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Glenlyon Recreation Reserve

Masterplan

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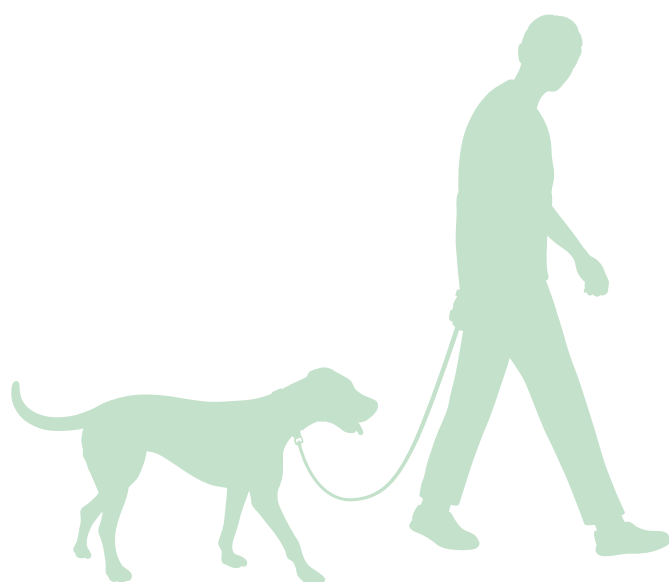
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Acknowledgement of Country

Hepburn Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we live and work. On these lands, Djaara have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We recognise their resilience through dispossession and it is a testament to their continuing culture and tradition, which is strong and thriving.

We also acknowledge the neighbouring Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri to our South East and the Wadawurrung to our South West and pay our respect to all Aboriginal peoples, their culture, and lore. We acknowledge their living culture and the unique role they play in the life of this region.

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Introduction

The Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan aims to inform the future planning, provision and enhancement of the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve.

The Glenlyon Recreation Reserve includes the Glenlyon Racecourse and Glenlyon Mineral Spring and covers an area of approximately 50 acres. The reserve has a heritage overlay of local significance. Other features of the reserve include a pavilion, sports oval with synthetic cricket wicket, cricket training net, playground, barbeque and picnic facilities, public toilet amenities, walking and riding tracks and trails, equestrian cross-country course, equestrian arena, wood chopping area, camping grounds and shooting range with supporting infrastructure.

The Victorian Government Victorian Mineral Springs Strategic Masterplan provides the direction on the ongoing management, sustainability, opportunities and priorities for the Glenlyon Mineral Spring.

The Masterplan aims to increase the use and enjoyment of the reserve by a range of users and ensure appropriate infrastructure is provided to support a healthy, active, engaged and safe community.

The Masterplan prioritises the protection and enhancement of the environmental values of the reserve and has been developed after three stages of stakeholder and community engagement.

The Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan and Masterplan Report was amended in May 2024 to reflect the adopted resolution of the Hepburn Shire Council, Ordinary Meeting of Council, Tuesday 16 April 2024. Minutes of the Council Meeting can be viewed on the Hepburn Shire Council Website: <https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/council/documents/minutes-agendas/draft-public-minutes-ordinary-meeting-of-council-16-april-2024.pdf>



Background

In 2019 Council engaged a consultant to develop the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan and a working draft Masterplan was developed after undertaking the initial community engagement phase of the project. In early 2020 the Masterplan project was paused to undertake an investigation of land contamination at the reserve. The matter was resolved in mid-2022 enabling the Masterplan development to recommence.

Across October to December 2022 community engagement was undertaken to gather insights and feedback on the themes of the working draft Masterplan to determine if community or stakeholder priorities had changed since 2019. Feedback informed the development of the draft Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan.

Across June and July 2023, the draft Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan was open for public exhibition to gather further stakeholder and community feedback. Feedback informed the development of the final Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan.

The Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan has not included any recommended proposed development actions for the neighbouring Glenlyon Dam or Mineral Springs Reserve. However, both sites have a relationship with the recreation reserve which was considered in the context of the masterplanning proposed outcomes. The management and priority setting of the Glenlyon Dam is undertaken by a Committee of Management of the Hepburn Shire Council and the direction on the ongoing management, sustainability, opportunities and priorities for the Mineral Springs Reserve, is guided by the Victorian Government's Victorian Mineral Springs Strategic Masterplan and Council's Mineral Springs Reserves Advisory Committee.

