is already the largest and most used tennis facility in Wingecarribee. Its 15-20 minute travel catchment encompasses about 2/3 of the shire's population, and most of the medium density and over-55s residential areas.

The current Plan of Management for Loseby Park (2012) has designated an area for possible expansion of tennis courts, and this purpose should be confirmed.

Bowral Tennis Club is keen to collaborate with Council and the Rugby League Club in the revision of the PoM for Loseby Park to include such a facility for racquet sports.

### **Moss Vale Tennis Club - V Gerada**

#### **Additional Comments - Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy**

I have read the draft strategy from the viewpoint of the Moss Vale Tennis Club, where I have been President for the last 20 years.

Firstly, I would like to mention that we have no record or recollection of any representative from Tredwell Management Services approaching our Club in their information gathering activities. Regardless, I would like to point out the following adjustments needed in the survey documents:

- Page 69 of appendix B (Facility Inventory) - The prime purpose and other entries for the Moss Vale Tennis Courts

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at Corlette Park are inaccurate. The facility is available and used by the local community and visitors to the area. It is advertised as such, and the Club's Strategic Plan emphasises this.

Also, the facility is not leased, but under an annually renewable agreement which covers the MV Tennis Club's administrative role and the shared (with WSC) facility responsibilities. Consideration of a lease is only possible when Plans of Management are completed.

- Page 14 of appendix C (Requirements Table) – The Moss Vale tennis facility now has 4 (not 5) regular size courts and 4 multi-purpose junior/pickleball/pop tennis courts, following a recent installation by the Club.

### **The strategy as a whole**

I cannot speak for other clubs or sporting bodies, but there seems to be a gap in the strategy's lack of recognition for the potential for formalising partnership arrangements with facility user groups/clubs.

The Moss Vale Tennis Club has had what we refer to as Work Plans for over 20 years. These plans have evolved and extended over the past 20 years, as projects were initiated and completed by the Club. Just recently our plan has developed into what we see as a "Works Master Plan" for discussion with Council.

It is also worth mentioning that we also have a Strategic Plan which has been submitted to Council as an underpin to our facility agreement. Our Strategic Plan is in line with Council's ideals and objectives. It is also relevant that we were asked to present this to a Sports and Recreation Committee some years ago.

Here is a brief history of projects undertaken by the Club through this process, from a starting point in 2003. At that point the

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courts were virtually unused with a cracked and unstable asphalt surface that was unplayable on at least 2 of the 5 courts.

- Installation of court lighting (2 stages), with one stage partly funded by WSC.
- Complete replacement of the court surface with concrete/rebound ace (2 stages) with one stage partly funded with a \$50k interest free loan from WSC (re-paid over 3 years).
- Installation of a new clubhouse ceiling
- Extension to the Clubhouse, adding storeroom and office space dedicated to an onsite professional coaching and junior development service.
- Installation of a secured PIN court access and booking system.
- Upgrades to the Clubhouse surrounds with installed BBQ, seating, decking, etc.
- The first stage of court fence renewal with a 50% shared cost arrangement with WSC.
- The most recent (May 2023) installation of 4 multi-purpose courts for junior tennis, pickleball and pop tennis.

These projects were undertaken and completed by the Club with Council approval and related compliance, but very little reliance on Council funding. The improvements increased Council's asset and community value. This is reflected in our membership levels and general increase in activities and use of the facility. With that, the Moss Vale tennis facility has been able to move further along the road to self-sufficiency, including increasing its ability to compete for government grants.

I find it difficult to understand how the potential and mutual benefits for formalising such situations can be excluded from the Strategy. There should, at the very least, be a mention of the

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opportunity for formal partnership agreement and perhaps, incentives that encourage them.

**“ Moss Vale and District Basketball Association  
Incorporated (MVDBAI) - P Mitchell**

**Re: Submission on Community and Recreation Facility  
Study and Community and Recreation Facility Strategy -  
Focus on a Multi-use Court Indoor Facility**

I refer to the public exhibition of the Community and Recreational Facilities (CRF) study and strategy. The Moss Vale and District Basketball Association Incorporated (MVDBAI) has long advocated for additional Multi use Indoor sporting facilities in the shire. I declare that I have been involved in the MVDBAI Facilities Committee for the past 10 years and this submission is predominantly concerning indoor sporting facilities.

This area of sport and recreation infrastructure has been chronically under serviced by Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) with the MVDBAI having to fill, the void. The acknowledgement in the study and strategy that additional indoor facilities are required in the Wingecarribee Shire, as had been previously confirmed in two studies, is welcome and confirms this position. The recommended location of these additional facilities in the Northern part of the Shire however does not appear to be a considered and justifiable conclusion.

The CRF Study does confirm the significant challenges facing a shire such as Wingecarribee with numerous towns and villages spread over a wide area with many ageing legacy facilities from the three former amalgamated shires. The Council report on the 21st June 2023 is not a glowing endorsement on the CRF Study in meeting the brief provided to the consultant.

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I present the following summary and history around indoor centres, an assessment of the CRF Study & Strategy and recommendations and the missed opportunities encapsulated in the study and strategy.

**History**

The MVDBAI has provided a long-running service to the Southern Highlands community by providing an indoor facility that the Local Council has chosen not to provide. The current stadium started with the construction of the first court in 1970 and the second in 1983 all utilizing volunteer funds and labour and other contributions. Since this time the current stadium has been renovated with \$1.3M spent over the past 9 years to bring the facility up to a modern standard. All other similar sized or larger regional areas of NSW have indoor facilities provided by their Council, at times in conjunction with PCYC.

A representative group of local sporting bodies headed by MVDBAI have been lobbying Council for the past 15 years regarding the need for a new Multi-Sport Indoor Facility. In 2006 a WSC commissioned report (Prior Cheney Architects in conjunction with Recreation Planning Associates) considered a combined indoor sports hall with the proposed aquatic centre to be located upon Eridge Park. This report concluded in 2005/2006 that, with a much smaller Shire population, there was adequate demand to warrant the inclusion of a 3-4 court multi-sport facility. The Eridge Park proposal did not proceed.

Following the receipt of a grant from the NSW Government the MVDBAI commissioned a report by Otium Planning in 2016 that again confirmed the inadequate provision of indoor facilities within the Southern Highlands. The Otium Planning report includes projections for usage and is considered conservative for facility utilisation. This report recommended the facility should be located

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within the vicinity of the existing MVDBAI stadium to maximise returns and to attract events. Further to this an Economic Impact Report (Michael Connell & Assoc 2017) completed on behalf of the MVDBAI provided valuable insight into the wider economic benefits for the local economy for district and regional facilities.

Over the past nine years there have been numerous meetings with Councillors and staff to promote the concept now referred to as the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub (SHISH). Planning for the facility has been continuing with concept plans now developed. Consultation with targeted sports, Council and the community has been ongoing. The intention has been to proceed to a development application once the support of Council and the NSW Government was secured and funding allocated. The intention has always been to incorporate the SHISH into the Lackey Park Regional Sports Hub (LPRSH) planning in a holistic and co-ordinated manner to make the precinct an attractive and representative venue for the whole community.

The SHISH would cater for multiple sports within the local area that have around 3000 participants. Apart from Basketball (700 members) there would be opportunities for Netball, Indoor Hockey, Soccer (Futsal), Volleyball, Badminton, Martial Arts and Gymnastics. The Architect, Facility Design Group, have planned court sizing to accommodate these sports. Letters of support for the proposed SHISH have been obtained from a range of sporting groups, the community, politicians, and other organisations.

The SHISH could provide a central meeting and administration center for all southern highlands sporting groups with multiple meeting rooms and office spaces, corporate function room, multipurpose rooms and a fully functional café and bar facility. With volunteer administrators and record keepers becoming harder to recruit and retain, the proposed centre could provide professional administrators and clerical staff to fill this void.

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The centre may also be a Multipurpose indoor community facility allowing conferences, trade shows, community meetings, community health and fitness sessions, school holiday and seniors programs, cultural events and would act as a centrally located Emergency shelter for natural disaster scenarios. The schools in the region can access the SHISH for organised sport sessions in a professionally run, accessible and purpose-built facility.

The democratically elected Wingecarribee Shire Council moved forward with a proposal to develop the LPRSH and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MVDBAI that the SHISH would be included. The combined facility provided for the SHISH facility and within LPRSH Senior and Junior Cricket fields, two rectangular fields and a grandstand that seated 1000 spectators including a new Gymnastics facility. Meetings were convened by Council with all parties represented including the NSW Office of Sport. The Council, NSW Government and MVDBAI have spent \$100 000s on studies, plans, and reports for the SHISH and LPRSH to the stage of lodging a development application.

The elected Council was suspended in March 2021. An administrator was appointed by the NSW Government. The administrator put a hold on the LPRSH for no apparent reason and appears to have also decided the SHISH is not worthy of support. We question the motive and reasons for this decision as there was an "off the cuff" comment made in the Council meeting 13th October 2021 by the Administrator Mr. May. This comment to the effect that *"I am not personally convinced that Lackey Park is the best place for the Sporting hub"* expresses a personal opinion, without any basis or supporting evidence, that seems to have guided all subsequent actions since this meeting.

In the CRF study and strategy there is a lack of acknowledgement of the previous assessments and reports that would further support the proposal for additional Indoor multi sports courts. The

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“Feasibility and Facility Report” (Otium 2016) and Economic Impact Report (Michael Connell & Assoc 2017) completed on behalf of the MVDBAI, Council reports in 2005 (Eridge Park)) and for LPRSH in 2020 (MI) all provide valuable insight and direction that could be included in the report and strategy. Instead, there seems to be a deliberate snubbing of the reports and their various recommendations.

**Sporting Hubs and guiding principles used with LPRSH and SHISH**

Some guiding principles with modern sports facility and recreational planning include:

- New facilities should be developed within a multi-use hub precinct to ensure the maximum value of investment is achieved.
- While nature and intensity of participation in sport may change over time in consideration of the type of sport, the need for suitable spaces to accommodate community demand will remain. Future facility provision and design needs to ensure spaces are adaptable to accommodate changing participation trends.
- Sports parks need to incorporate opportunities for co-location of sport with recreational offerings, including providing opportunities for walk/ run paths and trails, as this is the highest participation physical activity done by the community.
- The location of sport and recreation facilities need to be accessible to a majority of the community, in order to encourage maximised use.

Indoor sporting centres provide these opportunities and are considerably more adaptive in combination with an outdoor recreation area. The designers for both the LPRSH and SHISH are

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experienced professionals that have incorporated current guidelines and policy from Wingecarribee Council and NSW Office of Sport into the relevant designs. Provision for play spaces and walking/fitness stations were included in the LPRSH design.

The SHISH and LPRSH projects align with NSW Government and Councils strategic goals of building tourism, attracting district and regional events including sports and performance and can also act as a temporary evacuation centre. The SHISH can attract significant revenue for the local community and with the adjacent MVDBAI facility offers six full sized indoor courts, the minimum generally needed to attract regional events. The potential for combined management and catering for the whole Lackey Park precinct will improve the financial attractiveness for operators and/or Council. Smaller indoor centres of 1-2 courts spaced around the shire do not constitute a district or regional attraction and will become a financial burden as they lack the scale to be cost efficient.

The Economic Impact Study by Michael Connell & Associates for MVDBAI modelled the operational economic regional benefit for a regional standard indoor facility of up to \$13.5 Million over twenty years. The loss of a NSW Country Basketball tournament for MVDBAI in 2020 conservatively cost the local community \$275 000 providing a recent example of the ongoing economic loss due to a lack of adequate indoor sporting facilities within the Shire.

The economic, social and health benefits are multiplied significantly with the SHISH being developed in conjunction with the LPRSH combining the facilities over the sports precinct. The combined benefits through attracting multiple events and tournaments provides an improved return on the large capital expenditure required for the sporting hub and associated infrastructure. The combined consideration of the outdoor and indoor facilities allows a holistic assessment of acoustic, drainage,



traffic and other planning and engineering related aspects, many of these reports already completed for a development application. Benefits such as rainwater capture from the SHISH and existing MVDBAI stadium for reuse on Lackey Park are one aspect of sustainability outcomes already considered. Combined and shared infrastructure including carparking, water quality basins and service augmentation can all offer significant cost efficiencies when compared against replication within various smaller facilities.

A combined facility that offers opportunities for participation for the whole community will provide significant advantages for the Council and other parties as they approach the state and federal governments for grant funding. The excerpts included at Attachment One are from MidCoast Councils *Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2023* and confirm the benefits I am referring to with provision of a range of recreational and community Facilities for the Wingecarribee Shire.

Multiple references to combined community and sporting hubs are provided in the CRF study by Tredwell and this is a sound approach as witnessed in the number of mid to larger size regional and rural councils combining outdoor sports with indoor sports centres. Numerous studies and government guidelines confirm that regional multi-use indoor court facilities are best provided in the one location rather than distributed across a region. This leverages maximum impact for the efficient provision of costly infrastructure, the provision of administration of the facility and the ability for the various sports to attract district, regional and potentially state level events. Locating additional multi use indoor courts adjacent to the current MVDBAI Indoor Facility allows the community to leverage off the existing \$ 5.5M refurbished facility significantly reducing the need to obtain additional funds.

### **The CRF Study**

Unfortunately, it seems that there are critical gaps and misrepresentations in the CRF Study provided by Tredwell Consultants and various shortcomings and recommendations that appear to have no sound basis in the CRF strategy. There is the potential for crucial mistakes to be made in the provision of expensive council owned infrastructure that does not fulfil basic service provision and result in a financial burden on current and future ratepayers for decades.

There appears to be an over reliance upon the results of an online survey where results can be skewed by a group/sport influencing the outcome as only 533 responses (1% of the shire) presented some unusual results. As an example, Athletics at 80 responses appears high with a total membership of 208 at the Bowral Little Athletics Centre (Online Club/User group survey).

Further to this the projected future participants used at p 29 & 30 of the CRF Study and continued into the CRF Strategy (p8) are astonishing and in some cases totally unrepresentative of the realities of sport participation in the Wingecarribee Shire as witnessed over several decades e.g., AFL, Rugby League and Netball projections are bordering on ridiculous. These projections also do not include major sports such as Cricket and swimming! The projections as ludicrous as they seem, were not recognised as such by the consultants and Council staff and this calls into question the validity of some of the CRF Study conclusions. These results would be obviously misleading to long term residents of the shire involved with local sport for decades.

A concerning element is the inclusion at Table 4 of projected housing in the Wingecarribee over the next 20 years. As this is looking at projected housing and therefore population growth these figures should be taken from the Councils local housing

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strategy. A comparison of the tables for projected housing growth from the two documents is presented below.

Table 3 Wingecarribee Local Housing Strategy (July 2021), (housing for next 30 years) New Residential Living Areas	Study Area (ha)	Developable Area (ha)	Anticipated Dwellings*
Moss Vale (Chelsea Gardens Coomungie and Surrounds)	30	28	1,300**
Bowral (South)	303	180	1,100
Moss Vale (West)	57	18	100
Mittagong (East)	98	15	40
Colo Vale (Wensleydale)	249	92+	500
Robertson (North East)	38	22	150

Table 4: Wingecarribee Shire Forecast Dwellings and Development

Wingecarribee Shire Area	2022		2041		Change between 2022 and 2041	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Wingecarribee Shire	23,742	100.0	29,960	100.0	+6,218	+26.2
Berrima - North West District	1,241	5.2	1,336	4.5	+95	+7.7
Bowral	5,468	23.0	6,749	22.5	+1,281	+23.4
Bundanoon - Exeter	2,005	8.4	2,385	8.0	+380	+18.9
Burradoo	1,239	5.2	1,969	6.6	+730	+58.9
Mittagong District	4,364	18.4	5,564	18.6	+1,200	+27.5
Moss Vale	4,072	17.2	5,771	19.3	+1,699	+41.7
Robertson District	1,772	7.5	1,965	6.6	+193	+10.9
Wingello - South West District	1,053	4.4	1,148	3.8	+95	+9.0
Northern Villages	2,528	10.6	3,073	10.3	+545	+21.6

*Table 4 from Community and Recreational Facilities Study  
(Tredwell Management Services)*

Table 4 from the CRF Study contains significantly inflated numbers for the Mittagong district. There would also appear to be an element of double counting for Bowral and Burradoo. The escalation in housing numbers for Mittagong is concerning considering that recommendations for aquatic and indoor sporting facilities for the north of the shire in the CRF Strategy are based upon housing and population projections. The Mittagong figure in Table 4 could not be based upon infill development as this level of infill development in Mittagong is not achievable. This I would suggest is highly irregular practice as officially adopted strategies should be utilized for this critical reporting and recommendations for future infrastructure. This was one of the key objectives of the CRF Study and then CRF Strategy.

We are continually being told by Council staff and the administrator that decisions need to be evidenced based and this

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results in numerous consultants being employed to quantify strategic direction. We are also reminded of the need for strategic alignment with Councils adopted strategies. The use of Table 4 for housing projections does not meet these criteria and again calls into question the CRF Study and CRF Strategy process, conclusions, and recommendations.

The results at the *Consultation Analysis* section for the three key facilities that the brief was directed to report upon, all had similar outcomes. The "remaining areas" responses (outside of the three main towns) typically totalled 28% and again represent a skewed figure given the population in these locations. This again questions how representative the survey and public consultation processes were in the CRF Study.

At P58 the key finding for an Indoor stadium had no location specified. The study concluded that demand meets provision for 4+ courts with a business case to be developed. At P69 the SHISH is mentioned however very little acknowledgement elsewhere given the amount of planning and expenditure that has been undertaken in preparation of the facility. Why the snubbing of these previous studies and Council commitments to MVDBAI and the community?

At Action Plan Mittagong: An incorrect comment at P78 Multi-Purpose courts as they are not all located in this precincts local schools, the Mittagong Recreation Centre (PCYC) is owned by Council. At P 89 Action Plan for Mittagong is to expand indoor court facilities at the Mittagong Recreation Centre.

Action Plan Moss Vale: Lackey Park seems to rate no mention or recognition and ignores the previous council's resolution that at this stage does not appear to have been rescinded. The total snubbing of the LPRSH appears to be a deliberate action in the CRF Study and Strategy... why? Additional Indoor courts in Moss

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Vale are recommended to be considered for Business case consideration however CRF Strategy seeks to exclude its consideration...why?

### **The CRF Strategy**

The recommendation to site an Indoor Sports Facility in the northern part of the shire (p31 strategy) has no basis. There is no justification throughout the report that provides any reasoning or compelling argument that the northern part of the shire is the appropriate location for additional indoor courts. As previously outlined the housing projections that indicate growth in Mittagong are not backed by Councils Local Housing Strategy. We further note that the only Council owned existing indoor courts are in the northern part of the shire i.e., Mittagong Recreation Centre and the Hilltop Community Centre.

### Comments, errors, and misrepresentations in the Strategy

- At P8 the sport participation projections are carried across from the CRF Study and are significantly flawed. Unfortunately, the figures show a significant level of naivety of the local sporting scene and total ignorance of the reality by Council staff who did not challenge these figures with the consultants.
- At P9 the strategy lists Council facilities, where are the 4 indoor courts currently owned by Council?
- At P10 the planned LPRSH and SHISH were intended to be a regional/district facility however do not rate a mention.
- At P19 a good example provided for a sporting hub with multiple dry sports combined, similar to the proposed LPRSH and SHISH.
- The figure at P30 from the CRF Strategy and shown below says it all . A 15–20-minute catchment for all the main population centres makes the case for SHISH to deliver

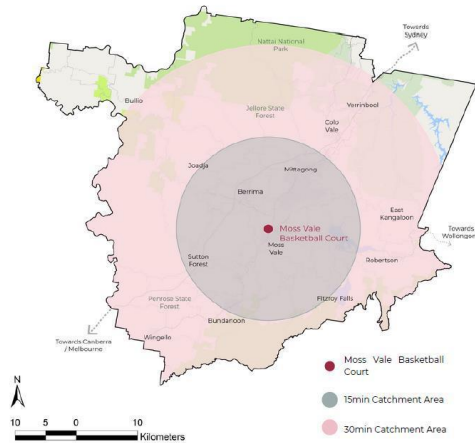
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additional indoor courts for the shire. NSW Office of Sport guidelines suggest 30-minute travel is appropriate for higher level (district to regional) facilities.



- The P31 – MVDBAI inclusion only occurred after significant lobbying by the Association and is a poor attempt at appeasement.
- At P32 under *what we heard* first sentence why no mention of Futsal, Indoor Hockey and Netball? The comment “*There is a need and opportunity for a larger multipurpose indoor space to service the northern part of the shire.*” This comment is quite bewildering considering the north could

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already be considered overserved with two indoor facilities at Mittagong and Hilltop. The recommendation is naïve at best and if acted upon is likely to set up the potential for a “white elephant” in the north of the shire. Perhaps Council should question the usage rates for the Mittagong PCYC to gauge the level of demand that actually exists.

- I believe there is potential to include a destination playground as part of the LPRSH. A walking track and exercise stations had been included in the design.
- At P54 why do the comments for Moss Vale “What we heard” relate to Bowral? Under Precinct actions clearly LPRSH and the SHISH should be considered however are totally ignored.
- The CRF Strategy provides incorrect precinct population figures for Wingello area and Northwest Precinct

The documentation of the mistakes, oversights, flawed projections, and assessments are all provided to show the CRF Study and Strategy contain significant issues in their content and accuracy. The CRF Strategy document is intended to represent a 20-year vision for the Council and is not a comprehensive or accurate review of the past processes and future projections. Neither document can in my opinion be relied upon to achieve strategic Community and Recreational Facility planning out to 2041.

