

# Hepburn

SHIRE COUNCIL

**Trentham Recreation Reserve  
Redevelopment Masterplan  
Final Report**

**January 2020**

**Produced by:  
ASR Research Pty Ltd Leisure Planners  
Mike Smith and Associates Landscape Architects**



TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION ONE – INTRODUCTION ..... 3

1.0 Introduction..... 3

1.1 Purpose and Objectives of Study ..... 3

1.2 Project Methodology..... 3

SECTION TWO - LITERATURE REVIEW ..... 5

2.1 Documents..... 5

2.2 Outcomes ..... 5

SECTION THREE - THE RESERVE ..... 7

3.1 The Reserve ..... 7

3.2 Management and maintenance arrangements ..... 9

3.3 Occupancy Arrangements..... 10

SECTION FOUR - EXISTING CONDITIONS/SITE ASSESSMENT..... 11

4.1 Attributes ..... 11

4.2 Deficiencies..... 11

SECTION FIVE – DEMOGRAPHICS ..... 13

5.1 Population Growth – Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan..... 13

5.3 Leisure and Sporting Trends ..... 13

5.4 Calder Growth Corridor ..... 14

5.4 Implications for Masterplan ..... 14

SECTION SIX - CONSULTATION ..... 15

6.1 Combined meeting of COM and representatives of existing and potential user groups..... 15

6.2 COM ..... 15

6.3 Current and potential user groups ..... 16

6.4 Peak Bodies ..... 17

6.5 Local Sports Associations..... 17

6.6 Council Units..... 18

SECTION SEVEN – SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OF MERIT..... 19

SECTION EIGHT - MASTERPLAN..... 23

8.1 Masterplan Objectives ..... 23

8.2 Special issues ..... 23

APPENDICES ..... 26

Appendix A – Trentham Recreation Reserve Masterplan Works Plan ..... 27

Appendix B - Plan 1 – Concept Masterplan..... 29

Appendix C - Plan 2 - Detailed Landscaping Plan ..... 30

Appendix D – Plan 3 – Proposed Reserve Expansion..... 31

Appendix E – Literature Review ..... 32

## SECTION ONE – INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 Introduction

The Trentham Recreation Reserve Master Plan has been established to provide a future direction and long-term planning framework to ensure that any development opportunities complement the existing and any anticipated future use of the Reserve.

The Master Plan has been developed through a collaborative process involving user groups, residents, Hepburn Shire Council (Council) and other relevant stakeholders. It contains recommended improvement projects which will depend upon further business case development and funding availability.

Overall, the Master Plan provides a broad planning direction which user groups and Council can use to initiate future development opportunities to further enhance the Trentham Recreation Reserve for the community.

### 1.1 Purpose and Objectives of Study

The purpose of the study is to produce a plan to guide the redevelopment and future development of Trentham Recreation Reserve. The objectives of the study are to:

- Assess the condition of the reserve and its facilities from landscape, functionality, access, structural, environmental and safety perspectives.
- Identify the facility needs of existing and potential user groups and how these needs can be addressed.
- Investigate opportunities to enhance the passive spaces at the reserve.
- Prepare a masterplan for the reserve which contains a prioritised list of development works and cost estimates for these works.

### 1.2 Project Methodology

The methodology for the masterplan involved eight related stages:

- *Stage 1 - Project Definition Meeting:* A meeting was held with the Council staff to clarify the objectives of the masterplanning process and discussing in detail any key issues.
- *Stage 2 - Literature Review:* Relevant Council files, strategy documents and operational policies were reviewed.
- *Stage 3 – Analysis of Leisure Trends/Demographic Projections:* Relevant leisure and demographic trends were analysed and the implications of these characteristics for the future development of the reserve were identified.
- *Stage 4 - Audit of Existing Conditions/Use:* The existing attributes, deficiencies and use of the reserve were described.

- *Stage 5 - Consultation:* User clubs, peak sporting bodies, local sports associations, other interested groups, residents and relevant Council officers were asked, where relevant, to provide information their sports and clubs, their use of the reserve and the improvements that are needed at the reserve.
- *Stage 6 – Draft Report:* The findings from the previous research were documented in a draft masterplan report. Included in this report were a list of the works suggested by key stakeholders, an assessment of the merit of each works item, a set of recommended works and a preliminary masterplan. Council reviewed the report and suggested deletions and additions were noted. The draft report and preliminary masterplan were amended in response to the Council’s feedback.
- *Stage 7 - Final Report:* The draft report and masterplan were publicly discussed with stakeholders and feedback received. The report and masterplan were amended in response to the feedback and was converted to a final report.

## SECTION TWO - LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Documents

The following documents/files were reviewed:

- Hepburn Shire Council, Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021
- Hepburn Shire Council, Municipal Public Health and Well-Being Plan 2013-2017
- Hepburn Shire Council, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2016-2021
- Hepburn Shire Council, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2014-2016
- Hepburn Shire Council, Walking and Cycling Strategy 2011; Walking and Cycling Strategy, Priority Works 2017
- Trentham Sportsground Reserve Strategic Plan 2011: Committee Update April 2017
- Trentham Community Facilities Review 2013
- Trentham Recreation Reserve, Building Assessment 2013
- AFL Victoria, Cricket Australia, Netball Victoria, FFV Facility Guidelines
- AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy 2017
- Hepburn Shire Council, Active Women and Girls Strategy 2019 – 2029 (draft)

### 2.2 Outcomes

The documents provide the following relevant information (see Appendix A for the detailed review):

- Council's strategic objectives/activities for the period 2017 to 2021 and the actions it will take to achieve these objectives/activities.
- Council's key priorities for enhancing the health and well-being of the Hepburn Shire community.
- Council's planning principles for recreation activity and facility provision.
- A long term strategic plan for the provision, development, management and use of open space areas in Hepburn Shire.
- Council's objectives with respect to improving opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in community life.
- The actions that Council will take to increase cycling and walking activity in Hepburn Shire.
- The Trentham Recreation Reserve COM's priorities for improvements to the reserve.

- Recommendations about the future provision of community facilities in Trentham based on an assessment of current and future facility demand, the condition and functionality of existing facilities and the views of the local community about facility provision.
- The AFL's, NV's, CA's, FFV's preferred standards for the infrastructure provided at active reserves.
- An assessment of the condition of the buildings at Trentham Recreation Reserve.

The implications of the documents for the Trentham Recreation Reserve Masterplan are as follows:

- The key objectives, priorities and actions contained in the reserve masterplan should be consistent and guided by the strategic objectives, activities and actions expressed in the Council Plan; these being:
  - Renewing Council assets
  - Providing great parks
  - Improving tree management
  - Encouraging participation in active and passive recreation
  - Encouraging great female participation in sports
  - Promoting water and energy efficiency.
- The masterplan should aim to implement the relevant actions of the Municipal Public Health and Well-Being Plan relating to encouraging increased participation in recreation activity.
- The hierarchy and facility provision standards outlined in the Recreation and Open Space Strategy should be used when auditing the provision of facilities in the reserve and making recommendations about new or redeveloped facilities.
- The specific recommendations contained in the Recreation and Open Space Strategy about Trentham Recreation Reserve should be reviewed in the masterplanning process and, if still valid, included in the redevelopment masterplan for the reserve.
- The masterplan should aim to improve the physical accessibility of the facilities in the reserve.
- The design guidelines for trails and walking paths contained in the Walking and Cycling Strategy should be used when designing future walking trails in the reserve.
- The facility recommendations contained in the Trentham Sportsground Reserve Strategic Plan should be reviewed in the masterplanning process and if still valid included in the redevelopment masterplan for the reserve.
- The information, findings and recommendations contained in the Trentham Community Facilities Review should be considered when producing the redevelopment masterplan.
- The findings of the building assessment should be considered in the masterplanning process.
- The AFL Victoria, Cricket Australia, Netball Victoria, FFV Facility Guidelines should be taken into consideration when making decisions about the standard of facilities to be provided at the reserve.

- The findings and recommendation of the AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy that relate Trentham Recreation Reserve should be considered in the masterplanning process.

