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00 Executive Summary

Executive Summary

The Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy (CRFS) provides an integrated strategic planning approach for the provision of community and recreational facilities across the Wingecarribee Shire. The CRFS ensures that Council are planning for and delivering essential community infrastructure to meet the needs of the community. The CRFS provides a clear strategic direction to ensure Council is able to both meet the challenges of growth and optimise the opportunities that this growth brings. This is critical to ensure that the liveability and amenity of existing residents is enhanced and that the needs of new communities are planned for and able to be delivered in a timely manner.

The purpose of the CRFS is to:

- *assess the supply and demand of Council owned community and recreational facilities in the Local Government Area against the needs of the current and future community.*
- *inform decisions on the need for and provision of community and recreational facilities.*
- *guide decision making for the delivery of a sustainable and equitable network of facilities located in strategic and accessible positions across the Local Government Area.*
- *be a critical document to guide the design and delivery of social infrastructure across Wingecarribee Shire*
- *provide Council with a framework for the development, management and funding of community and recreational facilities over the next 20 years.*

The project methodology included the following five stages:

Stage 1: Project Inception and Analysis

Stage 2: Community Consultation

Stage 3: Draft CRFS 50%

Stage 4: Draft CRFS 80%

Stage 5: Final CRFS 100%

A cornerstone of the approach was the extensive on-ground audit and community consultation that was undertaken to inform the strategy development.

The Shire is home to an estimated resident population of 52,725 people in 2022. The Shire is made up of 46 localities with much of the population residing in the towns of Bowral, Mittagong and Moss Vale. The Shire's population is expected to grow to an estimated 65,275 people in 2041 (according to the ProfileID forecast) or 70,969 (according to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment forecast), representing an increase of between 12,550 and 18,244 people over the next 20 years.

To support a comprehensive analysis of community and recreational facility issues and opportunities across the Shire, 11 'precincts' have been used to categorise geographic areas and to guide the analysis.

The facility inventory undertaken identified 581 community and recreational facilities across the Shire which provide for a wide and diverse range of community and recreational activities. This included private, state and school-based facilities that are accessible to the community. Of these facilities, 113 are located within Bowral and 76 in nearby Burradoo, with 97 in Mittagong and 88 in Moss Vale. The remainder of facilities are located across the smaller townships and rural localities.

The consultation undertaken to produce the CRFS was guided by a *Communication and Engagement Strategy*. The objective was to ensure the community and key stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the CRFS and to ensure that the values and aspirations of the community and stakeholders are reflected in the CRFS.

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The following mechanisms were used to engage with the community and stakeholders:

- Online club/user group survey
- Online community survey
- Community workshops
- Stakeholder interviews
- Site tours

The Vision for the CRFS is:

"Sustainable, fit-for-purpose, accessible and innovative community and recreation facilities equitably distributed across the Shire."

A series of planning principles have been developed, based on community aspirations and industry best-practice, to guide the development and management of community and recreation across the Shire.

PRINCIPLE 1: Maximum Community Participation

PRINCIPLE 2: Shared Precincts and Community Hubs

PRINCIPLE 3: Sustainability

PRINCIPLE 4: Partnerships

PRINCIPLE 5: Working Together

PRINCIPLE 6: Maximised and Validated Community Benefit

PRINCIPLE 7: Effective Management and Maintenance

An analysis was conducted for each of the planning precincts. This has drawn together the relevant research and findings from the facility inventory analysis; demands and trends analysis; consultation findings; population triggers analysis and challenges and opportunities identified for the Shire. This has then informed an action plan for each precinct.

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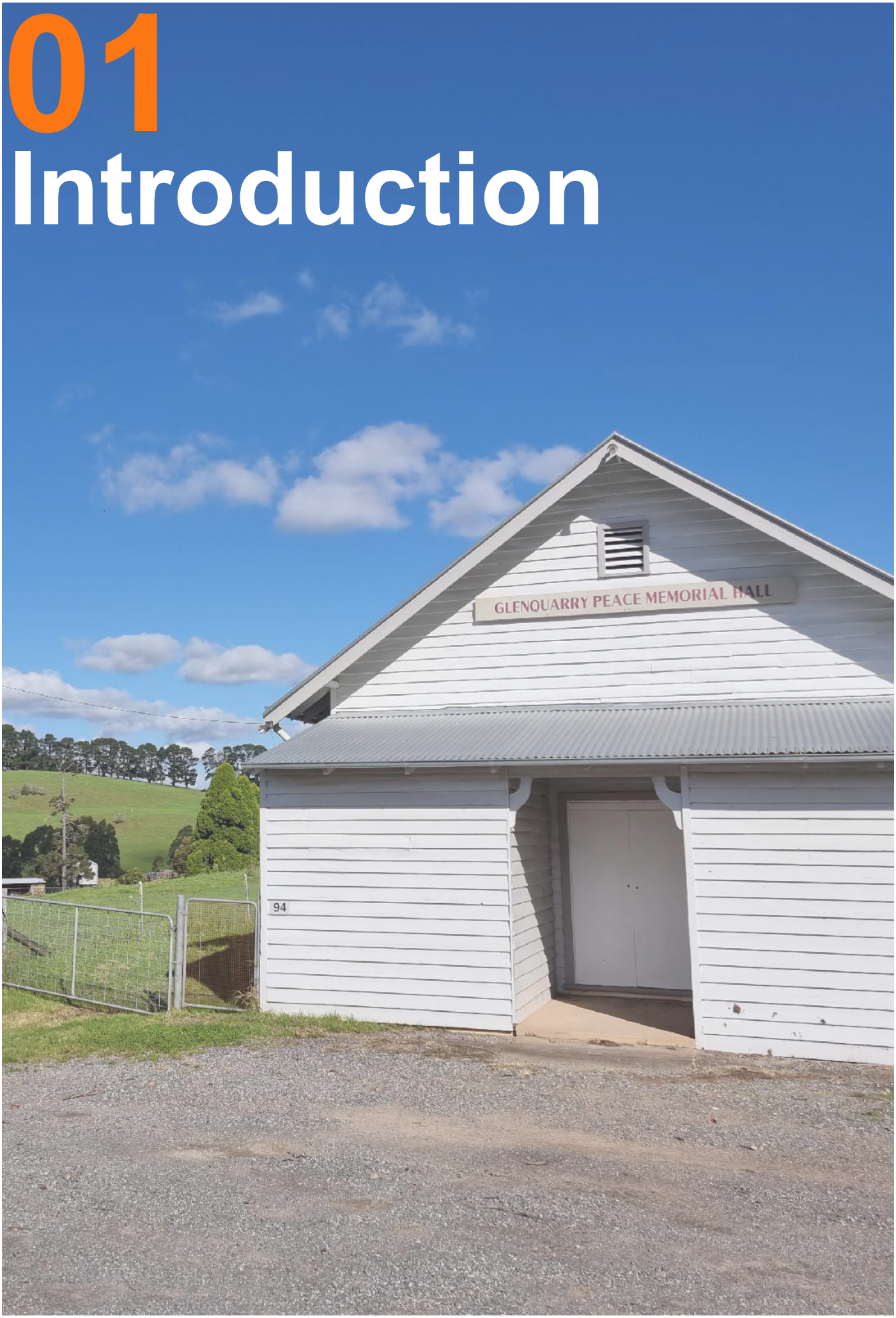
Introduction



Project Overview

The Wingecarribee Shire (the Shire) population is expected to grow from 52,725 people in 2022 (Source ProfileID) to an estimated 65,275 people in 2041 (ProfileID forecast) or 70,969 (NSW Dept. of Planning and Environment forecast), representing an increase of between 12,550 and 18,244 people over the next 20 years. The anticipated growth is driven primarily by inward migration, particularly from the Greater Sydney area. The Shire also attracts an average of 1.3 million visitors each year.

In addition to the anticipated population growth, changes to the structure of the population will have a significant influence over the demand for community infrastructure both now and into the future. While the Shire is experiencing an increase in all age cohorts, the anticipated growth is skewed to the 65 and over age brackets.

In 2017 Council adopted the *Wingecarribee Shire Community Strategic Plan (CSP), Wingecarribee 2031 Our Future Our Choice*. The provision of community and recreational assets directly responds to the CSP Vision to provide.

> *'A healthy and productive community, learning and living in harmony, proud of our heritage and nurturing our environment.'*

The themes of Leadership, People, Places, Environment and Economy are all elements within the CSP that reference the provision of sustainable and high-quality public infrastructure that responds to the needs of the community.

The Community and Recreational Facilities Strategy (CRFS) provides an integrated strategic planning approach for the provision of community and recreational facilities across the Shire. It also helps to achieve the Vision outlined in the CSP and the recently adopted *Wingecarribee Local Strategic Planning Statement* (LSPS) and *Wingecarribee Local Housing Strategy* (LHS). The CRFS ensures that Council are planning for and delivering essential community infrastructure to meet the needs of the community. The CRFS provides a clear strategic direction to ensure Council is able to both meet the challenges of growth and optimise the opportunities that this growth brings. This is critical to ensure that the liveability and amenity of existing residents is enhanced and that the needs of new communities are planned for and able to be delivered in a timely manner.

Purpose

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- *assess the supply and demand of Council owned community and recreational facilities in the Local Government Area (LGA) against the needs of the current and future community.*
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Strategy Format

In preparing the CRFS two separate volumes have been compiled. They are:

- Volume 1: Community & Recreational Facilities Strategy
- Volume 2: Literature Review and Consultation Findings.

It is recommended that the two volumes are read in conjunction with each other.

Volume 2 provides background information relating to the literature review and compiles the key findings from the extensive consultation process.

Key Definitions and Scope

For the purposes of this report the following definitions have been used:

Community

A social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage.

Recreation

Activity engaged in for the purpose of relaxation, health and wellbeing or enjoyment with the primary activity requiring physical exertion and the primary focus on human activity and includes sport.

Community Facilities

The Shire contains a diverse range of community facilities including:

- Art and cultural facilities
- Childcare centres including preschools and kindergartens.
- Community halls
- Community service centres including community centres and community health centres.
- Community sheds
- Libraries
- Rural Fire Service sheds
- Senior citizen centres and
- Youth centres

Whilst Council is a major provider of these community facilities they are also provided for by the private, state government, education, and not-for-profit sectors. An overview and definitions of these community facilities are provided below.

Art and Cultural facilities

The local community has a strong interest in art and culture and as such has art and cultural facilities that enable performing and visual arts to be catered for within the Shire.

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Childcare Centres

There are a range of childcare centres both Shire and privately owned that provide for the care of children in their early stage of growth and development. Preschools and kindergartens are included in this category.

Community Halls

The Shire contains many community halls dispersed throughout the Shire, some of which are owned and managed by the community. They 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 Centres

There are a wide range of community service centres which are a multi-functional building or group of public buildings for the social, cultural, and educational activities of a neighbourhood or entire community. Examples include community centres and community health centres.

Community Sheds

These include Men's Sheds and Service Club Sheds (e.g. Rotary) to facilitate various community activities.

Libraries

The Shire has three libraries which in addition to providing conventional library services also provide study areas, community meeting rooms, activity spaces, education-related community office spaces, toy libraries and community gallery spaces to meet diverse community educational and learning needs.

Rural Fire Service Facilities

The Shire has 20 Rural Fire Service facilities, which provide a base for the location and storage of firefighting equipment in local communities. They also have the capacity in some facilities, to provide for training and development of firefighters through provision of meeting rooms and training spaces.

Senior Citizen Centres

Places where older adults can congregate to fulfil social, emotional, and intellectual needs with an opportunity to take part in a range of social and recreational activities. This includes aged day care facilities. The Shire has four senior citizen centres.

Youth Centres

A facility supplying leisure activities and advisory support for young people. The Shire has two youth centres.

Recreational Facilities

Council also plays an important role in ensuring the community has access to facilities and open space so they can participate in recreational opportunities including sporting opportunities. Recreational facilities provided for in the Shire include:

- Athletics facilities
- Baseball diamonds
- Basketball half courts
- Bowling facilities
- Clubrooms
- Croquet courts
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Golf courses
- Grandstands
- Gym/health clubs
- Gymnastics facilities
- Hockey pitches
- Modelsport RC aero/car facilities
- Mountain bike trail facilities
- Multi-purpose courts
- Netball courts
- Ovals
- Pony clubs
- Racecourse (horse racing)
- Rectangular pitches
- Shooting facilities
- Skate parks
- Sports field amenities (changerooms, toilets etc.)
- Sports lighting (competition and training level)
- Swimming pools
- Tennis courts
- Velodrome

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Similarly, to community facilities, whilst Council is a major provider of these recreational facilities they are also provided for by the private, state government, education (schools) and not-for-profit sectors.

Some additional facilities that are not currently provided for in the Shire such as pump tracks will also be assessed for need and future provision.

Sportsgrounds

Sportsgrounds, which comprise a significant proportion of the recreational facilities portfolio within the Shire include facilities for athletics, baseball, basketball, lawn bowls, croquet, golf, gymnastics, hockey, netball, and field sports played on ovals and rectangular pitches such as Australian Rules football, cricket, football (soccer) rugby league, rugby union and touch football.

This CRFS will set the framework for sport and active recreation within the Shire. The output for the Strategy for sports facilities will be driven by a balance between:

- Response to the community needs
- The quality of the facilities
- Equitable distribution and management of sports and active recreation facilities

Another key consideration is to investigate options for a regional sporting hub facility to meet both present and future needs and make recommendations on location and facilities mix.

Aquatic and Swimming Facilities

Council currently provides one aquatic centre the Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre (indoor 25m 8 lane pool, program/leisure pool and fitness gym) and three swimming pools within the Shire – Mittagong Swimming Pool (currently closed due to flood damage), Bowral Swimming Pool (outdoor 50m, 25m, program and toddler pool) and Bundanoon Swimming Pool (outdoor 25m, 4 lane pool).

A key consideration of this CRFS is to undertake a thorough review of the *Aquatic Condition Audits* and further refine and rationalise the recommendations of the *Aquatic Service Delivery Review* following comprehensive community consultation, particularly regarding location and facilities mix, including funding mechanisms for the provision of a regional aquatic-leisure centre in the Shire.

Playspaces

Council's *Playspace Strategy* was completed in 2020 and identifies 48 public play spaces within the Shire. This strategy currently provides Council with clear and concise direction relating to its current and future provision of play spaces. The strategy completed a performance assessment which considered criteria such as location, play value and ancillary facilities of all Council's 48 play spaces, with most play spaces scoring below 50%. The CRFS will align its priorities and actions with the recommendations and level of service proposed in the *Playspace Strategy*.

Skate parks, pump tracks and basketball half courts were not included within Council's *Playspace Strategy*, however their provision is addressed as part of this CRFS.

A key consideration for this CRFS is to further investigate and identify (possibly by acquisition) a suitable site for the development of a destination level playground, as well as identify the required funding opportunities for the development.

Public Toilets

There are forty-seven public toilet facilities throughout the Shire, about 1.0 toilet block per 1,000 residents. Most public toilets (38) are in parks and nine are in other locations such as town centres and community halls. Most users of the public toilets are visitors to the Shire.

A *Public Toilet Strategy* was developed in 2017 and provides guidance for Council on future provision, development, and maintenance of public toilets in the Shire. It provides an overall framework for the consistent management of public toilets, including identifying the need for additional facilities to meet demographic changes and identifying appropriate levels of service for

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various categories of public toilets and as such they are not considered in the CRFS.

Parks

Council's *Parks Strategy* was prepared in 2016 and identified 3,036 hectares of Council owned parks in the Shire. Most of this area is Bushland Reserve with relatively low asset development and maintenance requirements. There are 299 hectares of actively maintained parkland, including sports, community, linear and premier parks.

The CRFS will align its priorities and actions with the recommendations and level of service proposed in the *Parks Strategy* developed in 2016.

Park Category	Hectares
Sports Parks	105.2
Community Parks	64.3
Linear Parks	127.4
Premier Parks	2.1
Bushland Reserves	2,736.9

Project Approach

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Strategic Context

Regional Overview

The Shire covers an area of 2,700 square kilometres in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. The Shire is located approximately 100km south-west of Sydney and is well known for its national parks, rural landscapes and historic country villages and towns. Over 1,030 square kilometres of land is either national parks or nature reserves, representing 38 per cent of the Shire's total area. The traditional owners of area are the Gundungurra and D'harawal people.

It is comparable in size to that of urban Sydney, averaging 55 kilometres from east to west and 45 kilometres from north to south, with its geographic centre north-west of Berrima and its demographic centre to the south-east of Bowral. Much of the Shire is located at or above 640 metres above sea level.

This area is known to tourists as the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. It also sits within the broader South East and Tablelands planning region.

The pattern of development within the Shire is one of small towns and villages, separated by a semirural landscape, surrounded by more rugged natural areas. The main towns are Bowral, Moss Vale and Mittagong. Smaller villages include Bundanoon, Hill Top, Yerrinbool, Colo Vale, Robertson, Berrima, New Berrima, Exeter, Burrawang, Penrose, Willow Vale, Alpine, Balaclava, Renwick, Wingello, Sutton Forest, Avoca, Fitzroy Falls and Balmoral Village.

The Shire's diverse landscape of townships, villages, and natural features, including national parks and historical sites, add to the Shire's rich heritage and its appeal among residents and visitors alike. These features are an important consideration when planning for future community and recreation facilities and upgrading current facilities throughout the community.

Figure 1: Location Map

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Council's Role in Community and Recreational Facility Provision

Local government plays a major role in the development of community and recreational facilities, particularly at the community level. Successful networks of community and recreational facilities, clubs/service providers and programs are dependent on partnerships and ongoing cooperation between a wide range of organisations, including all levels of government, not-for-profit bodies, clubs, associations, community groups and the wider community.

Local government also plays an important role in facilitating benefits and achieving positive outcomes for its community through community and recreational facility provision. This is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Council's Role

Planning	• Strategic planning • Master planning • Policy development • Feasibility and Needs Assessments
Facility management	• Asset management • Leasing and licensing • Compliance with legislation and industry standards
Partnerships and advocacy	• Advocating on behalf of the community and stakeholders • Partnering with other Councils, State and Federal Government • Strengthening relationships with the community and key stakeholders
Service provision	• Development and training • Information provision • Community liaison/engagement • Special events • Inclusive programs • Community development • Community health • Education and skill development
Funding	• Grants • Capital investment. • Accessing external funding • Sponsorship • Loans

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Benefits of Community & Recreational Facilities

It is well recognised that community and recreational activities provide social benefits, economic benefits, and health benefits to communities. Councils are key contributors through the provision of assets, including facilities and parks along with the provision of services and support. Without fit for purpose facilities being available, community and recreational clubs, groups and organisations would not be able to exist, grow and prosper.

Social benefits are realised by bringing people together and providing opportunities for social interaction. Community groups and associations provide a network and sense of belonging, drawing together people of different backgrounds, ages, religions and cultures. Community groups and associations foster community pride and are the hub of community life, especially for regional and rural communities and they bind families and communities through shared experiences. Community groups and associations create volunteer opportunities to develop life skills and leadership abilities, contribute to lifelong learning and assist with finding work/life balance.

Health benefits are realised by the community as through participating in the various services, programs and activities offered provides a range of benefits including increased physical activity, reduced obesity, reduced incidence of non-communicable disease and improving mental health outcomes. This results in reduced healthcare costs and eases pressure on the health system. Reducing the incidence of disease, extends life, reduces the rate of early mortality, and increases the quality of life.

Economic benefits are generated through creation of opportunities for events and tourism, particularly drawing participants, officials, and spectators who contribute significantly to the visitor economy. Economic benefits also arise from construction, maintenance and operation of community and recreational facilities, and the creation of short- and longer-term employment activities. Community and recreational activities also contribute to increased productivity of those who are physically active as healthy workers are more productive and take fewer sick days.

Community facilities, such as art and cultural facilities, childcare centres, community halls, community service centres, libraries, senior citizen centres and youth centres provide opportunities for residents to participate in educational, cultural, leisure and health activities and programs in a safe and inclusive environment. By creating a positive atmosphere, these facilities become essential to personal and overall community health, wellness, and capacity, reducing reliance on healthcare and other costly social services. This in turn boosts the local economy and can also help contribute to overall economic development.

Community facilities also help build strong, safe, and inclusive communities; social interaction, volunteerism and civic pride is often enhanced. These spaces are provided for all ages whilst promoting cultural diversity and inclusion.

Childcare centres provide facilities to enable young children to be nurtured, develop and grow in a supportive environment and support parents entering back into the workforce.

Libraries play a fundamental role in communities. The resources and services they offer create opportunities for learning, support literacy and education, and help shape the new ideas and perspectives that are central to creative and innovative communities. They also provide community meeting places.

Recreational facilities provide residents and visitors the opportunity to participate in physical activity either in an informal manner or competitively such as through sporting activities. The provision of aquatic facilities is also important as swimming is one of the most popular physical activities in Australia.

The benefits of a network of well-supported and strategically planned community and recreational facilities, clubs/service providers and programs/events contribute towards the vision and themes of the Council's CSP.

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Vision

*A **healthy** and productive community, learning and living in harmony, proud of our heritage and nurturing our environment.*

Table 2: Benefits Aligning with Community Strategic Plan Themes

Leadership
Our Council has the trust of the community and well-informed decisions are made to ensure long term sustainability of our Shire
Council communicates and engages with the community in a diverse, open, and inclusive way
Developing community leadership, strong networks and shared responsibility for the Shire promotes and enhances community capacity
People
Our people have the opportunity for a happy and healthy lifestyle
We are an inclusive community which actively reduces barriers for participation in community life
Wingecarribee values and nurtures a diverse, creative, and vibrant community
Places
We have an integrated and efficient network of public transport and shared pathways
Wingecarribee has maintained a distinct character and separation of towns and villages
Our built environment creates vibrant and inviting public spaces
We have safe, maintained, and effective assets and infrastructure
Environment
Wingecarribee's distinct and diverse natural environment is protected and enhanced
Sustainable living practices are actively encouraged
Wingecarribee addresses, adapts, and builds resilience to climate change
Economy
Our Shire attracts people to work, live and visit
Local business is supported through a connected community

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Previous Planning

In 2004, Council endorsed the *Wingecarribee Open Space, Recreation, Cultural and Community Facilities Needs Study* which provided direction for the development of recreation, cultural and open space facilities throughout the Shire.

The recommended actions of this were grouped into the following strategic areas:

1. *Strategy Integration*
2. *Rationalisation of Surplus Open Space*
3. *An Indoor Leisure Centre*
4. *Rationalising the Existing Swimming Centres*
5. *A 'Home' for Individual Sports*
6. *Enlivening Our Parks, Gardens and Public Spaces*
7. *Playgrounds*
8. *Extending and Enlivening Our Shared Pathways*
9. *Enhancing Our Natural Areas*
10. *A Community Working Art Space*
11. *Community Facility Precincts and Community Based (Non-Government) Services and Organisations*
12. *Making Better Use of Our Community Halls*
13. *Centralised Youth Facilities*
14. *Libraries*
15. *Electronic Media*
16. *An Indigenous Meeting Space*
17. *Community Access*
18. *Promotion and Community Information Management*
19. *Precinct Planning*

Further details relating to the status of the recommendations developed through this plan are provided in Appendix A: Review of *Wingecarribee Open Space, Recreation, Cultural and Community Facilities Needs Study (2004).*

The Shire has experienced significant progress relating to the development of community and recreational facilities since 2004 with the development of some high-quality facilities, a network of community organisations and service providers, and a range of successful programs and events. Key infrastructure projects achieved over this period have included:

1. Development of the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre
2. Upgrade of Lake Alexandra Reserve
3. Construction of Bundanoon Oval Skate Park
4. Upgrade of Moss Vale library and Theatrette
5. Continued maintenance and development of Bradman Oval precinct.
6. Upgrades to Eridge Park precinct e.g., new rugby union clubrooms and netball courts
7. New developments included in the Renwick area including the community centre and play space.
8. Accommodation of the Wingecarribee Aboriginal Community Centre
9. Development of the Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens
10. Redevelopment of the Mittagong Pool
11. Upgrade of various community centres and halls
12. Development of various recreation and sporting facilities including supporting amenities
13. Welby Heights Oval Hockey Facility
14. Various play spaces
15. Mountain bike and walking trails including associated strategy.
16. Church Road Playing Fields clubroom upgrade (in progress)
17. Corlette Park tennis courts upgrade
18. Mittagong Memorial Hall and Playhouse upgrade (in progress)
19. Bowral Memorial Hall upgrade (in progress)

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Background Documents

The strategic direction for community and recreational facilities is influenced by many policies and plans, and peak body strategic directions, at various levels, including federal, state, regional and local.

Partnerships and cross-agency collaboration allow planning for community and recreational facilities, programs and services which support various strategic outcomes, such as health and local economic development.

The following strategic documents influence, to some degree, the directions for community and recreational facility provision in the Shire and have been reviewed to inform the CRFS:

International Documents

- *Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030 (World Health Organisation)*

National Documents

- *Sport 2030*
- *The Australian Physical Literacy Framework (Sport Australia, 2019)*
- *Blueprint for an Active Australia (Heart Foundation, 2019)*

State Documents

- *Building Momentum, State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038 (Infrastructure NSW, 2018)*
- *A 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW, July 2018*
- *NSW Public Spaces Charter, Ten principles for public space in NSW*
- *Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2020-2024*
- *Office of Sport Future Champions, Pathways to Sporting Success*
- *Her Sport Her Way, Shaping the Future of Women's Sport in NSW 2019-2023*
- *Everyone Can Play, A Guideline to Create Inclusive Playspaces 2019*
- *Peak Body Strategic and Facility Plans (e.g., Cricket NSW Infrastructure Strategy 2020-30)*

Regional Documents

- *South East and Tablelands Regional Plan*
- *South East and Tablelands Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2018-2023*

Local Documents

- *WSC Community Strategy Plan Wingecarribee 2031 our future our choice*
- *Wingecarribee 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement*
- *Wingecarribee Local Housing Strategy, Housing our Community*
- *WSC Arts Culture Strategic Plan*
- *WSC Community Engagement Strategy*
- *WSC Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021*
- *WSC Long Term Financial Plan 2020 – 2030*
- *WSC Parks Strategy 2016*
- *WSC Playspace Strategy*
- *WSC Positive Ageing Strategy 2016-2026*
- *WSC Public Toilet Strategy 2017*
- *WSC Recreational Walking Tracks Strategy*
- *WSC Highlands Destination Strategy 2020 – 2030*
- *WSC Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2016 - 2026*
- *WSC Southern Highlands Tablelands Regional Action Plan*
- *Plans of Management – various*

Specific Studies and Reports

- *Bowral Swimming Centre Pool Plant Condition & Maintenance Audit 2019*
- *Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre Pool Plant Condition & Maintenance Audit 2019*
- *Mittagong Swimming Centre Pool Plant Condition & Maintenance Audit 2019*
- *Bundanoon Swimming Centre Pool Plant Condition & Maintenance Audit 2019*
- *Wingecarribee Aquatic Services Delivery Review 2020*
- *Nattai River Flood Study 2014*
- *Wingecarribee Public Libraries Building Report 2021*
- *Lackey Park Masterplan and Regional Hub Feasibility Analysis 2020*

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The Shire is also currently in the process of developing a property strategy which will identify economic opportunities for this strategy.

A summary of the key relevant information from each of these documents is included in *Volume 2: Literature Review & Consultation Findings*.

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Planning Precincts

To support a comprehensive analysis of community and recreational facility issues and opportunities across the shire, 11 'precincts' have been used to categorise geographic areas and to guide analysis.

These precincts are aligned with the precincts created by *Profile.id* which provides data for the region relating to population demographics, projected growth, economic and social indicators.

The precincts are outlined using a unique reference letter as listed in Table 3 and shown in Figure 2.

Table 3: Planning Districts

Ref	Districts
A	Burradoo
B	Berrima – New Berrima
C	Bowral
D	Mittagong District
E	Yerrinbool District
F	Robertson District
G	Moss Vale
H	Bundanoon - Exeter
I	Wingello – South West District
J	Hilltop – Balmoral – Colo Vale
K	North West District

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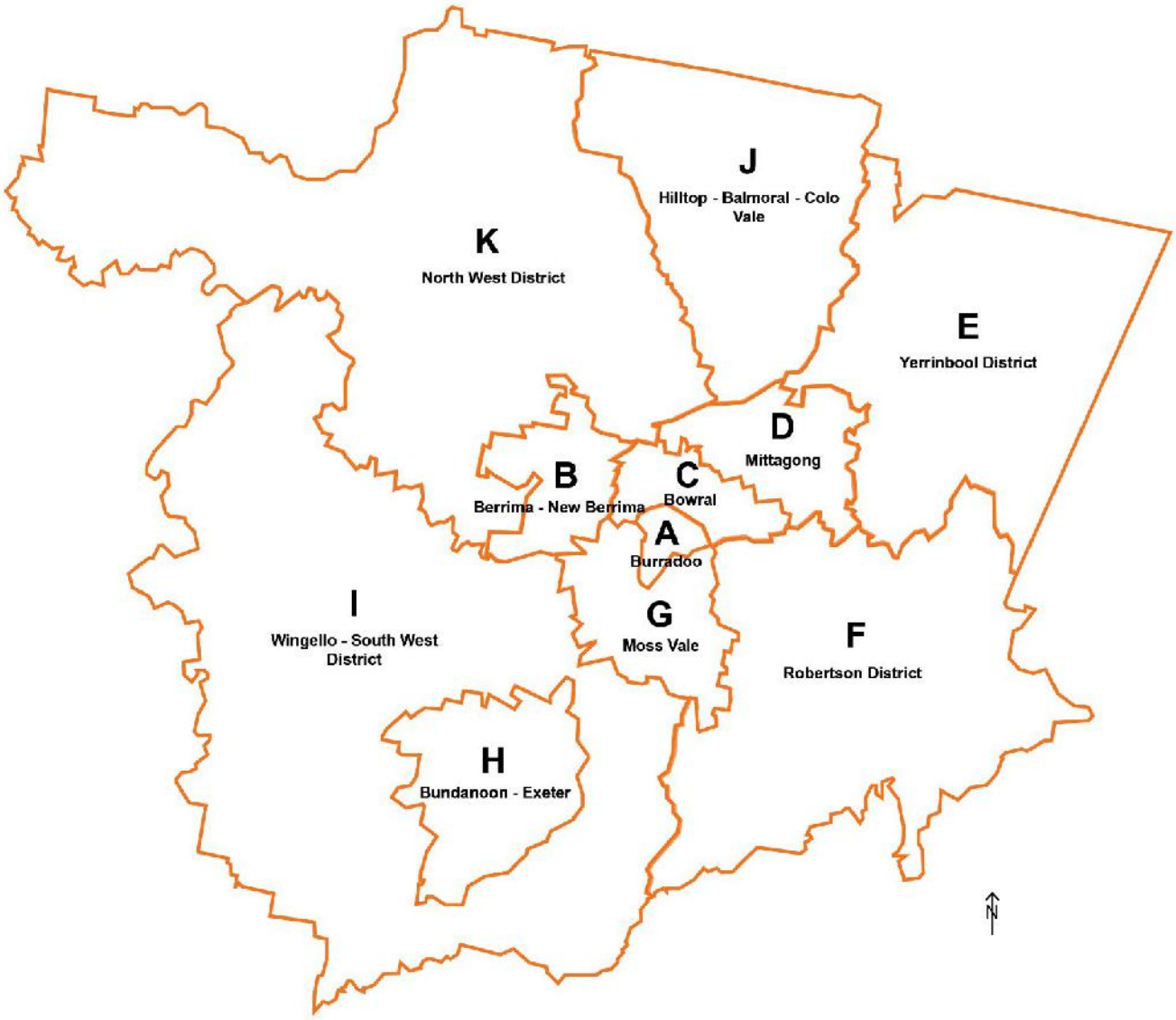

Figure 2: Planning Districts

A Burradoo

Burradoo is bounded by the locality of Bowral, Links Road, Burradoo Road and Old South Road in the north, Wiseman Road, and the locality of Bowral in the east, the Wingecarribee River in the south, and Mittagong Creek in the west.

Burradoo is home to one of the largest sporting precincts in the Shire at Eridge Park, which provides facilities for rugby union, athletics, cricket, cycling, netball, and touch football. The precinct is also home to some of the largest private schools in the area, providing a range of facilities for student use and some limited community use.

B Berrima – New Berrima

Berrima – New Berrima is bounded by the localities of Mandemar and High Range in the north, the localities of Woodlands and Bowral in the east, the localities of Moss Vale and Sutton Forest in the south, and the localities of Medway and Joadja in the west.

The main township is Berrima with further expansion and development in New Berrima. The area is rich with heritage and history, boasting Regency-style sandstone-hewn buildings dating back to the 1830s and a range of local galleries and shops, making it a popular destination for visitors from both Sydney and Canberra. The precinct is also home to Boral Cement Works, a large scale multi-national company who have provided the community with facilities such as the New Berrima Community Centre and the Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club.

C Bowral

Bowral is one of the major towns within the Shire, surrounding towns and villages include Mittagong, Moss Vale, Robertson, East Kangaloon, Glenquarry and Kangaloon. It is only 130 kilometres away from Sydney and is one of the more visited destinations within the Shire.

The precinct has a strong community focus with a growing population and a new housing development planned within the precinct. It has a range of community facilities including a library, community halls and community service centres. Bowral also provides a variety of childcare centres and schools (both public and private).

Bowral has a strong sporting history and is home to the renowned Bradman Oval and Museum, as well as other recreational facilities including play spaces, sports grounds, private gyms and a racecourse.

D Mittagong District

Mittagong District is bounded by the Hume Highway, the localities of Aylmerton and Alpine and Chain of Ponds Creek in the north, the Nepean River and Doudles Folly Creek in the east, the localities of Glenquarry and Bowral in the south, and the locality of Woodlands in the west.

Mittagong is one of the three major towns in the Shire and has a wide range of both community and recreational facilities. The precinct is generally well provided for across all facility types.

E Yerrinbool District

Yerrinbool District is bounded by Wollondilly Shire in the north, Wollongong City in the east, Dudewaugh Creek, the Burke River and the Nepean River in the south, and the localities of Mittagong, Balaclava, Braemar and Colo Vale and the Bargo River in the west. The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Yerrinbool, Mount Lindsey, and Avon.

Although it is a small precinct with limited facilities, it is common for residents to travel to surrounding precincts and Local Government Areas including Wollondilly Shire and Wollongong City to participate in recreational and community activities.

F Robertson District

Robertson District is bounded by the localities of Bowral and Mittagong, the Nepean River, the Burke River and Dudewaugh Creek in the north, Wollongong City and Shellharbour City in the east, the Kangaroo River, the Municipality of Kiama, Shoalhaven City and Yarrunga Creek in the south, and the localities of Meryla, Manchester Square and Moss Vale and Kelly's Creek in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Avoca, Burrawang, Fitzroy Falls, Glenquarry, Kangaloon and Robertson.

Robertson mostly contains recreational facilities located in schools and sporting precincts such as Burrawang Oval and Hampden Park.

G Moss Vale

Moss Vale is bounded by the Wingecarribee River in the north, Kelly's Creek, and the localities of Glenquarry and Avoca in the east, the localities of Fitzroy Falls, Manchester Square and Werai in the south, and the localities of Sutton Forest, New Berrima, and Berrima in the west.

Moss Vale has the third most facilities in the Shire, with recent developments providing the precinct with new facilities such as a library and an arts and culture facility. It is also home to a number of non-Council owned facilities such as the Moss Vale & District Basketball Association Stadium and the Moss Vale Showgrounds, childcare centres, private gyms and schools.

H Bundanoon – Exeter

Bundanoon - Exeter is bounded by the locality of Sutton Forest in the north, the locality of Werai and Stonequarry Creek in the east, Bundanoon Creek, and the locality of Wingello in the south, and the locality of Penrose, Teudts Road, Penrose Road, Paddy's River, Old Argyle Road, the locality of Penrose, Stingray Road, and the Hume Highway in the west.

The two main townships are Bundanoon and Exeter, both are charming villages popular with visitors. They feature heritage buildings and include a range of well-established community and recreational facilities including the Bundanoon Oval and Exeter Oval precincts which house most facilities in the precinct. Bundanoon also has one of the four swimming pools in the Shire which includes a seasonal outdoor and toddler's pool.

I Wingello – South West District

Wingello - South West District is bounded by the Wingecarribee River in the north, the locality of Joadja, the Wingecarribee River, the Medway Rivulet and the localities of Berrima, Moss Vale and Fitzroy Falls in the east, Shoalhaven City and the Goulburn Mulwaree Council area in the south, and the Wollondilly River and Upper Lachlan Shire in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Canyonleigh, Penrose, Sutton Forest and Wingello.

J Hilltop – Balmoral – Colo Vale

Hill Top - Balmoral - Colo Vale is bounded by Wollondilly Shire in the north, the Bargo River in the east, the locality of Yerrinbool, Crawford Road and the Hume Highway in the south, and the Nattai River in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Hill Top, Balmoral and Colo Vale. The precinct is home to a state level shooting facility, as well as having one of two of the Shire owned multi-purpose indoor court facilities at the Hill Top Community Centre. The precinct relies mostly on private community facilities such as childcare centres, halls and RFS Sheds.

K North West District

North West District is bounded by Wollondilly Shire in the north, the Nattai River in the east, the Hume Highway, the localities of Mittagong, Bowral, and Berrima, the Wingecarribee River, the Hume Highway, the locality of Berrima, the Medway Rivulet, and the locality of Belanglo in the south, and the Wingecarribee River, the Wollondilly River, Guineacor Creek and Upper Lachlan Shire in the west.

It includes the settlements of Medway, Mandemar, Wombeyan Caves and Woodlands.

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03 Demand and Trends

Demographic Implications

The Shire is home to an estimated resident population of 52,725 people in 2022. The Shire is made up of 46 localities with much of the population residing in the towns of Bowral, Mittagong and Moss Vale. The Shire's population is expected to grow to an estimated 65,275 people in 2041 (according to the ProfileID forecast) or 70,969 (according to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment forecast), representing an increase of between 12,550 and 18,244 people over the next 20 years.

Table 5 outlines key demographic features of the Shire and the implications of these features on community and recreational facility provision.

Age Structure

The following graph presents the age structure of the Shire's population in 2021.