The CRF Study & Strategy recommendations and Councils strategic alignment

The CRF Study and Strategy for no logical reason recommend a new four court facility should be located in the north of the shire. The recommendation does not make sense and has the “feel” that this was a pre-arranged outcome. Reasons for this suspicion and

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why Moss Vale and the LPRSH and SHISH as a combined facility are a superior option:

- LPRSH and SHISH are basically ignored in the new study and strategy that was supposed to be a comprehensive review of sport and recreation facilities to make recommendations for the shire over the next 20 years. If the consultants are competent and experienced in their respective fields these proposed facilities would not be excluded from the assessment and reporting. They need to answer why, with \$180 000 of ratepayer money being spent on their consultancies, these actions were deliberately taken.
- Indoor sports hubs operate best when they have 5-6 courts, making them more financially viable and attractive for regional events. This is the experience of many specialists in the recreation planning field and the experience of many operational NSW regional sporting hubs. Spreading them around the shire as proposed in the strategy is not a rational decision and will potentially make this a future economic burden on the community. Local provision is appropriate however the north of the shire already has two publicly owned indoor courts.
- Ignorance of the current financial benefits for ratepayers by utilizing existing facilities. Siting the new courts next to the existing stadium as MVDBAI proposes and previous elected Council agreed will centralise infrastructure and administration and allow ratepayers to leverage value of the current stadium that has a replacement value of \$5.5M.
- Moss Vale is central to the Shire with Bowral, Mittagong, Robertson, Berrima, Bundanoon all within a 20-minute catchment. A facility in the north of the shire will not provide central accessibility and further may not be located

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near public transport as per the current stadium and Lackey Park.

- The LPRSH and SHISH are central to the significant population growth in Bowral and Moss Vale projected in the Wingecarribee Local Housing Strategy (July 2021) – see p30 of the CRF Strategy. These two towns will have the largest population in the shire. There is limited growth in the north of the shire as forecast in the Local Housing Strategy. The Housing forecasts at Table 4 of the study however are totally at odds with the adopted Council Local Housing Strategy and suggest more significant growth in Mittagong ... why? In discussions with Council staff about a business case that identifies a location for facilities in the “North of the Shire” we have questioned if not on rezoned land where could this be? It is hard to envisage a publicly owned location that has the benefits of public transport access and easy vehicle access as Lackey Park and SHISH sites.
- The CRF Study and CRF Strategy ignore some basic principles of sporting facility planning. Centralized sport hubs are the recommended model and make economic sense for governments as infrastructure and administration are combined, see the many examples including Bomaderry (as referenced in the strategy), Tamworth, Griffith, Port Macquarie, Dubbo, Wagga, Taree. The LPRSH and SHISH copy these very successful sporting precincts in regional NSW.
- The study confirmed there is an oversupply in sports fields and pools in the Shire. The best practice in this situation would be that you upgrade existing facilities, as occurred with the Moss Vale Indoor swimming Centre and was proposed with the LPRSH, rather than create new centers in the north of the shire as proposed. The CRF Strategy recommendation is completely at odds with the findings of

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the CRF study that indicate there are numerous aging and costly facility refurbishments in the immediate and medium terms for the Wingecarribee Shire.

- Lackey Park is a Council Facility, and MVDBAI previously offered a long-term lease to the Council for its vacant land to holistically advance the sporting hub and SHISH. The council does not have to compensate a developer or landowner to find another suitable site in the north of the shire. The MVDBAI has shown it is committed to working collaboratively with all levels of government.
- Public Expenditure recent and planned to use predominantly ratepayers' funds: Bowral Hall \$8.4M, Regional Art Gallery >\$7M, planned Animal Shelter and SES \$9.6M. This suggests an imbalance in funding in the community and recreational facilities space with indoor sports again ignored in future budgetary commitments.

### **Councils' process and actions in the CRF Study and Strategy**

As a member of Councils CRF Panel, I have been concerned with the process that Council has adopted. After two meetings it is still unclear how the feedback from the panel finds its way onto any decision making. The panel at this stage appears to be a waste of panel members valuable time and is put forward as a veneer for public consultation. The panel members are also being selectively provided information from Council staff without the full history and information making the feedback skewed toward Councils express objectives and outcomes.

The process for the CRF study and CRF strategy has been riddled with mistakes and oversights (intentional or inept?) throughout its compilation and reporting and these impact upon public confidence in the process and community consultation outcomes.

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1. Incomplete consultation at the CRF study stage with MVDBAI, as owner of the largest indoor stadium in the shire, receiving minimal contact and opportunity to comment. Membership figures provided were not reflected in the final study at the Consultation Summary Report.
2. Reporting to Council of the CRF Study & CRF Strategy in April of this year excluded critical attachments that excluded a significant amount of information from the public. The Administrator at that stage indicated he had no confidence in the study or strategy and needed another report in June to address a range of issues. At the June Council meeting he still expressed his lack of confidence in the CRF Study.
3. Distribution of information at the CRF Panel that did not include any history of SHISH and Lackey Park and requesting the panel to make uninformed commentary and feedback. Also, at the second CRF panel meeting an outdated CRF Strategy that excluded the p31 amending addition of the MVDBAI history and actions was distributed.
4. Upon commencement of the public exhibition, a totally biased and what was stated as "incorrect" set of advisory questions were posted in the "Your Say" exhibition portal to "guide" public comments. These were taken down within a week and a new more relevant set of survey questions added.
5. At the reporting of the CRF Study Strategy on the 21st June 2023 there is an unusual separation between the officer recommendation and administrator resolution

### *OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION*

*THAT:*

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- 1. Council receives and notes the contents of this report.*
- 2. Council endorses the Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy for public exhibition.*
- 3. Council endorses the Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Study for public exhibition.*

*A further report be provided following the period of public exhibition.*

Resolved by administrator that:

THAT:

- 1. Council Endorse the Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy for public exhibition and in support of same agrees with the draft Community and Recreation Facilities Study being concurrently exhibited and a further report be provided following the exhibition period.*
- 2. The General Manager report to Council on the strategic and infrastructure reports required to support the delivery of outcomes in the Local Strategic Planning Statement*

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*and Local Housing Strategy, and this report include timelines and funding to be included in*

*the Delivery Program and Long-Term Financial Plan at the September 2023 review.*

Does this direction to the General Manager include a rezoning in the North of the Shire to amend the Local Housing Strategy to accommodate the Aquatic and Indoor Sports Facility? In the Local Housing Strategy consideration of properties on Bong Bong Road Mittagong, the largest properties in Mittagong considered in the Strategy, were considered in the Council report of the 14th July 2021. This site was not recommended for rezoning by staff as "Based upon the significant limitations in the infrastructure networks and highly visible nature of the site, the investigation area was ultimately deemed unsuitable as a future living area". The site was however included in the administrator's motion and of course adopted. This occurred with the comments to the effect that the administrator did not agree with it being removed by the Executive staff and that "we should have another look at this site". The premise was that something could be worked up for infrastructure upgrades that would provide a broader public benefit. This appears to be a direct contravention of how the planning process is intended to operate with merit-based assessment for a potential site being put aside to address perceived public infrastructure inadequacies. If the planning system was operated in this was why do you need Town Planners and an ordered and merit-based assessment process?

Outside of a rezoning what other publicly owned properties may be under consideration for the business case in the direction to the General Manager noted above. If the objective is to site the facility on publicly owned land, the Highlands Golf Course at Mittagong would be the only land large enough to accommodate these facilities.

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The upgrading of sewerage treatment plants to accommodate any large residential rezoning would result in a delay to any facility in the north of the shire by up to 10-15 years. These facilities are needed now with existing aquatic facilities over utilized and a critical shortage of indoor sporting facilities.

These instances and actions combine to describe a process that has been hastily assembled and concocted to arrive at what appears to be a pre-determined outcome and to remove the LPRSH and SHISH from the public's awareness and to construct an alternate reality and "opportunity" that may be reliant on a developer's land and monetary contributions. The CRF study and strategy do not represent a reasoned and logical consideration of indoor stadium facility needs, planning and vision for the next 20 years.

The Community Strategic Plan refers to providing a range of facilities for the wellbeing of the community and also given our ideal geographical location attracting "economic opportunities and investment". Refer to Attachment One for the potential benefits and previous study completed for MVDBAI by Michael Connel & Associates for the opportunities a regional sporting hub presents. Both the SHISH and LPRSH align with these objectives.

I ask where is the strategic alignment for the current CRF Strategy with the current Wingecarribee Local Housing Strategy?

Council should be progressing with Moss Vale LPRSH and SHISH and collecting Development Contributions for these facilities now.

The CRF Study and Strategy seek to align the future provision of Infrastructure with the current and future population centres referred to as strategic alignment. As already shown the CRF Study and Strategy fail on the most significant basis for their findings, the adopted housing and population projections.

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The existing MVDBAI Indoor facility and Lackey Park are located within 20 minutes of the current major population centres and the bulk of future main population growth centres of south and west Moss Vale as well as southeast Bowral and Burradoo as noted in the CRF strategy (p30). Moss Vale has the highest forecast new dwellings followed by Bowral (p22) and these two towns shoulder the bulk of the population increases. The housing considerations should also consider the significant infill development opportunities in Moss Vale where infill subdivisions and medium density developments continue to produce a significant number of additional lots and houses. Examples include the forty-nine (49) lot residential subdivision development application (DA 23/1110) recently lodged for property in Lytton Road and the unit development completed in Kirkham Street. In addition to this there are the ongoing rezonings around Moss Vale, for example 6.6 Hectares (60-70 dwellings) on Yarrowa Road at the southeast corner of Chelsea Gardens. The conclusion can easily be drawn that Moss Vale will in 10-15 years be the largest town in the Southern Highlands and combined with Bowral represent over 50% of the Shires population.

The Wensleydale and Mittagong future population growth are serviced by the existing two northern Council owned indoor recreation facilities with ability to expand the Mittagong Recreation Centre with an outdoor or covered court (as suggested in the CRF Study feedback). These two courts provide a satisfactory local level of indoor court service to the northern part of the shire.

The combined Lackey Park and MVDBAI Indoor Facility are located close to Moss Vale train station and also have easy vehicle access. The future Moss Vale bypass to the north will improve north and eastern access by road onto Lackey Road and to these sites.

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As indicated throughout the CRF study and strategy it is critical that Council listens to the community in the careful deliberation of existing and future facilities to cater for the Wingecarribee Shire over the next 20-30 years. The Council should also be seeking to build trust and partnerships with important community providers such as MVDBAI. Both documents however steer well clear of the previous LPRSH proposal and give little regard to the SHISH, a timid approach that must be questioned. If the consultants are competent are competent, why would they ignore these proposals? Given the current performance of Council in managing and providing direction for the Consultant's report it has failed on these stated aims and objectives.

Some comments about Lackey Park and SHISH we have heard over the years from Council as to why the LPRSH and SHISH may not be appropriate with responses:

- Lackey Park is too small for a regional sporting hub.

The combined Lackey Park and MVDBAI land area is approximately 7.5 Ha, as a comparison Artie Smith Sporting Hub at Bomaderry combining AFL, Cricket, Croquet and 6 court indoor centre is a comparable 8.7Ha and the Griffith West End sport complex with Athletics, Netball (7 courts), grandstand, Hockey (2 pitches) and Basketball/Multi use indoor courts (7 courts) is on 6.4 Ha.

- MVDBAI land is privately owned so Council cannot collect developer contributions.

The basic premise for developer contributions be they Voluntary Planning Agreements or other streams of contributions are that they must be for the public's benefit. Private land is commonly utilised for public facilities and is usually part of the contribution process. Legal agreements would need to be in place however

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provided the use is for the public's benefit these arrangements can be worked through, for example the Frensham indoor pool agreement with Council. MVDBAI has previously also suggested a long-term peppercorn lease to Council for its vacant land with appropriate legal agreements in place. Alternatively, the SHISH can be built upon Lackey Park and other less intensive capital facilities such as outdoor courts and carpark located on the MVDBAI vacant land and a long-term lease secured.

- Public money being invested into a private facility (SHISH)

The NSW Government has provided grants to a total of over \$700 000 in 2022 for the existing facility owned and run for the public benefit by MVDBAI. Council has also been prepared to provide small grants in the past and a further \$560 000 interest free loan to MVDBAI for the current stadium renovation in 2013/14. The NSW Office of Sport has provided written confirmation that this investment of funds for the public benefit is not an issue.

These comments are some of the "off the cuff" comments we have heard with no written reasons provided to MVDBAI as to why the SHISH project is not worthy of support.

### **Other Strategy Recommendations**

#### **Swimming Pool Recommendations**

The study and strategy again provide incomplete commentary on swimming pools. The Frensham indoor pool in Mittagong (again the north of the shire) must legally provide public access via a Voluntary Planning Agreement for organised events such as squad swimming, water polo and swim school yet hardly rates a mention in the CRF Study and strategy. The Frensham pool is currently serving this purpose for the residents in the north of the shire with a full schedule of use, however with limited public access.

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This would appear to be a further deficiency in the report that does not present the full picture to the public.

Regardless of this fact and the CRF Study confirming the Shire has surplus swimming pools for its population, I support a new indoor pool that is suited to Water Polo and other aquatic user needs to be constructed due to the overdemand on the Moss Vale Swimming Centre and the lack of public access to Frensham Pool. There is now also no competition standard 50m pool with minimum 8 lanes for the Shire. The current Bowral Swimming Centre site would be suitable to meet this need. As previously mentioned, Council needs to be reusing/recycling its existing facilities NOT creating new ones. If Council proceeds to construct a new aquatic facility in the north of the shire what happens to the aging Bowral Swimming Centre?

The redevelopment of the swimming centre including a heated outdoor/semi outdoor pool could collect developer contributions to fund this regional facility. The Bowral swimming centre is a centrally located site in the middle of Bowral and Mittagong on a main road and with public transport nearby. The site also has additional land at its disposal with the adjacent unformed road that could be utilised for a supporting use such as a gymnasium or a single indoor multi use court for local provision. Provision for Southern Highlands Water Polo needs to be made as without Mittagong Pool they have no facility to base their operations.

A development application recently lodged for Inverell Council (similar climate to the Southern Highlands) to redevelop the Inverell Aquatic Centre (Indoor pool and semi-indoor 50m pool) would be worth investigating as it would appear to represent good value at \$25M. The method used with this facility could be considered with the redevelopment of the Bowral Swimming Centre.

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In relation to the Bundanoon pool the southern residents need a swimming centre. There would be very few swimming pools in NSW that have an annual positive financial outcome, and this is accepted as a service that Councils should provide. Council does need to engage further with the community upon solutions to retain the facility. Council may need to become more inventive with its programs and where possible utilise the community as volunteers to assist in reducing the running costs associated with this facility.

#### **Mittagong Sports Precinct**

I support redevelopment of the Mittagong pool area as a youth precinct with additional outdoor half or full multipurpose court potentially covered, play space and skatepark.

#### **Recreational and Bushwalking**

I Strongly support the enhancement and maintenance of bushwalking trails as these are an under-utilised asset for local residents and also for tourism promotion.

#### **Conclusion CRF Study and Strategy regarding Indoor Sports Stadium**

It is little wonder that two of the leading sports facilities in the Shire have been developed and managed by private organisations i.e., MVD BAI and the Southern Highlands Hockey Incorporated. Both have through their own initiative borrowed money, contributed thousands of hours of volunteer labour finance and expertise, developed excellent local facilities, have large memberships, and run well organised successful competitions in their respective sports. This shows what can be accomplished through the dedication of sporting groups at times facing resistance and barriers from the Wingecarribee Shire Council.

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Council however seeks to find fault with community organisations and stymie their progress and vision. This once again occurred with the refusal to loan money for the SHISH development application reports. The use of consultants for the CRF study and strategy has produced flawed and poor outcomes for the community. I ask how many local residents with deep and long developed and embedded knowledge of the local sporting participation, facilities, issues and positive aspects were given an opportunity to genuinely contribute to the CRF Study and their knowledge utilised. The CRF Study seems to resort to a tick the box exercise and unrepresentative surveys and demand modelling reliant upon external consultants who are in lieu of locals, deemed to be the source of all knowledge and wisdom. How many of the Council senior staff are long term residents of the shire with this lived experience in the shire participating in sports, administering, and coaching or raising families with their children participating in multiple sports in the shire to enable them to exercise their own judgements and assessment of the CRF Study outcomes?

The process and how the CRF Study and Strategy have evolved are above all else the failing of the Council and not necessarily consultants, who are contracted to provide a predefined (?) outcome. Is it also appropriate that this strategic planning is being run via an Administrator rather than local councillors who can draw upon their extensive network of locals with vast expertise and experience. The CRF Strategy, that is reliant upon the CRF Study, does not provide a balanced and well-informed direction and recommendations for this Shire's future Community and Recreational Facility needs. The "Business Cases" that will flow on from the adopted CRF Strategy will likely be developed without transparency via a directive from Council staff.

A way forward for the CRF Strategy is to listen to the community and pause the process and reinstate the LPRSH and SHISH in the CRF Strategy as a district/regional Sporting Hub proposal. The

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redevelopment of the Bowral Swimming Centre to provide for aquatic facilities for residents in the shires central and north should also be included in the strategy. Council could start to collect Developer contributions NOW toward these facilities and start preparing masterplans and then development applications. Much of the work for LPRSH is already completed. The longer these facilities are delayed from being included in strategies and contribution planning the opportunities are missed for collection of developer contributions for these much-needed projects.

The ramifications for the shire on service provision, future cost of construction and maintenance of facilities, accessibility and potential underutilisation are too significant to proceed with the current flawed direction of the CRF Strategy and Council.

I request that my personal details are redacted in any GIPA or public reporting process.

### “ Moss Vale & District Basketball Association (2<sup>nd</sup> submission) - N Browne

Re: Community and Recreation Facility Strategy and Tredwell 100% Draft Study

Multi use Indoor Court Facility

I refer to the report to Council on the 26th of April 2023 and attachments in regard to the above report and strategy. The Moss Vale and District Basketball Association Inc (MVDDBAI) has long advocated for additional Multi use Indoor sporting facilities in the shire. The acknowledgement in the study and strategy that these additional facilities are required in the Wingecarribee Shire is welcomed and confirms this position.

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The recommended location of these additional facilities in the Northern part of the Shire however does not, in our view, appear to be a considered and justifiable conclusion.

MVDBAI would like to address the following aspects of the report, strategy and its conclusions:

1. There is a lack of acknowledgement of previous assessments and reports that would further support the proposal for additional Indoor multi sports courts. The "Feasibility and Facility Report" (Otium 2016) and Economic Impact Report (Michael Connell & Assoc 2017) completed on behalf of the MVDBAI provide valuable insight that could be included in the report and strategy. This is a missed opportunity and there appears to be an over reliance upon the results of an online survey where results can be skewed by a group/sport influencing the outcome as only 533 responses presented some unusual results. Further to this the projected future participants used at p29 & 30 of the report and continued into the strategy (p8) are perplexing and appear to be unrepresentative of the realities of sport participation in the Shire over several decades.
2. Multiple references to combined community and sporting hubs are provided and this is a sound approach as witnessed in the number of mid to larger size regional and rural councils combining outdoor sports with indoor sports centres. MVDBAI has lobbied the Wingecarribee Shire Council for many years now for a new facility adjacent to the existing MVDBAI Indoor Facility and the adjacent under-utilised Lackey Park. This ultimately resulted in the Wingecarribee Shire Council and MVDBAI entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to develop this location into a multi-sport precinct. The MVDBAI has a large, level

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parcel of land adjacent to the existing Indoor Facility that was proposed to be offered in a long-term lease to Council to build a public facility. A number of detailed and costly studies were completed by the Council on this precinct in preparation for a development application that was never lodged. We contend that Multiple court facilities are best provided in the one location rather than distributed across a region. This leverages maximum impact for the efficient provision of costly infrastructure, the administration of the facility and the ability for the various sports to attract district, regional and potentially state level events. Locating additional multi use indoor courts adjacent to the current MVDBA Indoor Facility allows the community to leverage off the existing \$5 – 5.5M refurbished facility significantly reducing the need to borrow additional funds.

3. The recommendation to site an Indoor Sports Facility in the northern part of the shire (p31 strategy) seems to have been mysteriously conceived. There is no justification throughout the report that provides any reasoning or compelling argument that the northern part of the shire is the appropriate location for additional indoor courts. We note that the only Council owned indoor courts are already in the northern part of the shire (i.e., Mittagong PCYC and the Hilltop Community Centre).
4. The Study and Strategy seek to align the future provision of Infrastructure with the current and future population centres, and this is a sound principle. The current MVDBAI Indoor facility is located within 15 minutes of the current main population centres as noted in the strategy (p30). Both the MVDBAI Indoor facility, and Lackey Park, are centrally located and within 15 minutes of the future main population growth centres of south and west Moss Vale as well as southeast Bowral and Burradoo. The Wensleydale

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future population is serviced by the existing two northern indoor recreation facilities. The combined Lackey Park and MVDBAI Indoor Facility are located close to Moss Vale train station and have easy vehicle access.

As indicated throughout the study and strategy it is critical that Council listens to the community in the careful deliberation of facilities to cater for the Wingecarribee Shire over the next 20-30 years. The Council should also be seeking to build trust and partnerships with important community providers such as MVDBAI. Given the current performance of Council in overseeing the Consultant's report and the strategy it has failed on these stated aims and objectives.

Unfortunately, it seems that there are critical gaps and misrepresentations in the report provided by Tredwell Consultants and various shortcomings and recommendations that appear to have no sound basis in the Council strategy. There is the potential for crucial mistakes to be made in the provision of expensive council owned infrastructure that does not fulfil basic service provision and result in a financial burden on current and future ratepayers for decades.

We seek an urgent meeting with senior council staff to discuss these issues and to allow appropriate amendments and additional information to be included to cover the above issues in the reporting of the consultant study and Council strategy to the June Council meeting. Only through these actions will the public be fully informed allowing them to exercise judgement and make submissions that are representative of the full history and information on the provision of additional indoor facilities in the Wingecarribee Shire.

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#### **Moss Vale & District Basketball Association (3<sup>rd</sup> submission) - N Browne**

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the Moss Vale & District Basketball Association Inc and I refer to the public exhibition of The Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy (CRF Strategy) and in particular, the provision of a Multi-Use indoor Facility

The Moss Vale and District Basketball Association Inc (MVDBAI) has a long and proud history of providing an indoor sporting facility in the Wingecarribee Shire. The Association has been committed to providing this facility as a service to its members and the broader community since the building of the first court in 1970 followed by its expansion in 1983. It must be noted that the acquisition of the land, and funding of the building project, was largely provisioned from Member funds, volunteers and other contributions.

