



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL



Master Plan

Woodside Recreation Reserve

Council's 2030 Vision

In 2008 the Wellington Shire Council was involved in producing a community vision, Wellington 2030, which guides the development of the Shire. A web site and background paper were produced which highlighted the challenges that Wellington faced into the future.

People were invited to respond via a survey attached to the background paper. Over 1,000 responses were received. Surveys were returned from a wide variety of age groups and locations across Wellington. Public meetings were held across the Shire in addition to workshops within schools and forums for stakeholders in the environment, infrastructure, community and economic spheres.

Based on feedback received and through close community consultation, Council developed a written document entitled 'Wellington's 2030 Strategic Vision' - supporting nine themes reflecting the main areas of interest that the community identified through the consultation process. These themes include; Natural Environment, Economy, Transport and Roads, Population, Development, Wellbeing and Safety, Culture, Liveability and Council.

The development of sporting infrastructure throughout Wellington will give consideration to the following aspects as identified in the 2030 plan:

- Market Wellington as a quality lifestyle and tourism destination
- Support communities to attain a sustainable level of local infrastructure reflecting the needs of communities
- Support community initiatives that promote participation and working together
- Work in partnerships to promote and facilitate healthy lifestyles
- Develop our network of walking and cycling paths
- Improve the quality and accessibility of our open space and community facilities
- Develop our sport and recreation infrastructure

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1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

In 2009 the Wellington Shire Council initiated the preparation of the Woodside Recreation Reserve Master Plan. The master plan is designed to address the need for facility improvements, and identifies the key infrastructure priorities for the Reserve. The master plan also identifies a wide-range of infrastructure priorities, including aspirational projects and goals of the user groups that will require future investigation to ensure that these projects are feasible. This strategic approach to facility planning will assist all stakeholders to guide the long term planning and development at the Woodside Recreation Reserve.

1.2 Demographics

The Woodside Recreation Reserve is located in the town of Woodside, which is situated within the Wellington Shire municipal borders in Gippsland, Southern Victoria. According to 2011 census data, Woodside has a current population of 488 residents, with a SEIFA Disadvantage Index rating of 1000 - which ranks it at number 278 in level of disadvantage among the 644 substantially populated postcode areas of Victoria. This places Woodside among the most disadvantaged 44% of postcode areas in the state.

1.3 Study Purpose

This report presents the Wellington Shire Council's master development and management plans for the Reserve, and therefore will be used to guide decision making and strategic development for the period 2010 – 2020. The master development and management plans will provide a number of benefits, including -

- Complete facility management/development plans for the next 10 years, in line with Council's policy framework and Recreation facility management & development.
- Establishing a set of recommended actions and infrastructure priorities, based on identifying where resources should be allocated in order to improve the Reserve's facilities.
- Reflecting the current and future community needs and which provide a long term integrated direction and strategy for the Reserves to guide all decision making processes by the committee of management.
- Providing a guide for growth in participation and increased involvement by the wider community
- Providing a clear and useful resource for venue managers seeking potential partnering arrangements and funding sources such as Council and corporate sponsors.

2 Facility Hierarchy Overview

The concept of facility hierarchy is based on the acknowledgment that there needs to be a level of strategic compromise between infrastructure demand and supply within Wellington. All sport and recreation facilities throughout the Shire have been categorised accordingly based upon a mix of the following components:

- Capacity and quality of the facility's infrastructure
- Surrounding population levels
- Level of primary use of the facility

There are four levels within the facility hierarchy schedule, these are outlined below.

2.1 – Level 1 Regional Facilities

Level 1 facilities are of a Regional significance and capable of hosting state and/or national events. These facilities will be professionally managed, with Council contributing to all maintenance costs to ensure high standard of service. Council will determine appropriate user group fees to ensure sufficient cost recuperation.

2.2 – Level 2 District Facilities

Level 2 facilities are of important district or shire significance. These facilities may be managed directly by council or by committee of management, with Council contributing to all maintenance costs to ensure an appropriate standard of service. Council will determine appropriate user group fees to ensure sufficient cost recuperation.