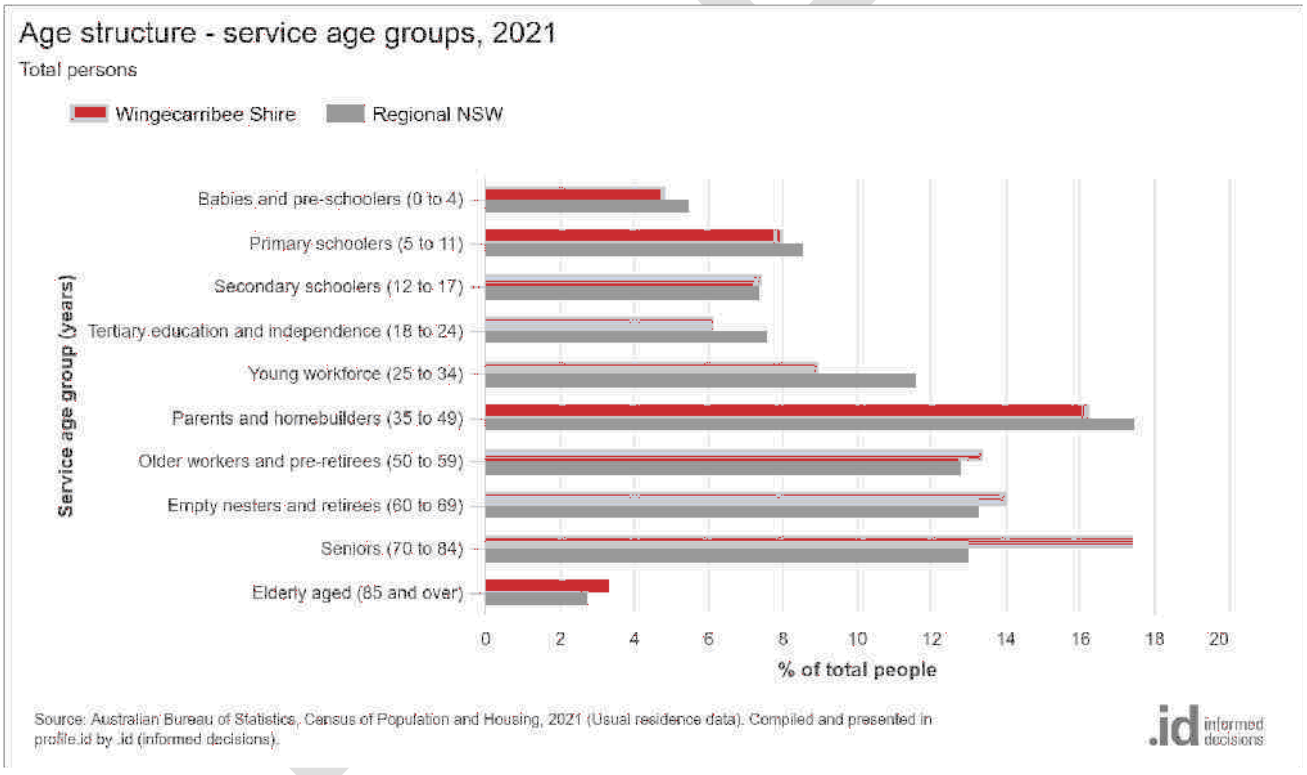

Figure 3: Wingecarribee Age Structure by Service Age Groups in 2021

Analysis of the service age groups of Wingecarribee Shire in 2021 compared to Regional NSW shows that there was a lower proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17 years) and a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years).

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.

The major differences between the age structure of Wingecarribee Shire and Regional NSW were:

- A larger percentage of 'Seniors' (17.4% compared to 13.0%)
- A smaller percentage of 'Young workforce' (9.0% compared to 11.6%)
- A smaller percentage of 'Tertiary education & independence' (6.1% compared to 7.6%)
- A smaller percentage of 'Parents and homebuilders' (16.3% compared to 17.5%)

From 2016 to 2021, Wingecarribee Shire's population increased by 4,825 people (10.1%). This represents an average annual population change of 1.94% per year over the period. The largest changes in the age structure in this area between 2016 and 2021 were in the age groups:

- Seniors (70 to 84) (+2,036 people)
- Young workforce (25 to 34) (+775 people)
- Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59) (+454 people)
- Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49) (+345 people)

Forecast Population

According to the Profile.ID population estimates the Shire is forecast to grow to 65,275 by 2041 refer Figure 4.

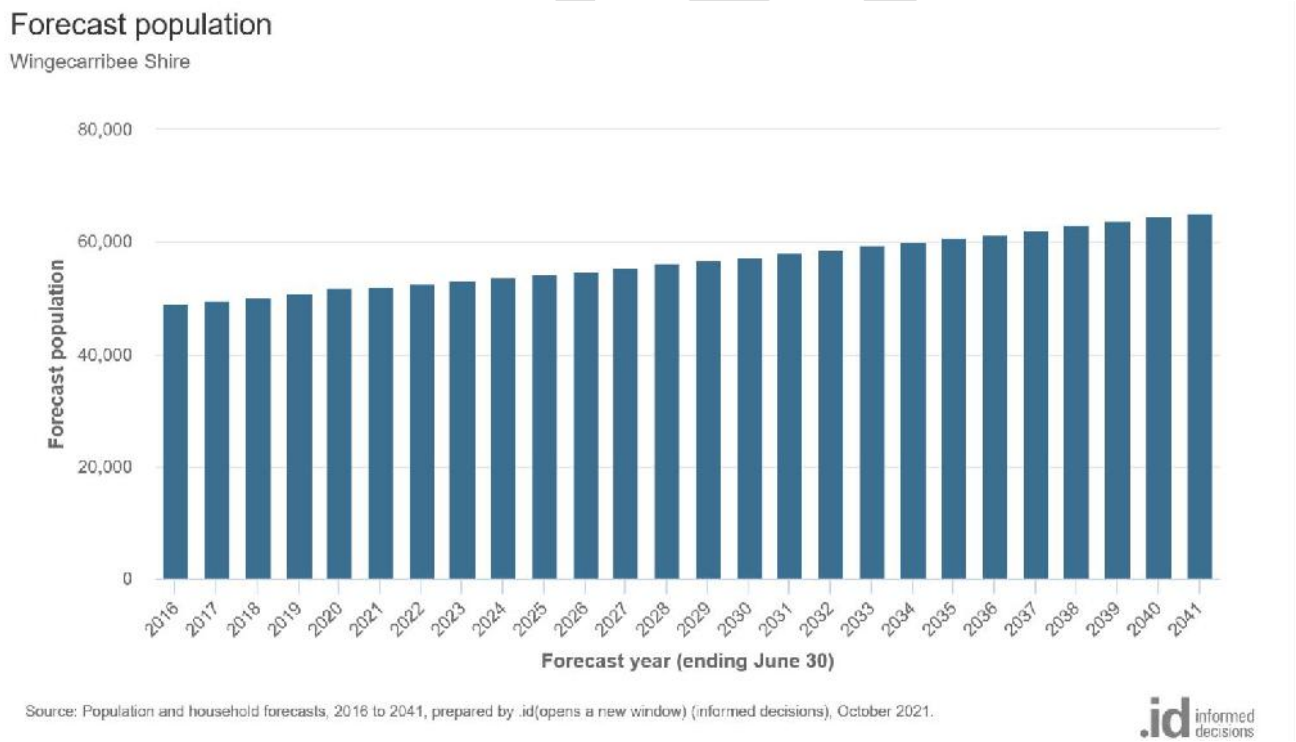

Figure 4: Wingecarribee Shire Forecast Population to 2041

New Development Areas

Between 2022 and 2041, Moss Vale with 1,699 new dwellings is forecast for the greatest increase in development of new dwellings in Wingecarribee Shire followed by Bowral with 1,281 and the Mittagong District with 1,200. Noting Burradoo is a different precinct to Bowral and also includes 730 additional dwellings over the next 20 years.

Table 4: Wingecarribee Shire Forecast Dwellings and Development

Wingecarribee Shire	2022		2041		Change between 2022 and 2041	
Area	**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

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Figure 5 highlights the forecast population growth for the Shire by precinct. The precincts with the darker shading have higher forecast growth rates.

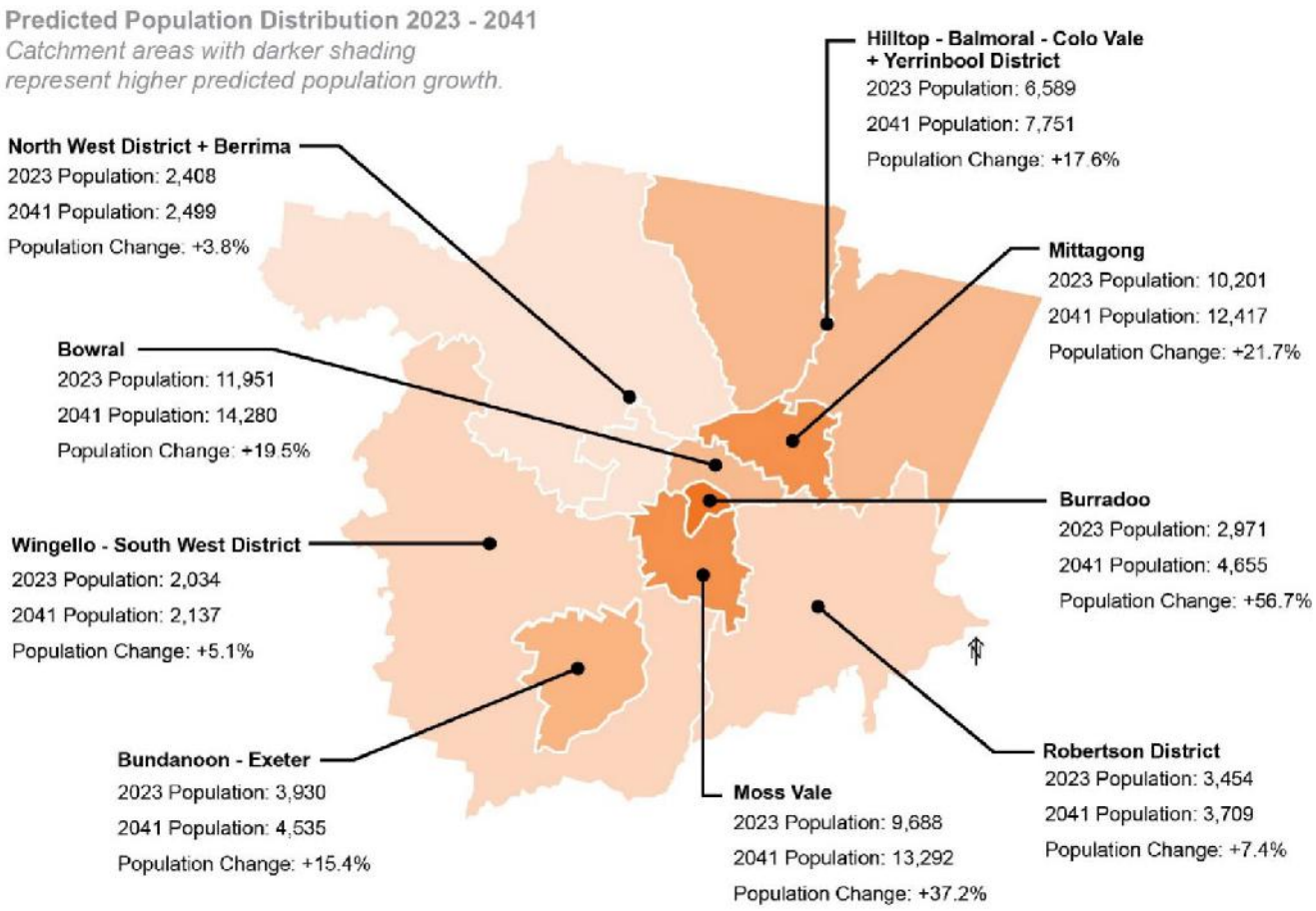

Figure 5: Forecast Population growth by precinct

Table 5: Demographic Indicators, Considerations and Implications for Community and Recreational Facility Provision

Key Demographic Indicator	Considerations and Implications
Population Age Structure At the 2016 Census the population of the Shire had a higher proportion of children (aged 12 - 17) and a higher proportion of persons aged 60 to 69 than the average across regional New South Wales. The region's median age of 47 years was significantly higher than the average across regional NSW which is 38 years.	Trends and preferences vary across age groups and life stages, and it is important that community and recreational facility provision is relevant to the region's population. Provision of flexible and adaptable facilities which are able to cater for a wide range of activities will facilitate involvement from a diversity of age groups.
Population Growth The Shire is expected to grow by a conservative estimate of 12,550 people and potentially up to 18,244 people by 2041. This would represent average annual growth of between 1.2% and 1.7%.	Population growth will generate higher demand for community and recreational facility provision. It will also be important to plan for community and recreational facility provision in new development areas to ensure the population in these areas are adequately serviced in the future.
Cultural Diversity Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people comprise a lower percentage of the Shire's population (2.0%) than the average across regional NSW (2.9%). Overseas migration is expected to contribute to the Shires' population growth. Currently, the Shire has a lower-than-average population of people born overseas (22.9%) than the average across NSW (34.5%).	Programs and services across the Shire need to encourage participation and be inclusive to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. With projected population growth across the Shire, it is anticipated that the proportion of people born overseas will increase and that this will not only increase demand for community and recreational facilities but will also generate a diversity of needs that will need to be provided for within the Shire and Council will need to cater for people from different cultural backgrounds.
Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage The population of the Shire has a SEIFA Disadvantage Index score of 1034, which is significantly higher than that of the average across regional NSW (971), indicating a low level of relative socio-economic disadvantage. Within the region, levels of relative socio-economic disadvantage vary between affluent areas such as Burradoo with a high index score of 1,095.1, to relatively disadvantaged areas such as Moss Vale with a score 998.3.	It is important that community and recreational facilities are provided for that are affordable and accessible to all people, regardless of their level of affluence. Investment in community and recreational facilities should be equitably planned to ensure that resources are targeted, maximising community participation, encouraging active lifestyles and maximising community benefit.
Rate of Volunteering At the 2016 Census, the Shire had a volunteering rate of 26.2%, higher than the average across regional NSW (20.8%) and all of NSW (18.1%).	Volunteers are recognised as an invaluable resource for communities across the Shire. It is imperative that volunteers are effectively supported, recognised, and valued in their role as they play an important part in the delivery of community and recreational services.

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Trends

A range of trends have been identified and published by various government agencies and universities through research papers and reports which will likely influence community and recreational facilities into the future. Table 6 outlines these trends some of which are specific and others broader societal trends.

Community and Recreational Trends

Table 6: Trends Influencing Community and Recreational Facility Provision

Trend	Description
Asset Management	Asset management is a key requirement and focus of local government who own and control vast amounts of community and recreational infrastructure. Ensuring contemporary asset management principles are applied is a necessity as is identifying lifecycle costings for proposed new facilities.
Program Flexibility	Community facilities are offering more varied programs, ranging from skills training for immigrants, youth outreach, parental support groups and seniors' social programs. These demand spaces that consider the design of acoustics, lighting, and finishes for varied programs.
Environmental and Economic Sustainability	Community and recreational facilities require large capital investments to build and considerable budgets to operate. New community and recreational facility designs are targeting high-performance building standards (e.g., high green star ratings) for both environmental and economic sustainability.
Inclusivity and Human Experience	The current social climate has only underlined the importance of inclusivity, not simply diversity, within our communities. Community and recreational facilities can help these interactions, but to play this role their design must consider the needs of a broad array of users to create a welcoming place for all.

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Trend	Description
Increasingly Busy Lifestyles	Australians now have less time available for community and recreational activities, and a smaller proportion of that time is spent being physically active.
Virtual vs Reality	Consumers are increasingly moving online to connect, deliver and access services, obtain information, perform transactions, and work.
Personalisation	Community members are increasingly seeking personalised experiences, with an expectation for these experiences to complement their individual identity.
Share Economy	Consumers are becoming less attached to the ownership of goods and are more often sharing services through peer-to-peer platforms.
Convenience is King	Consumers expect instant gratification through the rise of on-demand services built upon speed and accessibility.
Inactivity in Children	Inactivity in children is growing, linked to a decline in overall health and wellbeing of young people.
Emergence of Online Communities	Community and recreational activities are being transformed by technology; social technologies have created online communities.
Active Ageing	Community and recreational activities need to be diversified to meet the needs of the growing cohort of older Australians.

Trend	Description
Participation Costs	Rising cost of participation in community and recreational activities is now becoming a barrier for some members of the community.
Changing Preferences	The community's activity preferences are continually changing which directly impacts how the facility network will be utilised.
Informal Recreation	Participation rates in traditionally organised sports are broadly declining, with preferences trending towards informal and individualised recreational activities.
Emergence of Technology	Technological advances have introduced a range of community and recreational-based platforms and online communities that promote participation in community and recreational activities without the need for purpose-built facilities.
Rising Costs of Living	Recently cost of living pressures are increasing with essentials such as food, fuel and utility prices all rising significantly. People are likely to have less discretionary income to spend accessing community and recreational facilities and services.

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Participation and Usage Rates

Gaining an understanding of participation rates in community and recreational facility use is important to assist in determining current and future demand. There is a range of data and information available for participation in recreational activities including sport however there is limited data available on broader community facility use. As part of the community consultation process, we were able to determine the popularity of a range of activities in the community.

Individualised activities have shown to be popular with the respondents who completed the online community survey. This is in line with trends across Australia.

Table 7 was compiled from the 533 community survey responses to the following question: *What activities do you participate in, and how regularly?* The number of responses identifies those who indicated participation in their chosen activities at least on a weekly basis.

These local survey responses correlate with state-wide findings from the New South Wales AusPlay data, with walking, fitness/gym, and swimming all in the top 5 activities for both men and women.

In terms of membership of community and recreational organisations such as clubs/groups/associations from the 523 total responses collected for this question, 375 (71.7%) of respondents were existing members of recreational and community clubs and/or organisations. Compared to 148 (28.3%) respondents who answered they were not currently a member of any recreational and community clubs and/or organisations.

Table 7: Most popular community and recreational activities in the Wingecarribee Shire.

Activity	At least weekly (number of responses)
Walking	144
Swimming	141
Fitness/Gym	114
Bush walking	108
Arts and Crafts	86
Jogging/ Running	84
Cycling	81
Athletics	80
Yoga/Pilates	79
Music	75
Soccer	72
Play	65
Meetings	63
Mountain Biking	61
Dancing/Ballet	55
Tennis	50
Basketball	43
Library Activities	43
Cooking	41
Celebrations	39

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NSW Adults and Children

In line with the national trends, the top five recreational activities among NSW adults in 2021 were primarily individual fitness pursuits that fit into people's increasingly busy lifestyles. While organised sport is less popular, football (soccer), golf and tennis still feature within the top ten activities. The top ten adult activities in NSW are shown in Figure 6.

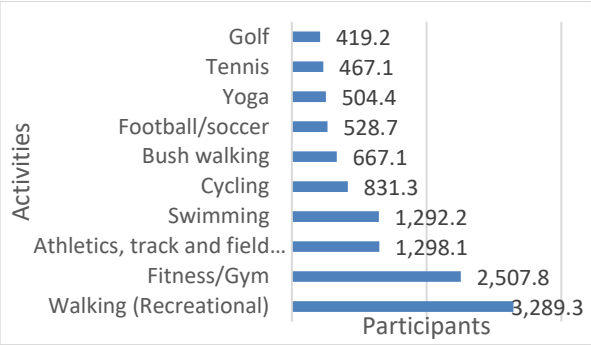

Figure 6: Top 10 Activities, NSW Adults, 2021

Children participate in recreation at different rates than adults. For example, their involvement in swimming is 18.6% higher than that of adults and is overall generally higher in sports such as netball and tennis. Children also participate in activities such as gymnastics and dancing at higher levels. The top 10 organised activities for children in NSW are shown in Figure 7.

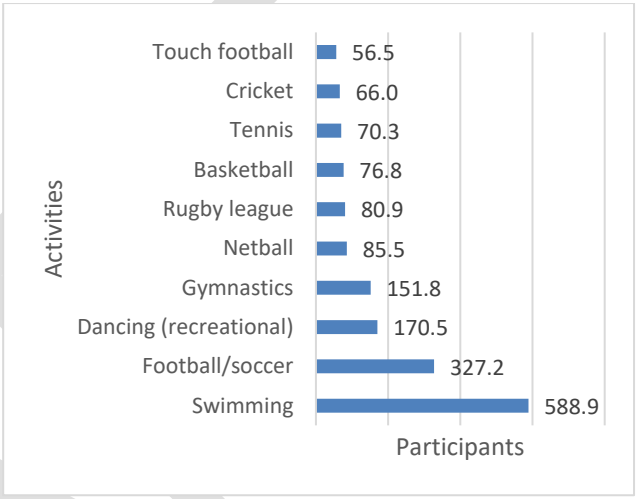

Figure 7: Top 10 Organised Activities, NSW Children, 2021

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Projected Local Demand for Sport

Estimates of the current and projected future demand for specific community and recreational activities (primarily sport) have been projected by ActiveXchange, using the SportsEye Network and supplemented with AusPlay participation data, where required. The SportsEye Network provides data analytics showing 'potential demand' for specific activities, as well as the current 'demand conversion' rate (i.e., conversion of potential participants into actual participants). These member estimates for each activity are based on ideal growth and do not consider some external factors that may affect growth and demand in the future.

The estimated member numbers for specific community and recreational facilities, at different population levels/trigger points, are illustrated in Figure 8.

It is evident that football (soccer) is the sport/activity with the highest number of current and projected future participants, followed by Rugby League. This is likely due to the popularity of the sport state-wide and increase in female participation in both activities.

This projection of estimated members, shown in Table 8 does not account for the increase in demand conversion which is anticipated as a result of facility improvements. For example, it is likely that the demand conversion for Basketball and swimming would increase as a result of the potential development of high-quality facilities to accompany well operated clubs/associations and appealing programs/events.

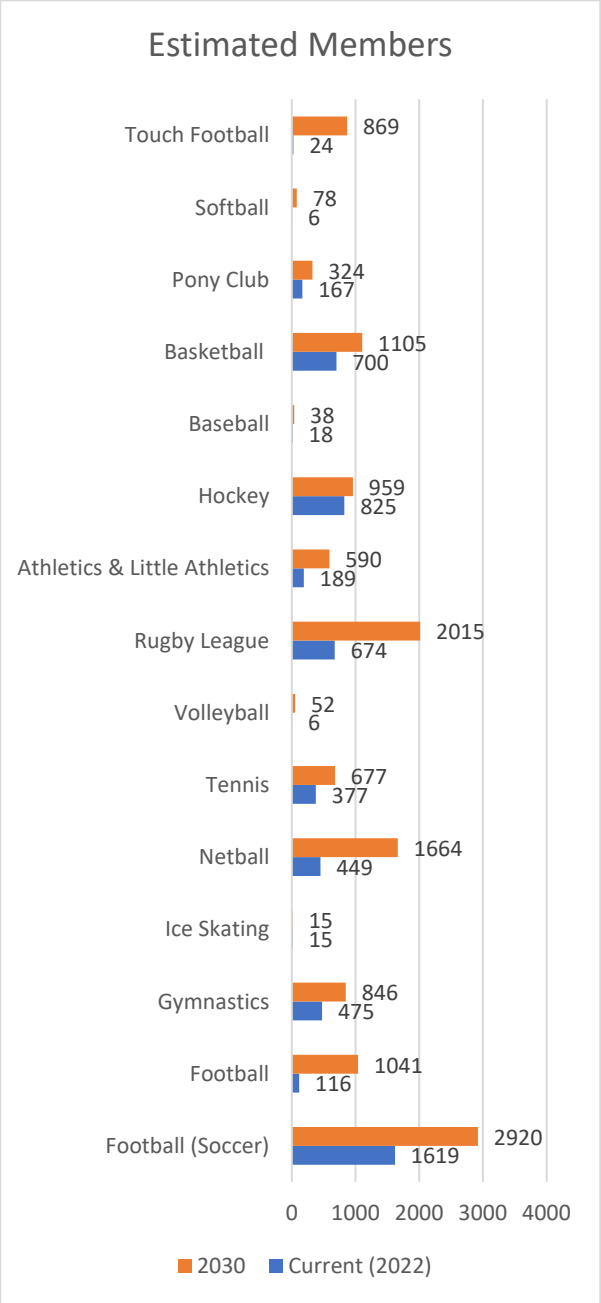

Figure 8: Estimated Members

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Table 8: Potential membership growth by sporting activity (best case scenario)

Activities	2022	2030*
Athletics & Little Athletics	189	590
Baseball	18	38
Basketball	700	1105
Football (Australian Rules)	116	1041
Football (Soccer)	1619	2920
Gymnastics	475	846
Hockey	825	959
Ice Skating	15	15
Netball	449	1664
Pony Club	167	324
Rugby League	674	2015
Softball	6	78
Tennis	377	677
Touch Football	24	869
Volleyball	6	52

*This is the forecast membership demand assuming all demand for the activity is maximised in the Shire. The ActiveXchange model only has datasets for the above listed activities.

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Facility Inventory Analysis

Facility Inventory

The facility inventory identifies 581 community and recreational facilities across the Shire which provide for a wide and diverse range of community and recreational activities. This includes private, state and school-based facilities that are accessible to the community. Of these facilities, 113 are located within Bowral and nearby Burradoo 76, with 97 in Mittagong and 88 in Moss Vale. The remainder of facilities are located across the smaller townships and rural localities. The distribution of facilities is shown in Figure 9. Location details and the distribution of facilities are demonstrated through a series of precinct maps which are contained in Appendix B: Facility Inventory.

Bowral and adjoining Burradoo, Mittagong and Moss Vale are the primary locations of community and recreational facilities across the region's facility network, with the highest number and concentration of facilities located within these precincts. In relation to community facilities these include the three libraries, all four arts and cultural centres, the majority of childcare centres, the four senior citizen centres and the two youth centres. The recreational facilities are more evenly spread throughout the Shire but are still concentrated within the three major towns. The rural towns and villages across the region typically have a basic provision of facilities such as a community hall, outdoor court/s, oval/rectangular pitch and associated amenities.

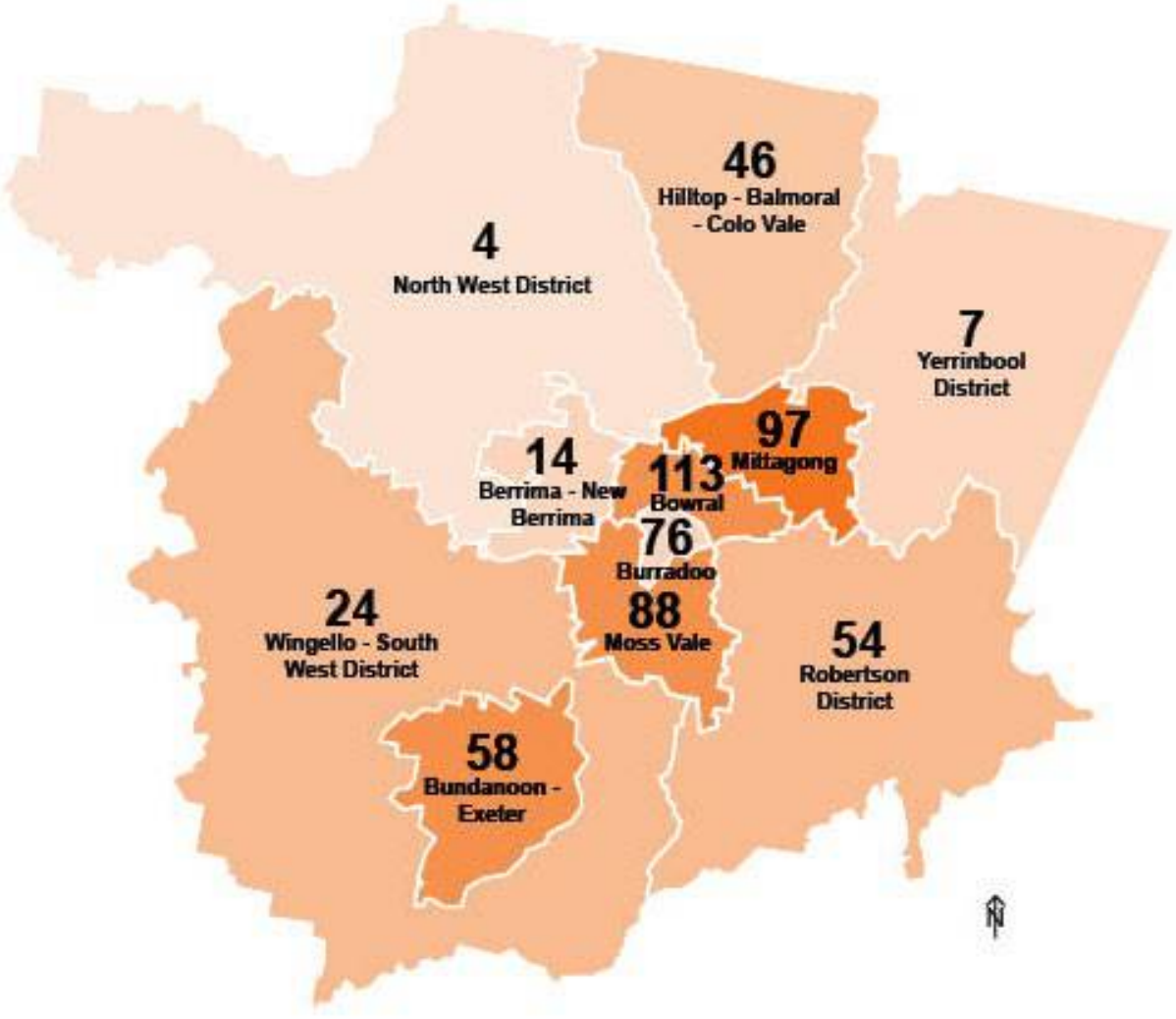

Figure 9: Facility Community and Recreational Distribution

04 Facility Inventory Analysis

The facility inventory of existing community and recreational facilities across the Shire has been prepared based on information drawn from:

- Existing Council datasets and information sources
- Site visits to Council owned facilities and major private facilities.
- Desktop assessments of non-Council owned facilities.
- Research online
- Community and stakeholder consultation

While the CRFS focusses on Council's role in the provision of community and recreational facilities, the inventory also includes a wide range of facilities which are not Council owned but provided for by the private, state government, education, and not-for-profit sectors. These facilities are included where they perform a similar function to Council owned facilities for example privately owned community halls and school facilities that are available for use by the public such as the Frensham Swimming Pool.

The facility inventory includes the following facility types which are classified as either community facilities or recreational facilities:

Community Facilities
Art and Culture Centre
Childcare Centre (including preschools and kindergartens)
Church Hall (where they have a meeting/function space)
Community Hall
Community Service Centre (including Community Centres and community health facilities)
Community Shed (e.g. service clubs, men's sheds)
Library
RFS Shed
Senior Citizen Centre
Youth Centre

Recreational Facilities
Athletics Facilities
Baseball Diamond
Basketball Half Court
Bowling Facilities
Clubroom
Croquet Court
Fitness Equipment (outdoor)
Golf Course
Grandstand
Gym/Health Club
Gymnastics Facility
Hockey Pitch
Modelsport RC Aero Facility
Modelsport RC Car Facility
Mountain Bike Trail Facility
Multi-Purpose Court (Outdoor)
Multi-Purpose Court (Indoor)
Netball Court (Outdoor)
Oval
Play Space
Pony Club
Racecourse (Horse)
Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)
Shooting Facility
Skate Park
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)
Swimming Pool
Tennis Court
Velodrome

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For each of these facility types a provision analysis by precinct has been undertaken which is described in further detail below under Precinct Analysis.

The following facilities where not included for specific analysis in the provision analysis. They have been identified as there may be potential for future use by the community in the future. They include:

- Church Halls
- Clubrooms
- Gym/Health Clubs
- Model Sport facilities
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Playspaces
- Pony Clubs
- Racecourse (Horse)
- School facilities available for use by the public

Pump tracks were identified to be included in the provision analysis, the Shire does not currently have any existing formal pump tracks, however the need for pump tracks was identified as a strong need in the community consultation process.

The hierarchy of facility provision was also considered within the inventory (refer Facilities Hierarchy) section below.

Key activities that are undertaken at the facility were also identified along with the general condition rating (high level) and functionality which is discussed further below. Finally, usage (where known) was also included.

The inventory does not include the following types of facilities:

- Public Toilets (existing Council Strategy exists)
- Walking Tracks (existing Council Strategy exists)
- Parks and Open Spaces that do not include community and recreational facilities (existing Council Strategy exists)

The general condition and functionality of community and recreational facilities across the Shire's network vary considerably. A high-level cursory assessment of condition was undertaken when visiting the facility and this was only performed for Council owned facilities. Information was provided by Council staff to provide assessments of a few other facilities (generally those in outlying areas of the Shire) that could not be accessed.

The high-level condition and functionality assessment ratings used where based on the system outlined in the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia's (IPWEA) *Condition Assessment and Asset Performance Guidelines.* The percentage of venues in each of the five condition rating categories is outlined in Figure 10.

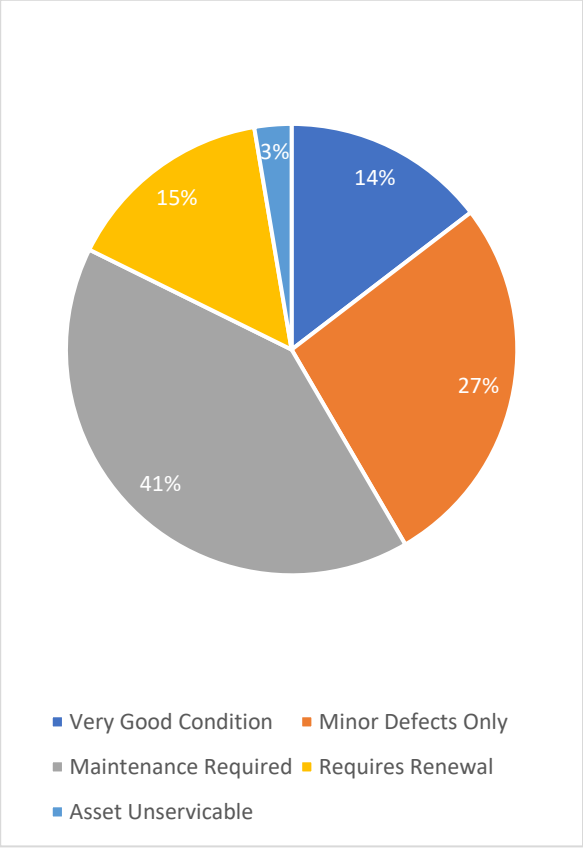

Figure 10: Condition Assessment Ratings

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Facilities Hierarchy

Establishing a hierarchy of community and recreational facilities assists in the review of existing facilities, and the planning of new facilities. This is particularly important when assessing service levels for each class of facility and in obtaining external funding, as many of the funding programs are aligned to one or more levels of a facility hierarchy.

The hierarchy can be used to guide the strategic distribution of facilities and to ensure that service levels are appropriate to the intended level of usage and the population catchment which is catered for. The hierarchy levels for community and recreational facilities align with the NSW Government's hierarchy classifications and are outlined in Table 9.

Table 9: Community and Recreational Facility Hierarchy

Classification	Overview	Example in the Shire
International	A sporting facility that meets requirements to conduct training and/or competitive events at an international level. A community/recreational facility that draws users from international locations.	Nil
National	A sporting facility that meets requirements to conduct training and/or competitive events at a national level. A community/recreational facility that draws users from across Australia.	Nil
State	A sporting facility that meets requirements to conduct training and/or competitive events at a state level. A community/recreational facility that has a unique/high profile attraction that attracts people from wide catchments across NSW or beyond.	Recreational Facilities: Bradman Oval, Bowral Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex, Hilltop Community Facilities: Nil Aquatic Facilities: Nil
Regional	A sporting facility that attracts users from beyond the Council area. These facilities can cater for large numbers of people, teams, or individuals. A community/recreational facility that offers a unique and enhanced recreational experience to those offered at district or local level facilities.	Recreational Facilities: Welby Heights Oval, Welby Eridge Park Sporting Complex, Burradoo
District	A sporting facility that has a catchment beyond a small number of towns, without the level of infrastructure of a regional facility. A community/recreational facility that draws users from across the broader district.	Bowral Central Library, Bowral Renwick Community Centre, Renwick Bundanoon Oval, Bundanoon
Local	Local community/recreational and sport facilities cater for activities primarily targeted at the population of a township.	Loseby Park, Skate Park Bill O'Reilly Oval, Wingello New Berrima Community Centre, Berrima Bundanoon Men's Shed, Bundanoon

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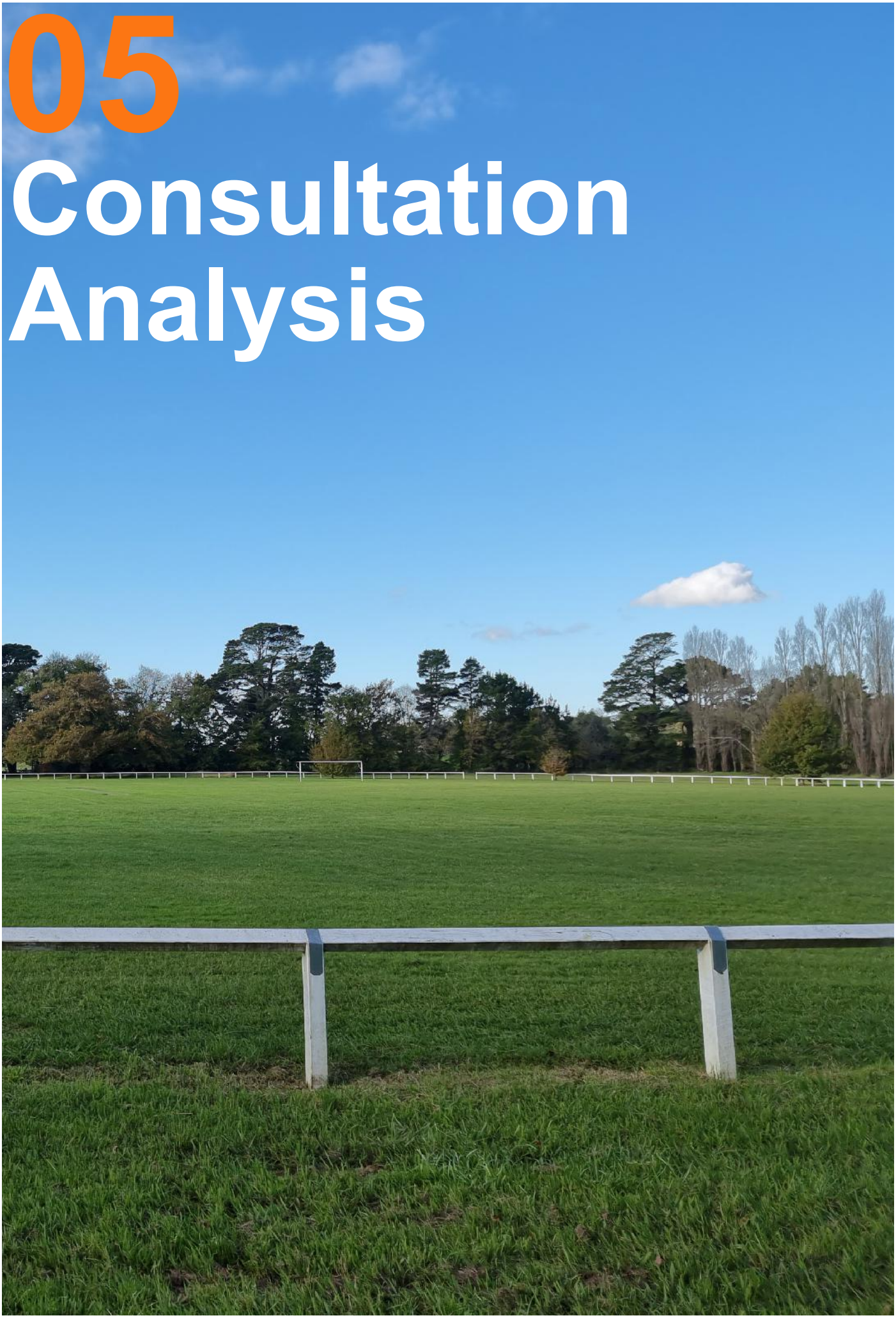
Consultation Analysis



Consultation Process

The consultation undertaken to produce the CRFS was guided by a *Communication and Engagement Strategy* which was developed in collaboration with Council during Stage 1 of the project.