- 

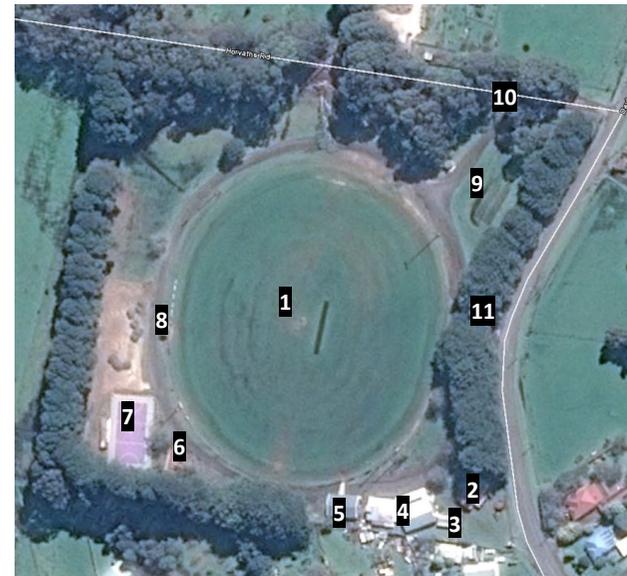
## **SECTION THREE - THE RESERVE**

### **3.1 The Reserve**

Trentham Recreation Reserve is a 5.2ha reserve located off Falls and Horvaths Rd in Trentham. It is predominantly an active recreation reserve which comprises a football/cricket oval with a synthetic wicket, gym building, public toilet block, bar/canteen/function room/away changerooms, home changerooms/umpires' rooms, playground, netball court and shelters, scoreboard building, cricket practice nets and carpark areas.

The Reserve is bounded by houses to the south, Falls Rd to the east, Horvaths Rd to the north and farmland to the west. Vehicles can enter and exit the reserve off Horvaths Rd and Falls Rd. The Reserve is used for community events and local level netball, football and cricket (both competition and training). It is used as a landing site for emergency services helicopters and a staging ground during bushfires. It also supports horse-riding activities in the area as an unloading areas for horses and a temporary yarding area for horse floats. It is occasionally used as a temporary camping site.

Map ref	Facility
1	Football/cricket oval
2	Gym building
3	Public toilet block
4	Bar/canteen/function room/away changerooms
5	Home changerooms/umpires' rooms
6	Playground
7	Netball court and shelters
8	Scoreboard
9	Cricket nets
10	Horvaths Rd entry
11	Falls Rd entry



### 3.2 Management and maintenance arrangements

The Reserve is managed by a community committee (COM) appointed by the State Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The COM is responsible for approving the use of the Reserve, setting and collecting fees and liaising with the user clubs and Council.

Council, the COM and user clubs share maintenance responsibilities for the Reserve. These tasks are outlined in memorandums of understanding between Council and the COM and the COM and user clubs. The maintenance arrangements for the reserve are detailed in table 1 below. The COM, Council Units and the user clubs were asked if the arrangements were satisfactory. They indicated that the arrangements were largely satisfactory.

**Table 1 – Management and maintenance responsibilities**

Organisation	Responsibilities/Tasks
Hepburn Shire Council	Maintaining the playing field, including irrigation and drainage systems. Mowing the surrounds. Maintaining the playground. Maintaining the internal access Providing rubbish bins Undertaking routine rubbish removal Renewing the netball court Renewing the centre cricket pitch and carpet Covering and restring the cricket pitch Meeting water costs Watering the playing fields
Trentham Recreation Reserve COM	Managing the Trentham Recreation Reserve and the scheduling of activities Submitting applications for the funding of improvements and special projects or supporting Hepburn Shire Council applications Maintaining perimeter fencing around reserve Providing and maintaining goal posts, oval fencing and seating Providing and maintaining cricket nets Collecting litter and placing bins out for collection
User clubs - football/netball, cricket	Ensuring the facilities used by the club are kept clean and tidy Placing all rubbish in the bins Repairing any damage or meeting the cost of repair (other than fair wear and tear) Maintaining the netball shed Leasing the gym Maintaining the globes on the netball courts and main oval light towers

### 3.3 Occupancy Arrangements

The occupancy arrangements between the COM and the clubs using the Reserve are as follows:

**Table 2 – Occupancy arrangements**

Organisation	Facilities used	Occupancy arrangement	Start	Duration	Expires	Fee to Committee
Trentham Football Netball club	All facilities except the cricket nets	Seasonal allocation	31 March	6 months	30 September	No fee to committee Contribute to improvements at Reserve Pay electricity bills for reserve.
Trentham Cricket Club	Playing field, cricket nets, pavilion, playgrounds, toilet block	Seasonal allocation	1 October	6 months	31 March	\$200 per annum to committee to cover electricity usage

The Reserve also receives casual use. This use includes caravanners/campers, people and groups hiring the function room for parties and riding for the disabled. These individuals and groups pay a hire fee to the COM for accessing the reserve.

## SECTION FOUR - EXISTING CONDITIONS/SITE ASSESSMENT

The condition assessment/site analysis indicated that Trentham Recreation Reserve has the following attributes and deficiencies:

### 4.1 Attributes

- Attractive setting – playing field and courts surrounded by rows of pine and cypress trees.
- Reserve visually prominent from Falls Rd.
- Safe entry/exit point off Horvaths Rd.
- A multi-use facility which is currently being used by 2 sports clubs for competition and training and the community for informal recreation and community events.
- Good size playing field - 160m X 130m.
- Good standard home team and umpires' change facilities.
- Access road around the playing field. Parking available around the playing field except for the area at the front of the pavilion/changerooms.
- Good standard lit netball court with shelters and compliant run-offs and dimensions.
- Childrens playground near the netball courts and close to the main football spectator area.
- Netball Pavilion (completed 2019)
- High standard training/competition floodlights over the playing field.
- Irrigated, well drained and well grassed playing surface on the oval.
- Synthetic cricket wicket and winter cover which is maintained in good condition.
- Recently upgraded scoreboard building.
- Space available in north-western corner of the Reserve for additional facilities.

### 4.2 Deficiencies

1. Vehicle entrances are visually unappealing. The Falls Road entrance has a rough surface.
2. Pine trees around the reserve are ageing. Some are in a dangerous condition.
3. Some sections of the access road are poorly drained.
4. Cricket nets are basic.
5. Public toilet block is in poor condition.
6. Playing field has some depressions
7. Away changerooms are in need of updating/refurbishment.

8. Social room, kitchen and bar facility are dated.
9. The pipe fence around the playing field is leaning in some areas.
10. The reserve lacks spectator seating.
11. The pavilion/social room is not ideally located – north west facing.
12. It should be noted that the current function facilities and kitchen are inadequate for existing needs and force user groups to hold functions out of Trentham. A new function facility with commercial kitchen would not only service existing user clubs but would be a valuable asset for the broader community.

### Plan A – Existing Conditions Plan



## SECTION FIVE – DEMOGRAPHICS

### 5.1 Population Growth – Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan

The Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan identifies where and when population growth will occur in the Central Highlands Region over the next few decades. The Plan projects that the Region's population will increase from 169,300 in 2015 to 223,500 in 2031. It indicates that most of the increase will occur in Ballarat (33,000). Hepburn Shire is projected to grow by 3,500.

### 5.3 Leisure and Sporting Trends

There are several leisure and sporting trends which should be taken into consideration in the masterplan. These are as follows:

#### *General Leisure Trends - Informal recreation*

- More people are choosing to recreate in informal and unstructured ways. Therefore, activities such as recreational cycling, jogging and walking in recreation reserves for exercise and pleasure are becoming more prevalent.
- The rate of pet ownership, particularly as companion animals for older adults, is increasing. Exercising dogs in parks has become a popular activity.
- The popularity of activities that families can participate in together such as picnicking and similar outdoor activities continues to grow.
- Generally, adults are remaining fitter and more active until later in life. This is leading to more frequent use of open space areas for walking, relaxation and social activities.
- The use of recreation reserves for group fitness programs is growing. The use of rural recreation reserves for low level camping is also increasing, particularly by people in self-contained recreation vehicles.

#### *General and Local Leisure Participation Trends - Active sport (confined to sports currently or proposed to be played at Trentham Recreation Reserve)*

- Participation in Australian football across Victoria is increasing. Around 540 teams have been established over the past 6 years. However, not all parts of Victoria have experienced an increase. Some rural areas have experienced a decline and, as a result, some clubs and leagues have folded or merged.
- The success of AFLW has meant that female football is the fastest growing female sport in Victoria. Female team numbers have increased significantly over the past 5 years with the main increase in junior girls' football.
- Participation in cricket in Victoria is also increasing. But like football, many rural districts have experienced a decline in player numbers and some clubs and associations have folded and merged (e.g. the Daylesford Association, Hepburn Cricket Club).

