



Rural City of  
**Wangaratta**

# Recreation Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2024



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## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Rural City of Wangaratta acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands, on which the Rural City of Wangaratta communities reside. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and celebrate and respect their continuing cultures. We are committed to walking beside all traditional owners as we move toward reconciliation.



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*Front Cover Image: Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve*

# Welcome

At the Rural City of Wangaratta we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to be active and connected through sport and recreation. We know that public and recreational open space plays a vital role in better health and environmental outcomes for the community, but that there are also important social and economic benefits that also can't be overlooked.

As our community grows and changes, so do our needs in both recreation and the spaces we provide for it. New trends and activities, the changing age of our rural city and the changing climate are all considerations in planning for these facilities.

The Recreation Strategy 2024-2034 is our commitment to our recreational facilities, spaces, parks, playgrounds, and sporting fields. It looks at our municipality as a whole, and incorporates the actions in our master plans, township plans, and rural placemaking strategy. The strategy goes into the detail of the community engagement, community needs, trends in public recreational open space and our legislated requirements that were considered in its development.

This executive summary outlines our approach to managing, developing and activating our recreational spaces. It's our hope it will guide you through the strategy to see the highlights, and what the next decade will bring to the Rural City of Wangaratta.



**Brendan McGrath**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



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# Key Terms

The strategy defines **Open Space** as the over-arching term for sports parks and recreation parks. It includes land and water bodies that are broadly available for public recreation, pedestrian and cycle movement, or sport purposes.

A **Recreation Park** is a setting that provides for informal recreation and social activities that enhance physical and mental health through activity that provides relaxation, amusement or stimulation such as play. A **Sport Park** is designed to primarily support a range of formal structured sport activities such as competitions, physical skill development and training. These parks are designed to accommodate the playing surface and infrastructure requirements of specific sports.

**Active Recreation** is recreation activities that require physical exertion but are unstructured, that is not part of a competition. **Passive Recreation** encompasses a range of unstructured activities and social interactions undertaken for enjoyment, relaxation, and mental health, with limited physical exertion

A full list of key terms can be found on Page 4 of the Recreation Strategy

*Below: Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre*



# Vision & Objectives

**Vision:** Everyone has the opportunity to be active and connected through sport and recreation.

**Mission:** Plan and manage our facilities and open spaces to enhance community use, enjoyment and well-being

These are reflected in the Objectives of the Strategy

- Maximising the impact of recreation and open space on health and well-being for residents and visitors
- Consideration of local information and overarching trends (p11-15)
- Place-based recommendations based on best practice and the utilisation of all available data (p46-95)
- Building on existing masterplans and strategies for major reserves and open spaces (pg 8-10)

## Principles of Delivery

The following principles underpin the development and delivery of the Recreation and Open Space Strategy:

### Partnerships

Working in partnership and collaboratively with organisations and community

- Community groups
- Sporting Clubs
- Land management authorities
- Government Agencies

### Equity

Support gender equity and the inclusion of under-represented groups

- Proximity to open space and recreation activities
- Accessibility of facilities and programs for all ages, genders, cultural backgrounds, abilities, socio economic needs
- Following relevant policies, strategies and guidelines with respect to inclusion

### Promotion

Promotion of new and existing opportunities in sport and recreation

- Activate existing spaces with innovative programs
- Encourage (and where applicable fund) low cost physical activity programs
- Support developing sports and community clubs to grow

### Sustainability

Ensure sustainability in planning, design, delivery and maintenance

- Financial – is the program or facility financially viable for whole of life
- Community – are the community engaged in the facility or program, do the trends show this is a desired recreation activity
- Environmental – does this cater for climate change considerations, is this sound from a biodiversity perspective

### Evidence based community need

Using evidence and community need to guide decisions

- Strategic documents
- Current trends
- Community desire
- Standards (facility guidelines, safety regulations)
- Proximity of other facilities
- Cultural considerations, particularly where new infrastructure is being considered

# Key Findings

The Recreation Strategy Project began in April 2023 with the engagement of ROSS Consulting. The development included extensive research and consultation.

- Consultation with the community, key stakeholders and Council (p16-18)
- Review of existing documents, with a particular focus on masterplans already prepared (p8-10)
- Qualitative and quantitative assessment and mapping of existing and potential services, facilities and spaces
- Needs based assessment of priority projects
- Analysis of essential demographic data and future population projections (p11)

