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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Plan

The Wangaratta Parklands is one of the Rural City of Wangaratta’s key community and recreation precincts. The Parklands covers approximately 56 hectares and includes key community facilities including the Wangaratta Showgrounds, Norm Minns Oval, WJ Findlay Oval, Barr 1 and Barr 2 Reserves and the Wangaratta Indoor Sport and Aquatic Centre (WISAC).

The Parklands is predominantly used for organised sport and recreation activities. There are over twenty sports and community clubs and organisations based at the Parklands. There are also various informal recreation activities and community events regularly held on site.

The overarching goal of the Masterplan Plan is to ensure the Parklands is developed in a way that ensures future investment is made in a sound manner and maximises positive outcomes for the Wangaratta community.

The purpose of this Plan is to focus on developing projects that will positively contribute to creating a cohesive precinct that provides for the sport, recreation, leisure and amenity needs of the Wangaratta community. As such, the key moves are those that provide a range of benefits across the site.

All of the identified projects will provide a sound investment into the long term functionality, experience and viability of the precinct.

The Parklands Masterplan will deliver the framework to guide all future development, over the next twenty years.

The Plan provides a clear and compelling vision for the future of the sports and recreation precinct. It proposes short, medium and longer term change, supporting Council’s strategic objective to ensure the community has access to the services and facilities that keep the community healthy.

1.2 The Masterplan Process

The development of the Masterplan has involved the following stages:

STAGE 1

First Round of Community & Stakeholder Engagement

Stage 2

Site Analysis and Review of Engagement Outcomes

Stage 3

Second Round of Stakeholder Engagement

Stage 4

Development of the Draft Masterplan

Stage 5

Third Round of Community and Stakeholder Engagement

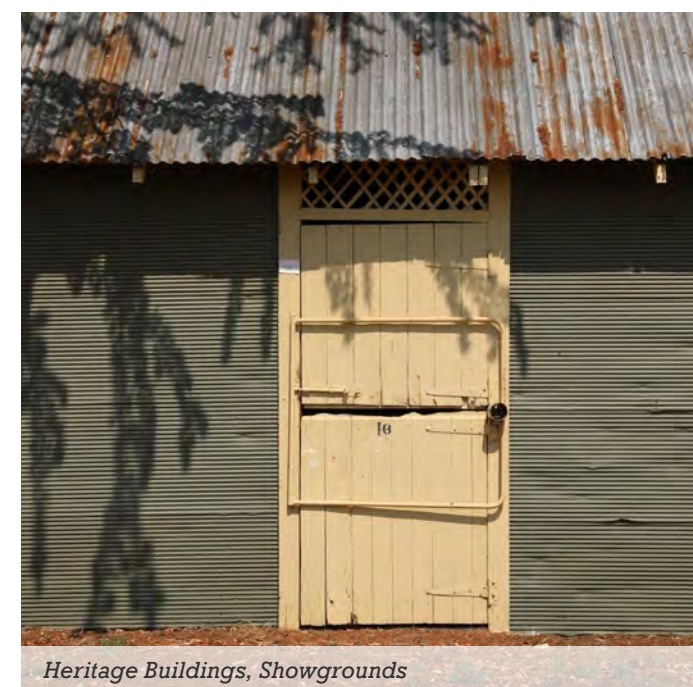
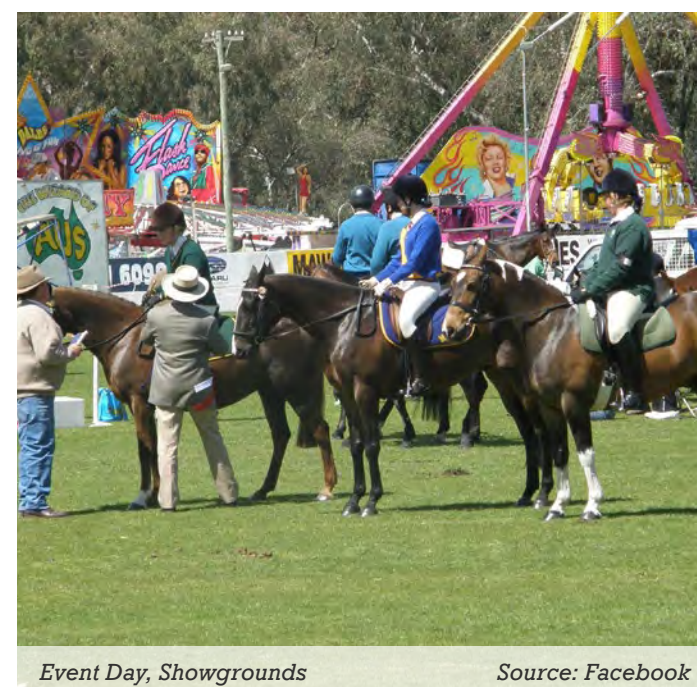
Stage 6

Production of the Final Masterplan

1.3 Structure of the Plan

The Masterplan is made up of four key elements:

- A **vision** which captures the essence of the shared future vision for the Parklands,
- **Guiding design principles** that set clear and flexible parameters to guide future works,
- **Themes** as a way to structure and prioritise the projects, and
- **Key projects** that have been identified and developed in collaboration with key stakeholders to deliver the Parklands vision.



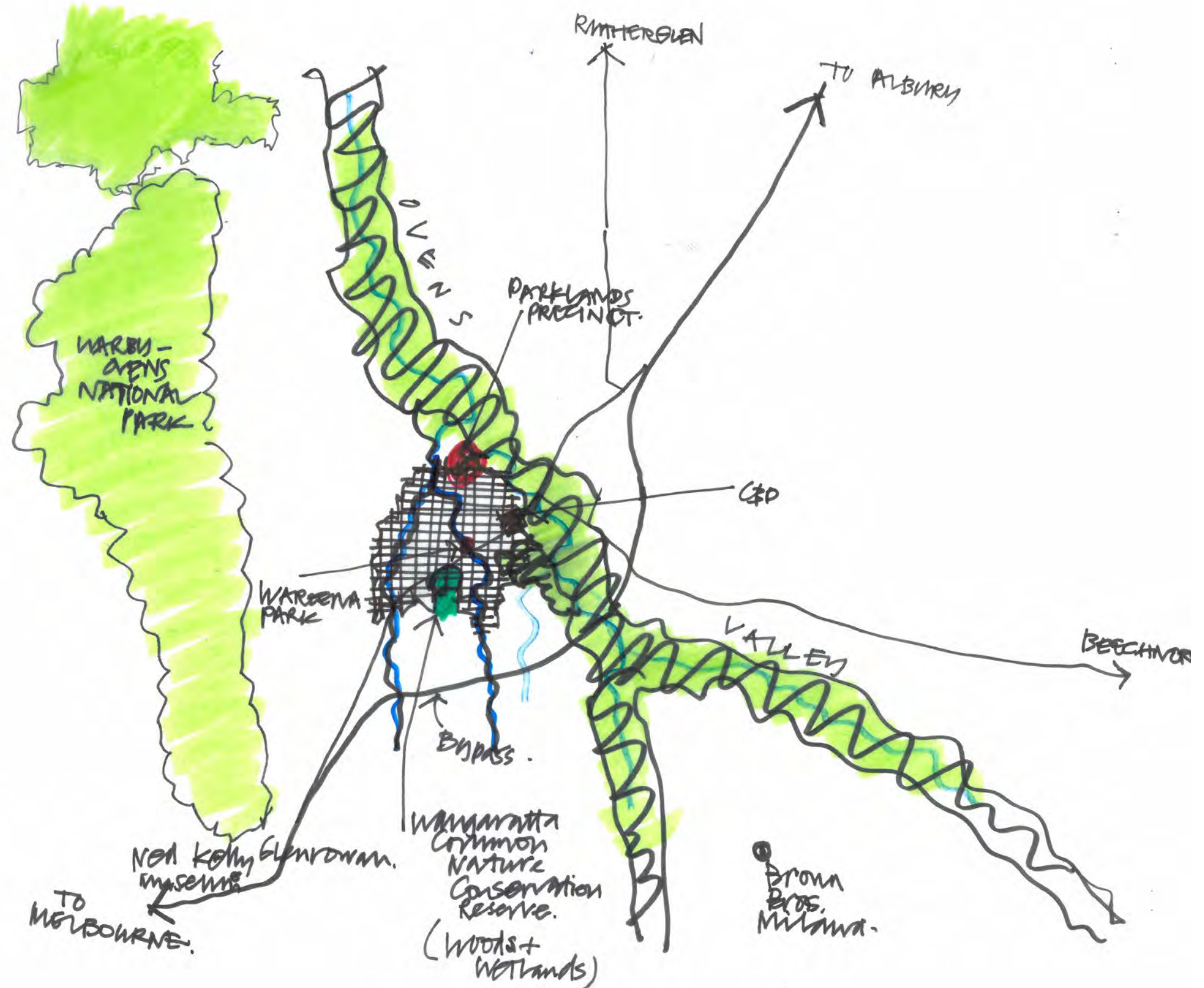
The Parklands Masterplan Plan will ensure that the future sport, recreation and community needs of the precinct are identified and planned for in an integrated manner.

2 Context

2.1 The Regional Context

Thinking at a regional scale establishes a landscape framework for the Masterplan. The wider regional setting illustrates the surrounding significant landscape setting and assets including the Ovens River Valley, Ovens River and the Warby Ovens National Park.

High level consideration of these areas of high environmental value informs a sustainable approach to all future development of the Parklands. Future works should consider the impacts on adjacent and surrounding natural areas.



2.2 The Role of Parklands

Wangaratta has a diverse open space network. Each park and recreational reserve plays a different role and function. For example, Apex Park is an active play and recreational space and King George Gardens is a place of botanic and historical importance.

The role of the Parklands is to provide a home to community events, including the Wangaratta Show, and training and competition facilities for local sports clubs. It is also home to Wangaratta's premier aquatic facility and a range of other recreational activities.

Where the Parklands is located within Wangaratta's open space network is also important. The Parklands has a significant contiguous relationship with the Ovens River and there is opportunity to strengthen the connection to One Mile Creek.

The Bullawah Trail along the Ovens River connects Parklands to the CBD. The Health Precinct, the Arts and Cultural Precinct, and the Train Station are all located in close proximity to the Parklands.

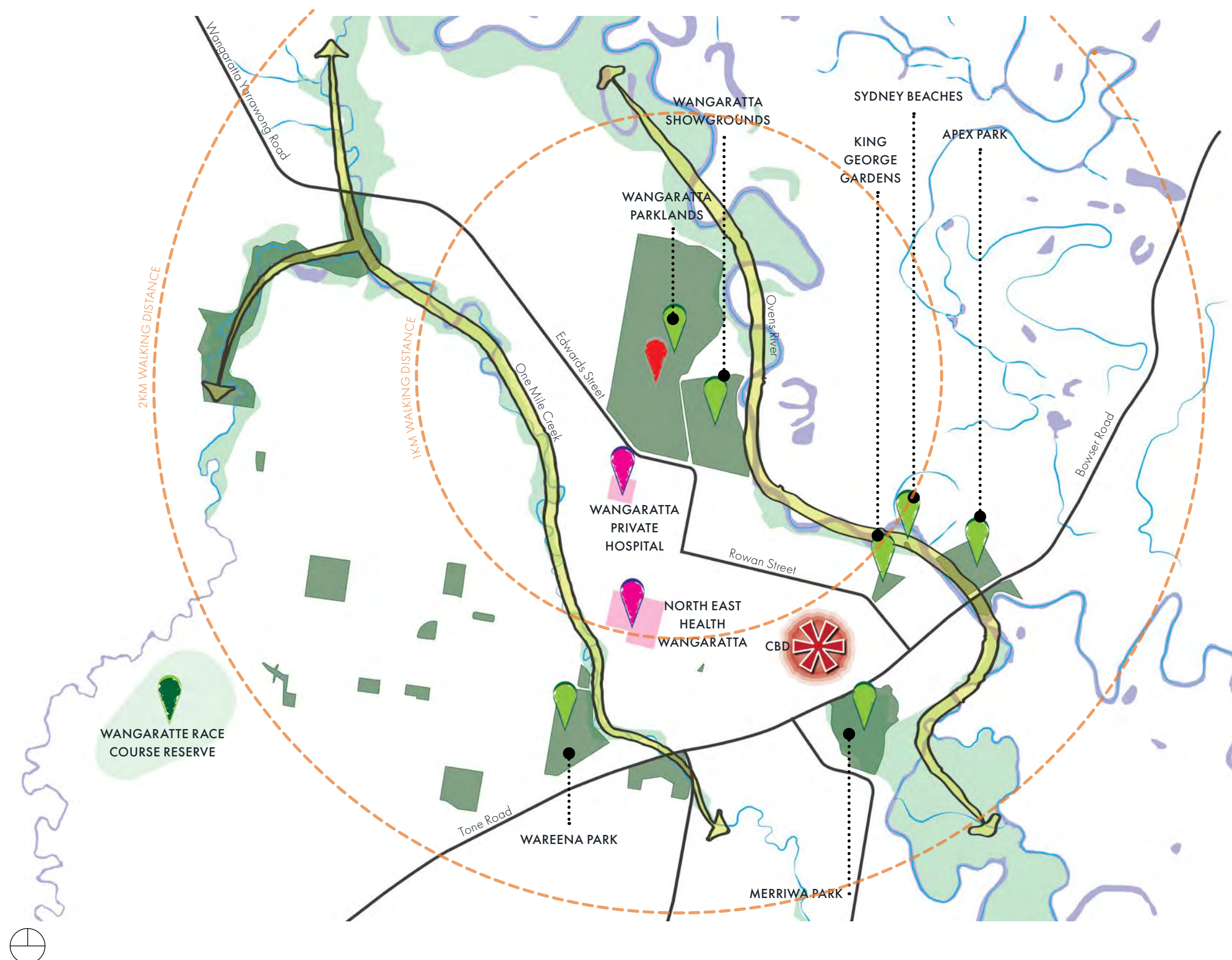


Figure 1. Key Parks located in Wangaratta

3 The Parklands

3.1 The Study Area

Located to the north west of Wangaratta's CBD, the Parklands covers approximately 56 hectares of land including the Showgrounds.

The major facilities at the Parklands include the Wangaratta Showgrounds, Norm Minns Oval, WJ Findlay Oval, Barr 1 and Barr 2 Reserves and the WISAC. An large redevelopment of the WISAC is currently in progress and a significant upgrade of Barr 2 Oval is underway.

Within each of these major facilities are various sports club rooms and community spaces that are used throughout the year for gathering, training, competitions and events.

The Wangaratta Show has a long standing history on the site. The Showgrounds is made up of a range of significant infrastructure and buildings, some of which are of heritage value.

The Ovens River forms the eastern site boundary. Visitors can walk, jog or cycle along the Bullawah Trail into the CBD along the rivers edge. The trail celebrates ancient stories, knowledge and skills of Wangaratta's local Indigenous people.



Showgrounds/Norm Minns Oval



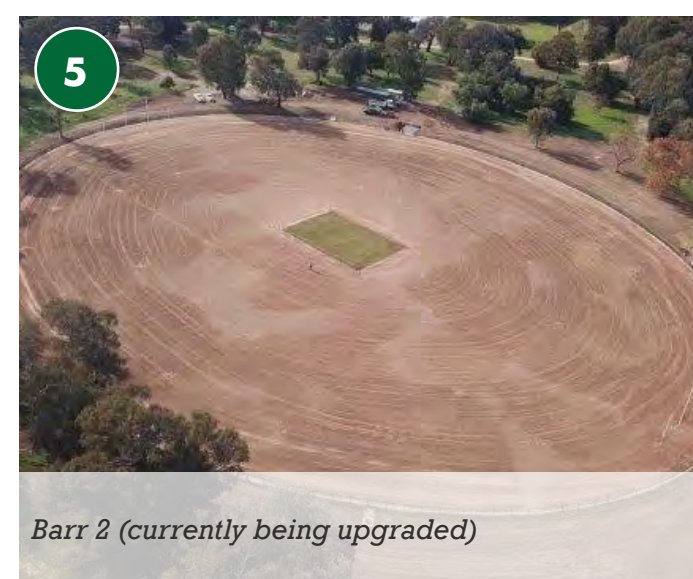
WISAC



WJ Findlay Oval



Barr 1



Barr 2 (currently being upgraded)



Northern Beaches & the Bullawah Trail



Figure 2. The Study Area



Historic Stables, Showgrounds



Historic Stables, Showgrounds



Cloak Room, Showgrounds



Grandstand, Showgrounds/Norm Minns



Native Landscaping, WJ Findlay



Community Rooms, WJ Findlay



Historic Cedar Trees, Golf Links Lane



Native Landscaping, Schilling Drive

Figure 3. Some of the unique place based elements the Masterplan Plan will build on

3.2 Key Challenges & Emerging Opportunities

There are ongoing challenges for the successful function and operations of such a large open space.