Whilst the Association is an independent, member owned entity it has committed itself to providing the facilities in good faith to support the community whilst the Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) has not. Unfortunately, the WSC has a long and demonstrated history of choosing not to actively support the provision of such facilities, particularly in the southern parts of the shire and this has resulted in the chronic under provision and degradation of Council assets. In the past the WSC Mayor has been on record saying 'There is more than sport in the Southern Highlands'. Ultimately attitude such as this has resulted in the likes of MVDBAI being left to fill the void and it is fair to say that without MVDBAI there would not likely be an indoor sporting facility of this type available to the community.

The MVDBAI applauds that the CRF Strategy again confirms our own and previous council studies that additional facilities are required in the Southern Highlands, and acknowledges the challenges facing the

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shire over time. The Association does however strongly question the outright recommendation that a new facility be provided in the northern part of the shire. This decision does not appear to be justified.

It must also be noted that the Lackey Park Regional Sporting Hub Masterplan was adopted by a democratically elected council at the ordinary meeting of Council on Wednesday 11 November 2020 (refer MN 448/20). To the best of my knowledge there has not been a properly minuted motion to rescind or formally put the adopted Masterplan on hold, save for a motion that 'council maintains the Lackey Park project on hold until the CRF Strategy is developed.' This is not a motion to put the project on hold, this is a reference to reinforce an earlier decision of Council that does not appear to exist and potentially only refers to the 'opinion' of the Administrator. This would appear to be a major failing of proper process of Council procedure and calls into question the transparency of the process.

The CRF Strategy also appears to fail to reflect the rationale set forth on several fronts. From the Request for Tender for CRF Strategy, t/je rationale for this strategy includes:

*changing demographics and increasing population trends*

*ageing facilities, that are single purpose, do not meet access requirements and may not meet current needs, which may be adapted or replaced with flexible, multipurpose facilities to respond to change in program and service needs.*

*lack of certain types of facilities, for example the provision of a regional sports facility, a regional aquatic leisure facility and a regional destination playground, in light of the projected population growth*

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*need for sustainable and inter-generational community facilities to reduce costs, manage more efficiently and provide for future generations.*

*need to advocate for the timely provision of facilities for new communities to both Government (State and Federal) and developers.*

*need for a benchmark of infrastructure costs for the development, maintenance and management of Council's current and proposed facilities.*

Projections in the Treadwell report indicated *medium growth* in the Mittagong/Bowral areas for instance, with Moss Vale to grow almost 40%. In addition, how is it possible to have the 2021 Wingecarribee Local Housing Strategy suggest an increase of 40 dwellings over 30 years in Mittagong and the Treadwell report suggest an additional 1200 over 20 Years? Where is the often-quoted Strategic Alignment that Council staff continually highlight?

Is this related to Council motion MV197/21 that, despite LPP advice to the contrary, Landowner site 9 not be included in the Local Housing Strategy the Administrator subsequently and unilaterally moved and carried a motion that the: **Bong Bang Road, Mary Street and Old South stood, Mittagong be retained as an investigation area in the focal Hoctsing Strategy and Council work with the landowners to undertake a detailed assessment of infrastructure requirements and explore opportunities to deliver in/rostrucure upgrades that provide a broader public Gene/it to the Mittagong community.** It must be noted that this motion was carried some months before the Lackey Park Project was referred to as being on hold (even though no motion to support this) until the Community & Recreation Facility Study is developed - this is especially bewildering. In short, the strategy seemingly ignores the population growth and location dynamics in decision making and in addition page 30 of the

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draft CRF Strategy (Astrolabe) clearly shows that Moss Vale is geographically central and encompasses almost the entire shire within the 30-minute drive catchment area.

The strategy seems to simply offer lip-service to Moss Vale and District Basketball by making the existing facility a 'spotlight'. If, as the strategy suggests that *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*, why then does it stop short of including the future plans for expansion of the indoor facility (inc the Lackey Park sporting Hub) as an outcome and as a recommendation of the actual strategy? If the findings say it is important, then why is it not included? In addition, the assumption that the existing privately owned facility in Moss Vale services the southern part of the Shire excludes other possible indoor sports as the existing facility is at near capacity just with basketball. The strategy states in the 'spotlight' that the expansion of MVDBAI would cater for other sports (such as such as indoor soccer, volleyball, netball, and badminton) I assume then without expansion it cannot. Therefore, the development of an additional indoor multi-use facility in the Southern part of the Shire is essential to cater for all sports and must be included in the strategy.

The recommendation to site a new four court centre in the north of the Shire should be the subject of public disclosure and debate as to why this recommendation occurred. The north of the Shire already has two publicly owned indoor facilities that provide an adequate local service provision. To provide another four courts in the north suggests this is intended to be a regional facility, and it would seem is intended to accompany the Aquatic Centre. There is no reasoning or substance to this CRF Strategy recommendation by Astrolabe. The proposal for an indoor centre in the north of the Shire is intended to be subject to a business case. I can see no feasible reason that MVDBAI would relocate to the north of the

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Shire to undertake its operations. As a NSW Basketball accredited Association, running over 20 representative teams (with "Magic" representing the whole of the Southern Highlands) and with 850 members the competitions, activity and revenue cannot be assumed to be carried into any business case for a northern indoor facility.

Missing the opportunity to build on and leverage off the existing indoor sporting facility (owned and operated by MVDBAI) ignores the real need for facilities to be sustainable into the long term. Council ratepayers will be shon-changed as the current facility offers a \$5.5M head start that Council does not have to fund. The studies and plans by the Council on the LPRSH and MVDBAI for the SHISH when combined are in the hundreds of thousands of ratepayers, NSW Government and MVDBAI members dollars. Is it the intention of the Administrator and staff to totally ignore all this previous expenditure without it even being properly considered for inclusion in the study and strategy? This raises serious questions in my mind about the direction of Council in managing public money in this Recreation Facilities space. As previously stated, Moss Vale is geographically central to the shire. It seems logical that the proposed facility would be ideally located in the geographical central part of the Shire and at the centre of future population growth, close to public transport and highway connections and co-located to the LPRSH making it an ideal location for a Sporting Hub. It is simply bewildering why, despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the Administrator personally believes that the location is not suitable.

There is the opportunity for the Southern Highlands to have a true multi-purpose regional sporting facility (needs 5-6 indoor courts) if Council chooses to adopt a vision that has been supported by the community and the previous Council. The fact that the MVDBAI stadium and land are not a Council asset is immaterial and should not be a limiting factor. The MVDBAI has had a 53-year history

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and legacy of providing a **public benefit** to the community. This MUST be a central consideration with any future decisions and direction for a co-located multi-sport facility. There are multiple ways of reaching agreements and then funding facilities for public benefit. Any commentary that, due to its private ownership this precludes the consideration of the MVDBAI stadium and land for a public facility, ignores the proven history of the Association and further the reality of both Council and the NSW Government investing in the facilities future. MVDABI has previously demonstrated a willingness to address any issue that may limit the development of the SHISH project. We are fully supportive of the redevelopment of the Lackey Park sporting hub for outdoor sports to accompany the SHISH. We would welcome the opportunity to have an open and frank discussion with the Council to address any concerns that there may be.

“ **Australian Climbing Association Inc (ACANSW) - V Wills**

### **Re: public consultation draft Community Recreation and Facility Strategy**

This submission is made on behalf of the Australian Climbing Association NSW Inc (ACANSW). ACANSW aims to work with land managers to obtain fair access for rock climbers and to promote stewardship of the cliff environment and cultural awareness, so that climbing can remain sustainable on public and private lands.

We are concerned that recreational climbing in the Wingecarribee LGA has not been given due consideration in the consultation documents and we wish to highlight the excellent climbing areas that already exist in your LGA, and impress the need for climbing to be included in outdoor and future recreational strategies.

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Unlike many recreational activities, climbing infrastructure is not funded by the public purse, nor maintained by land managers. Outdoor climbing is by its nature limited to areas of decent rock that forms escarpments, or boulders, that are suitable to climb on. Such areas are normally free of vegetation due to their verticality, and unless the rock affords natural weaknesses such as cracks, climbers may have installed safety anchors to protect the climbing routes. There are many areas for suitable climbing in the Wingecarribee LGA, indeed the picture on page 6 of the draft shows a fine looking cliff. The two most popular climbing areas are on council managed land in Mittagong, with the fine sandstone of Mt Alexandra and the volcanic trachyte at the Gib. These areas attract not only local climbers, but climbing tourism from Sydney and Canberra. In addition climbers have routes and boulder problems in many other areas in the LGA including National Parks and state forests.

The number of people climbing does not show up in the current framework of sporting activities. It is never asked, and thus never measured. However there are many local climbers who utilise the cliffs as their main form of recreation.

Inclusion of climbing as a legitimate recreational activity is important in any recreational strategy both for outdoor climbing and also indoor climbing. The popularity of climbing is increasing in and there is significant growth in indoor climbing facilities. Provision for a climbing gym should be considered, although it is not our area of expertise.

In this submission we wish to highlight the need for inclusion of climbing in relevant planning documents (such as the Mt Gibraltar plan of management) and although climbing needs little infrastructure from council, maintenance of access trails and parking is important. Also by recognition of climbing as a

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legitimate recreation, climbers can get involved in formal clean ups and bush regeneration.

With regard to the **draft plan**, specifically we would recommend that:

- P 37 climbing be included in Strategic Action 9 under Adventure activities
- p 58 climbing should be added to the list of recreational activities that are advocated for in the state forests and National Parks in the Wingello region. There are large areas of climbing in this area, but National Parks road closures have made access difficult.

We would be happy to provide any further information as required, and would appreciate being included in stakeholder updates and engagements.



**CTC Robertson** - J Kena

### **Submission to Draft Community & Recreation Facilities Strategy**

We have reviewed the Draft Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy and Study. We found a number of errors and omissions in the documents relating to Facilities in Robertson. The Robertson Community Association has made a separate submission in regard to a number of these issues. Therefore this submission relates to issues concerning the CTC Robertson in particular.

We would also like to provide feedback on the difficulty in responding to such large documents when there is no hard copy available. We did request a hard copy be provided for the benefit

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of the community but unfortunately received no response to this request.

### **Definition of Community Hall and Community Service Centre**

In the Study, the following definitions of community facilities are included –

**Community Hall** - ...provide local meeting and activity spaces that can be used by community-based organisations for activities such as dance, martial arts, local events, fitness and outreach work  
**Community Service Centre** - ...multi-functional building...for the social, cultural, and educational activities of a neighbourhood or entire community.

### **Omission of CTC Robertson from list of Community Facilities in Robertson**

In the Robertson precinct section of the Tredwell Study on p131 it is stated that – *There are six **community halls** in Avoca, Glenquarry, Robertson, Burrawang, and Kangaloon They are all privately owned and operated, except for Robertson Community Centre.* Looking at p50 of the Astrolobe Strategy which lists facilities in Robertson, the Robertson community halls included are the Council owned Robertson Community Centre and the community owned Robertson School of Arts. The CTC Robertson has not been included. (Also it should be noted that the other halls, including Robertson School of Arts, are not privately owned and operated, they are community owned and operated.)

Also on p131 of the Tredwell Study it is stated that –

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Robertson Community Centre is the only **community service centre** in the precinct, it is currently closed and requires maintenance.

So CTC Robertson has also not been included here.

### **CTC Robertson role as a community hall**

The CTC Robertson was purpose built as a multifunction community centre in 2003. It is located on Hoddle Street between Hampden Park and the Anglican Church. It is located on Crown Land and owned, managed and maintained by a not-for-profit community organisation – CTC Robertson Inc.

It includes a meeting space for up to 40-50 people which is equipped with chairs, tables, presentation equipment, wi-fi and café. It is regularly hired for meetings, events, outreach and workshops including –

- Council consultations and workshops (including a number for the Robertson Place Plan)
- Meetings of community organisations e.g. Robertson Community Association, Robertson Environment Protection Society, Robertson Business Chamber
- Regular community cinema and music afternoons
- Mental health workshops
- Yoga classes, book group
- Outreach for Southern Tablelands Arts and mobile stop for Wingecarribee Library
- Technology workshops
- Seniors Festival events
- Small Business workshops

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**CTC Robertson clearly meets the definition of a Community Hall and should be included in the list of community Facilities in Robertson.**

### **CTC Robertson role as a Community Service Centre**

As stated on our website *CTC Robertson is a multi-function centre managed by a not-for-profit community organisation (CTC Robertson Inc.). Our aim is to create and maintain a welcoming hub for people who live, work, and visit Robertson and the Southern Highlands. The centre provides facilities and enriching experiences in IT, arts, education, business and commerce, and social and cultural fields.* <https://www.robertsonctc.org.au/>

In addition to the CTC being a venue for community activities as outlined above we also act as a community hub providing the following additional activities and services –

- Community café – run by our volunteers. This is a meeting place for the weekly Crop Swap, Robbo Yarners as well as a general meeting place for community members and visitors
- Other spaces in the building – we also have a technology room containing PCs for public use for people to access the Internet or do printing. In addition there is a small office for hire which is regularly used for piano lessons, one-on-one IT lessons and is available for hire as a hot desk for people working from home.
- Printing and copying facilities – these are used by individuals, local small businesses and community organisations
- Community information – publication of Robertson News, What's On in Robertson e-news, maintenance of 2 paper based community noticeboards, maintenance of electronic

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- noticeboard, Robertson Village website, Robertson Village Facebook page
- Gallery space with regular exhibitions by local and emerging artists
  - IT help for seniors – one-on-one or in groups with assistance of volunteers
  - Community programs – we seek funding to present community programs such as mental health workshops, IT workshops, creative workshops and seniors events.
  - Volunteer opportunities – in the café, at events, IT help

CTC Robertson is located in what has been identified in the Draft Robertson Place Plan as a community precinct which has the Robertson Men's and Women's Shed at the rear and the Robertson Community Op Shop opposite.

**CTC Robertson clearly meets the definition of a Community Service Centre and should be included in the list of community Facilities in Robertson.**

### Consultation Findings in Tredwell Study

Some consultation findings on p133 of the Tredwell Study are also relevant to CTC Robertson and should be noted –

- **Creation of community hubs to enable delivery of a range of community and recreational services** – as detailed above CTC Robertson already has this role in Robertson.
- **Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities** – CTC Robertson continues to seek grant funding (from Council, State and Federal Governments) to upgrade and improve the building. Continued support with maintenance and upgrades is required. The Robertson Men's and Women's

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Shed assists with minor repairs and outdoor maintenance of our building which is much appreciated.

- **A multipurpose space for classes in Robertson** – as detailed above CTC Robertson has a role in this

### Analysis in Tredwell Study

On p136 of the Tredwell Study the following statements are made –

*Arts and Culture Centres – there are no art and culture centres in Robertson and Burrawang. The Shire currently has an over-supply of art and culture centres and there is not a requirement for additional art and culture centres.*

These are extraordinary statements.

As there is no definition of arts and culture centres in the Study it is difficult to understand what is being referred to here but it should be noted that at CTC Robertson we have an exhibition space and a space for arts and culture events – concerts and cinema. Also in Robertson and Burrawang there are School of Arts buildings that regularly host arts and culture events including concerts and theatre.

In a Shire with no large performing arts centre or community arts space the statement that there is not a requirement for additional art and culture centres is completely inaccurate. Reference should be made in this regard to Councils Arts and Culture Strategic Plan.

### Action Plan – Robertson Precinct in Tredwell Study

Comments on Action Plan on p138

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FC2 – Community Hall – *Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing community hall facilities* – we would strongly support advocacy in this regard for both CTC Robertson and Robertson

School of Arts

FC4 – Community Service Centre – *Given the oversupply of community halls and local community service centres, Robertson Community Centre is earmarked to be demolished* – Robertson Community Centre has never been a community service centre, it has been a community hall. We question as to why it is stated that there is an oversupply of local community service centres.

### **Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy Survey**

It is noted that a number of the questions in the survey on the Your Say page relating to this strategy talk about community hubs –

*What other uses do you see as appropriate as part of integrated community hub/multi-purpose facility (i.e. training and meeting rooms, café, free working space etc)?*

*Is the proposed transition from single use facilities to an integrated community hub approach a better way of meeting the communities social and recreational needs?*

*Should facilities in smaller villages be more adaptable and flexible to cater for a broader range of uses?*

CTC Robertson is this type of integrated multi purpose community hub and includes training and meeting rooms, a café and a separate working space – it caters to a broad range of uses. It is suggested that Council might like to learn from the experience of

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CTC Robertson in the establishment and operation of community hubs. We would be pleased to share our experience with this.

### **Precinct Opportunities and Actions in Astrolobe Draft Strategy**

Again, there is no mention of CTC Robertson in the Robertson precinct section of the Strategy. (There is also an error in the first sentence referring to the Robertson precinct is being in the southwest – instead of southeast- of the Shire.)

Two key opportunities are listed on p51 of the Astrolobe document –

- *Develop MOU's and partnership agreements to ensure equitable access to privately owned and managed community centres in the Robertson Precinct.* It is not clear what this means but it can be said that both CTC Robertson and Robertson School of Arts have equitable access. They are available to the broad community. They are not privately owned, they are community owned.
- *Optimise provision of activities within the town of Robertson to create a strong community hub* – as detailed above, CTC Robertson is already operating as a significant community hub. However, it does need further financial support in carrying out this role

### Precinct Actions

- *Undertake upgrades to Robertson School of Arts* – this is supported as the School of Arts is the only large hall in Robertson and also acts in the role of the Robertson Public School hall. Ongoing upgrades to CTC Robertson should also be included.

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- *Proceed with demolition of the Robertson Community Centre and prepare concept options to determine future use of the site – if Council is no longer funding maintenance and management of a community centre in Robertson, the Council funds formerly allocated to this should be redirected to the community run facilities – CTC Robertson and Robertson School of Arts. (nb we recently met with Council Administrator in regard to this issue).*

### **Council support for CTC Robertson**

The Astrolobe Strategy mentions a number of trends in provision of community and recreational facilities including the need for health and wellbeing and community places and preference for co-located flexible spaces for a range of uses and the creation of hubs for the community.

In the opportunities listed on p24 it talks about co-location and flexible co-use spaces.

CTC Robertson is clearly an example of what is considered best practice in community facilities.

CTC Robertson currently receives a small subsidy from Council towards the employment of a part-time Manager (currently 18.5 hours per week – annual subsidy is \$16,500). The annual operating costs overall are approximately \$75,000. The shortfall is made up by the hard work of volunteers who contribute the equivalent of at least 2 full time staff per week in volunteer hours operating the CTC and raising money through events, venue hire, printing services, the café, art sales, Robertson News advertising sales and applying for grants for programs.

As detailed above, given the role the CTC plays as the Community Service Centre/Community Hall/community hub in Robertson

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consideration should be given to increasing Council's financial support. Especially given that Council is no longer operating and maintaining a Council owned community centre.

We would be happy to provide any further information about the management and operation of CTC Robertson and its role in the Robertson community.

### **Robertson Community Association Inc - M Turner**

#### **SUBMISSION CONCERNING DRAFT COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES STRATEGY**

Our Association has studied the Draft Community & Recreational Facilities Strategy ("The Strategy") and the accompanying Precinct Analysis and Action Plan ("the Tredwell Report") with particular reference to Robertson. The Association represents many groups and clubs within Robertson and the following submission with comments and observations are based upon feedback from members.

When referring to the Robertson Precinct, the Strategy does not inspire confidence when, in the first sentence, it refers to the precinct as being "located in the southwest of the Shire". Not a good start.

The Strategy "identifies potential opportunities to improve community outcomes by working in partnership with other providers". Accordingly it could be expected that the Precinct Analysis set out in the Tredwell Report would identify those facilities to which this intention could apply. This is not the case.

It is unclear what collaboration with such facilities is intended. One of the "Key Opportunities" mentioned in The Strategy is to "develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOU'S) and partnership

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agreements to ensure ongoing equitable access to privately owned and managed community centres". More details what this means of how it would operate will be of benefit.

Details of the Council's consultation process regarding facilities cannot be easily separated from the consultation process which took place for the anticipated Robertson Village Place Plan. Accordingly the "what we heard" mentioned in The Strategy must include what was also heard concerning facilities strategy in the several consultations regarding the Robertson Village Place Plan. It does not appear that The Strategy makes this connection.

There is a general confusion in the Tredwell Report regarding definitions. The report is not consistent in its use of terms and has made some glaring omissions with reference to the Robertson village. The so-called Robertson Community Centre no longer exists but it had limited functionality with only a small kitchen and some projection equipment and would more accurately have been defined as a Community Hall. The true Community Service Centre is the CTC – see below. Other facilities that do provide a valued service have been omitted.

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT ROBERTSON REFERRED TO IN TREDWELL REPORT**

- **Church Halls – Robertson Anglican Hall.**

In no way could the Robertson Anglican Hall be regarded as a fully functioning Community Facility for use by the whole community. Also, it is not clear to which hall the Precinct Analysis refers. There are two. The newer main hall is suitable for functions and larger events but is not always available due to church use and is seldom used by the community. The smaller hall is old and is mainly for church activities but is also used weekly by the Robertson

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Table Tennis Club. While the Club is grateful for access to the hall it is not ideal for that use as it is too small for comfortable play and is in need of maintenance. The Robertson Table Tennis Club is incorporated and has a growing membership – particularly among the older community who find that the sport provides the opportunity for age appropriate exercise. An alternative safe venue would be preferred.

- **The Robertson Community Centre**

This venue is closed and is due for demolition so obviously does not fit the definition of Community Service Centre (or indeed that of a Community Hall) in the Tredwell Report. There has been correspondence and meetings with Council representatives who have confirmed that there are no plans for replacement in the foreseeable future. Council has committed to funding some work on the School of Arts heritage building which will provide some extra space as a smaller meeting venue but will not suit as a replacement for the Community Hall. The CTC Robertson functions as the only Community Service Centre (with minimal Council support) but it is not mentioned once in the Tredwell Report despite its importance – see below.