The objective was to ensure the community and key stakeholders had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the CRFS and to ensure that the values and aspirations of the community and stakeholders are reflected in the CRFS.

Engagement Mechanisms

The following mechanisms were used to engage with the community and stakeholder:

- Online club/user group survey
- Online community survey
- Community workshops
- Stakeholder interviews
- Site tours

Communication and Marketing

In line with the project's *Communication and Engagement Strategy*, the opportunities for engagement were widely promoted across the Shire via the following:

- Online
- Social media posts
- Media release
- Distribution of the flyer to community and recreational clubs and other community organisations listed in Council's Community Directory.

A flyer and project overview sheet were developed to support the communication process refer Figure 11.

Figure 11: Project and Community Consultation Flyer

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Online Club/User-Group Survey

The club/user group survey was available online from 28 February 2022 to 28 March 2022.

The survey received contributions from the following 21 organisations:

- Big Fat Smile
- Bowral Little Athletics Centre
- Bowral Tennis Club
- Bowral Touch Association
- CTC Robertson
- Exeter Soccer Club
- Highlands District Cricket Association
- Highlands Theatre Group
- Moss Vale & District Basketball Assoc. Inc.
- Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club
- Rosewood Archers
- Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong
- Southern Highlands Apiarists Association
- Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Limited
- Southern Highlands Croquet Club Inc
- Southern Highlands Junior Rugby League Club
- Southern Highlands Model Aero Club Inc (Bong Bong Common)
- Southern Highlands Netball Association
- Southern Highlands Water Polo
- U3A Southern Highlands
- Yerrinbool Village Group Inc

Information was collected on the following:

- Facilities used.
- Membership numbers (past, current, and future)
- Perceptions of the facilities they primarily use including what they like and what they don't like about the facilities.
- Their organisational priorities and
- General comments/feedback

A key question was how the user groups rated various aspects of the facilities they used including the location, condition, functionality, appearance, parking, accessibility, cost to use and safety and security.

Aspects which rated well (good or very good) included location, accessibility, cost to use, parking and safety and security. The aspects that didn't rate so well (very poor or poor) were appearance, functionality and condition. Refer Figure 12.

When asked what their highest priority improvements responses included:

- New or upgraded clubrooms.
- Improved storage
- Improved pedestrian access (footpaths, crossings)
- Facility improvements and maintenance
- All weather protection for outdoor activities (e.g., shelter)
- Improved lighting and support facilities (e.g., changerooms, toilets)

Ten of the responding organisations had undertaken some level of planning for facility improvements (e.g., strategic plan, master plans, designs).

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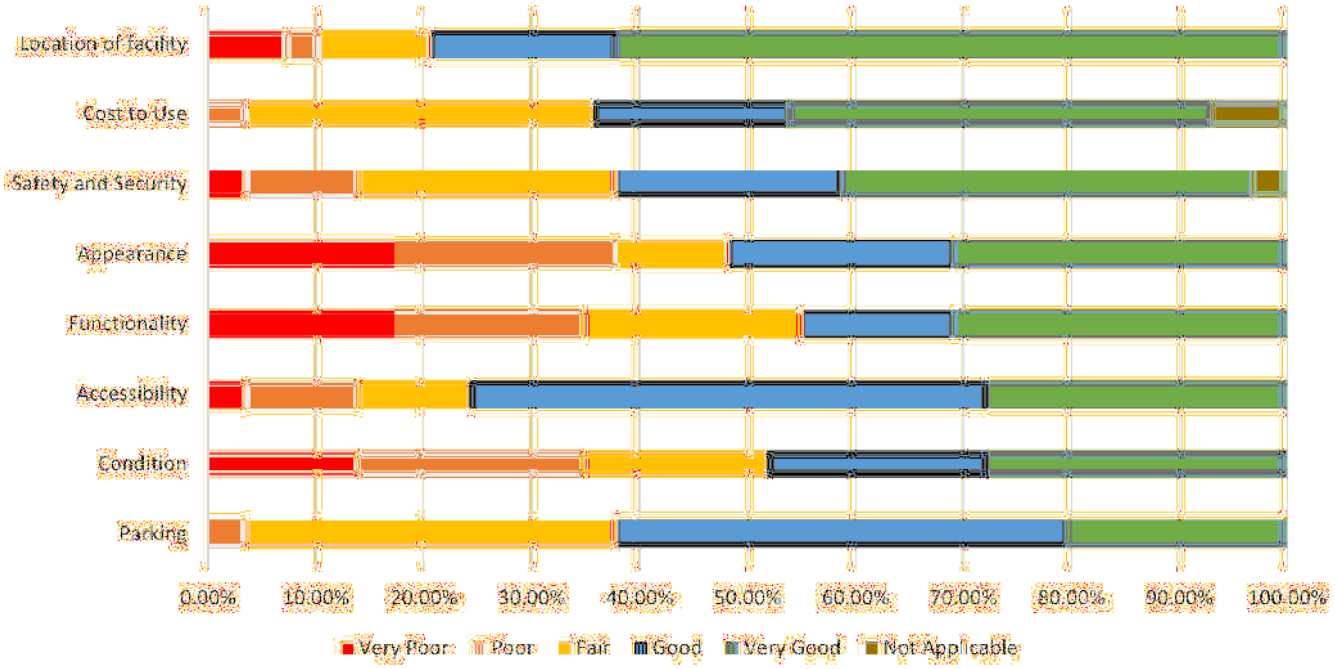
Figure 12: User Group Facility Ratings



Online Community Survey

The community survey was available online from 23 February 2022 to 23 March 2022. T

The survey received a high level of response with 533 responses being received online.

Please refer to the summary of the key findings on the following pages.

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Community Drop-In Sessions and Online Workshops

The community was provided with the opportunity to attend community drop-in sessions across the Shire over a one-week period in March 2022. The dates and locations of the three workshops were:

Moss Vale
Wednesday 9 March 2022
11am - 1pm at the Civic Centre Theatrette

Mittagong
Thursday 10 March 2022
4 - 6pm at the Renwick Community Centre

Bowral
Saturday 12 March 2022
10 – 12pm at the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall

Only a small number of attendees were at the drop-in sessions as they were held at the time of the flooding events. This assists in explaining the high level of response to the online community survey.

Two online workshops were also conducted:

Online Workshop 1
Wednesday 9 March 2022
11am – 1pm

Attendees:

- Southern Highlands Cricket Association
- Moss Vale Basketball Association
- Biathlon

Online Workshop 2
Tuesday 15 March 2022
3 – 4:30pm

Attendees:

- Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens
- Community members from Moss Vale, Bowral, and Welby

Attendees were also asked to share their vision for community and recreational across the Shire and within their local area.

The community members that attended the drop-in sessions and online workshops generally had a specific area of interest or location that they wanted to discuss and raise particularly points which ranged from sport related facility issues (i.e. basketball, cricket, biathlon), to maintaining the provision of existing facilities such as community halls, along with seeking support for the ongoing development of facilities such as the Sothern Highlands Botanical Gardens and the provision of community facilities in new development areas.

Stakeholder Interviews

Interviews with key stakeholders provided the opportunity for targeted input into the CRFS.

The following topics were discussed where relevant, as well as other topics raised by the representatives:

- participation
- facilities
- programs
- partnerships
- NSW strategic directions
- issues/opportunities

Site Tours

In some cases, representatives of key stakeholder organisations provided a tour of their key facilities with explanations relating to topics such as memberships/participation, facility requirements and future aspirations for their organisation.

Community Submissions

Several community representatives and organisations provided a written submission outlining proposals and specific issues and opportunities they were currently experiencing, and these have been considered as part of the CRFS.

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Online Community Survey Summary

An excellent response was received from the community to the online community survey due likely to the pandemic and the flooding events that occurred during the consultation period, meaning the community's preferred approach to providing input into the CRFS was responding online.

A total of 21 questions were asked that covered the following topics and areas of interest:

- Participation in community and recreational activities and use of facilities (type, frequency)
- Involvement in community and recreational organisations
- Community and recreational facility utilisation
- What they like and dislike about community and recreational facilities in the Shire along with any issues and constraints
- What facility improvements they would like to see
- Specific questions on the proposed regional aquatic facility, regional sporting hub facility and destination playground
- Level of agreement with a range of statements regarding community and recreational facility provision in the Shire
- An opportunity to provide any further comments.
- Respondent details

A summary of the key findings is provided here with further details provided in Volume 2 which contains the consultation summary report.

Respondents were asked what activities that they regularly participate within and the frequency. These findings were included above in Section 3 Demands and Trends. The participation in community and recreational activities in the Shire is generally in line with State and National Trends that is informal and individualised activities (walking, swimming, fitness, arts/crafts, and jogging) are in the main more popular than formal activities such as sport, noting that children tend to have much higher participation rates in sport that adults.

Popular facility types that are used most frequently by participants on a daily, weekly, and fortnightly level included parks and open spaces, play spaces, sportsgrounds, swimming pools, childcare centres, community halls, skate parks and basketball half courts.

Respondents were asked.

"What are the top three aspects that you like about the recreational and community facilities you regularly use within the Wingecarribee Shire Council?"

Key themes found throughout the responses included:

- Accessibility and location (i.e., close to home, proximity, convenience, easy to access, location, affordability, community focus)
- Natural bushland (i.e., natural environment, beauty, bushwalks, variety of tracks/paths, Welby MTB Park)
- Open spaces (i.e., parks and gardens, playspaces and ovals which are well maintained)
- Swimming Pools (i.e., Moss Vale Aquatic Centre, Mittagong, Bowral & Bundanoon Pools)
- Management of facilities (i.e., well maintained, cleanliness, friendly staff)
- Walking paths/trails (i.e., suitable for limited and assisted mobility and dog friendly)
- Parking

The following word cloud (Figure 13) represents what aspects people like about community and recreational facilities within the Shire.

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Figure 13: Aspects people like about community and recreational facilities within the Shire

Respondents were asked:

"What are the top three issues or constraints with the recreational and community facilities you regularly use within the Wingecarribee Shire Council?"

Due to the number and variety of responses obtained the table below (refer Table 10) captures a selection of issues or constraints associated with an individual site or category.

Respondents were asked:

"Please list your top three upgrades or improvements that you would like to see for recreational and community facilities within the Wingecarribee Shire Council?"

Due to the number and variety of responses obtained the table below (refer Table 10) captures a selection of the key upgrades or improvement opportunities suggested by participants associated with individual sites/category.

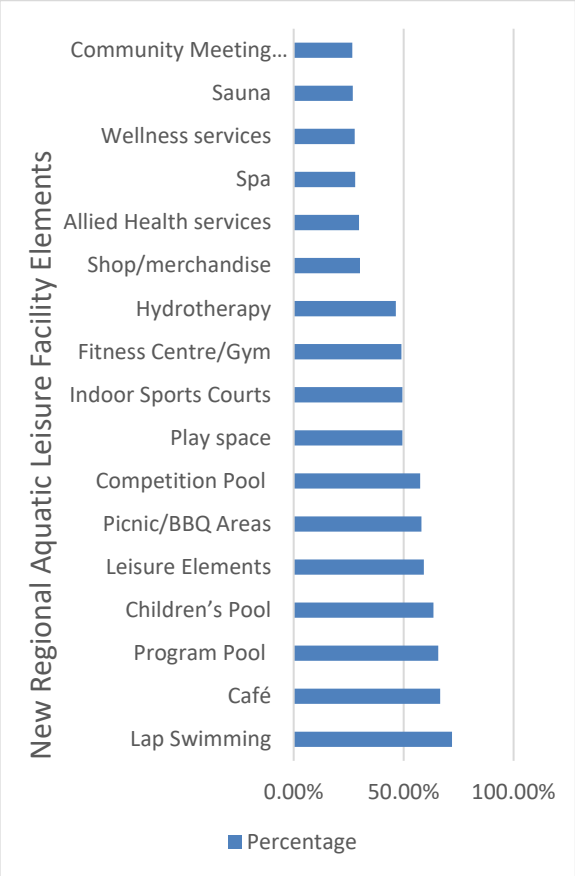
Regional Facilities

The project brief specifically identifies the need to investigate the provision of a regional aquatic-leisure facility, a regional sporting hub facility and a destination playspace. Respondents were asked a number of questions in relation to each of these proposed facilities including the elements each facility would contain, where they would like to see it located if it was developed and how likely they would be to support the development. A summary of the responses is provided below for each facility.

Regional Aquatic Facility

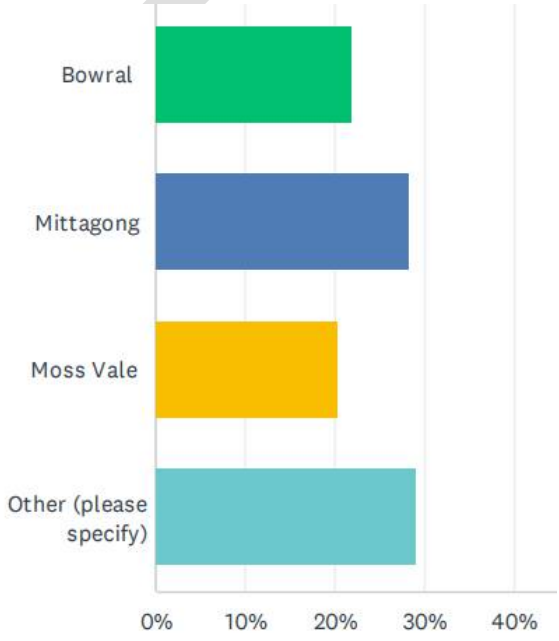
"The Wingecarribee Shire Council is investigating the development of a Regional Aquatic Leisure Facility. Please indicate which of the following elements you would like to see included."

Survey participants were given 17 options for potential elements they would like to see in a new aquatic leisure facility. The top 3 elements indicated were Lap Swimming (72%), Café (67%) and a Program Pool (66%).

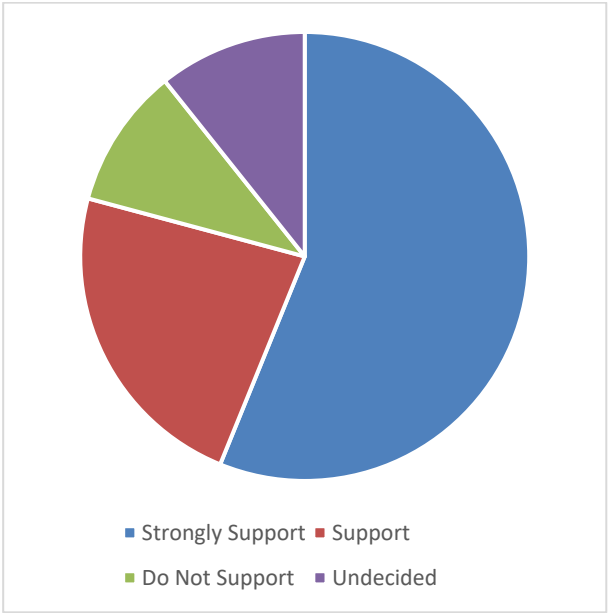


"If investigations support the development of a Regional Aquatic Leisure Facility, where would you like to see it located?"

In order from most popular location to least, the results were Mittagong (138), Bowral (107) and Moss Vale (100). With remaining responses (143) being a variety of specified locations within the Shire such as Robertson, Bundanoon, and Colo Vale.



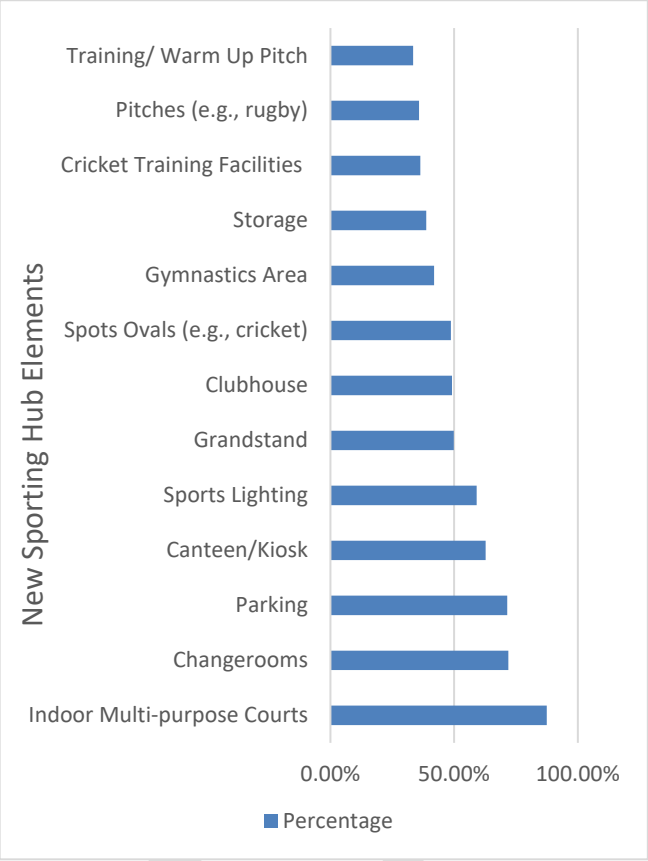
"How likely would you be to support the development of a Regional Aquatic Facility?"



Regional Sporting Hub Facility

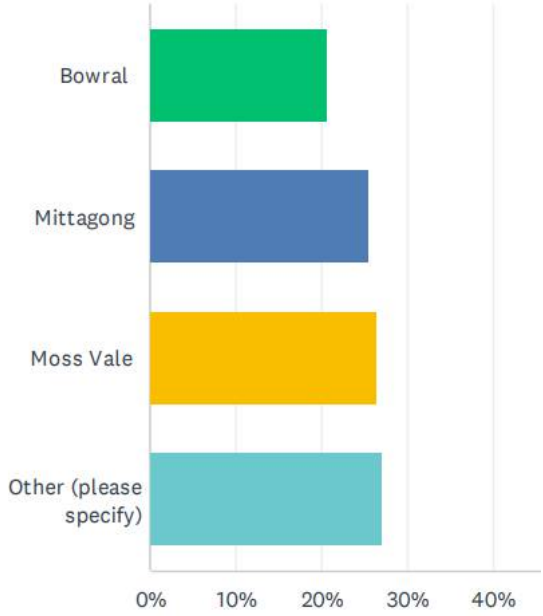
"The Wingecarribee Shire Council is investigating the development of a Regional Sporting Hub Facility. Please indicate which of the following elements you would like to see included."

Survey participants were given 13 options for potential elements they would like to see in a new sporting hub facility. The top 3 elements indicated were Indoor Multi-purpose Sports Courts (87%), Changerooms (72%) and Parking (71%).

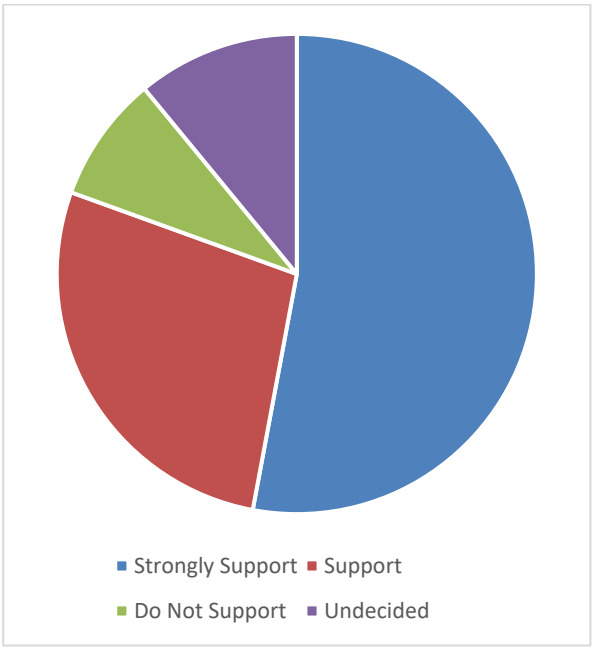


"If investigations support the development of a Regional Sporting Hub Facility, where would you like to see it located?"

In order from most popular location to least, the results were other, a variety of specified locations within the Shire such as Robertson, Bundanoon, and Colo Vale (126), Moss Vale (123) and Mittagong (119). With remaining responses (96) being Bowral.



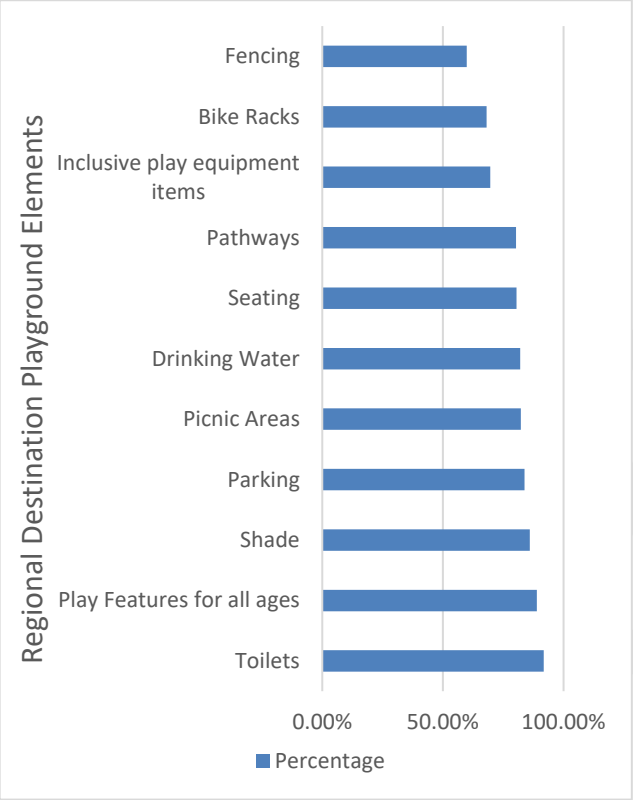
"How likely would you be to support the development of a Regional Sporting Hub Facility?"



Regional Destination Playground

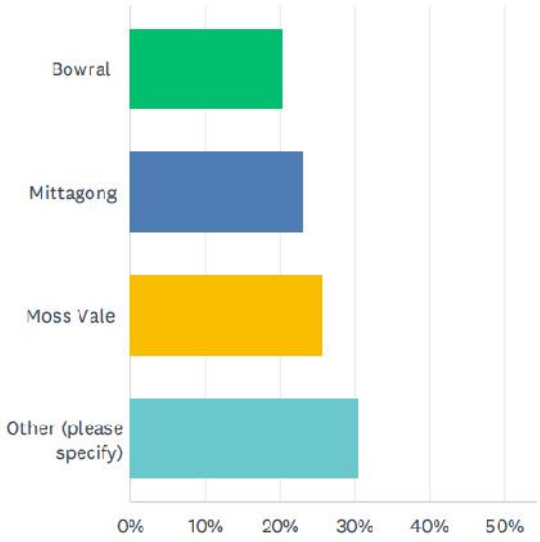
"The Wingecarribee Shire Council is investigating the development of a Regional Destination Playground. Please indicate which of the following elements you would like to see included."

Survey participants were given 11 options for potential elements they would like to see in a new Regional Destination Playground. The top 3 elements indicated were Toilets (91.8%), Play features for all ages (88.91%) and Shade (86%).

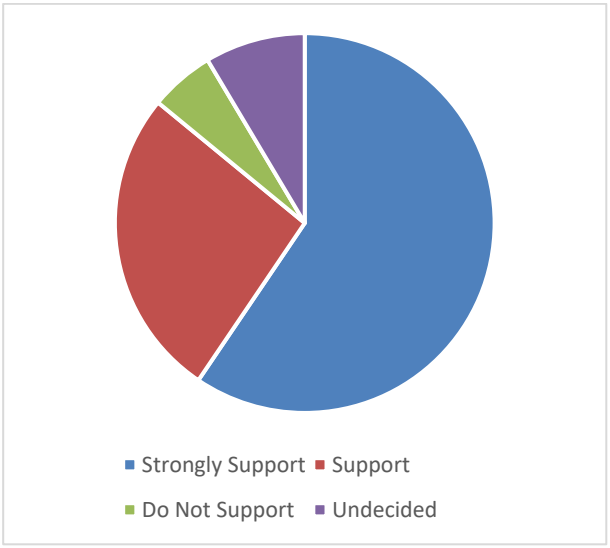


"If investigations support the development of a Regional Destination Playground, where would you like to see it located?"

In order from most popular location to least, the results were Other, a variety of specified locations within the Shire such as Robertson, Bundanoon, and Colo Vale (141), Moss Vale (119) and Mittagong (107). With remaining responses (94) being Bowral.



"How likely would you be to support the development of a Regional Destination Playground?"



There was support for the development of a regional destination playground in the Shire.

Table 10: Summary of key issues and opportunities identified by community survey respondents relating to Community and Recreational Facilities

Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Art and Culture Centres	• *Lack of a proper acoustic music venue/concert hall* • *More groups/ nonsporting activities e.g., arts and crafts groups* • *A purpose-built theatre, run by a professional 'curator' to offer a varied programme of dance, theatre etc as well as accommodating the local amateur annual musical.* • *Good sized theatre*
Community Hall	• *Free hire of local halls for dedicated local use.* • *Looking forward to the refurbishment of Bowral Memorial Hall being completed*
Community Service Centres	• *Purpose built community hub for local community service providers.* • *East Bowral Community Centre is too restrictive for Southern Highlands Bridge Club due to lack of availability and also its size.*
Library	• *Bigger library* • *Longer/extended opening hours for the libraries*
Athletics Facilities	• *Eridge Park athletics track is not useable after rain.* • *Track n Field at Eridge park can't be used when too wet.* • *All-purpose, all-weather public running track* • *Athletics track with lights at Eridge park*
Baseball Diamonds	• *A softball/baseball facility and local competition*
Croquet Courts	• *Lack of assistance by council to maintain the croquet courts. Fully maintained by members.*
Grandstands	• *Floodlights and grandstanding at Eridge Park (athletics and netball)* • *Lack of lighting, shelter, and spectator facilities at Eridge Park*
Hockey Pitches	• *Established parking (required) at the hockey centre.* • *Only one entry to the Welby hockey centre* • *Hockey centre carpark is not big enough.* • *An amenity and change rooms at the Hockey Centre rather than the current shared arrangements.* • *Indoor hockey court* • *More seating at hockey and cricket grounds*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
MTB Trail Facilities	• *Trails not professionally built at Welby Mountain Bike Park, and not enough proper features (e.g., jumps, pump tracks, etc).* • *Lack of council support for mountain bike popularity.* • *The mountain bike trails have been damaged by harsh rain and need repair.* • *The mountain bike trails are very limited and could be improved and expanded.* • *MTB trails need to expand to suit other riding discipline (Downhill and Enduro).* • *A lot more mountain bike trails* • *Better mountain biking trails and jumps/features.* • *Build pump tracks, jump lines and skills parks, and upgrade existing mountain bike trail networks.* • *Expanded or new endorsed mountain biking trails* • *New mountain bike areas* • *Welby Mountain Biking Park tracks improved.* • *Well planned mountain bike trails*
Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor)	• *Basketball facilities are poorly kept @ Loseby Park* • *There are no public basketball courts in Mittagong.* • *Quality of all courts (basketball, tennis etc)* • *Outdoor Basketball Mittagong area* • *Public Basketball court*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Multi-Purpose Courts (Indoor)	• *No indoor sports centre.* • *No indoor sports facility other than Hilltop for futsal, squash, or tennis* • *Former users of the stadium, netball, indoor soccer, indoor hockey, karate, volleyball can no longer use the facility due to lack of available court time* • *Basketball cannot grow anymore due to the size of the facility, lack of court time.* • *Opening hours for the stadium and no availability for casual shooting and enough training time slots.* • *A 4-court indoor multi-sport facility* • *A multipurpose indoor sporting facility would be fantastic.* • *a multifunctional sport and recreational facility* • *A designated facility for playing indoor games.* • *A sporting facility that allows people to be able to train/play regardless of weather.* • *Activities for kids i.e., rock climbing, go karting, indoor sports facilities, monkey mania* • *Better indoor facilities, such as indoor cricket, basketball, and netball* • *Complete the proposed Southern Highlands Multipurpose Indoor Sports Stadium (AKA Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub) in Parkes Rd Moss Vale.* • *Futsal courts/competitions* • *Indoor Basketball Courts* • *Indoor facility improvements* • *Indoor Netball/multi sports courts, could also host parties and functions etc.* • *Indoor rock climbing, trampoline, pool, basketball* • *Indoor sport facility - Southern Highlands Indoor Sport Hub* • *Indoor sports centre in Moss Vale or Bowral not Hilltop* • *Large multi-sport indoor centre* • *More facilities for gyms with childcare options* • *Multifunctional indoor recreation centre - Moss Vale*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
	• *Need more indoor centres like flip out, ice skating rink for kids.* • *Basketball court in Moss vale* • *Basketball centre* • *Basketball courts all weather across villages.* • *Basketball facilities* • *Basketball stadium to be made larger, more courts, walls, and ceiling to be insulated, more seating, more parking, more activities sports for indoors. would attract more teams and tourists to our area.* • *New Basketball stadium* • *Put some basketball courts in Mittagong.* • *No indoor cricket facility for winter/poor weather*
Netball Courts (Outdoor)	• *No undercover community netball facility - reliant on access to schools during finals* • *Terrible facilities - netball facilities in particular* • *Netball clubhouse dilapidated.* • *Netball club is below current standard.* • *Clubhouse upgrade for Netball facility at Eridge Park*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Play Spaces	• *No destination / adventure playground for kids. All other surrounding Shires have one and we have to drive 60+ mins to the nearest one.* • *Inadequate facilities, e.g., 1/4 basketball for shooting hoops, wall for hitting tennis, lack of quality playgrounds & summer shade.* • *Outdated play areas.* • *Playgrounds are small and to spread out.* • *The parks are geared to young children and not 7–12-year-old. They also need play equipment that is age appropriate.* • *Toddlers' playgrounds are mostly unfenced. Little kids run and it is hard if a baby is in your arms to chase the toddler. E.g., Lake Alexandra.* • *A big children play area.* • *A decent children's playground with lots of variety* • *A nature playground* • *Adventure playground like the one in Berry* • *All abilities park.* • *All playgrounds have fences.* • *Better play equipment in parks* • *Better playgrounds and facilities* • *Bigger adventure playgrounds* • *Children's playgrounds* • *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.* • *Fences around play area* • *I would love a park that caters for all ages, especially for teenagers. Frew Park in Milton, Brisbane is a great example of a park for older children.* • *Improvement to playgrounds e.g., upgrade equipment and provide shade sails.* • *Investment in a child friendly park that has at its heart ideas of sustainability/environmental/nature-based equipment.* • *Large play area such as Boongaree Nature Play. Which caters for all kids ages.* • *More adventure style playgrounds spread through the Shire like the ones they've recently done at Berry and Goulburn* • *More playgrounds, indoor and out* • *New and modernised playgrounds (especially the one at beautiful lake Alexandra - it's crying out for an up-grade in that amazing location!) suitable for a range of ages.* • *Playground area next to Bradman Oval.* • *Playgrounds maintained - Berrima the mini trampoline.* • *Playgrounds!! Shade, decent play equipment, different complexity levels* • *Robertson Playground- upgrade with more activities for the bigger kids*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Pony Clubs	• *Lack of access to Berrima District Pony Club for children with horses. Unless you own a large property, there is nowhere to ride. A big shame considering all the horse people living in the Shire.* • *Berrima pony club grounds - currently very under-utilised due to tight restrictions on use, so maintenance falls to a small group of club members*
Rectangular Pitches (football, rugby league/union)	• *All weather football pitches.*
Pump Track	• *There is no pump track in the whole council area. So many other council areas with fewer young families have amazing pump tracks.* • *There are no pump tracks, BMX tracks or gravity/well-built MTB trails in the area.* • *Asphalt pump track and updated skate park for Bowral and / or Mittagong* • *Install MTB pump track at the bike path.* • *More jumps, maybe a pump track in the highlands* • *Outdoor biking facilities, e.g., pump track or bike education course* • *Pump track for all ages* • *Pump track for Robertson's youth.* • *Pump track in the highlands preferably the north* • *Pump track/skatepark in Robertson* • *Pump tracks and jump lines for mountain bikes as well as other types of bikes including BMX. Every other shire has these, and we have none.* • *Create BMX Park* • *Bundanoon bike track upgraded*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Skate Parks	• *Robertson skate park is run down.* • *Playground and skate park in Robertson desperately needs an upgrade!!! The playground is great for kids up to the age of 4, but unsuitable for the slightly bigger/older kids.* • *A skate park to train for biathlon which would attract events and athletes from out of area.* • *A space for teens to socialise and engage in physical activity e.g. A place with a skate park, cafe, climbing gym, walking/running track with public transport access* • *Bowral skatepark* • *Kids facilities - new skate park* • *New / upgraded skateparks for Robertson, Bowral, and Mittagong.* • *Build a skatepark or more youth focused recreational area in Bowral.* • *A decent skate park and general play park for the children/youth in Robertson.* • *Limited options of skateparks* • *Facilities are in disrepair at Hampden Park skatepark*
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	• *No permanent shade at cricket grounds* • *Hill Top Soccer Club, which fielded two women's sides last season needs facilities for females.* • *Accessible amenities including parking, drop off points, bathrooms etc*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Swimming Pools	Northern Area and Mittagong Pool • *Pool has been out of use for several years and this needs to be fixed.* • *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.* • *Lack of an aquatic facility in the north of the Shire.* • *A swimming pool in the northern area of the Shire* • *An indoor aquatic /gym centre close to northern end of the Shire. Maybe in Colo vale or near Mittagong Bunnings* • *50m Pool in Mittagong.* • *An indoor swimming pool in Mittagong* • *A new Mittagong aquatic space* • *A new pool at Mittagong* • *Northern villages pool* • *An indoor pool and sports facility to be built in the Mittagong area.* • *Another indoor aquatic Centre for the northern suburbs* • *Aqua pool availability in Mittagong for Seniors* • *Could Mittagong pool be made into a park with a water feature as too expensive to keep renovating.* • *Heated indoor pool/gym facility in Mittagong/Renwick. Our closest pool Bowral is outdoor in the cold highlands.* • *Heated lap pools in Mittagong and Bowral - would use several times per week if available.* • *in Mittagong - an indoor heated pool and a smaller one that can be used for hydrotherapy* • *Indoor pool in the northern villages* • *Mittagong (north) needs a swimming pool.* • *Mittagong Pool relocated to higher ground in its current bush setting.* • *Mittagong Pool/A 50-meter indoor pool* • *Mittagong pool/aquatic centre* • *Mittagong to have an operational pool preferably indoors.* • *New aquatic centre in Mittagong within the recreational area already in place but obviously not in the creek bed as it is now.* • *Open an all-weather swimming centre in Mittagong to replace the current out of service pool*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
	Bundanoon Pool • *The Bundanoon swimming pool is open at inconvenient times outside of school holidays.* • *Limited season for Bundanoon swimming pool.* • *Swimming pool operating hours too limited - I would use Bundanoon Pool if it opened at reasonable hours.* • *Bundanoon Pool has poor change room facilities.* • *I pay for a yearly pass to attend Moss Vale Aquatic Centre and then I pay again if I go to the Bundanoon pool. I think I should be able to go to any pool in the Shire with my yearly pass.* • *Bundanoon pool covered.* • *Bundanoon pool made into aquatic centre with gym.* • *Bundanoon Pool should be heated through winter and open every day for whole days all the time (not just for trial periods) so older locals can get into a reliable routine of using it. Swimming is not just for kids!* • *Bundanoon pool to be open all day during summer. Irrespective of the day of the week.* • *My only request is for Bundanoon pool to be made more commercially viable to attract more patrons. Council has been very short sighted in this endeavour.* • *Re Bundanoon Pool - A completely new pool complex. e.g., Need one new POOL same size as main pool in Moss Vale. Plus, a paddle pool for littlies.*
	Bowral Pool • *Bowral swimming pool is closed for half the year.* • *Access to the Bowral pool is very difficult for elderly people with minor and major mobility issues.* • *Bowral pool is freezing, even in summer.* • *A cover over the 25m pool at Bowral pool and raise the level by 30cm all round.* • *Access to Bowral pool year-round.* • *Indoor pool facility - or covering of Bowral Pool to give it year-round accessibility.* • *Proper steps into the Bowral swimming pool with handrails.* • *Shaded areas or shade cloth needs to be installed at Bowral pool*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
	Moss Vale Aquatic Centre • *Opening hours of Moss Vale Aquatic Centre pool and gym area - especially on weekend. Gym needs to be 24 hours.* • *Moss Vale pool isn't large enough.* • *Gym floor lacks space for group fitness (Moss Vale Aquatic Centre)* • *I don't use the Moss Vale Pool because, at my age, I don't like the communal changing area.* • *Larger gym floor Moss Vale Aquatic Centre*
	General • *A full indoor pool facility with 50m pool* • *A big aquatic indoor/outdoor centre with slides and fun play for kids in bad weather* • *A 50m year-round pool for training* • *All year 50 metre swimming pool* • *Another indoor pool* • *50m indoor pool.* • *Build the new Aquatic Centre designed for Eridge park circa as designed 2009, not necessarily at that complex, but another less used flood free reserve/playing field owned by Council, e g corner Moss Vale Rd and Osborne Rd* • *Climate in Southern Highlands requires heated pools for exercise, serious swimmers, and water polo players.* • *Indoor 50m Olympic standard swimming pool* • *Indoor or retractable roof 50 metre pool for year-round use* • *New indoor pool somewhere in the northern suburbs* • *Olympic sized swimming centre with gym, fun water play, sporting facilities* • *A public pool in Robertson (even a small one like Bundanoon) to provide exercise, community gathering and employment.* • *A swim centre in Robertson* • *More open-air swimming pools in villages e.g., Robertson* • *Pool and multipurpose space for classes in Robertson* • *Robertson aquatic/recreation centre (there's already a pool committee with plans)*

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Facility	Key Issues and Opportunities
Tennis Courts	• *Poor maintenance of the Loseby Park tennis courts* • *Loseby Park Tennis courts are of poor quality in urgent need of renovation and improved lighting. Need more synthetic grass courts for older players.* • *Poor maintenance of Penrose Tennis Courts - cracks in court surface and weed growth.* • *Mittagong tennis courts have the surface breaking up, yet again, after just being repaired.* • *Bundanoon Tennis Clubhouse is in need of renovation.* • *Inaccessibility of the Mittagong tennis courts.* • *Whilst the upgrade of Mittagong tennis court is pretty good. court 1 was not resurfaced and the cracks are now just as bad, if not worse than before* • *Cracks need repairs on tennis courts in Mittagong.* • *Improve the tennis courts at Loseby Park - wind breaks would be especially helpful.* • *Indoor tennis* • *More courts for Bowral Tennis Club including covered courts for winter and wet weather use and due to increase in population of Highlands increasing demand for tennis facilities.* • *Resurfacing of Wingello tennis courts.* • *Bundanoon Tennis Club - keep it well maintained (and then capital repairs will be kept low)*
Other	• *Lack of top-quality facilities for State Championships* • *Limited sport options* • *Not enough facilities in the area* • *Older infrastructure* • *Booking of facilities can be onerous.* • *Maintain what we have especially small venues in small towns to give choice and variety.* • *More Council involvement and/or financial support for maintenance* • *Regular maintenance* • *A purpose-built club for the Bridge Club, so we can play more frequently, hold lessons to encourage new members, run competitions/congresses.* • *A local badminton facility. I currently have to travel 80km to Wollongong! I am prepared to establish a club and perhaps coach to introduce people to badminton (which is currently not available to the local community).* • *Biathlon roller ski track and 50m laser 'range' training facility* • *Create a criterium bicycle racetrack.* • *Access for those with mobility issues/ wheelchair*

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The community survey also requested respondents to indicate their level of agreement with a range of statements relating to the provision of community and recreational facilities and services (refer to Table 11). The results are depicted in Figure 14.