The diversity of user and user groups contribute to the complexity. The Parklands is home to a mix of user groups, mostly sports and community clubs. The clubs are housed in a range of building and facilities types.

As a result of incremental and in some cases, ad hoc development happening over many years, existing buildings, facilities and infrastructure are in varying stages of condition.

Improvements and general maintenance is in some cases difficult for Council and user groups to coordinate and facilitate. Often groups have different, and in some cases, competing needs and requirements, as well as financial situations.

The ongoing maintenance and planning of the multiple sports fields, large areas of landscaping and natural vegetation and public realm, is also a key challenge.

The emerging issues are identified on the following plan and photos (operational challenges are not addressed by this plan).





Figure 4. Emerging Opportunities Identified in the Parklands



4 The Masterplan

4.1 Our Vision

The shared vision for the Parklands is to develop the site into the premier sports, recreation and events precinct in North Eastern Victoria.

The Parklands Masterplan envisions the Precinct will continue to be an important place in the hearts of the community and evolve as a great place to visit for a long time to come.

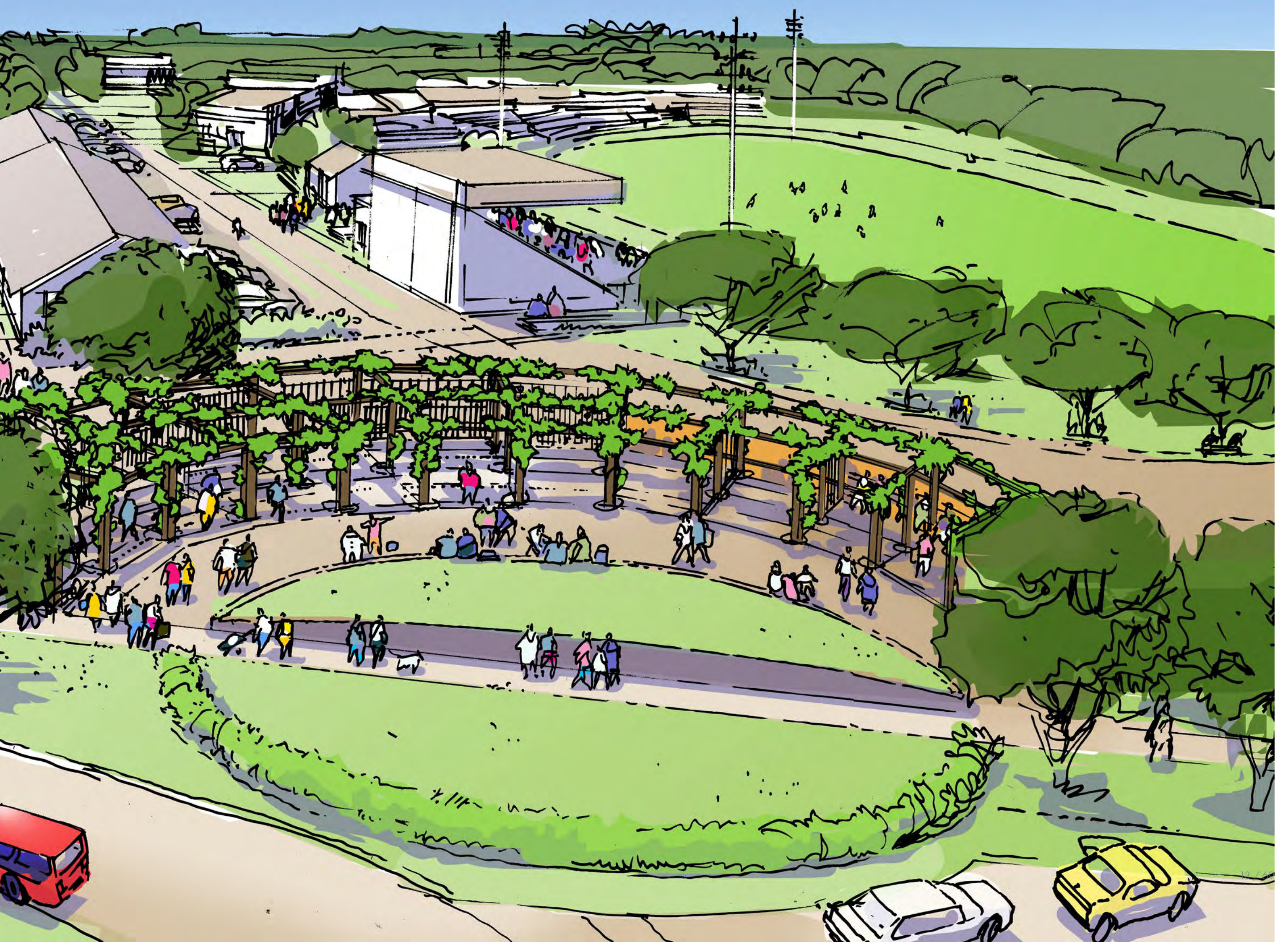
The agreed shared vision is for a premier sports, recreation and events precinct, that is used by the community throughout the year and attracts visitors to Wangaratta.

The Plan has been developed in consultation with the Parklands key users groups. Where possible the clubs and community groups future plans have been considered and the Parklands rich and varied history acknowledged.

The Plan aims to create a cohesive place. Implementation of the identified actions will ensure that the precinct is developed in a way that maximises positive outcomes for the community, whilst ensuring future investment is made in a sound manner.



Figure 5. Artists Impression of the Proposed Parklands Main Entrance



4.2 Design Principles

Principal 1. Create A Connected & Cohesive Precinct

The key principles listed opposite have been the overarching drivers used throughout the development of the plan.

These principles underpin the design, planning, staging and implementation decision making. They have been developed in collaboration with Council, and key stakeholders and testing by the community to ensure they best capture the shared aspirations for the site.

It is intended that the principles will provide clear guidance for all future planning and design related decision making to ensure a unified vision and direction for the Parklands is maintained over the next twenty years.

Principal 2. Reinforce the Natural Landscape & Character Settings

Principal 3. Integrate Adaptability to Meet Changing Community Needs

Principal 4. Encourage Participation in All Types of Activities



Figure 6. Artists Impression of the Vision for Barr 2 - Sports Oval and Pavilion Facilities



4.3 The Master Plan

The Plan seeks to improve the way the precinct functions, enhance the visitor experience and embed a strong sense of place throughout. The plan will provide a blueprint to guide the future direction and development of the Parklands.

The key features of the Plan are;

- Making the site easier and more enjoyable to move through
- Enhancing the landscape character and local sense of place
- Creating more places for community gathering and use
- Increasing participation in all types of physical activity.



Figure 7. The Parklands Master Plan

4.4 Key User Groups

Currently there are over 50 user groups who call the Parklands home. Sports and community groups use the Parklands predominantly for organised sport and recreation activities, however this Plan seeks to encourage more informal recreation by the community.

The purpose of the plan is to provide an overarching framework for future development and to ensure that all future works on site positively contribute to the improvement of the precinct. This will assist the planning and design that clubs and community groups have undertaken independently of Council. Whilst this master plan does not include all of the user groups details, Council will work closely with the user groups in supporting future works that will deliver new facilities and increase recreational participation.

The plan opposite acknowledges the desired future longer term locations for those Clubs and Groups whose permanent home will be at the Parklands.



- 1 Wangaratta Scout Group
- 2 Wangaratta Bowls & Sports Club
- 3 City Colts Cricket Club
- 4 Council Depot
- 5 Small Bore Rifle Association
- 6 Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre (multiple groups)
- 7 Community Centre
- 8 Wangaratta District Netball Association
- 9 Junior Football Clubs
- 9 Hardcourt Tennis Association
- 10 Dog Kennel & Obedience Club
- 11 Lions Club
- 12 Rovers United Bruck Cricket Club
- 13 Magpies Football Netball Club
- 14 Agricultural Show Society
- 15 AFL NE Border Umpires/Bushrangers Football Club
- 16 Rovers Football Netball Club
- 17 WDCA/Indoor Cricket Centre
- 18 Wangaratta Woodworkers
- 19 Bridge Club
- 20 Wangaratta Players

Figure 8. Key User Groups Located at the Parklands

4.5 Key Themes

In order to explain the detail in the plan the key actions to deliver the plan are organised in the following section according to four themes;

- Theme 1 Access & Movement,
- Theme 2 Green,
- Theme 3 Activation & Adaptive Reuse,
- Theme 4 Sports, Recreation & Events.

It is intended that all four themes will be;

- Read in conjunction to ensure a holistic understanding of the detail of the plan,
- Planning with consideration of the implications of relating actions, and
- Delivered in a logical and efficient sequence.

Please refer to Section 5 - The Implementation Plan for further details on planning and design responsibility, potential partnerships and estimated timing.

THEME 1. ACCESS & MOVEMENT



Purpose:
**“ Making the site
 easier and
 more enjoyable to
 move through”**

THEME 2. GREEN



Purpose:
**“Enhancing the landscape
 character and local sense of
 place”**

THEME 3. ACTIVATION & ADAPTIVE REUSE



Purpose:
**“Creating more places
 for community gathering
 and use”**

THEME 4.
**SPORTS,
RECREATION
& EVENTS**



Purpose:
**"Increasing participation
in all types of
physical activity"**



THEME 1. ACCESS & MOVEMENT



Overview

Vehicle Movement & Parking

Many visitors to the Parklands rely on good vehicle access and being able to park within close proximity.

The Masterplan will improve access and egress to and from the Parklands Precinct and support visitor access by improving entrance and exit points and creating a logical road network for easy vehicle circulation throughout the site.

Reconfigured and additional vehicle access points and a new internal road connection are key to setting a feasible framework that addresses vehicle circulation, congestion and safety issues.

Site access points and arrival nodes are reinforced by creating key sight lines, site features, surfaces, signage, landmarks and areas of amenity to make it easy and attractive to navigate to, and around the precinct.

Schilling Drive, Golf Links Lane and a new north south main road are the primary vehicle circulation routes. Adequate and conveniently located vehicle parking is located within close proximity to key destinations.

Walking & Cycling Network

The Parklands Precinct is visited by hundreds of people each year for a range of sporting, leisure and entertainment activities. The Masterplan will encourage more passive recreation, walking, jogging and cycling to and within the Parklands by improving the quality and safety of the internal path network.

The experience of arriving on foot or bike (or vehicle) has been designed to be present the Parklands as a welcoming environment. The amenity and attractiveness of walking and cycling are enhanced by the provision of seating and shade.

Comfortable, safe and attractive paths will connect visitors to the key site destinations. The internal path network is logical and allows people to easily navigate to their desired destination, or between facilities within the site, whilst increasing exposure to the best site qualities, characteristics and assets. The circulation, alignment and design will encourage increased walking and cycling around the precinct, create more desirable attractions and encourage access to the wider shared path network.

Signage & Way Finding

The Parklands covers a large area and can be accessed from multiple points. For first time visitors it can be challenging to find your way. The Masterplan will deliver clear signage and wayfinding that enables visitors to navigate the site and easily locate facilities and buildings.

Recommended wayfinding devices include provision of directional and information signage at all access points and strategic placement of landmarks and gateway experiences.

The whole precinct works as a system to encourage walking and increase accessibility. The alignment of key roads and paths and the placement of landmarks and landscaping features are key components of the wayfinding and experience strategy.

Visual and physical links into the site, particularly from Park Lane, will be increased to encourage access from adjacent residential areas and schools and provide a greater level of understanding and accessibility to the points of interest.



Pirrama Park Source: Aspect Studios

How it Could Look



Landscaped shared paths that provide an interesting experience

Source:McGregor Coxall



Separating vehicles and people provides a safe & comfortable experience

Source: Time Out Magazine



Shaded paths are critical for a comfortable recreational experience



Parklands offers a opportunity to support local and visitor bike culture



Signage highlights points of interest on site and in surrouding areas

Source:www.grove.co

THEME 1. ACCESS & MOVEMENT



Vehicle Movement

Improve Primary Site Entrance & Exits;

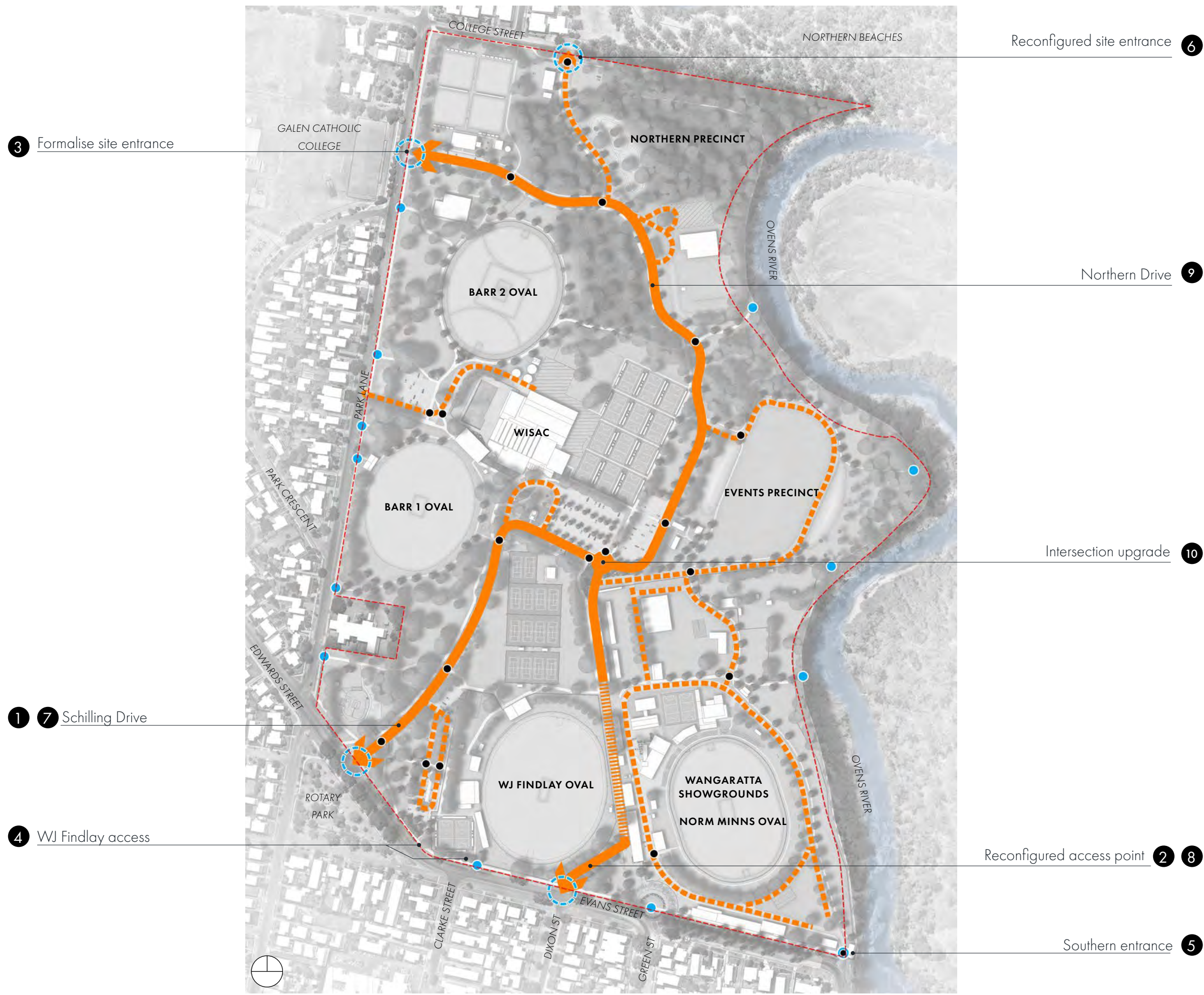
- 1 Extend the left hand turn slip lane along Schilling Drive to reduce vehicle congestion during peak hours and event times.
- 2 Reconfigure the Golf Links Lane exit onto Evans Street by realigning it with Dixon Street to better manage traffic flows and improve traffic safety. The reconfiguration should also ensure that the heavy vehicle access route is maintained.
- 3 Formalise the site entrance and exit at Park Lane.