- **Rural Fire Service Sheds**

Strangely, the Tredwell Report refers only to the Fire Services Shed in Burrawang. Whoever was looking must have driven past the southern end of Wallangunda Street in Robertson without noticing the rather large Rural Fire Services shed occupied by the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade Inc since 1973 and easily visible from Hoddle Street. Adaption for any other use would be difficult but at least it should have been included in the Tredwell Report.

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**COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES NOT  
RECOGNISED IN PRECINCT ANALYSIS**

**Rural Fire Service Sheds**

- Robertson Rural Fire Brigade Inc – see above.

**Community Service Centres**

- **CTC Robertson**

This facility in Hoddle Street is not Council owned but sits on Crown Land. It was one of the 21 organisations that provided information to the club/user group online survey. It fits the definition of Community Service Centre (as opposed to the defunct Community Centre which does not) but, despite responding to the survey, is not included as such in the Precinct Analysis. Its functions and activities include the following:

- Venue for community meetings and workshops (including Robertson Business Chamber, Robertson Futures Group, Robertson Crop Swap, Robertson Environment Protection Society, Council consultations, CTC workshops). Venue for some private events and workshops e.g. yoga classes, book group, business workshops.
- Publication of Robertson News (every 2 months) and What's On in Robertson E-News (monthly)
- Design and maintenance of Robertson Village website and administration of Robertson Village Facebook page
- Management of the Information Centre – electronic noticeboard and paper noticeboard
- Community café

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- Village information for community and visitors (including responding to enquiries received via the Village website)
- Partnership with Robertson Men's and Women's Shed in community events
- Volunteer opportunities for people
- Internet café with WiFi
- Group and one-on-one IT training including for older people
- Printing, copying, scanning, laminating services
- Hot desk for people working from home with IT services – used for Zoom meetings, webinars etc
- IT help from experienced volunteers in a range of technology
- IT support for community organisations
- Meeting room technology including projector and laptops
- Exhibition space focussing on local and emerging artists
- Sale of artists cards and posters
- Cinema afternoons
- Venue for piano lessons
- Music afternoons
- Venue for community organised creative workshops
- Digital piano available for community use
- Sale of community publications

The CTC is currently staffed by a part-time paid Manager (18.5 hours per week) and a team of 15 volunteers who assist with day-to-day operations, cleaning and maintenance, governance, administration, events, and community publications. The average weekly volunteer contribution (all volunteers) is over 70 hours per week (equivalent to 2 full-time staff).

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Despite its importance to the community, the CTC must rely upon the work of volunteers and sales (including training, business services, venue hire, café, Robertson News advertising, cinema, art sales commissions), donations, fundraising and grants for programs. The annual operating costs are about \$75,000 of which only \$16,500 is provided as a subsidy by WSC. Without the valuable work of a team of volunteers, the CTC could not survive.

The CTC deserves, at least, to be appropriately recognised in the Precinct Analysis and Action Plan and should be at the forefront of budgetary considerations for Council. The Robertson community assumes that the CTC will be able to continue to provide its services but this is by no means assured without more support from Council.

- **The Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop**

While not strictly a Community Service Centre, the Op Shop is a valuable community asset. It is a non-profit operation run by volunteers which has returned over \$25,000 to the community in grants over the past three years. Clearly this function alone would define it as community service facility. There have been approaches and representations made to the Council on several occasions seeking an alternative venue as the current facility is on private property which is earmarked for demolition. There is an ideal plot of Crown land opposite the Police Station and adjacent to the CTC. It appears that the land was leased to the Police Department several decades ago to enable the agistment of police horses. Despite the fact that it has not been used for that, or any other purpose, for many years, the Department will not relinquish the lease to enable its use by the community. There has been no explanation as to what possible use, if any, the

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Department has in mind. If the land became available it may also permit an extension to the CTC which may also be able to incorporate the Op Shop. Alternatively, it has been put to Council that the area could be developed as a town square as part of the Robertson Village Place. Further representation from the Council could be made to the Police Minister.

- **Robertson Men's (and Women's) Shed**

This community facility is part of the Australian Men's sheds Association and provides valuable services to the Robertson community with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of members and reducing the number of men and women who are at risk from preventable health issues that may emanate from isolation. Its activities promote and enable social connections. It could also be classified below as a recreational facility. This local organisation of volunteers has contributed much time and effort contributing to various projects in Robertson and surrounds and needs on-going recognition and support. An important institution such as this should, at least, have been included in the Tredwell Facilities Strategy.

- **Robertson Bowling Club**

The Club is not mentioned in the Tredwell Report although it has been present in Robertson since 1949. It is owned by its members and is run by a dedicated committee, aided by volunteers. The Club plays an integral part in the local community supporting various clubs and community groups as well as being a home for the bowlers. It provides a valuable venue for social activities with a bistro and many recreational

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opportunities. While ostensibly for the benefit of members, it welcomes visitors and the membership fees are not high. Like most regional clubs, its continued existence is vulnerable to legislative changes and deserves Council recognition and support.

- **Robertson Community Preschool**

The Preschool facility has no vacancies. It survives in a rather precarious environment being attached to the condemned Community Service Centre. Being essentially part of the same building, it should be continually assessed to determine its safety and utility. The extent of the Council's responsibility and liability for ongoing maintenance is not clear and in view of the preschool's connection to the community, some reference should have been included in the Tredwell Report.

- **The Robertson Showground**

This large facility consisting of halls, smaller structures and extensive grounds including a sports oval, does not warrant a mention in the Tredwell Report. In addition to organising and running the annual Robertson Show it is also used as a venue for some functions and meetings including the Garden Club and the Pony Club. With the collaboration and assistance of Council, it may be feasible to facilitate use by the wider community. It is a valuable asset for the community and deserves acknowledgement in any strategic planning.

- **Robertson Heritage Railway Station**

The Robertson Railway Station has a unique set of buildings completed in 1932 when the Illawarra

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Mountain Railway was built and is heritage listed by the National Trust. The station precinct has a museum, gallery, picnic pavilions, Perway/Gang Shed, reconciliation carved poles, and Flugelman sculpture in landscaped gardens. It is a non profit organisation run by volunteers. It is a popular tourist spot and a stop on the Robertson rail loop for the famous Cockatoo Run. There is no mention of this valuable community asset in the Tredwell Report.

### **OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Proposal for a multipurpose facility**

The Council will be aware of the perennial plans for a pool at Robertson. Those plans fell apart, quite literally, when the emerging construction collapsed three years ago. From that set-back has emerged a new entity: RADSPA (Robertson and District Swimming Pool Association) which aims to utilise insurance monies and grants to establish a multifunction Centre for the Precinct. Such a centre would also provide a safe refuge location in the event of the repeat of the 2020 bushfire emergencies. This project deserves the support of Council and it is disappointing that it was not considered in the Tredwell Report. RADSPA is negotiating for leased space on private land unless the Council can make available public land.

- **Skate park and pump track.**

Facilities for the younger generation such as skate parks and pump tracks are in high demand, not the least in Robertson which has been in need of replacement of the woeful skate park for some time. Representations in writing have also been made to Council for the development of a pump track in a suitable location adjacent to Hampton Park with the

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- added incentive being the commitment by a local contractor to form the basic track without cost to Council. While the Tredwell Report does propose a concept plan for a combined skate park, pump track and basketball hard court facility it is hoped that this can be prioritised in view of the promised contribution from a local contractor.
- **Hampden Park oval**  
The Tredwell Report states that the Hampden Park oval has low usage level. This may come as a surprise to the football and hockey groups that use the space regularly. It is also well used in the cricket season. It does require ongoing maintenance and it is not clear what is proposed.
  - **Ongoing footpath issues**  
The numerous representations to Council regarding the lack of footpaths in a town as large as Robertson is an ongoing issue and, while not being directly addressed in the Community Recreational Facilities Strategy, the Tredwell Report noted that one of the highest priority improvements responses in the online survey was “improved pedestrian access (footpaths, crossings)”. It is an issue that relates to the ease of access to and between community facilities, which can be spaced a considerable distance apart. The need for something to be done in relation to accessibility and footpaths was dealt with in the PAMP study adopted by Council as long ago as 2007. Unfortunately, nothing has progressed in any meaningful way to fulfil the recommendations made at that time.
  - **Venue for seniors**  
Some of the community may take issue with the assumption that “the precinct has a lower level of disadvantage “. There is a widening gap between the



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haves and have-nots in the community particularly with an aging population. The statement that the median age in the precinct is 44 is deceptive . Median age does not mean average age and the cohort of older residents is likely to be even higher than the mean suggests. There are many of the disadvantaged to whom community facilities are increasingly important. There is no dedicated space for the ageing and disabled in the Robertson community. The local coffee shops serve as a less than ideal venue and meetings are arranged by volunteers. Some reference in the Tredwell Report would have been appropriate.

Many of the matters raised above will be well known to Council and should have formed part of The Strategy and Action Plan described in the Tredwell Report. Presumably many of these are addressed in the Robertson Village Place Plan which will soon be exhibited for public comment.

**J Slattery**

**Strategy Context and Scope**

Whilst reading the Community and Recreational Facilities (CRF) Strategy I found it frustrating and disappointing that there was limited reference to the provision of walking tracks and paths and bushland / park based passive recreation such as picnicking, only to find the section ‘What else is Council doing for community and recreational facilities?’ on the last page of the strategy.

The CRF study records the most popular community and recreation activities in a recent council survey are Walking at number 1, Bush Walking at number 4 Jogging and Running at number 6, so why aren’t facilities for these activities included in the strategy and study?

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The CRF Strategy and Study needs to make it clear at the beginning of the documents that walking and passive park based facilities are not within their scope as these facilities are covered in other strategies. The CRF documents need to name the relevant strategies e.g. The Recreational Walking Paths strategy, Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans, Parks Strategy etc and examples of the facilities they provide.

This information should be included in the CRF Study "Key Definitions and Scope" section. The CRF Strategy "Developing the Strategy" first paragraph which states what the strategy aligns to should include something along the lines of "Not all recreational facilities are included in this strategy as they are covered by other strategies for example bushwalking is covered in the Recreational Walking Paths strategy, picnic facilities are included in the Parks Strategy. The CRF study Key Definitions and Scope provides further details'.

### **Libraries**

The strategy needs to include council's mobile library as a facility.

### **Mountain Bike Track Facilities**

Why were Mountain Bike Trail facilities specifically excluded from the facility provision analysis? I found this type of information helpful in understanding general expectations on the level and number of specific sporting facilities required within the shire.

I request detailed analysis of provision rates for the various mountain biking disciplines, experience levels, and professional training use before a regional facility (Mittagong Precinct Action) and Trail Strategy Additional Strategies and Actions # 3.6) are considered.

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### **Community Halls**

I note the strategy highlights our shire has an oversupply of community halls. I would like it made clear that this does not mean that the number of halls needs to be rationalised. Our community halls play an important role in our villages as a meeting point during natural disasters such as bushfires as well as for social and passive indoor / outdoor recreational function. From my perspective the removal of community halls (privately or council owned) from villages would have a significant detrimental impact on the resilience of these communities, unless there is a Community Service Centre located within the village.

### **Precinct J - Hill Top - Balmoral - Colo Vale**

What has happened to the proposed play space upgrade / pump park / skate park in Colo Vale (report to Council June 2022, update September 2022, community feedback Oct 2022)?

The precinct action to 'Undertake a masterplan for the Jurd Park facility.....' needs to include an action to implement the masterplan.

Why hasn't the reactivation of the Loop Line and heritage rail experiences been included in the strategy? I suggest the strategy include an action to 'Identify opportunities to work with key stakeholder Transport Heritage NSW to promote community and recreational access to the Loop Line historic rail corridor'

### **Implementation of the Strategy and Study**

What position within council will be assigned as the 'Responsible Officer' for overseeing the implementation of the CRF Strategy and Study actions?

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What reporting will be provided to the Community on the progress of implementing the Strategy and Study actions? I would like to see the community provided with at least a yearly status update on each action item.

### “ L Breen

Why are walking tracks and cycle routes not listed as recreational facilities? Walking is a significant form of exercising, especially for older people, and many others facilities such as swimming pools are best accessed by walking.

1. Typical of private consultants, this document is shallow, and reflects a lack of local knowledge. Overall descriptions are inconsistent. Some egregious errors such as Mittagong spelt Mittigong throughout one document
2. If schools are worthy of inclusion, why not Churches, many of which provide halls and meeting rooms. While they may be Council owned and managed, fire sheds and childcare centres can hardly be described as recreational
3. A great many facilities are described as in poor condition or even unserviceable. In the light of this it seems that Some Access fees to community halls are too high
4. Where facilities have access to a toilet this needs to be clear, also if the toilet is only open at certain hours. Availability and quality of kitchen facilities should also be listed.
5. Shade / trees and seating as well as picnic tables should be listed on open spaces.
6. Privately owned spaces need to be marked for public availability where appropriate. Examples include the New Berrima community hall and oval which is a Boral-owned space.
7. Page 9 reference to Berrima Pony club is irrelevant. (This is at Burradoo)

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8. No mention of the Shooting facility on Berrima Road – why not?
9. No mention of camping area on Wingecarribee River at Berrima, only the nearby play space, which needs its own name. Likewise for the playground at the Marketplace. Suggest one of these parks be named in memory of Claude Crowe, the nurseryman
10. No mention of the Old Cricket ground which is excellent open area for informal ball games or a Riverside picnic at Berrima
11. The recreational asset that is the Wingecarribee River is also overlooked in the strategy. Canoeing and Kayaking would be enabled by a couple of accessible launch spots. Fishing is also enjoyed along the River and there is a fishing platform at Burradoo. Carp is the main fish caught and by law must be killed and removed from the River. Some tangle bins for broken line and tackle would be useful, as is seen in Sydney – they are emptied by volunteers.
12. There is no mention of the numbers of open spaces and bushland reserves which provide recreational activities from general walking to bird watching, photography and appreciation of nature. Examples: Hammock Hill, Mount Gibraltar. Or our significant walking paths such as Cherry Tree walk, Bong Bong to Burradoo shared path etc why are these not seen as recreational?
13. Where an area is a nature reserve such as the Mt Gibraltar Heritage Reserve, or a Historic Site like Bong Bong, it needs very clear signage setting out the protections and penalties applying to the land.
14. Should dangerous activities such as extreme Mountain biking be permitted on public land, those sites should be fenced off to prevent any collision between speeding bikes and walkers. Boundaries should be clear to everyone and permitted activities clearly advised by signage.

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15. Bowral pool is specifically mentioned as lacking depth for water polo but such lacks do not need to be included as part of the assessment of what is. Clearly we don't have facilities for many minority sports from high diving to ice skating. Council should not be expected to provide championship grade sporting facilities for minority or extreme sports. Perhaps a wish list of future sporting facilities could be added at the end.
16. Facilities and halls should have power source noted as electricity grid, solar panels, solar hot water or potential to upgrade.
17. Listing of Welby Mountain Bike Tracks (clearly shown as such on the sign) as Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Tracks (D8) is confusing and unhelpful, especially with current concerns about this essentially uncontrolled activity. The 3 other facilities based at Welby, are clearly named as at Welby
18. Special Facilities such as the tennis courts, which are closed to the public, need to have information about how general access is provided
19. The three Library branches need their square meterage noted since the comments on all specify that recommended size for these facilities.
20. Skate parks and half basketball courts are in particularly poor to even unserviceable condition. They all need to be brought up to standard immediately and urgently. Improvements to their ambience such as hardy landscaping, tree planting, seats, and shade trees must be part of the upgrade. These sites would be perfect for dinky Tracks for young Bike rides , having road markings and signs, and pump tracks could be installed at these sites too.
21. A number of sporting groups have complained about the inadequacy of storage sheds at the various grounds. While, whether Council is responsible for providing all the storage



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- wanted, Council officers need to discuss this problem with sporting groups.
22. A place for Indoor activities such as games and cards is needed. This could include snooker tables and table tennis and similar games. This would be good as a meeting place for older people in particular, without the noisy and alcoholic atmosphere of the licensed clubs.
23. A central hub for developing community resilience is also needed. This would serve a number of purposes, including but limited to developing skills for recreations that are over-looked in this strategy – knitting, sewing, other handicrafts, cooking and gardening. Rooms that could be used for a knitting circle one day and a writer's group the next. A kitchen where people could come together to make preserves. A space for workshops, a repair Cafe, tool library and resource library for Bushcare volunteers. A drop in centre where home made craft items and surplus veggies could be available on a buy, swap, sell basis.

I hope you will consider these sincere comments and suggestions.

**R Perry**

**Submission re: Draft Community and Recreation Facilities Strategy – R Parry**

Overall this draft strategy is overly complex, overly long, fails to make succinct and clear recommendations, is contradictory, and contains many errors and omissions.

I will focus on a couple such errors and omissions and areas of validity.

1. 1 many of the "consultations" took place in 2021- 2022 ( during Covid lockdowns and anxieties) with only a couple of people or no-one at them other than council staff. I

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- question the validity of such consultations as representative of community interest and need.
2. A total of 566 responses were received to the community survey. While this may be a high number of responses typically to a survey, it is a pretty low number in relation to the Shire population – approximately .01% of the populations. Again, I question how statistically relevant and therefore representative is the rate of response.
  3. There is contradiction between community responses, projections based on WA standards and the report recommendations.  
The projections of what facilities are needed per population trigger point come from WA standards. What the standards indicate is quite at odds with what the results of the local consultations say. And yet a lot of the report recommendations seem based on those WA standards not on the community consultations and responses.  
Again I would question the validity of WA standards from pre pandemic several years ago to The Southern Highlands in 2023 – post pandemic
  4. In brief there are issues with the approach to community halls, libraries and omission of discussion at all of walking tracks, bushland based passive recreation and management of reserves.

### Examples of contradictions within the report.

Based on the WA standards:

- provision of pump trails is -6 below the current population level
- provision of basket ball facilities is -8 well below current pop level

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- provision of swimming pools is above population level and we have no need of new pools until after 2040 based on pop levels

But, according to the actual **community responses** to the surveys, and the numbers of respondents who participate in activities daily/weekly/ monthly, **the most engaged in activities** are:

- walking
- bushwalking
- swimming

In addition responses to questions on swimming facilities far outnumbered other responses, and yet the report ignored that and focussed on responses to mountain biking.

This would indicate that according to the community there is a greater need for walking and swimming facilities than anything else, which is at odds with the WA standards on which much of the report is based.

### According to community responses:

The top FIVE activities in the shire for adults are:

- walking
- fitness
- athletics
- swimming
- cycling

and for children:

- soccer
- league

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- netball
- basketball
- AFL

In this particular list of activities, yoga, music, soccer, meetings, come in ABOVE mountain biking and yet provision of mountain biking facilities is highlighted several times in the document whilst the other higher scoring activities get little or no mention. The report claims that there is " a strong demand for facilities such as pump tracks, skills parks, dirt bike tracks for mountain biking" . And yet on what is this claim based, considering that mountain biking is low in the list of the top twenty activities.

Further, the **top five facility types** used most frequently on a daily weekly fortnightly level are:

- parks
- open spaces
- playgrounds
- sports grounds (that's only four, they can't count)

The next most used facilities are:

- Bowral library
- Moss vale pool
- Bowral pool

And yet again, pools are barely considered in the report and the libraries are mentioned only as being somewhat below need.

### **Comment:**

Recent events in the Shire involving conflict between mountain biking enthusiasts and other members of the community as a consequence of unauthorised trail making, certainly demonstrate that the Shire needs to manage mountain biking within the shire

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and provide facilities for it in order to protect parks and reserves and other passive recreational users of bushland.

Likewise, issues in other local government areas and national parks also show that the demand for mountain biking facilities is one that needs to be addressed, monitored and regulated in order to protect natural bushland passive recreational environments from unregulated trail making.

Equally, the high participation rates in the shire in walking and bushwalking as compared to mountain biking, indicate a need to acknowledge the place of walking within the shire and the importance of ensuring that it is protected. However, the draft report does not mention protection and management of spaces for walking and bushwalking. It does not mention passive use of the many open spaces, parks and reserves in the Shire. Clearly since these are the major recreational activities and places they need to be considered in the development of any recreational strategy.

So, what does all this add up to?

Yes, as we keep increasing the population of the Shire we need more organised facilities for younger residents, including pump tracks, skate parks, dirt bike trails and basketball courts.

However, **the most engaged in activities are in open spaces/parks/playgrounds and the most engaged in activities are (bush) walking and swimming.**

There is a lot in this draft strategy. I wish I had a paid full working week to go through the SIX documents involved in this strategy and to address each element in it. However, there is too much to properly get across without dedicating a lot of time. It is unlikely that many residents of the Shire are going to be able to

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pay much attention to it. The usefulness of responses to the report as a gauge of community need and wish is debatable.

I hope the Council will take careful note of comments and suggestions in ALL submissions and not simply implement the strategy as drafted with minor tweaks. As previously stated and demonstrated, it is erroneous and demonstrates a lack of clear understanding of the actuality of the Shire, rather depending on standards created some time ago and from a completely different part of Australia. In particular it is silent on passive recreation and parks and reserves with a focus on built infrastructure.

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I would also like to know what processes Council will put in place to report on:

- how this draft is altered to create the final strategy in response to community feedback
- decision making processes on creating the final strategy
- progress at implementing the final strategy and to
- provide regular updates ( perhaps half yearly?) on the final strategy's implementation

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## 2.3 Sport, Recreational & Leisure Community Reference Panel

### **Minutes of Meeting 22 June 2023**

#### **General Comments**

- CRFS does not consider potential repurposing of Council owned golf-courses alternative sport or recreation usages.
- Athletics appears to have similar participation rates as other sports, but a synthetic athletic track is discarded out of hand due to the population triggers obtained from Parks & Leisure Australia which is based in Western Australia.
- Concerns raised that projected local demand for various sporting codes appears unrealistic with some codes having a forecast increase of 3,500%.
- CRFS has minimal focus on recreation activities like rock climbing and mountain biking
  - Manager Assets clarified that these items will be considered in the future Natural Areas Recreation Strategy – as per 21 June Council resolution.
- Greater focus should be had on providing active transport connections, especially between Mittagong and Bowral.
- Concerns were raised over lack of quantitative process for consideration of feedback received during public exhibition period.