Fig 1: Strategy Process

Below: Apex Park



# Research Findings



Technological Advances



Informal Recreation



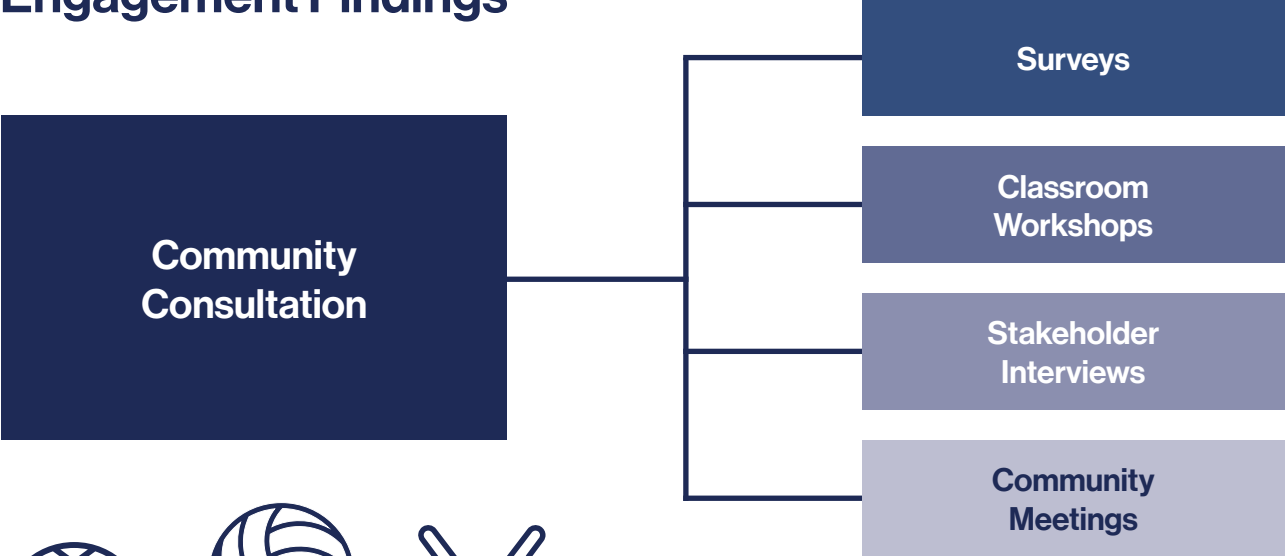
Inclusive Parks



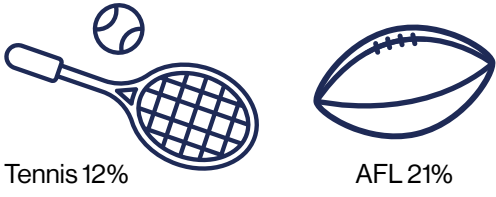
Sustainable Spaces

Fig 2: The way we interact with open spaces is changing (pg 12-15)

## Engagement Findings



### Top Sports



<b>Popular Recreation Activities</b>	Walking Bushwalking Gardening	Cycling Playing in the Park
<b>Open Space Highlights</b>	Being in Nature Access to Waterways	Quality Family Time Social Interaction
<b>Top Priorities</b>	Playgrounds Improvements to Water Access	Pathways Fenced Off-lead Dog Parks

Fig 3: Community engagement process and findings. (p16-18)

## Engagement Findings cont.



Fig 4: Findings for sport (p30-44)

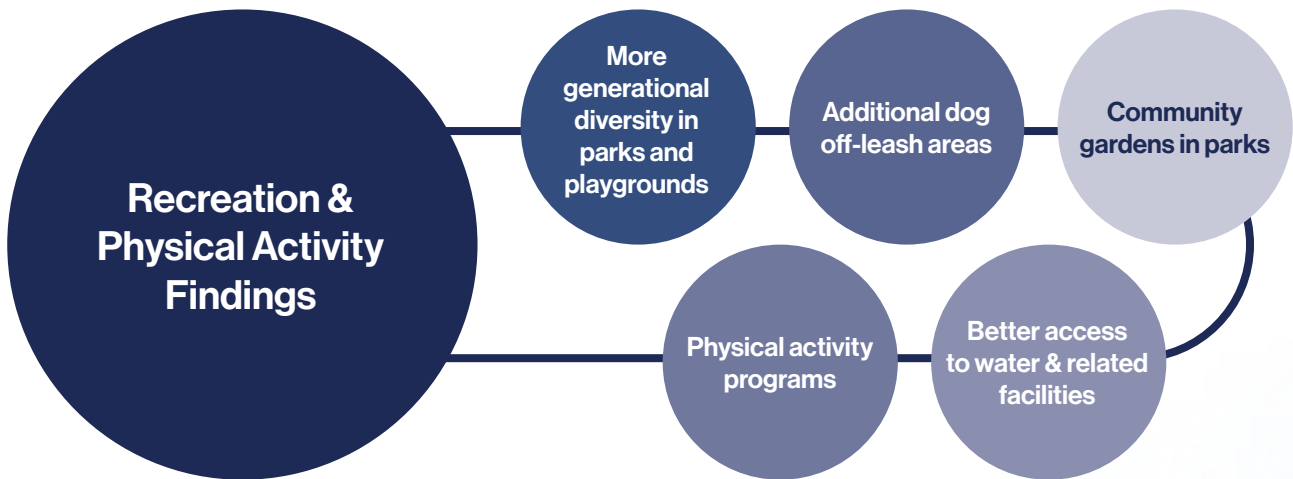


Fig 5: Findings for recreation and physical activity (p29)





# Moving Forward

The Rural City of Wangaratta community currently has access to a broad range of recreation, open space and sport opportunities. The Strategy includes a range of recommendations to meet community demand. Additionally, to assist Council focus park development across a smaller number of parks (whilst maintaining suitable accessibility for residents) a number of parks have been identified for rationalisation.