Improve Secondary Entrances & Exits

- 4 Remove the one Evans Street access points to the VJ Findlay car park. Provide one consolidated car park entrance off Schilling Drive to improve traffic flow and safety.
- 5 Formalise the function of the southern entrance on Evans Street (cloak room) as a pedestrian and service vehicle entrance and exit.
- 6 Formalise the College Street entrance to improve safety and reduce potential pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle conflicts.

Create a Primary & Secondary Road Hierarchy with Primary and Secondary Roads;

- 7 Reinforce Schilling Drive as the primary entrance and exit to the Parklands by creating a premier arrival experience to the Parklands. Prioritise streetscaping improvements including a boulevard treatment.
- 8 Create a slow traffic environment along Golf Links Lane to safely function as an alternative north south primary entrance and additional exit. Consider reconfiguring into three zones to achieve a safe and comfortable mix of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- 9 Create a new north south road connecting Park Lane to ease the pressure on Schilling Drive and Golf Links Lane.
- 10 Reconfigure the WISAC main car park access and Golf Links Lane intersection to improve safety and ease traffic congestion.



LEGEND

- PRIMARY ACCESS (VEHICLE)
- PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
- PRIMARY ROAD
- INTERNAL ROAD
- SHARED ZONE
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
- SITE BOUNDARY

Figure 9. Key Projects to Improve Vehicle Access and Movement throughout the Precinct

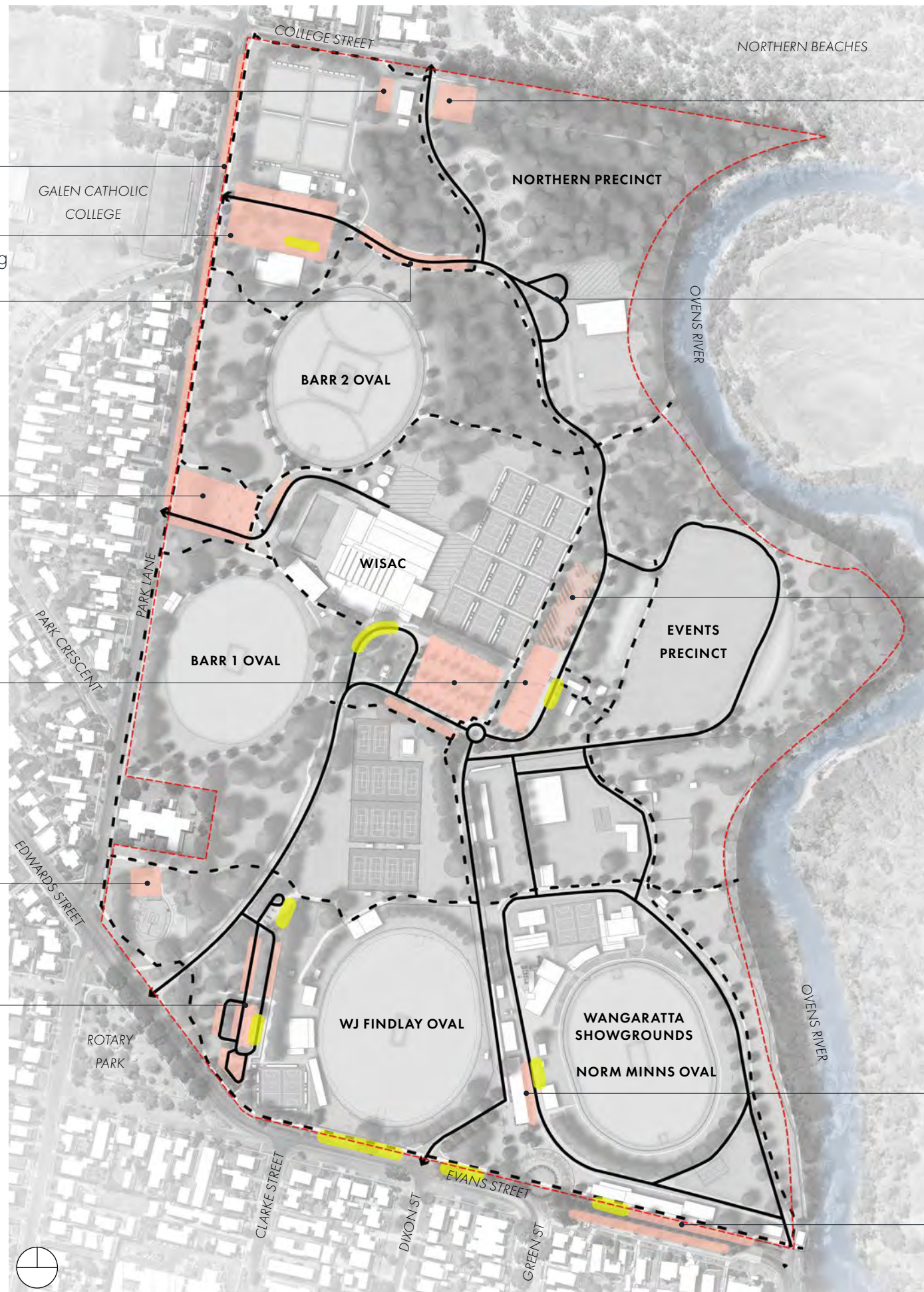
THEME 1.
ACCESS &
MOVEMENT



Vehicle Parking

- 1 Reconfigure the main WISAC car park to improve safety, gain parking bay efficiencies and increase shade coverage. Install additional shade tree planting within existing carparks at WISAC/Events Precinct.
- 2 Provide a flexible overflow vehicle parking area in close proximity to the events precinct (former Rodeo Grounds). Provide disability and VIP priority parking close to the events entrance. Deliver in conjunction with the development of the Events Precinct.
- 3 Improve safe access to WJ Findlay Oval car parking by closing the Evans Street access and providing reconfigured access, circulation, drop off point and parking via Schilling Drive.
- 4 Reconfigure the parking located at the skate park as part of the skate park expansion and improvements.
- 5 Create an extension of on street parking along Park Lane between the WISAC to the Bowls Club.
- 6 Formalise the proposed car parking arrangements (and access) for the Bowls Club and Barr #2 users.
- 7 Formalise the College Street car park (clear entrance and gravel surface).
- 8 Provide clearly defined passenger and coaches pick up and drop off points at all major facilities.
- 9 Undertake a Disability Access Audit to identify precinct wide disabled parking and access requirements.
- 10 Upgrade Evans Street to formalise carparking and provide drop off area.
- 11 Identify key satellite parking areas that will be serviced by public transport/special events alternative transport services during major events times.

- 7 Informal Car Park (approx.20 spaces)
- 5 Park Lane On Street Parking (approx.110 spaces)
- 6 Formalise and Extend Carpark (approx.90 spaces)
- Potential parallel overflow parking (approx.25 spaces)
- Car Park (approx.105 spaces)
- 1 WISAC Car Park (approx.315 spaces)
- 4 Skate Park (approx.10 spaces)
- 3 WJ Findlay Car Park (approx.100 spaces)



Informal Car Park (approx.40 spaces) 7

Access to the Riffle Club & Works Depot

Events Car Park (approx.80 spaces) 2

Showgrounds Parking

Evans Street Parking (approx.55 spaces)

LEGEND







-  CAR PARK (PUBLIC)
-  EVENTS PARKING
-  PICK UP/DROP OFF AREA (INCLUDING COACHES)
-  PRIMARY ROAD
-  PEDESTRIAN/BIKE PATH
-  SITE BOUNDARY

Figure 10. Key Projects to Improve Parking Throughout the Parklands

THEME 1. ACCESS & MOVEMENT



Walking & Cycling

This plan supports the prioritisation of the identified inter-town links that provide improved walking and cycling access to the Parklands as identified in the Wangaratta Walking & Cycling Strategy.

Create a High Quality Shared Path Network;

- 1 Improve the walking and cycling experience along Schilling Drive. Where possible increase the separation between the path and Schilling Drive. Plant more ground covers and grasses and large canopy trees along the edge of the shared path. Undertake a lighting audit to assess how well the path is illuminated at night.
- 2 Transform Golf Links Drive into a shared use zone to allow for people and cars to safely and comfortably move between Evans Street, the Showgrounds and Norms Minns Oval and the facilities located in the north areas of the Parklands.
- 3 Create a shared path to provide an east west link so people can move between Schilling Drive, WJ Findlay and Norm Minns.

- 4 Create a pedestrian link between the Park Lane bus stop and the WISAC front entrance.
- 5 Create a shared path providing an east west link so people can walk between Park Lane, the WISAC car park, Barr 2 and further east to the Events Precinct and Bullawah Trail.
- 6 Create a shared path connecting Barr 2, the Bowling Club and destinations located to the south.
- 7 Create a 1km and a 3km signposted walking and jogging loop around the Parklands Precinct for exercising, linking into the wider shared path network to give users the opportunity to extend the experience. Provide signage/information on wider shared path network including One Mile Creek.

Improve Access & Crossing Points;

- 8 Reconfigure the Golf Links Lane pedestrian entrance to the Showgrounds to create a centrally located, main entrance and meeting spot for visitors to the Showgrounds.
- 9 Remove vehicle access to W J Findlay Oval from Evans Street making it pedestrian access only.
- 10 Provide multiple access points along the western site boundary to the Bullawah Trail (ensuring they can be locked during event times).
- 11 Provide pedestrian crossings at key road and path junctions.

Deliver More Cycling Infrastructure;


-  Increase the number of cycle parking facilities around the Parklands. Bike parking should be located within close proximity to the building entrances.



Figure 11. Key Projects to Improve the Walking & Cycling Experience in and around the Precinct

THEME 1. ACCESS & MOVEMENT



Signage & Wayfinding

Deliver a Signage & Wayfinding Strategy;

- 1 Create a signature Parklands branding style to be used on entrance signage, directional signage and Wayfinding devices throughout the site, that contributes to unified place identity and branding.
- 2 Locate landmark signage elements at each of the four main site entrances to signify arrival and direct visitors to key destinations.
- 3 Locate directional signage at secondary entrances, surrounding bus stops and car parks, to provide information on key Parklands destinations.
- 4 Provide signage along the Bullawah Trail advising users of;
 - Access points into the Parklands Precinct.
 - Approximate distances between key destinations.
 - Their responsibility to safely and comfortably share the path with all types of users.

Create New Public Meeting Areas;

- 5 Place a defining landmark in close proximity to WISAC to delineate the centre of the Parklands.
- 6 Create an landmark entrance and meeting point to the events precinct.
- 7 Reconfigure the entrance to the Showgrounds at Golf Links Lane to create an entrance and meeting spot.
- 8 Create a landmark main (southern) entrance to Precinct/Showgrounds/ Norm Minns the as part of the Golf Links Lane reconfiguration.

Embed Public Art Throughout the Precinct;

- Commission site specific public art interventions to acknowledge and respond to the key historical aspects of the site, particularly the Showgrounds and local club heritage.
- Use public art to provide key landmarks and wayfinding devices throughout the Precinct in key locations such as;
 - Schilling Drive entrance (right hand side)
 - Showgrounds main entrance (pocket park)
 - Start and end of the pedestrian link between the WISAC and Bullawah Trail

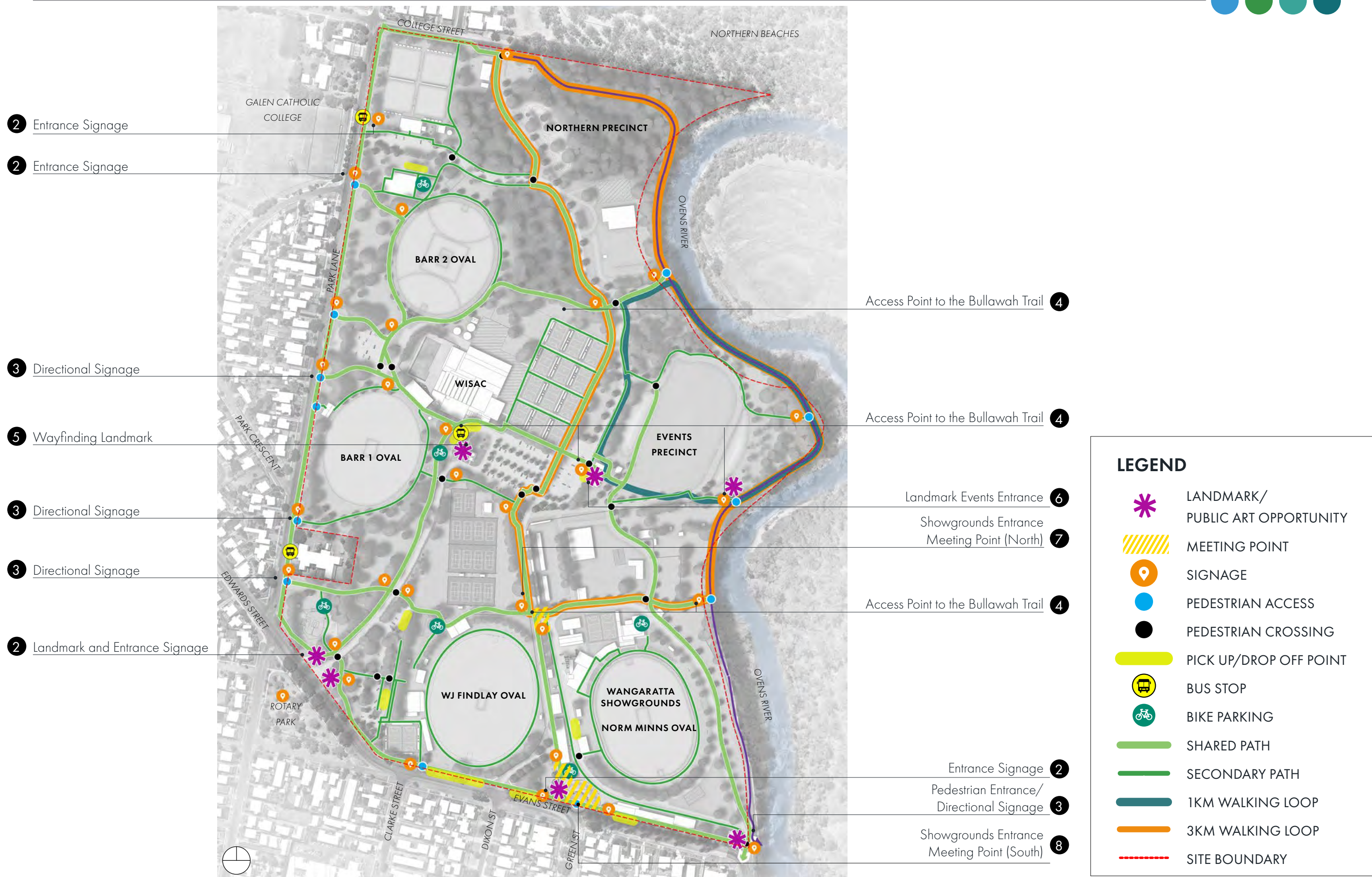


Figure 12. Key Projects to Improve Navigation throughout the Precinct

THEME 2. GREEN



Overview

Landscape Character

The Parklands provides opportunities for outdoor activities that improve our physical and mental well being and the landscape setting contributes to the quality of the visitor experience.

One of the key intentions of the Masterplan is for the Parklands to be recognised as a place of a natural landscape value and beauty. A place that is visually appealing, comfortable, as well as providing high environmental values to its surrounds.

The network of high quality open spaces and landscape elements underpin the Plan. Preservation of the existing character and extent of tree cover is paramount. All future works should seek to preserve existing trees and vegetation where possible. Future planting should contribute to sustaining and strengthening the Precinct's landscape character and environmental value.

High quality landscaping along roads and key pedestrian paths will be designed to enhance the user comfort and experience.

Trees and vegetation will provide shade in areas where people meet and congregate and will be designed to frame views to key Parklands activities and buildings.