- To enable the wider community to read & provide feedback on the CRFS, a concise summary of the document should be prepared and information session(s) held.

#### **Priority Projects**

Panel members each wrote comments and/or ideas under the various points of the three priority projects identified by the CRFS (Destination Playspace, Regional Aquatic Facility & Indoor Recreation Facility). A 'dotmocracy' was then completed for each Priority Project, where Panel members were able to use sticky dots to select what comment/idea they deemed as most important. The following comments/ideas were deemed as highest importance:

- Destination Playspace
  - Co-locate the destination playspace with the new Regional Aquatic Centre
  - Needs to be close to food and coffee facilities
- Regional Aquatic Facility
  - Regional Aquatic Facility should accommodate indoor & outdoor pool, as well as other activities (like water polo, diving and water slides/play area).

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- Efforts should be made to further activate Bundanoon Pool as opposed to being considered for decommission.
- Indoor Sporting Facility
  - Delivery of the Lackey Park Regional Sporting Hub
  - Co-location of the Indoor Sporting Facility with Regional Aquatic Centre and Destination Playspace.

### Shire Wide Strategic Actions

The CRFS identifies 10 shirewide strategic actions, a 'dotmocracy' was again utilized to determine the 3 actions deemed of highest importance to the Panel.

The Shirewide Strategic Actions deemed of highest priority were:

1. 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.
2. Continue to support the performing arts by:

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- 2.2. Prioritising the reopening and reactivation of the Mittagong Playhouse, and
- 2.3. Seeking funding to complete a feasibility study for a purpose built regional performing arts centre within the Shire
3. 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
4. Develop a Cycle Wingecarribee Plan that positions the Shire as the multidisciplinary cycling centrepiece of NSW

### Precinct Based Actions

The CRFS also identifies 42 precinct based actions, of which the Panel was to review and those of highest importance determined. Due to time constraints, this prioritization will instead occur out of session.

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### 3 Next Steps

Your feedback has helped shape our Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy, which will be presented to Council on the 18 October 2023.

All feedback received through public exhibition of the draft strategy has been considered by Council and, where applicable, has been addressed in the Final Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy.

In addition, submissions that provided detailed responses and comments on specific elements within the CRFS will inform the implementation of projects and actions identified within the strategy. Wingecarribee Shire Council look forward to continuing to liaise with the community on these future projects.



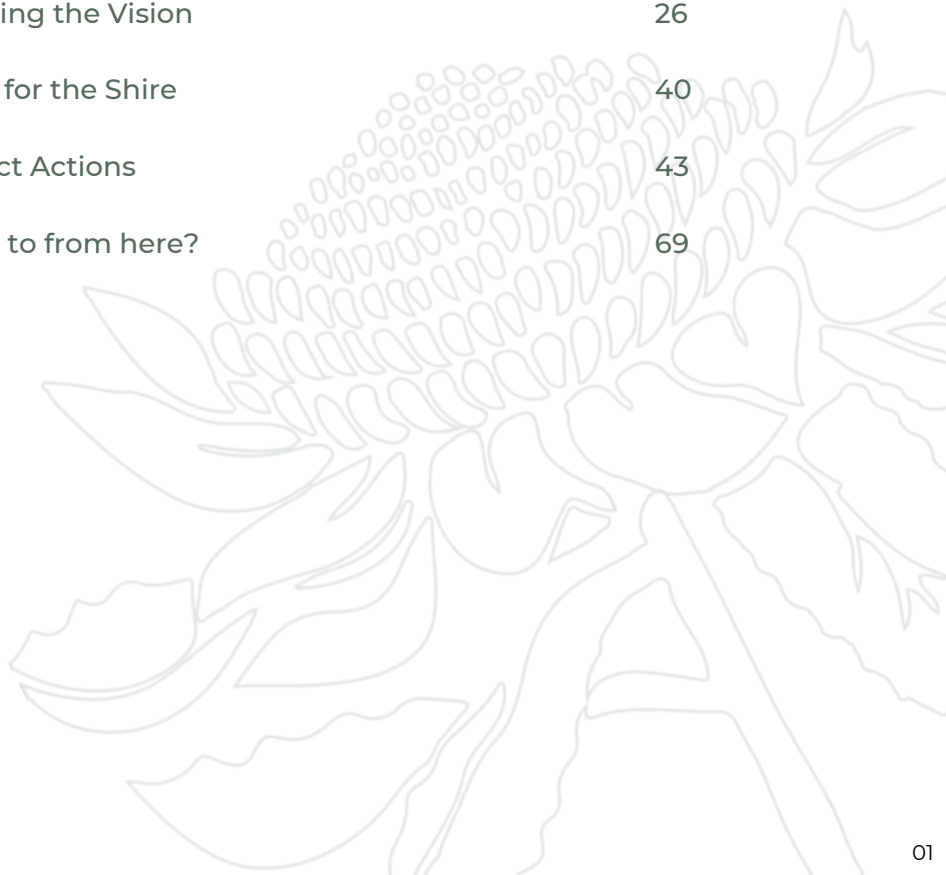
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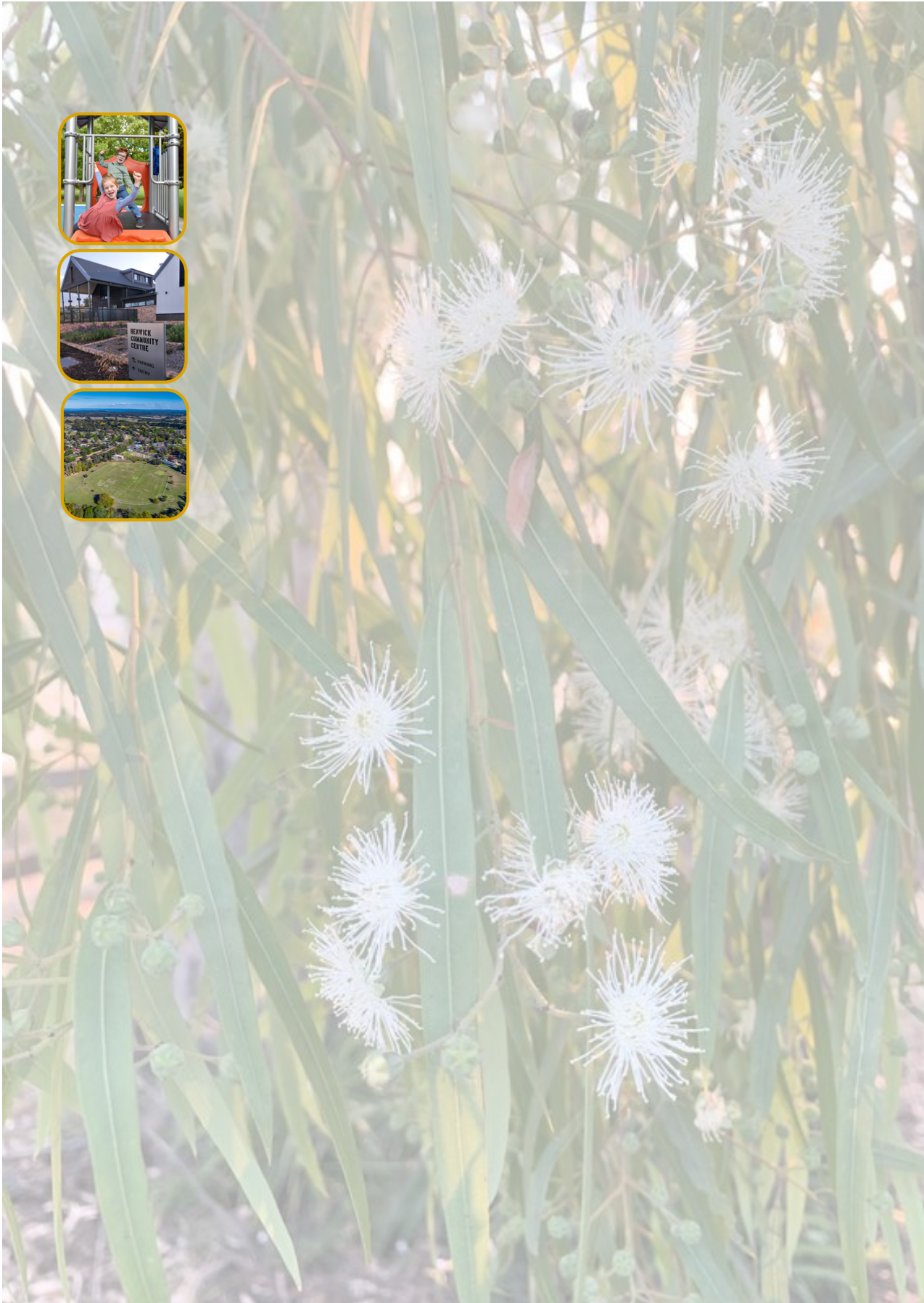
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# Acknowledgement of Country

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.

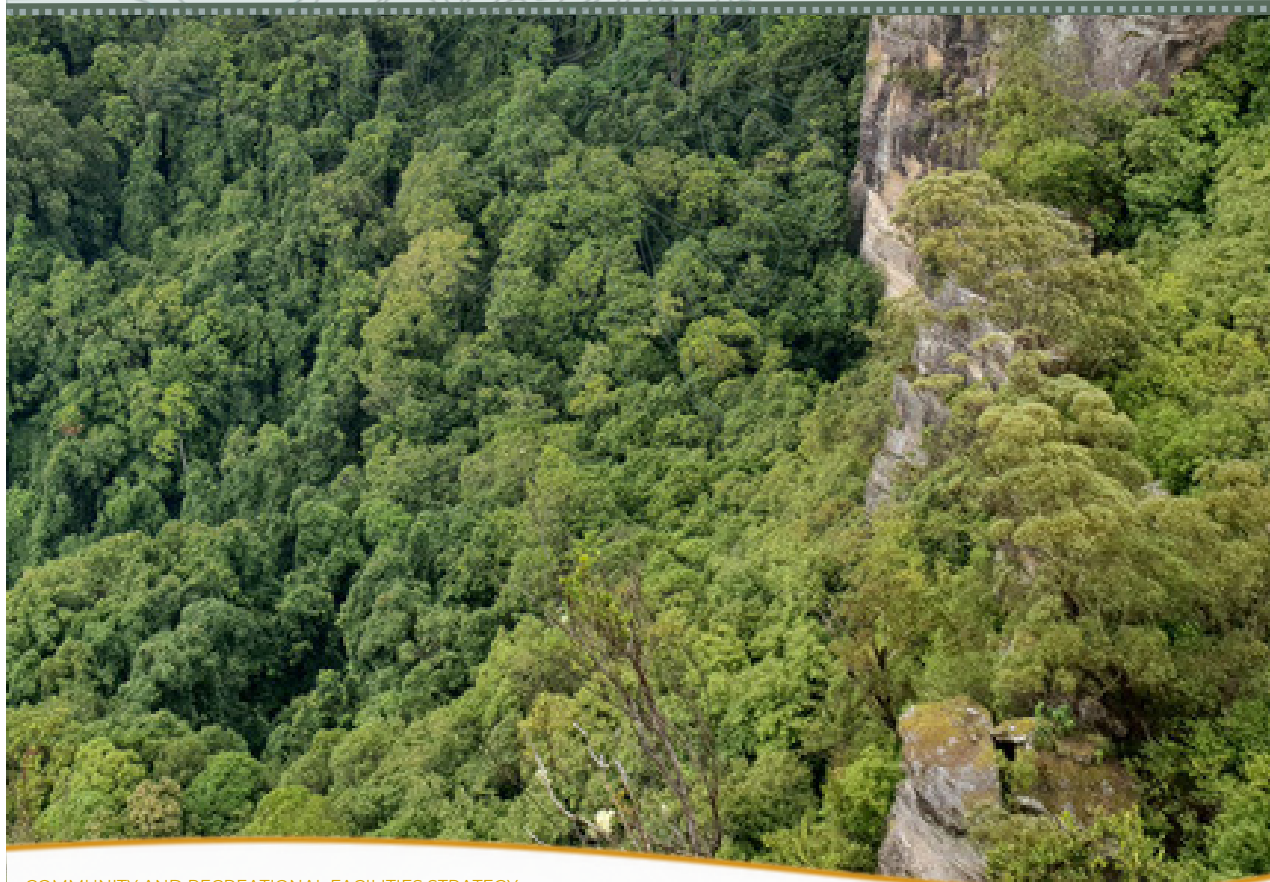
I would like to thank everyone that participated in the development of this Strategy and look forward to its implementation and positive outcomes being delivered for our community.



*Lisa Miscamble  
General Manager*



# Our Place, People and Facilities



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**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.

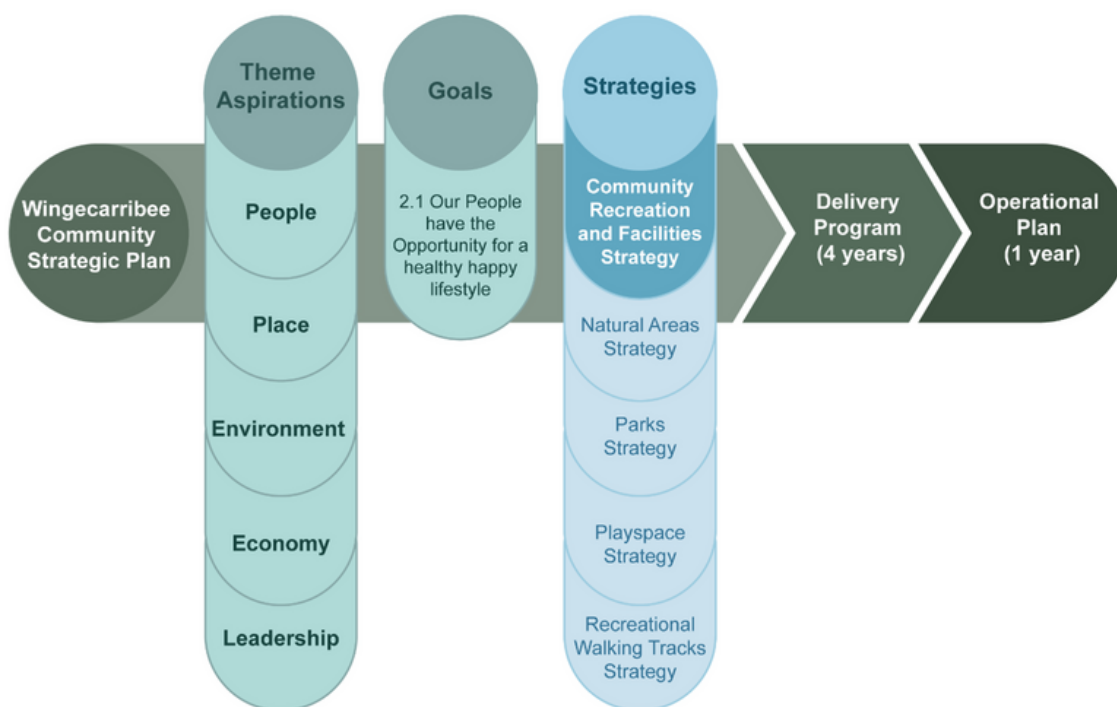


Figure 1: Alignment to Community Strategic Plan and other Strategies and Plans of Council

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?**

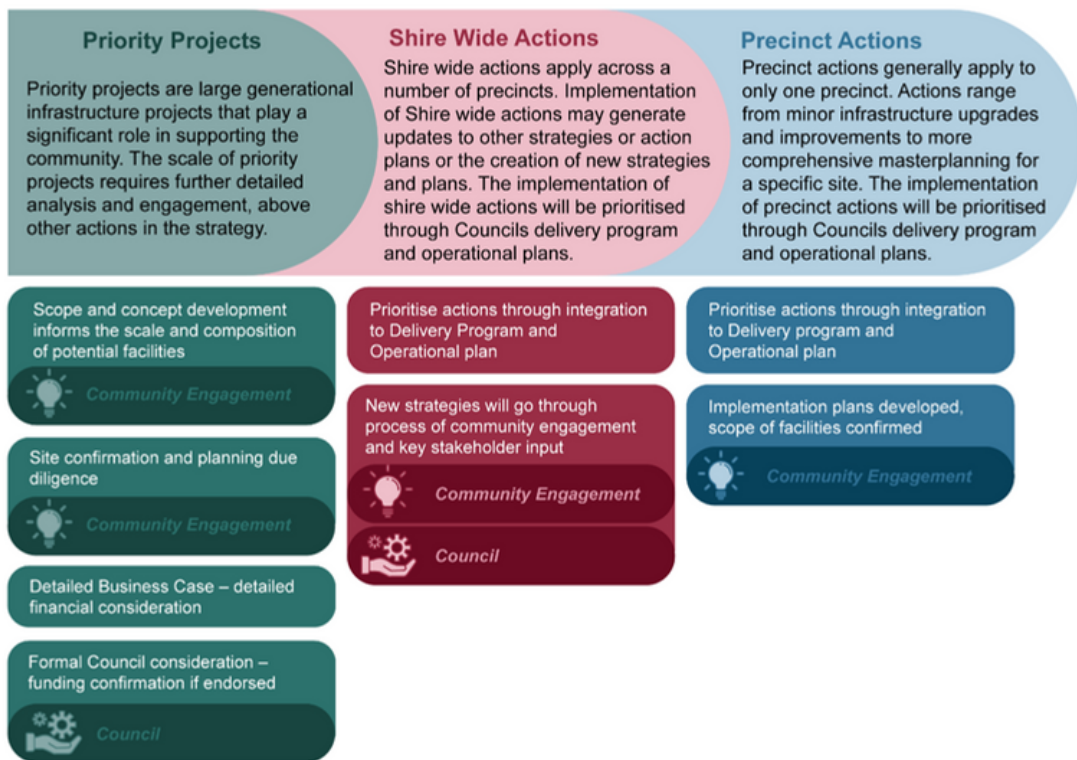


Figure 2: Implementing the CRFS

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.

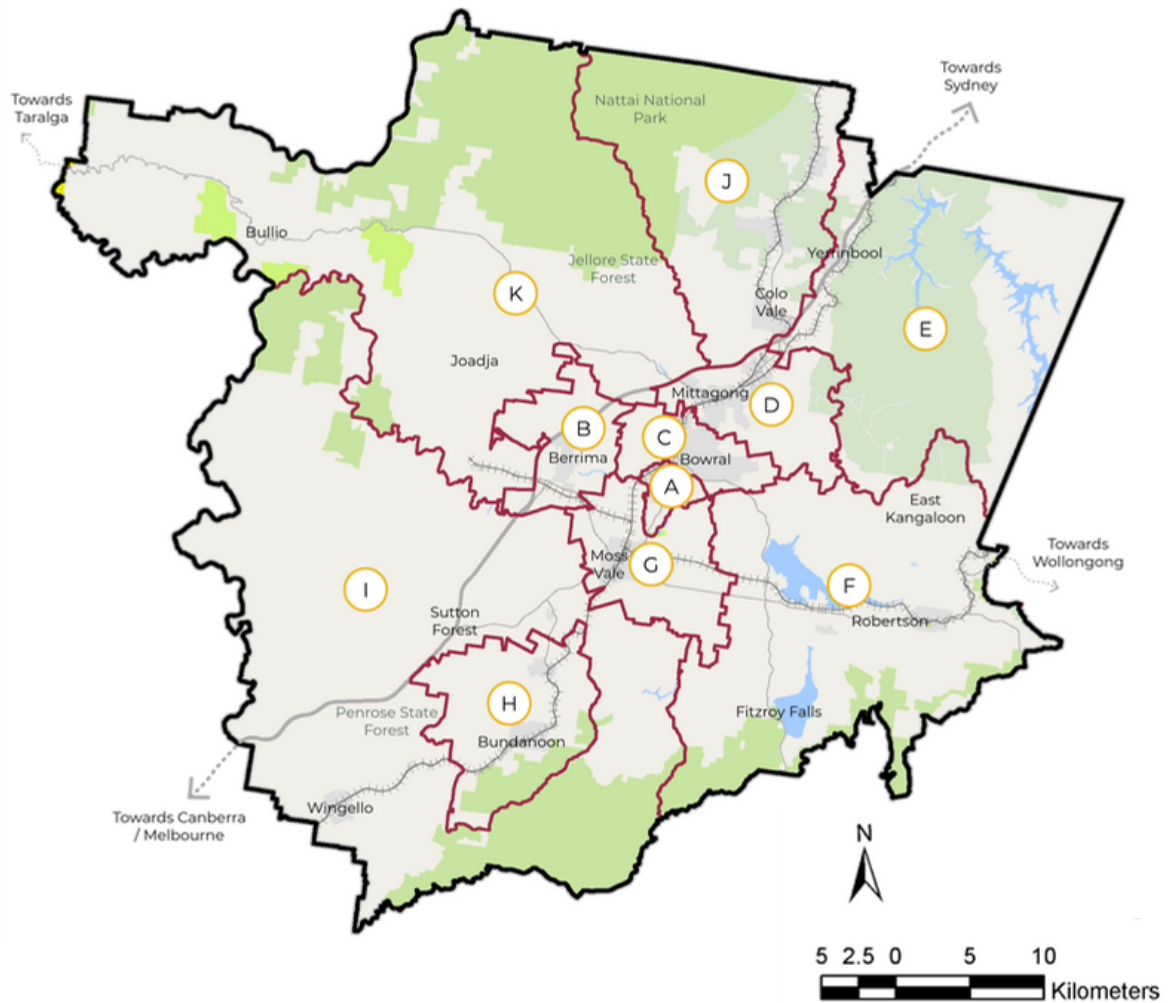


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## Our Place

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

- |                           |                         |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (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

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## 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)



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### 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



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## 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.