While this Plan provides Council with strategic direction for the provision of recreation and sport over the next 10 years, further information sharing, consultation and involvement of the community in decision making will be necessary. The recommendations are included in this summary and should be considered in conjunction with the full strategy.

*Below: Swinburne Park; Right: Targoora Park*



# Action Plan

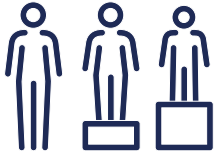
## Overarching Recommendations



### Partnerships

Working in partnership and collaboratively with organisations and community

Recommendation	Justification	Priority
Council to commit to engage with relevant organisational stakeholders on the delivery of this Strategy	To ensure broad input into Council decision making including concept planning and detailed design and achieve the best outcomes for each project	High
Ensure standard Council processes are followed in the implementation of this Strategy including consultation, concept planning and design	To ensure quality outcomes and community buy-in	High
Work closely with internal and external partners to ensure mitigation and adaptation to climate change, biodiversity and other environmental outcomes are considered in all facility planning, renewal and development processes	To ensure the relationship between recreation and climate change (climate impacts) is clearly considered	High
Formalise the maintenance of rail trails with relevant stakeholders and community partners	To ensure regular maintenance is carried out and that responsibility is clear	High
Ensure that the Community and Recreation team are included early in planning and development processes	To ensure sport and recreation development reflects a sustainable approach driven by evidence-based demand	High
Work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to ensure there is suitable access to formalised water-based recreation sites	To enhance the recreation opportunities available in line with the high level of community use and desire for supporting infrastructure. The cultural and ecological significance of sites needs to be recognised and protected	High
Determine interest from community groups to lead and maintain the trial of community garden beds. Trial locations could include Wareena Park	In order to increase knowledge and skills in growing fruit and vegetables. Improving nutrition, food security and intergenerational connection	Medium
Encourage physical activity through alternate uses of spaces such as walking sports. Partner with existing sporting clubs and community groups	To encourage participation by those who may not be interested in traditional sports, or where low-impact activities are required	Medium
Continue to support Committees of Management	In order to provide sport and recreation opportunities for the community	Ongoing



## Equity

Support gender equity and the inclusion of under represented groups

Recommendation	Justification	Priority
Ensure an equity impact statement is undertaken on new projects as part of the preliminary planning process	To ensure that real and perceived barriers to participation are identified and the planning and design process seeks to overcome these	High
Support the implementation of the fair access policy, including club training and development	To provide clubs with the appropriate tools to support their members and the community	High
Support Inclusive Wangaratta recommendations around sport, physical activity and recreation	To ensure the whole community can access sport, physical activity and recreation opportunities	High



## Promotion

Promotion of new and existing opportunities in sport and recreation

Recommendation	Justification	Priority
Develop and deliver an affordable physical activity program (using external providers and partnerships) in parks and community halls across the RCoW	Offering free or low cost activities will not only have physical health benefits but social/mental health benefits for participants. This will also assist to activate parks	High
Promote accessibility to existing public toilets in proximity to key natural areas and river-side walking tracks	To ensure natural area and trail users have close access to amenities	High
Develop and promote a map of bike racks and public toilets	To assist the community in effectively utilising the open space network and pathways	Medium
Initiate the development of a series of up-to date community directories to promote existing spaces, activities and programs within the community. This could include sporting clubs and groups, social and activity groups as well as regular programs and events	To ensure the community are aware of what opportunities exist and improve participation in physical activity	Medium
Develop a map of designated dog off-leash areas and promote to the community	To ensure the community are aware of appropriate off-leash places	Medium