Table 11: Statements relating to the provision of community and recreational facilities and services.

Q1	Recreational and community services are important aspect of our community
Q2	There are plenty of opportunities to be involved with the recreational and community activities that I enjoy.
Q3	The existing recreational facilities are meeting my needs (e.g., sports grounds, parks, skate parks)
Q4	The current aquatic facilities are meeting my needs.
Q5	The existing community facilities are meeting my needs (e.g., community halls, libraries)
Q6	The existing recreational and community facilities are generally well managed
Q7	The existing recreational and community facilities are generally easily accessible and affordable
Q8	There are sufficient opportunities for public transport to recreational and community facilities.
Q9	There are sufficient opportunities for young people to participate in recreational and community activities.
Q10	There are sufficient opportunities for older people to participate in recreational and community activities.
Q11	There are sufficient opportunities for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to participate in recreational and community activities.
Q12	There are sufficient opportunities for low-income families to participate in recreational and community activities.
Q13	The current recreational and community facilities are sufficient for significant events
Q14	The multi-use and optimal use of recreational and community facilities is important
Q15	The development of contemporary, flexible, and sustainable recreational and community hubs and facilities is important

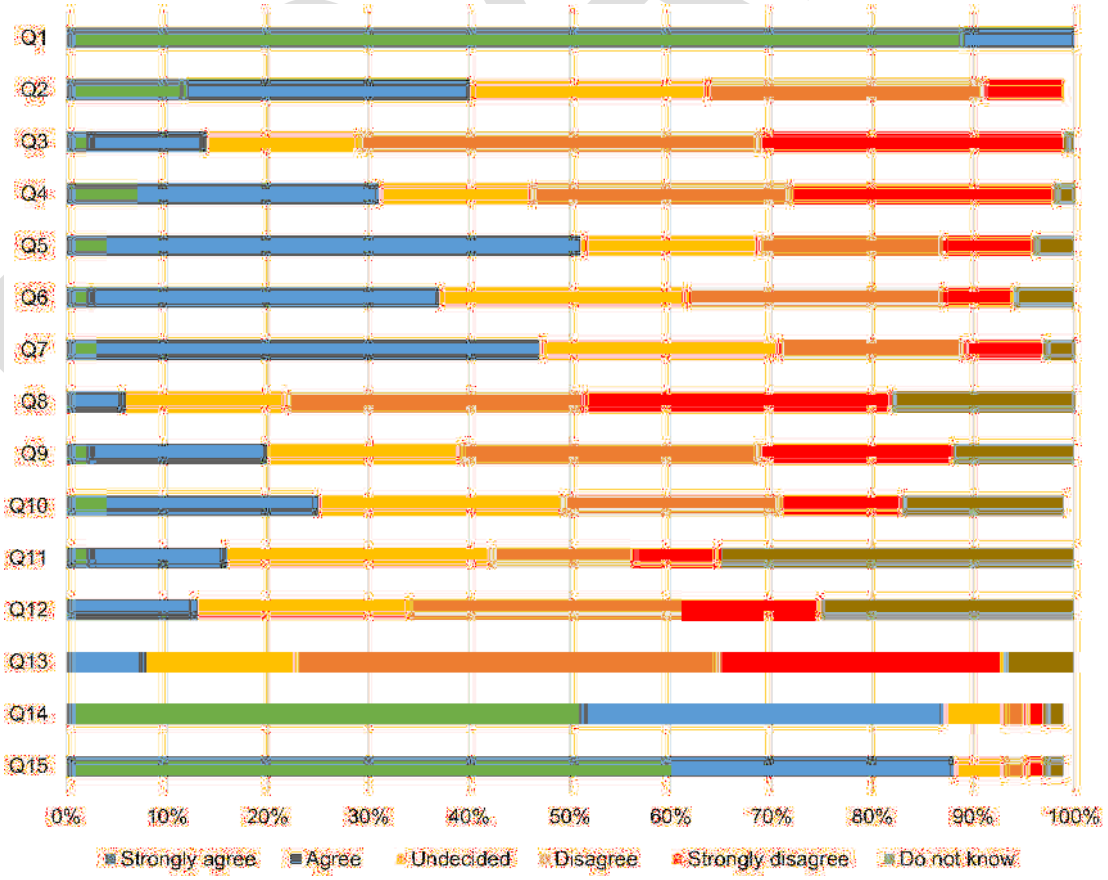
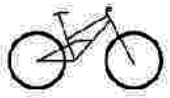


Figure 14: Level of agreement with the statements provided above in Table 11

Key Findings

The key themes which emerged from the consultation processes are outlined in Table 12. Site-specific findings have been incorporated into the Facility Inventory report (Appendix B).

Table 12: Key Findings

Theme	Description
	Future play spaces: need to be accessible, engaging, all ages, adventure and nature based.
	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: improved functionality, multi-use, additional capacity and highly accessible.
	Skate parks: upgrade and improve functionality
	Outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball, and tennis specifically the court surfaces.
	Need for improved/expanded mountain bike trails and pump tracks
	Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
	Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.

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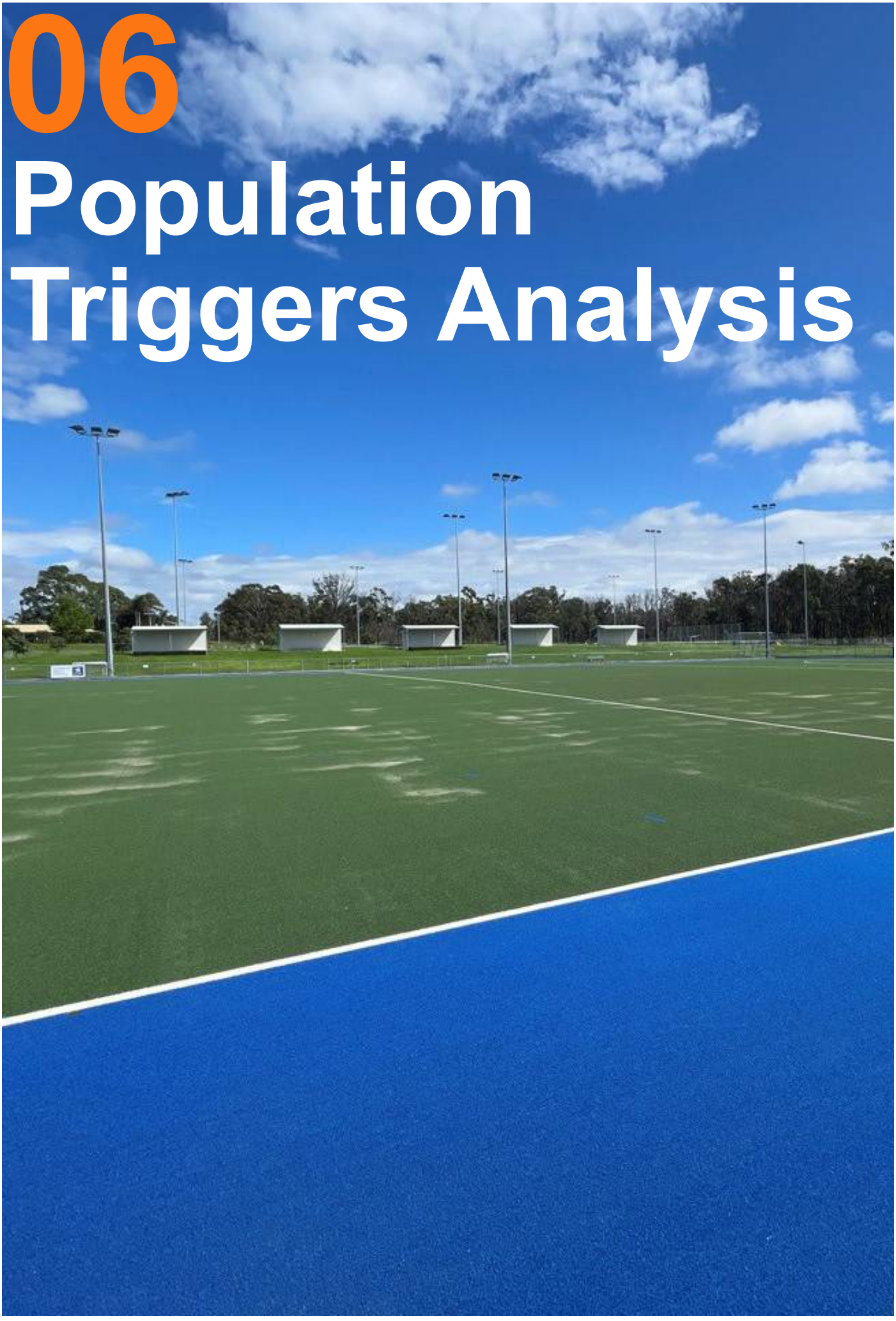
Population Triggers Analysis



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Providing for Population Growth

The Shire is anticipating population growth over the next two decades which requires planning to ensure that the supply of community and recreational facilities meets demand. It is projected that the Shire's growth will primarily be driven by infill development in the three main towns of Bowral, Mittagong and Moss Vale and new developments in the following areas Moss Vale (Ashbourne Estate); Bowral (South); Moss Vale (West); Mittagong (East); Colo Vale (Wensleydale) and potentially in the long-term Robertson (North East).

Projected Facility Requirements

The matrix included in Appendix C and summarised below in Table 13 shows the provision guidelines developed by Parks and Leisure Australia, Western Australia (PLA WA) including the facility types, relevant definitions, and population guidelines to be used as a starting point for deciding the level of community and recreational facility provision. Whilst NSW would ideally have their own guidelines this is not the case, and the PLA WA Guidelines are industry endorsed and lead the way forward in Australia in projecting community and recreational facility provision.

Ideally community need and opportunities should be the premise that underpins the justification for the development of new facilities. A standard approach to community and recreational infrastructure provision cannot be solely based on population projections but must also be informed by the analysis of projected use including population growth. These guidelines should be used as an indicator to inform a more detailed and specific assessment process when it comes to undertaking the detailed planning for each new facility development.

Detailed assessments and modelling studies are needed when planning further for facilities past the strategic planning stage. The scope of an infrastructure project should always be based on a robust needs assessment, feasibility, and business case.

These guidelines have been applied to the Shire's community and recreational facilities to define the gaps and oversupply of each type of facility found throughout the Shire.

Population Trigger Points

The following population trigger points have been used for forecasting future community and recreational facility requirements:

Population trigger points:

- 55,000
- 60,000
- 65,000
- 70,000

The best-case projections for the Shire's population are that it will reach 70,969 people in 2041.

Table 13 outlines the projected future facility requirements for various types of community and recreational facilities. The assessment of each facility type relating to population trigger points and projected future requirements is further outlined in Appendix C: Projected Facility Requirements.

Facility Types

The following community facility types have been included in the community facility provision analysis:

- Art and culture centre
- Childcare centre
- Community hall
- Community shed (men's and service club sheds.)
- Community service centre
- Library
- Rural Fire Service shed
- Senior citizen centre
- Youth centre

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Facilities excluded from community facility provision analysis but referenced for their potential in the strategy:

- Church halls
- Public toilets (as a public toilet strategy has recently been prepared)
- School facilities

The following recreational facility types have been included in the recreational facility provision analysis:

- Athletics facility
- Baseball diamond
- Basketball half courts
- Bowling facilities
- Fitness equipment (outdoor)
- Golf course
- Grandstand
- Gymnastics facility
- Hockey pitch (synthetic)
- Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)
- Netball court (outdoor)
- Oval
- Pump track
- Rectangular pitch
- Shooting facilities
- Skate park
- Sports field amenities (changerooms, toilets etc.)
- Sports lighting (competition and training level)
- Swimming pool
- Tennis courts

Facilities excluded from provision analysis but referenced for their potential in the strategy:

- Clubrooms
- Croquet courts
- Gym/health clubs
- Modelsport RC aero facilities (only 1 facility provided in the Shire
- Modelsport RC car facilities (only 1 facility provided in the Shire)
- Mountain bike trail facilities
- Play spaces (as a separate strategy was recently prepared)
- Pony club facilities (only 2 facilities provided in the Shire)
- Racecourse (horse) (only 1 facility provided in the Shire)
- School facilities

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Table 13: Summary of Community Facility Projected Requirements

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Art and Culture Centre	The Shire currently exceeds recommended provision for current and predicted population.
Childcare Centre	Gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens).
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been included in these totals.
Community Shed	Adequate provision currently. No additional demand identified.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Library	Adequate supply of library provision up until 70,000. Noting that the State Library of NSW report prepared for the Shire in 2021 identified a significant shortfall of library floor space within the Shire. Minimum recommended library branch size (m^2) for different catchment populations. 10,000 = 690 m^2 15,000 = 1,035 m^2 20,000 = 1,234 m^2 25,000 = 1,410 m^2 Current total library size (3 branches) in the Shire is 1,384 m^2 servicing a population in excess of 50,000 people which is a significant shortfall.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.
Senior Citizen Centre	Oversupply of one facility up until 70,000. Noting the Shire has a high median age and age profile.
Youth Centre	Adequate provision currently and forecast. No additional demand identified.

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Table 14: Summary of Recreational Facility Projected Requirements

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Athletics Facility	Regional level (synthetic track): Not identified as a gap as population is well below required level of 250,000. Sufficient provision of district Athletics facility identified.
Baseball Diamond	Gap of 2 diamond shaped grass pitches identified currently and up until 60,000 and a gap of 3 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000. Potential to provide additional Baseball diamonds at Jurd Park subject to demand for baseball which currently have 2 existing diamonds.
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Bowling Facilities	Identified gap of 1 bowling facility currently and 2 at 65,000 and 70,000.
Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Refer WSC Parks Strategy for guidance.
Golf Course	Provision dictated by market demand and commercial success.
Grandstand	Maintain current provision at Bradman Oval and consider grandstand provision at regional or higher-level precincts i.e., Eridge Park, Welby Heights subject to need and demand being justified.
Gymnastics Facility	Currently provided at Moss Vale Showgrounds and PCYC Southern Highlands Consider provision of purpose-built gymnastics facility in any proposed regional sports centre if demand is justified.
Hockey Pitch (synthetic)	Adequate provision of synthetic hockey pitches at Welby Heights. There is also a synthetic pitch at Frensham College. No additional demand identified.
Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)	Meets population trigger for a 4+ Multi-purpose Court Indoor Facility. Provision to be determined through a business case. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose courts to provide local access.
Netball Court (outdoor)	Adequate provision currently. Gap of 1 at 60,000 and 65,000 and 2 courts at 70,000. Could also be catered for in the future through additional indoor court provision.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000 pump track facilities needed; this could include provision of recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Shooting Facilities	Current provision is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Swimming Pool	Specific provision to be guided by the aquatic facility business case.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility (16 court minimum) identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility (8 court minimum) identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.
Velodrome	Current provision at Eridge Park is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.

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Challenges and Opportunities

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Challenges

The key challenges which have been identified for community and recreational facilities in the Shire are outlined in Table 15.

Table 15: Key Challenges

Population Growth	Planning for community and recreational facilities in the Shire needs to prepare for the projected population increase. The region's population is projected to grow to more than 65,000 over the two decades leading to 2041. It is important that the variety of community and recreational opportunities offered caters for a higher population into the 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.
Encouraging Active Lifestyles	It is important that a wide range of community and recreational facility opportunities are accessible to encourage active lifestyles. It is important to encourage community members to stay physically and mentally active throughout all stages of life, whether this is through organised or informal activities.
New Development Areas	As the Shire's population grows and housing increases in density, it is important to ensure that the development of new residential areas considers the community and recreational facility needs of the future communities that are likely to reside there.
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. A decision needs to be made on the best model for aquatic provision in the Shire in the future.
Support Facilities	Community and recreational facilities across the Shire have varying levels of support infrastructure (i.e. changerooms, lighting and spectator viewing areas) to accompany the primary facility. Many of these are in satisfactory or poor condition and require upgrading or redevelopment.
Ageing, dysfunctional and low quality built facilities	The high-level audit of the Shire's community and recreational facilities found that nearly 6 in 10 facilities required maintenance, required renewal or were unserviceable with only 14% in very good condition. Many of these facilities have been built in the mid to late 1900s and as such are reaching the end of their useful life, they also were often designed with a single purpose in mind and as such are not conducive to being multi-purpose and often do not meet contemporary building design standards.

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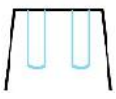
Many ageing and basic playspaces	The *Playspace Strategy* found that there are currently 48 play spaces provided in the Shire and that the level of funding currently allocated to the renewal of play spaces is insufficient to meet the desired level of service and operation and maintenance funding is also below typical industry rates. A performance assessment, which considered criteria such as location, play value and ancillary facilities, was undertaken of all the Shire's 48 play spaces, with the majority of play spaces scoring below 50%. The notable aspect of existing play spaces is their consistently low "play value." This was generally a result of the equipment being relatively old, only catering to a narrow (relatively young) age range and offering little in the way of challenging or imaginative play experiences.
Geography of the Shire	The geography of the Shire is unique, it has three major population centres all within close proximity to one another and many towns and smaller settlements distributed throughout the Shire. The terrain is hilly and elevated (up to 800m above sea level in parts), predominantly rural in character with agricultural lands separating towns and villages characterised by unique landscape and aesthetic appeal. The Shire is rich in biodiversity with large areas of high conservation value including part of the World Heritage Greater Blue Mountains area and two declared wilderness areas. Environmental features include cold climatic conditions, rugged topography and significant areas of state forest, national park and other protected lands that form part of the Sydney water catchment area, and this presents a challenge in terms of access and development of new facilities.
Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages	The varying topography and restricted road and transport access outside of the main towns means access to facilities and services is restricted for some parts of the Shire. This places a stronger reliance on locally based facilities and services although many residents travel to the larger population centres to access district and regionally based facilities and services. Inadequate road maintenance and limited or no provision of public transport in some areas exacerbates the challenges. The community consultation found that residents value the easy access, close proximity and location of many of the Shire's facilities.
Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	Recent cost pressures driven by the Covid-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and supply chain issues along with rising inflation and interest rates have rapidly increased building costs with some raw materials increasing to over 30% in recent times. This may stabilise over the next few years however it is unlikely that costs will decrease significantly if at all. This makes the cost of developing or renovating existing facilities high and will result in Council needing to prioritise new community and recreational facility developments.

Opportunities

The key opportunities which have been identified for community and recreational facility provision in the Shire are outlined in Table 16.

Table 16: Key Opportunities

Optimising Usage and Attracting Events	The Shire has a range of community and recreational facilities and within some instances the capacity to sustain higher levels of usage. It is important that opportunities to utilise these facilities are promoted across the greater region and beyond. Attracting events has several positive impacts including economic, social and community based.
Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities	As community and recreational facilities across the Shire are progressively developed and/or improved, a key opportunity is to ensure that they are resilient to potential future changes, such as climate change, technology advancements and changing participation preferences, to become sustainable and fit-for-purpose into the future.
Effective Communication	Effective communication is an important component of community and recreational planning and maximising community participation. It is important to ensure that stakeholders and the wider community are provided reliable information in a timely and consistent manner and have buy-in into the planning and design of new facilities.
Inclusivity	Facilitating inclusivity in community and recreational facilities is an important aspect of community development within a community. The benefits of active lifestyles both physically and mentally are attainable by all community members if opportunities are inclusive and accessible.
Capacity Building and Community Empowerment	Community resources can be maximised through capacity building and community empowerment, particularly through encouraging meaningful contributions through well-supported volunteering roles.
Regional-level Facilities	Development of facilities for higher level competition will enable the Shire to cater for the needs of the greater NSW region and attract significant events. It is important that facilities are designed to cater for both local and regional demand. The Shire currently only has a small number of regional and high-level facilities and there is an opportunity to further enhance these facilities whilst also looking at consolidating ageing and dysfunctional local and district level community and recreational facilities.
Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities 	There is an opportunity to review and align the service levels associated with provision and distribution of park-based recreational facilities, such as play spaces, skate parks, outdoor fitness equipment and community courts. Ensuring a consistent and strategic approach will enable Council to meet community demand and expectations, acknowledging the rising popularity of informal and unstructured recreational activities.
Recreational Tourism	Recreational tourism includes active participation in recreational activities and/or participating in a sport, recreation, community or cultural event as a spectator. With the Shire's strong visitor rates, there is opportunity to further promote recreational tourism with a focus on points of difference to other regions for example agricultural shows and equestrian events.

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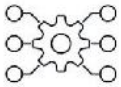
Mountain Bike Trails	There is significant opportunity for Council to enhance provision of formalised cycling trails which showcase the region, improve accessibility, enhance connectivity, and encourage healthy and active lifestyles. Recently Council prepared a Walking Track Strategy and consideration should be made for the provision of a strategy for other trail and active transport activities such as road cycling, mountain biking, horse riding and paddling.
Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces	There is opportunity to enhance Council's provision of youth activity spaces across the region to ensure that facilities meet the needs of the community, progress with changing recreational preferences and facilitate informal recreation for young people. This includes improved skate parks and new pump tracks.
Development of Indoor Multi-Sport Facility	Future population and demand projections and trends have identified the future requirement for additional multi-use indoor courts. Wingecarribee's climate lends itself to indoor activities along with the general community trend for safe, protected, and comfortable spaces for people to recreate within. There was strong community support for additional new indoor court facilities.
Development of a regional aquatic centre	There is potential to develop a regional level aquatic facility within the Shire. Currently Moss Vale Aquatic Centre is the only facility that provides contemporary aquatic facilities and/or without any major maintenance or operational issues. The provision of a regional level aquatic facility would enable a wide range of water-based sports and activities to be provided to the community, along with wellness, fitness and community-based services in a modern, fit-for purpose, accessible and functional facility.
Provision of a destination playspace.	The Shire lacks a prominent destination play space able to service residents but also attract people to the Shire. Such a play space facility was strongly supported by the community during the consultation phase and identified as a priority recommendation within the Playspace Strategy.
Development of a regional sporting hub	Whilst the Shire has a few regional or higher level (e.g., state) sporting facilities, for a Shire of this size and a growing population there are limited facilities provided at this regional or higher hierarchy level. Planning has been undertaken for a regional level facility which would include facilities for cricket, rugby league and gymnastics and would complement the proposed indoor sports centre expansion and redevelopment which would cater for sports such as basketball, netball, and futsal (indoor soccer).
Create multi-function community facilities and spaces. 	The Shire has many community facilities such as community centres, libraries, childcare centres, halls, and meeting spaces. Many of these are ageing and single purpose facilities. Future provision of these facilities needs to encompass multiple functions and co-locate with other services to integrate various community services and Council functions.
Performing Arts/ Convention Centre	There is opportunity to explore the feasibility of a new regional level performing arts/ convention centre. This would further provide recreational opportunities for community members, particularly in art and cultural activities/events. Such a facility would also help strengthen the visitor economy and further promote tourism within the Shire. Repurposing existing arts and cultural facilities may be required.

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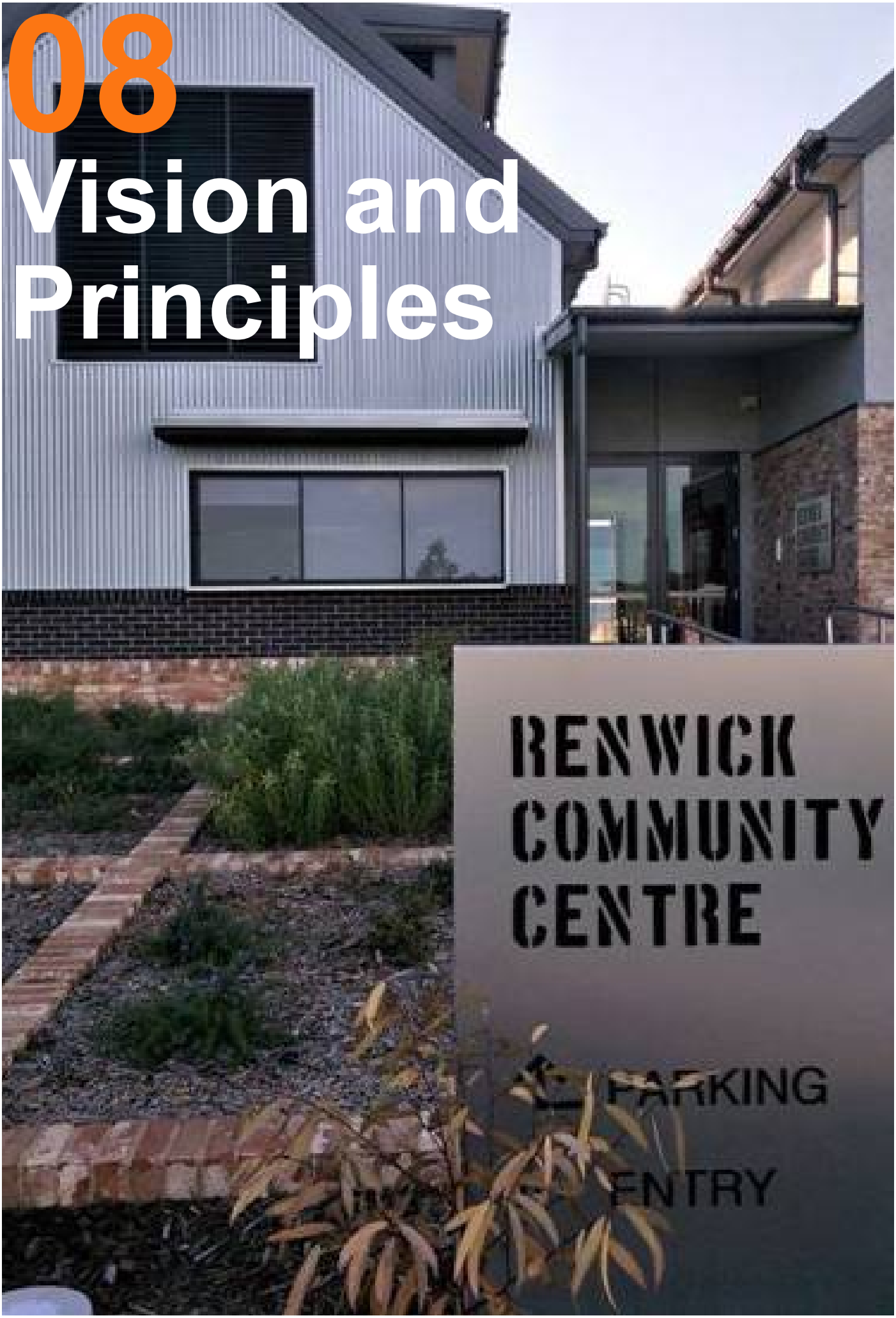

08 Vision and Principles

Vision

The following vision has been developed as a reflection of the aspirations of the Shire's community in relation to community and recreational facility provision.

Sustainable, fit-for-purpose, accessible and innovative community and recreation facilities equitably distributed across the Shire.

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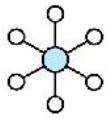
Planning Principles

The planning principles outlined in Table 17 have been developed, based on community aspirations and industry best-practice, to guide the development and management of community and recreation facilities across the Shire.

The planning principles are relevant to the three components of community and recreational planning and underpin the Strategy and Action Plan. These relationships are illustrated in Figure 15.

Table 17: Planning Principles

PRINCIPLE 1 Maximum Community Participation		• Facilities, clubs/service providers and programs offer a range of accessible community and recreational opportunities targeted to the needs of the community and deliver associated health benefits to all people regardless of age, socio-economic status or ability. • A balanced approach to the provision of facilities across community-level participation, as well as elite pathways, programs and events. • A balanced approach to the provision of facilities which facilitate active lifestyles through informal community and recreational activities as well as through competitive sport.
PRINCIPLE 2 Shared Precincts and Community Hubs		• Where appropriate and practical, facilities are clustered and co-located with compatible users to optimise use whilst maintaining organisational identity and individual needs through adaptable and flexible designs.
PRINCIPLE 3 Sustainability		• Facilities, clubs/service providers and programs effectively integrate long and short-term economic, environmental, social and cultural considerations. • Sustainable facility and program developments strategically align with Council strategies to meet current and future community needs and provide value-for-money.
PRINCIPLE 4 Partnerships		• Collaborative approaches are used to plan, deliver and manage facilities, clubs/service providers and programs in conjunction with the community, government, clubs, associations, educational institutions and the private sector. • Partnerships are utilised to achieve community outcomes
PRINCIPLE 5 Working Together		• Clubs/service providers and the wider community are effectively and meaningfully engaged in the planning and design of community and recreational facilities and programs. • An inclusive culture of community and recreation is achieved through club development programs, positive relationships and provision of facilities that support opportunities for all.
PRINCIPLE 6 Maximised and Validated Community Benefit		• Community benefit is identified, validated and maximised through targeted investment in community and recreational facilities. • Investments which demonstrate the maximum local and regional community benefits are prioritised.
PRINCIPLE 7 Effective Management and Maintenance		• Facilities are managed and maintained in a manner that promotes safe condition, minimises financial liability and complies with relevant legislation, policies and standards.

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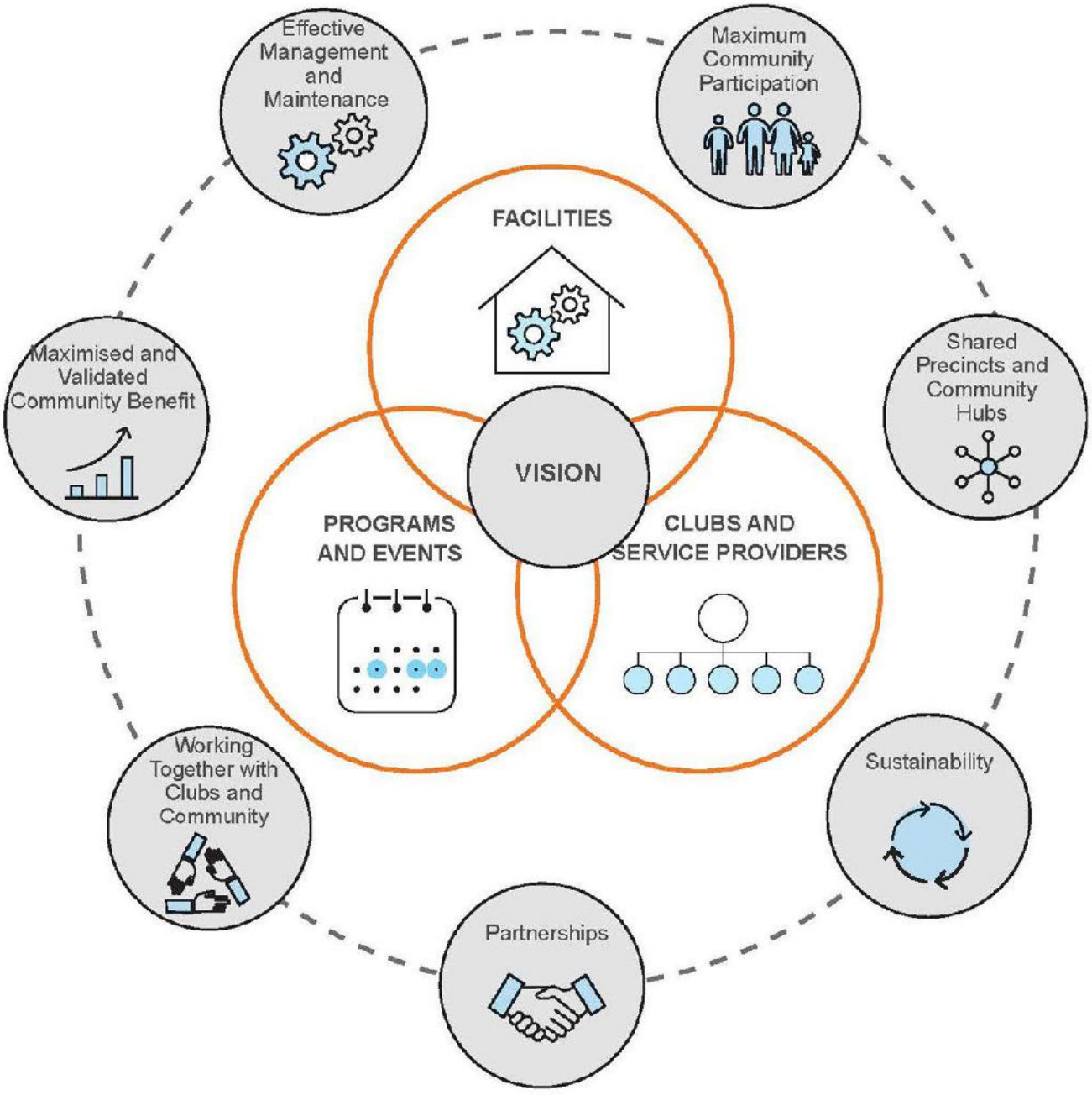

Figure 15: Interrelated Components of Community and Recreational Planning

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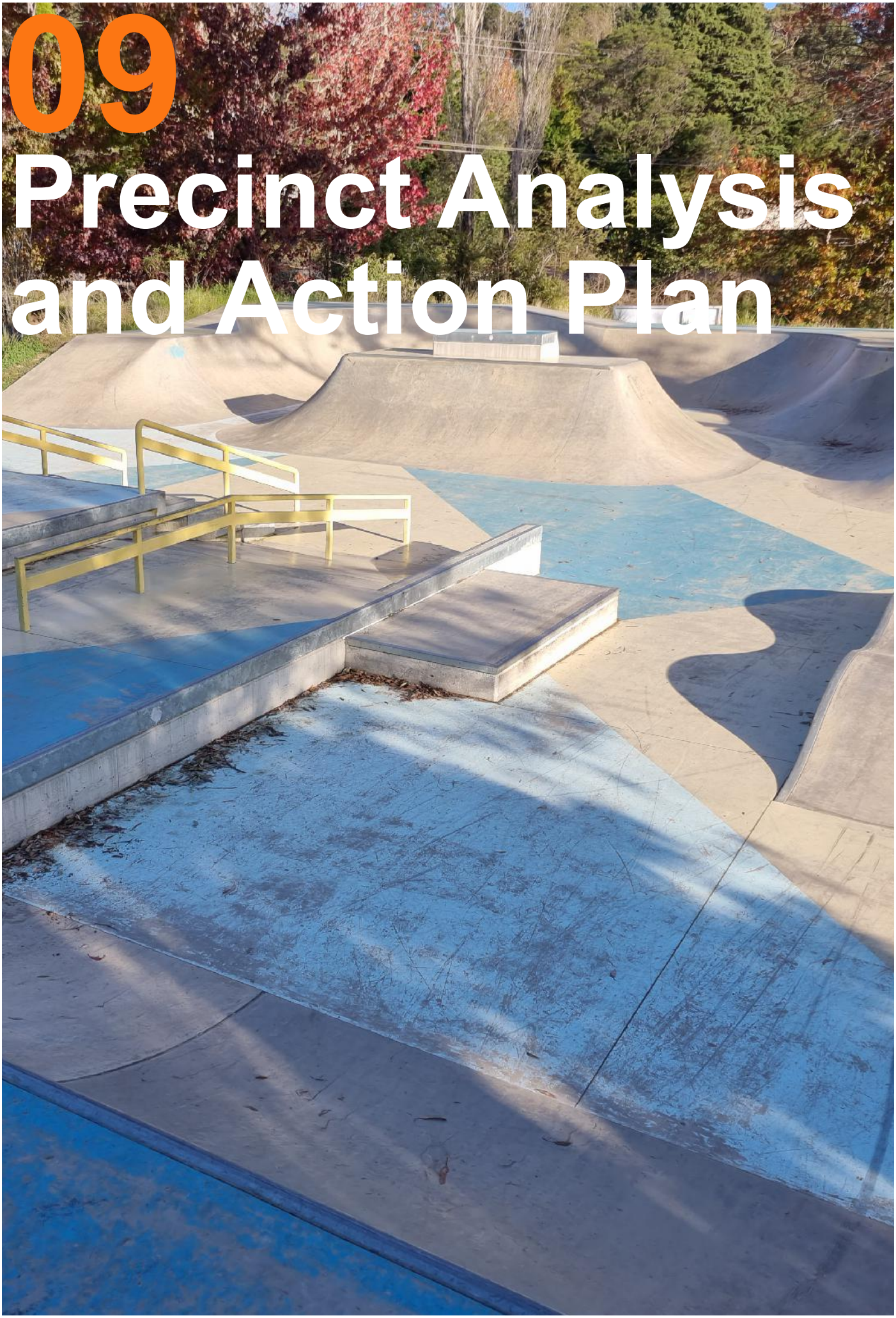

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Precinct Analysis

An analysis has been conducted for each of the planning precincts. This has drawn together the relevant research and findings from the facility inventory analysis; demands and trends analysis; consultation findings; population triggers analysis and challenges and opportunities identified for the Shire. This has then informed an action plan for each precinct.