## 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.



## 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)

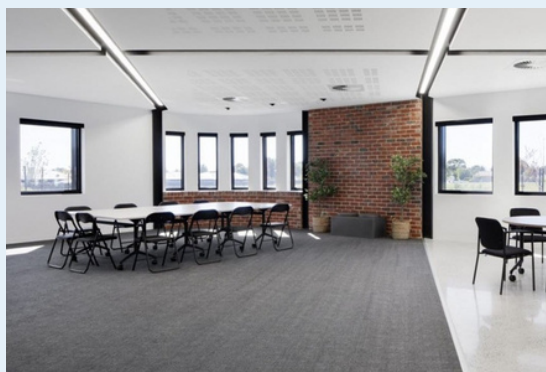
### Outcomes - Flexible Spaces - Co-located

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

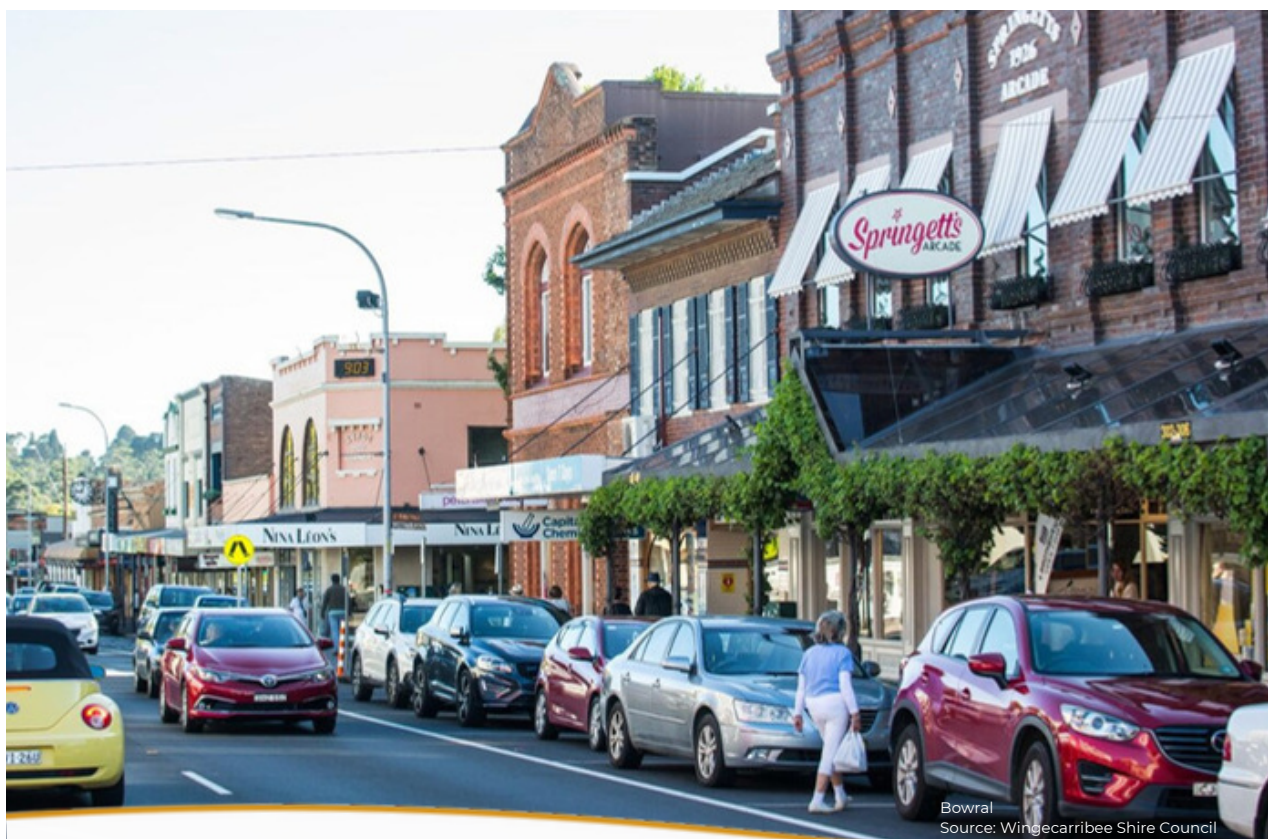
The Wingecarribee Shire is generally well served in terms of community and recreational facilities based on current and future population. However, provision needs to be considered on both a population needs basis as well as geographical catchment basis, ensuring that facilities are accessible for the 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.



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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 <sup>2</sup>	Floorspace provision gap only	Floorspace provision gap a minimum of an additional 2,700m <sup>2</sup>	-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

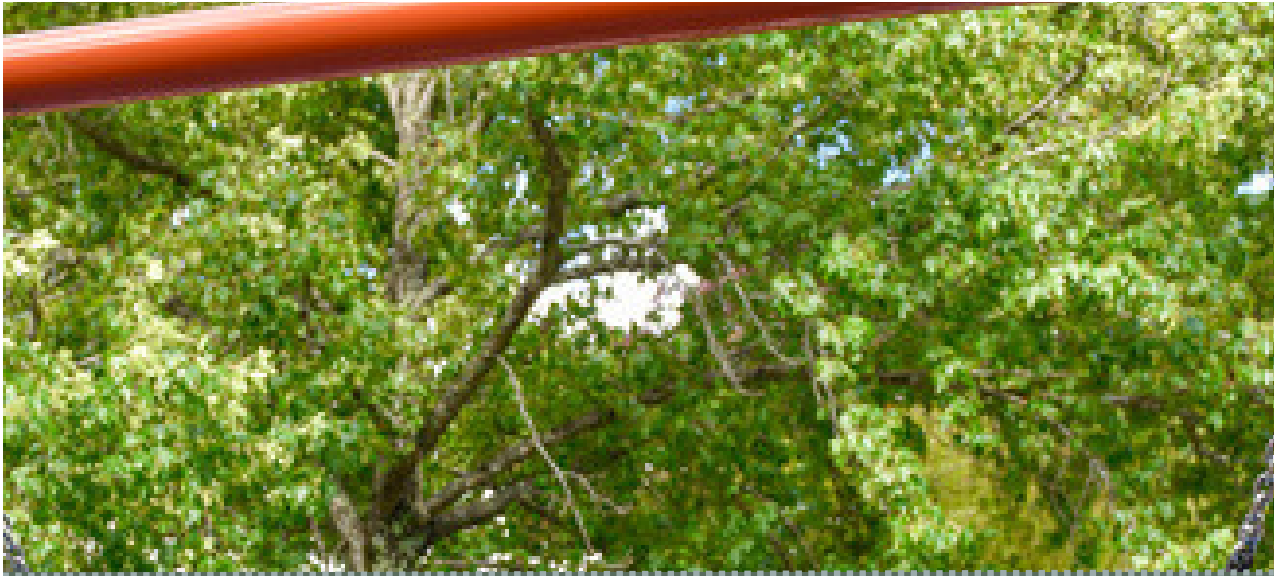
Shoalhaven's Indoor Sports Facility provides a multipurpose stadium to accommodate a range of sports and community activities. The 5,675sqm, \$16.4 million facility is located in a hub of community and recreational facilities in Bomaderry that include the Bomaderry Aquatic Centre, Bomaderry High School,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



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## 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.

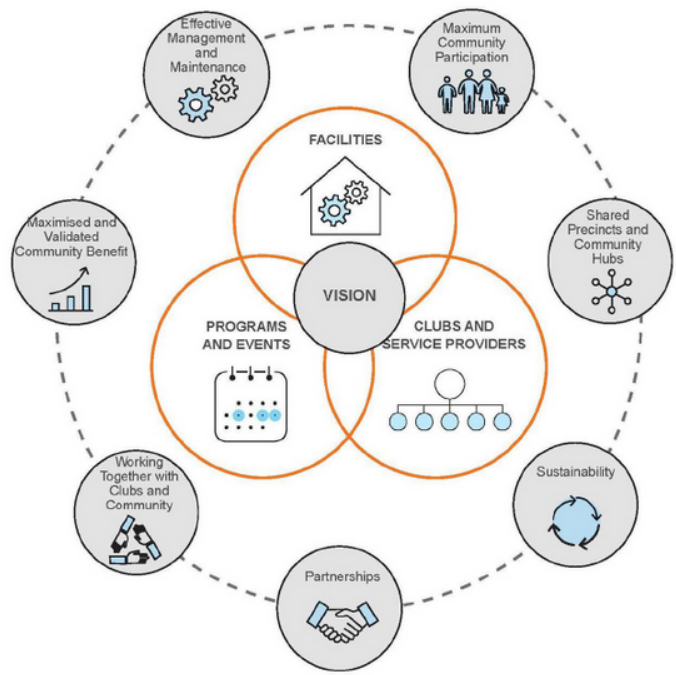


Figure 3: Wingecarribee Shire Community and Recreational Study, Tredwell Management Services (Jan 2023)

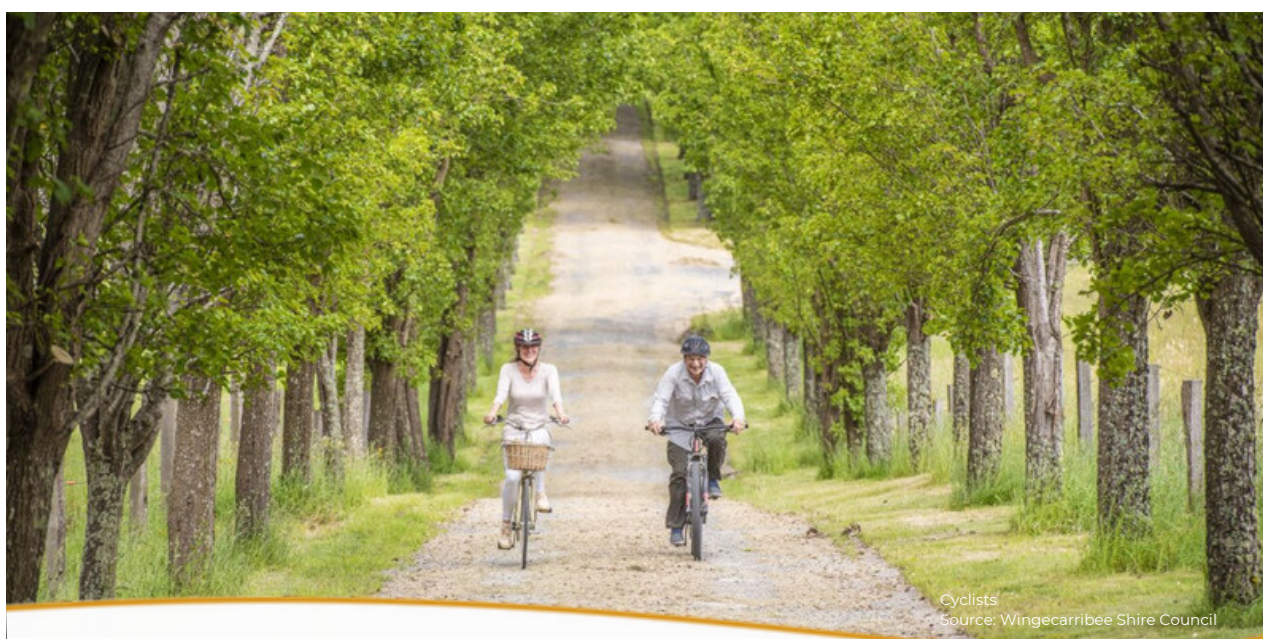
## Challenges for the Shire

- **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.



## 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.



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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.

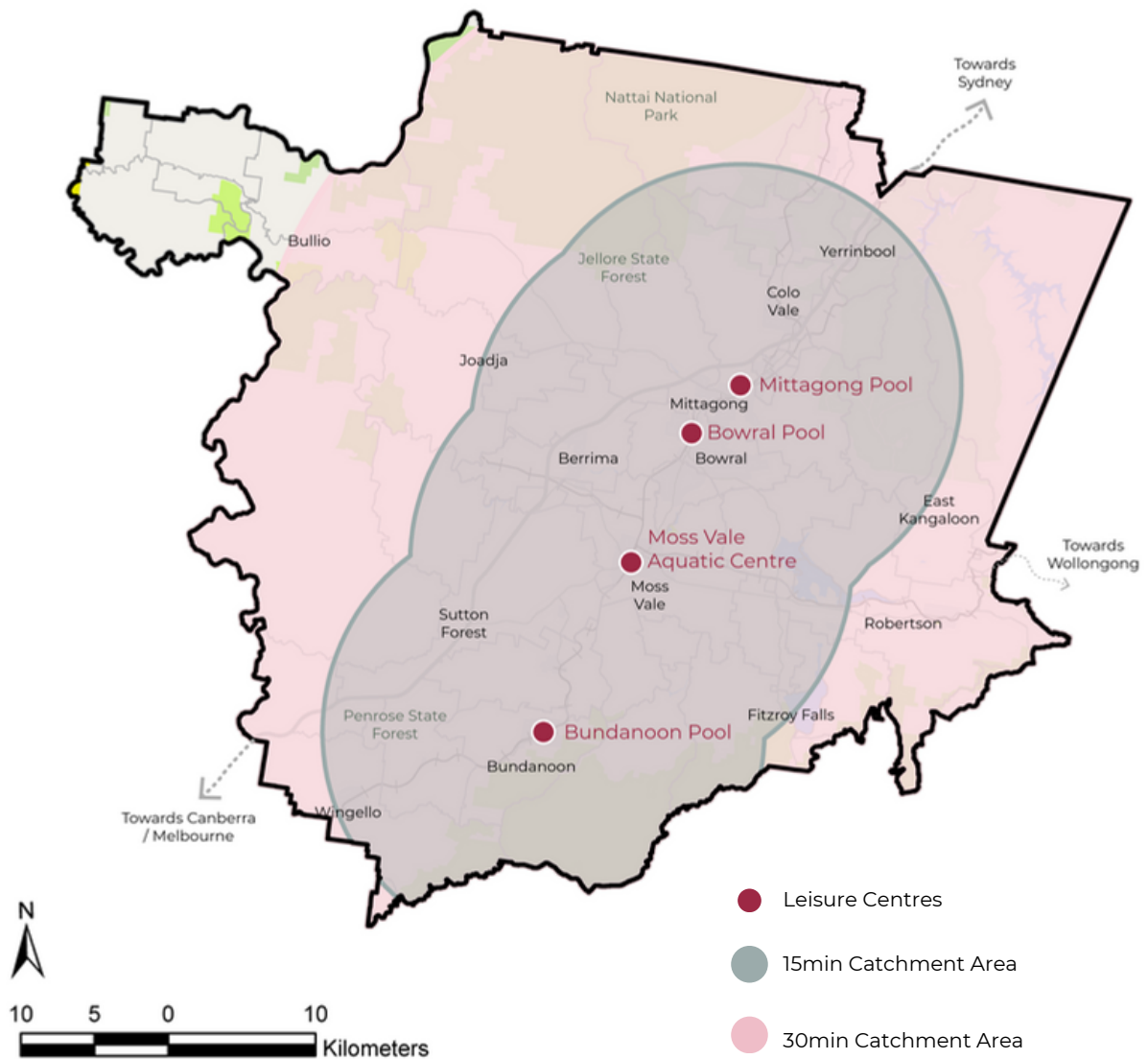
The engagement also highlights the need for improvement in the facilities accessible to residents in the northern part of the Shire.

*“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](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.

### 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

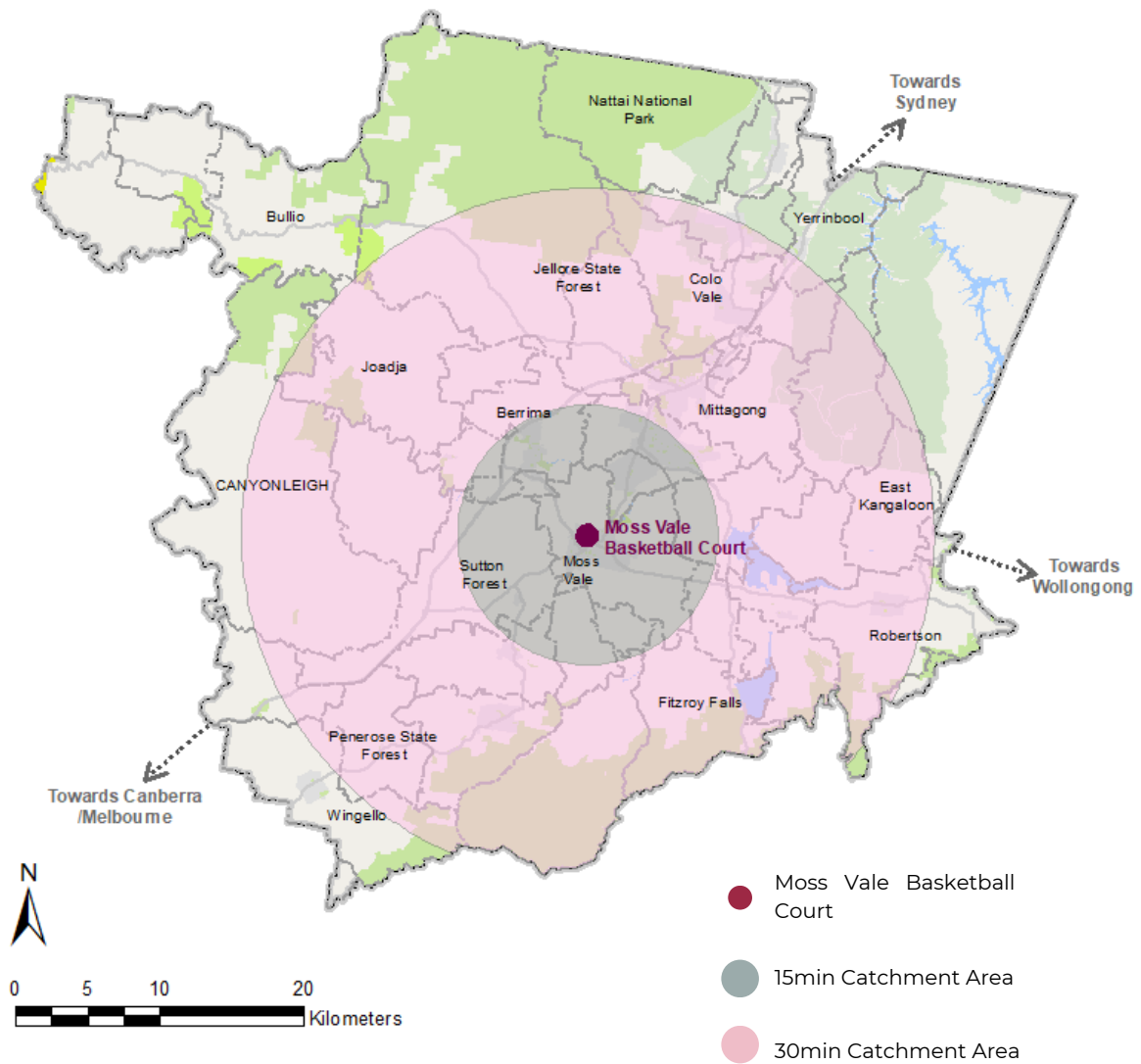
The facilities at both Bundanoon and Bowral are near the end of their asset lifecycles and will soon be in need of significant investment and renewal. It is recommended that a detailed cost benefit analysis be undertaken of the facilities to determine the feasibility and wider community benefit of renewing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



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## 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



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**AGENDA OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
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	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"> <li>• Prioritising the reopening and reactivation of the Mittagong Playhouse, and</li> <li>• Seeking funding to complete a feasibility study for a purpose built regional performing arts centre within the Shire.</li> </ul>	<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.

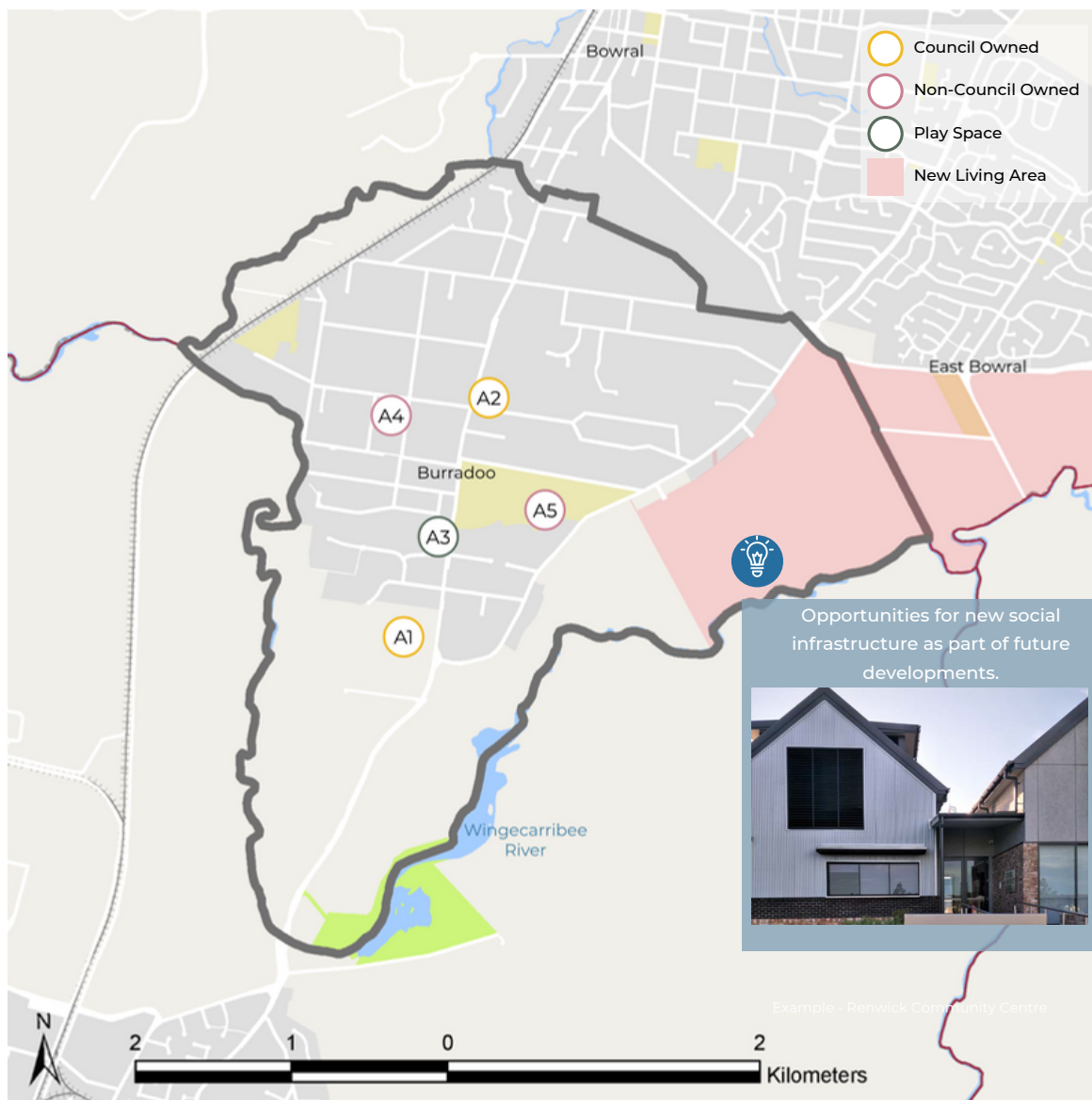
With investment in infrastructure and supporting existing groups and events such as the Bowral Classic, the Shire has a unique opportunity to position itself as a multidisciplinary cycling centre.