Extension of the existing feature tree plantings around the sports ovals will provide shade and high aesthetic appeal whilst defining each of the respective activity precincts.

The Plan recommends strengthening the established native plant palette by prioritising the planting of species that are indigenous to the area and river corridor, providing habitat for local fauna and suitable for projected changes in climate.

Continue to plant species established along the Bullawah Trail to enhance the landscape character and further define the Parklands identity.

Sustainability Initiatives

A healthy environment means a healthier community. Within the 56 hectares at the Parklands there are large grassed areas requiring high levels of maintenance and water, large areas of impervious surfaces that contribute to storm water runoff and many buildings to operate.

The Masterplan aims to improve the overall environmental performance of the site by encouraging sustainable practices. Road and path designs should incorporate consistent best practice Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) measures and principles.

In particular, there is potential to improve the quality of storm water run off with appropriate storm water treatment methods such as vegetated swales and rain gardens.

Landscape design should feature drought tolerant species to minimise water use and offset the high irrigation levels required to maintain the sports ovals.

New buildings and the retrofitting of existing facilities should be site responsive, employing best practice Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) principles. Energy efficiency initiatives, which will also assist in a reduction of building operating costs, and water capture (for irrigation and toilet flushing) should be prioritised.

How It Could Look



Interfacing with Ovens River



Providing wayfinding information Source:RCoW



Complementing the Bullawah Cultural Trail Source:RCoW



Use of public art reinforcing existing character Source:Rural City of Wangaratta



Drought tolerant planting Source:Rural City of Wangaratta



Native plant palette and raingarden Source:GHD



WSUD carparks Source: Jane Irwin Landscape Architects



Use of reinforced grassing paving



Entry native feature landscaping Source: Panorama Architects

THEME 2. GREEN



The proposed improvements will;

- Showcase best practice sustainability measures throughout the precinct.
- Protect existing trees and encourage increased vegetation, particularly native vegetation, across the site.
- Discourage the removal of trees where possible.
- Improve the amenity, sense of place and environmental value of the Parklands.
- Working together these elements will strengthen the identity of the Parklands and elevate the whole precinct as a regional destination.

Landscape Character

Key projects identified to preserve and strengthen the Parklands landscape character;

- 1 Strengthen the landscape character along Schilling Drive to reinforce a positive arrival experience into the Parklands. Extend the established avenue character on Edwards Street into and along Schilling Drive. Support the boulevard tree plantings with under storey planting including low level shrubs, native grasses and ground covers to improve the appearance along the road edge. Maintain views from Schilling Drive to the ovals, courts and other activities.
- 2 Create a welcoming green space and meeting area at the Evans Street Showgrounds entrance. Use a consistent landscape palette creating a signature style and a recognisable landscape character.
- 3 Create signature tree plantings and landscaping at key site entry points and along primary roads.
- 4 Extend the established tree canopy treatment around the sports ovals to create larger shaded spectator viewing areas. Where new plantings are required select tree species that have large deciduous canopies, for shade in summer, light in winter and wind protection.
- 5 Delineate the primary pedestrian routes throughout the site by planting feature shade trees (and path lighting) along the path edges.
- 6 Prioritise the planting of native trees in areas that will provide links to existing vegetation corridors. This will result in strengthening the ecological value of the Precinct and the surrounding river and reserves, and provide habitat for wildlife.
- 7 Investigate river bank stabilisation methods to reduce the incidence of riverbank erosion along the Ovens River.
- 8 Retain and maintain the significant peppercorn trees located near the Evans Street frontage.
- 9 Retain and maintain the historic Cedar trees on Golf Links Lane.

- 6 Natural Vegetation Area
- 3 Signature Landscaping

- 4 Planting More Canopy Shade Trees

- 5 Landscaped Shared Path Network
- 3 Signature Landscaping

- 3 Signature Landscaping

- 4 Canopy Shade Trees
- 3 Signature Landscaping
- 3 Feature Native Landscaping
- 1 Schilling Drive Landscaping

- 1 Schilling Drive Landscaping
- 3 Signature Landscaping

- 4 Planting & Maintenance of Canopy Shade Trees

Natural Vegetation Area 6

Boulevard Treatment Along New Road 3

Natural Vegetation Area 6

Landscaped Shared Path Network 5

Natural Vegetation Area 6

Natural Vegetation Area 6

Retain significant trees 9

Landscaped Shared Path Network 5

Planting & Maintenance Canopy Shade Trees 4

Showgrounds Entrance 2

River Bank Stabilisation (priority area) 7

Signature Landscaping 3

Retain significant trees 8

- ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE
- FEATURE LANDSCAPE AREA
- NATURAL VEGETATION AREA
- BANK STABILISATION
- SITE BOUNDARY

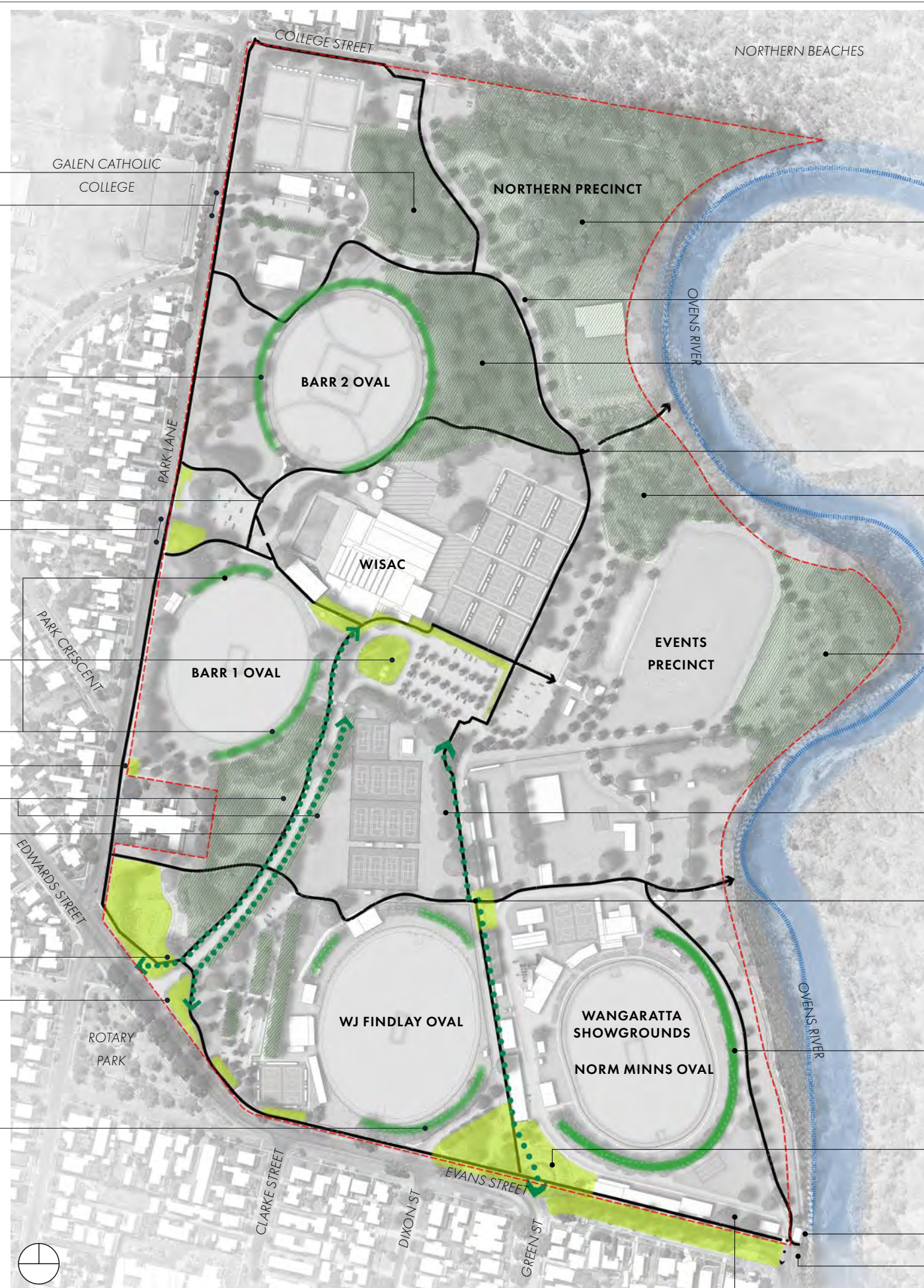


Figure 13. Projects to improve the Landscape Character of the Parklands Precinct

THEME 2. GREEN



The proposed improvements will;

- Demonstrate the benefits of practical sustainability initiatives on a precinct scale,
- Potentially lead to a significant reduction in water volume used for irrigation and reduction in the volume of polluted runoff entering surrounding waterways; and
- Assess the sustainable design, construction and operation of buildings to ensure the environmental footprint of buildings is minimised.

Sustainability Initiatives

Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy recognises the community and economy depend on the services the environment provides such as clean water and air, productive soils and healthy working rivers. The EES acknowledges the importance of the natural environment to the lifestyle and wellbeing of the community.

There is significant opportunity to showcase the ESS's key principles by embedding best practice energy efficiency management, renewable energy use and water management throughout the Precinct. To successfully implement precinct wide sustainability measures it is recommended that a site specific, evidence based sustainability action plan is developed for the Parklands.



Figure 14. Extract from the EES - Council's triple bottom line approach to sustainability

Key inclusions for this action plan are identified below.

Key projects to improve water efficiencies;

Precinct wide rainwater harvesting measures should be implemented. Undertake a complete water efficiency audit to investigate longer term water conservation strategies to support more sustainable sports ground management practices and determine future design improvements. Key considerations should include;

- 1 Offsetting irrigation of the sports ovals and other high maintenance areas with passive irrigation of vegetation and landscape feature areas.
- 2 Managing storm water run with smart technologies such as VVI-FI capable irrigation controllers to remotely monitor and control water flows and where possible, capture excess amounts of run off.
- 3 Upgrading irrigation systems with new technologies to better manage the effective irrigation of sports fields.
- 4 Integrating Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) methods when upgrading and providing new infrastructure.
- 5 Rehabilitating the contaminated land to

create a natural vegetation area in the northern area of the Precinct.

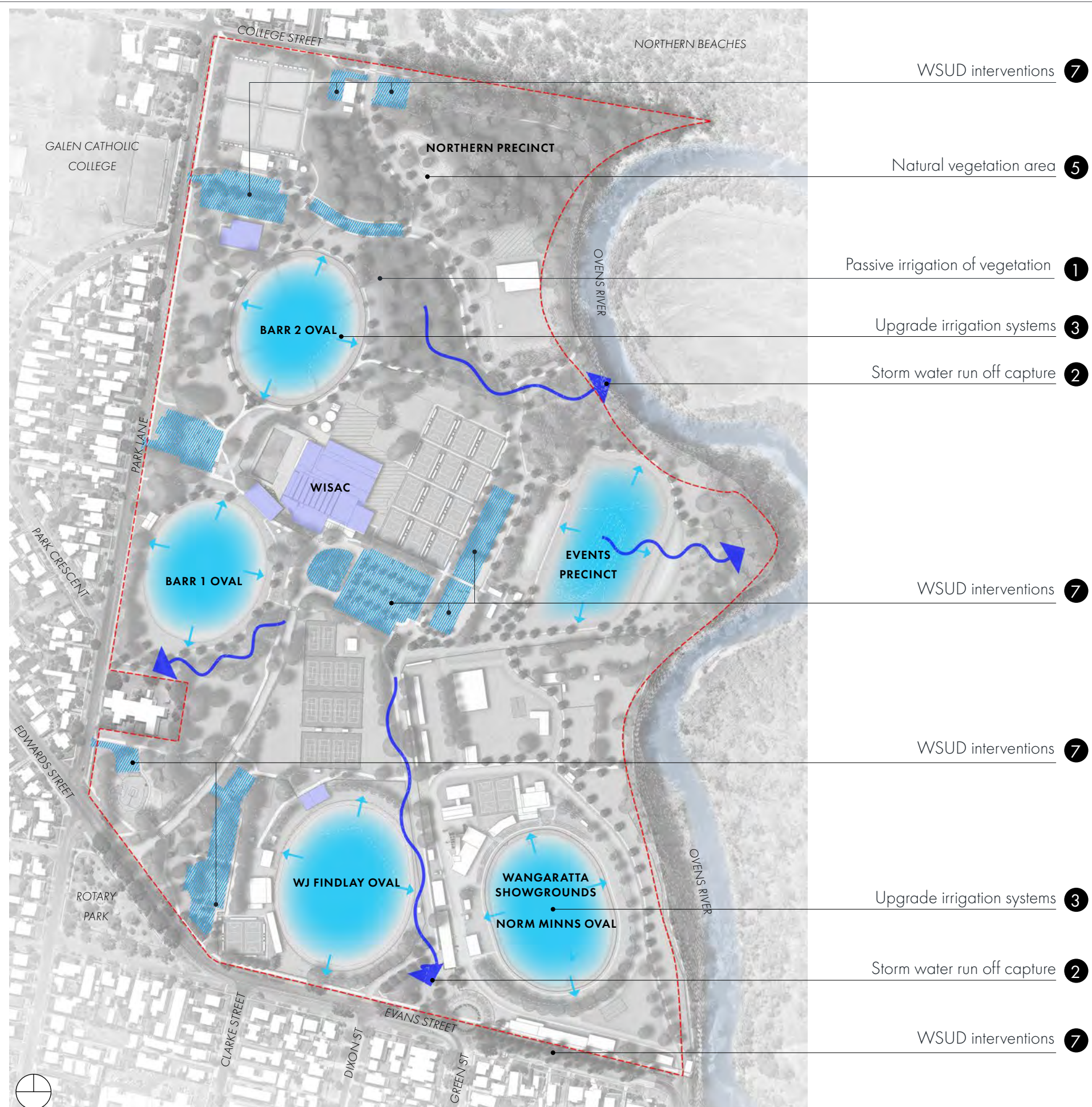
- 6 Selecting turf that is appropriate for the local conditions

Key projects to reduce the impacts of storm water run off;

- 7 Retrofit car parks with WSUD interventions to capture and filter storm water (centrally located in tree trenches, corner tree pits and strategically located rain gardens).

Key projects identified to improve building performance:

- 8 Enable optimal use of existing buildings where possible.
- 9 Undertake an independent green star energy rating audit on existing buildings to develop an action plan identifying more efficient use of infrastructure (solar panels, lighting upgrades, grey water capture).
- 10 Design new buildings with consideration of building orientation, solar access, cross ventilation and thermal comfort. Ensure internal rooms and components are configured and sized to meet the occupants needs.
- 11 Construct new buildings using sustainable construction methods and building products.



Considerations For Improving Building Performance In The Sustainability Initiatives (Based On Current Council Standards)

Current Building Features WISAC:

- C-Bus lighting system with auto switch off when areas are not used
- Completed 75% light fitting replacement with LED lighting.
- Cogeneration unit generates 57 kW_a of power into the centre and 105 kW_a of thermal heat into the pools, it is currently programmed to run M-F 7am to 11 pm.
- New works – 60+ kW of photovoltaic solar will be installed.
- Pool water heating system will be 34-37% more efficient which includes upgrade the existing system as well (new works)
- Replacement of the existing sand filters with glass medium will reduce water wastage when completing backwashes (new works)

LEGEND

- EXCESS IRRIGATION CAPTURE
- SURFACE RUNOFF
- OVERLAND FLOW PATH
- GREY WATER USAGE
- SITE BOUNDARY

Figure 15. Key locations for Parklands Sustainability Initiatives

THEME 3. ADAPTIVE REUSE



Overview

Building & Space Activation

A large majority of heritage buildings located at the Parklands are situated within the Norms Minns Precinct. These buildings represent the Society's long-standing historical relationship with the Wangaratta community. Many of these buildings continue to be utilised by the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society to stage the annual Wangaratta Show.

The cluster of heritage showground buildings vary in condition, value and function. Whilst it is recognised that heritage buildings contribute to the local story and sense of place, the challenge is the significant funding required to maintain, restore and conserve these buildings. There is a need to maximise the value and return of buildings and spaces within the Parklands for the current users, as well as potential future users.

This theme focuses on identifying key buildings and spaces within the site that present opportunities for revitalisation. The opportunities might be with buildings or areas where former uses are now redundant, are no longer fit for purpose, or in some cases are underutilised.