- The netball component of football/netball leagues remain very strong. Some leagues are increasing the number of grades they offer and many clubs are increasing their team numbers.
- Participation in lawn bowls was trending down but has stabilised in since 2012.

#### 5.4 Calder Growth Corridor

The location of Trentham is such that it is directly impacted by the Calder Growth Corridor that sees continued and future growth of townships along the corridor. This growth is due the proximity to people choosing a semi-rural lifestyle with work/recreation balance that also allows for commuting to major employment centres such as Melbourne, Bendigo and the northern and western industrial areas.

#### 5.4 Implications for Masterplan

The implications of the Trentham's demographic characteristics and potential population growth or the masterplan are as follows:

- Population growth will place additional general demand on the Reserve. This demand may grow to the extent that a second sports oval and a second netball court are required. An additional field may also be needed as participation rates increase for soccer and there may be sufficient interest in forming a soccer team. However, the demand generated by population growth may be offset by the declining participation trends for football and cricket in rural areas but this is usually only being seen in areas with declining rural populations. Conversely, the growing popularity of the netball component of the football/netball league may create demand for additional netball facilities. Similarly, a growing interest in soccer may create demand for a soccer playing area.
- The continued ageing of the Trentham community and the growing popularity of activities such as walking for exercise and strolling will heighten the need for passive recreation spaces/facilities in the reserve, such as pathways, park furniture, shade and shelter, etc. Hepburn Health has recently initiated a very successful supervised, by-referral health and fitness program at the reserve.
- The continued ageing of the community will also increase the demand for active recreation activities that are popular with older adults such as lawn bowls, golf, gentle exercise groups, etc. Some groups will also need access to classroom and meeting room facilities. The recreation reserve provides the opportunity for these facilities which lay dormant between sports events.
- The number of people using Trentham Recreation Reserve to walk their dogs is likely to increase over the next decade. Facilities should be provided in the reserve to support this activity.

## SECTION SIX - CONSULTATION

### 6.1 Combined meeting of COM and representatives of existing and potential user groups

The participants were asked to list the works that were needed at the Reserve and nominate the priority of these works. Their responses were as follows:

- Buildings - New netball pavilion (since completed), improved public toilets, storage area for cricket, updated social/function facility, joining the social/function room to main changerooms, more undercover viewing areas.
- Playing fields, courts and nets - improved cricket nets, nets behind goals, second netball court, sight screens, electronic scoreboard, seating around the ground.
- Other infrastructure - security/safety lighting around pavilion, gym and change facilities, sealed access roads, walking track around the reserve.

The participants nominated the following as being priority works – netball pavilion, updated public toilets, nets behind goals, storage for cricket, security/safety lighting and sight screens.

The COM also raised the notions of:

- Closing the entrance off Falls Rd.
- Relocating the Trentham bowls club and tennis club to the reserve.
- Purchasing land to the west of the reserve for a second playing field and/or other recreation facilities.
- Erecting a men's shed on the reserve.
- Providing better facilities for caravaners and campers in the reserve – e.g. installing a RV waste dumping point in the reserve.

### 6.2 COM

The COM Secretary/Treasurer was asked to nominate the priority works at the reserve. Her response was as follows:

- Suitable oval drainage.
- Joining function room to the new change facility.
- Making provision for a second netball court next to the existing Netball court.
- Acquisition of land to the west of the reserve to allow for an expansion of the reserve.
- Walking path around the reserve.

### 6.3 Current and potential user groups

Current user clubs were asked to nominate their priority works for the reserve. Their responses were:

#### *Trentham Football/Netball Club*

The football/netball club competes in the Maryborough Castlemaine Football League. It fields 5 football teams – 2 senior and 3 junior (U17.5s, 14.5s, 11.5s) and 6 netball teams – 3 senior and 3 junior (U17s, 15s and 13s). The netball and football teams play every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at the reserve. The Club's priority works are as follows:

- Netball pavilion (since completed).
- Nets behind the goals.
- Upgrade of public toilet block.
- Security lighting.
- Renewal of kitchen/bar area.
- Upgrade of social rooms.
- Sealed access road.
- Second netball court.

#### *Trentham Cricket Club*

The Club plays in the Castlemaine and District Association. The Club's priority works are:

- Improved training facilities – practice net and surrounds.
- Access to a dedicated storage area.
- Access to the bar area.
- Sight screens at each end of the playing field.

#### *Trentham Primary School*

The School occasionally uses the reserve for athletics days and other physical education activities. It is satisfied with the facilities at the reserve.

*Trentham Bowls Club (not a current user)*

The Trentham Bowls Club were asked to indicate the reason for its interest in relocating to the reserve and the facilities it would need if it did relocate. The Club's response was as follows:

- The Bowls Club operates from a facility on crown land in Park St Trentham which it occupies under a 3-year lease arrangement (next lease likely to be 21 years). The facility consists of a 7-rink grass green, small clubhouse and storage sheds.
- The Club competes in the Central Highlands Bowling Division. It has teams in Divisions 1 and 3 on weekends and Divisions 2 and 3 mid-week. It has 42 members.
- The Club is investigating the feasibility of replacing its grass green with a synthetic green. It is also looking to redevelop its pavilion. These are major works. The Club has never been completely happy with its Park St location, describing it as isolated. Instead of undertaking works at its current site, the Club would prefer to relocate to a more prominent site, such as the Trentham Recreation Reserve, and potentially share a pavilion with other user clubs.

**6.4 Peak Bodies**

The regional representatives of peak sporting bodies for cricket, football and netball in Victoria were asked to comment on the condition and functionality of the facilities at the reserve. They indicated that the facilities were generally in reasonable condition – home and umpires changerooms, playing field, lighting over ground, umpires cage facilities. They said that some improvements were needed:

- Umpires facilities made suitable for women (completed as part of the new netball pavilion).
- Netball pavilion (since completed).
- Toilet block upgraded.
- Second netball court.

**6.5 Local Sports Associations**

The Associations that run the competitions that the Trentham Football/Netball and Cricket clubs compete in (Maryborough and Castlemaine Football/Netball League and the Castlemaine and District Cricket Association) were asked to comment on the strength of the Trentham clubs and the improvements that are needed at the Sporting Complex. They indicated that the clubs were strong and well run. Their suggested facility improvements were making the umpires' facilities suitable for female umpires. The

Ballarat Umpires Association was also asked to comment on the standard of the facilities at the Reserve. It indicated that the oval was in good condition. It also said the umpires' rooms were in good condition but needed to be made suitable for female umpires.

## 6.6 Council Units

The Council Units involved in the planning, management, development and maintenance of the Trentham Recreation Reserve and liaison with the Reserve's COM and user clubs were asked to comment on the condition, functionality and suitability of the various facilities in the reserve and indicate the improvements/changes they thought were needed.

Their suggested improvements were:

- Settle on the location of the proposed netball pavilion and construct the pavilion (since completed).
- Generally, improve the appearance of the buildings in the reserve.
- Remove pine trees and replace with natives.
- Enhance entrance.
- Construct walking path from main pavilion to new netball pavilion.
- Expand playground.
- Generally, improve the passive features of the Reserve.
- Improve safety lighting and landscaping.
- Upgrade or consider removing the toilet block.