## Sustainability

Ensure sustainability in planning, design, delivery and maintenance

Recommendation	Justification	Priority
Incorporate the recommendations into Council's capital and operational works plans	To ensure suitable budget allocations to achieve desired outcomes	High
Ensure sufficient resources are allocated in Council's operational budget for the maintenance of open space	The current allocation falls well-short of providing appropriate maintenance of Council's open space network	High
As more sport and recreation organisations are established and participation continues to grow, Council will require additional staffing	To ensure suitable resources in order to address burgeoning community demand	High
Ensure sports assets are included on Council's asset register for renewals	To ensure suitable funds are available to replace assets at the end of their useful life	High
Ensure climate change and environmental impacts are considered as part of all facility planning, renewal and development processes	To ensure the relationship between recreation and climate change (climate impacts) is clearly considered	High
Council to develop a formal tree planting program for parks and reserves	To provide clear direction on sites to be planted, preferred tree species, management and maintenance of new trees as well as identifying trees at the end of their useful life expectancy	High
In line with Council's Urban Tree Plan, ensure additional planting occurs within the open space network, especially those parks where playground equipment is recommended for removal	To enhance the urban forest canopy and encourage the environmental, social and economic benefits to the community	High
Investigate alternatives to reduce reliance on drinking water for irrigation of public open space	To preserve natural resources	High
Develop and implement a Council landscape document for developer contributed parks	To ensure Council receive appropriate park infrastructure including plant species at handover	Medium
Ensure careful planning of new infrastructure within parks and reserves including pathways and implement tree protection zones in order to protect existing trees	To ensure tree health is maintained both during and after construction	Ongoing
Review the outcomes of the Recreation Strategy every five years	A review ensures the document remains a current working document and meets the changing needs of the community	Ongoing
Actively seek external grants to fund the capital works	Council cannot rely on the parks budget and developer contributions to achieve the breadth of recommendations	Ongoing
Work with North East Catchment Authority and other relevant land managers/owners in the preservation of land along the Ovens River	To improve open space accessibility and connectivity along the waterway	Ongoing



## Evidence based community need

Using evidence and community need to guide decisions

Recommendation	Justification	Priority
Review outdoor council managed sports assets to create a plan for maintenance based on the principles of this strategy	To ensure sports courts and facilities are renewed and maintained based on evidence and community need	High
Undertake a review of Council's Playspace Strategy	To reflect the findings of this Strategy and ensure playspaces are diverse and equitable	High
Undertake a review of Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy	To adequately plan and develop necessary walk and cycle projects and their supporting infrastructure in line with demand	High
Continue to support the directions of key Council master plans including Parklands Master Plan, Wareena Park Master Plan and Merriwa Park Master Plan	To ensure key Council and community priorities are progressed	High
Undertake an investigation into suitable sites to house a second soccer facility (two to four fields) as well as a hockey pitch (one pitch and capacity for training area)	To assess current infrastructure conditions and ensure a sustainable approach to current and future provision	High
Undertake an asset condition and demand audit for all hard courts across the LGA	To assess current infrastructure conditions and ensure a sustainable approach to current and future provision	High
Investigate the provision of additional dog off-leash areas across the LGA (particularly Rangeview Park and Burns Reserve)	To ensure equitable provision of facilities	High
Complete an analysis of cycling infrastructure across the LGA	To determine the feasibility for cycling infrastructure including the development of a precinct	High

*Below: Wangaratta Skatepark*



# Action Plan

## Venue Specific Recommendations

Ref	Park	Sport impacted	Tenure / management	Recommendations	Priority	Lead organisation	Support organisation	Indicative cost
<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W1	Apex Park	Recreation	Council managed	Remove the CFA training area and replace with interpretive signage about the historical use of the site	Medium	Council		\$25,000
W2	Avian Park	AFL	Crown Land	Facility upgrades to accommodate AFL training - currently managed by a Committee of Management, could investigate coming under Council management	Medium	CoM and Council		\$100,000
W3	Baltimore Park	Recreation	Council managed	Install a soccer goal or re-bound wall to enhance recreation opportunities for an older age group	High	Council		\$5,000
W4	Baroona Court Playground	Recreation	Council managed	Install shade over the playground and seek to diversify the age range of the recreation experience by developing an element for older children/youth	High	Council		\$50,000
W5	Bill Eaton Reserve	Athletics and soccer	Council managed	Master Plan the site with the intent to replace and widen the long jump run up to allow for a 100m synthetic sprint/warm-up surface. The shot put and discus pits require repair/upgrade. Improve the interior grass surface and source portable soccer goals for training	Medium	Council	Club	\$30,000 (MP)
W6	Bindall Avenue Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Upgrade the toilets and install an older children's playground in Bindall Avenue Reserve following the removal of equipment at the adjoining Kiwanis Park	High	Council		\$100,000
W7		AFL	Council managed	Lighting installation to allow for junior training in summer and winter	Medium	Council		\$250,000
W8	Brien Crescent Park	Recreation	Council managed	Seek to diversify the age range of the recreation experience by developing an element for older children/youth i.e. climbing structure, monkey bars etc.	Medium	Council		\$50,000
W9	Bullawah Cultural Trail	Recreation	Council	Work with the Bangerang community to expand the Bullawah Trail with additional cultural elements including artwork, interpretive signage and AV elements in order to share stories	High	Council		\$25,000 (initial planning)