In recognising this, the Masterplan encourages the adaptive reuse of buildings and spaces in the case where;

- Increased community access is possible,
- Positively contributes to increased utilisation of the precinct year around,
- Facility is suitable for multi-purpose community use.

Many of the user groups currently located at the Parklands have a long association with the Precinct. Where possible, local club and community group histories and long standing associations should be acknowledged. One suggested way of doing this could-be through the considered naming of new infrastructure and facilities.

Any refurbishment or redevelopment of buildings and/or spaces will be undertaken in close collaboration with the managing entities and key user groups, in particular the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society and the Lions Club.

In the case where the buildings have heritage significance any future works will be undertaken in partnership with heritage advice.



Ballast Point

Source:McGregor Coxall

How It Could Look



Reuse of buildings to become flexible community spaces
Source: Diamond Schmitt Architects



Re-imagining the spaces for multi uses
Source: www.substation.com



Retaining the existing heritage character in future designs
Source: Ken Form Fletcher Park



Revitalised active frontage
Source:www.hero.com



Providing a place for people to meet and dine
Source:www.hero.com



Small intimate outdoor spaces for the community to gather
Source: Coal Loader Cafe



Promoting active frontages to expand onto the footpath
Source: Alicia Taylor

THEME 3. ADAPTIVE REUSE



The proposed improvements will;

- Enhance the visitor arrival experience to the Evans Street precinct, the Showgrounds entrance and the Norms Minns Oval.
- Remove the conflicting and congested uses in the northern section of the Norm Minns Oval.
- Protect heritage buildings and ensure buildings and facilities are maintained.
- Provide the Lions Club with a larger building and improved outdoor amenity to better host community events.
- Strengthen the functional relationship between the Magpies facilities.

Building & Space Activation

Key Projects Identified Include;

Activation of Evans Street so it functions as the front door to the Parklands. Key moves to activate Evans Street include;

- 1 Enhancements to the streetscape through the provision of boulevard planting and landscaping.
- 2 Conserving the heritage Cloak Room Building to signify the buildings significance and encouraging regular use of the building as a ticketed entrance to the Norm Minns Precinct.
- 3 Restoring the historic Evans Street Main Gates as a key feature of the proposed new main Showgrounds entrance.
- 4 Creating a new landmark Showgrounds entrance. The entrance should be of an appropriate scale and quality to act a key site landmark. Removal of the Table Tennis building is required for this.

Buildings, signage and landscaping fronting onto Evans Street should be regularly maintained and used.

Within the precinct the key moves to support the activation of underutilised facilities are;

- 5 Adaptive reuse of the Poultry Pavilion. Consider relocation of the building to a more prominent site to celebrate its significant cultural heritage. Siting the building closer to the heritage horse stables would create a stronger presence of heritage buildings at the Golf Links Lane entrance to the Showgrounds. Restoration would result in creating a functional space that could be used by Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society and the community throughout the year.
- 6 Adaptive reuse of the former Secretary Office heritage building for use by the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society as a new office space. Relocating the building adjacent to Golf Links Lane gives the building and the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society more prominence within the Precinct. All building works will require heritage approval.
- 7 Adaptive reuse of the Shearing Shed to provide an additional indoor space for the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society use and income generation.
- 8 Relocation of the Lions Building north of its current location to enable the facility to be extended, encompassing a larger footprint, circulation and outdoor area.
- 9 Enabling the Rodeo Grounds to be transformed into a premier events space and sports training ground for year round usage. Events and recreational opportunities that leverage, promote and protect the unique riverside landscape setting should be encouraged. Consider designing areas of mounding around part of the edge of the main events space to function as informal tiered seating.
- 10 Removal of the former Deerstalkers Building to allow relocation of the Council's Works Depot. Locating the depot in the northern precinct will improve the facilities functionality.
- 11 Restoration of the dumping and land fill area and encourage increased areas of natural re-vegetation and use part of the area for a BMX bike track.
- 12 Removal of the single dwelling located on Shilling Drive to regenerate and re-vegetate the key arrival area.
- 13 Removal of the permanent cattle yard to free up open green space for community use (under agreement with Council that external funding will be required to fund a portable replacement solution).

Note - Development in the Parklands, particularly the Norm Minns Precinct, may be subject to meeting the requirements of the Heritage Overlay in accordance with the Planning Scheme. The Masterplan recommends design guidelines are developed to provide guidance on how future development should align with the heritage significance of the precinct.



- Site restoration and rehabilitation 11
- Ideal location for the Rural City of Wangaratta Works Depot 10
- Activation of the Events Precinct 9
- Remove single dwelling 12
- Replacement of permanent cattle yard with a temporary solution 13
- Relocated/expanded Lions Club 8
- Refurbished Poultry Pavilion 8
- Refurbished Shearing Shed 7
- Refurbished Agricultural Show Society Building for the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society Office 6
- New Showgrounds entrance & refurbished main gates 4
- Refurbished Cloak Room 2
- Evans Street improvements 1

Figure 16. Parklands Revitalisation Projects

THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



Overview

Sports & Recreation

As Wangaratta's major sports precinct, one of the key roles of the Parklands Precinct is to provide opportunities for the community to participate in a range of local and regional sports and recreational activities.

The number of community groups associated with the precinct currently, and over its history, is not only significant in terms of the number of people using and visiting the precinct, but also in terms of the variety of interests accommodated.

The activities cover the full range of community sporting and recreational uses and include regular, ad hoc, or programmed events of a local, regional, state or national significance.

The Masterplan acknowledges the importance of supporting clubs and community groups based on site and provides guidance on key improvements to support the longevity of Parklands users.

Improvements will contribute to creating comfortable and safe environments and inclusive and accessible programs and facilities, to support increased participation in a range of sporting and recreational activities.

This Plan focuses on major projects that will contribute to increasing participation levels and improvement of the Parklands as a major regional sports, recreation and events precinct. The development of identified projects will be undertaken in close collaboration with sports clubs and community groups.

In addition to the many active opportunities at Parklands, there are some passive recreational activities on site. Casual and incidental activities are also a key feature of the Masterplan. The plan encourages the development of more passive recreational opportunities, suitable for children, adolescents and adults to enjoy and recommends the whole precinct moves towards a more publicly accessible model for passive recreation.

Events

The Wangaratta Show is a major part of the site's history and social fabric. Over recent years there have been a range of major sporting and cultural events also successfully held at the Showgrounds.

Located to the north of the Showgrounds is the Rodeo Grounds. A feasibility study has been undertaken to assess the suitability of the Rodeo Grounds as a site to hold major outdoor events.

The study recommended the Rodeo Grounds as the preferred site for development and investment of Wangaratta's major events precinct. The Masterplan supports this recommendation and broadly supports the schematic concept and infrastructure solution and supports the progression of the actions outlined in the Feasibility Study Implementation Plan.

Working with the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society and the key user groups located at Norm Minns will help to balance the spatial and operational needs of all precinct users.

How It Could Look



New expansions of WISAC with an outdoor swimming pool Source: Rural City of Wangaratta



Grassed terraced seating around the Norm Minns Oval and Events Precinct Source: Facebook Belvoir Amphitheatre Perth



Opportunities for a new sporting pavilion Source:Alpine Shire



Inclusive sporting facilities Source:www.womensafl.com



Expansion of the Skate Park with additional elements for all ages to participate Source: Fiskars Village Skate Park Fiskars www.skateboard.com.au

THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



The proposed improvements will;

- Improve the viewer experience to the Precinct.
- Support the ongoing staging of the Wangaratta Show.
- Support bids to attract major sports events such as the T20 cricket and AFL.
- Reduce the disruption major events cause to scheduled Wangaratta Show and football, cricket and cycling activities.
- Encourage female participation in sports activities
- Better connect the Magpies Netball facilities.
- Provide the Lions Club with a larger building footprint and outdoor space.

Precinct 1 Norm Minns/Wangaratta Showgrounds

Precinct 1 is well known and loved as the home of the annual Wangaratta Show. The Agricultural Show Society has been holding annual shows on site for over 155 years.

Precinct 1 is also a sports precinct, focused around the Norm Minns Oval. It is home to the Wangaratta Magpies Football & Netball Club, the Wangaratta Magpies Cricket Club, the Wangaratta Cycling Club, the Wangaratta District Cricket Association, and the Regional Sports Development Centre.

The Norms Minns Oval and surrounds currently functions as;

- The home of the Wangaratta Show;
- Home to multiple community groups;
- A premier sports ground hosting regional football games and cricket matches;
- Facility for local netball matches; and
- A place for major events.

Proposed improvement works at the Norm Minns Ovals include;

- 1 Upgrading the oval surrounds and supporting infrastructure to improve the capacity to host premier sports events.
- 2 Providing two local level netball competition courts and supporting infrastructure, in accordance with Netball Australia Guidelines. There is potential to relocate two netball courts further south to sit adjacent to the Magpies Club Rooms however this is reliant on the relocation of several buildings.
- 3 Expansion of the Sports Development Centre to improve change facilities, heating and cooling and a function space for regional sporting events (the design could consider a second level).
- 4 Refurbishment of Grandstand amenity.
- 5 Provide power to support the operations of temporary food and beverage outlets when required for large events.
- 6 Investigate future alternative locations for a fit for purpose facility for the Cycling Club.
- 7 Relocation of the Table Tennis Club to a fit for purpose facility.
- 8 A new main entrance to the to function as the main ticketed pedestrian entrance to the Showgrounds and drop off and meeting point (signage should provide directions to alternative ticketed entrances).
- 9 Refurbishing the Cloak Room entrance. Landscape and separated path upgrades to better define the pedestrian access and promote pedestrian access to the CBD via the Bullawah Trail.
- 10 Provide a clearway from fixed structures to create a safe access path for horses into the main arena.
- 11 Relocate the Agricultural Show Society to a centrally located, prominent location that provides a fit for purpose office space with a meeting room and kitchenette
- 12 Provide a new larger amenity block (public toilets/showers) to replace the existing aging facility.
- 13 Expansion of the Wangaratta District Cricket Club building to where possible align the facility with Cricket Australia's guidelines and provide a female friendly change room and public toilets (with consideration of heritage requirements).
- 14 Expansion of the Magpies Football Netball Club Rooms (Council encourage the Club to provide new facilities and will support the Club in seeking external funding options).

FACILITIES:

- Dog Kennel & Obedience Club
- Horse Stalls
- Horse Stalls
(Individual heritage significance)
- Edgar Ellis Cattle Pavilion
- Horse Stalls
(Individual heritage significance)
- Horse truck parking area
- Livestock Stalls
(Individual heritage significance)
- Magpies Football Netball Club
- Shearing Pavilion
(Individual heritage significance)
- Livestock Poultry
(Individual heritage significance)
- KL Stewart Sheep Pavilion
(Individual heritage significance)
- Spectator Pavilion
- Animal Nursery
- Coaches/Scorers Box
- Stall Broadcast Box
- J A McLaughlin Pavilion
- S Henderson Bird Pavilion
- Magpies Cricket Club
- Magpies Cricket Nets
- WDCA/Indoor Cricket Centre
- Wangaratta Woodworkers
- Wangaratta Players
- Bridge Club



Figure 17. Key Projects to Improve Sports & Recreational Facilities located in Precinct 1

Note - this plan should be read in conjunction with the three other themes to get a holistic understanding of all interrelated actions.

ACTIONS:

- Retention of green space
- Replacement of the permanent cattle yard with a temporary solution
- Relocated Lions Club Building
- Relocated/refurbished Poultry Pavilion
- Realigned internal road
- Shared path
- New entrance/meeting space
- Refurbished amenity block
- Relocated Magpies netball courts
- Magpies future building footprint to accommodate club room expansion (hatch)
- Power/water for & food/beverage outlet
- All abilities path to access the oval
- Clearway for horse access to arena
- Grassed terraced seating
- Sports Development Centre building expansion
- Agricultural Show Society Office
- Oval infrastructure improvements
- Grandstand refurbishment
- Semi-permanent undercover interchange bench area
- Key wayfinding landmark
- Removal Table Tennis building
- Power/water for temp. food & beverage outlet
- Landscaped meeting area/toilets
- Wangaratta District Cricket Club building expansion
- New Showgrounds entrance
- Upgraded Cloak Room/secondary ticketed Showgrounds entrance

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THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



The proposed improvements will;

- Increase participation in football, cricket, netball and tennis, particularly female participation.
- Contribute to creating a more accessible and user friendly sports facilities for all users of all abilities.
- Improve the safety and amenity of the precinct.

Precinct 2 WJ Findlay

Precinct 2 is home to the Rovers Football/Netball Club, the Rovers Bruck Cricket Club and the Hard court Tennis Association. The WJ Findlay Oval and surrounds currently functions as;

- A regional sports ground hosting senior football games and cricket matches and training;
- A facility for local netball matches; and
- A facility for local tennis competition.

Proposed improvement works at Precinct 2 include;

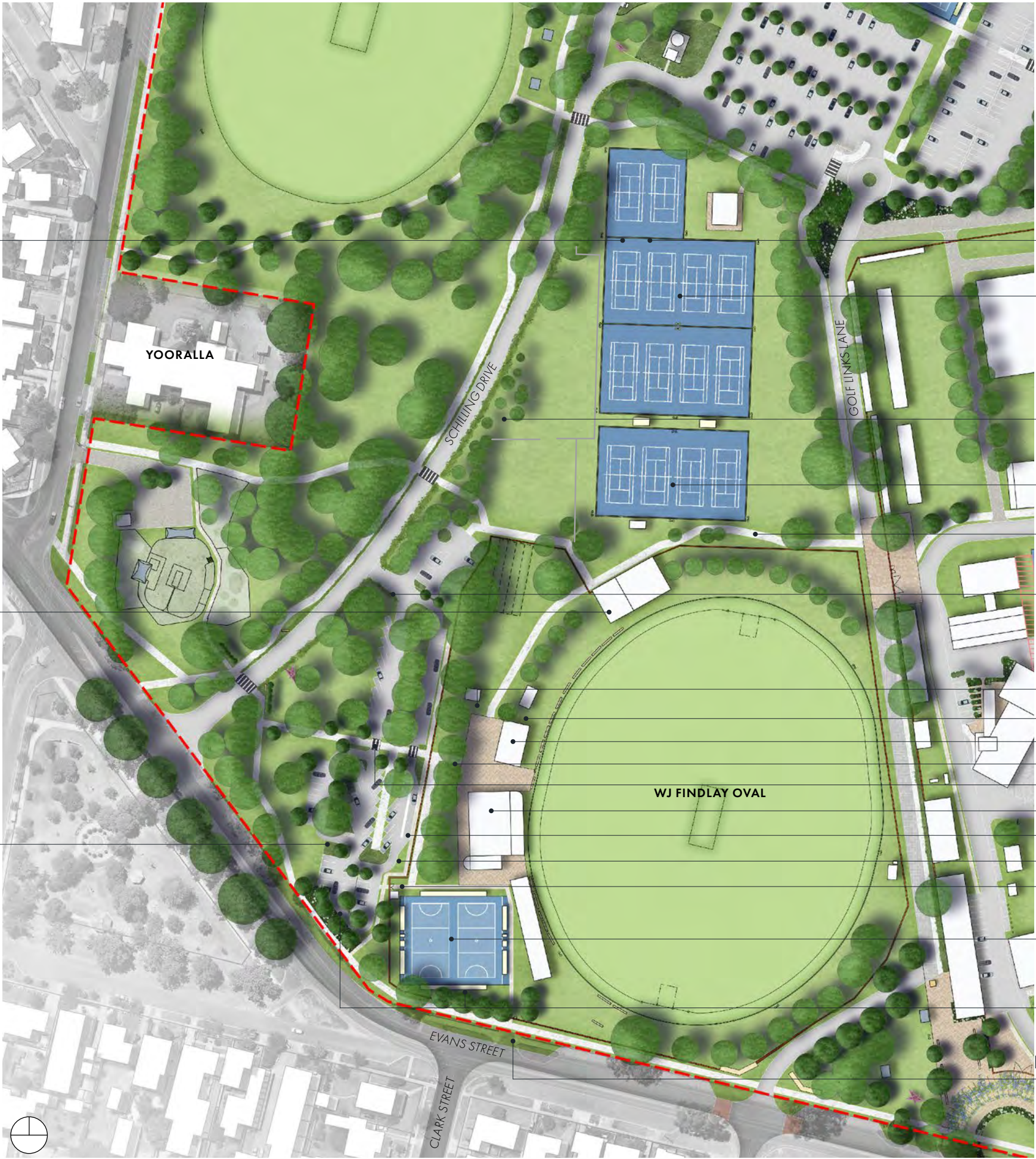
- 1 Relocation to the two outdoor netball courts to the Evans Street entrance, and designed and constructed in accordance with netball Australia's local level competition facility. As part of this move it is recommended that landscape works are undertaken along the Evans Street interface to provide a green visual buffer between the road and courts,
- 2 Reconfiguration of the WJ Findlay car park and pedestrian access to gain efficiencies in parking spaces, improve circulation and safety and protect existing vegetation and the green arrival experience along Schilling Drive.
- 3 Refurbishment of the Rovers Clubhouse to provide female friendly change facilities, improved facilities and an external plaza area for outdoor events. (Council encourage the Club to provide new facilities and will support the Club in seeking external funding options).
- 4 New and better located public toilets.
- 5 Relocation of the canteen in closer proximity to the sports pavilion, score board and public toilets.
- 6 Renewal and relocation of the four older tennis courts to sit adjacent to the existing tennis courts.
- 7 Repair and resurface the four blue tennis courts located closest to the current club house investigating the feasibility of both synthetic and hard court surface options. Improvements should include new court lighting and supporting infrastructure.
- 8 Investigate the feasibility of delivering four ANZ Hot Shot* compliant courts on the two northern most courts or adjacent to the newly relocated southern courts. (*ANZ Hot Shots is Tennis Australia's official development program for children).
- 9 Support the Tennis Club with access to improved club room facilities.