## SECTION SEVEN – SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OF MERIT

The following table contains a list of the suggested improvements and their sources and an assessment of the merits of the improvements.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT	SOURCE						Assessment of merit
	Literature Review	Audit of reserve	COM	User clubs	Peak bodies/ Sports ass'tions	Council units	
Close the Falls Rd entrance to the Reserve			✓				The Fall Rd entrance is on a bend in the road. There are no turning lanes on Falls Rd into the entrance from either direction and cars sometimes must wait on Falls Rd to turn into the reserve. This is dangerous. For safety reasons, the Reserve COM wants the entrance to be permanently blocked off. (note: the football club closes this entrance on game day) <b>Recommended</b>
Enhance the entrance off Horvaths Rd.		✓					The entrance to the Reserve is not prominent. Attractive signs and landscaping would give the entrances more appeal and greater presence. <b>Recommended</b>
Seal the access road and carpark in the Reserve				✓			The access road has a gravel surface. Most of the road is in good condition and holds up well for most of the year. Some sections are uneven and/or poorly drained – e.g. the two entrances, the eastern wing. Sealing all the access road cannot be justified from a condition and cost benefit perspective. Sealing the well-used sections like the entrance and the parking/turning area near the pavilion can be justified. <b>Recommended that the entrance off Horvaths Rd and the carpark area near the pavilion be sealed</b>
Remove pine trees and replace with natives		✓	✓			✓	The trees are old and dangerous – trunks splitting and limbs falling. An arborist report on the health of the trees should be commissioned. If recommended in the report, the trees should be removed and replaced with suitable native trees. <b>Recommended</b>
Construct a second lit netball court		✓	✓	✓	✓		Second netball courts are increasingly being constructed at football/netball venues across Victoria. Netball Victoria, AFL Victoria and local football/netball associations all support the provision of second courts. Participation in football/netball is growing. Second courts are being used for training and warming up and increasingly for competition.  The masterplan should make provision for a second court. The preferred location of a second court is parallel to the existing court. This court could share lights, shelters, seating etc with the existing court. There is not sufficient room for a second court to be constructed parallel to the existing court, unless the reserve was expanded to the west. A second option would be to construct the court to the north of the new netball pavilion, although this would seriously limit other developments on the current site.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT	SOURCE						Assessment of merit
	Literature Review	Audit of reserve	COM	User clubs	Peak bodies/ Sports ass'tions	Council units	
							The first option should be pursued if the reserve is expanded. If not, the second option should be implemented. <b>Recommended - if reserve is extended to the west, construct the court to the west of the existing court. If the reserve is not expanded to the west, construct the court to the north of the new netball pavilion.</b>
Terminate the access roads on the western boundary near the scoreboard and at the front of the main pavilion.		✓					Currently, the access road extends around the full perimeter of the oval. Concern was raised about the safety (on game days) of the section of the road near the scoreboard and the netball facility. The main concern was about cars conflicting with spectators and netball players.  The problem only occurs on game days. A permanent closure is not needed. A restriction on parking where the road narrows would be sufficient. <b>Recommended</b>
Consider acquiring land to the west of the reserve to accommodate an additional playing field and other recreation facilities			✓				See Section 8.2 of this report. <b>Recommended that Council support the COM's efforts to expand the reserve. This will support greater multi-use of the reserve and potentially allow for additional courts, buildings and playing fields to be constructed at the reserve.</b>
Relocate bowls club to the reserve and develop a combined pavilion which serves the netball and bowls facility.	✓		✓				See Section 8.2 of this report. <b>Relocation of the Bowls Club to the Reserve is not recommended if the western boundary of the Reserve remains in the same location. Relocation should be considered if the boundary of the Reserve is shifted to the west.</b>
Install traffic control devices to prevent vehicle access onto the Netball court							Uncontrolled vehicle access has resulted in damage to the netball court. A recent incident included a truck parking on the netball court damaging the surface. The value of the facility requires protection by limiting the area to only authorised vehicles. <b>Recommended.</b>
Upgrade/replace the kitchen, bar and social room in the main pavilion.		✓	✓	✓			The kitchen, bar area and social room are dated and require upgrade or replacement. <b>Recommended</b>
Refurbish the amenities areas in the home and away changerooms to make them suitable for female players (cubicle showers, urinals removed)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The amenities areas are not suitable for female players. They should be made suitable when, and if, it is confirmed the reserve will be used for women's football. <b>Recommended</b> <b>Note: the upgrade of the kitchen bar, the refurbishment of the home and away changerooms and potentially the provision of public toilets could all be part of an integrated, possibly staged plan to upgrade the pavilion at the Reserve.</b>

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT	SOURCE						Assessment of merit
	Literature Review	Audit of reserve	COM	User clubs	Peak bodies/ Sports ass'tions	Council units	
Upgrade the public toilet block	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>The toilet block is old and in poor condition. A decision needs to be made about whether the toilet block should be upgraded or demolished. Public toilets will be provided in the new netball pavilion. This facility could replace the existing toilet block. However, the football club wants the existing block to remain. It says that the toilets in the netball pavilion may not be big enough to fully cater for the crowds. They will also be distant from the main pavilion area (note: there are toilets in the football change rooms but they are not open to the public). The existing public toilets should remain in the short term. The impact of the new toilets in the netball pavilion should be assessed. If they can cater for the crowds, the old toilet block could be removed. If not, the old toilet block should either remain and be upgraded or be considered as part of redevelopment of the main pavilion building.</p> <p><b>Recommended that the old public block be retained pending an assessment of the impact of the netball facility toilets. If still required after this assessment, upgrade the toilet block or consider including public toilets as part of the redevelopment of the main pavilion.</b></p>
Upgrade and properly drain the cricket nets		✓	✓	✓			<p>The cricket nets are basic and located in an area which has poor drainage. Often, the club cannot use the nets until well into the season. The nets should be upgraded to CA's recommended standard and the area properly drained.</p> <p><b>Recommended</b></p>
Install appropriate security/safety lighting around pavilion, gym and change facilities		✓	✓	✓		✓	<p>The pavilion and changerooms are often used at night and lighting is needed for safety and security purposes.</p> <p><b>Recommended</b></p>
Erect nets behind goals				✓			<p>Nets are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stop balls lodging in the trees behind the goals.</li> <li>- Protect the spectators, netball players etc that are moving behind the goals at the southern end or the spectators standing near the goals.</li> <li>- Prevent balls from being kicked out of the reserve into the private properties at the southern end of the ground.</li> <li>- Protect the cars that are parked near the goals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended that a net be erected at the southern end</b></p>
Provide seating around the ground		✓	✓	✓		✓	<p>Seating will improve the amenity of the reserve and enhance the experience of spectators and people walking through the reserve.</p> <p><b>Recommended</b></p>

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT	SOURCE						Assessment of merit
	Literature Review	Audit of reserve	COM	User clubs	Peak bodies/ Sports ass'tions	Council units	
Install sight screens at both ends of the playing field				✓			Sightscreens help to improve 'seeing conditions' for batsmen by providing a white background to the bowlers' arm and blocking out the normal view behind the bowler of trees and buildings etc. Seeing conditions at Trentham Recreation Reserve are difficult with trees at the northern and southern ends. Sightscreens would be helpful. Sight screens are becoming more prevalent at venues where senior grade cricket is played. <b>Recommended</b>
Install an electronic scoreboard		✓		✓			The existing scoreboard will need to be replaced at some time in the future. Consideration should be given to replacing it with an electronic scoreboard. <b>Recommended</b>
Construct walking track around the playing field			✓				A walking track around the perimeter of the reserve would encourage more casual use of the reserve and improve safety for people walking around the reserve on game days. The path could be constructed on the outside of the oval fence. The path and the carparking areas could be separated by bollards. The path could have a granitic sand surfaces. The connection between the main pavilion and the netball facility should be concrete. This will be the most used sections. A sealed oath will also improve accessibility for people with prams or mobility issue <b>Recommended</b>
Expand playground		✓		✓			The playground is comparatively small in area. During busy periods – when football and netball are played – children wait in turn to use the play equipment. Expansion can be justified. <b>Recommended</b>
Improve facilities for caravans and campers – e.g. RV dump point			✓				The reserve is being increasingly used by caravans and campers. Improved facilities, such as a dump point, will encourage greater use. <b>Recommended on the condition that RV use does not adversely impact on the sporting use of the reserve</b>
Nominate a dog-off-leash area in the reserve.			✓				The reserve is popular with dog walkers. Many of the dogs are off leash. The Reserve COM wants to encourage the use of the reserve for dog walking but prefers that the dogs stay off the playing field. They suggest that a dog off leash area be provided in the north western corner of the reserve. <b>Recommended</b>

## SECTION EIGHT - MASTERPLAN

### 8.1 Masterplan Objectives

The aim of the masterplan is to provide a vision for how the reserve will look and function in the long term. The implementation of masterplan will achieve the following objectives:

- Enhance the reserve's capacity to be used for active sport.
- Enhance the appearance and safety of the reserve.
- Increase the scope and quality of residents' passive recreation experiences in the reserve – walking, cycling, running, playing, relaxing etc.
- Enhance pedestrian movement through and within the reserve.