2.3 – Level 3 Significant Local Facilities

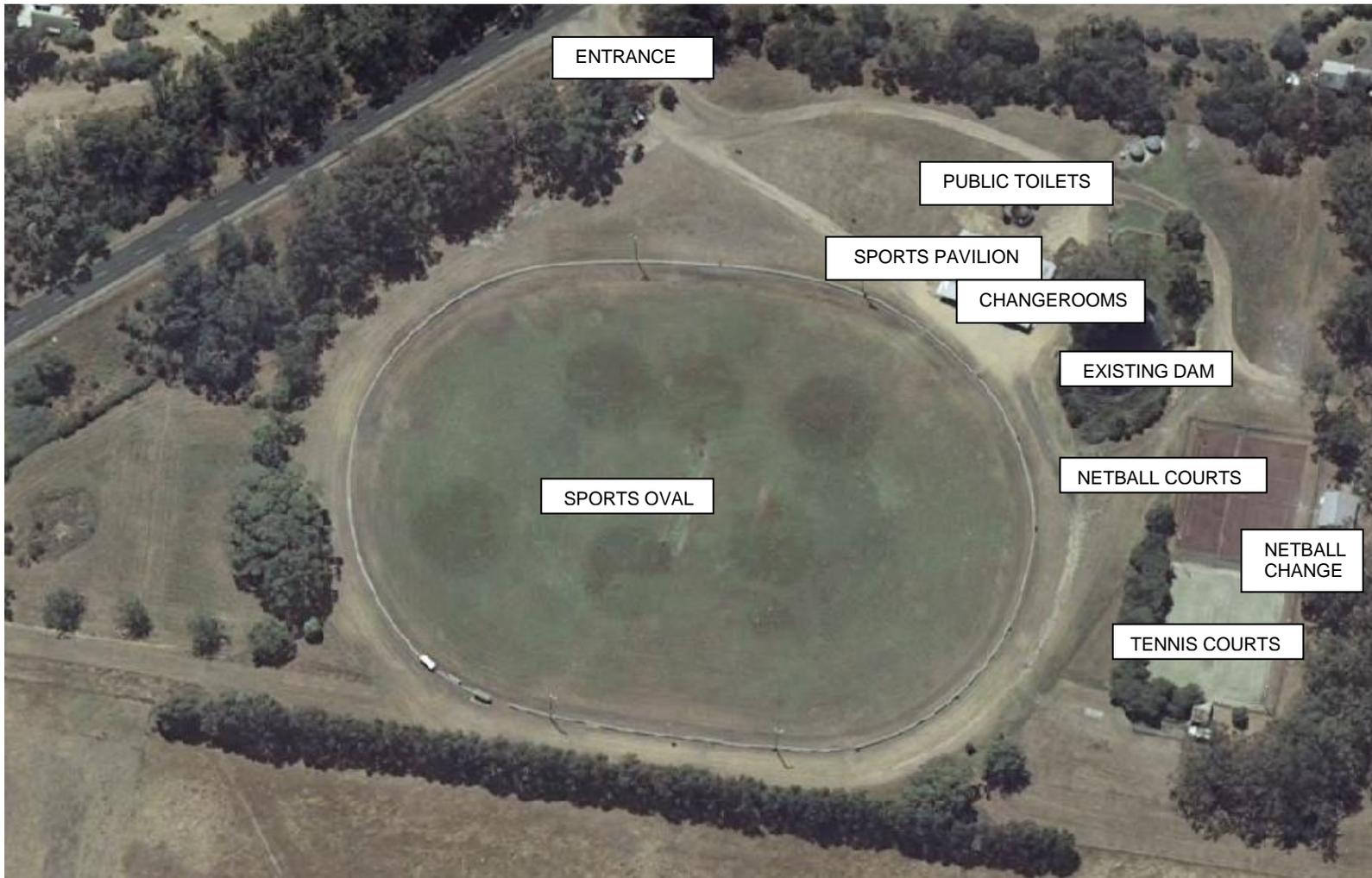
Level 3 facilities are local venues that have multiple users which compete in district or regional competitions. These facilities are managed via a committee of management with Council contributing the maintenance costs

2.4 – Level 4 Local Facilities

Level 4 facilities provide for casual recreation and lower level or junior competition with limited number of user groups and usage. These facilities are locally managed via a committee of management, with cost of management and maintenance responsibility of the local management, funded by way of local managers charging fees to users.

* The Woodside Recreation Reserve is considered to be a Level 3 Significant local venue.

3. Woodside Recreation Reserve Existing Infrastructure Overview



4. Management Structures

4.1 Committee of Management

The Woodside Recreation Reserve is managed by a Committee of Management which is monitored through the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The Committee is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the venue, with Council providing annual maintenance allocations to the Reserve which are designed to meet the scope of the works involved in maintaining the site and its facilities.