FACILITIES:

Hardcourt Tennis Association

Rovers United Bruck Cricket Club

Rovers Football Netball Club



Note - this plan should be read in conjunction with the three other themes to get a holistic understanding of all interrelated actions.

ACTIONS:

- Renewal of the tennis courts 8
- Renewal of the tennis courts 7
- New landscaping works
- Tennis court expansion/improvements 6
- Shared path access
- Reconfiguration of access to WJ Findlay Grounds 2
- New public toilets with disability access 4
- Scoreboard 5
- New canteen 2
- Ground maintenance/secondary pedestrian entrance 2
- Shared path access
- Rovers clubhouse refurbishment footprint (hatch) 3
- Shared drop off zone 2
- Reconfiguration of parking area 2
- Main gate and ticket area 2
- Relocated netball courts 1
- Landscape screening 1
- Improved pedestrian access removal of vehicular access 2

Figure 18. Key Projects to Improve Sports & Recreational Facilities located in Precinct 2

THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



The proposed improvements will;

- Welcome young people into the Parklands by providing a range of informal recreational activities to enjoy.
- Provide the community with access to a sports oval for informal and incidental recreational activities.
- Provide the junior football clubs with a local level ground for games and training.
- Attract more users and spectators to the Skate Park.

Precinct 3 Barr 1

Precinct 3 is located between Park Lane and Schilling Drive. The precinct is highly visible and plays an important role in welcoming people to the Parklands. Barr 1, the Community Centre and the key sports facilities are located in the precinct.

Improvements are scheduled at Barr 1 Oval to improve the playing surface and drainage.

Barr 1 primarily functions as;

- A local sports ground hosting junior football games;
- A place for casual sports activities; and
- A venue to hold community activities, functions and events.

Proposed improvement works at Barr 1 include;

- 1 Refurbishment of the Community Centre within existing building structure to provide more flexibility in accommodating community and club activities. Ensure male and female toilets are publicly accessible.
- 2 Enhancements to the skate park area to provide additional skate areas, spectator seating and landscape areas. The skate park should be recognised as a key informal recreational area for the Parklands and provide a range of zones and elements that allow for users of differing ages, interests and abilities to support a broader participation base. The design should respond to the prominent location at the Schilling Drive entrance to Parklands. A revitalised skate area provides the opportunity to attract people, particularly youth to the Parklands. Increased use will activate the entrance to the Parklands.

The skate area should be connected to the main shared path along Schilling Drive. The expansion area should be designed to retain existing trees and strengthen sight lines to the surrounding public realm. Supporting infrastructure such as toilets, bins, lighting and drinking fountains should be provided.

- 3 Provide lots of comfortable spectator and visitor seating at key destinations throughout the site.
- 4 Removal of the Council Works Depot and the dwelling on Schilling Drive.

FACILITIES:

Barr 1 Oval

Skate Park



Note - this plan should be read in conjunction with the three other themes to get a holistic understanding of all related actions.

ACTIONS:

Community Centre refurbishment including public toilets **1**

Seating overlooking oval **3**

New landscaping areas

Removal of Works Depot & private dwelling **4**

Public toilet **2**

Skate park improvement & expansion **2**

Perimeter seating overlooking skate area **3**

Public art opportunity

Provision of a slip lane on Schilling Drive (for left turns onto Evans Street)

Feature landscaping along Schilling Drive

Figure 19. Key Projects to Improve Sports & Recreational Facilities located in Precinct 3

THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



The proposed improvements will;

- Formalise WISAC's reputation as a premier sports and recreation facility into the future.
- Provide indoor and outdoor sporting facilities of a state and regional competition standard, and for the use of the whole community.
- Provide safe and inclusive aquatics and fitness facilities to ensure the health and wellbeing of our local communities across generations.
- Encourage female participation in sports activities
- Create a welcoming recreational and lifestyle destination for the community to live, work and play.

Precinct 4 WISAC

Centrally located within the Parklands the WISAC precinct is home to the Wangaratta Amateur Swimming Club, Wangaratta Stingrays Swimming Club, the Wangaratta Basketball Association, the Wangaratta District Netball Association (WDNA), Squash and Badminton and the Wangaratta Volley Ball Association. The Parklands Management Office is also located in the WISAC.

The WISAC functions as;

- An indoor sports stadium;
- A outdoor 50m pool;
- A gymnasium and fitness centre; and
- A state of the art aquatic facility.

Proposed future improvements for the WISAC building include;

- 1 An expansion to the original building footprint to;
 - Reconfiguration of current show courts (Basketball, Netball and Volley Ball) including seating to meet the required run off areas.
 - Provide additional two squash and racketball courts and pickleball courts.
 - Provide additional indoor basketball courts.
 - Provide indoor netball/multi-purpose courts.
 - Additional male and female change rooms that can be externally accessed.
 - Additional fitness program rooms.
 - Additional office space for staff and sporting organisation.

Consideration should be given to the following interface treatments;

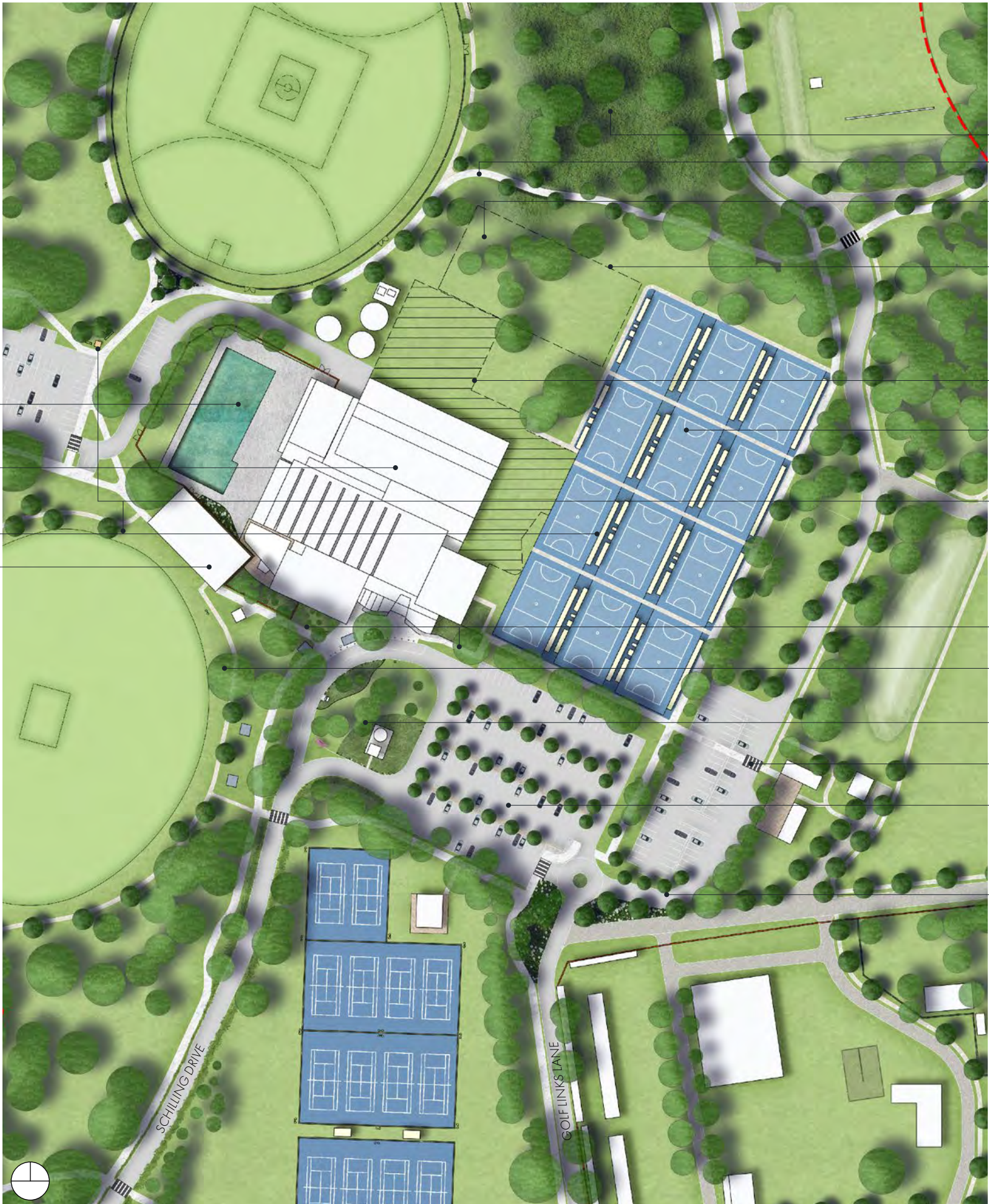
- The public realm located between WISAC and the netball courts,
- The netball courts and surrounding trees (in order to minimise tree removal), and
- The northern elevation and surrounding vegetation.

Proposed improvements for the precinct include;

- 2 Reconfiguring the outdoor netball courts in accordance with Netball Victoria's regional competition standards. Adjustments to overruns and accommodation requirements will mean a reduction in the number of external courts. Consideration should be given to the overhead power lines and minimising tree removal where possible. The financial contribution of WDNA will contribute to build the additional 3 courts.
- 3 Relocation of the external netball change rooms and canteen to be incorporated indoors as part of future WISAC development. The change rooms expansion should be accessible from outside.
- 4 Removal of the Go Tafe building.
- 5 Removal of the former skate bowl and re-vegetate the area (located to the north of WISAC).
- 6 Provision of comfortable spectator and visitor seating at key destinations.

FACILITIES:

- Outdoor 50m Pool
- Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Wangaratta District Netball Association
- Community Centre



Note - this plan should be read in conjunction with the three other themes to get a holistic understanding of all related actions.

ACTIONS:

- Re-vegetation area
- Network of connected pathways between key facilities
- Remove skate bowl 5
- Potential future footprint for 3 additional local level netball courts 2
- Proposed WISAC building expansion to accommodate additional basketball, netball, volleyball, squash and racketball courts, program rooms for fitness activities, change facilities and office space 1
- Netball court improvements 2
- Seating/meeting area 6
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- Seating/meeting area 6
- Feature landscaping area
- Pedestrian connection to events precinct 2
- Reconfiguration of the WISAC main carpark integrating WUSD
- Reconfiguration of the car park

Figure 20. Key Projects to Improve Sports & Recreational Facilities located in Precinct 4

THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



The proposed improvements will;

- Provide an improved sports ground for club activities.
- Provide regional level cricket and club room facilities.
- Encourage female participation in sports activities.

Precinct 5 Barr 2

The Northern Precinct is home to the Wangaratta Bowls & Sports Club, The Wangaratta Scout Group and the Wangaratta Small Bore Rifle Club.

Recent refurbishment works at Barr 2 has transformed the former three-quarter size oval into a full-size oval with improved drainage, irrigation, turf, wickets, perimeter fencing and lighting. Barr 2 is now home to the City Colts Cricket Club.

Barr 2 and its surrounds functions as;

- A regional standard sports ground, primarily used for cricket matches and training;
- A training ground for local football clubs (mostly seniors clubs);
- A recreational area for clubs such as the Wangaratta Scouts; and
- A gateway to the Northern Beaches.

Other sports and recreational related improvements currently planned for Precinct 5 include;

- 1 A new sports pavilion to support regional club competition. The pavilion will be used by the cricket clubs in summer and the junior football clubs in the winter seasons. The new building should be sited on the north west of Barr 2 between the Oval and the car park, overlooking the oval. Any removal of trees should be avoided.
- 2 New cricket nets will be located in close proximity to the new cricket pavilion. Removal of the old cricket nets, to the south of Barr 2 will provide the opportunity to deliver more visitor seating and meeting area.
- 3 A new and extended car park will be located between the Wangaratta Bowls Club and the sports pavilion. The siting and design of the car park will work around all significant existing trees and provide a bus pick up/drop off area.
- 4 A new shared path providing a link between Park Lane (and Galen Catholic College), the Bowls Club, Sports Pavilion, Barr 2, and the Scouts Hall to the southern part of the Parklands.
- 5 Comfortable spectator seating around Barr 2 and at key destinations within the precinct.
- 6 Promote the local recreational activities including fishing, swimming and picnicking at the Northern Beaches.
- 7 Create an informal bike jumps track in the northern precinct.
- 8 Increase the opportunities within the Parklands to access the Bullawah Trail.
- 9 Work with the Council's Cultural Advisor to identify cultural interpretation opportunities within the Parklands.
- 10 Reconfigured site entrance including signage at key destination points outlining the connection opportunities to access the wider shared path network.

FACILITIES:

Wangaratta Scouts Club

Wangaratta Bowls & Sports Club

City Colts Cricket Club



ACTIONS:

Reconfigured site entrance 10

Signage & information along the Northern
Beaches & shared path network 10

Dog off leash area

Angled on street parking

Informal bike jumps area 7

Car park improvement (retaining trees) 3

Coach pick up/drop off area 3

Parallel parking along the new entry road

New sports pavilion 1

New cricket nets 2

Shared path 4

Shared path 4

Spectator seating

Perimeter landscaping/shade trees

Shared path 4

Seating & wayfinding device
(post cricket nets removal) 2

Figure 21. Key Projects to Improve Sports & Recreational Facilities located in Precinct 5

THEME 4. SPORTS, RECREATION & EVENTS



The proposed improvements will;

- Provide a unique natural setting to host outdoor art and cultural events.
- Improve the function and amenity of event areas; and
- Support the recommendations outlined in the Wangaratta Events Precinct Feasibility Study.

Precinct 6 Rodeo Grounds/Events

Precinct 6 is a large, flat, expansive unique riverside location that can be used for a range of outdoor activities. The precinct will become a multi-functional space that has the capacity to attract and host large scale events as well as being utilised throughout the year as a sports training area.

Precinct 6 and its surrounds will function as;

- A large flexible grassed area that can be utilised by sports clubs, major events, and if required in the future, potentially accommodate sports fields; and
- A recognised riverside events location, home to major outdoor regional events and touring events such as concerts, festivals, markets, swap meets and food and cultural events.

Key projects to support event and sport activities include;

- 1 Creating a separated pedestrian path between the main events parking area and the main visitor entrance.
- 2 Creating a main visitor entrance to the site, with a conveniently located visitor drop off zone in close proximity.
- 3 Providing an internal access route for delivery vehicles.
- 4 Providing separated pedestrian and vehicle access between the events area and the Showgrounds.
- 5 Delineating temporary events and staging areas and appropriate areas for temporary accommodation at event times.
- 6 Provide permanent fencing along key areas leaving the majority of the river side unfenced to encourage informal recreation. The proposed alignment for the permanent fence line should reduce the amount of temporary fencing required during events times. Where permanent external perimeter fencing is required use with a durable and transparent fencing material.
- 7 Providing lighting (and other amenities such as water points, bins and seating) along key pedestrian paths and around key buildings.
- 8 Investigating the feasibility of using smart cities interventions to assist with the management of the Parklands. Consider capturing live data to monitor large events, traffic management and provide interactive information to event attendees.
- 9 Consider renaming the precinct to better reflect its relationship to the Ovens River and its adjacent to the Bullawah Trail.