### 8.2 Special issues

#### *Expansion of the Trentham Recreation Reserve*

The COM has formed a sub-committee to examine the opportunities that may allow for the expansion of the land occupied by the Trentham Recreation Reserve. It is felt that in order to properly assess this, a feasibility study is needed. Funding for such a study would be sought in consultation with the Hepburn Shire having regard to this Master Plan.

#### *Relocation of bowls club to Trentham Reserve*

The Bowls Club is keen to relocate to Trentham Recreation Reserve. The background of and considerations relating to this are as follows:

- The Bowls Club is located in Park St Trentham. The Club is currently investigating the feasibility of replacing its grass green with a synthetic green. It is also looking to redevelop its pavilion.
- The Club has never been completely happy with its Park St location, describing it as isolated. Its preference is to relocate to a more prominent site, such as the Trentham Recreation Reserve.
- The Bowls Club will be essentially renewing its facility; therefore, relocating the facility should be considered as an option (like what happened at Doug Lindsay Reserve). The Bowls Facility would require a land footprint of 50mX50m. It would also require carparking.
- A facility of this size could only be accommodated in the NW corner of the reserve. It could not be moved south closer to the netball pavilion as it would not fit within the boundaries of the reserve. Therefore, it would need its own pavilion.

- The Reserve already has several buildings – football/cricket changerooms, social rooms, gym and public toilet block. A new netball pavilion is about to be built. The bowls facility would add another building. Ideally, the masterplan would, if feasible, be recommending a rationalisation/consolidation of the buildings on the site; not suggesting a new pavilion.
- The existing change facilities, social room, gym and toilet block are separate buildings. All are in the south-east corner of the reserve. Some are in good condition (umpires' rooms, home and away changerooms). Some are dated and poorly functional (toilet block, social rooms). The player changerooms are not female friendly. Ideally, these facilities would be integrated in the one building. They would be in good condition and highly functional. The change areas would be made suitable for male and female players and umpires.
- The best option would to replace these buildings with a new pavilion on the western wing. This is the most suitable location – facing away from the sun and wind. The netball pavilion could be integrated with the new main pavilion. The new main pavilion could provide for netball, football, cricket and bowls. However, the location of the pavilion would not be ideal for bowls as it would be some distance from the bowls green.
- A new facility of this size could cost \$1.5-2M+. Funding of this size may be difficult to secure. A cheaper, more practical option may be to redevelop the existing facilities.
- The above discussion is based on the reserve retaining its existing boundaries. Matters would change if the Reserve COM was successful in securing the adjacent land. The bowling green site could be moved to the south. The new pavilion could be built on the western wing and serve both playing fields. The existing netball court could remain where it is and the second court located next to the existing court.

### 8.3 Masterplan

A concept plan detailing the recommended actions is provided in Plan 1 on page 27. A detailed plan providing more details about suggested tree species, path surfaces and widths etc is provided in Plan 2 on page 28. A works plan listing the proposed timelines for the works is provided in Appendix A.

The timelines for works are described as high (1-4 years), medium (5-7 years) and low (8-10 years). These descriptions indicate the relative priorities of the works. High priority has been given to works items that:

- Enhance the safety of reserve users.
- Council has committed to and/or have been identified and strongly supported in a Council endorsed documents.
- Are significantly advanced in their planning.
- Relate to core facilities that enable sports to be played at the reserve - playing surface, lights and change facilities.
- Address significant deficits in facility provision or condition.
- Address significant functionality concerns.

Circumstances may arise where it may be more practical to undertake a low priority item above a medium or high priority item. For example, the State Government may introduce a special funding program for the improvement of a facility type that is ranked in the masterplan as a low priority item. Council may choose to take advantage of this funding and complete this item ahead of a medium or high priority item. Each works item has been assigned a responsible organisation. This organisation will be responsible for progressing the action. Organisations external to Council will need to be involved in the implementation (including funding) of some of the actions. These organisations include Government departments and agencies (e.g. SRV, VicRoads) and local committees of management and clubs. The organisations have been listed in the 'potential funding sources' columns of the works plans. The following acronyms/words are used in the works plans to identify the responsible organisations or funding sources.

## **9 Conclusion**

The Trentham Recreation Reserve Redevelopment Masterplan, through consultation with user groups, residents and other interested parties, enables the Hepburn Shire to outline a medium to long-term new 'vision' for the Reserve.

The Master Plan provides a strategic direction for the redevelopment of the existing Reserve to resolve identified issues. Some relate to the inadequacy or condition of existing facilities and infrastructure but by addressing these in an ordered manner through the plan they will add to the long-term sustainability of the user groups at the Reserve.

A progressive implementation of the Master Plan will ensure sustainable redevelopment and development by the Hepburn Shire that will provide user groups, residents and visitors with a range of sport and recreation facilities that are easily accessible, relevant and which cater to future needs.

An initial review should be undertaken within two years of acceptance or earlier if additional land is acquired. This Master Plan is a living document and shall be reviewed and updated at least every 5 years from the date of acceptance by Council. Such review shall report on all works and achievements in the preceding 5-year period and identify any new works, development or redevelopment required for the ensuing 5-year period.

**APPENDICES**

## Appendix A – Trentham Recreation Reserve Masterplan Works Plan

The following acronyms/words are used in the works plan to identify the responsible organisations or funding sources.

Acronym	Meaning
HSC	Hepburn Shire Council
Clubs	User clubs/groups at reserves
COM	Committee of Management
RDV	Regional Development Victoria
SRV	Sport and Recreation Victoria
DIRD	Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

The timelines for works are indicatively described as high (1-4 years), medium (5-7 years) and low (8-10 years).

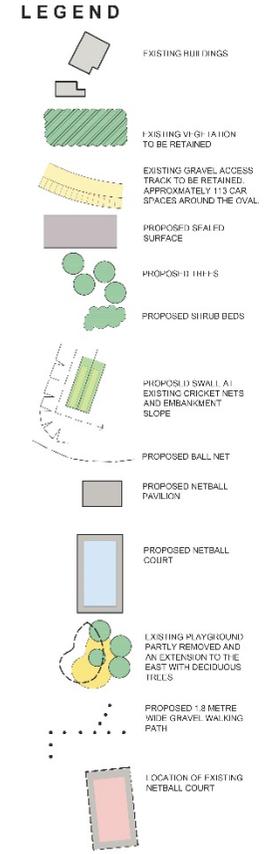
Description	Priority	Responsible Organisation/s	Potential Partner Funding Sources
Construct a new netball pavilion immediately north of the existing netball court.	Completed	COM Football/Netball Club	COM Football/Netball Club HSC COM SRV Minor Facilities
Close off the Falls Rd entrance to the Reserve.	High	HSC	HSC COM
Upgrade the cricket nets are per Cricket Australia's standards.	High	Cricket Club	Cricket Club HSC Cricket Victoria SRV Cricket Facilities
Commission an arborist to assess the condition of the Pine and Cyprus trees in the Reserve and recommend replacement tree species.	High	COM HSC	COM DEWLP
Upgrade or replace the bar, social area and kitchen.	High	COM Football/Netball Club Cricket Club HSC	Football/Netball Club Cricket Club COM HSC SRV Minor Facilities
Install security/safety lighting around the main pavilion, netball pavilion, gym, change facilities and toilet block.	High	COM	COM HSC