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<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W10	Burke Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Diversify the recreation opportunities at Burke Reserve to cater for older children and youth	Medium	Council		\$50,000
W11	Burns Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Investigate opportunities to rationalise play equipment and create a fenced off-leash dog park	Medium	Council		\$25,000
W12	Cathedral College	Hockey	School land	Temporary lighting towers to be installed to allow night hockey training	High	Club and School		TBD
W13				Council to lead conversations with Cathedral College and the Club to investigate opportunities for a temporary building (with amenities and changerooms) to be placed near to the pitch	Medium	Club and Council		TBD
W14	Dalton Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Seek to diversify the age range of the recreation experience by developing an element for older children/youth	Medium	Council		\$50,000
W15	Dundas Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Investigate opportunities to preserve Dundas Reserve for passive recreation (including additional planting in line with the Urban Tree Plan at the end of asset useful life)	High	Council		\$10,000
W16	Evalyn Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Remove the play equipment at the end of its useful life and investigate opportunities to rationalise the park or maintain as an amenity park i.e. additional plantings	High	Council		TBD
W17	Frank Garth Reserve	Outdoor Recreation	Council managed	There is a need to formalise Frank Garth Reserve with signage, seating, picnic tables and designated car parking areas. This site also lends itself to the installation of a floating pontoon for canoe/kayak launching. It is recommended that a basic concept plan be undertaken to ensure the multiple values of the site are protected and that the space is best utilised	Medium	Council and Water Corporation		\$140,000 (Pontoon TBD)
W18	Jaycees Park	Recreation	Council managed	Diversify play opportunities at Jaycees Park	Low	Council		\$50,000
W19	Kendall and Orange Court Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Diversify the recreation opportunities at Kendall and Orange Court Reserve to cater for older children and youth	Medium	Council		\$50,000
W20	King George V Gardens	Recreation	Council managed	Undertake a master planning process with the local community to confirm the Park's future direction, whilst maintaining the parks intent as a formal garden and amenity park	Medium	Council		\$25,000
W21	Kiwanis Park	Recreation	Council managed	Investigate opportunities to rationalise the equipment from Kiwanis Park and improve amenity through plantings, seating and informal recreation opportunities. The addition of play equipment for older children should be installed at the adjoining Bindall Avenue Reserve	High	Council		\$15,000

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<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W22	Merriwa Park	Tennis, pickleball and croquet	Council managed	Provision of all-abilities access to the clubhouse	High	Club	Council	\$20,000
W23				Upgrade amenities to support all-abilities access	High	Club	Council	\$20,000
W24				Replacement of court fencing with black plastic-coated fencing	Medium	Club	Council	\$120,000
W25				Car park resurfacing	Medium	Club	Council	\$140,000
W26		Recreation	Council managed	Investigate the removal of the sound shell	Medium	Council		TBD
W27		Tennis	Crown Land	Remove the old tennis courts	Medium	Club, CoM and Council		\$10,000
W28		Recreation	Council managed	Upgrade the playground at the end of its useful life with more diverse play elements catering for toddlers, young children and youth	Medium	Council		\$250,000
W29	Mitchell Avenue Reserve	Active recreation	Council managed	Investigate the provision of a public toilet and drinking water at the skate park	Medium	Council		\$200,000
W30		Active recreation	Council managed	For the outdoor fitness equipment, consider running 'how to use' sessions for the community. Provision of QR Codes linking people with how to use the equipment is also recommended	Medium	Council		TBD Operational
W31	Murdoch Reserve	Recreation	Council managed	Remove the swing set and spring toy from Murdoch Park and increase plantings for amenity	High	Council		\$10,000
W32	Northern Beaches	Outdoor recreation	Council managed	There is a need to formalise the recreation use of the Northern Beaches, with signage, seating, picnic tables. It is recommended that a basic concept plan be undertaken to ensure the multiple values of the site are protected and that the space is best utilised	Medium	Council		\$10,000 (concept plan) \$140,000
W33	North West Growth Area - Greenfield site	Rectangular Sports	Council managed	Master plan and develop the greenfield sports site to accommodate rectangular sports (preference for soccer and hockey) - soccer requires 2-4 fields, one lit synthetic hockey pitch, future area for hockey training, a central clubhouse, spectator facilities and suitable car parking	High	Council and Club		\$30,000 (MIP)
W34	Pelican Court Park	Recreation	Council managed	Install additional play equipment such as a climbing net and increase plantings	Low	Council		\$10,000
W35	Rangview Park	Recreation	Council managed	Investigate opportunities to develop a fenced dog off leash and rationalise area within the linear section of the park that runs behind the houses	Medium	Council		\$25,000
W36	Ryan Reserve - Apex Road Safety School	Recreation	Lions Club	Investigate the opportunity to open the facility for free public use on a regular basis	High	Council and Lions		Nil