4.2 Regular User Groups

The main users of the Reserve are outlined below, with 2011 membership numbers.

- Woodside Cricket Club, 20-25 members, as part of the Alberton Cricket Association
- Woodside Football Club, 100 members, as part of the North Gippsland Football Netball League
- Woodside Netball Club, 92 members, as part of the North Gippsland Football Netball League
- Woodside Tennis Club, 20 members participating in a local-based competition

4.3 Alternate User Groups

In addition to the Reserve's regular user groups, the venue also plays host to a number of other users who utilise the facilities on an infrequent basis.

- The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) utilize the Reserve one day per week, generally for up to 6 months, as the facility serves as a good venue to conduct Disaster Training.
- Various school groups and local residents also use the Reserve to participate in physical activity and casual recreation.
- The Reserve also has the capacity to be used as an emergency support refuge in the event that a key emergency hub is required in Woodside.

5. Woodside Rec Reserve S.W.O.T Analysis

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High quality playing surface with bore water available. - Sporting oval lighting has undergone a recent upgrade - Recent redeveloped netball courts – 2 competition standard courts. - The hill overlooking the sports playing field serves as a natural viewing embankment for spectators. - General set-up enables the smooth flow of users currently at the Reserve. - Demonstrated capacity to host a regional event (i.e. Woodside Gift) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reserve is lacking a clear vehicle and pedestrian traffic management plan. At present, majority of car-parking areas are unsealed and undefined - Lack of resources and funding serve as a weakness and prevent the Reserve from replacing aged equipment and deteriorating facilities - The sporting pavilion lacks sufficient storage space for seasonal equipment. - Existing dam is considered to be a hazard - DSE own reserve, but provide little/no funding or support
<u>Opportunities</u>	<u>Threats</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct backup netball court which could be multi-lined to provide additional space for netball and tennis club members. - Funding support and grants from local, state and federal authorities available to upgrade facilities. - Community events and uses compatible with a good quality sports ground - Excellent area to provide communal passive recreational facilities - Extend pavilion to provide additional storage area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The lake is inconveniently situated adjacent the sports pavilion, limiting the committee's capacity to expand. - The space currently occupied by the lake is a prime location to expand the existing clubhouse or provide a sealed car park central to cater for all user groups - Lack of funding resources to upgrade outdated and malfunctioned equipment

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Infrastructure Priorities

6.1 The Plans

The charts and plans on the following pages illustrate the venue's priority actions and record the recommended works for the Woodside Recreation Reserve and, where appropriate, the indicative cost associated with such works. The table on page 9 presents strategic, long term masterplans to guide the future development of the Reserve and the allocation of Council and other funding resources. The detailed design and positioning of many of these items will require consultations with external agencies, user groups and Council and, in some instances, approval from external agencies or Council. In other instances, the extent of works undertaken will be determined by the budgets available and as such, staged initiatives may need to be investigated. The masterplans are not designed to include operational and minor maintenance issues which are part of the annual or day-to-day responsibilities of the Committees of Management. These include items such as internal air conditioning and lighting, building maintenance, painting etc. Council provides the Reserve's Committee of Management with annual operational subsidies which are designed to address minor maintenance issues and assist with the general upkeep of facilities.

6.2 Planning Principles

The **key principles** which have been used to guide the development of the master plans are:

- Retention of existing amenities and enhancement of existing uses
- Improved participation/usage
- Improved accessibility
- Improved safety and traffic management
- Improved environmental management and sustainability, and
- Improved amenity so that more casual use is attracted
- Upgraded or provide disability access to all buildings and structures, in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act (1992).