Description	Priority	Responsible Organisation/s	Potential Partner Funding Sources
Upgrade the amenities areas in home and away changerooms to make them suitable for female players – i.e. cubicle showers, WCs, no urinal, shared area (if confirmed the reserve will be used for women’s football).	High	COM Football/Netball Club Cricket Club	Football/Netball Club Cricket Club COM HSC SRV Minor Facilities
Construct a gravel or granitic sand path around the outside perimeter of the main oval. Separate the path from the carparking areas with a bollard fence. Seal the section of the path between the main pavilion and the netball facility.	High -	COM	COM HSC
Seal the access road and carpark at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entrance off Horvaths Road from the entry point to 20m past the ticket box including the ‘Y’ junction in the access road</li> <li>The carpark area at the front of the pavilion/changerooms.</li> </ul>	Medium	HSC	HSC COM
Enhance the entrance to the Reserve off Horvaths Rd through landscaping and the erection of attractive signs which indicate the name of the Reserve and the tenant clubs. Ensure the sign is visually consistent with entrance signs at other recreation reserves in the Shire.	Medium	COM	COM HSC
Erect a net behind the goals at the southern end of the playing field.	Medium	Football/Netball Club	Football/Netball Club
Install sight screens at both ends of the playing field.	Medium	Cricket Club	Cricket Club SRV Cricket Facilities
Provide seating in selected locations around the perimeter of the playing field and at the netball courts and main pavilion.	Medium	COM	COM
Retain the old toilet block in the short term. Assess the impact of the netball facility toilets. If still required after this assessment, upgrade the toilet block or consider including public toilets as part of the redevelopment of the main pavilion.	Medium	COM/HSC	COM HSC
Expand and diversify the children’s playground facility.	Medium	COM	COM HSC
Designate a dog off leash area in the north-western section of the reserve	Medium	COM	COM
Install an electronic scoreboard.	Low	Football/Netball Club	Football/Netball Club
Construct a second lit netball court. If reserve is extended to the west, construct the court to the west of the existing court. If the reserve is not expanded to the west, construct the court to the north of the new netball pavilion.	Low (longer term)	COM Football/Netball Club	COM Football/Netball Club HSC COM SRV Minor Facilities

Appendix B - Plan 1 – Concept Masterplan

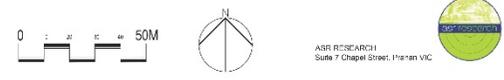
Key Recommendations

	PRIORITY
Continue to explore opportunities to expand the Reserve to the west.	High
1 Close off the Falls Rd entrance to the Reserve.	High
2 Enhance the entrance to the Reserve off Horvaths Rd through landscaping and the erection of attractive signs which indicate the name of the Reserve and the tenant clubs. Ensure the sign is visually consistent with entrance signs at other recreation reserves in the Shire.	Medium
3 Commission an arborist to assess the condition of the Pine and Cypress trees in the Reserve and recommend replacement tree species.	High
4 Seal the access road and carpark at the following locations: - The entrance off Horvaths Road from the entry point to 20m past the ticket box including the 'Y' junction in the access road - The carpark area at the front of the pavilion/changerooms.	Medium
5 Improve the drainage in the cricket nets area.	High
6 Upgrade the cricket nets are per Cricket Australia's standards.	High
7 Erect a net behind the goals at the southern end of the playing field.	Medium
8 Install sight screens at both ends of the playing field.	Medium
9 Install an electronic scoreboard.	Low
10 Provide seating in selected locations around the perimeter of the playing field and at the netball courts and main pavilion.	Medium
11 Upgrade the amenities areas in home and away changerooms to make them suitable for female players – i.e. cubicle showers, WCs, no urinal, shared area (if confirmed the reserve will be used for women's football).	Medium
12 Upgrade or replace the bar, social area and kitchen.	High
13 Retain the old toilet block in the short term. Assess the impact of the netball facility toilets. If still required after this assessment, upgrade the toilet block or consider including public toilets as part of the redevelopment of the main pavilion.	Medium
14 Install security/safety lighting around the main pavilion, netball pavilion, gym, change facilities and toilet block.	High
15 Construct a new netball pavilion immediately north of the existing netball court.	Underway
16 Construct a second lit netball court. If reserve is extended to the west, construct the court to the west of the existing court. If the reserve is not expanded to the west, construct the court to the north of the new netball pavilion.	Long



17 Expand and diversify the playground facility.	Medium
18 Construct a gravel or granitic sand path around the outside perimeter of the main oval. Separate the path from the carparking areas with a bollard fence. Seal the section of the path between the main pavilion and the netball facility.	High
19 Designate a dog off leash area in the north-western section of the reserve	Medium

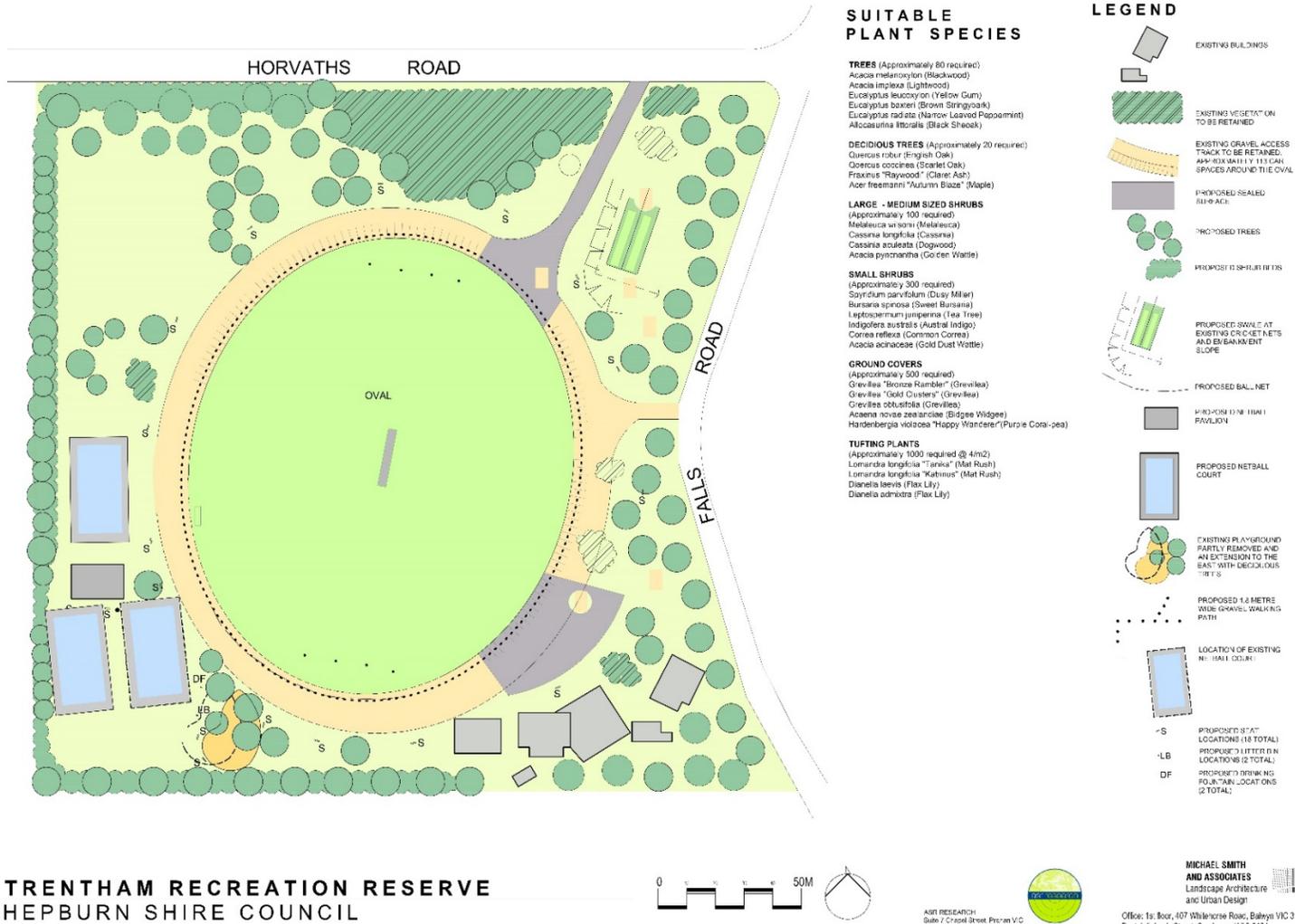
TRENTHAM RECREATION RESERVE  
HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL