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<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W37	Sadler Reserve/ One Mile Creek Outdoor Gym equipment	Recreation	Council managed	Monitor usage of outdoor gym equipment and consider running 'how to' sessions for the community. The addition of QR codes to connect users with instructional videos on the equipment is also recommended	High	Council		TBD Operational
W38	South Wangaratta Recreation Reserve	All Sports	Council managed	Undertake a master plan to ensure the site meets future demand and user needs (including consideration of a new clubhouse and junior synthetic practice pitch for soccer)	High	Council		\$25,000
W39		Soccer	Council managed	Undertake field upgrades to the two southern fields (irrigation upgrades, drainage upgrades and surface upgrades)	High	Council	Club	\$340,000
W40				Install lighting to the main field	High	Council	Club	\$350,000
W41		Archery	Club managed	Construct a small amenities building (with access to power and water)	High	Club	Council	\$200,000
W42		Motorsports	Club managed	The Club has outlined a number of facility upgrades required to retain Speedway Australia Track accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting upgrade</li> <li>• Concrete wall and fencing upgrade</li> <li>• Power supply upgrade</li> <li>• Canteen upgrade.</li> </ul>	Medium	Club		TBD
W43	Sydney Beaches	Outdoor Recreation	Club managed	There is a need to formalise Sydney Beaches for recreation use, with signage, seating and picnic tables. It is recommended that a basic concept plan be undertaken to ensure the multiple values of the site are protected and that the space is best utilised	Medium	Council		\$10,000 (Concept Plan) \$140,000
W44	Targoora Park	Baseball and softball	Club managed	Undertake drainage works across all diamonds and base cut outs to ensure more resilient diamonds	High	Club	Council	\$120,000
W45		Baseball and softball	Club managed	Upgrade lighting on Diamond 1 to meet training standards	High	Club	Council	\$180,000
W46	Tennis across RCoW	Tennis	Various	Undertake a rationalisation process for tennis across the LGA	High	Council		Nil
W47			Various	Nominate under-utilised tennis courts and allow for free public access i.e. Tarraringee Tennis Courts	High	Clubs/CoM	Council	Operational
W48	Wangaratta Community Gardens	Recreation	Committee managed	Collaborate with the community garden committee to prioritise delivery of projects identified in the Community Gardens Master Plan	High	Committee	Council	Nil

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<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W49	Wangaratta Pony Club and Adult Riding Club facility	Equestrian	Club managed	Construct an additional 20 day yards to meet demand for clinics and rallies	High	Club	Council	\$80,000
W50				Construct a 60m x 20m sand arena to allow for warm-up activities	Medium	Club	Council	\$85,000
W51				Investigate potential opportunities for the facility to be activated as a camping area	Medium	Council	Club	TBD
W52	Wangaratta Sports and Events Precinct - Wangaratta Bowls and Sports Club	Lawn Bowls	Club managed	Undertake amenities upgrades to increase capacity as well as compliant access	High	Club	Council	\$100,000
W53				Cover the south-west green to provide an all-weather venue	Medium	Club	Council	\$900,000
W54				Open up one of the greens for sports requiring a similar surface i.e. croquet	Medium	Club	Council	Nil
W55				Light at least two of the greens	Medium	Club	Council	\$150,000
W56				Provide a spectator viewing area overlooking the covered green	Medium	Club	Council	\$65,000
W57				Formalise car parking	Medium	Club	Council	\$80,000
W58				Investigate the amalgamation of the Wareena Bowls Club with the Wangaratta Bowls and Sports Club	Medium	Council	Club	Nil
W59				Investigate shared amenities for multiple sports	Low	Council	Council	\$300,000
W60	Wangaratta Sports and Events Precinct	Various	Council Managed	Revisit the Parklands master plan in line with the recommendations of this Strategy	High	Council	Council	\$40,000
W61				Develop a pavilion to provide suitable ancillary facilities	High	Council	Club	\$800,000
W62				Develop female friendly change facilities at WJ Findley Oval	High	Council Managed	Club	\$500,000
W63				Investigate facility upgrades to accommodate AFL training at the former Rodeo Grounds	High	Council Managed	Club	\$300,000
W64				Remove the velodrome at the Wangaratta Sports and Events Precinct	High	Council Managed	Council	TBD
W65				Redevelop (re-surface) a number of under-utilised tennis courts into at least 8 pickleball courts	High	Council Managed	Clubs (tennis and pickleball)	\$120,000