6.3 Recommended Actions (High Priorities)

Priority	Recommended Actions	Commentary & Recommended Works	Indicative Cost Estimates	Possible Funding Stream
6.3.1	Netball Court Redevelopment (Completed)	<p>As part of the CFNP funding in 2008/09, the existing netball court was redeveloped, and the foundations for an additional court were established. Surfacing over the existing foundation is all that is required, and will be multi lined to also cater for tennis use also.</p> <p>The Netball Club has 92 registered users. Netball Victoria guidelines indicate that a minimum of 80 'regular' participants warrants the request for a second court for training and match practice at a district level.</p>	\$25,000 (Completed)	Completed 2011/2012.
6.3.2	Clubroom Extension	<p>There is an existing shortfall of sufficient storage space at the Reserve. Therefore, this project involves extending the existing pavilion and redeveloping the clubrooms to better utilize space for social events and storage of seasonal equipment.</p> <p>Existing change room facilities and amenities are aged and also require an upgrade. Scope of works would be determined in consultation with Sport and Recreation Victoria, and guided by AFL Victoria's Facilities Development handbook – which outlines minimum standards for all levels of competition.</p>	To Be Determined	Sport & Recreation Victoria Community Facilities Funding Program (CFFP)

6.4 Recommended Actions (Medium Priorities)

Priority	Recommended Actions	Commentary & Recommended Works	Indicative Cost Estimates	Possible Funding Stream
6.4.1	Car Parking Redevelopment	<p>Develop tiered car parking on the hill overlooking the sports oval. This area serves as a natural, elevated viewing platform and could be utilized to facilitate spectators.</p> <p>Scope of works would need to be articulated - however this is viewed as a long-term aspiration for the Woodside Recreation Reserve.</p>	To Be Determined	Regional and Local Community Infrastructure (RLCIP) Program
6.4.2	Develop Netball Court Car Parking Area	<p>At present, the provision of car parking around the netball courts is unclear and undefined, causing traffic chaos at training nights and during competition.</p> <p>This project involves constructing a designated car parking area to improve safety and alleviate overall traffic management implications around the netball courts.</p>	To Be Determined	Regional and Local Community Infrastructure (RLCIP) Program
6.4.3	Solar System Installation	This project has been identified by the Woodside Rec Reserve's committee of management as an infrastructure upgrade that could be installed and utilised to counteract the rapidly increasing energy costs which are putting considerable pressure onto the various user groups.	To Be Determined	Wellington Shire Council Community Assistance Grants

6.5 Recommended Actions (Low Priorities)

Priority	Recommended Actions	Commentary & Recommended Works	Indicative Cost Estimates	Possible Funding Stream
6.5.1	New Electronic Scoreboard	<p>This project involves replacing the existing manual-operated scoreboard with a new electronic scoreboard that can be operated via the timekeeper's designated area. The new scoreboard will be multi-used for both football and cricket. Control is from a robust, ergonomically designed panels, one each for football and cricket; these can be wired or wireless as preferred.</p> <p>There is no defined standard for scoreboard design or construction, however according to AFL Victoria, all scoreboards should have the capacity to show scores as; team name, goals, behinds, total points.</p> <p>The total cost of an electronic scoreboard varies depending upon overall size of the scoreboard, and also the level of Light-Emitting Diode resolution.</p>	\$30,000 (approx)	Sport & Recreation Victoria Country Football & Netball Program
6.5.2	Landscape and Beautification	<p>Potentially seen as a two part development:</p> <p>Stage one - the development of a playground for children.</p> <p>Stage two – the development of an undercover BBQ area.</p>	To Be Determined	Wellington Shire Council Community Assistance Grants

All infrastructure priorities and projects identified in this section have arisen from comprehensive consultation with the clubs and tenant users of the Woodside Recreation Reserve.

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Capital Funding

7.1 Funding Ratios

Council is committed to the development of sporting infrastructure and endeavours to improve the planning and support for proposed developments at a community level. Funding is a critical component of all infrastructure planning and development. Funding is normally a combination of the following:

Venue / User Group Funding – Venue/User Groups are normally required to contribute to project funding. Contribution rates can vary depending on project and conditions of grant/s being sourced.

Other Government (i.e. Federal, State) – The primary source of support funding for Sporting Infrastructure Development is from the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD).

The following funding mix is proposed for DPCD or other government funded projects:

- 20% Venue/User Groups
- 40% Council
- 40% other government or funding sources

Projects that attract no state government funding would attract a 60% Council and 40% Venue/User Groups funding ratio. These local contributions would not be relevant to the venue or user group's level of income.

7.2 Project Prioritisation

The Scoring Assessment Matrix is a quantified assessment tool which has been developed to assess and rate individual infrastructure priorities to determine a project's overall ranking within Council's Sporting Infrastructure Capital Program.