# 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

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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.*

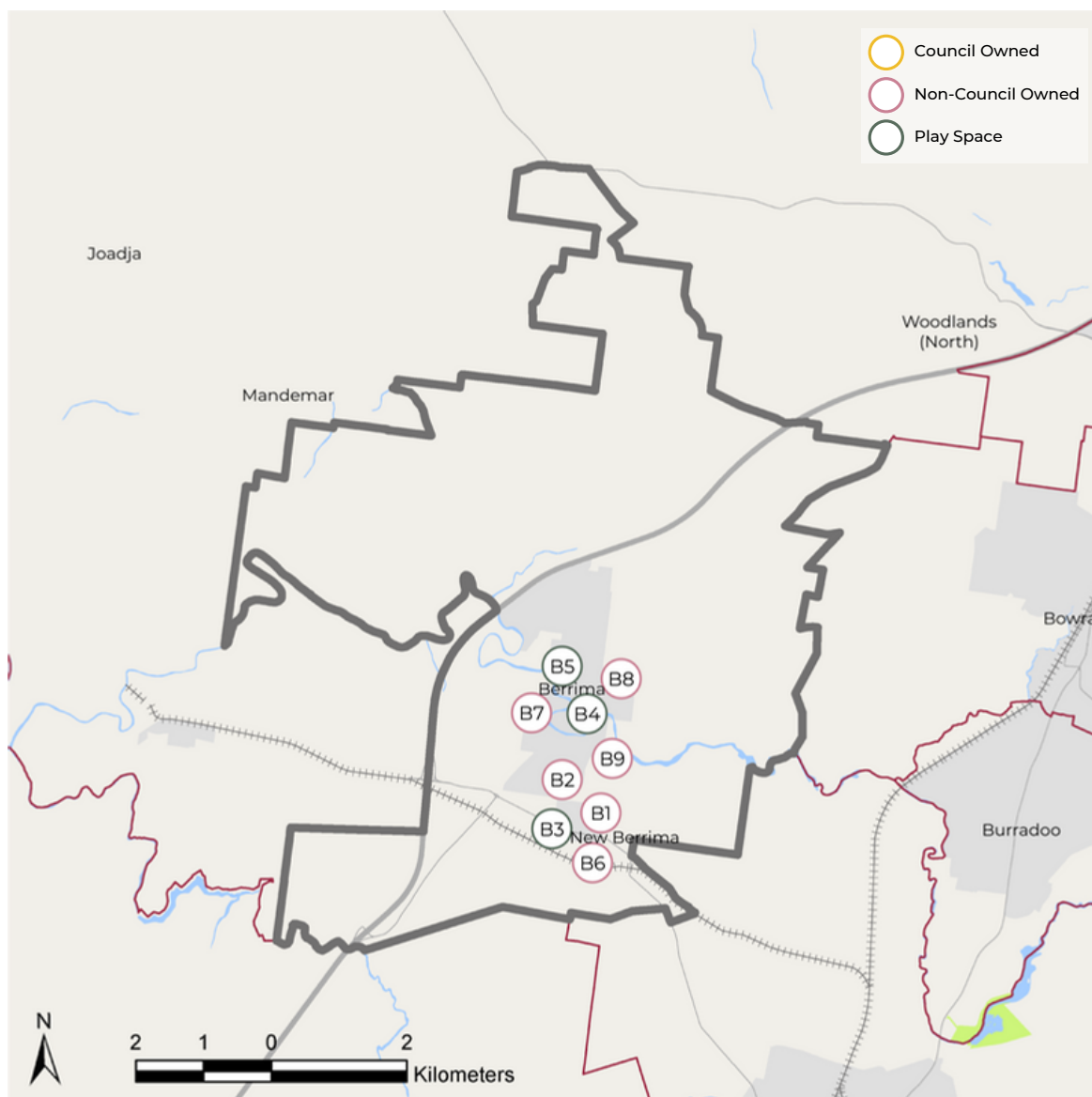
### Key Opportunities

- 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

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|----|--|----|--|
| 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)          |    |  |



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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.

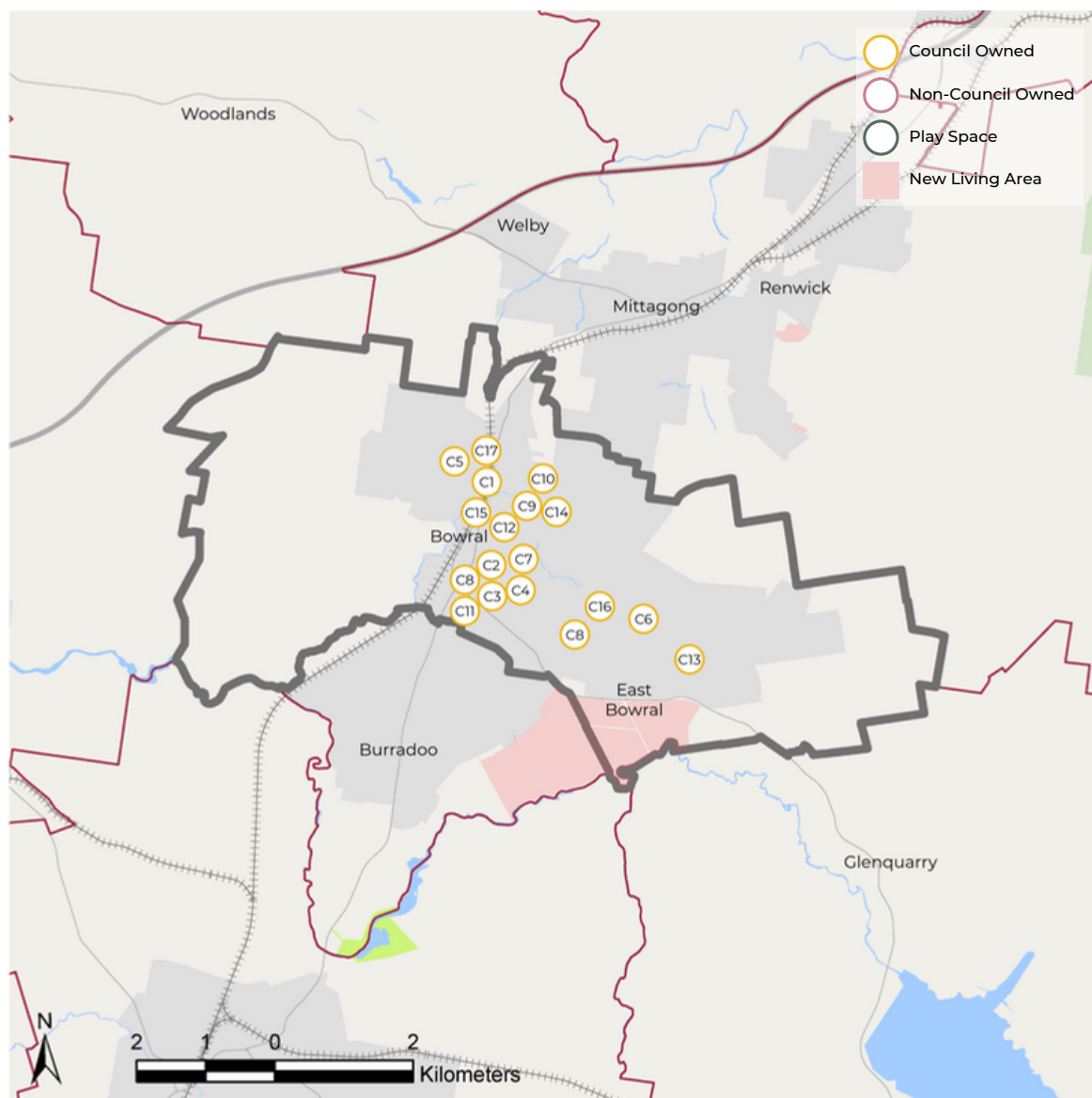
#### What we heard...

*"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

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	Gibraltar Golf Course

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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

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### 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.



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David Wood Playing Fields  
Source: Wingecarribee Shire Council

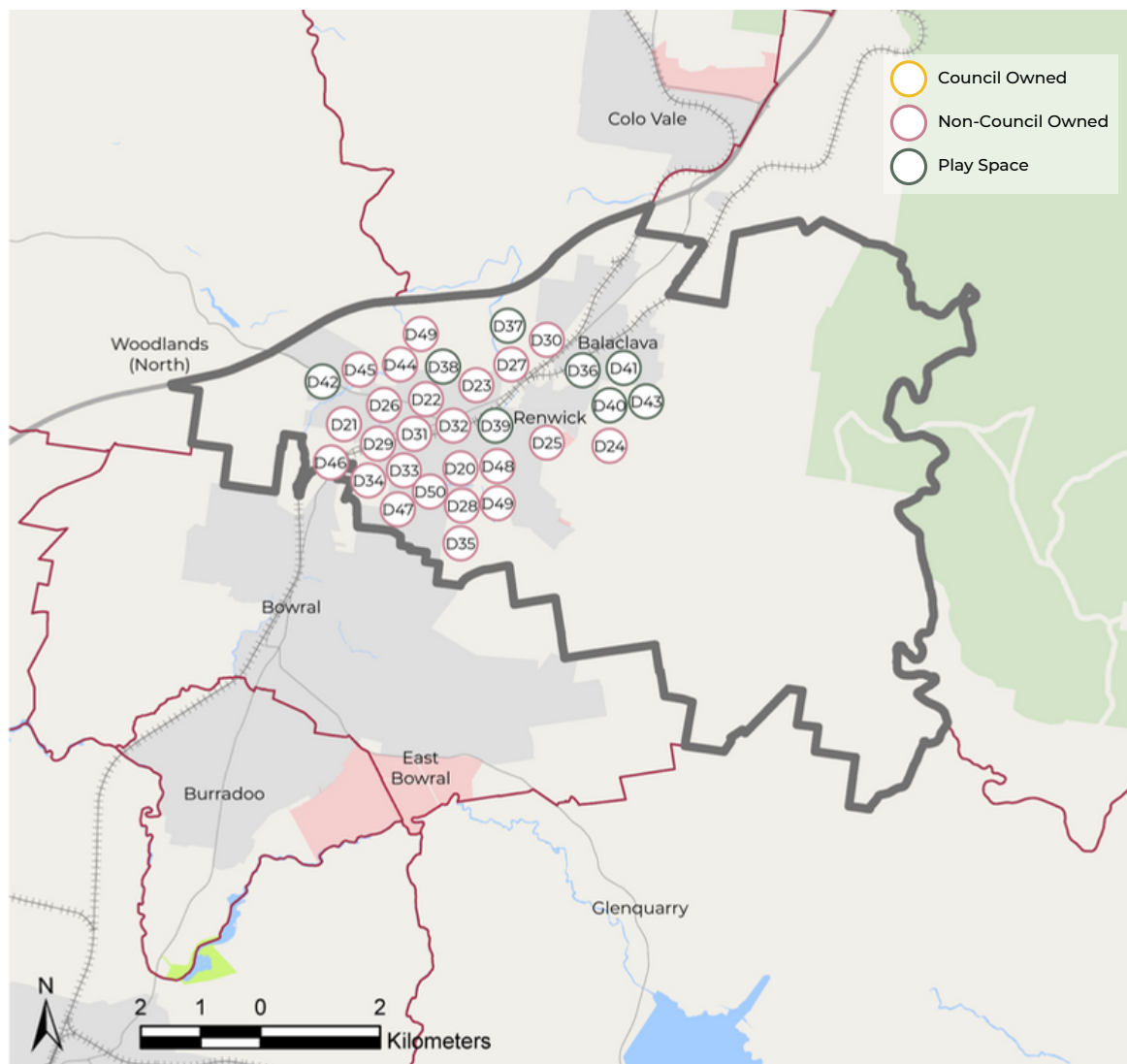
## Precinct D - Mittagong Precinct



### Reference

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|----|---|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 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            |

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| 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             |

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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.

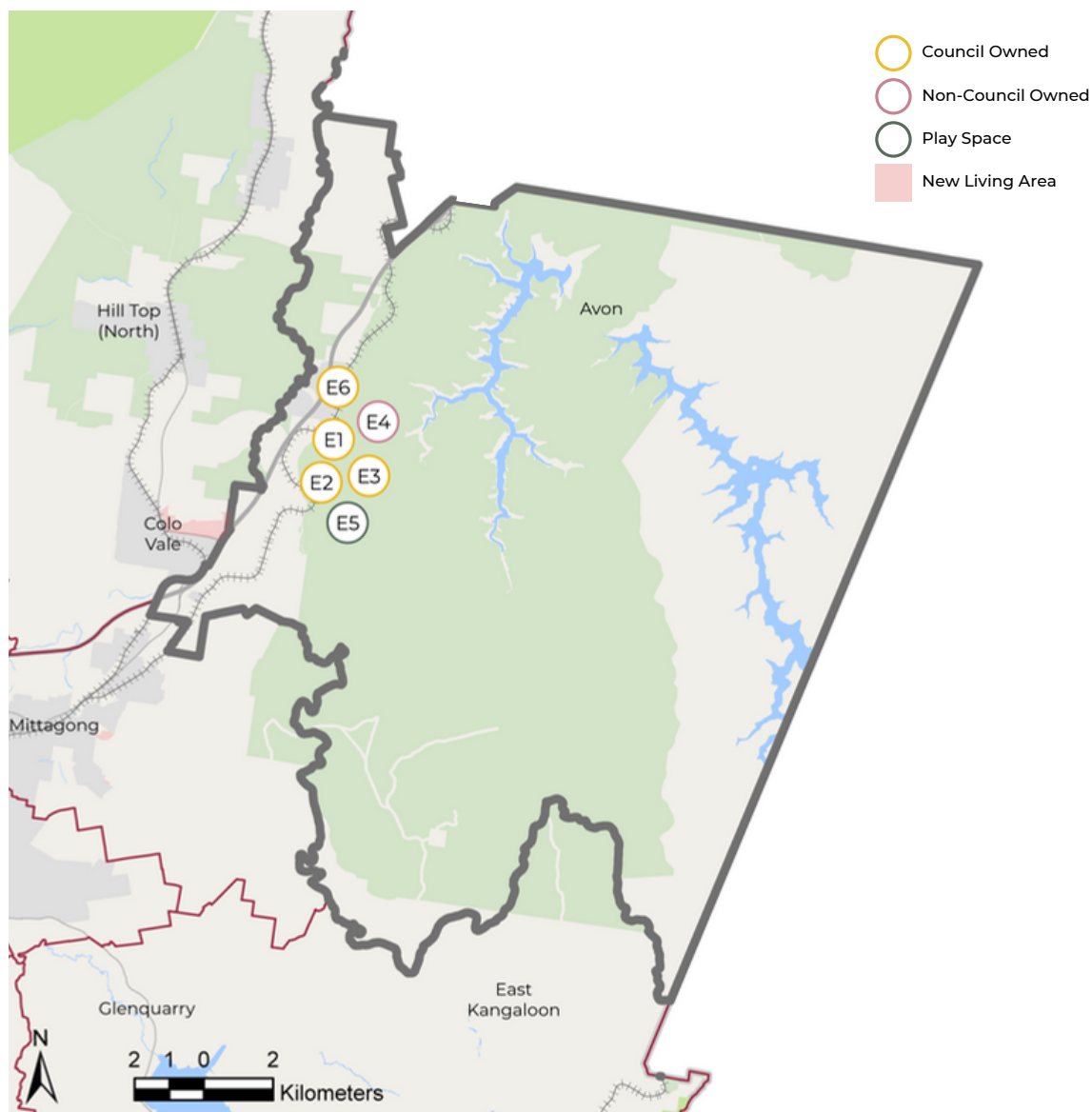
### Key Opportunities

- 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



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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

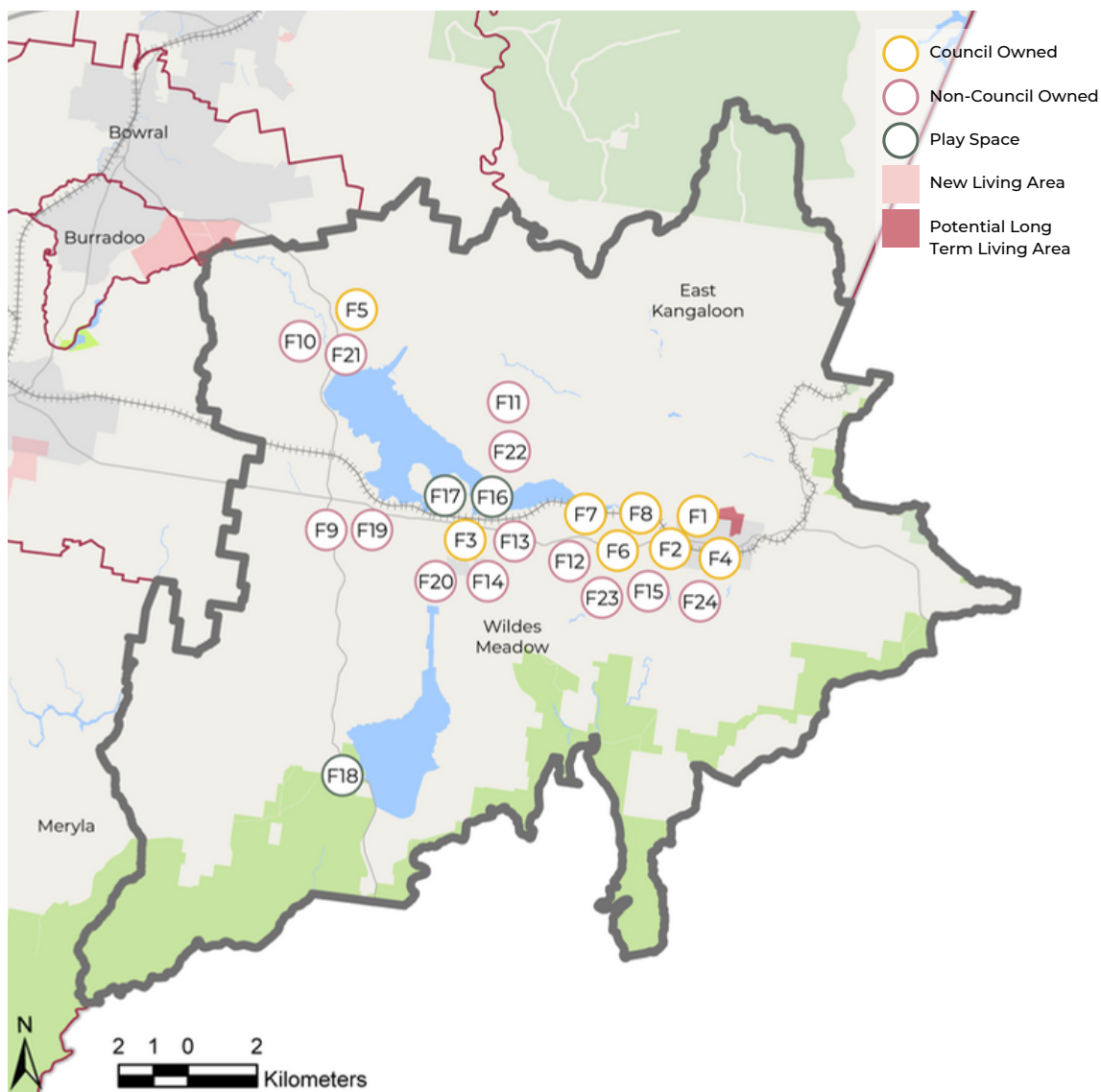
- Improved community space that caters for a wide range of activities.
- Promotion of the unique Model Sport Race Car facility.

### 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

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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.