Action Plan

The Action Plan for developing community and recreational facilities within each precinct across the Shire is detailed over the following pages.

Timeframes

In assessing the priority for each of the strategies, the following factors have been considered:

- alignment with the Vision
- alignment to existing strategic plans
- identified need.
- community support
- level of planning undertaken
- feasibility
- safety and risk

Based on this assessment, timeframes have been indicated for each action using the following scale:

- immediate (2023 - 2024)
- short (2025 - 2028)
- medium (2029 - 2032)
- longer (2033 - 2042)
- ongoing

The timeframe identified for the completion of each action is indicative and should be reviewed annually in line with the Shire's annual business and budget planning.

Partners

Partners who may be able to assist the Shire with the delivery of the action have been identified. It is stressed that without partner support it is unlikely that many of these actions will be achieved. The lead partner(s) are identified in bold, such as Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC), alongside the assisting partners.

Partners Include:

- clubs/user Groups
- service Providers
- NSW Government agencies
- Community groups
- peak bodies
- schools
- developers

Resources

Implementation of the Action Plan will require significant resources from the Shire and its partners. An estimation of the resources (financial / human) required to implement each action has been identified. These are broad indicative estimates and should be reviewed prior to implementation. There has been no financial commitment from the Shire to implement the actions identified and relevant actions will be considered as part of normal annual business planning/budgeting and long-term financial planning processes. The Action Plan provides the following indicative resource requirements:

- low $0 – $200,000
- medium $200,000 – $1,000,000
- high $1,000,000+

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Mittagong District Precinct (D)

Overview

Mittagong District is bounded by the Hume Highway, the localities of Aylmerton and Alpine and Chain of Ponds Creek in the north, the Nepean River and Doudles Folly Creek in the east, the localities of Glenquarry and Bowral in the south, and the locality of Woodlands in the west.

Mittagong is one of the three major towns in the Shire and has a wide range of both community and recreational facilities. With 97 facilities, the precinct is generally well provided for across all facility types.

It is a historic town, featuring the site of Australia's first ironworks and acts as the northern gateway to the Shire. Mittagong is surrounded by natural landmarks such as Mount Alexander, Gibbergunyah and Mount Gibraltar.

Community Facilities

The precinct is generally well provided for in terms of community facilities with 22 in total.

Community Facilities	
Art and Culture Centres	Mittagong Memorial Hall is the only art and culture centre in the precinct. Currently closed for renovations, it will be one of the leading performing arts spaces in the Shire.
Childcare Centres	There are six childcare centres in the Mittagong District. Mittagong Preschool is the only Shire owned facility and it is generally in good condition with only minor defects.
Clubrooms	There are two clubroom facilities in the Mittagong District one at Mittagong Oval which is in very good condition and one at the Mittagong Tennis Courts at Lake Alexandra Reserve which is in very good condition.
Community Halls	There are five community halls, the Welby Community Centre, Renwick Community Centre, and the Mittagong Girl Guides Hall are all Council owned and operated. The others are both privately owned scout and guide halls.
Community Service Centres	There are six community service centres across the towns of Welby, Renwick, and Mittagong. All require maintenance, except for the Renwick Community Centre which is newly constructed and in very good condition.
Libraries	Mittagong Branch Library is one of three libraries in the Shire and only has minor defects. Along with the other two library facilities it is undersized for the catchment it services.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There are two RFS shed facilities in the precinct, including the Mittagong RFS Communication Centre.
Senior Citizen Centres	Mittagong Senior Citizens and Community Centre is the only senior citizen centre and has a high usage level with only minor defects present within the facility. This facility also serves the purpose of a Community Service Centre
Youth Centres	PCYC Southern Highlands is one of two youth centres in the Shire, it features an indoor multipurpose court and a gymnastics facility. The centre requires maintenance and is highly utilised.

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Recreational Facilities

The Mittagong District precinct has 75 recreational facilities both public and privately owned. Recreational provision centres around the two recreation precincts at Mittagong Oval and Welby Oval there is also smaller precincts at Ironmines Oval and Welby Heights Oval.

Recreational Facilities	
Clubrooms	There are two clubrooms in the precinct, both are in very good condition with medium usage levels.
Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	The Mirren Nunguna Gulla Park outdoor fitness equipment is in very good condition.
Golf Course	Highlands Golf Course is the only golf course in the precinct and is located on Shire and Crown Land and adjoins the Mittagong Oval site.
Gym/Health Club	There are four gyms in the Mittagong District precinct, all are privately owned and operated.
Gymnastics Facility	One of only two gymnastics facilities in the Shire and the precincts only gymnastics facility is at the Southern Highlands PCYC, this facility requires maintenance and is highly used.
Hockey Pitch	The Mittagong District precinct is home to Welby Heights Oval, which is a regional level hockey facility with two synthetic hockey pitches in very good condition. There is also a synthetic hockey pitch at the Frensham School.
Mountain Bike Trail Facilities	Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Trails is the only Council owned / managed designated mountain bike trail facility in the Shire and requires maintenance.
Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor)	There are seven multi-purpose courts, four indoor and three outdoor, these are all located at the precinct's local schools.
Oval	There are four ovals in the precinct, three are in local schools and the other is at Welby Oval, which requires maintenance. Given there is an oversupply of ovals in the Shire there is no need for additional ovals in the precinct.
Rectangular Pitches	The Mittagong District features six rectangular pitches, two are located at Ironmines Oval which requires maintenance and has low usage levels and one at Mittagong Oval which is in good condition and has medium usage levels. Three are located at local schools. Given the oversupply of rectangular pitches in the Shire there is no need for additional rectangular pitches in the precinct.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	There are two sports field amenities in Mittagong, one set of changerooms at Ironmines Oval and one set at Welby Heights Oval both require maintenance.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	There are twenty-seven sports lighting towers, with eight at Mittagong Oval which require maintenance, sixteen at Welby Heights Oval which are recently installed and in very good condition, two at the Mittagong Tennis Courts which are in good condition and one at Welby Oval which requires maintenance.
Swimming Pools	The Mittagong Swimming Pool is currently closed due to damage caused by flooding and has been assessed as unserviceable. There is also an indoor pool at Frensham School which is available for public use primarily for swimming lessons and the Southern Highlands Water Polo Club also use this facility.
Tennis Courts	There are five tennis courts in total, two at the Mittagong Tennis Courts located at Lake Alexandra Recreation Area which require maintenance with a medium usage level, two at Mittagong Oval which are unserviceable and one court at the Gib Gate school.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Church Halls	There are three church halls in the Mittagong District, Mittagong Anglican Church, Mittagong Uniting Church, and Mittagong Presbyterian Church which provide community meeting spaces.
Play spaces.	There are eight play spaces in the Mittagong District.
Schools	There are six schools across the Mittagong District precinct, with a mixture of both state government and private schools. These schools feature facilities including art and culture centre, hockey pitch, indoor multi-purpose courts, ovals, rectangular pitches, and a swimming pool which are primarily used for school sports with some limited community use.

Regional and State Facilities

The Welby Heights hockey facility is the only regional level facility in the Mittagong District precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population forecast for Mittagong District is 10,107 and is forecast to grow to 12,417 by 2041 an increase of 2,310 or 22.85%.

The number of dwellings in Mittagong District is forecast to grow from 3,823 in 2016 to 5,564 in 2041, an increase of 1,741 with the average household size falling from 2.38 to 2.31 by 2041.

The majority of growth will occur within existing residential development areas and increasing housing densities.

Mittagong (East) is a very small development proposed within the precinct of 40 anticipated dwellings.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- Moderate population growth is forecast for this precinct with an increase of nearly 23% from 2022 to 2041 this will likely require additional community and recreational facilities in the precinct.
- The precinct has a median age of 45, making it a precinct that has both older and younger age cohorts and requires a mix of facilities for all age groups.
- The precinct has a slightly lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a higher capacity to pay for facilities and services, they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable the delivery of a range of community and recreational services.
- 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: improved functionality of existing facilities, provide for multi-use, additional capacity and need to be highly accessible.
- Need for improved/expanded mountain bike trails and pump tracks across the Shire.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks in the Shire.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Improved parking at the Welby Heights Oval hockey facility
- Enhance and maintain the mountain bike trails at Mount Alexandra Reserve
- No public outdoor basketball courts currently provided for in the Mittagong District
- Provision of aquatic facilities that service the Mittagong District to replace the current Mittagong Swimming Pool including consideration of indoor facilities.
- Repair cracking of Mittagong Tennis Courts at Lake Alexandra Recreation Area
- Southern Highlands Water Polo require an indoor pool suitable for water polo.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Art and Culture Centre	Region currently exceeds recommended provision for current and predicted population.
Childcare Centre	A gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 10 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). The Shire has a role to play in facilitating the provision of childcare centres but not necessarily the direct provision of such facilities.
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Library	Adequate supply of library provision up until 70,000. Noting that the State Library of NSW report identified a significant shortfall of library floor space within the Shire.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.
Senior Citizen Centre	Oversupply of one facility up until 70,000. Noting the Shire has a high median age and age profile.
Youth Centre	Adequate provision currently and forecast. No additional demand identified.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Refer WSC Parks Strategy for guidance.
Golf Course	Provision dictated by market demand and commercial success.
Grandstand	Maintain current provision at Bradman Oval and consider grandstand provision at regional or higher-level precincts i.e., Eridge Park, Welby Heights subject to need and demand being justified.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Gymnastics Facility	Currently provided at Moss Vale Showgrounds and PCYC Southern Highlands. Consider provision of purpose-built gymnastics facility in any proposed regional sports centre if demand is justified and proven through a business case.
Hockey Pitch (synthetic)	Adequate provision of synthetic hockey pitches at Welby Heights. There is also a synthetic pitch at Frensham College. No additional demand identified.
Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)	The Shire meets the population trigger for a 4+ Multi-purpose Court Indoor Facility. Level of provision to be determined through a business case. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose courts to provide local access.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000. Future provision could include recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Swimming Pool	Specific provision to be guided by the aquatic facility business case.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Aquatic Facilities • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Regional-level Facilities • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Mountain Bike Trails • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Development of Indoor Multi-Sport Facility • Development of a regional aquatic centre • Provision of a destination play space. • Development of a regional sporting hub • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- Art and Culture Centre – the Shire is well provided for with art and culture centres, the Mittagong Memorial Hall is the only art and culture centre in the precinct and is currently being renovated but will be one of the leading performing arts spaces in the Shire.
- Childcare Centre - There are six childcare centres in the Mittagong District. Mittagong Preschool is the only Shire owned facility and it is generally in good condition with only minor defects. A shire wide gap of 4 Child Care Centres has been identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Given that the Mittagong Precinct is forecast to grow additional childcare facilities will likely be required. Many of these types of facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens).
- Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals. There is an opportunity for WSC to work with the local scouts and guides associations to consolidate hall facilities and provide a contemporary, high quality and multi-purpose community hub facility which provides these services.
- Community Service Centre - There are six community service centres across the towns of Welby, Renwick, and Mittagong, four of these are located in Mittagong. All require maintenance, with the exception of the Renwick Community Centre which is newly constructed and in very good condition. There is the potential to consolidate a number of the Mittagong facilities into a contemporary, high quality and multi-purpose community hub facility which provides these services. Noting the Aboriginal Community Centre will remain as a standalone facility.
- Library - Mittagong Branch Library is one of three libraries in the Shire and only has minor defects having been recently renovated. Along with the other two library facilities it is undersized for the catchment it services and is located in a heritage listed building limiting future expansion opportunities. There may also be potential to integrate the library services into a new community hub facility in Mittagong in the future.
- Rural Fire Service Shed - There are two RFS shed facilities in the precinct both located within Mittagong, including the Mittagong RFS Communication Centre. There may be an opportunity to utilise the meeting rooms facilities for use by the community.
- Senior Citizen Centre - Mittagong Senior Citizens and Community Centre is the only senior citizen centre in the precinct and has a high usage level with only minor defects present within the facility. Similarly, to the library there may also be potential to integrate this facility into a new community hub facility in Mittagong in the future potentially located at the site of the current facility, library and girl guide hall located on Queen Street.
- Youth Centre - PCYC Southern Highlands is one of two youth centres in the Shire, it features an indoor multipurpose court and a gymnastics facility. The centre requires maintenance and is highly utilised. There is potential to expand the facility at the site onto the old tennis courts to provide additional indoor/outdoor court space.

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Recreational Facilities

- Basketball Half Courts – there are no basketball half courts in the precinct, there is a gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000 across the Shire. Given the relatively large population size of the precinct and forecast growth there is an opportunity to provide additional half court facilities. There is potential for this to occur at the Mittagong Oval site on the old tennis courts and could be through additional indoor court provision. In addition, given that there are existing outdoor courts provided for at the local schools they could be adapted to cater for basketball.
- Clubrooms - There are two clubroom facilities in the Mittagong District one at Mittagong Oval which is in very good condition and one at the Mittagong Tennis Courts at Lake Alexandra Reserve which is in very good condition. The focus should be on maintenance of these facilities.
- Fitness Equipment (outdoor) – there is outdoor fitness equipment provided for at Mirren Nunguna Gulla Park in Renwick. There is potential to provide additional outdoor fitness equipment in Mittagong at Mittagong Oval or Lake Alexandra Reserve.
- Golf Course – there is one golf course in the precinct which is the Highlands Golf Course and is located on Shire and Crown Land and adjoins the Mittagong Oval site. The Shire has six golf courses two of which are Shire owned. There are no current provision guidelines for golf course facilities as they are typically guided by the market and/or historical provision. There may be an opportunity for additional community and recreational use of the Highlands Golf Course site.
- Grandstand – there are no existing grandstand facilities in the precinct. There is an opportunity to develop a small grandstand facility at the hockey facility at Welby Heights Oval as the facility is the centre of hockey within the Southern Highlands.
- Gymnastics Facility – within the PCYC youth centre at Mittagong Oval there is a gymnastics facility, this is one of two within the Shire. There are no current provision guidelines for gymnastics facilities however they are often incorporated in indoor recreation centres and youth centres. Both centres have high use and if a regional indoor sports/recreation centre is developed gymnastics should be considered subject to the business case outcomes.
- Hockey Pitch (synthetic) - The Mittagong District precinct is home to Welby Heights Oval, which is a regional level hockey facility with two synthetic hockey pitches in very good condition. There is also a synthetic hockey pitch at the Frensham School. This is adequate provision for the precinct and the Shire. The focus should be on improvements to the parking and support facilities at the Welby Heights Oval site.
- Mountain Bike Trail Facilities - Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Trails is the only Shire managed designated mountain bike trail facility and requires maintenance. There is also the opportunity to enhance this facility with the addition of a pump track and potentially a skills park.
- Multi-purpose Court (Indoor) – within the PCYC youth centre there is an indoor court suitable for basketball, netball, volleyball, indoor soccer, and gymnastics. There are also four indoor courts provided for at the local schools in the precinct in which some access is provided to the community.
- Oval - There are four ovals in the precinct, three are in local schools and the other is at Welby Oval, which requires maintenance. Given there is an oversupply of ovals in the Shire there is no need for additional ovals in the precinct.

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- Pump Track – there are currently no formal pump tracks within the Shire, and it is recommended a pump track is incorporated into the Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Trails Park as it is a complimentary activity.
- Rectangular Pitch - The Mittagong District features six rectangular pitches, two are located at Ironmines Oval which require maintenance and has low usage levels and one at Mittagong Oval which is in good condition and has medium usage levels. Three are located at local schools. Given the oversupply of rectangular pitches in the Shire there is no need for additional rectangular pitches in the precinct.
- Skate Park – there are currently no skate parks in the precinct and given the size and forecast population growth there is an opportunity to develop a skate park facility in Mittagong.
- Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.) - There are two sports field amenities in Mittagong, one set of changerooms at Ironmines Oval and one set at Welby Heights Oval both which require maintenance.
- Sports Lighting (competition and training level) - There are twenty-seven sports lighting towers, with eight at Mittagong Oval which require maintenance, sixteen at Welby Heights Oval which are recently installed and in very good condition, two at the Mittagong Tennis Courts which are in good condition and one at Welby Oval which requires maintenance. An assessment of sports lighting against the Australian Standards should be undertaken to determine compliance for the various sports undertaken at these sites.
- Swimming Pool - Provision of aquatic facilities that service the Mittagong District to replace the current Mittagong Swimming Pool including consideration of indoor facilities. The consultation outcomes were strong in terms of providing a sustainable solution for aquatic facilities that will adequately provide for the residents of the Mittagong District and broader Northern areas of the Shire. This will be determined through the regional aquatic centre business case.
- Tennis courts - There are five tennis courts in total, two at the Mittagong Tennis Courts located at Lake Alexandra Recreation Area which require maintenance with a medium usage level, two at Mittagong Oval which are unserviceable and one court at the Gib Gate school. Given that the major tennis facility is located at Loseby Park in Bowral, and this is the logical location to provide any additional tennis courts.
- School Facilities - There is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are located in the precinct for greater community use.

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Action Plan - Mittagong District Precinct (D)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
DC1	Art and Culture Centre	Retain the current provision of the Mittagong Memorial Hall as the major art and culture centre within the Mittagong District Precinct.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DC2	Childcare Centre	Support the development of additional childcare facilities within the Mittagong District Precinct which should be provided for by the private sector and others (i.e., State Government, not-for-profit sector) in line with demand.	Ongoing	WSC, Private sector, State Government and Not-for-profit sector	Low
DC3	Church Hall	Work collaboratively with the three churches within Mittagong to utilise their hall space for community use.	Ongoing	WSC, Local Churches	Low
DC4	Community Hall	Plan for the provision of an integrated regional community hub facility within Mittagong. Potential elements include a community service centre, community hall and a library. This could involve repurposing a number of existing single purpose ageing community facilities such as community halls, community service centres, the library and senior citizen centre.	Medium	WSC	High
DC5	Community Service Centre	Plan for the provision of an integrated regional community hub facility within Mittagong. Potential elements include a community service centre, community hall and a library. This could involve repurposing a number of existing single purpose ageing community facilities such as community halls, community service centres, the library and senior citizen centre.	Medium	WSC	High
DC6	Library	Plan for the provision of an integrated regional community hub facility within Mittagong. Potential elements include a community service centre, community hall and a library. This could involve repurposing a number of existing single purpose ageing community facilities such as community halls, community service centres, the library and senior citizen centre.	Medium	WSC	High
DC7	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low
DC8	Senior Citizen Centre	Plan for the provision of an integrated regional community hub facility within Mittagong. Potential elements include a community service centre, community hall and a library. This could involve repurposing a number of existing single purpose ageing community facilities such as community halls, community service centres, the library and senior citizen centre.	Medium	WSC	High

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
DC9	Youth Centre	Retain and maintain the current youth centre facility at Mittagong Oval and consider expansion onto the current unserviceable tennis courts.	Ongoing	WSC	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
DR1	Basketball Half Court	Provide a basketball half court/s on the old tennis courts at Mittagong Oval. Alternatively, given that there are existing outdoor courts provided for at the local schools they could be adapted to cater for basketball.	Short	WSC	Medium
DR2	Clubroom	Retain and maintain the two clubroom facilities in the Mittagong District at Mittagong Oval and Mittagong Tennis Courts at Lake Alexandra Reserve.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DR3	Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Retain and maintain the outdoor fitness equipment provided for at Mirren Nunguna Gulla Park in Renwick. There is potential to provide additional outdoor fitness equipment in Mittagong at Mittagong Oval or Lake Alexandra Reserve.	Ongoing/Short	WSC	Low
DR4	Golf Course	Review the Highlands Golf Course lease agreement to determine if there is an opportunity for additional community and recreational use of the golf course site.	Short	WSC	Low
DR5	Grandstand	Improve spectator facilities at Welby Heights Oval including an additional shelter and potentially a small grandstand.	Short	WSC, hockey association	Low
DR6	Gymnastics Facility	Support the ongoing enhancement of the gymnastics facility which is contained within the PCYC Youth Centre at Mittagong Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DR7	Hockey Pitches	Support the ongoing enhancement of the regional hockey facility at Welby Heights Oval with a focus on parking and support amenities.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DR8	Mountain Bike Trail Facility	Enhance the Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Trails with improved maintenance of existing trails and the addition of a pump track and potentially a skills park.	Short	WSC, local Mountain bikers	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
DR9	Multi-Purpose Court (Indoor)	Investigate the potential to expand the indoor court provision at the PCYC youth centre at Mittagong Oval to complement the existing indoor court. There are also four indoor courts provided for at the local schools in the precinct in which some access is provided to the community and Council should work collaboratively with the schools to maximise community access to these indoor courts. This all needs to be considered in the indoor sports/recreation hub business case.	Short	WSC, PCYC, local schools	High
DR10	Oval	Retain and maintain the oval at Welby Oval. Work collaboratively with the local schools to maximise community access to school ovals.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DR11	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Colo Street Park (remove at end of life) • Cook Street Park (remove at end of life) • Lake Alexandra Reserve (maintain at current level) • Winifred West Park (maintain at current level) • Mirren Nunguna Gulla Park (maintain at current level) • Rotherwood Park (maintain at current level) • Welby Oval (maintain at current level) • Orient Street Play space (remove at end of life)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
DR12	Pump Track	Consider incorporating a pump track into the Mt Alexandra Reserve Mountain Bike Trails Park to complement existing mountain bike facilities.	Short	WSC	Medium
DR13	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Improve the maintenance of the rectangular pitches at Ironmines Oval. Retain and maintain the rectangular pitch at Mittagong Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DR14	Skate Parks	Investigate the best site to develop a new skate park in the Mittagong District.	Short	WSC	Low
DR15	Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Retain and maintain the changerooms at Ironmines Oval and Welby Heights Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
DR16	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	The sports lighting at Mittagong Oval, Welby Heights Oval and Mittagong Tennis Courts requires assessing to ensure they meet at least training level standard in line with the Australian standards for sports lighting.	Short	WSC, Sports Clubs	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
DR17	Swimming Pool	Investigate the feasibility, through a business case, of providing a regional aquatic facility within Mittagong.	Immediate	WSC	High
DR18	Tennis Court	Upgrade existing tennis courts at Mittagong Oval.	Medium	WSC, Mittagong Tennis Club	Medium
DR19	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the arts and cultural centre, hockey pitch, outdoor and indoor sports courts, rectangular pitches, ovals, swimming pool and tennis courts.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Bowral Precinct (C)

Overview

Bowral is the largest town within the Shire, surrounding towns and villages include Mittagong, Moss Vale, Robertson, East Kangaloon, Glenquarry and Kangaloon. It is only 130 kilometres away from Sydney and is one of the more visited destinations within the Shire.

The precinct has a strong community focus with a growing population and a new housing development planned within the precinct. It has a range of community facilities including a library, community halls and community service centres. Bowral also provides a variety of childcare centres and schools (both public and private).

Bowral has a strong sporting history and is home to the renowned Bradman Oval and Museum, as well as over 90 other recreational facilities including play spaces, sports grounds, private gyms, and a racecourse.

Other features include many historic buildings, the Ngununggula Southern Highlands Regional Gallery (supported financially by the Shire) and the walking / cycling network including Cherry Tree Walk.

Community Facilities

The precinct is well provided for in terms of community facilities with 17 in total both publicly and privately owned, covering a wide range of facility types, including one of three libraries located in the Shire, community halls and a variety of community service centres.

Community Facilities	
Art and Culture Centres	The Highlands School of Performing Arts (THSPA) is privately owned. The Ngununggula Regional Gallery is also located in Bowral and is the Shire's largest gallery space. The Bowral Memorial Hall is currently being refurbished and is a multi-purpose facility that will also facilitate the provision of arts and cultural services once complete.
Childcare Centres	Bowral has six childcare centres within the precinct, five are privately owned and operated and one is Shire owned which requires maintenance.
Community Halls	There are three community halls in Bowral, both Bowral Memorial Hall and East Bowral Community Centre are Shire owned and operated. Memorial Hall is currently closed for renovations, it is set to be one of the Shire's premier community halls. The other hall in Bowral is the Bowral Guide Hall which is privately owned.
Community Service Centres	Bowral has two community service centres including the East Bowral Community Centre which is in very good condition and the Community Health Centre at Stafford Cottage which requires maintenance.
Libraries	One of the three libraries in the Shire is the Bowral Library which is in the precinct and is in good condition however it is currently below the recommended size to service the catchment according to a recent analysis completed by the State Library of NSW.
Senior Citizen Centres	The Bowral precinct features two senior citizen centres including the Adult Day Care and the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall. The Adult Day Care centre is in very good condition and has a high level of use and the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall requires maintenance and has a medium level of use.
Youth Centres	Loseby Park Community Hall is one of only two designated youth centres in the Shire, with a high usage level and only minor defects.

Recreational Facilities

The Bowral precinct has 96 recreational facilities both public and privately owned. Recreational provision centres around two major sports grounds, Loseby Park and Bradman Oval. Bowral has a wide range of recreational facilities providing the community with the opportunity to participate in various recreational and sporting activities, with the greatest number of district, regional and state level facilities provided in the Shire.

Recreational Facilities	
Basketball Half Court	Bowral has one basketball half court facility located at Loseby Park. It has poor functionality and requires renewal.
Bowling Facilities	Bowral Lawn Bowls is the only bowling facility in the precinct and contains three bowling greens. It is located partially on Shire land (the bowling greens) and partially on privately owned land (clubrooms and parking).
Clubrooms	There are three clubrooms in Bowral located at Bradman Oval and Loseby Park which has two clubrooms. The Bradman Oval clubroom is in very good condition with a high usage rate. The two clubrooms at Loseby Park both require maintenance.

Recreational Facilities	
Fitness Equipment (outdoors)	There is outdoor fitness equipment located in Settlers Park in Bowral which is in very good condition.
Golf Course	There are two golf courses in Bowral, Gibraltar Golf Course and Bowral Golf Club, both district level facilities. Gibraltar Golf course is owned by the Shire and is in good condition with minor defects only and the Bowral Golf Club is a private facility.
Grandstand	The only grandstand in the Shire is located at Bradman Oval and is in very good condition.
Gym/Health Club	There are six private gyms in Bowral, all of these are privately owned and operated.
Oval	There are three ovals in Bowral, with local ovals at Centennial Park and Stephens Park and one state level oval at Bradman Oval. All these ovals have a high usage level, used for sports such as cricket and soccer primarily. Bradman oval is in very good condition, the ovals at Centennial Park and Stephens Park require maintenance.
Racecourse (Horse)	The Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse is the only racecourse in the Shire. It is privately owned and hosts regular horse racing events and annual events such as polo.
Rectangular Pitches	There are three rectangular pitches in the precinct, two at David Wood Playing fields and one at Loseby Park. The rectangular pitches at David Wood Playing Fields are used for soccer and Loseby Park is a district level rugby league facility, both have medium usage levels and require maintenance.
Skate Parks	The Loseby Park Skate Park is the only skate park in the precinct, it has poor functionality and requires renewal.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Bowral has three sports field amenities located at Bradman Oval, David Woods Playing Fields, and Stephens Park. There are two changerooms one each at David Woods Playing Fields and Stephens Park, with only minor defects, and one storage shed at Bradman Oval which requires maintenance.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Bowral has thirty-one sports lighting towers, twenty-six at Loseby Park providing for tennis and rugby league with a medium usage level and five at Stephens Park for soccer with a low usage level. The sports lighting at both sites require maintenance.
Swimming Pools	Bowral Swimming Pool is one of four swimming pool facilities in the Shire. It features an outdoor 25m pool, outdoor 50m pool, a toddler pool, and an outdoor program pool. All facilities are in poor condition and require renewal.
Tennis Courts	Bowral has the major tennis facility in the Shire, a district level tennis facility at Loseby Park, featuring ten courts (8 senior courts and 2 mini courts). This facility has a high usage rate, with some courts requiring maintenance.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Church Halls	There are two church halls in Bowral both are privately owned and are used for community activities such as meetings, parties, and celebrations.
Play spaces.	There are eight play spaces across the Bowral precinct.
Schools	There are five schools across the Bowral precinct, with a mixture of both state government and private schools. These schools feature facilities including ten multipurpose courts (outdoor) and five rectangular pitches which are primarily used for school sports.

Regional and State Facilities

There are two regional level facilities in Bowral, the Bong Bong Picnic Racecourse and Ngununggula Regional Gallery. Bradman Oval is the only state level facility within the precinct and one of only two state level facilities in the Shire.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population forecast for Bowral is 11,752 and is forecast to grow to 14,280 by 2041 an increase of 2,528 residents and a 21.52% increase overall.

The number of dwellings in Bowral is forecast to grow from 4,891 in 2016 to 6,749 in 2041, an increase of 1,858, with the average household size falling from 2.31 to 2.27 by 2041.

The majority of this growth will occur in Bowral (South) which is the second largest proposed development area within the Shire with 1,100 anticipated dwellings, noting only a small portion of this development area falls within the Bowral precinct, the majority of the new development area is within the Burradoo precinct however they will rely on the provision of community and recreational facilities from within the Bowral precinct.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- Moderate population growth is forecast for this precinct with an increase of nearly 22% from 2022 to 2041 this will likely require additional community and recreational facilities in the precinct.
- The precinct has an ageing profile with a median age of 52, whilst the focus of provision should be on facilities for older people, there are significant amounts of people living in the precinct that are young people and adults under 50 years of age so there still needs to be adequate provision of facilities that meets this younger cohort.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a high capacity to pay for facilities and services, they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.
- 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: improved functionality of existing facilities, provide for multi-use, additional capacity and need to be highly accessible.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks and the development of a pump track in the Shire.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Positive support for the Bowral Memorial Hall redevelopment
- Need for a larger library in Bowral.
- Basketball facilities at Loseby Park require upgrading.
- Bowral pool needs to be more accessible (year-round access and physical access), the water temperature needs increasing, and increased shade needs to be provided.
- Loseby Park tennis courts need upgrading and there was a desire for additional tennis courts at Loseby Park.
- The rugby league clubrooms need maintenance works at Loseby Park and also there is a need to improve lighting and the car parking area.
- At Stephens Park there is a need to provide additional storage space for user groups, improve the current sports lighting and playing surface.
- The David Woods Playing Fields rectangular pitches require maintenance and improvement.
- The Southern Highlands Water Polo club have been using the Bowral Pool since the closure of Mittagong Pool however it is not the correct size and a pool suitable for water polo is required.
- The Southern Highland Botanical Gardens require continual development, an upgraded parking, and additional all-weather facilities.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Art and Culture Centre	Region currently exceeds recommended provision for current and predicted population.
Childcare Centre	A gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). The Shire has a role to play in facilitating the provision of childcare centres but not necessarily the direct provision of such facilities.
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Shed	Adequate provision currently. No additional demand identified.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Library	Adequate supply of library provision up until 70,000. Noting that the State Library of NSW report identified a significant shortfall of library floor space within the Shire.
Senior Citizen Centre	Oversupply of one facility up until 70,000. Noting the Shire has a high median age and age profile.
Youth Centre	Adequate provision currently and forecast. No additional demand identified.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Bowling Facilities	Identified gap of 1 bowling facility currently and 2 at 65,000 and 70,000.
Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Refer WSC Parks Strategy for guidance.
Golf Course	Provision dictated by market demand and commercial success.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Grandstand	Maintain current provision at Bradman Oval and consider grandstand provision at regional or higher-level precincts i.e., Eridge Park, Welby Heights subject to need and demand being justified.
Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)	The Shire meets the population trigger for a 4+ Multi-purpose Court Indoor Facility. Level of provision to be determined through a business case. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose courts to provide local access.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000. Future provision could include recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Swimming Pool	Specific provision to be guided by the aquatic facility business case.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Aquatic Facilities • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Regional-level Facilities • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Development of Indoor Multi-Sport Facility • Development of a regional aquatic centre • Provision of a destination play space. • Development of a regional sporting hub • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- There are 17 community facilities located in this precinct and with the forecast development and growth in the precinct there will need to be additional community facilities provided for or alternatively in the neighbouring precinct in Burradoo. These include potentially a new childcare centre and community service centre which could be one integrated community hub facility.
- Child Care Centres – Bowral has six childcare centres within the precinct, five are privately owned and operated and one is Shire owned which requires maintenance. A shire wide gap of 4 Child Care Centres has been identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Given that the Bowral Precinct is forecast to grow, additional childcare facilities will likely be required. Many of these types of facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens).
- Church Halls - There are two church halls in Bowral both are privately owned and are used for community activities such as meetings, parties, and celebrations.
- Community Halls - There are three community halls in Bowral, both Bowral Memorial Hall and East Bowral Community Centre are Shire owned and operated. The other hall in Bowral is the Bowral Guide Hall which is privately owned. The Bowral Memorial Hall will be the key community hall facility within Bowral for the long term.
- Community Service Centres - Bowral has two community service centres including the East Bowral Community Centre which is in very good condition and the Community Health Centre at Stafford Cottage which requires maintenance and is located in the same area as the Bowral Library and Bowral Memorial Hall. There is potential to consolidate the Community Health Centre and Bowral Library with other community services to develop a district level multi-purpose Community Hub facility in Bowral.
- Library - The Bowral Library is the largest library in the Shire and is in good condition however it is currently below the recommended size to service the catchment according to a recent analysis completed by the State Library of NSW. There is a need to expand the current library or investigate the feasibility of developing a new library facility, potentially integrated with other community facilities into a larger community hub facility as suggested above.
- Senior Citizen Centres - The Bowral precinct features two senior citizen centres, the Adult Day Care, and the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall. The Adult Day Care centre is in very good condition and has a high level of use and the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall requires maintenance and has a medium level of use. The Shire has an overprovision of Senior Citizens Centres and there is an opportunity to integrate these two facilities into one facility.
- Youth Centre - Loseby Park Community Hall is one of only two designated youth centres in the Shire, with a high usage level and minor defects. This facility should be retained as a key youth centre in the Shire.

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Recreational Facilities

- Basketball Court - Bowral has one basketball half court facility located at Loseby Park. It has poor functionality and requires renewal.
- Bowling Facilities - Bowral Lawn Bowls is the only bowling facility in the precinct and contains three bowling greens. It is located partially on Shire land (the bowling greens) and partially on privately owned land (clubrooms and parking). There is an Identified gap of 1 bowling facility currently and 2 at 65,000 and 70,000 across the Shire. There has not been any need or demand identified for additional bowling facilities in the precinct.
- Clubrooms - The two clubrooms at Loseby Park both require maintenance.
- Fitness Equipment (outdoors) – Bowral has one set of outdoor fitness equipment which is in very good condition.
- Golf Course – the Gibraltar Golf course is located on Shire owned land and is in good condition with minor defects only.
- Ovals - The ovals at Centennial Park and Stephens Park require maintenance. Given there is an oversupply of ovals in the Shire there is no need for additional ovals in the precinct.
- Play Spaces - There are eight play spaces across the Bowral precinct which need to be addressed in line with the playground strategy.
- Pump Track - Potential to include a pump track facility given there are no pump tracks provided for across the Shire and the Bowral precinct is one of the largest populations and is forecast to grow. Ideally the pump track would be located in conjunction with the skate park at Loseby Park.
- Rectangular Pitches - The rectangular pitches at David Wood Playing fields and Loseby Park require maintenance. Given the oversupply of rectangular pitches in the Shire there is no need for additional rectangular pitches in the precinct.
- Skate Park - The Loseby Park Skate Park has poor functionality and requires renewal. Given there is a gap of regional, district and local skate facilities providing an upgraded skate park at least at a district level in Bowral will be required.
- Sports Field Amenities - There are two changerooms one each at David Woods Playing Fields and Stephens Park, with only minor defects, and one storage shed at Bradman Oval which requires maintenance.
- Sports Lighting - The sports lighting at Loseby Park and Stephens Park requires maintenance.
- Swimming Pools - All the swimming pool facilities at the Bowral Swimming Pool are in poor condition and require renewal. There was strong community support to improve accessibility at Bowral Swimming Pool through increased opening times, longer seasons and physical accessibility. The future provision of the Bowral Swimming Pool needs to be determined through the regional aquatic facility business case.
- Tennis Courts - Bowral has a district level tennis facility at Loseby Park featuring ten courts (8 senior courts and 2 mini courts) some courts are requiring maintenance. Also, with the population growth and the gap in tennis courts projected there is an opportunity to potentially expand the number of courts at this site which had community support and would assist in attracting tournaments to the site.
- School Facilities - There is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are located in the precinct for greater community use.