Note - this plan should be read in conjunction with the three other themes to get a holistic understanding of all related actions.



ACTIONS:

Permanent fencing 6

Gate/vehicle access 3

Key Pedestrian Path 7

Event Staging Area 5

Access point to the Bullawah Trail
Event parking 2

Pedestrian access 1

Main entrance to Events Precinct 2

Car park with drop off zone 2

Permanent fencing 6
Bullawah Trail access/public art

Gate access to Events Precinct 3

Gate for controlled access 3

Access point to the Bullawah Trail

Figure 22. Key Projects to Improve Sports, Recreational & Events Facilities located in Precinct 6

5 The Implementation Plan

The following Implementation Plan has been prepared to guide further investigation, design and delivery of the intentions of the Parklands Master Plan.

This plan translates the agreed principles and strategies into deliverable actions. It is organised in according to the master plan themes;

- Theme 1 Access & Movement
- Theme 2 Green
- Theme 3 Activation & Adaptive Reuse
- Theme 4 Sports, Recreation & Events

For each theme a number of actions have been identified. For each action, the plan recommends lead responsibility, partnerships needed to deliver the action, sources of funding and timing.

The following notional time frames have been proposed:

- Short term (0 - 5 years)
- Medium term (5 – 10 years)
- Long term (10 - 20 years)
- Ongoing

Delivery of the identified actions is dependent on the availability of funding, resources and the demand for certain community and club uses to relocate and/or expand.

In reality some elements may be opportunistic and potentially brought forward, in other cases the availability of funding or unforeseen constraints may delay or prevent implementation.

It is also suggested that longer term change can and should happen incrementally, using whatever resources and funding are available at the time to achieve the ultimate Master Plan vision.



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These are the key moves that has been changed since the Draft Masterplan Community Consultation and Stakeholder meetings.

Over Flow Parking Areas for the Bowls Club

Additional Approx.25 car parks on Park Lane
Relies on realignment of the existing footpath

Parallel Parking
• Approx. 25 car park

Bus Drop Off Area/parking
• As part of the informal car park

Existing Skate Park
• To be removed and replaced with grass and landscaping

WISAC
• Future expansion footprint to be confirmed

12 x Netball Courts with potential expansion of 3 Local Courts
• Regional compliant courts with informal/formal spectator seating

LEGEND

CAR PARKING

REMOVAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ADDITION OF SPORT FIELDS



Figure 23. Key changes to the Parklands Masterplan post engagement

LEGEND

- CAR PARKING
- REMOVAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE
- ADDITION OF SPORT FIELDS
- RENOVATING OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES
- REALIGNMENT OF FENCE
- NEW BUILDING
- RELOCATION OF A PAVILION OR STRUCTURE
- NEW ACCESS AND WALKWAY
- SHOW DAY HORSE PATHWAY TO THE MAIN ARENA
- NO CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Potential addition of Tennis Courts

No extension required to the existing pavilion

Formalise Car park

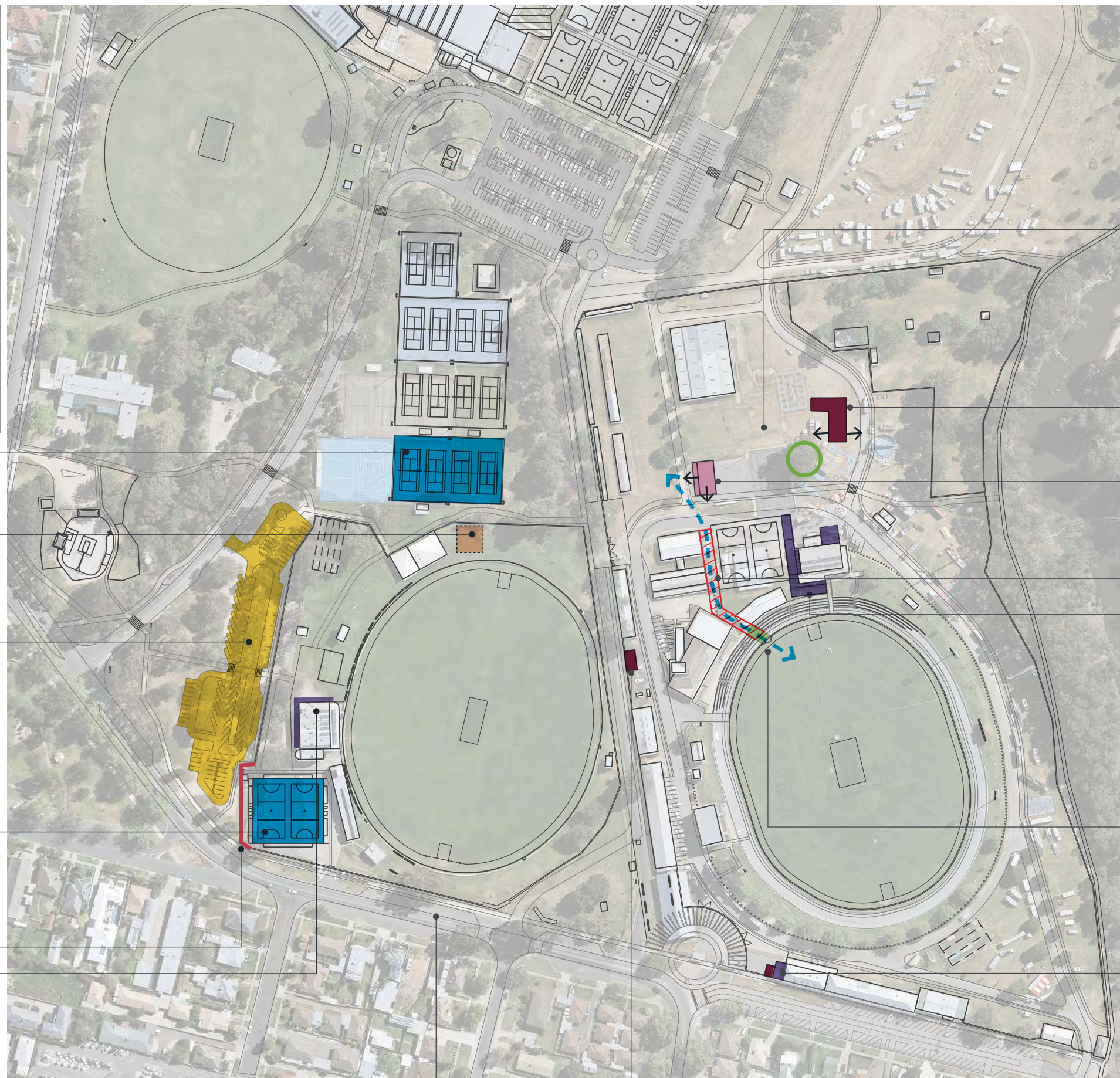
- Approx 89 car parks
- Drop off area
- One way access system
- Retains existing trees
- Additional landscaping treatments

Relocation of Netball Courts

- Player and official facilities and spectator seating

Realignment of the fence

Future refurbishment/expansion of the Rovers Club Rooms to include provision of female change rooms/toilets (the plan will provide guidance around protection of key sight lines and existing trees



Car parking on Evans Street

New Ag. Society Building

Retention of key green space area

- The provisions are to stop the addition of buildings and other permanent infrastructure in the future
- In addition to the Show events it will allow for markets and pop up events and passive open space for community use.

New Lions Building

- Not to impact tree protection root zone
- Building to front the road/green space

Relocation of the Poultry Pavilion

- To front the heritage area/road

No construction zone (6m wide)

Potential building expansion;

- Female change rooms
- Balcony extension and tiered grandstand overlooking the netball courts
- Southern side balcony extension overlooking Norm Minns
- Currently no players and officials facilities and spectators seating for the Netball courts

Walkway access to Norm Minns Oval and gate

Extension to the Cricket Club and new external access female change rooms

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S01	Theme 1 Access & Movement Vehicle Movement: Improve Primary Site Entrance & Exits	A01	Extend the left hand turn slip lane along Schilling Drive to prevent vehicle congestion during peak hours and event times	Council		Grants + State Government	✓			
		A02A	Consultation with VicRoads required around the potential reconfiguration of the Golf Links Lane exit onto Evans Street. The intention is to realign Golf Links Lane with Dixon Street to better manage traffic flows/entry and exits. Further investigation should consider a solution that provides a safe right hand entry from Evans Street to Golf links Lane, as well as maintaining heavy vehicle access to Golf Links Lane.	Council	VicRoads	Safety Initiatives	✓			
		A03A	Formalise the site entrance and exit at Park Lane	Council			✓			
		A04A	Remove the Evans Street access point to the WJ Findlay car park. Provide one consolidated car park entrance off Schilling Drive to improve traffic flow and safety	Council	Wangaratta Rovers Football & Netball Club			✓		
		A05A	Formalise the southern entrance on Evans Street (Cloak Room) as a general pedestrian and service vehicle entrance and exit, and a ticketed entrance for events	Council	Showgrounds Society, Sports Groups		✓			
		A06A	Formalise the College Street entrance to improve safety and reduce potential pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle conflicts (in conjunction with A10)	Council	Wangaratta Scouts		✓			
S02s	Create a Primary & Secondary Road Network	A07A	Reinforce Schilling Drive as the primary entrance and exit to the Parklands by creating a premier arrival experience to the Parklands. Prioritise streetscaping improvements including a boulevard treatment.	Council				✓		
		A08A	Create a slow traffic environment along Golf Links Lane to safely function as an alternative north south primary entrance and exit. Consider reconfiguring into three zones to achieve a safe and comfortable mix of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles	Council	Showgrounds Agricultural Show Society			✓		
		A09A	Create a new north south road connecting College Street to ease the pressure on Schilling Drive and Golf Links Lane	Council	All user groups		✓			
		A10A	Reconfigure the WISAC main car park access and Golf Links Lane intersection to improve safety and ease traffic congestion.	Council			✓			



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S03s	Theme 1 Access & Movement Vehicle Parking: Provide safe and convenient vehicle parking in close proximity to key facilities	A11a	Reconfigure the main WISAC car park to improve safety, gain parking bay efficiencies and increase shade coverage. Install additional shade tree planting within existing carparks at WISAC/Events Precinct.	Council	WISAC based clubs			✓		
		A12a	Provide a flexible overflow vehicle parking area in close proximity to the events precinct (former Rodeo Grounds). Provide disabled and VIP priority parking close to the events entrance. Deliver in conjunction with the development of the Events Precinct	Council				✓		
			Improve safe access to WJ Findlay Oval car parking by closing the Evans Street access and providing reconfigured access, circulation, drop off point and parking via Schilling Drive	Council	WJ Findlay based clubs		✓			
		A13a	Reconfigure the parking located at the skate park as part of the skate park expansion and improvements	Council					✓	
		A14a	Investigate an extension of on street parking along Park Lane between the WISAC to the Bowls Club.	Council			✓			
		A15a	Formalise the proposed car parking arrangements (and access) for the Bowls Club and Barr #2 users.	Council	Bowling Club		✓			
		A16a	Formalise the College Street car park (clear entrance and gravel surface)	Council			✓			
		A17a	Provide clearly defined passenger pick up and drop off points at all major facilities	Council			✓			
		A18A	Undertake a Disability Access Audit to identify precinct wide disabled parking and access requirements	Council/ Consultant			✓			
		A19A	Upgrade Evans Street to formalise carparking arrangements and provide drop off area.	Council/ VicRoads				✓		
		A20A	Identify key satellite parking areas that will be serviced by public transport/special events alternative transport services during major events times	Council			✓			

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S04s	Theme 1 Access & Movement Walking & Cycling: Create a High Quality Shared Path Network throughout the Parklands	A21A	Prioritise the delivery of the identified inter-town links that provide improved walking and cycling access to the Parklands as identified in the Wangaratta Walking & Cycling Strategy	Council			✓			
		A22a	Improve the walking and cycling experience along Schiling Drive. Where possible increase the separation between the path and Schilling Drive. Plant more low level shrubs and large canopy trees along the path edge of the shared path. Undertake a lighting audit to assess how well the path is illuminated at night.	Council				✓		
		A23a	Transform Golf Links Drive into a shared use zone to allow for people and cars to safely and comfortably move between Evans Street, the Showgrounds and Norms Minns Oval and the facilities located in the north areas of the Parklands	Council	VicRoads			✓		
		A24a	Create a shared path to provide an east west link so people can move between Schilling Drive, WJ Findlay and Norm Minns	Council			✓			
		A25a	Create a pedestrian link between the Park Lane bus stop and the WISAC front entrance	Council			✓			
		A26a	Create a shared path providing an east west link so people can walk between Park Lane, the WISAC car park, Barr 2 and further east to the Events Precinct and Bullawah Trail	Council			✓			
		A27a	Create a shared path connecting Barr 2, the Bowling Club and destinations located to the south	Council			✓			
		A28a	Create a 1km and a 3km signposted walking and jogging loop around the Parklands Precinct for exercising, linking into the wider shared path network to give users the opportunity to extend the experience. Provide signage/information on wider shared path network including One Mile Creek	Council				✓		
S05s	Improve Access Points & Pedestrian Crossings	A29a	Reconfigure the Golf Links Lane pedestrian entrance to the Showgrounds to create a centrally located, main entrance and meeting spot for visitors to the Showgrounds	Council	VicRoads			✓		
		A30a	Provide additional pedestrian crossings on key pedestrian routes	Council	VicRoads		✓			
		A31A	Create a pedestrian only entrance to WJ Findlay from Evans Street	Council			✓			
		A32a	Provide multiple access points along the western site boundary to the Bullawah Trail (ensuring they can be locked during event times)	Council			✓			
S06S	Deliver More Cycling Infrastructure	A33A	Increase the number of cycle parking facilities around the Parklands. Bike parking should be located within close proximity to the building entrance	Council			✓			



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S07s	Theme 1 Access & Movement Signage & Wayfinding: Deliver a Signage & Wayfinding Network	A34a	Create a signature Parklands gateway treatment (consistent signage/landscaping) to signify the key entrances and exits	Council				✓		
		A35a	Locate landmark signage elements at each of the four main site entrances to signify arrival and direct visitors to key destinations.	Council			✓			
		A36a	Locate directional signage at secondary entrances, surrounding bus stops and car parks, to provide information on key Parklands destinations.	Council			✓			
		A37a	Provide signage along the Bullawah Trail advising users of; -Access points into the Parklands Precinct. -Approximate distances between key destinations. -Their responsibility to safely and comfortably shared the path with all types of users	Council			✓			
S08S	Create New Public Meeting Areas	A38A	Place a defining landmark in close proximity to WISAC to delineate the centre of the Parklands.	Council				✓		
		A39A	Create an landmark entrance and meeting point to the events precinct.	Council					✓	
		A40A	Reconfigure the entrance to the Showgrounds at Golf Links Lane to create an entrance and meeting spot.	Council				✓		
		A41A	Create a landmark main (southern) entrance to Precinct/Showgrounds/Norm Minns the as part of the Golf Links Lane reconfiguration.	Council				✓		
S09S	Embed Public Art Throughout the Precinct	A42A	Commission site specific public art interventions to acknowledge and respond to the key historical aspects of the site, particularly the Showgrounds and local club heritage.	Council				✓		
			Use public art to provide key landmarks and wayfinding devices throughout the Precinct in key locations such as; _ Schilling Drive entrance (right hand side _ Showgrounds main entrance (pocket park) _ Start and end of the pedestrian link between the WISAC and Bullawah Trail	Council				✓		