ASR RESEARCH  
Suite 7 Chapel Street, Traralgon VIC

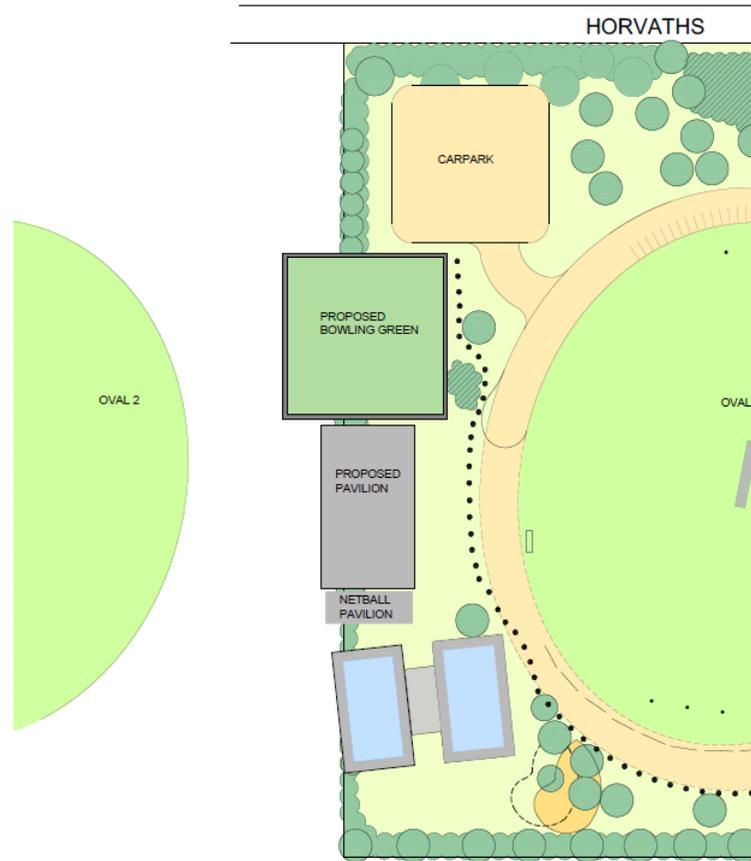
MICHAEL SMITH  
AND ASSOCIATES  
Landscape Architecture  
and Urban Design  
Office: 1st floor, 407 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn VIC 3103  
Postal: 5 Jarvis Street, Camberwell VIC 3124

Appendix C - Plan 2 - Detailed Landscaping Plan



Landscaping shall be undertaken using alternative indigenous plant species (including edible indigenous plants) and limited non-indigenous plants to create a landscape that supports a spatial and sensory experience with emotional connection to place.

Appendix D – Plan 3 – Proposed Reserve Expansion



Potential layout if western boundary is shifted to the west and Bowls facility and new pavilion are developed. Netball facility would not have to be moved and pavilion and Bowls facility would could be better connected. Satisfactory configuration of facilities.

**PLAN B - RESERVE EXPANDED TO THE WEST**  
**TRENTHAM RECREATION RESERVE**  
 HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL



**MICHAEL SMITH AND ASSOCIATES**  
 Landscape Architecture and Urban Design  
 Office: 1st floor, 407 Whitehorse Road, Eastayn VIC 3103  
 Postal: 5 Jenis Street, Camberwell VIC 3124

## Appendix E – Literature Review

Document	Purpose/relevance	Implications for Trentham Rec Reserve Masterplan
<p>Hepburn Shire Council, Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021</p>	<p>The Plan outlines the Council’s key strategic objectives and activities for the period 2017-2021 and the actions Council will take to achieve these objectives. The objectives, activities and actions that have relevance to the redevelopment of Trentham Recreation Reserve are as follows:</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality community infrastructure</li> <li>• Active and engaged communities</li> <li>• Sustainable environment</li> </ul> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibly manage our assets portfolio including roads and transport infrastructure, buildings, recreation and sporting facilities and public toilets by inspecting and monitoring maintenance and renewal needs. This is achieved through planning for and implementing asset renewal and upgrade programs or new facilities that meet community expectations such as hubs, streetscapes, road and building assets.</li> <li>• Provide great community Parks and Open Space by greening our streets, managing tree safety and improving our town entrances, sporting ovals, botanic gardens and passive recreation spaces.</li> <li>• Act to encourage improved health and wellbeing of residents and to reduce the risks associated with obesity and poor nutrition. This includes the provision, development and promotion of passive and active recreation facilities and options, and working with clubs and other agencies on planning for future developments and encouraging increased activity.</li> </ul> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to invest in our assets at a level greater than depreciation by delivering the annual asset renewal capital works programs</li> <li>• Complete program of essential safety measure improvements in Council Buildings to ensure compliance with the Building regulations.</li> <li>• Deliver walking and cycling priority projects, including asset renewal works and expansion of footpaths and multi-use trails</li> <li>• Upgrade and renew public toilet blocks to achieve consistent quality shire-wide and improve the level of servicing across the Shire that matches demand</li> <li>• Implement priority items from current and newly developed recreation facility masterplans.</li> <li>• Develop a program of improvement works and maintenance programs for reserves, botanic gardens and other recreation spaces.</li> <li>• Implement improvements in accordance with agreed programs and masterplans to reserves, botanic gardens and other recreation spaces.</li> <li>• Improve tree management including risk mitigation works and a proactive program of tree maintenance to improve longevity, safety, amenity and canopy coverage.</li> <li>• Develop plans and seek funding to construct priority projects from Recreation Master Plans and the Walking and Cycling Strategy, and develop new masterplans to guide future investment.</li> <li>• Continue to activate existing swimming pools and strengthen their role as a community resource, including responding to recommendations from the Creswick swimming facility review.</li> <li>• Activate recreation facilities in conjunction with clubs and committees of management, while clearly understanding each other’s roles.</li> </ul>	<p>The key objectives, priorities and actions contained in the reserve masterplan should be consistent and guided by the strategic objectives, activities and actions expressed in the Council Plan; these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewing Council assets.</li> <li>• Providing great park.</li> <li>• Improving tree management.</li> <li>• Encouraging participation in active and passive recreation.</li> <li>• Encouraging great female participation in sports.</li> <li>• Promoting water and energy efficiency.</li> </ul>

Document	Purpose/relevance	Implications for Trentham Rec Reserve Masterplan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the range of recreation options available in the Shire to increase participation in active recreation and reduce the risks associated with obesity.</li> <li>• Promote the opportunities for female participation in sport and recreation in partnership with community groups.</li> <li>• Implement water efficiency and water saving measures at recreation ovals, gardens and buildings, and support the community to progress the Trentham water security project.</li> <li>• Develop and implement vegetation management plans on Council managed land and advocate to other public-land managers to reduce fire risk on their land.</li> </ul>	
Hepburn Shire Council, Public Health and Well-Being Plan 2013-2017	<p>The Plan outlines the Council's key priorities with respect to enhancing the health and well-being of the Hepburn community and the actions it will take to address these priorities. The priority that relates to the Trentham Recreation Masterplan is disease prevention. The relevant actions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain and develop built environment to provide opportunities for increased rates of physical activity</li> <li>• Implement walking and cycling projects</li> <li>• Encourage physical activity through spaces, programs and affordable exercise</li> <li>• Continue to provide recreation facilities that offer a broad range of recreational activities.</li> </ul>	The masterplan should aim to implement the relevant actions of the Municipal Public Health and Well Being Plan 2013-2017 relating to encouraging increased participation in recreation activity.
Hepburn Shire Council, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2016-2021	<p>This Document provides a long term strategic plan for the provision, development, management and use of recreation facilities and open space areas in Hepburn Shire. The Document outlines the Council's goals, planning principles, objectives, strategies and specific actions for and recreation open space provision.</p> <p>The Strategy makes recommendations about the facilities that should be provided or considered for provision in Hepburn's townships. It classifies the townships by population size. Trentham falls into the 1000-2000 people classification. Minimum facility provision for this classification level is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oval - sports oval and change facilities developed to a medium level. Standard of development to be guided by peak body facility guidelines</li> <li>• Netball courts - one or two netball courts per reserve preferably line marked for tennis</li> <li>• Tennis courts - up to 3 courts suitable for local competitions</li> <li>• Bowling green – one green – may have a synthetic surface</li> <li>• Golf course - may be provided</li> <li>• Shooting facilities - may be provided</li> <li>• Community hall - one in town and possibly one at the recreation reserve</li> <li>• Indoor court – may be provided. One court possibly shared with a school</li> <li>• Playground – yes within parks and recreation reserve</li> <li>• Walking and cycling trails – at least one off road trail that should traverse the recreation reserve</li> <li>• Skate park/BMX track - may be provided subject to demand/distance from other skate parks</li> </ul> <p>The Strategy also recommends a hierarchy for recreation reserves – neighbourhood, local and municipal - and lists the facilities that should be provided at each level of the hierarchy. Trentham Recreation Reserve is classified as a local reserve. The facilities provided at this level are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate pavilion featuring a kiosk, kitchen, function space, change facilities for players and umpires, trainers' room/first aid, storage space</li> <li>• May be stand-alone or integrated netball, tennis facility and/or bowls facilities</li> <li>• Detached or integrated public toilets</li> </ul>	<p>The hierarchy and provision standards outlined in the Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2016-2021 should be used when auditing the provision of facilities in the reserve and making recommendations about new or redeveloped facilities.</p> <p>The specific recommendations contained in the Recreation and Open Space Strategy about Trentham Recreation Reserve should be reviewed in the masterplanning process and if still valid included in the redevelopment masterplan for the reserve.</p>