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Action Plan – Bowral (C)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
CC1	Art and Culture Centre	Retain the current provision of art and culture centres and continue to support the Ngununggula Regional Gallery.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
CC2	Childcare Centre	Support the development of additional childcare facilities within the Bowral Precinct which should be provided for by the private sector and others (i.e., State Government, not-for-profit sector) in line with demand.	Ongoing	WSC, Private sector, State Government and Not-for-profit sector	Low
CC3	Church Hall	Work collaboratively with the two churches within Bowral to utilise their hall space for community use.	Ongoing	WSC, Local Churches	Low
CC4	Community Hall	Retain the current provision of community halls within the Bowral Precinct with the Bowral Memorial Hall being the key community hall facility in the precinct.	Ongoing	WSC, Girl Guides	Low
CC5	Community Service Centre	Plan for the provision of an integrated regional community hub facility within the Bowral precinct. Potential elements include a community service centre and a library. This could involve repurposing a number of existing single purpose ageing community facilities such as community halls, community service centres, library, and senior citizen centres.	Medium	WSC	High
CC6	Library	The Bowral Library is undersize and needs to be expanded to cater for the existing demand as well as the future growth. There is an opportunity to integrate the Bowral Library into the proposed community hub facility (refer action CC5 above).	Medium	WSC	High
CC7	Senior Citizen Centre	The Shire has an overprovision of Senior Citizens Centres and there is an opportunity to integrate the Bowral Senior Citizens Hall into the proposed community hub facility (refer action CC5 above).	Medium	WSC	High
CC8	Youth Centre	Retain and maintain the current youth centre facility at Loseby Park.	Ongoing	WSC	Low

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Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
CR1	Basketball Half Court	Upgrade the basketball half court at Loseby Park.	Short	WSC	Medium
CR2	Bowling Green	Retain and maintain the current provision of bowling greens at the Bowral Bowling Club.	Ongoing	WSC, Bowral Bowling Club	Low
CR3	Clubroom	Upgrade the two clubrooms at Loseby Park.	Short	WSC, Clubs & Associations	Medium
CR4	Golf Course	Retain the Gilbraltar Golf Course with the ongoing management and operations to continue to be provided for by the golf and country club.	Ongoing	Gibraltar Golf and Country Club	Low
CR5	Grandstand	Maintain current grandstand provision at Bradman Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
CR6	Oval	Improve the maintenance of the ovals at Centennial Park and Stephens Park.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
CR7	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Alice Park (maintain at current level) • David Woods Playing Field (maintain at current level. Review options for better location or use of space) • Isabella Park (maintain at current level) • Robinia Park (remove at end of life) • Centennial Park (develop as part of overall entrance area redevelopment) • Glebe Park (maintain at current level) • Loseby Park (remove at end of life) • Stephens Park (maintain at current level)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
CR8	Play Space	As part of the business case for the development of a destination playground, consider a location in Bowral for the potential provision of a “destination” playground.	Short	WSC	High
CR9	Pump Track	Potential to include a pump track facility, developed in conjunction with the skate park upgrade at Loseby Park (refer action CR12).	Short	WSC	Medium

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
CR10	Racecourse (Horse)	Retain the Bong Bong Racecourse with the ongoing management and operations to continue to be provided for by the racing club.	Ongoing	Racing Club	Low
CR11	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Improve the maintenance of the rectangular pitches at David Wood Playing fields and Loseby Park.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
CR12	Skate Parks	Upgrade the skate park at Loseby Park.	Short	WSC	Medium
CR13	Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Upgrade the two changerooms at David Woods Playing Fields and Stephens Park and the storage shed at Bradman Oval.	Short	WSC, Clubs and Associations	Medium
CR14	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	The sports lighting at Loseby Park and Stephens Park requires assessing to ensure they meet at least training level standard in line with the Australian standards for sports lighting.	Short	WSC, Loseby Park & Stephens Park Clubs & Associations	Low
CR15	Swimming Pool	Investigate the feasibility, through the regional aquatic centre business case, of providing a regional aquatic facility within Bowral.	Immediate	WSC	High
CR16	Tennis Court	Upgrade existing tennis courts and plan for additional tennis courts at Loseby Park. It is recommended that at a minimum four additional courts are provided to meet demand and enable larger tournaments to be held at the site and offset the loss of tennis courts at Boronia Park.	Medium	WSC, Bowral Tennis Club	Medium
CR17	School Facilities	Potential to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as sports courts, rectangular pitches, and ovals.	Ongoing	WSC, schools	Low

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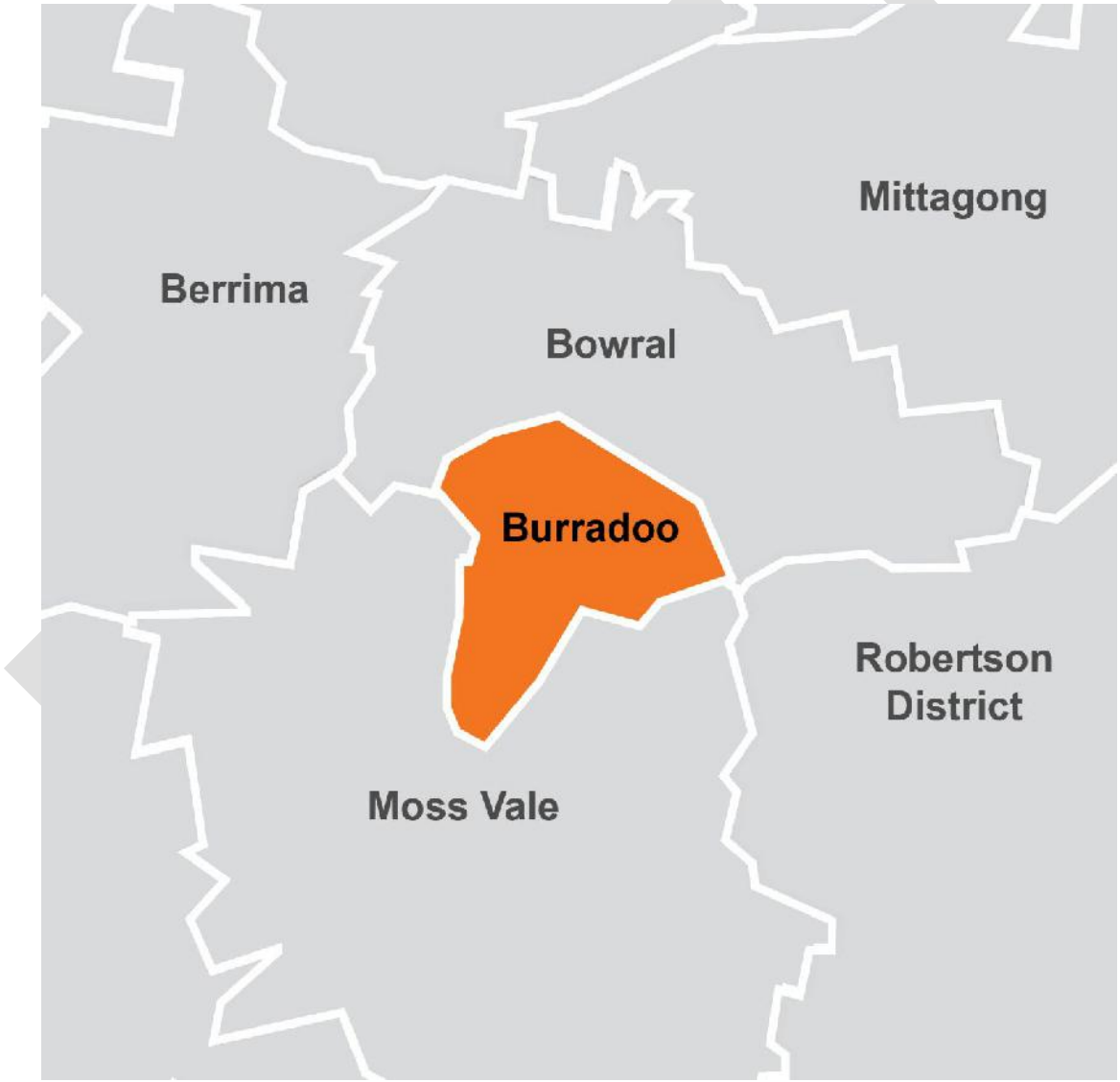
Burradoo Precinct (A)

Overview

Burradoo is bounded by the locality of Bowral, Links Road, Burradoo Road and Old South Road in the north, Wiseman Road, and the locality of Bowral in the east, the Wingecarribee River in the south, and Mittagong Creek in the west.

Burradoo is home to one of the largest sporting precincts in the Shire at Eridge Park, which provides facilities for rugby union, athletics, cricket, cycling, netball, and touch football. The precinct is also home to some of the largest private schools in the area, providing a range of facilities for student use and some limited community use. The precinct also features a walking / cycling network along Wingecarribee River, Bong Bong Common heritage site and Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve.



Community Facilities

There are no Shire owned community facilities located in this precinct. Both Chevalier and Oxley College have arts and cultural facilities.

Recreational Facilities

Burradoo has 76 recreational facilities both public and privately owned. Recreational facility provision centres around the recreational precinct at Eridge Park.

Recreational Facilities	
Athletics Facilities	There are several athletics facilities located at Eridge Park, these include long jump pits, a shotput sector, and a throwing cage. The oval at Eridge Park is also used for Little Athletics running events. These facilities have a low usage rate and require maintenance.
Clubrooms	There are two clubrooms at Eridge Park for both the rugby union club and netball club. The rugby union clubrooms are in very good condition and have a medium usage level. The netball clubrooms are in poor condition and require renewal.
Hockey Pitch	The only hockey pitch within the precinct is at Oxley College and is natural turf, it is privately owned and used for school sports.
Multi-Purpose Courts (Indoor)	There are two multi-purpose indoor courts at Chevalier College, these are privately owned and used primarily for school sports.
Netball Court (Outdoor)	There are six netball courts at Eridge Park, making it the largest netball facility in the Shire. They are in very good condition with a high usage level. There are also two netball courts at Oxley College and three at Chevalier College.
Oval	There are two ovals at Eridge Park, which both require maintenance and have a medium usage level for activities such as cricket and athletics. There is also one oval at Chevalier College.
Pony Clubs	The Berrima Pony Club is in the Burradoo precinct, it consists of multiple grounds used for equestrian events and a clubroom building and is located on Crown Land. It is the largest pony club in the Shire, with only minor defects and a low usage level.
Rectangular Pitches	There are eleven rectangular pitches in the Burradoo precinct. Two at Eridge Park used for rugby union which are in very good condition and receive a high level of usage and the remaining pitches are located at the two private schools.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	There are 29 light towers in total at Eridge Park. The majority of these are used for the netball courts, the velodrome, and the rectangular pitches, they are generally in good condition with minor defects only.
Tennis Courts	There are five school owned and operated tennis courts, located at both Chevalier College and Oxley College.
Velodrome	Eridge Park is home to the only velodrome in the Shire. It requires maintenance and has a low usage rate.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Play spaces.	Apex Park is the only play space in the precinct.
Schools	There are two large private schools in the Burradoo Precinct, Oxley College, and Chevalier College. Both have a wide range of facilities including art and culture centres, athletic facilities, sports courts and playing fields. These facilities are privately owned and operated by the schools and are primarily used for education and school sports.

Regional and State Facilities

Eridge Park Sporting Complex contains the only regional level facility in the precinct for netball, rugby union, athletics, and cycling.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The current population for Burradoo is 2,951 and is forecast to grow to 4,655 by 2041 an increase of 1,704 people. The number of dwellings in Burradoo is forecast to grow from 1,179 in 2016 to 1,969 in 2041 an increase of 790, with the average household size falling from 2.47 to 2.42 by 2041.

Most of this growth will occur in Bowral (South) which is the second largest proposed development area within the Shire, with 1,100 anticipated dwellings, noting a portion of this development area falls within the Bowral precinct, however the majority of the new development area is within the Burradoo precinct.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- Strong population growth is forecast for this precinct with an increase of 58% from 2022 to 2041 this will likely require additional community and recreational facilities in the precinct.
- The precinct has an ageing profile with an average age of 59, however this is forecast to decrease with the new developments occurring and younger people and families moving into the precinct. Facility provision will need to cater for a variety of age groups within the community.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a high capacity to pay for facilities and services, they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.
- 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: improved functionality of existing facilities, provide for multi-use, additional capacity and need to be highly accessible.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks in the Shire and requests for a local pump track to be developed.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- During the consultation there was a desire to upgrade the running track at Eridge Park to an all-weather track with lighting.
- The netball clubrooms at Eridge Park are in poor condition and require renewal and the redevelopment of this facility received strong community support.
- There was a desire through the community consultation to improve spectator facilities at Eridge Park e.g., additional shelter and grandstand.
- There is a need to provide community and recreational facilities within the new development area within the precinct at Bowral South, ideas included an equestrian centre, pathways for cycling and walking and sports grounds and associated facilities.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Childcare Centre	A gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). The Shire has a role to play in facilitating the provision of childcare centres but not necessarily the direct provision of such facilities.
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Athletics Facility	Regional Level (synthetic track): Not identified as a gap as population is well below required level of 250,000. Sufficient provision of district Athletics facility identified.
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Bowling Facilities	Identified gap of 1 bowling facility currently and 2 at 65,000 and 70,000. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case.
Grandstand	Maintain current provision at Bradman Oval and consider grandstand provision at regional or higher-level precincts i.e., Eridge Park, Welby Heights subject to need and demand being justified.
Gymnastics Facility	Currently provided at Moss Vale Showgrounds and PCYC Southern Highlands. Consider provision of purpose-built gymnastics facility in any proposed regional sports centre if demand is justified and proven through a business case.
Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)	The Shire meets the population trigger for a 4+ Multi-purpose Court Indoor Facility. Level of provision to be determined through a business case. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose courts to provide local access.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Netball Court (outdoor)	Adequate provision currently. Gap of 1 at 60,000 and 65,000 and 2 courts at 70,000. Could also be catered for in the future through additional indoor court provision.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000. Future provision could include recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Swimming Pool	Specific provision to be guided by the aquatic facility business case.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.
Velodrome	Current provision at Eridge Park is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging active lifestyles • New development areas • Aquatic facilities • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising usage and attracting Events • Resilient and flexible-use facilities • Effective communication • Inclusivity • Capacity building and community empowerment • Regional-level facilities • Strategic provision of park-based recreational facilities • Enhanced provision of youth activity spaces • Development of indoor multi-sport facility • Development of a regional aquatic centre • Provision of a destination play space. • Development of a regional sporting hub • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- There are no Shire owned community facilities located in this precinct and with the forecast development and growth in the precinct there will likely need to be additional community facilities provided. These include a new childcare centre and community service centre which should be one integrated community hub facility rather than stand-alone facilities.
- Childcare Centre – Across the Shire there is a gap of 4 Child Care Centres has been identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Given the population growth forecast for Burradoo, with an increase of 1,704 people by 2041, there is an opportunity to provide one additional childcare centre within the precinct.
- Community Hall – Across the Shire there is a current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. As such there is no need to provide any additional community halls within the precinct.
- Community Service Centre – A gap of 1 district Community Service Centre identified by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility.

Recreational Facilities

- Athletics Facilities - There are a number of athletics facilities located at Eridge Park, these include the grass track, long jump pits, a shotput sector, and a throwing cage. During the consultation there was a desire to upgrade these facilities and to provide an all-weather running track with lighting, however the Shire does not have a sufficient population base to support a facility of this scale (the guidelines recommend such a facility would be provided for populations of 250,000+ residents).
- Basketball half courts – There are no basketball half courts within the precinct and given the under provision of these facilities across the Shire (Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000) and the strong population growth forecast for the precinct there is an opportunity to provide a basketball half court in this precinct within the new development area (Bowral South).
- Clubrooms - There are two clubrooms at Eridge Park for both the rugby club and the netball club. The rugby union clubrooms have recently been redeveloped and are in very good condition. The netball clubrooms are in poor condition and require renewal and this received strong community support.
- Grandstand - There was a desire through the community consultation to improve spectator facilities at Eridge Park such as additional shelter and a grandstand.
- Multi-Purpose Courts (Indoor) - There are two multi-purpose indoor courts at Chevalier College, these are privately owned and used primarily for school sports. Given the population growth forecast for the precinct there is potential to investigate developing an indoor sport/recreation centre in this precinct, potentially in conjunction with one of the private schools.

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- Netball Court (outdoor) - The six netball courts at Eridge Park which have recently been upgraded and are in very good condition and do not require any further work at this stage just ongoing maintenance. There is adequate provision across the Shire currently. There will be a gap of 1 court at 60,000 and 65,000 and 2 courts at 70,000. Given the Eridge Park site is the major netball facility in the Shire two new outdoor netball courts could be provided for at Eridge Park if the need and demand is justified in the future.
- Ovals - There are two ovals used for the athletics and cricket at Eridge Park, which both require improved maintenance. There is a current oversupply of ovals across the Shire so the development of new ovals will not be required in the precinct.
- Play space - Apex Park is the location of the only play space in the precinct.
- Pony Club - The Berrima Pony Club is in the Burradoo precinct and is located on Crown Land. It is the largest pony club in the Shire, with only minor defects.
- Pump Track – there are no pump track facilities in the precinct and given the under provision of these facilities across the Shire (gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000) and the strong population growth forecast for the precinct, there is an opportunity to provide a pump track facility in this precinct ideally within the new development area (Bowral South).
- Rectangular Pitch - There are two Shire owned rectangular pitches at Eridge Park used for rugby union which are in very good condition. There is a current oversupply of rectangular pitches across the Shire so the development of new rectangular pitches will not be required in the precinct.
- Skate Park – there are no skate park facilities in the precinct and given the under provision of these facilities across the Shire at a regional, district and local level (refer Population Triggers Analysis above for further details) and the strong population growth forecast for the precinct there is an opportunity to provide a new skate park in this precinct within the new development area (Bowral South).
- Sports Lighting - There are 29 light towers in total at Eridge Park and they are generally in good condition with minor defects only.
- Swimming Pool - Eridge Park was suggested as a possible destination for a future regional aquatic facility although this has been investigated previously and deemed to not be a suitable site.
- Tennis Courts - The only tennis courts in the precinct are located at the two schools. There is a gap in tennis court provision Shire wide at a regional, district and local level (refer Population Triggers Analysis above for further details) and given the growth projected in the precinct consideration should be given to providing additional tennis courts.
- Velodrome - Eridge Park is home to the only velodrome in the Shire. It requires maintenance and has a low usage rate. There is an opportunity to promote additional use of this facility.
- School facilities - There is an opportunity to access the school-based facilities at Oxley and Chevalier Colleges that are in the precinct.

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Action Plan – Burradoo Precinct (A)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
AC1	Childcare Centre	Plan for the provision of a new childcare centre which could be included in one integrated community hub facility within the new development area (Bowral South).	Short	WSC, developers	High

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
AR1	Athletics Facility	Improve the maintenance levels of the athletics facilities located at Eridge Park, these include the grass track, long jump pits, a shotput sector, and a throwing cage.	Short	WSC, Athletics Club	Low
AR2	Basketball Half Courts	Plan for an additional half-court basketball court which could be incorporated into the proposed tennis courts facility (refer Action AR14), pump track and skate facility in the precinct within the new development area (Bowral South).	Short	WSC, developers	Medium
AR3	Clubroom	Upgrade the netball clubrooms at Eridge Park.	Short	WSC, Bowral Netball Club	Medium
AR4	Grandstand	Improve spectator facilities at Eridge Park including an additional shelter and potentially a small grandstand.	Medium	WSC, Eridge Park Clubs and Associations	Medium
AR5	Multi-Purpose Court (Indoor)	Potential precinct to provide a new indoor sport/recreation facility within the Shire, consider within the business case for a regional sports hub facility.	Immediate	WSC, local schools	Low
AR6	Netball Court (Outdoor)	Provide two additional netball courts within the precinct at Eridge Park (subject to need and demand being justified).	Medium	WSC, Bowral Netball Club	Low
AR7	Oval	Improve the maintenance of the ovals at Eridge Park.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
AR8	Play Space	Maintain play space at Apex Park at current level in line with the play space strategy.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
AR9	Play Space	Potential precinct to provide a new destination playground within the Shire within the Bowral South development, consider within the business case for a destination playground.	Immediate	WSC, developers	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
AR10	Pony Club	Continue to support the ongoing maintenance of the Berrima Pony Club facilities to ensure it remains as a high standard facility.	Ongoing	WSC, Berrima Pony Club	Low
AR11	Pump Track	Provide a pump track facility in this precinct within the new development area (Bowral South) and consider co-location with the proposed basketball half court facilities, skate park and tennis courts.	Medium	WSC, developers	Low
AR12	Skate Park	Provide a new skate park in this precinct within the new development area (Bowral South) and consider co-location with the basketball half court facilities, pump track and tennis courts.	Medium	WSC, developers	Medium
AR13	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	The sports lighting at Eridge Park requires assessing to ensure they meet at least training level standard in line with the Australian standards for sports lighting.	Short	WSC, Eridge Park Clubs and Associations	Low
AR14	Tennis Court	Plan for additional community tennis courts in the precinct within the new development area (Bowral South) and consider co-location with the basketball half court facilities, pump track and tennis skate park.	Medium	WSC, developers	Medium
AR15	Velodrome	Promote additional use of this facility.	Ongoing	WSC, Southern Highlands Cycling Club	Low
AR16	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the arts and cultural centres, sports courts, rectangular pitches, and ovals.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Moss Vale Precinct (G)

Overview

Moss Vale is bounded by the Wingecarribee River in the north, Kelly's Creek, and the localities of Glenquarry and Avoca in the east, the localities of Fitzroy Falls, Manchester Square and Werai in the south, and the localities of Sutton Forest, New Berrima, and Berrima in the west.

With eighty-eight facilities Moss Vale has the third most facilities in the Shire, with recent developments providing the precinct with new facilities such as a library and an arts and culture facility. It is also home to a number of non-councils owned facilities such as the Moss Vale & District Basketball Association Stadium and the Moss Vale Showgrounds, childcare centres, private gyms, and schools.

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.

Community Facilities

There are fifteen community facilities in the Moss Vale precinct.

Community Facilities	
Art and Culture Centres	The Civic Centre Theatrette is a small performing arts space, which has recently been renovated and is in very good condition.
Childcare Centres	There are six childcare centres in Moss Vale. Two of these are owned by the Shire and require maintenance the other four are privately owned and operated.
Community Halls	There are two community halls in Moss Vale, Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall, and Moss Vale Scouts Hall, both are owned by the Shire and require maintenance and adjoin each other.
Community Service Centres	There are three community service centres, the Moss Vale Queen Street Centre and the Moss Vale Senior Citizens & Community Centre which are owned by the Shire. The Early Childhood Clinic CWA Rooms, which is privately owned. Both the Queen Street Centre and the CWA Rooms have poor functionality and require renewal. They are located in close proximity to the Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall and Moss Vale Scouts Hall with the opportunity to consolidate these facilities into a new community hub.
Community Sheds	There are two community sheds, the Rotary Shed and the Men's Shed which are both located at Moss Vale Showgrounds, these are both privately owned.
Libraries	The Moss Vale Library was part of the recent Council administration building redevelopment and is in very good condition however despite the redevelopment it is currently below the recommended size to service the catchment.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There is one Rural Fire Service Shed in the precinct. The shed is also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives.
Senior Citizen Centres	Moss Vale Senior Citizens and Community Centre is the only senior citizen centre in the precinct, it has a medium usage level and is in very good condition.

Recreational Facilities

There are seventy-three private and public recreational facilities in the Moss Vale precinct.

Recreational Facilities	
Clubrooms	There are four clubrooms in Moss Vale located at Church Rd Playing Fields, Community Oval (Bevan Badgery Park), Lackey Park and Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club). All of these have a medium usage level and require maintenance, except for the clubroom at the Church Road Playing Fields which are currently being redeveloped.
Golf Course	There is one golf course in the precinct, the Moss Vale Golf Course which is privately owned.
Gym/Health Club	There are two privately owned and operated gyms/health clubs in Moss Vale and one Shire owned facility located at the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre.
Gymnastics Facility	There is one gymnastics facility at the Moss Vale Showgrounds which is privately owned, the facility requires renewal and is currently being renovated.

Recreational Facilities	
Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor)	There are five outdoor courts, and all are located in local schools across the precinct. There are also two indoor courts owned by the Moss Vale & District Basketball Association.
Oval	There are three ovals at Lackey Park, used for cricket. They have a medium usage level and require maintenance.
Rectangular Pitches	There are eleven rectangular pitches in Moss Vale, seven rectangular pitches are located at the Shire sports grounds around the precinct and four are in local schools. The six located at the Church Road Playing Fields require maintenance and the one at Community Oval only has minor defects.
Skate Parks	There is one skate park at Community Oval and is owned by the Shire, it has poor functionality and requires renewal.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	There is one changeroom located at the Church Road Playing Fields, used by the soccer club and is in very good condition with a medium usage level.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	There are 17 light towers in total at Moss Vale facilities. These are located at Church Road Playing Fields, Community Oval, and Lackey Park. They are generally in good condition with minor defects only and a medium usage level. An assessment of sports lighting against the Australian Standards should be undertaken to determine compliance for the various sports undertaken at these sites.
Swimming Pools	There is one indoor aquatic facility in Moss Vale and the Shire, the Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre. This facility is a contemporary facility that provides a range of aquatic and leisure services to the community. The facility is well utilised and is currently nearing capacity. It will continue to operate as a key aquatic facility within the Shire in the future and any new facility proposed will need to compliment and not duplicate the services it offers; this will be defined further as part of the business case to be developed for the provision of a regional aquatic facility within the Shire.
Tennis Courts	There are five tennis courts, all are located at Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club) and Shire owned. They have a high usage level and have minor defects only.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Play spaces.	There are 12 play spaces in Moss Vale.
Schools	There are four schools in the precinct. Please refer above under each relevant facility type for further information on the school facilities.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional or state facilities located in this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population forecast for Moss Vale is 9,500 and is forecast to grow to 13,292 by 2041 an increase of 3,792 people or 39.9%.

The number of dwellings in Moss Vale is forecast to grow from 3,738 in 2016 to 5,771 in 2041, an increase of 2,033 with the average household size remaining stable from 2.40 to 2.38 by 2041.

There are two new development areas proposed for the Moss Vale precinct they are Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area which is the largest proposed development within the Shire with 1,300 anticipated dwellings. The second is the Moss Vale (West) development area which is a smaller proposed development within the Shire with 100 anticipated dwellings.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- Strong population growth is forecast for this precinct with an increase of nearly 40% from 2022 to 2041 this will likely require the additional provision of community and recreational facilities in the precinct.
- The precinct has a median age of 43, making it a precinct that has both older and younger age cohorts and requires a mix of facilities for all age groups.
- The precinct has a slightly higher level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a lower capacity to pay for facilities and services.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.
- 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: improved functionality of existing facilities, provide for multi-use, additional capacity and need to be highly accessible.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks and introduce pump tracks in the Shire.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- There was strong community support for the redevelopment and/or expansion of the basketball stadium in Moss Vale including expanding the functionality to cater for sports other than basketball, such as netball, indoor soccer, indoor hockey, volleyball, and martial arts.
- It was also suggested that any new indoor sports/recreation centre development consider emerging and adventure-based sports such as rock climbing and trampolining.
- There was a community desire for expanded opening hours at Moss Vale Aquatic Centre including 24-hour gym access.
- Moss Vale Aquatic Centre is very busy and is nearing capacity at some times of the day.
- The clubrooms at Community Oval require upgrading.
- The Moss Vale and District Basketball Association is advocating for the development of the Southern Highlands Indoor Sports Hub (SHISH)

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Art and Culture Centre	Region currently exceeds recommended provision for current and predicted population.
Childcare Centre	A gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). The Shire has a role to play in facilitating the provision of childcare centres but not necessarily the direct provision of such facilities.
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Shed	Adequate provision currently. No additional demand identified.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Library	Adequate supply of library provision up until 70,000. Noting that the State Library of NSW report identified a significant shortfall of library floor space within the Shire.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.
Senior Citizen Centre	Oversupply of one facility up until 70,000. Noting the Shire has a high median age and age profile.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Golf Course	Provision dictated by market demand and commercial success.
Gymnastics Facility	Currently provided at Moss Vale Showgrounds and PCYC Southern Highlands Consider provision of purpose-built gymnastics facility in any proposed regional sports centre if demand is justified and proven through a business case.
Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)	Meets population trigger for a 4+ Multi-purpose Court Indoor Facility. Level of provision to be determined through a business case. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose courts to provide local access.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000. Future provision could include recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Swimming Pool	Specific provision to be guided by the aquatic facility business case.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Aquatic Facilities • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Regional-level Facilities • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Development of Indoor Multi-Sport Facility • Development of a regional aquatic centre • Provision of a destination play space. • Development of a regional sporting hub • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- Art and Culture Centres - The Civic Centre Theatrette is a small performing arts space, which has recently been renovated and is in very good condition. The Shire and precinct have an adequate provision of art and culture centres.
- Childcare Centres - There are six childcare centres in Moss Vale. Two of these are owned by the Shire and require maintenance the other four are privately owned and operated. A shire wide gap of 4 Child Care Centres has been identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Given that the Moss Vale Precinct is forecast to grow significantly additional childcare facilities will be required in the precinct. Many of these types of facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). Consideration should be given to providing any new childcare centre/s within the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area.
- Community Halls - There are two community halls in Moss Vale, the Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall, and Moss Vale Scouts Hall, both are owned by the Shire and require maintenance and adjoin each other. Given the close proximity of these two facilities along with the Moss Vale Pre School and the Early Childhood Clinic CWA Rooms, which is privately owned, there is the opportunity to consolidate these facilities into a new community hub facility.
- Community Service Centres - There are three community service centres, the Moss Vale Queen Street Centre and the Moss Vale Senior Citizens & Community Centre which are owned by the Shire. The Early Childhood Clinic CWA Rooms, which is privately owned, both the Queen Street Centre and the CWA Rooms have poor functionality and require renewal. They are in close proximity to the Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall and Moss Vale Scouts Hall with the opportunity to consolidate these facilities into a new community hub as recommended above under Community Halls.
- Community Sheds - There are two community sheds, the Rotary Shed and the Men's Shed which are both located at Moss Vale Showgrounds, these are both privately owned.
- Libraries - The Moss Vale Library was part of the recent council building redevelopment and is in very good condition however it is currently below the recommended size to service the catchment. There is limited capacity at the current site to expand however there could be potential to integrate this service into the proposed community hub.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - There is one Rural Fire Service Shed in the precinct. The shed is also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives.
- Senior Citizen Centres - Moss Vale Senior Citizens and Community Centre is the only senior citizen centre in the precinct, it has a medium usage level and is in very good condition. Given it is the only senior citizen centre in the precinct it should be retained and maintained at its current condition.

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Recreational Facilities

- Basketball Half Court - there are no basketball half courts in the precinct, there is a gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000 across the Shire. Given the relatively large population size of the precinct and forecast strong growth there is an opportunity to provide additional half court facilities. There is potential for this to occur at the Community Oval site where the skate park is located and also within the new development area, Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area, in conjunction with the proposed pump track and new skate park. In addition, given that there are existing outdoor courts provided for at the local schools they could also be adapted to cater for basketball.
- Clubrooms - There are four clubrooms in Moss Vale located at Church Rd Playing Fields, Community Oval (Bevan Badgery Park), Lackey Park and Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club). All of these have a medium usage level and require maintenance, except for the clubroom at the Church Road Playing Fields which are currently being redeveloped. There is a need to continue to maintain these facilities in the precinct.
- Fitness Equipment (outdoor) – there is currently no outdoor fitness equipment within the Moss Vale precinct. Given the strong population forecast and the trend for unstructured activity, consideration should be given to providing fitness equipment within the Moss Vale township and the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area.
- Golf Course - There is one golf course in the precinct, the Moss Vale Golf Course which is privately owned.
- Gym/Health Club - There are two privately owned and operated gyms/health clubs in Moss Vale and one Shire owned facility located at the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre. The Shire owned gym is currently being expanded to increase its capacity.
- Gymnastics Facility - There is one gymnastics facility at the Moss Vale Showgrounds which is privately owned, the facility requires renewal and is currently being renovated. Consideration should be given to integrating gymnastics facilities in any proposed new indoor sport/recreation centre.
- Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor) - There are five outdoor courts all are in local schools across the precinct. There are also two indoor courts owned by the Moss Vale & District Basketball Association. There is strong community support for the provision of additional indoor courts and this needs to be determined through the regional indoor sports/recreation hub business case.
- Oval - There are three ovals at Lackey Park, used for cricket. They have a medium usage level and require maintenance. Given there is an oversupply of ovals in the Shire there is no need for additional ovals in the precinct.
- Pump Track – there are currently no formal pump tracks within the Shire and as there is a gap in provision it is recommended a pump track is incorporated into the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area in conjunction with a new local skate park facility to create a youth precinct (refer Skate Parks below).
- Rectangular Pitches - There are eleven rectangular pitches in Moss Vale, with four in local schools and the seven remaining rectangular pitches are located at the Shire sports grounds around the precinct. The six located at the Church Road Playing Fields require maintenance and the one at Community Oval only has minor defects. Given the oversupply of rectangular pitches in the Shire there is no need for additional rectangular pitches in the precinct.
- Play spaces - There are 12 play spaces in Moss Vale. Future provision and upgrades are to be guided by the Play space strategy.

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- Skate Parks - There is one skate park at Community Oval, and it is owned by the Shire, it has poor functionality and requires renewal. Given there is a gap of regional, district and local skate facilities across the Shire providing an upgraded skate park at least at a district level in Moss Vale will be required, particularly given the population growth predicted in the precinct. Consideration should also be given to providing a local skate park facility in the new development area which can be designed as a youth precinct.
- Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.) - There is one changeroom located at the Church Road Playing Fields, used by the soccer club and is in very good condition with a medium usage level.
- Sports Lighting (competition and training level) - There are 17 light towers in total at Moss Vale. These are located at Church Road Playing Fields, Community Oval and Lackey Park. They are generally in good condition with minor defects only and a medium usage level.
- Swimming Pools - There is one indoor aquatic facility in Moss Vale, the Moss Vale War Memorial Aquatic Centre.
- Tennis Courts - There are five tennis courts, all are located at Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club) and Shire owned. They have a high usage level and have minor defects only. Also, with the population growth and the gap in tennis courts projected across the Shire there is an opportunity to provide additional tennis courts within the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area.
- School facilities - There are four schools in the precinct. There is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are located in the precinct for greater community use.

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Action Plan - Moss Vale Precinct (G)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
GC1	Art and Culture Centre	Retain the current provision of the Civic Centre Theatrette as the key art and culture centre within the Moss Vale Precinct.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
GC2	Childcare Centre	Support the development of additional childcare facilities within the Moss Vale precinct which should be provided for by the private sector and others (i.e., State Government, not-for-profit sector) in line with demand. Consideration should be given to providing any new childcare centre/s within the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area.	Ongoing	WSC, Private sector, State Government and Not-for-profit sector	Low
GC3	Community Hall	There are two community halls in Moss Vale, both are owned by the Shire and require maintenance and adjoin each other. The Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall and Moss Vale Scouts Hall, along with the Moss Vale Pre School and the Early Childhood Clinic CWA Rooms (privately owned) are all adjoining facilities and there is the opportunity to consolidate these facilities into a new community hub facility given the age and condition of the facilities and their single purpose function.	Short	WSC, CWA, Scouts, and Guides	High
GC4	Community Service Centre	The Early Childhood Clinic CWA is located in close proximity to the Moss Vale Girl Guides Hall, Moss Vale Scouts Hall, and Moss Vale Pre School and along with the nearby Moss Vale Queen Street Centre there is an opportunity to consolidate these facilities into a new community hub as recommended above under Community Halls. A site selection assessment process will need to be undertaken to determine the best location to develop a new community hub.	Short	WSC, CWA, Scouts, and Guides	High
GC5	Community Shed	Support the ongoing provision of the Rotary Shed and the Men's Shed which are both located at Moss Vale Showgrounds.	Ongoing	WSC, Rotary Club, Men's Shed	Low
GC6	Library	Retain and maintain the Moss Vale library in its current location, noting there is limited capacity at the current site to expand however there could be potential to integrate this service into the proposed community hub (refer actions GC3 and GC4) should an expanded library in Moss Vale prove to be feasible.	Short	WSC	High
GC7	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
GC8	Senior Citizen Centre	Retain and maintain the Moss Vale Senior Citizens and Community Centre which is the only senior citizen centre in the precinct.	Ongoing	WSC	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
GR1	Basketball Half Court	Provide additional basketball half court facilities at the Community Oval site where the skate park is located and within the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area in conjunction with the proposed pump track and new skate park. In addition, given that there are existing outdoor courts provided for at the local schools they could also be adapted to cater for basketball.	Short	WSC, Developers, local schools	Low
GR2	Clubroom	Upgrade the three clubrooms at Community Oval (Bevan Badgery Park), Lackey Park and Corlette Park (Moss Vale Tennis Club). Retain and maintain the Church Road Playing Fields clubrooms which are currently being redeveloped.	Medium	WSC, Clubs & Associations	Medium
GR3	Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Consider provision of outdoor fitness equipment within the Moss Vale township at a prominent site such as Community Oval or Lackey Park and in the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area.	Short	WSC, Developers	Low
GR4	Golf Course	Support retaining the current private provision within the precinct.	Ongoing	WSC, Moss Vale Golf Club	Low
GR5	Gym/Health Club	Support retaining the two privately owned and operated gyms/health clubs in Moss Vale and retain and maintain the one Shire owned facility located at the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
GR6	Gymnastics Facility	Support the ongoing enhancement of the gymnastics facility which is located at the Moss Vale Showgrounds. Consideration should be given to integrating gymnastics facilities in any proposed new indoor sport/recreation hub.	Ongoing	WSC	Medium
GR7	Multi-Purpose Court (Outdoor)	facilitate additional use of the outdoor courts provided for within the local schools within the precinct.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
GR8	Multi-Purpose Court (Indoor)	Investigate the feasibility of providing additional indoor courts and this needs to be determined through the development of the regional sporting hub business case.	Short	WSC, PCYC, local schools	High
GR9	Oval	Retain and maintain the ovals at Lackey Park. Work collaboratively with the local schools to maximise community access to school ovals.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
GR10	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Acacia Park (Maintain at current level. Consider play value at renewal) • Argyle Street Playground (remove at end of life) • Broulee Park (Maintain at current level. Consider play value at renewal) • Church Road Oval (maintain at current level) • Coromandel Place Park (remove at end of life) • Goode Park (remove at end of life) • Henderson Park (remove at end of life) • Lackey Park (maintain at current level) • Monterey Park (remove at end of life) • Ritchie Park (maintain at current level) • Seymour Park (development with additional play items, and associated facilities) • Thwaites Park (remove at end of life)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
GR11	Pump Track	Develop a pump track into the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area in conjunction with a new local skate park facility to create a youth precinct (also refer action GR13).	Short	WSC	Medium
GR12	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Retain and improve the maintenance of the rectangular pitches at Church Road Playing Fields. Retain and maintain the rectangular pitch at Community Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
GR13	Skate Parks	Upgrade the skate park to a district level facility at Community Oval. Develop a local skate park facility in the new development area which can be designed as a youth precinct (also refer action GR11).	Short	WSC	Medium
GR14	Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Retain and maintain the changerooms at Church Road Playing Fields.	Ongoing	WSC	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
GR15	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	The sports lighting at Church Road Playing Fields, Community Oval and Lackey Park requires assessing to ensure they meet at least training level standard in line with the Australian standards for sports lighting.	Short	WSC, Sports Clubs	Low
GR16	Swimming Pool	Retain and maintain the Moss Vale Aquatic Centre as a key aquatic facility for the Shire. Investigate the development of a regional aquatic facility as part of the business case development.	Ongoing/Short	WSC	Low/High
GR17	Tennis Court	Retain and maintain the existing tennis courts at Corlette Park. There is also an opportunity to provide additional tennis courts within the new development area of Ashbourne Estate Urban Release Area.	Ongoing/Medium	WSC, Moss Vale Tennis Club and developers	Low/Medium
GR18	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the arts and cultural centre, outdoor sports courts, and rectangular pitches.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Robertson Precinct (F)

Overview

Robertson District is bounded by the localities of Bowral and Mittagong, the Nepean River, the Burke River and Dudewaugh Creek in the north, Wollongong City and Shellharbour City in the east, the Kangaroo River, the Municipality of Kiama, Shoalhaven City and Yarrunga Creek in the south, and the localities of Meryla, Manchester Square and Moss Vale and Kelly's Creek in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Avoca, Burrawang, Fitzroy Falls, Glenquarry, Kangaloon and Robertson.