This process has been developed to enable Council to rate a specific project with consideration given to a variety of factors and variables, such as:

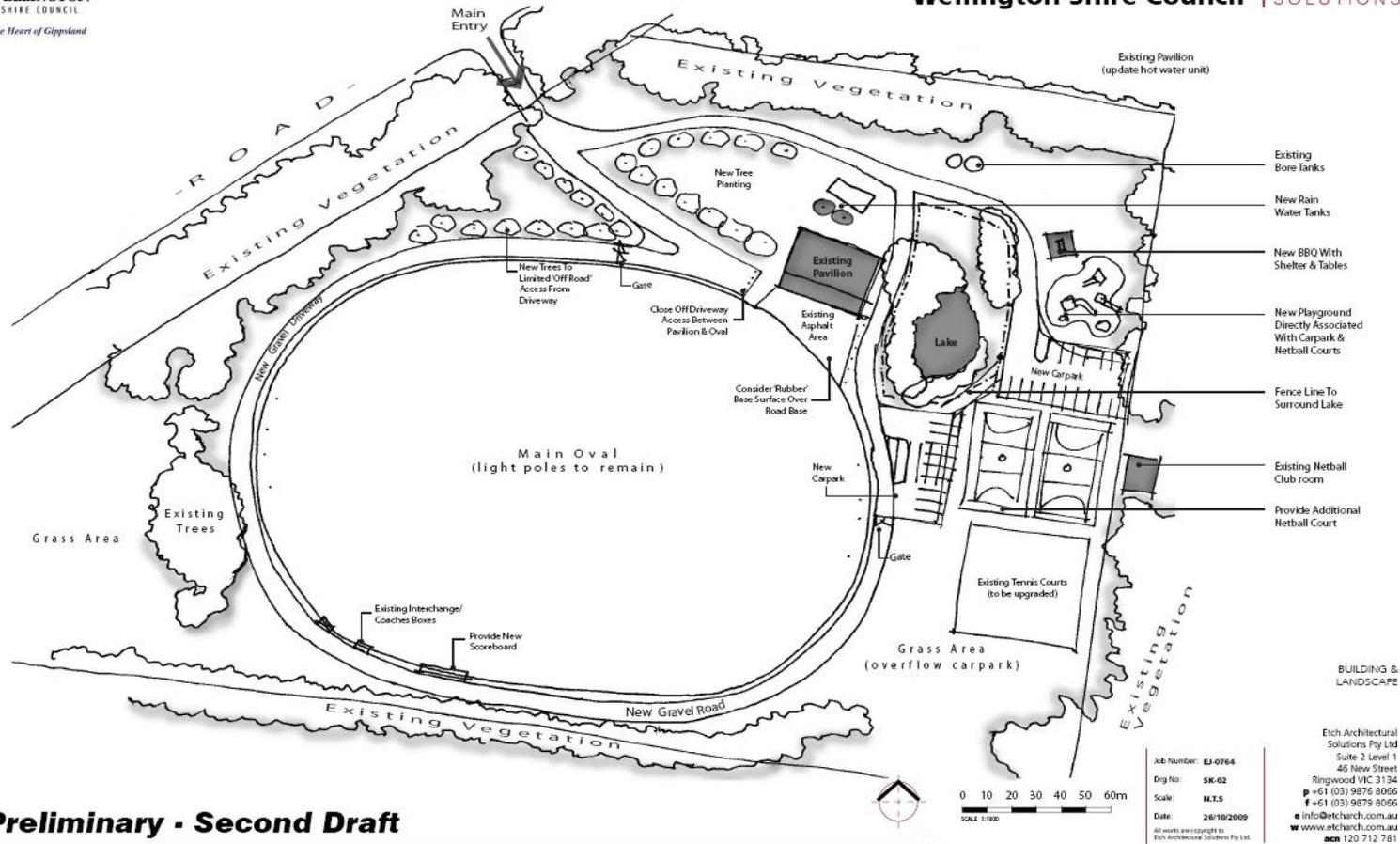
- Project Validation
- Venue Usage, and
- Planning Principles used to support the project (i.e. master plan)

The Scoring Assessment Matrix enables projects of a similar nature to be objectively compared with one another, thus forming the basis of Council's Sporting Infrastructure Capital Program. Used in an effective and consistent manner, the S.A.M process will benefit both Council and facility users/managers in the management of sporting infrastructure through the objective and consistent prioritisation of sport infrastructure

Attachment 1. Woodside Recreation Reserve Master Plan Overview



Gippsland Recreation Master Plans - Woodside Recreation Reserve
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