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<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W66	Wangaratta Sports and Events Precinct cont.	Table Tennis, Pickleball, Roller sports, Cricket	Council Managed	Develop an indoor sport facility to cater for non-traditional indoor sports including table tennis, pickleball and indoor cricket training (and considerations for other sports including in-line hockey, netball training, roller sports). Opportunity to house 10 table tennis tables and suitable spectator areas and cater for the demand of off-season cricket practice	High	Council	Club	\$40,000 (concept plan)
W67		Cricket	Council Managed	Convert Barr 1 to synthetic wicket to cater for the predicted increase in junior participation	Medium	Council		\$10,000
W68		Netball	Council Managed	Following the completion of the current upgrades to the Wangaratta Netball Association courts, investigate demand for further court upgrades	Medium	Council		TBD
W69		Active Recreation	Council Managed	Expand the Wangaratta Skatepark by adding older youth recreation opportunities with additional wheeled sport elements to increase its functionality and appeal	Low	Council		\$150,000
W70	Wangaratta Sports and Events Precinct – WSAC.	Swimming	Council Managed	Continue to work closely with tenant groups using pool space to ensure equitable access that reflects user demands	High	Council		Nil
W71		Waterpolo	Council Managed	There is a need to activate the purpose-built waterpolo pool through actively supporting the development of a local competition at WSAC	High	Council	Club	Nil
W72		Basketball	Council Managed	Investigate opportunities for partnerships with schools to cater for long-term demand for indoor courts	Medium	Council		Nil
W73	Wareena Park	AFL	Council Managed	Facility upgrades to accommodate AFL training including drainage upgrades and development of a second smaller field for training	High	Council		\$380,000
W74		Recreation	Council Managed	Upgrade the Park to include intergenerational play and exercise space	High	Council		\$400,000
W75		AFL	Council Managed	Develop female friendly change facilities	High	Council		\$500,000
W76		AFL	Council Managed	Should the Wareena Park Bowls Club amalgamate with the Wangaratta Bowls and Sports Club, revisit the Wareena Park Master Plan with the potential to utilise the site for AFL training or community garden	Medium	Council		TBD
W77	Wenhams Lane Reserve	Recreation	Council Managed	Improve the amenity of the park and provide additional plantings for shade	High	Council		\$10,000

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<b>Urban Wangaratta</b>								
W78	Wonga Park	Recreation	Council Managed	Retain Wonga Park and look for opportunities to improve drainage, or to further involve the school in the management of the space	Medium	Council		\$40,000 (drainage)
W79	Various	Cricket	Various	Council to work with the District Cricket Association and local schools to formalise arrangements for community use and provision of additional synthetic wickets	Medium	Council		Nil
W80	Various	Cycling	Various	Complete an analysis of cycling infrastructure across the LGA (including feasibility for development of a precinct) and/or suitable locations for an off-road criterium track	High	Club	Council	\$20,000
W81	Various	Mountain Biking	Parks Victoria	There is a need to investigate opportunities for mountain biking in close proximity to urban Wangaratta. Discussions with Parks Victoria are encouraged to determine the suitability of their existing trails in key locations such as the Warby-Ovens National Park	High	Council	Club	Nil
W82	Various	Mountain Biking	Various	Investigate the King Valley and Mt Pilot National Park as potential areas for further investigation for mountain bike facility given the potential opportunities to build upon the tourism activities being attracted to these locations	High	Club and Council	Council	Nil
W83	Various	AFL	Various	Investigate opportunities for AFL training grounds, including the old Rodeo Grounds	High	Council	Council	Nil
<b>Northern Planning District</b>								
N1	North Wangaratta Recreation Reserve	AFL	Council	Remove the derelict toilet block	High	Council		\$20,000
N2			Council	Develop female friendly change facilities	High	Council	Club	\$500,000
N3			Council	Prepare a site concept plan (that includes consideration of new amenities)	High	Council	Club	\$20,000
N4			Council	Investigate the development of the unused land at the back of the reserve for AFL training	Medium	Council	Club	Nil
N5	Springhurst Recreation Reserve	Tennis	Crown Land	Work with the community to determine a use for the under-utilised tennis courts to improve amenity. A cost-effective method of re-developing one court should be investigated	Medium	CoM		Nil
N6	Boorhaman Recreation Reserve	Various	Crown Land	Investigate the provision of a covered seating area near the barbecue and the play node requires a shade sail	Low	CoM		\$50,000
N7	Boorhaman Recreation Reserve	Water Activities	Crown Land	Investigate the possibility of a boat ramp at the Boorhaman North Recreation Reserve with appropriate bodies	Low	CoM		TBD