Robertson's landscape is made up of rural farmland on rich fertile soils, rolling hills and dales, Morton National Park and Fitzroy Falls and Robertson Nature Reserve.

Robertson has a total of 54 facilities, most of these are recreational facilities located in schools and sporting precincts such as Burrawang Oval and Hampden Park.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Avoca	18min – 18.9km	25min – 24.0km	13min – 14.9km
Burrawang	19min – 19.1km	26min – 24.1km	14min – 15.0km
Fitzroy Falls	22min – 23.0km	29min – 28.1km	16min – 17.5km
Glenquarry	11min – 9.3km	17min – 14.3km	13min – 15.7km
Kangaloon	18min – 15.9km	24min – 21.0km	20min – 22.3km
Robertson	23min – 25.3km	29min – 30.3km	17min – 21.3km

Community Facilities

There are eight community facilities in the Robertson Precinct, with only one council owned.

Community Facilities	
Church Halls	Robertson Anglican Church Hall is the only church hall in the precinct.
Community Halls	There are six community halls in Avoca, Glenquarry, Robertson, Burrawang, and Kangaloon, they are all privately owned and operated, except for the Robertson Community Centre.
Community Service Centres	Robertson Community Centre is the only community service centre in the precinct, it is currently closed and requires maintenance.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There is one RFS shed in the precinct in Burrawang.

Recreational Facilities

There are 46 recreational facilities in Robertson.

Recreational Facilities	
Basketball Half Court	The basketball half court in Hampden Park requires renewal and has poor functionality.
Clubrooms	There are two clubrooms in the precinct at Burrawang Oval and Hampden Park, both have low usage levels. The clubrooms at Burrawang Oval require maintenance and those at Hampden Park have minor defects only.
Oval	There is one oval at Hampden Park, it requires maintenance and has a low usage level.
Rectangular Pitches	There are six rectangular pitches in the Robertson district, four at Hampden Park, Robertson and two at Burrawang Oval and they are used for cricket and soccer. The four pitches at Robertson have minor defects only and a medium level of use and two pitches at Burrawang are in poor condition and require maintenance and have a low usage level.
Skate Parks	The skate park at Hampden Park currently shares the space with the basketball half court. It requires renewal and has poor functionality.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	There are 15 light towers in total at Robertson facilities. They are generally in good condition with minor defects only and a medium usage level.
Tennis Courts	There are ten tennis courts in the Robertson district. Three of these are in local schools, four at Hampden Park and three at Tourist Road Oval. They have low usage levels and require maintenance.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
MTB Trail Facilities	There is a designated mountain bike trail in the Robertson precinct from Fitzroy Falls to Kangaroo Valley located within Morton National Park.
Play spaces	There are four play spaces in the Robertson district two at Burrawang, one at Hampden Park and one at Fitzroy Falls.
Schools	There are five schools in the precinct which provide athletic facilities, rectangular pitches, outdoor multi-use courts and tennis courts. Please refer above under each relevant facility type for further information on the school facilities.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional or state facilities located in this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population forecast for Robertson District is 3,472 and is forecast to grow to 3,709 by 2041, an increase of 237 or 6.8%.

The number of dwellings in Robertson District is forecast to grow from 1,695 in 2016 to 1,965 in 2041, an increase of 270 with the average household size falling from 2.50 to 2.38 by 2041.

A small new development area is proposed for Robertson (North East) in the longer term with 150 anticipated dwellings.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- There is minimal population growth forecast for this precinct with an increase of just over 6.8% between now and 2041.
- The precinct has a median age of 44, making it a precinct that has both older and younger age cohorts and requires a mix of facilities for all age groups.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a higher capacity to pay for facilities and services and they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable delivery of a range of community and recreational services.
- Need for improved/expanded mountain bike trails and pump tracks.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks in the Shire.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Upgrade to skate park and general play space for the children/youth in Robertson.
- Interest in a swimming pool in Robertson
- Generally, more facilities are required in Robertson.
- A multipurpose space for classes in Robertson.
- Play space upgrades with more activities for the older kids.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.
Senior Citizen Centre	Oversupply of one facility up until 70,000. Noting the Shire has a high median age and age profile.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000. Future provision could include recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Regional-level Facilities • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- Art 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.
- Church Hall - Robertson Anglican Church Hall is the only church hall in the precinct and there is an opportunity to work with the church to increase community use of the hall.
- Community Halls - There are six community halls in Avoca, Glenquarry, Robertson, Burrawang, and Kangaloon, they are all privately owned and operated, except for the Robertson Community Centre which is earmarked for demolition. There is a current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. As such there is no need to provide additional community halls in this precinct.
- Community Service Centres - Robertson Community Centre is the only community service centre in the precinct, it is currently closed and earmarked for demolition. There is a Shire wide oversupply of 1 predicted at a population of 70,000.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - There is one RFS shed in the precinct in Burrawang. There is potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

- Basketball Half Court - The basketball half court in Hampden Park requires renewal and has poor functionality. With a shire wide gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. This facility will require renewal.
- Clubrooms - There are two clubrooms in the precinct at Burrawang Oval and Hampden Park, both have low usage levels. The clubrooms at Burrawang Oval require maintenance and those at Hampden Park have minor defects only. No additional requirements for clubroom facilities were identified.
- Oval - There is one oval at Hampden Park, it requires maintenance and has a low usage level. There is an oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000: 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Hampden Park should be maintained at its current level. No additional ovals are required in the precinct.
- Rectangular Pitches - There are six rectangular pitches in the Robertson district, four at Hamden Park, Robertson and two at Burrawang Oval and they are used for cricket and soccer. The four pitches at Robertson have minor defects only and a medium level of use and two pitches at Burrawang are in poor condition and require maintenance and have a low usage level. With a current oversupply of rectangular pitches Shire wide, it is recommended no additional rectangular pitches be developed in the precinct.
- Play spaces - There are four play spaces in the Robertson district with two at Burrawang, one at Hampden Park and one at Fitzroy Falls. Future provision and upgrades are to be guided by the Play space strategy.

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- Pump Track - There are no pump tracks in the precinct and with the gap in pump track provision across the Shire there is an opportunity to develop one at Robertson in the future in close proximity to the skate park at Hampden Park.
- Skate Parks - The skate park at Hampden Park currently shares the space with the basketball half court. It requires renewal and has poor functionality. A shire wide gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. There is potential for the redevelopment of Robertson skate park to become a district level facility.
- Sports Lighting (competition and training level) - There are 15 light towers in total at Robertson facilities. They are generally in good condition with minor defects only and a medium usage level. These should be maintained in reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
- Tennis Courts - There are four at Hampden Park and three at Tourist Road Oval. They have low usage levels and require maintenance. There is a shire wide oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Maintenance should be undertaken on current courts to improve functionality and usage.
- School Facilities - There are five schools in the precinct and there is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are in the precinct for greater community use.

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Action Plan - Robertson Precinct (F)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
FC1	Church Hall	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing church hall facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, Church	Low
FC2	Community Hall	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing community hall facilities.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
FC3	Community Hall	To improve the versatility of Robertson School of Arts Building and increase the ability of the facility to hold meetings upgrades need to be undertaken including the provision of air conditioning.	Short	WSC	Low
FC4	Community Service Centre	Given the oversupply of community halls and local community service centres, Roberston Community Centre is earmarked to be demolished.	Short	WSC	Medium
FC5	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
FR1	Basketball Half Court	Upgrade the basketball court at Hampden Park.	Medium	WSC	Medium
FR2	Clubroom	Improve maintenance of clubrooms at Burrawang Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
FR3	Hockey Pitches	Improve maintenance of Tourist Road Oval, Glenquarry.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
FR4	Oval	Improve maintenance of Burrawang Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
FR5	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Burrawang Oval (Maintain at current level.) • Hoddle Street Playground (Maintain at current level.) • Mimosa Gardens (Remove at end of life.) • Hampden Park (Maintain at current level.)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
FR6	Pump Track	Develop a pump track at Hampden Park in close proximity to the skate park.	Medium	WSC	Medium

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
FR7	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Retain and maintain the four rectangular pitches at Hamden Park, Robertson and upgrade the two rectangular pitches at Burrawang Oval.	Ongoing/Medium	WSC, Soccer Club	Low
FR8	Skate Parks	Upgrade Robertson skate park. With the potential to incorporate a pump track in the new facility.	Medium	WSC	Medium
FR9	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	The sports lighting across the precinct requires assessing to ensure they meet at least training level standard in line with the Australian standards for sports lighting.	Short	WSC	Medium
FR10	Tennis Court	Retain and maintain tennis courts at Hampden Park, Robertson, and Tourist Road Oval, Glenquarry.	Short	WSC	Low
FR11	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the athletics facilities, rectangular pitches, and tennis courts.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Bundanoon – Exeter Precinct (H)

Overview

Bundanoon - Exeter is bounded by the locality of Sutton Forest in the north, the locality of Werai and Stonequarry Creek in the east, Bundanoon Creek, and the locality of Wingello in the south, and the locality of Penrose, Teudts Road, Penrose Road, Paddy's River, Old Argyle Road, the locality of Penrose, Stingray Road, and the Hume Highway in the west.

The two main townships are Bundanoon and Exeter, both are historic villages with old world charm, featuring a popular cycling route to Morton National Park. They feature heritage buildings and include a range of well-established community and recreational facilities including the Bundanoon Oval and Exeter Oval precincts which house most facilities in the precinct. Bundanoon also has one of the four swimming pools in the Shire which includes a seasonal outdoor and toddler's pool.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Bundanoon	29min – 26.0km	33min – 37.5km	19min – 17.0km
Exeter	22min – 20.2km	25min – 30.8km	12min – 11.3km

Community Facilities

There are 7 community facilities within the Bundanoon- Exeter precinct, four are Council owned and three are privately owned.

Community Facilities	
Childcare Centres	The precinct is generally well provided for in terms of community facilities with 7 in total. There is a preschool at Bundanoon that services the precinct which is in good condition only requiring minor maintenance.
Community Halls	There are two community halls in the precinct at Bundanoon and Exeter both in good condition with a medium level of usage.
Community Sheds	Bundanoon has a Men's shed providing an area for men to recreate and socialise in the precinct which is in good condition.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	Bundanoon and Exeter both have an RFS Shed to provide fire services for the precinct. Both towns were impacted by the 2020 bushfires and as such the RFS Sheds are important community facilities.

Recreational Facilities

The Bundanoon-Exeter precinct has 51 recreational facilities both public and privately owned. Recreational provision centres around the two recreational precincts in each town with the Bundanoon Oval and the Exeter Oval, there is also the smaller precinct at Ferndale Reserve in Bundanoon.

Recreational Facilities	
Basketball Half Court	There is one basketball half court at the Bundanoon Oval which requires maintenance.
Bowling Green	There is a bowling green provided at the Bundanoon Oval which is in very good condition.
Clubrooms	There are also two clubroom facilities provided at the Bundanoon Oval the major clubrooms are in good condition and the smaller tennis clubrooms require maintenance. The clubrooms at the Exeter Oval are in poor condition and need renewal and the clubrooms at Ferndale Reserve in Bundanoon requires maintenance.
Croquet Courts	There are croquet courts at both Bundanoon Oval and Exeter Oval which has two croquet courts. The Bundanoon Croquet Courts required maintenance and the croquet courts at Exeter are in very good condition.
Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor)	There are two multi-purpose outdoor courts in the precinct one at the Bundanoon Primary School and one at the Exeter Primary School.
Oval	There is one oval at Bundanoon Oval which is in good condition and there is also an oval at Exeter Oval which is also in good condition both ovals only receive limited usage by sports such as soccer, cricket, and rugby league with further capacity for additional use.
Pony Club	There is one Pony Club at Bundanoon.

Recreational Facilities	
Pump Tracks	There are no pump tracks located within the precinct.
Rectangular Pitches	There are five rectangular pitches in the precinct, two rectangular pitches at Exeter Oval which are in good condition and have a medium level of use primarily by soccer. There is a rectangular pitch at Ferndale Reserve in Bundanoon which requires maintenance and only has a low level of use. There is also a rectangular pitch at both the Exeter and Bundanoon Primary Schools.
Skate Parks	There is a skate park at Bundanoon Oval which is relatively newly developed and is in very good condition and popular with young people in the area. This is one of five skate parks within the Shire.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Bundanoon Oval has changeroom facilities that are in poor condition and require renewal and only receive a low level of use.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	There are seven sports lights suitable for training purposes at Bundanoon Oval which requires maintenance. There are four sports lights at Exeter Oval which require maintenance and there are four sports lights at Ferndale Reserve that require maintenance.
Swimming Pools	There is a swimming pool at Bundanoon located at Bundanoon Oval. It has an outdoor 25m 4 lane pool and a toddler's pool which requires renewal. The patronage at the pool is very low.
Tennis Courts	There are three tennis courts at Bundanoon Oval which are in good condition and have a medium level of use, the supporting clubroom facilities require upgrading. There are two tennis courts at Exeter Oval which require maintenance and only have a low level of use.

Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Church Halls	There is a church hall at the Holy Trinity Church in Bundanoon.
Play spaces.	There are four play spaces in the precinct two at Bundanoon and two at Exeter.
Schools	There are two schools in the precinct one at Exeter and one at Bundanoon which provide rectangular pitches and outdoor courts. Please refer above under each relevant facility type for further information on the school facilities.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional or state facilities located or planned for this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

There are no new development areas proposed for this precinct. The population is forecast to grow from 3,903 people in 2022 to 4,535 in 2041 an increase of 632 people or 16.19%. Residential development forecasts assume the number of dwellings in Bundanoon – Exeter will increase by an average of 20 dwellings per annum to 2,385 in 2041.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- There is slight population growth forecast for this precinct with an increase of just over 16.19%.
- The precinct has a median age of 56, making it a precinct that has a primarily older age profile and need to focus on facility provision for older people.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a higher capacity to pay for facilities and services and they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.
- 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: improved functionality of existing facilities, provide for multi-use, additional capacity and need to be highly accessible.
- Need for improved/expanded mountain bike trails and pump tracks.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks in the Shire.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Concerns raised about the opening hours and seasonal nature of the Bundanoon Pool noting current patronage is very low.
- A desire raised by the community to upgrade the swimming pool to provide year-round access and there are upgrades required to meet current standards (refer swimming pool condition audit).
- Tennis clubrooms at Bundanoon Oval require an upgrade/maintenance and could potentially be integrated into the major clubroom facility on site.
- Clubrooms at Exeter Oval require renewal and consideration should be given to relocating closer to the rectangular pitches.
- Improve parking at Exeter Oval.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Childcare Centre	A gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). The Shire has a role to play in facilitating the provision of childcare centres but not necessarily the direct provision of such facilities.
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Bowling Facilities	Identified gap of 1 bowling facility currently and 2 at 65,000 and 70,000.
Croquet Court	No provision standard available. Provision should be based on demand.
Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Refer WSC Parks Strategy for guidance.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Pump Track	Gap of 6 pump tracks currently and 7 at 65,000 and 70,000. Future provision could include recreational BMX tracks.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.
Swimming Pool	Specific provision to be guided by the aquatic facility business case.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Aquatic Facilities • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Community Facilities

- Childcare Centres - There is a preschool at Bundanoon that services the precinct which is in good condition only requiring minor maintenance. Given the slight population growth, ageing population and relatively small population size within the precinct the provision of one childcare centre is adequate.
- Church Hall - There is a church hall at the Holy Trinity Church in Bundanoon and an opportunity to work with the church to increase community use of the hall.
- Community Halls - There are two community halls in the precinct at Bundanoon and Exeter both in good condition with a medium level of usage. Despite there being an oversupply of community halls throughout the Shire given the good condition of these facilities and the established nature of the two townships retaining the current two community halls is recommended.
- Community Sheds - Bundanoon has a Men's shed in the precinct which is in good condition and should be retained.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - Bundanoon and Exeter both have an RFS Shed to provide fire services for the precinct. Both towns were impacted by the 2020 bushfires and as such the RFS Sheds are important community facilities that need to be retained.

Recreational Facilities

- Basketball Half Courts - There is one basketball half court at the Bundanoon Oval which requires maintenance. Given there is a gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000 across the Shire retaining and maintaining the half court at Bundanoon is required.
- Bowling Facilities - There is a bowling facility provided at the Bundanoon Oval which is in very good condition and given there is a gap of one bowling facility within the Shire there is a need to retain this facility in Bundanoon.
- Clubrooms - There are also two clubroom facilities provided at the Bundanoon Oval the major clubrooms are in good condition and the smaller tennis clubrooms require maintenance. The clubrooms at the Exeter Oval are in poor condition and need renewal and the clubrooms at Ferndale Reserve in Bundanoon requires maintenance. There is not a requirement for any additional clubroom facilities within the precinct the focus should be on maintaining and upgrading the existing clubroom facilities.
- Croquet Courts - There are croquet courts at both Bundanoon Oval and Exeter Oval both which have two croquet courts. The Bundanoon Croquet Courts require maintenance and the croquet courts at Exeter where in very good condition. These are the only croquet courts provided for in the Shire and there is an adequate provision of croquet courts across the precinct and the Shire.
- Fitness Equipment (outdoor) – there is no outdoor fitness equipment provided in either Bundanoon or Exeter. Given the ageing population some low impact fitness equipment could be provided for at a prominent location such as Bundanoon Oval or Exeter Oval.

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- Oval - There is one oval at Bundanoon Oval which is in good condition and there is also an oval at Exeter Oval which is also in good condition both ovals only receive limited usage by sports such as soccer, cricket and rugby league and have further capacity for additional use. Given there is an oversupply of ovals in the Shire there is not a need for additional ovals within the precinct. The focus should be on increasing utilisation rates.
- Pony Club - There is one Pony Club at Bundanoon
- Pump Track - There are no pump tracks in the precinct and with the gap in pump track provision across the Shire there is an opportunity to develop one either at Bundanoon or Exeter in the future.
- Rectangular Pitch - There are five rectangular pitches in the precinct, two rectangular pitches at Exeter Oval which are in good condition and have a medium level of use primarily by soccer. There is a rectangular pitch at Ferndale Reserve in Bundanoon which requires maintenance and only has a low level of use. There is also a rectangular pitch at both the Exeter and Bundanoon Primary Schools. Given the oversupply of rectangular pitches throughout the Shire and the ageing profile and limited population growth predicted, there is an adequate provision of rectangular pitches in the precinct.
- Skate Park - There is a skate park at Bundanoon Oval which is relatively newly developed and is in very good condition and popular with young people in the area. Given the gap in skate parks identified in the Shire there is a need to retain and maintain this facility.
- Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.) - Bundanoon Oval has changeroom facilities that are in poor condition and require renewal and only receive a low level of use. Given there is low usage levels at the Bundanoon Oval there is not a high priority need to upgrade these amenities, but they should be retained, and the facility promoted for greater use and if this occurs then they should be maintained.
- Sports Lighting (competition and training level) - There are seven sports lights suitable for training purposes at Bundanoon Oval which requires maintenance. There are four sports lights at Exeter Oval which require maintenance and there are four sports lights at Ferndale Reserve that require maintenance. The sports lighting needs to be assessed against the Australian Standards for Sports Lighting to ensure they are suitable for at least a training level.
- Swimming Pool - There is a swimming pool at Bundanoon located at Bundanoon Oval. It has an outdoor 25m 4 lane pool and a toddler's pool which requires renewal. The patronage at the pool is very low. The pool requires upgrading in line with the condition audit conducted in 2019.
- Tennis Courts - There are three tennis courts at Bundanoon Oval which are in good condition and have a medium level of use, the supporting clubroom facilities require upgrading. There are two tennis courts at Exeter Oval which require maintenance and only have a low level of use. Given there is a gap of tennis courts across the Shire these facilities need to be retained and maintained.
- School Facilities - There are two schools in the precinct one at Exeter and one at Bundanoon and there is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are in the precinct for greater community use.

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Action Plan - Bundanoon – Exeter Precinct (H)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
HC1	Childcare Centre	Retain and maintain the preschool at Bundanoon that services the precinct which is in good condition only requires minor maintenance.	Ongoing	WSC, Bundanoon Preschool	Low
HC2	Church Hall	Work collaboratively with the Holy Trinity Church in Bundanoon to increase community use of the hall.	Ongoing	WSC, Holy Trinity Church	Low
HC3	Community Hall	Retain and maintain the community halls at Exeter and Bundanoon.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
HC4	Community Shed	Retain and maintain the Bundanoon Men's shed.	Ongoing	WSC, Men's Shed	Low
HC5	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
HR1	Basketball Half Court	Upgrade the basketball half court at Bundanoon Oval	Short	WSC	Low
HR2	Bowling Green	Retain and maintain the existing bowling green at Bundanoon.	Ongoing	WSC, Bundanoon Club	Low
HR3	Clubroom	Upgrade tennis clubrooms at Bundanoon Oval and potentially integrate into the major clubroom facility on site.	Medium	WSC, Bundanoon Tennis Club	Medium
HR4	Croquet Court	Retain the croquet courts at Bundanoon Oval and Exeter Oval. Improve the condition of the croquet courts at Bundanoon.	Ongoing	WSC, Bundanoon Croquet Club	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
HR5	Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Consider installing some low impact fitness equipment at a prominent location such as Bundanoon Oval or Exeter Oval.	Short	WSC	Low
HR6	Oval	Improve parking arrangements at Exeter Oval.	Short	WSC	Low
HR7	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Bundanoon Oval (maintain at current level) • Broughton Park, Bundanoon (remove current equipment at end of life). • Exeter Oval (Review options for better location at site and consider play value at renewal) • Jensen Park, Exeter (Remove at end of life)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
HR8	Pony Club	Support the retainment of the Bundanoon Pony Club.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
HR9	Pump Track	Investigate the opportunity to develop a pump track at either Bundanoon or Exeter in the future.	Short	WSC, young people	Low
HR10	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Retain and improve the maintenance of the rectangular pitches at Ferndale Reserve. Retain and maintain the rectangular pitches at Exeter Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
HR11	Skate Parks	Retain and maintain the Skate Park at Bundanoon.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
HR12	Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Upgrade changeroom facilities at Bundanoon Oval.	Medium	WSC	Low
HR13	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	The sports lighting at Bundanoon Oval, Exeter Oval and Ferndale Reserve requires assessing to ensure they meet at least training level standard in line with the Australian standards for sports lighting.	Short	WSC, Sports Clubs	Low
HR14	Swimming Pool	Refurbish the Bundanoon Pool to meet current legislative requirements and standards in line with the recent condition audit and consider operating as a “low patronage pool” in line with Royal Life Saving Guidelines for safe pool operations.	Short	WSC, RLSA	Medium

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
HR15	Tennis Court	Upgrade tennis courts at Exeter Oval.	Short	WSC, clubs and associations	Low
HR16	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the outdoor sports courts and rectangular pitches.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Wingello – South West District Precinct (I)

Overview

Wingello - South West District is bounded by the Wingecarribee River in the north, the locality of Joadja, the Wingecarribee River, the Medway Rivulet and the localities of Berrima, Moss Vale and Fitzroy Falls in the east, Shoalhaven City and the Goulburn Mulwaree Council area in the south, and the Wollondilly River and Upper Lachlan Shire in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Canyonleigh, Penrose, Sutton Forest, and Wingello.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Canyonleigh	30min – 32.0km	27min – 37.4km	20min – 23.0km
Penrose	35min – 35.5km	33min – 39.8km	26min – 25.5km
Sutton Forest	18min – 15.1km	20min – 25.7km	7min – 6.2km
Wingello	39min – 44.3km	37min – 48.6km	30min – 34.3km

Community Facilities

Community Facilities	
Community Halls	There are four community halls located in the precinct, the halls at Sutton Forest, Penrose, Canyonleigh and Wingello. The Sutton Forest and Penrose community halls have a low usage level and require maintenance. All community halls within the precinct are council owned/ managed.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There are two Rural Fire Service Sheds located in the precinct in Canyonleigh and Wingello. The sheds are also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives.

Recreational Facilities

Recreational Facilities	
Golf Course	There are two privately owned and operated golf courses in Sutton Forest and Penrose.
MTB Trail Facilities	There are a range of mountain bike trails located throughout the precinct within Morton National Park, Wingello State Forest, and Penrose State Forest.
Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor)	There is a multi-purpose outdoor court at Penrose Public School and also Wingello Public School.
Netball Court (Outdoor)	The precincts only netball court is at Penrose Park and is in poor condition and requires renewal.
Oval	Both Penrose Park and Bill O'Reilly Oval have one oval, both are in poor condition and require maintenance and have low usage levels. Penrose Park Oval is categorised as a park under the new plan of management and will no longer be functioning as an oval.
Rectangular Pitches	The only rectangular pitch is in Wingello Public School and is primarily used for school sports.
Shooting Facilities	The Bowral Pistol Club is the only shooting facility in the precinct, and it is privately owned.
Tennis Courts	There are two tennis courts at Bill O'Reilly Oval which are located on Crown land and two at Penrose Park which are Shire owned. The courts at Bill O'Reilly Oval have poor functionality and require renewal. The courts at Penrose Park have minor defects only.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Play spaces.	There are two play spaces in the precinct, located in Wingello and Penrose.
Schools	There are two schools in the precinct Penrose Primary School and Wingello Primary School which provide outdoor multi-purpose courts and Wingello Primary School has a rectangular pitch. Please refer above under each relevant facility type for further information on the school facilities.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional and state facilities in this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population for Wingello – South West District is 2,047 and is forecast to grow to 2,137 by 2041, an increase of 90 or 4.39%.

The number of dwellings in Wingello – South West District is forecast to grow from 977 in 2016 to 1,148 in 2041, an increase of 171 with the average household size falling from 2.48 to 2.37 by 2041.

There are no new development areas proposed for the Wingello – South West District precinct.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- There is minimal population growth forecast for this precinct with an increase of just over 4% between now and 2041.
- The precinct has a median age of 42, making it a precinct that has both older and younger age cohorts and requires a mix of facilities for all age groups.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a higher capacity to pay for facilities and services and they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Upgrade existing tennis courts adjacent Bill O'Reilly Oval which are currently not useable.
- Interest in trail running trails within Wingello Forest.
- Development of mountain bike trails (work at Wingello State Forest scheduled for 2023).

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Golf Course	Provision dictated by market demand and commercial success.
Netball Court (outdoor)	Adequate provision currently. Gap of 1 at 60,000 and 65,000 and 2 courts at 70,000. Could also be catered for in the future through additional indoor court provision.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Shooting Facilities	Current provision is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces. • Mountain bike trails (work at Wingello State Forest scheduled for 2023)

Analysis

Community Facilities

- Community Halls - There are four community halls located in the precinct and one new hall to be constructed in Penrose. The current halls are located in Sutton Forest, Penrose, Canyonleigh and Wingello. The Sutton Forest, Penrose and Canyonleigh community halls have a low usage level and require maintenance. With a current shire wide oversupply of community halls and the planned new community hall at Penrose, no additional community halls are required in the precinct. There is an opportunity to consolidate the existing halls once the new community hall at Penrose is constructed.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - There are two Rural Fire Service Sheds located in the precinct in Canyonleigh and Wingello. The sheds are also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives. There is potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

- Golf Course - There are two privately owned and operated golf courses in Sutton Forest and Penrose. Golf course provision dictated by market demand and commercial success; it is not recommended council provides any further golf courses within the precinct.
- Mountain Bike Trail Facilities – There is a mountain bike trails in Morton National Park, Wingello State Forest and Penrose State Forest that should be supported by the Shire for mountain biking on designated trails.
- Netball Court (Outdoor) - The precincts only netball court at Penrose Park is in poor condition and requires renewal. Given the existing tennis courts at Penrose Park are in good condition it is recommended that they be line-marked for netball also rather than developing a specific purpose court for netball.
- Ovals - Both Penrose Park and Bill O'Reilly Oval have one oval, both are in poor condition and require maintenance and have low usage levels and the oval at Penrose Park is being categorised as a park and will no longer function as an oval.

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There is a shire wide oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000: 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. As such maintenance should be undertaken on current facilities, but no additional facilities are required.

- Play spaces - There are two play spaces in the precinct, located in Wingello and Penrose. Future provision and upgrades are to be guided by the Play space strategy.
- Shooting Facilities - The Bowral Pistol Club is the only shooting facility in the precinct, and it is privately owned. Current provision is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.
- Tennis Courts - There are two tennis courts at Bill O'Reilly Oval and two at Penrose Park. The courts at Bill O'Reilly Oval, Wingello have poor functionality and require renewal. The courts at Penrose Park have minor defects only. Given the close proximity of Penrose and Wingello it is not recommend that the courts at Bill O'Reilly should not be renewed solely as tennis courts but be redeveloped to one multi-use court including provision for basketball, netball, and tennis.
- School Facilities - There are two schools in the precinct and there is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are in the precinct for greater community use.

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Action Plan - Wingello – South West District Precinct (I)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
IC1	Community Hall	Once the new community hall at Penrose is constructed, consider repurposing existing community halls in the precinct.	Short	WSC	Low
IC2	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
IR1	Basketball Half Court	Incorporate basketball half court into proposed multi-use court at Bill O'Reilly Oval.	Short	WSC	Low
IR2	Golf Course	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing golf courses.	Ongoing	WSC, Private Operators	Low
IR3	Mountain Bike Trail Facilities	Advocate to NSW National Parks to retain and continually improve the designated mountain bike trails within Morton National Park, Wingello State Forest and Penrose State Forest.	Ongoing	NSWNP	Low
IR4	Netball Court (Outdoor)	Re-purpose netball courts at Penrose Park and develop nearby tennis courts as multi-purpose courts with line-marking for netball.	Medium	WSC	Medium
IR5	Oval	Retain and maintain Bill O'Reilly Oval, Wingello, and Penrose Park Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
IR6	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Casburn Park (Major upgrade of Casburn Park Wingello scheduled for 2023) • Penrose Park (Investigate new location at site at time of renewal.)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
IR7	Shooting Facility	Retain and maintain the Bowral Pistol Club.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
IR8	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Install lights at Penrose tennis courts.	Short	WSC	Low

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
IR9	Tennis Court	Redevelop one tennis court at Bill O'Reilly Oval.	Short	WSC	Medium
IR10	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the rectangular pitches and outdoor sports courts.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Berrima – New Berrima Precinct (B)

Overview

Berrima – New Berrima is bounded by the localities of Mandemar and High Range in the north, the localities of Woodlands and Bowral in the east, the localities of Moss Vale and Sutton Forest in the south, and the localities of Medway and Joadja in the west.

The main township is Berrima with further expansion and development in New Berrima. The area is rich with heritage and history, boasting Regency-style sandstone-hewn buildings dating back to the 1830s and a range of local galleries and shops, making it a popular destination for visitors from both Sydney and Canberra. The precinct also features heritage colonial buildings and museums showcasing the regions history, as well as town walks, river walks and a local scout camp.

The precinct is also home to Boral Cement Works, a large scale multi-national company who have provided the community with facilities such as the New Berrima Community Centre and the Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

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

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Berrima	10min – 8.6km	13min – 13.3km	12min – 9.7km
New Berrima	15min – 12.5km	16min – 18.5km	10min – 7.4km

Community Facilities

The Berrima – New Berrima precinct has four community facilities.

Community Facilities	
Community Halls	There are two community halls in the precinct, one is used by the local scout group, located at the Berrima campgrounds and the other is at the New Berrima Community Centre.
Community Service Centres	There is one community service centre in the precinct, being the New Berrima Community Centre. This is privately owned by Boral but is available to the wider community for activities such as meetings, parties, and celebrations. The facility is functional and requires maintenance.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There is one rural fire service shed located in Berrima to provide fire services for the precinct. The shed is also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives.

Recreational Facilities

The Berrima – New Berrima precinct has 10 recreational facilities both public and privately owned. With the main recreational reserve located at the Blue Circle & Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club in New Berrima.

Recreational Facilities	
Basketball Half Court	There is one basketball half court at the New Berrima Community Centre which is a small junior size and requires maintenance.
Oval	There is one oval at the Blue Circle & Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club in New Berrima. The oval is privately owned and primarily used for cricket and community events.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	The Blue Circle & Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club is privately owned and has a number of supporting sports field amenities including a clubroom and toilet/changeroom facilities.

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Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Play Spaces	There are three play spaces within the precinct. Two are in Berrima and the other in New Berrima.
Schools	There is one primary school in Berrima, which includes both a rectangular pitch and tennis court used for school sports.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional or state facilities located in this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population forecast for Berrima - North West District (which incorporates the Berrima-New Berrima precinct) is an increase of 93 people by 2041 which is very minimal growth.

The number of dwellings in Berrima - North West District is forecast to grow from 1,177 in 2016 to 1,336 in 2041, an increase of 159 with the average household size falling from 2.50 to 2.34 by 2041.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- The precinct has an ageing profile with an average age of 56 and this is forecast to rise.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage.
- The precinct is generally well provided for in terms of community facilities with no need for additional facilities identified, particularly given the very low growth rate forecast for the precinct. Focus should be on asset management and maintenance.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable delivery of a range of community and recreational services.
- Provide a pump track locally or within a neighbouring precinct.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Issues regarding playground maintenance in Berrima e.g., the mini trampoline

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Oval	Oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000; 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. Noting ovals not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- Community Halls – There are two community halls in the precinct, one is used by the local scout group, located at the Berrima campgrounds and the other is at the New Berrima Community Centre. Across the Shire there is a current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. There is not a need to provide additional community halls in the precinct.
- Community Service Centres - There is one community service centre in the precinct, being the New Berrima Community Centre. This is privately owned by Boral but is available to the wider community for activities such as meetings, parties, and celebrations. The facility is functional and requires maintenance. Currently there is an oversupply local Community Service Centres and due to the size and limited population growth forecast within the precinct there is not a requirement for a district facility or any further provision of local Community Service Centres within the precinct.
- RFS Sheds - There is one rural fire service shed located in Berrima to provide fire services for the precinct. The shed is also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives. There is potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

- Basketball Half Courts - There is one basketball half court at the New Berrima Community Centre which is a small junior size and requires maintenance. There is a Shire wide gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Therefore, it is recommended the half court at the community centre is upgraded to a full-size ring and half court area to cater for a larger user group.
- Ovals - There is one oval at the Blue Circle & Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club in New Berrima. The oval is privately owned and primarily used for cricket and community events. There is a Shire wide oversupply of 5 ovals currently, 4 ovals at 60,000, 3 ovals at 65,000 and 2 ovals at 70,000. As such there is no need to provide any additional ovals within the precinct.
- Sports Field Amenities - The Blue Circle & Berrima District Sport and Recreation Club is privately owned and has several supporting sports field amenities including changeroom facilities. Provision is based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. There was no need identified for any additional sports field amenities within the precinct.
- School Facilities - There is an opportunity to access the school-based facilities at Berrima Primary School.