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S10S	Theme 2 Green Landscape Character: Preserve & Strengthen The Parklands Landscape Character	A43A	Develop a precinct wide Sustainability Action Plan to implement, improve and showcase best practice sustainability measures throughout the precinct.	Council	Wangaratta Landcare and Sustainability Inc.		Develop ✓		Implement ✓	
		A44A	Strengthen the landscape character along Schilling Drive to reinforce a positive arrival experience into the Parklands. Extend the established avenue character on Edwards Street into and along Schilling Drive. Support the boulevard tree plantings with under storey planting including low level shrubs, native grasses and ground covers to improve the appearance along the road edge. Maintain views from Schilling Drive to the ovals, courts and other activities.	Council			✓			
		A45A	Create a welcoming green space and meeting area at the Evans Street Showgrounds entrance. Use a consistent landscape palette creating a signature style and a recognisable landscape character	Council			✓			
		A46A	Create signature tree plantings and landscaping at key site entry points and along primary roads	Council				✓		
		A47A	Extend the established tree canopy treatment around the sports ovals to create larger shaded spectator viewing areas. Where new plantings are required select tree species that have large deciduous canopies, for shade in summer, light in winter and wind protection	Council			✓			
		A48A	Delineate the primary pedestrian routes throughout the site by planting feature shade trees (and path lighting) along the path edges.	Council				✓		
		A49A	Prioritise the planting of native trees in areas that will provide links to existing vegetation corridors. This will result in strengthening the ecological value of the Precinct and the surrounding river and reserves, and provide habitat for wildlife.	Council						✓
		A50A	Investigate river bank stabilisation methods to reduce the incidence of riverbank erosion along the Ovens River.	Council				✓		
		A51A	Retain and maintain the significant peppercorn trees located near the Evans Street frontage.	Council						✓
		A52A	Retain and maintain the historic Cedar trees on Golf Links Lane	Council						✓



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S11S	Theme 2 Green Sustainability Initiatives: Improve water efficiencies	A53A	Undertake a water efficiency audit to investigate longer term water conservation strategies to support more sustainable sports ground management practices and determine future design improvements with consideration of; _Offsetting irrigation of the sports ovals and other high maintenance areas with passive irrigation of vegetation and landscape feature areas. _Managing storm water run with smart technologies such as WI-FI capable irrigation controllers to remotely monitor and control water flows and where possible, capture excess amounts of run off. _Upgrading irrigation systems with new technologies to better manage the effective irrigation of sports fields. _Integrating Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) methods when upgrading and providing new infrastructure. _Rehabilitating the contaminated land to create a natural vegetation area in the northern area of the Precinct. _Selecting turf that is appropriate for the local conditions	Council			✓			
S12s	Reduce the Impacts of Stormwater Run Off	A54A	Retrofit car parks with water sensitive urban design (WSUD) interventions such large canopy trees centrally located in tree trenches and corner tree pits, rain gardens to capture and filter storm water	Council				✓		
S13S	Improve Building Performance	A55A	Facilitate optimal use of existing buildings by improving the flexibility and multi purpose nature to facilitate use by both sporting and other community needs, where possible	Council			✓			
		A56A	Undertake an independent green star energy rating audit on existing buildings and develop an action plan to implement improved infrastructure (solar panels, lighting upgrades etc)	Council				✓		
		A57A	Design new buildings using sustainable construction methods and building products with consideration of building orientation, solar access, cross ventilation and thermal comfort. Ensure internal rooms and components are configured and sized to meet the occupants needs	Council						✓
		A58A	Construct new buildings using sustainable construction methods and building products.	Council						✓

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S14s	Theme 3 Adaptive Reuse Buildings: Activate Underutilised Buildings & Key Spaces	A59A	Prioritise projects that positively contribute to the activation of Evans Street so it functions as the front door to the Parklands; _Enhancements the streetscape through the provision of boulevard planting and landscaping. _Conserving the heritage Cloak Room Building to signify the buildings significance and encouraging regular use of the building as a ticketed entrance to the Norm Minns Precinct. _Restoring the historic Evans Street Main Gates as a key feature of the proposed new main Showgrounds entrance. _Creating a new landmark Showgrounds entrance. The entrance should be of an appropriate scale and quality to act a key site landmark. Removal of the Table Tennis building is required for this. _Buildings, signage and landscaping fronting onto Evans Street should be regularly maintained and used.	Council				✓		✓
		A60A	Adaptive reuse of the Poultry Pavilion. Consider relocation of the building to a more prominent site to celebrate its significant cultural heritage. Siting the building closer to the heritage horse stables would create a stronger presence of heritage buildings at the Golf Links Lane entrance to the Showgrounds. Restoration would result in creating a functional space that could be used by the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society and the community throughout the year. Undertake detailed design to inform the relocation of the heritage buildings.	Council	Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society		✓			
		A61A	Adaptive reuse of the former Secretary Office heritage building for use by the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society as a new office space. Relocating the building adjacent to Golf Links Lane gives the building and the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society more prominence within the Precinct. All building works will require heritage approval.	Council	Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society		✓			
		A62A	Adaptive reuse of the Shearing Shed to provide an additional indoor space for the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society use and income generation.	Council	Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society			✓		
		A63A	Relocation of the Lions Building north of its current location to enable the facility to be extended, encompassing a larger footprint, circulation and outdoor area.	Council	Lions Club		✓			
		A64a	Enabling the Rodeo Grounds to be transformed into a premier events space and sports training ground for year round usage. Events and recreational opportunities that leverage, promote and protect the unique riverside landscape setting should be encouraged. Consider designing areas of mounding around part of the edge of the main events space to function as informal tiered seating.	Council				✓		
		A65a	Removal of the former Deerstalkers Building to allow relocation of the Council’s Works Depot. Locating the depot in the northern precinct will improve the facilities functionality.	Council					✓	
		A66A	Restoration of the dumping and land fill area and encourage increased areas of natural re-vegetation and use part of the area for an informal, nature based bike pump track.	Council			✓			
		A67A	Removal of the single dwelling located on Shilling Drive to regenerate and re-vegetate the key arrival area.	Council					✓	
		A68A	Removal of the permanent cattle yard to free up open green space for community use (removal is under the agreement Council/external funding source will provide funding to replace with portable yards to be erected as required by the Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society).	Council	Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society		✓			



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S15s	Theme 4 Sports, Recreation & Events Active Opportunities: Precinct 1 - Norm Minns Oval Development in this precinct may be subject to meeting the requirements of the Heritage Overlay in accordance with the Planning Scheme. The Masterplan recommends design guidelines are developed to provide guidance on how future development should align with the heritage significance of the precinct.	A69A	Upgrade the oval surrounds and supporting infrastructure to improve the capacity to host premier sports events	Council	Clubs based at Norm Minns			✓		
		A70A	Provide two local level netball competition courts and supporting infrastructure, in accordance with Netball Australia Guidelines. There is potential to relocate two netball courts further south to sit adjacent to the Magpies Club Rooms however this is reliant on the relocation of several buildings	Magpies Football Netball Club	Netball Victoria Club			✓		
		A71A	Expansion of the Sports Development Centre to improve change facilities, heating and cooling and a function space for regional sporting events (the design could consider a second level).	Council					✓	
		A72A	Refurbishment of grandstand amenity to provide improved fit for purpose use with consideration of the aspiration to hold regionally significant events on site	Council	Clubs based at Norm Minns				✓	
		A73A	Provide power to support the operations of temporary food and beverage outlets when required for large events	Council	Magpies Football Netball Club		✓			
		A74A	Investigate future alternative locations for a fit for purpose facility for the Cycling Club	Council	Cycling Club		✓			
		A75A	Investigate the relocation of the Table Tennis Club to be a fit for purpose facility to create an improved site entrance. Removal of the Table Tennis building will allow for a new Showgrounds Entrance	Council	Table Tennis Club		✓			
		A76A	Create a new main entrance to the Showgrounds/Norm Minns Oval. The entrance should function as the main ticketed pedestrian entrance to the Showgrounds and drop off and meeting point (signage should provide directions to alternative ticketed entrances)	Council	Clubs based at Norm Minns			✓		
		A77A	Refurbish the Cloak Room entrance so it can be used as a ticketed entrance during events times	Council	Clubs based at Norm Minns			✓		
		A78A	Provide a clearway (min 6m wide) between the Sports Development Centre Building and the Spectator Shelter to allow for horse access into the main arena. The access way must be free off fixed structures and as level as possible to create safe access between the stables and oval. Significant works will be required to relocate the existing retaining wall closer to the Spectator Shelter to provide a low level access point. A new fence will be required to provide a safe barrier between the spectator area (high point) and the clearway (low point). A 6m access gate into the oval will also be installed. Coordinate to happen in conjunction with the adjacent netball court construction	Council	Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society Magpies Football Netball Club			✓		
		A79A	Relocate the Agricultural Show Society to a centrally located, prominent location that provides a fit for purpose office space with a meeting room and kitchenette	Council	Wangaratta Agricultural Show Society		✓			
		A80A	Provide a new larger amenity block (public toilets/showers) to replace the existing aging facility.	Council				✓		
		A81A	Expansion of the Wangaratta District Cricket Club building to improve the standard of the facility and provide a female friendly change room and public toilets (with consideration of heritage/Cricket Australia requirements)	Council	Wangaratta District Cricket Club			✓		
		A82A	Support the Club funded expansion of the Magpies Football Netball Club Rooms, particularly in seeking external funding sources (If expansion is in line with the preliminary plans as provided to Council as part of their submission to this master plan). Details include: female friendly change rooms, an extension of the balcony to allow viewing of Netball and Football games, and tiered seating.	Magpies Football Netball Club						✓

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S16S	Precinct 2 - WJ Findlay	A83A	Relocate to the two outdoor netball courts to the Evans Street entrance, and design and construct in accordance with netball Australia’s local level competition facility.	Rovers Football Netball Club				✓		
		A84A	Reconfiguration of the WJ Findlay car park and pedestrian access to gain efficiencies in parking spaces, improve circulation and safety and protect existing vegetation and the green arrival experience along Schilling Drive.	Council	Rovers Football Netball Club			✓		
		A85A	Encourage the Rovers to upgrade their clubhouse, in particular, the future provision of female friendly change facilities. The ideal expansion of the existing building footprint is to to the north/west of the existing building. Support the Club in seeking external funding sources for the refurbishment.	Rovers Football Netball Club						✓
		A86A	Design and construct better located public toilets	Council					✓	
		A87A	Relocate the canteen north of the Club Rooms to be in closer proximity to the sports pavilion, score board and public toilets	Rovers Football Netball Club						✓
		A88A	Support improvements to the tennis facilities including; _Renewal & relocation of the four older tennis courts to sit adjacent to the existing tennis courts _Repair and resurface the four blue tennis courts located closest to the current club house investigating the feasibility of both synthetic and hard court surface options. Improvements should include new court lighting and supporting infrastructure. _Investigate the feasibility of delivering four ANZ Hot Shot* compliant courts on the two northern most courts or adjacent to the newly relocated southern courts. (*ANZ Hot Shots is Tennis Australia’s official development program for children). _Support the Tennis Club in relocating to the WJ Findlay sports pavilion over the longer term so the Club has access to improved kitchen/food preparation area, adequate storage areas and access to a multi purpose club room. This move should coincide with the delivery of the new tennis courts.	Hardcourt Tennis Association				✓		
S17A	Precinct 3 Barr 1	A89A	Undertake a refurbishment of the Community Centre to provide more flexibility in accommodating a range of community and club activities including educational purposes. Ensure male and female toilets are publicly accessible.	Council					✓	
			Upgrade the skate park area to provide additional skate areas, spectator seating and landscape areas with consideration of; _Providing a range of zones and elements that allow for users of differing ages, interests and abilities _Connecting the skate area should to the main shared path along Schilling Drive _Retaining existing trees _Strengthening key sight lines to the surrounding public realm _Providing supporting infrastructure such as toilets, bins, lighting and drinking fountains	Council					✓	
			Provide lots of comfortable spectator and visitor seating at key destinations throughout the site	Council						✓
			Removal of the Council Works Depot and the dwelling on Schilling Drive	Council					✓	



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S18S	Precinct 4 - WISAC	A90A	Undertake detailed design for the future expansion of the WISAC building footprint to include; _Reconfiguration of current show courts (Basketball, Netball and Volley Ball) including seating to meet the required run off areas. _Additional indoor basketball courts. _Indoor netball/multi-purpose courts. _Additional externally accessed male and female change rooms. _Additional fitness program rooms. _Additional office space for staff and sporting organisation. The area surrounding the building is highly constrained. Expansion of the building footprint will need to consider the Wangaratta District Netball Associations desire for 15 regional courts, the location of the existing overhead powerlines, existing trees and vegetation and existing paths, roads and car parks.	Council	Regional Development Victoria		✓			
		A91A	Reconfigure the outdoor netball courts in accordance with Netball Victoria's regional competition standards. Due to the various site constraints approximately 12 regional level courts can be delivered at this location. Consideration should be given to the future expansion of the WISAC, the overhead power lines and minimising tree removal. Adjustments to overruns and accommodation requirements will mean a reduction in the number of external courts.	Wangaratta District Netball Association			✓			
		A92A	Undertake detailed design to investigate the feasibility of providing an additional 3 local level netball courts to the north of the netball courts. Tree removal should be minimised, however if there is no alternative solution, the cost of the removal of the trees must be absorbed by the Wangaratta District Netball Association	Wangaratta District Netball Association				✓		
		A93A	Relocation of the external netball change rooms and canteen to be incorporated indoors as part of future WISAC development. The change rooms expansion should be accessible from outside.	Council			✓			
		A94A	Removal of the Go Tafe building.	Council				✓		
		A95A	Removal of the former skate bowl and re-vegetate the area (located to the north of WISAC).	Council				✓		
		A96A	Provision of comfortable spectator and visitor seating at key destinations.	Council			✓			

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S19S	Precinct 5 - Barr 2	A97A	_Design and construct a new sports pavilion to support regional club competition. _Locate the new building on the north west of Barr 2 between the Oval and the car park overlooking the oval. _Any removal of trees should be avoided.	Council	Sports Clubs based at Barr 2		✓			
		A98A	_Provide new cricket nets in close proximity to the new cricket pavilion _Removal of the old cricket nets, to the south of Barr 2 will provide the opportunity to deliver more visitor seating and meeting area.	Council	Sports Clubs based at Barr 2		✓			
		A99A	_Design and construct a new extended car park with a bus pick up/drop off area. _Locate the car park between the Wangaratta Bowls Club and the sports pavilion. _The siting and design of the car park will consider the significant existing trees and vegetation.	Council	Wangaratta Bowls Club Clubs based at Barr 2		✓			
		A100A	Provide a new shared path between Park Lane (and Galen Catholic College), the Bowls Club, Sports Pavilion, Barr 2, and the Scouts Hall to the southern part of the Parklands.	Council				✓		
		A101A	Provide comfortable spectator seating around Barr 2 and at key destinations within the precinct.	Council			✓			
		A102A	Promote the local recreational activities including fishing, swimming and picnicking at the Northern Beaches.	Council				✓		
		A103A	Create an informal bike jumps track in the northern precinct.	Council			✓			
		A104A	Provide signage at key destination points outlining the connection opportunities to access the wider shared path network. In particular; _Increase the opportunities within the Parklands to access the Bullawah Trail. _Work with the Council’s Cultural Advisor to identify cultural interpretation opportunities within the Parklands.	Council				✓		
		A105A	_Design and construct a new site entrance via College Street that minimises the conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.	Council			✓			
S20S	Precinct 6 - Rodeo Grounds/Events	A106A	Create a separated pedestrian path between the main events parking area and the main visitor entrance.	Council				✓		
		A107A	Create a main visitor entrance to the site, with a conveniently located visitor drop off zone in close proximity.	Council				✓		
		A108A	Provide an internal access route for delivery vehicles.	Council					✓	
		A109A	Provide separated pedestrian and vehicle access points between the events area and the Showgrounds.	Council				✓		



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		A110A	Define the preferred location for staging and accommodation areas for use during major events.	Council			✓			
		A111A	Replace the external perimeter fencing with durable, transparent fencing with consideration that the permanent fence line should not prevent year round public access outside of events time educes whilst minimising the need for temporary fencing required during events times.	Council				✓		
		A112A	Provide lighting, water points along key pedestrian paths and around key buildings.	Council					✓	
		A113A	Provide bins and seating along key pedestrian paths and around key buildings.				✓			
		A114A	Investigate the feasibility of using smart cities interventions to assist with the management of the Parklands. For example consider capturing live data to monitor large events, traffic management and provide interactive information to event attendees.	Council					✓	