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<b>Greta Valley Planning District</b>								
GV1	Glenrowan Recreation Reserve	Netball and Cricket	Crown Land	Work with the community to determine a use for the under-utilised netball court and cricket practice nets	High	CoM	Council	Nil
GV2		Rugby League	Crown Land	Upgrade the lighting to allow night fixtures	Medium	Council and CoM	Council	\$150,000
GV3				Install reserve benches	Medium	Council and CoM	Council	\$30,000
GV4		Outdoor Recreation	Victorian Fisheries Authority	Work with Victorian Fisheries Authority to improve access to Glenrowan Recreation Reserve Dam for recreational fishers with special mobility needs	High	CoM	Council	Nil
GV5	Glenrowan town	Active Recreation	Various	Identify a suitable site within Glenrowan to develop a small scale pump track or youth recreation facility	Medium	Council		TBD
GV6	Greta Recreation Reserve	Tennis	Crown Land	Support the removal of the tennis courts from Greta Recreation Reserve	Medium	CoM		\$10,000
GV7		Recreation	Crown Land	Support the Committee in their desire to add a playground to the Greta Recreation Reserve	Medium	CoM		\$50,000
<b>King Valley Planning District</b>								
KV1	Whitfield Recreation Reserve	Recreation and active recreation	Council Managed	Remove the former tennis courts with the potential for development as netball courts if demand exists in the future	Medium	CoM and Council		TBD
KV2	Moyhu Recreation Reserve		Crown Land	Upgrade the playground at the Moyhu Recreation Reserve including the addition of play elements for older children and inclusive play elements	High	CoM	Council	\$100,000
KV3				Upgrade the electrical capacity to allow for simultaneous field lighting and clubhouse use	High	Club and CoM	Council	\$80,000
KV4				Consider the development of a small-scale pump track at the Moyhu Recreation Reserve	Medium	CoM	Council	\$60,000
KV5		Tennis	Crown Land	Re-surface the existing tennis courts (that were poorly constructed)	High	Council		\$20,000
KV6		Netball	Crown Land	Construct a second lit netball court	Medium	Club, CoM and Council		\$200,000
KV7			Crown Land	Resurface the original netball court at the end of its useful life	Low	Club, CoM and Council		\$10,000
KV8	Moyhu Bowls Club	Bowls	Council Managed	Replace the synthetic green	High	Club	Council	\$400,000
KV9	Moyhu Lions Park	Recreation	Council Managed	Oversee the planning of Lions Park to ensure cohesive and planned approach to any future infrastructure upgrades or additions	High	Council		Nil

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<b>King Valley Planning District</b>								
KV10	Moyhu	Active recreation and transport	Various	Develop footpaths to connect town to the Recreation Reserve and to the school	High	Council		\$750,000
KV11	Community Halls	Physical Activity	Various	Opportunity to utilise Myrree, Cheshunt, Eci Upper, Moyhu and King Valley Community Halls for physical activity programming	Medium	CoM and Council		Nil
<b>Ovens Valley Planning District</b>								
OV1	Tarrowgeee Tennis Courts	Tennis	Crown Land	Repair two of the tennis courts and allow for free community use	High	CoM		\$40,000
OV2				Investigate the use of un-used tennis courts for a wheeled sports precinct (skate, BMX, bikes)	Medium	CoM	Council	Nil
OV3	Tarrowgeee Recreation Reserve	AFL	Crown Land	Ensure the facility allows AFL for training	Medium	Club, CoM	Council	Nil
OV4	Everton	Active Recreation	Various	Investigate the extension of the Rail Trail along Diffey Road to create a circuit and bring the trail into Everton	Medium	Council		Nil
OV5	Pioneer Bridges Rest Area	Recreation	Crown Managed	There is a need to formalise Pioneer Bridges Rest Area for recreation use, with signage, seating and picnic tables. It is recommended that a basic concept plan be undertaken to ensure the multiple values of the site are protected and that the space is best utilised	Medium	Council		\$10,000 (concept plan) \$80,000
OV6	Centennial Park	Rugby League	Crown Land	Monitor the growth of the Wolfpack and investigate the development of changeroom facilities. Consider a relocatable building in the short-term	High	Club and CoM	Council	TBD
OV7				Additional storage and minor canteen upgrade	Medium	Club and CoM	Council	\$60,000
<b>Snow Road Planning District</b>								
SR1	Milawa Recreation Reserve	Tennis and Netball	Crown Land	Work with the community to determine a use for the under-utilised tennis/netball court	Medium	Club, CoM		Nil
SR2	John McAleese Community Park	Recreation	Committee and Council Managed	Relocate the existing barbecue within the park further away from the sound shell to create more free space for community events as well as the installation of a picnic table for barbecue users	High	CoM and Council		\$10,000
SR3	Milawa Public Hall	Recreation	Committee	Develop a trail head for the rail trail at Milawa including the development of a public toilet at the Milawa Public Hall	High	CoM and Council		\$180,000
SR4	Rail Trail	Active Recreation	Council Managed	Build on the rail trail with an off-road shared path along Kerrs Road, Oxley Flats Road and Sportsground Lane to create a local circuit	Medium	Council		TBD

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<b>Snow Road Planning District</b>								
SR5	Oxley Memorial Park	Active Recreation	Council Managed	Install bike racks at the Oxley Memorial Park to enhance the user experience for trail users	High	Council		\$3,000
SR6	Oxley Recreation Reserve	Equestrian Sports	Crown Land	Install a watering system to suppress dust from the sand arenas	Medium	CoM and Club	Council	\$12,000
SR7				Development of lighting across the sand arenas to allow for greater hours of use during the cooler months and for evening use (when it is cooler) during the hotter months	Medium	CoM and Club	Council	\$85,000
SR8				Consider upgrades to the oval to improve equestrian use	Medium	CoM and Club	Council	\$20,000
SR9				Council could investigate the development of a cover over the large sand arena to create an all-weather facility	Low	CoM and Club	Council	TBD
SR10	Carboor Recreation Reserve	Tennis	Council Managed	Consider the removal of the derelict tennis courts at Carboor Recreation Reserve to improve amenity	Low	Council		\$10,000