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Action Plan - Berrima – New Berrima Precinct (B)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
BC1	Community Hall	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing community hall facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, Boral	Low
BC2	Community Service Centre	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing community service centre facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, Boral	Low
BC3	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
BR1	Basketball Half Court	Support the upgrade of the basketball half court at New Berrima Community Centre.	Short	WSC, Boral	Low
BR2	Oval	Work with Boral to promote the additional use of Blue Circle & Berrima District Oval for community events, sport, and recreation.	Ongoing	WSC, Boral	Low
BR3	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Berrima Campground (maintain at current level) • Berrima Market Place (maintain at current level) • New Berrima Community Hall (maintain at current level)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
BR4	Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Work collaboratively with Boral to upgrade sports field amenities at Blue Circle & Berrima District Oval.	Ongoing	WSC, Boral	Low
BR5	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the arts and cultural centres, sports courts, rectangular pitches, and ovals.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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North West District Precinct (K)

Overview

North West District is bounded by Wollondilly Shire in the north, the Nattai River in the east, the Hume Highway, the localities of Mittagong, Bowral, and Berrima, the Wingecarribee River, the Hume Highway, the locality of Berrima, the Medway Rivulet, and the locality of Belanglo in the south, and the Wingecarribee River, the Wollondilly River, Guineacor Creek and Upper Lachlan Shire in the west.

The district has a remote rural setting, with unique opportunities for wilderness bushwalking, photography, wildlife and showcasing Aboriginal culture. The precinct includes landmarks such as the Joadja Historic Village, Wombeyan Caves, Guula Ngurra and Nattai National Parks and Joadja and Jellore Nature Reserves.

It includes the settlements of Medway, Mandemar, Wombeyan Caves and Woodlands.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Medway	16min – 14.0km	14min – 17.7km	13min – 11.6km
Mandemar	25min – 20.9km	22min – 9.8km	27min – 23.4km
High Range	20min – 20.3km	16min – 17.7km	24min – 24.8km

Community Facilities

Due to the size of the precinct and its small population there are limited community facilities.

Community Facilities	
Community Halls	Medway Hall is the only community hall in the precinct, it is at the end of its serviceable life.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There are three RFS sheds in the precinct in Mandemar, Wombeyan Caves and Woodlands.

Recreational Facilities

There are no recreational facilities located in this precinct.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional or state facilities located in this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The population of the precinct is 1,120 and there is minimal population growth forecast in the precinct.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- There is minimal population growth forecast in the precinct with only an increase of 93 people by 2041 (3.83%). As such provision requirements are likely not to change soon.
- The North West District has a relatively low level of disadvantage with a SEIFA index score of 1,086.8. This likely means residents have a higher capacity to pay for facilities and services, they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.
- The precinct has a high percentage (17.5%) of parents and homebuilders aged 35 to 49. This generally means there will be young families in the precinct, community and recreational facility provision in the area will need to cater for their specific needs. Although it is common for residents to travel to neighbouring precincts such as Berrima, to access facilities.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable deliver of a range of community and recreational services.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Need to provide upgraded and improve the functionality of the skate parks in the Shire.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- There were no specific community responses provided for this precinct.

Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

There are no formal recreational facilities currently within the precinct.

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Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

Analysis

Community Facilities

- Community Halls - Medway Hall is the only community hall in the precinct, it is currently unserviceable and requires renewal. With a current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities shire wide and the current condition of Medway Hall, it is recommended this facility is not renewed.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - There are three RFS sheds in the precinct in Mandemar, Wombeyan Caves and Woodlands. There is potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

There are no formal recreational facilities currently within the precinct.

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Action Plan - North West District Precinct (K)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
KC1	Community Hall	Do not undertake a renewal of Medway Hall, repurpose the land to a community park which includes facilities such as a play space and/or pump track.	Short	WSC	Medium
KC2	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
KR1	Play Space	Install a local level play space at the site of Medway Hall.	Short	WSC	Medium
KR2	Pump Track	Potential to include a pump track facility, developed in conjunction with the play space at the Medway Hall location. (refer action KR1).	Medium	WSC	Medium

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Hill Top – Balmoral – Colo Vale Precinct (J)

Overview

Hill Top - Balmoral - Colo Vale is bounded by Wollondilly Shire in the north, the Bargo River in the east, the locality of Yerrinbool, Crawford Road and the Hume Highway in the south, and the Nattai River in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Hill Top, Balmoral, and Colo Vale. The precinct is home to a state level shooting facility, as well as having one of two of the Shire owned multi-purpose indoor court facilities at the Hill Top Community Centre. The precinct relies mostly on private community facilities such as childcare centres, halls and RFS Sheds.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Hill Top	22min – 19.9km	16min – 15.6km	33min – 28.8km
Balmoral	27min – 25.5km	21min – 21.2km	38min – 34.5km
Colo Vale	17min – 14.3km	11min – 10.0km	27min – 23.3km

Community Facilities

There is a total of nine community facilities in the Hill Top – Balmoral – Colo Vale precinct, with only two Shire owned facilities.

Community Facilities	
Childcare Centres	There are three childcare centres in the precinct, all are privately owned and operated.
Community Halls	There are three community halls in the precinct, Hill Top Community Centre is the only Shire owned and operated facility.
Community Service Centres	Hill Top Community Centre is the only community service centre in the precinct. It has an indoor multi-purpose court as well as meeting rooms and activity spaces. It has a low usage level and requires maintenance.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There are two Rural Fire Service Sheds located in the precinct to provide fire services. The sheds are also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives.

Recreational Facilities

The precinct has thirty-six recreational facilities and has one of two state level facilities that are located within the Shire.

Recreational Facilities	
Clubrooms	There are four clubrooms in the precinct with two at Boronia Park and two at Jurd Park. The clubroom facilities at Boronia Park are in poor condition and require renewal. The two clubrooms at Jurd Park require maintenance.
Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor)	There is a multi-purpose outdoor court located at Colo Vale Public School and an indoor court at Hill Top Community Centre.
Oval	There are only two ovals in the precinct, located at the schools in Hill Top and Colo Vale.
Pony Clubs	There is one pony club at Jurd Park in Colo Vale. It has minor defects and a low usage level.
Rectangular Pitches	There are two rectangular pitches at Boronia Park used for cricket and soccer which only have minor defects and have a medium level of use. There is also another rectangular pitch at Hill Top Public School.
Shooting Facilities	The Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex is the only shooting facility in the precinct. It is one of only two state level facilities in the Shire and is located on State Government land.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	There are ten sports lighting towers, with two at Jurd Park and eight at Boronia Park. Sports lighting at both sites have minor defects only with a low usage level.

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Recreational Facilities	
Tennis Courts	There are two tennis courts at Jurd Park and two at Boronia Park. The courts at Boronia Park are in poor condition and there are plans to re-purpose these. The courts at Jurd Park have only minor defects and a low usage level.
Gym/Health Club	The precinct has one privately owned and operated gym in Hill Top.

Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Play spaces.	The precinct has five play spaces across the townships of Hill top and Colo Vale.
Schools	There are two schools in the precinct, Colo Vale, and Hill Top Public Schools. Please refer above for further information on the schools' facilities.

Regional and State Facilities

The Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex is the only state level facility and there are no regional level facilities. Please refer to "Shooting Facilities" for more information.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population forecast for the Hill Top – Balmoral – Colo Vale (Northern Villages) precinct is 6,586 and is forecast to grow to 7,751 by 2041 an increase of 1,165 people.

The number of dwellings in Hill Top – Balmoral – Colo Vale Northern Villages precinct is forecast to grow from 2,372 in 2016 to 3,073 in 2041, an increase of 701 dwellings, with the average household size falling from 2.90 to 2.72 by 2041.

Colo Vale (Wensleydale) is a moderate sized development proposed within the precinct with 500 anticipated dwellings planned.

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- Population growth is forecast for this precinct with an increase of 1,165 people from 2022 to 2041 this will likely require additional community and recreational facilities in the precinct.
- The precinct has a younger age profile with an average age of 39, with new housing developments occurring and younger people and families moving into the precinct. Facility provision will need to cater for younger families and age groups within the community.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a high capacity to pay for facilities and services, they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable delivery of a range of community and recreational services.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.
- Need for more youth spaces within the precinct e.g., skate parks and pump tracks.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Hill Top area needs additional facilities for children e.g., play spaces.
- Hill Top Soccer Club, which fielded two women's sides last season needs facilities for females.
- Interest expressed for a swimming pool in Colo Vale.
- Cricket NSW has identified within its strategic planning a desire for a turf cricket pitch at Jurd Park.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Childcare Centre	A gap of 4 Child Care Centres identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. Note: Many of these facilities are provided by the private and not for profit sector and provision is driven primarily by the market demand (childcare centres) and state level planning for education facilities (preschools and kindergartens). The Shire has a role to play in facilitating the provision of childcare centres but not necessarily the direct provision of such facilities.
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Community Service Centre	Gap of 1 district Community Service Centre by 70,000. Currently there is an oversupply of local Community Service Centres which may be meeting this demand or potential to consolidate local facilities into a new district level facility at 70,000. Oversupply of 2 local Community Service Centres currently, then an oversupply of 1 facility at 60,000. Noting there will be a gap of 1 district level at 70,000 which if developed has the potential to provide the required level of service to the Shire in the future.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Baseball Diamond	Gap of 2 diamond shaped grass pitches identified currently and up until 60,000 and a gap of 3 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000. Potential to provide additional Baseball diamonds at Jurd Park subject to demand for baseball which currently have 2 existing diamonds.
Multi-purpose Court (Indoor)	The Shire meets the population trigger for a 4+ Multi-purpose Court Indoor Facility. Level of provision to be determined through a business case. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose courts to provide local access.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Shooting Facilities	Current provision is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.
Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy. Also, with reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.

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Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Tennis courts	Gap of 1 regional Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Gap of 1 district Tennis facility identified. Development subject to proven need and demand and confirmed through a business case. Oversupply of 1 local court currently. Gap of 1 court at 60,000, gap of 4 courts at 65,000 and gap of 6 courts at 70,000. Future provision of tennis courts should be at a minimum 8 court configuration for competition tennis.

Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Population growth • Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • New development areas • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Many ageing and basic play spaces • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Optimising Usage and Attracting Events • Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces. • Youth parks and recreational spaces • Turf cricket pitch at Jurd Park

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- Childcare Centres - There are three childcare centres in the precinct, all are privately owned and operated. A shire wide gap of 4 Child Care Centres has been identified at 55,000, a gap of 6 at 60,000, a gap of 9 at 65,000 and a gap of 11 at 70,000. The precincts current and future population is well catered for with its three private childcare centres and does not require any additional facilities.
- Community Service Centres - Hill Top Community Centre is the only community service centre in the precinct. It has an indoor multi-purpose court as well as meeting rooms and activity spaces. It has a low usage level and requires maintenance. There is a Shire wide oversupply of 1 local Community Service Centre predicted at 70,000. No additional community service centres are required within the precinct.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - There are two Rural Fire Service Sheds located in the precinct to provide fire services. The sheds are also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives. There is potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

- Clubrooms - There are four clubrooms in the precinct with two at Boronia Park and two at Jurd Park. The clubroom facilities at Boronia Park are in poor condition and require renewal. The two clubrooms at Jurd Park require maintenance. There is an opportunity to consolidate the clubrooms at Boronia into one shared use facility.
- Multi-Purpose Courts (Outdoor and Indoor) - There is a multi-purpose outdoor court located at Colo Vale Public School and an indoor court at Hill Top Community Centre. Retain existing indoor multi-purpose court at Hill Top Community Centre to provide local access. The court requires maintenance to meet standards of current and potential community user groups. There is a proposal to convert one of the tennis courts at Boronia Park into a multi-purpose court.
- Pony Clubs - There is one pony club at Jurd Park in Colo Vale. It has minor defects and a low usage level. No additional facilities are required only ongoing maintenance.
- Rectangular Pitches - There are two rectangular pitches at Boronia Park used for cricket and soccer which only have minor defects and have a medium level of use. There is also another rectangular pitch at Hill Top Public School. There is a shire wide oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000, 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. As such there is no need to provide any additional pitches within the precinct.
- Shooting Facilities - The Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex is the only shooting facility in the precinct. It is one of only two state level facilities in the Shire. Current provision is adequate. No additional demand for new facilities identified.
- Sports Lighting (competition and training level) - There are ten sports lighting towers, with two at Jurd Park and eight at

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Boronia Park. Sports lighting at both sites have minor defects only with a low usage level. These should be maintained in reference to specific sporting code requirements including the Australian Standard for Sports Lighting.

- Tennis Courts - There are two tennis courts at Jurd Park and two at Boronia Park. The courts at Boronia Park are in poor condition and these are planned to be repurposed. The courts at Jurd Park have only minor defects and a low usage level.
- Play Spaces - There are five play spaces across the townships of Hill top and Colo Vale which need to be addressed in line with the playground strategy.
- School Facilities - There are two schools in the precinct, Colo Vale, and Hill Top Public Schools. There is an opportunity to access the various school-based facilities that are located in the precinct.

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Action Plan - Hilltop – Balmoral – Colo Vale (J)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
JC1	Childcare Centre	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing childcare facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, Childcare Service Providers	Low
JC2	Community Hall	Continue to advocate for the maintenance and enhancement of non-Council owned existing community hall facilities.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
JC3	Community Service Centre	Retain and maintain Hill Top Community Centre.	Ongoing	WSC	Medium
JC4	RFS Shed	Work with local rural fire services to collaborate on wider community use of facilities.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
JR1	Baseball Diamond	Maintain the two baseball diamonds at Jurd Park. Investigate the opportunity to co-locate cricket at the site with baseball.	Ongoing	WSC, Baseball Club, Cricket Club	Low
JR2	Clubroom	Redevelop and consolidate the clubroom facilities at Boronia Park and retain and maintain the clubrooms at Jurd Park.	Medium	WSC, Clubs and Associations	High
JR3	Multi-Purpose Court (Indoor)	Upgrade the Hill Top Community Centre court to meet standards of current and potential community user groups.	Medium	WSC	Medium

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No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
JR4	Play Space	Upgrade play spaces in line with playground strategy. • Boronia Park (recently renewed) • Waratah Park (maintain at current level) • Jasmine Street Park (remove due to lack of visibility) • Jurd Park (maintain at current level) • Railway Park (maintain at current level)	Ongoing	WSC	Refer Playground Strategy
JR5	Pony Club	Increase maintenance of the Jurd Park Pony Club Facilities.	Short	WSC, Pony Club	Low
JR6	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Through a master planning process activate Jurd Park to include additional recreational community use including passive recreation activities, baseball and cricket through a master planning process. Consideration should also be given in this planning process for the provision of a turf pitch at the site.	Ongoing	WSC, Cricket & Soccer Clubs	Low
JR7	Shooting Facility	Support the ongoing use of the Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex as a regional level facility to service the Shire and wider NSW community.	Ongoing	WSC, State Government	Low
JR8	Sports Lighting (competition and training level)	Rectify the sports lighting minor defects at Jurd Park and Boronia Park.	Short	WSC, Cricket & Soccer Clubs	Low
JR9	Tennis Court	Re-purpose Boronia Park tennis courts for use as cricket nets and a multi-purpose court in line with Shire planning.	Short	WSC, Tennis Clubs	Low
JR10	School Facilities	Work collaboratively with the local schools to negotiate access to school-based facilities to meet increasing demand such as the rectangular pitches, outdoor courts, and ovals.	Ongoing	WSC, local schools	Low

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Yerrinbool District Precinct (E)

Overview

Yerrinbool District is bounded by Wollondilly Shire in the north, Wollongong City in the east, Dudewaugh Creek, the Burke River and the Nepean River in the south, and the localities of Mittagong, Balaclava, Braemar and Colo Vale and the Bargo River in the west.

The precinct includes the townships and settlements of Yerrinbool, Mount Lindsey, and Avon. It also includes Upper Nepean State Conservation Area and the Shire's only model car raceway at Yerrinbool Oval.

is common for residents to travel to surrounding precincts and Local Government Areas including Wollondilly Shire and Wollongong City to participate in recreational and community activities.

Driving Distance to Major Towns

Town	Bowral	Mittagong	Moss Vale
Yerrinbool	22min – 20.9km	16min – 15.8km	28min – 28.1km

Community Facilities

Due to the size of the precinct and its small population there are limited community facilities.

Community Facilities	
Community Hall	There is one community hall at Yerrinbool which is owned by the Shire and requires renewal and has poor functionality and low usage.
Rural Fire Service Sheds	There is one Rural Fire Service Shed located in Yerrinbool to provide fire services for the precinct. The shed is also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives.

Recreational Facilities

Recreation provision is based around facilities at Yerrinbool Oval, which is owned by the Shire, which facilitates various activities, including basketball, soccer, cricket, and a model sport car raceway.

Recreational Facilities	
Basketball Half Courts	There is one basketball half court in Yerrinbool at Yerrinbool Oval, this asset is graded as unserviceable with poor functionality.
Rectangular Pitch	The two rectangular pitches at Yerrinbool Oval require maintenance and have a low usage level.
Skate Park	There is one skate park in the precinct, located at Yerrinbool Oval. It currently has poor functionality and requires maintenance.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	The sports field amenities at Yerrinbool Oval are in poor condition and require renewal.
Model RC Car Facilities	The model sport raceway at Yerrinbool Oval is the only one of its kind in Shire. It is in good condition, with only minor defects.

Other Facilities

Other Facilities	
Play spaces.	There are no play spaces in this precinct.
Schools	There are no schools in the precinct.

Regional and State Facilities

There are no regional and state facilities in this precinct.

Population Growth and New Development Areas

The 2022 population for Yerrinbool is 1,626, the population forecast for the northern villages, including Yerrinbool, is an increase of 17.68% (note the population forecast for Yerrinbool is not separated out from the Northern Villages forecast).

There are no new development areas proposed for the Yerrinbool District precinct

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Key Findings and Analysis

Demand and Trends

- There is minimal population growth forecast for this precinct with an increase of 17.68% for the northern villages, including Yerrinbool, between now and 2041.
- The precinct has a median age of 39, making it a precinct that has both older and younger age cohorts and requires a mix of facilities for all age groups.
- The precinct has a lower level of disadvantage meaning residents generally have a higher capacity to pay for facilities and services and they are also likely to expect high quality and functional facilities to meet their needs.

Consultation Findings

Relevant key consultation findings that relate to the precinct:

- Creation of community hubs to enable delivery of a range of community and recreational services.
- Need for improved outdoor courts for sports such as netball, basketball and tennis specifically upgrading the court surfaces.
- Various upgrades and improvements required for a range of community and recreational facilities.
- Future play spaces need to be accessible, engaging, cater for all ages, offer adventure and nature-based experiences.

Relevant specific community consultation responses

- Provision of outdoor fitness equipment in Yerrinbool for adult users.
- Concerns in relation to lack of access to the local Yerrinbool Hall.

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Population Triggers Analysis

Relevant triggers/gaps from the projected facility analysis that relate to the precinct.

Community Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Community Hall	Current oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Community Service Centres which serve the purpose of a Community Hall have been counted in these totals.
Rural Fire Service Shed	Potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

Recreational Facilities

Facility Type	Projected Facility Requirements
Basketball Half Courts	Gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. Could also be catered for through additional indoor court provision and on multi-use courts (shared with netball/tennis) and at schools.
Rectangular Pitch	Oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
Skate Park	Gap of 1 regional Skate Park facility identified. Should a regional facility be developed then less district and local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 2 district Skate Park facilities identified currently and at 60,000 and 3 at 65,000 and 70,000. Should these be developed then fewer local skate park facilities will likely be required. Gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000.
Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Provision based on development standards and levels of service for sports parks detailed within the WSC Parks Strategy.

Challenges and Opportunities

The following are the key challenges and opportunities that are relevant to the precinct.

Challenges	Opportunities
• Balancing provision • Encouraging Active Lifestyles • Support facilities • Ageing, dysfunctional and low-quality built facilities • Geography of the Shire • Accessibility particularly in the smaller townships and villages • Increasing cost of provision of facilities and services.	• Resilient and Flexible-use Facilities • Effective Communication • Inclusivity • Capacity Building and Community Empowerment • Strategic Provision of Park-based Recreational Facilities • Enhanced Provision of Youth Activity Spaces • Create multi-function community facilities and spaces.

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Analysis

Community Facilities

- Community Halls - Yerrinbool Hall is the only Shire owned and operated hall; it requires renewal and has a low usage level. There is a current shire wide oversupply of community halls of 18 facilities, decreasing to 17 at 60,000, 16 at 65,000 and 15 facilities at 70,000. Yerrinbool Hall is to be retained due to the distance of other community halls to this precinct and also the role this facility currently plays in giving the precinct a village centre. There is also an opportunity to work with the Yerrinbool Rural Fire Service to enhance their facility for community use.
- Rural Fire Service Sheds - There is one Rural Fire Service Shed located in Yerrinbool to provide fire services for the precinct. The shed is also used as a meeting space for volunteers and to support other community initiatives. There is potential to negotiate access to meeting rooms/training spaces for community use.

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- Basketball Half Courts - There is one basketball half court in Yerrinbool at Yerrinbool Oval, this asset is graded as unserviceable with poor functionality. With a shire wide gap of 8 outdoor basketball half courts identified currently, 9 at 60,000, 10 at 65,000 and 12 at 70,000. It's recommended the court is renewed, preferably as a full-size multi-purpose court.
- Model Sport RC Car Facilities - The model sport raceway at Yerrinbool Oval is the only one of its kind in Shire. It is in good condition, with only minor defects.
- Rectangular Pitch - The two rectangular pitches at Yerrinbool Oval require maintenance and have a low usage level. With a shire wide oversupply of 9 pitches currently, 7 pitches at 60,000; 5 pitches at 65,000 and 3 pitches at 70,000. As such no additional pitches are required in the precinct. Noting rectangular pitches not only cater for sport but also function as public open space.
- Skate Park - There is one skate park in the precinct, located at Yerrinbool Oval. It currently has poor functionality and requires maintenance. With a shire wide gap of 1 local Skate Park facility identified currently and at 60,000, and a gap of 2 facilities at 65,000 and 70,000. The facility will need to be upgraded to increase functionality, avoiding further provision gaps.
- Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.) - The sports field amenities at Yerrinbool Oval are in poor condition and require renewal. This provides an opportunity to consolidate the amenities into one multi-purpose facility catering for a range of community user groups.

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Action Plan - Yerrinbool District – Precinct (E)

Community Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
EC1	Community Hall	Retain and upgrade Yerrinbool Hall.	Short	WSC	Low
EC2	RFS Shed	Work collaboratively with the Yerrinbool Rural Fire Service to enhance their facility for community use including a meeting space.	Ongoing	WSC, RFS	Low

Recreational Facilities

No.	Facility Type	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
ER1	Basketball Half Court	Upgrade the basketball half court at Yerrinbool Oval.	Short	WSC	Medium
ER2	Fitness Equipment (outdoor)	Consider installing outdoor fitness equipment at Yerrinbool Oval.	Short	WSC	Medium
ER3	Model Sport RC Car Facility	Retain and maintain the Model Sport RC Car Facility at Yerrinbool Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Low
ER4	Play Space	Consider installing a play space at Yerrinbool Oval.	Short	WSC	Medium
ER5	Rectangular Pitch (football, rugby league/union)	Increase level of maintenance for rectangular pitches at Yerrinbool Oval.	Ongoing	WSC	Medium
ER6	Skate Parks	Upgrade the skate park at Yerrinbool Oval.	Short	WSC	Low
ER7	Sports Field Amenities (Changerooms, Toilets etc.)	Consolidate the sports field amenities at Yerrinbool Oval into one multi-purpose facility.	Medium	WSC	Medium

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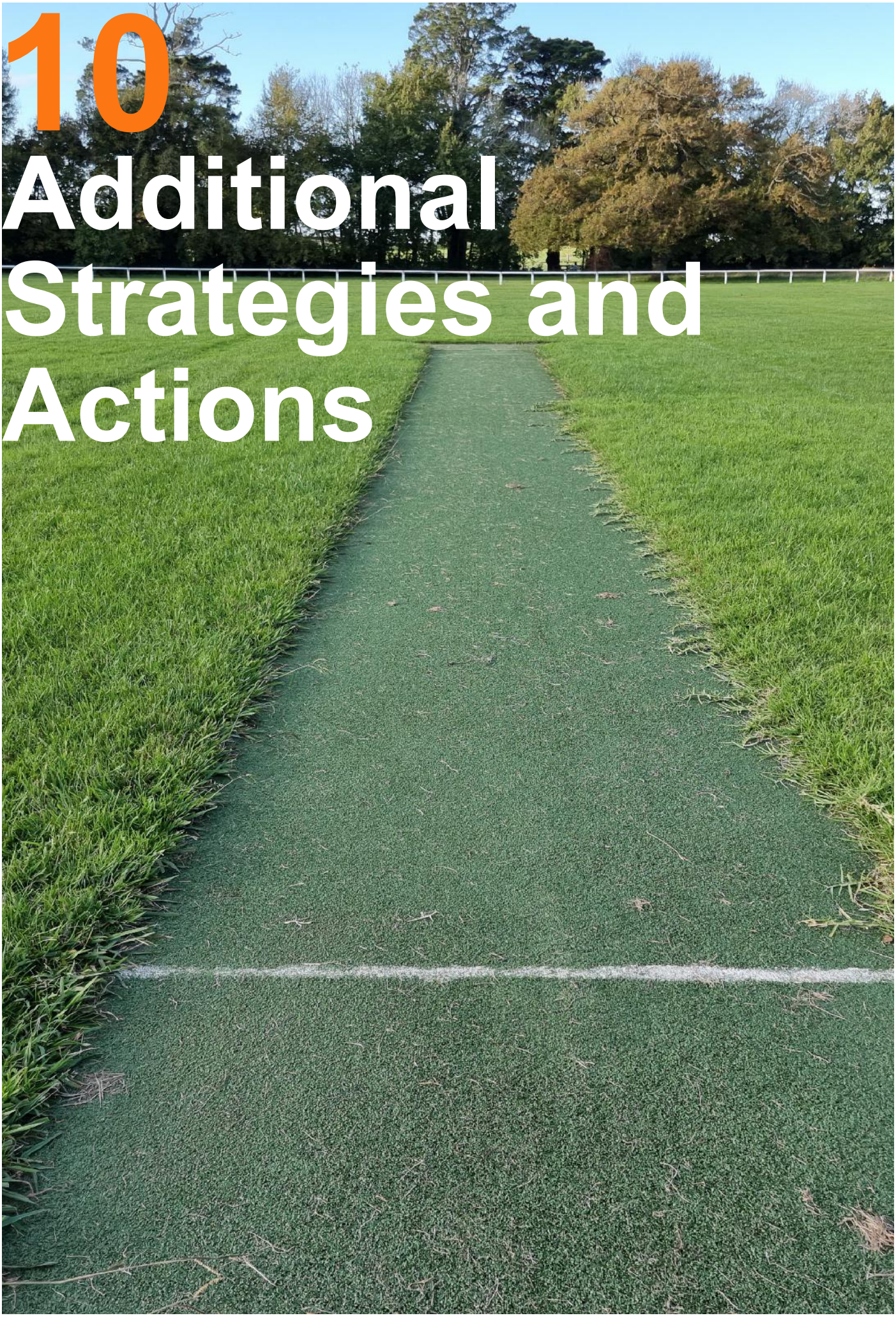
10 Additional Strategies and Actions



10 Additional Strategies and Actions

Introduction

This section includes additional strategies and actions that do not relate specifically to a particular precinct. It includes strategies relating to parks, playspaces, youth facilities and additional facilities and initiatives identified through the development of the CRFS.

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10 Additional Strategies and Actions

1. Parks

Strategy: Ensure that the Shire offers a balanced network of parks across the Shire through provision of strategically distributed, sustainable and accessible parks to cater for a diverse range of community and recreation activities.

Rationale: The Shire has a very high provision of Bushland Reserves, which significantly adds to the character of the area. Sports Park provision is typical of many Council areas. While Linear Park provision is relatively high, and the future target provision higher again, having a continuous integrated network of cycle and walking trails through Linear Parks will work well with the abundance of natural areas. If promoted appropriately, this 'lifestyle' feature of the network will attract both weekend visitors from Sydney, and permanent residents wanting to experience the unique character of the Southern Highlands. They would also provide import active transport routes between towns and also between residential areas and key community and recreation facilities.

Based on the target levels of services included in the *WSC Parks Strategy* and the application of the projected population growth (based on 65,000 residents) it has been calculated that the level of provision of Community Parks does not need to change, there needs to be an increase in Linear Parks (current gap is 127.4 ha increasing to 132.6 ha at 65,000 people) and a creation of a Premier Park (up to 24 ha in size). An increase in the amount of Sports Park provision is also recommended with an additional 50.8 hectares required at 65,000 people and this should ideally be provided in the new development release areas of the Shire.

Given the current population of the Shire, there is already a low provision of Premier Parks, and there is an opportunity to invest in a single main Premier Park with features and characteristics that could attract residents from all over the Shire, as well as visitors from outside of the region. The former "Brick Works" site at Bowral has been identified as a potential site for a future Premier Park and requires further investigation.

No provision targets have been set for Bushland Reserves. The Shire is already extremely well provided for with Bushland Reserves, and no new Bushland Reserves should be acquired unless they have outstanding natural, cultural, or scenic values.

The NSW Government has recently released a draft Greener Places Design Guide framework which provides information on how to design, plan, and implement green infrastructure in urban areas throughout NSW. The draft guide provides a consistent methodology to help State and local government, and industry create a network of green infrastructure which includes open space for recreation.

	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
1.1	Retain and protect existing Bushland Reserves and only consider acquiring additional land for this purpose if they are already earmarked for acquisition or if the site has significant environmental values that require protection without creating a significant additional financial burden on Council to manage.	Ongoing	• WSC	Medium
1.2	Retain the current level of provision of Community Parks whilst continuing to improve and enhance existing Community Parks in-line with the *WSC Parks Strategy and Playspace Strategy*.	Ongoing	• WSC	Medium

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Action		Timeframe	Partners	Resources
1.3	Actively seek to acquire land to create Linear Parks, to form an integrated walking and cycling network with a focus on creating "green belts" around each of the three urban centres (Bowral, Mittagong and Moss Vale) whilst also providing important active travel routes. The following criteria should be applied when considering acquisition: • Creates effective linkage between existing parks or access points • Protects waterways • Creates future opportunity for linkages to be created • Is in an area that will provide value in terms of walking and cycling • Offers opportunity to add value to other Linear Parks, by creating a semi or continuous track network	Ongoing	WSC	High
1.4	Continue to enhance existing Premier Parks (i.e., Corbett Gardens, Diamond Jubilee Park/Leighton Gardens, Moss Vale and Winifred West Park, Mittagong) in-line with the *WSC Parks Strategy*.	Ongoing	• WSC	High
1.5	Support the ongoing development and enhancement of the Southern Highlands Botanical Garden as a Premier Park.	Ongoing	• WSC • SHBG	Low
1.6	Investigate the feasibility of acquiring and embellishing the "Brick Works" site in Bowral to create a large Premier Park for the Shire.	Short	• WSC	Low
1.7	Within new development areas ensure there is adequate provision of sports parks (which are often overlooked in new development areas) and this will assist in addressing the current under-provision of sportsgrounds and cater for the predicted growth in many of the sports currently being played in the Shire. The Sports Park can also have a Community Park function alleviating the need to provide separate sites.	Ongoing	• WSC	High
1.8	Once finalised consider the recommendations and guidelines within the *NSW Greener Places Design Guide* prepared by the NSW Government Architect and its implications on the provision of "green infrastructure" including open space for recreation purposes.	Medium	• WSC • NSW Government	Low
1.9	Review the Parks Strategy to align with the CRFS recommendations.	Short	• WSC	Low

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2. Playspaces and Youth Facilities

Strategy: Ensure that the Shire Council offers a balanced network of playspaces and youth facilities across the Shire through provision of strategically distributed, sustainable and accessible playspaces and youth facilities with a focus on recreation activities targeted at young people.

Rationale: The *WSC Playspace Strategy* developed in 2019 found there were 48 play spaces provided in the Shire providing a current level of service of 5.4 play spaces per 1,000 children, compared to a median of 5.7 per 1,000 children nationally. Whilst this indicates a lower-than-average median score, it is important to remember that this average is not necessarily related to optimum use of play spaces. The strategy identified that the level of funding currently allocated to the renewal of play spaces is insufficient to meet the desired level of service and operation and maintenance funding is also below typical industry rates.

A performance assessment, which considered criteria such as location, play value and ancillary facilities, was undertaken of all the Shire's 48 play spaces, with the majority of play spaces scoring below 50%. The notable aspect of existing play spaces is their consistently low "play value" attribute, with scores ranging from a high of 66% to a low of 24%. This was generally a result of the equipment being relatively old, only catering to a narrow (relatively young) age range and offering little in the way of challenging or imaginative play experiences.

There are also a large proportion of play spaces located on Community 3 category parks, which are often poorly situated, with few other assets supporting the use of play spaces. The *WSC Parks Strategy*, Level of Service specifies that Community 3 parks may contain playgrounds only where no other playground is within 800m. It emphasises Community 1 and 2 parks as more appropriate to contain playspaces, as these parks have a higher level of service overall and are more likely to contain supporting infrastructure such as public toilets, bins and shade. There are 4 Premier Parks located within the LGA. Winifred West in Mittagong is the only one containing a playground. The primary use of the other Premier Parks is not suitable for playspaces.

Through the community consultation process it came through strongly that people were looking for a destination play space that would not only service the residents but attract and cater for visitors to the Shire. Through the community survey undertaken as part of the CRFS there was strong support for the establishment of a destination play space facility with 59% of respondents strongly supporting, it followed by 26% who supported it and only 6% not supporting it with 9% undecided.

There are currently no destination playspaces in the Shire. This facility needs to be in a prominent location ideally on a major road with high visibility from passing traffic, with support infrastructure and facilities such as amenities/toilets, parking, shelter, picnic/BBQ facilities and adequate parking.

A number of playgrounds have been identified for removal at the end of their useful life and to not be replaced, these are predominantly within Community Parks and there is a need to consider the future use of these parks within the Property Strategy.

In addition to playspaces, additional facilities for young people such as skate ramps, pump tracks and basketball half courts need to be considered for in future planning. There was also strong support from the community for additional recreation opportunities for young people in the Shire with a strong demand for facilities such as pump tracks, skills parks, dirt bike tracks for mountain biking and skate park improvements along with areas for informal sporting activities such as basketball rings and hit-up tennis walls. Whilst there are five existing skate parks these are basic and ageing stand-alone facilities with limited support facilities (except for Bundanoon Skate Park) and there is a need to progressively upgrade these skate facilities to meet contemporary needs for skating, scooter and BMX activities. Emerging youth activities should also be catered for including parkour and ninja warrior courses, bouldering climbing walls and outdoor ping pong.

	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
2.1	Provide additional funding provision for capital renewal and maintenance of existing playspaces in-line with the Playspace Strategy.	Ongoing	• WSC	Medium

Action		Timeframe	Partners	Resources
2.2	When investing in new or upgraded playspaces focus future investment, play space design, and play equipment selection on achieving high play values and inclusivity of all ages and abilities.	Ongoing	• WSC	Low
2.3	When replacing or renewing a play space prepare a master plan for the park which considers, landscape design, incorporation of natural elements, support facilities, parking and safety that ensures the play space is an attractive place to visit and use.	Ongoing	• WSC	Low
2.4	Continue to progressively remove the 14 existing playspaces identified in the *Playspace Strategy* for decommissioning at the end of their life from Community 3 parks, emphasising less provision of playspaces, in favor of improving play values of the remaining playgrounds.	Medium	• WSC	Low
2.5	Progressively enhance the existing playspaces on Community 1 and 2 parks as they are renewed with a focus on improving their “play value”.	Ongoing	• WSC	Medium
2.6	Develop new playspaces in new subdivisions in accordance with the development levels of service documented in the *WSC Playspace Strategy.*	Ongoing	• WSC	High
2.7	Identify through a business case the best site to develop a destination play space that caters residents and visitors and for a wide range of age groups. The destination playspace should be large scale, provide high play values and is supported by associated facilities (e.g., shelter, toilets, adequate parking, picnic facilities).	Short	• WSC • Community	High
2.8	For Community Parks in which playspaces are identified for removal and to not be replaced, an assessment of the Park should be made to understand its overall value to the parks network, whether all the facilities and assets identified in the Level of Service within the Parks Strategy are met and potentially re-purposing if it is deemed to be excess to supply (noting that the Shire currently has an oversupply of Community Parks).	Short	• WSC • Community	Medium

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Action		Timeframe	Partners	Resources
2.9	Develop suitable sites for youth spaces which would include a range of facilities such as a skate park, pump track, 3 on 3 basketball court, informal dirt bike tracks, hit up wall, outdoor ping pong, bouldering wall and parkour/Ninja Warrior course. Potential sites include Bong Bong Common, Burradoo; Loseby Park in Bowral; Mittagong Oval (incorporating the pool site) in Mittagong which would also compliment the proposed destination play space; Community Oval in Moss Vale; Bundanoon Oval and Hampden Park, Robertson.	Short	• WSC	High
2.10	Review the Playspace Strategy to align with the CRFS recommendations.	Short	• WSC	Low

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3. Other Facilities and Initiatives

Strategy: Ensure that the Shire provides facilities and initiatives that contribute to the economic and social development of the local and wider community.

Rationale: Through the consultation process it became evident that there was strong support to further develop the visitor economy within the Shire and also to provide a number of regional level facilities that service the entire Shire whilst also catering for visitors to the area. It is therefore recommended that a series of planning and business cases be developed to investigate the feasibility of establishing regional level facilities such as an aquatic facility, sporting hub and destination playground. The Shire is currently undertaking a business case into the establishment of a regional performing arts centre which is supported.

	Action	Timeframe	Partners	Resources
3.1	Attract and develop community and recreation events and programs that assists in growing the visitor economy of the Shire. These events and programs should focus on the Shire's higher-level facilities and points of difference for example agricultural shows, equestrian activities, cricket tournaments and matches and niche activities such as radio controlled model aeroplane flying.	Ongoing	• WSC • Destination NSW	Low
3.2	Develop a business case for the establishment of a regional level aquatic facility within the Shire.	Immediate	• WSC	Low
3.3	Develop a business case for the establishment of a regional sporting hub facility within the Shire.	Immediate	• WSC	Low
3.4	Develop a business case for the establishment of a destination playground within the Shire.	Immediate	• WSC	Low
3.5	Support the development of a business case for a proposed new regional performing arts centre.	Short	• WSC	Low
3.6	Develop a Trail strategy covering other trail disciplines to compliment the recently prepared Walking Track Strategy.	Short	• WSC	Low

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