Document	Purpose/relevance	Implications for Trentham Rec Reserve Masterplan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectators shelters, informal or formal carparking, bike parking, accessible paths, seats, picnic facilities if no others in town, bins, dog bag dispensers, playground, directional signs, location sign, sponsorship</li> </ul> <p>The Strategy made some specific recommendations about studies and works that have implications for Trentham Recreation Reserve. These recommendations are:</p> <p><b>Identified and recommended for completion within 5 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare masterplan for Trentham Recreation Reserve</li> <li>• Install irrigation system on oval (subject to feasibility assessment)</li> <li>• Plant drought tolerant grasses on oval</li> <li>• Upgrade the tennis courts - court surface, lights and hit up wall (subject to feasibility assessment)</li> <li>• Install a synthetic bowling green (subject to feasibility assessment)</li> </ul> <p><b>Identified but not recommended for completion in next 5 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an off-leash dog park</li> <li>• Purchase land adjoining the Reserve to install a soccer field (not recommended)</li> <li>• Develop a new pavilion/social facility at Recreation Reserve</li> <li>• Construct an additional netball court with lines for tennis</li> </ul>	
Hepburn Shire Council, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2014-2016	<p>This Document outlines Council's key strategic activities and intended actions with respect to improving opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in community life. The activities and actions that have relevance to the Trentham Recreation Reserve masterplan are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works with sporting clubs to enhance access by people with disabilities.</li> <li>• Create and promote recreation opportunities for people with a disability.</li> <li>• Adopt universal access principles in upgrade and renewal of recreation facilities.</li> <li>• Undertake accessibility audit programs of key Council buildings</li> <li>• Include access and inclusion standards and guidance in renewal and upgrade planning</li> <li>• Conduct review of accessible parking spaces at Council facilities</li> </ul>	The masterplan should aim to improve the physical accessibility of the facilities in the Reserve.
Hepburn Shire Council, Walking and Cycling Strategy 2011 Walking and Cycling Strategy, Priority Works 2017	<p>The 2011 Document contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning principles and design guidelines for footpaths, bike lanes and trails</li> <li>• A list of proposed footpaths, bike lane and trail projects</li> </ul> <p>The Document recommends that trails be 2.5m wide and have a granitic sand or compacted gravel surface. The Document does not list any works that have relevance to Trentham Recreation Reserve</p> <p>The 2017 Document list the priority projects for the next 5 years. Again, there are no projects that have relevance to Trentham Recreation Reserve.</p>	The design guidelines for trails and walking paths should be used when designing future walking trails in the Reserve

Document	Purpose/relevance	Implications for Trentham Rec Reserve Masterplan
Trentham Community Facilities Review 2013	<p>The Review makes recommendations about the future provision of community facilities in Trentham based on an assessment of current and future facility demand, the condition and functionality of existing facilities and the views of the local community about facility provision. The Review findings and recommendations that have relevance to Trentham Recreation Reserve are as follows:</p> <p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Reserve is a highly valuable community asset.</li> <li>• Its strengths are its new changerooms, lights and mix of facilities.</li> <li>• Its weaknesses are the disconnected buildings, ageing and non-conforming buildings and the poorly maintained public toilets.</li> <li>• Trentham may grow in population given its proximity to the main commuting routes to Melbourne and Ballarat. It may shift from a small town to a higher level.</li> <li>• The Bowls Club is growing and its clubhouse needs expansion.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake a major refurbishment of the facilities at the reserve.</li> <li>• Consider merging bowls with other facilities such as the sportsground.</li> </ul>	The findings and recommendations of the Trentham Community Facilities Review should be considered when producing the redevelopment masterplan
Trentham Recreation Reserve, Building Assessment 2013	This Document provides an assessment of the condition of the buildings at Trentham Reserve. The assessment found that all the buildings on the site with the exception of the new changerooms require upgrade.	The findings of the building assessment should be considered in the masterplanning process
AFL Victoria, Cricket Australia, Netball Victoria, FFV Facility Guidelines	These Guidelines provide information on the peak bodies' preferred facility standards for playing fields, pavilions and other associated infrastructure.	Hepburn Shire should give consideration develop its own standards in response to these guidelines.
Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan (2013)	This Plan identifies where and when population growth will occur in the Central Highlands Region over the next few decades. It projects that the population will increase from 169,300 to 223,500 by 2031. It indicates that the majority of the increase will occur in Ballarat Geelong (33,000). Hepburn Shire is projected to grow by 3,500, The Plan describes the 'settlement role' of the townships in the Region, including the Hepburn Shire townships. The Plan nominates 5 roles – regional city, regional centre, town, small town and rural settlement. Trentham is categorised as a small town. The Plan indicates the towns that have growth potential. Trentham is not listed as having even limited growth potential. However, the Plan concedes that Trentham may grow quickly in the future because of its location within commuting distance of Melbourne.	The masterplan should acknowledge the possibility that Trentham may grow in population and the demand for facilities in the reserve may decrease.

Document	Purpose/relevance	Implications for Trentham Rec Reserve Masterplan
Trentham Sportsground Reserve Strategic Plan 2011, Committee Update April 2017	<p>This Plan provides the Trentham COM with directions for the management and development of the Reserve. The Plan outlines a development vision for the Reserve, analyses the Reserve's strengths and weaknesses and makes recommendations about improvements to the Reserve.</p> <p>The vision is 'to develop an all-weather sporting facility to increase community participation in sport and recreation'.</p> <p>The strengths are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of art netball court</li> <li>• Recently constructed buildings - change rooms, community hall.</li> <li>• Good quality ground surface.</li> </ul> <p>The weaknesses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage.</li> <li>• Dangerous entry.</li> <li>• Older buildings.</li> <li>• Maintenance required.</li> <li>• Outside toilet block.</li> </ul> <p>The recommended improvements to the Reserve are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New netball changerooms.</li> <li>• Function room joined to the new change facility and kitchen/canteen and bar area upgraded.</li> <li>• Additional land acquired for future development.</li> <li>• Ground drainage improved.</li> <li>• Social and change facilities upgraded.</li> <li>• Reserve developed as a community recreation venue.</li> </ul>	<p>The facility recommendations contained in the Trentham Sportsground Reserve Strategic Plan should be reviewed in the masterplanning process and if still valid included in the redevelopment masterplan for the reserve.</p>
AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy 2017	<p>This Regional Strategy provides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlines the principles and strategic framework to support the future development, governance and growth of football and netball throughout the Goldfields region.</li> <li>• Identifies critical priorities and actions for AFL Goldfields, AFL Victoria, Netball Victoria, AFL Goldfields Leagues, Clubs and Netball Associations and project partner LGAs.</li> </ul> <p>The priorities that have relevance to Trentham Recreation Reserve are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work collaboratively to upgrade netball courts identified as below minimum condition</li> <li>• Introduce a structured lux level lighting testing program</li> <li>• Encourage LGAs to consider the AFL's Preferred Facilities Guidelines, NV's Facilities Manual, Design for Everyone Guide and Female Friendly Sport Infrastructure Guidelines when developing/upgrading football and netball facilities</li> </ul> <p>The Strategy proposes a facility hierarchy for football/netball venues. Trentham is classified as a local reserve. The Strategy also rates the condition and standard of the venues. Trentham score a rating of 60%. It scores well for home changerooms, umpires rooms and lighting but poorly for away changerooms, social rooms and oval drainage.</p>	<p>The findings and recommendation of the AFL Goldfields Regional Strategy that relate Trentham Recreation Reserve should be considered in the masterplanning process.</p>