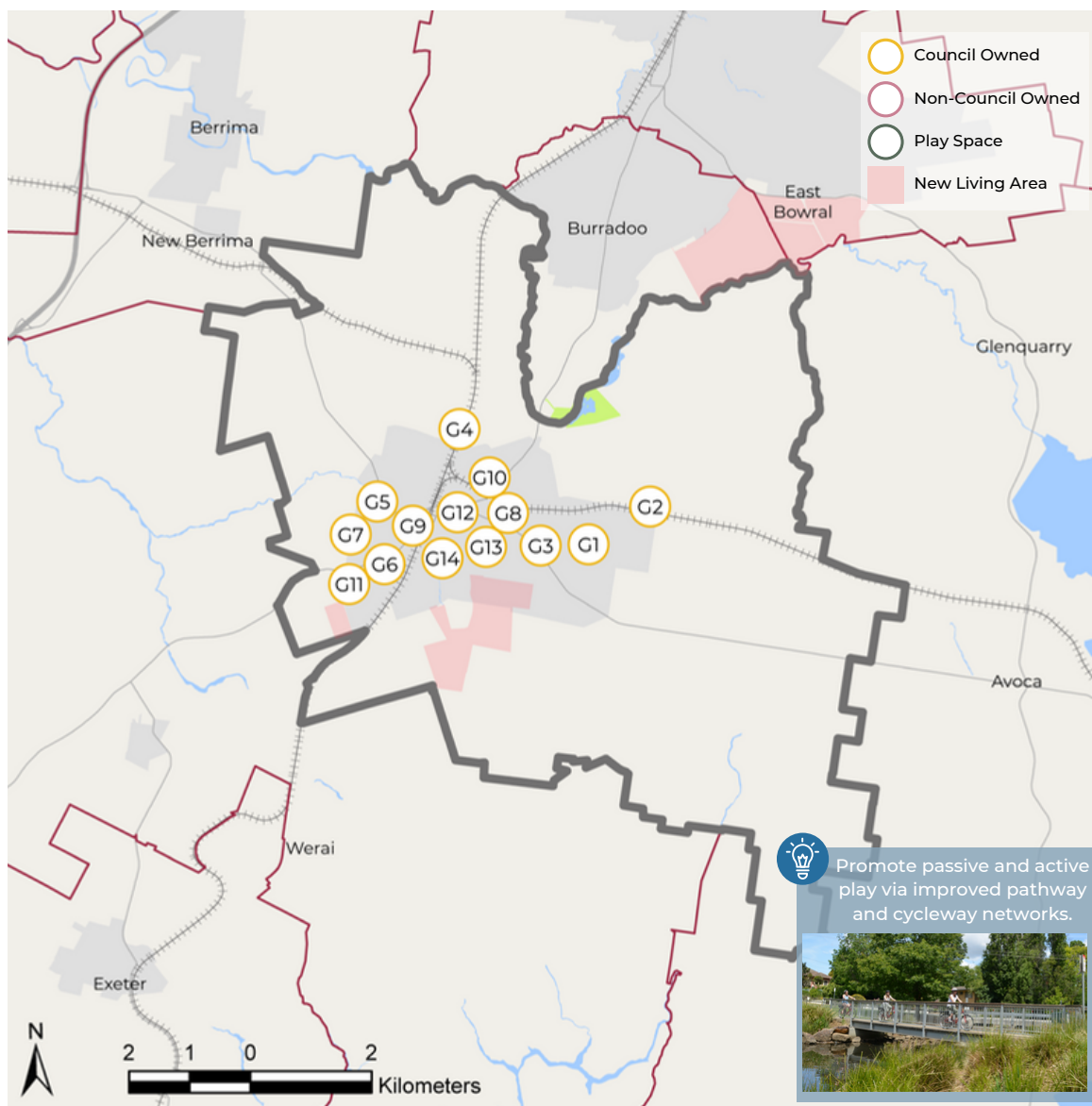
### Provision Gaps...

Basketball courts, pump tracks



Hampden Park, Robertson

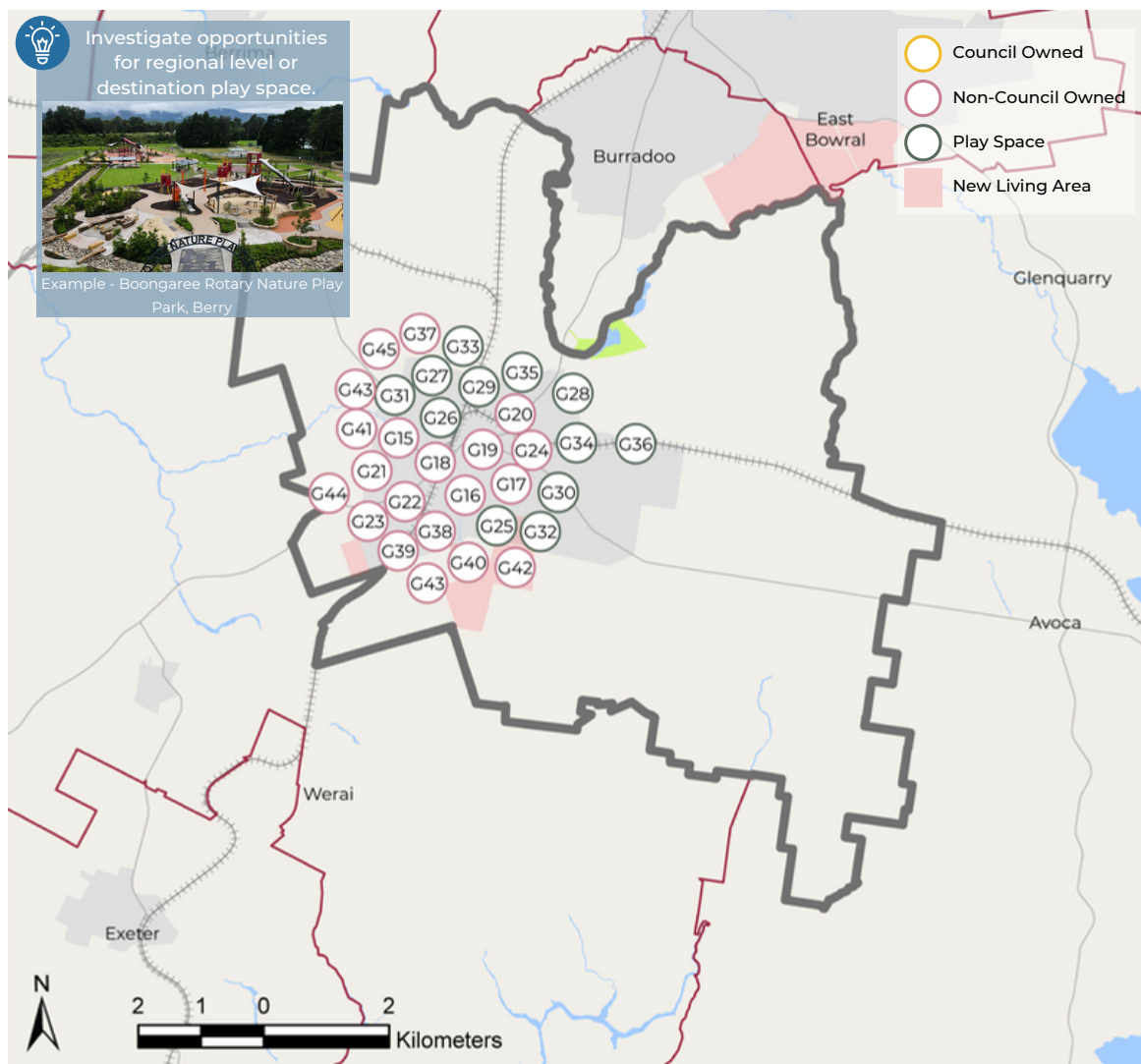
## Precinct G - Moss Vale



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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                 |

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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              |

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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...

*"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.*

### Provision Gaps...

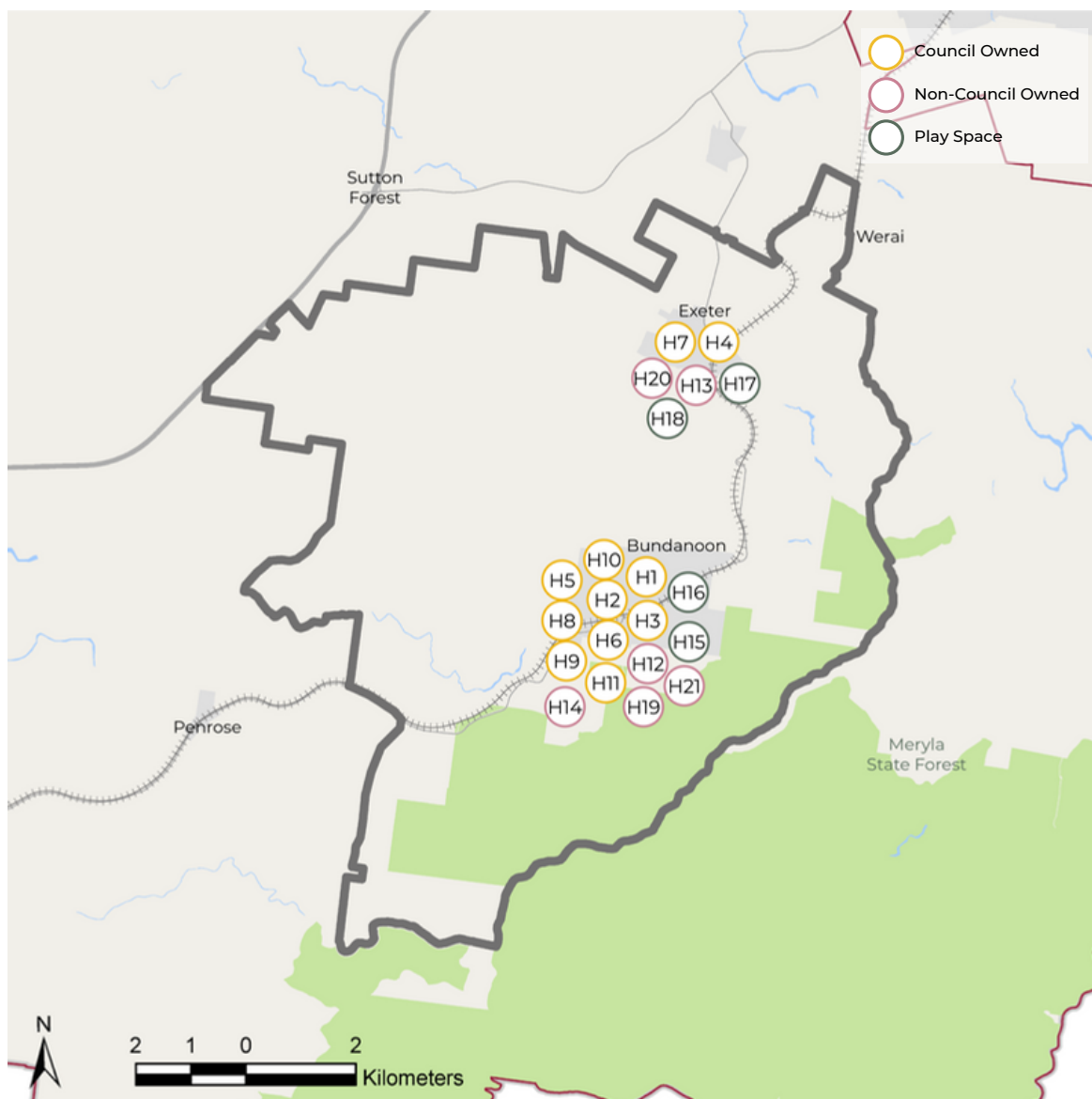
### Key Opportunities

- 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

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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

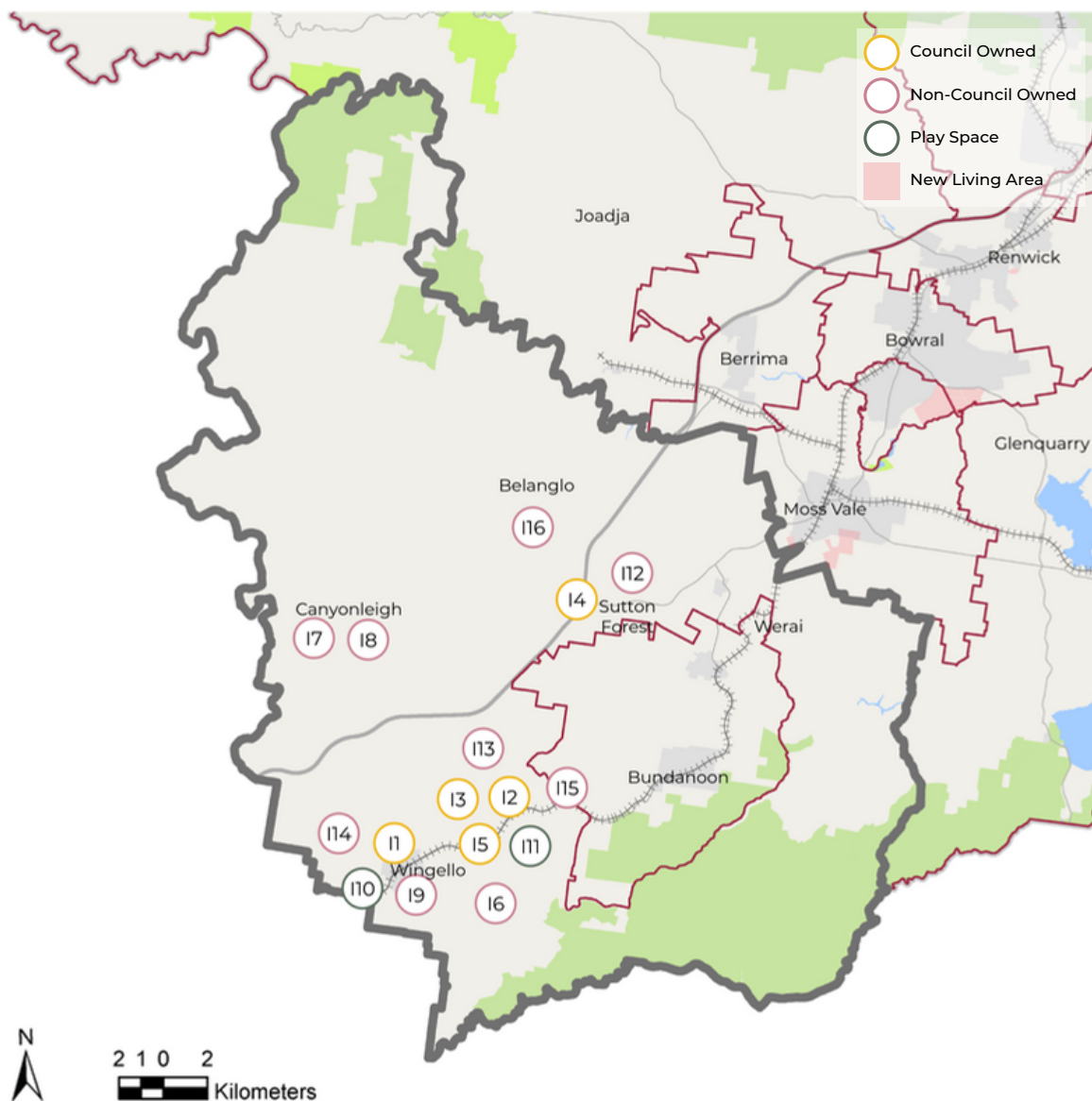
- Undertake a Masterplan for the Bundanoon Oval Precinct, including consideration of the consolidation of the skate park and hardcourt area and the upgrade of changeroom and amenities.
- Investigate options to improve carparking and spectator amenity at Exeter Oval and upgrade existing tennis courts.
- 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        |

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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

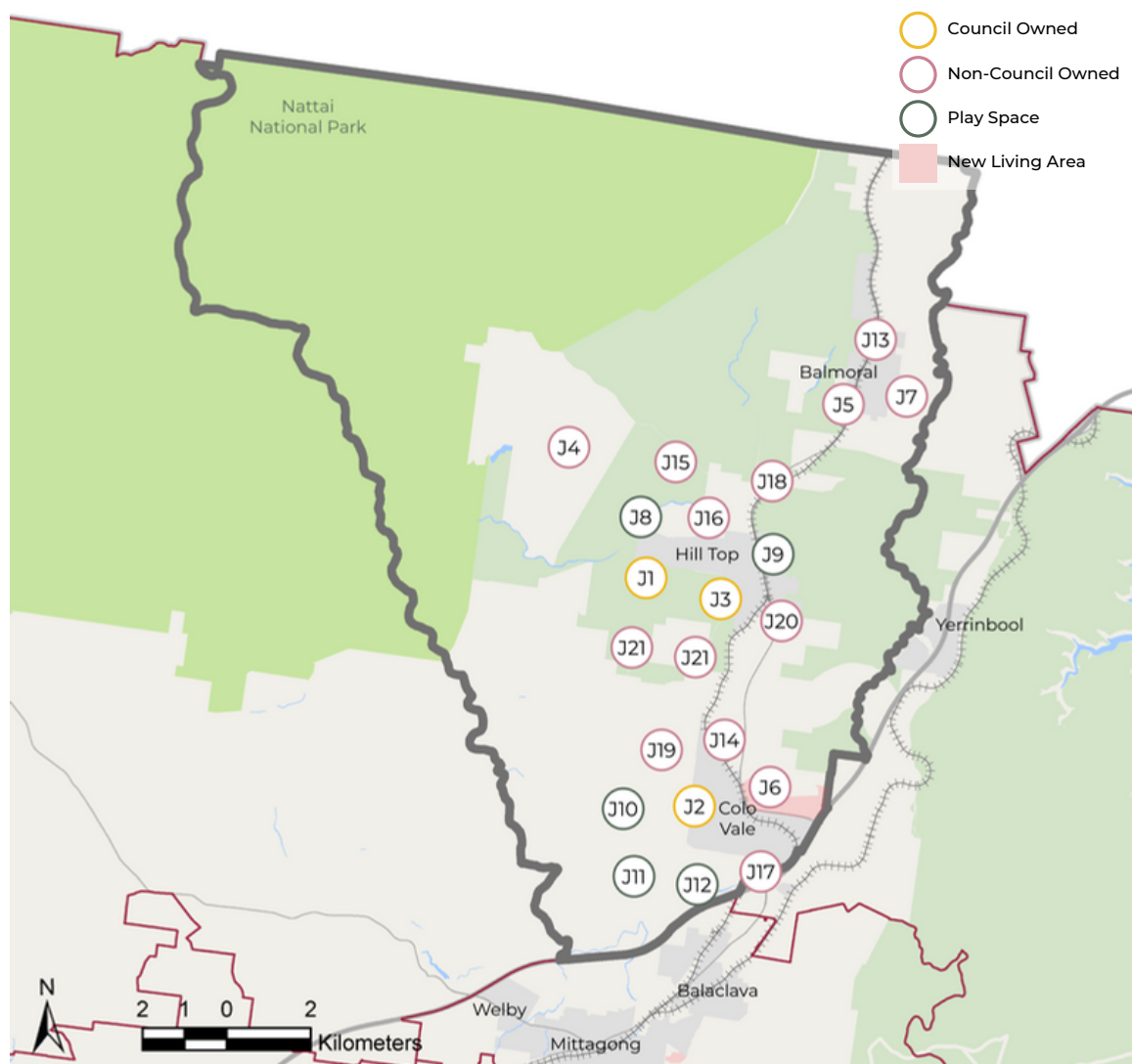
### Precinct Actions

- 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

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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

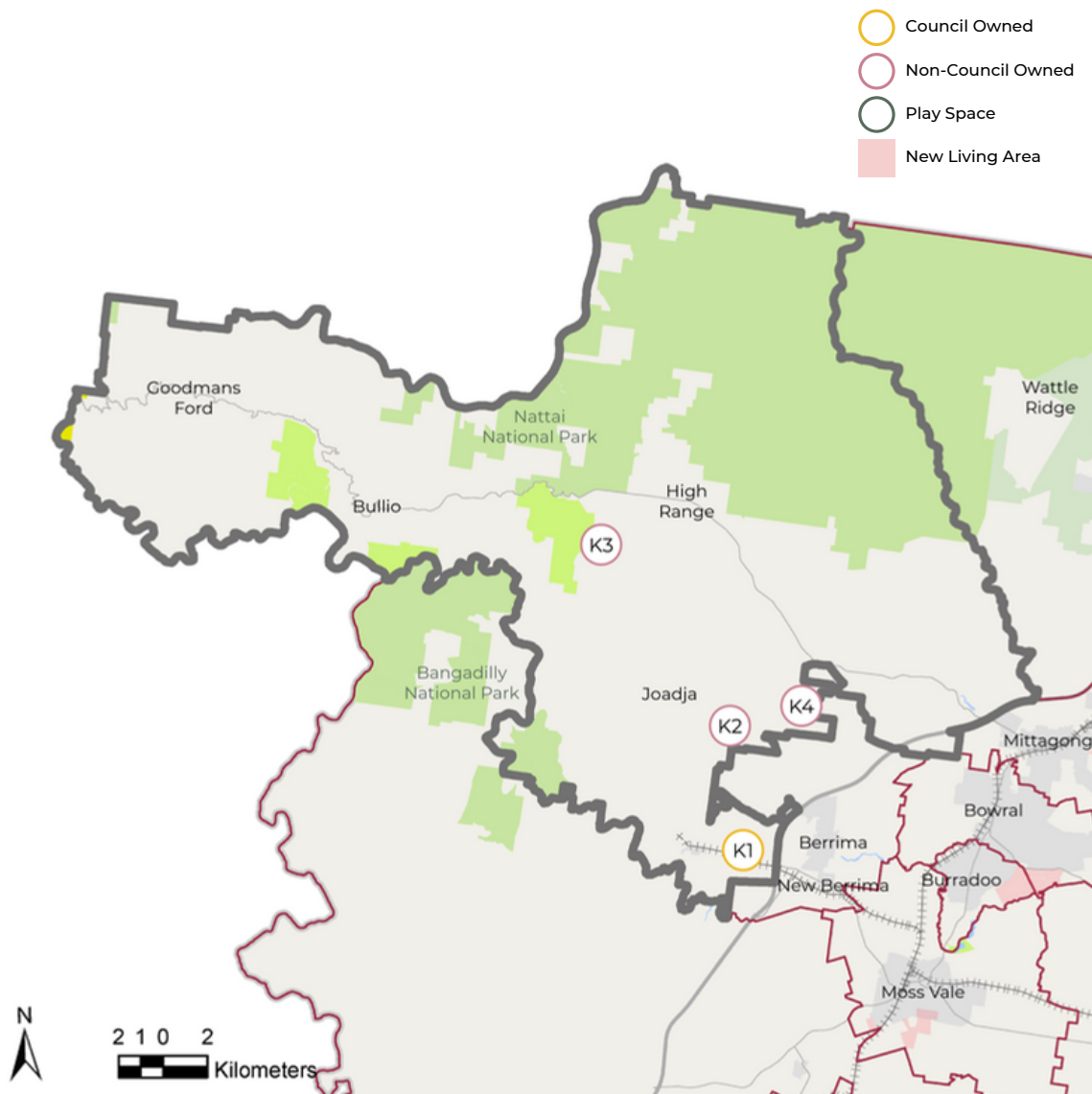
### Key Opportunities

- 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

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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...

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

### 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.





# Where to from here?



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## 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.