Reserve Management

The Glenlyon Recreation Reserve is owned by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), while the Hepburn Shire Council is the Committee of Management for the site.

Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee (GRRCAC) is engaged by Council to manage the site through a Community Asset Committee Instrument of Delegation (formerly known as a section 86 CoM – which was amended through the Local Government Act in 2020).

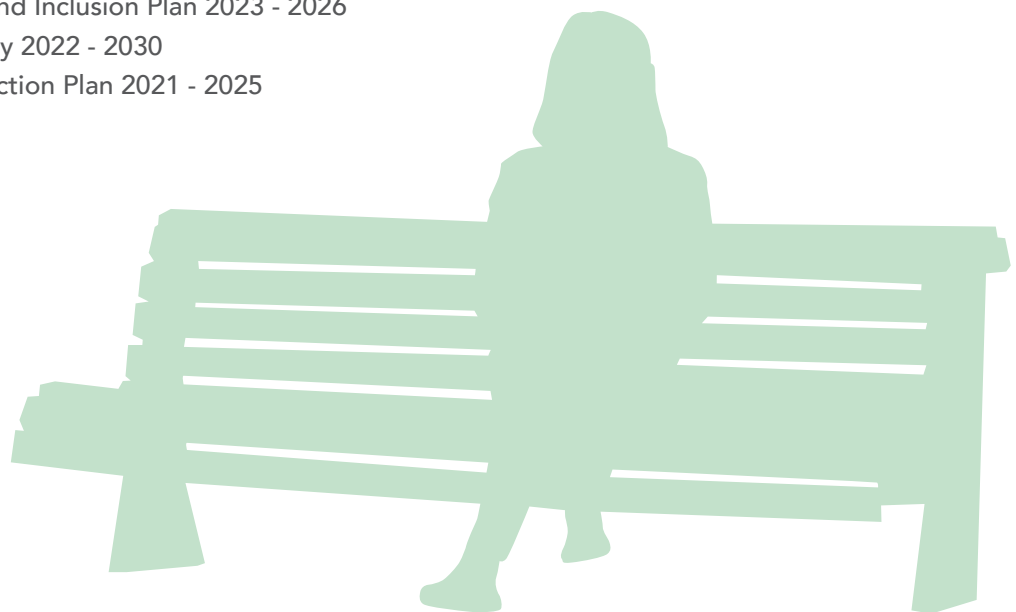
Clubs/organisations enter into lease/licence arrangements directly with Council, rather than through the Committee of Management.

Literature Review

The following documents were reviewed to guide the Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Masterplan.

- Hepburn Shire Council Plan 2021 - 2025:
 - Focus Area 2 - A healthy, supported and empowered community: Priority Statement 2.3; Optimise the use of public spaces to increase participation and community connection.
 - Focus Area 3 - Embracing our past and planning for the future: Priority Statement 3.3; Build and maintain quality infrastructure that supports and promotes liveability and active living in the community.
- Hepburn Shire Active Women and Girls Strategy 2019 - 2029
- Hepburn Shire Council Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2016 - 2021
- Hepburn Shire Playspace Strategy 2020 - 2030
- Activate 2020-2030 Sport and Active Recreation Regional Strategy
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021 - 2025
- Reconciliation Action Plan 2018
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2023 - 2026
- ACE Youth Strategy 2022 - 2030
- Gender Equality Action Plan 2021 - 2025

The Masterplan actions are to be delivered in line with the aforementioned strategies and will meet universal design requirements to remove barriers that traditionally prevent female and gender diverse people from participating in community sport and active recreation and in public places and spaces.



Consultation

In line with Council's Community Engagement Policy, this project required a 'medium level' of engagement.

Extensive community engagement occurred in 2019 to inform the development of the Masterplan.

On recommencement of the project in 2022, further community engagement was undertaken (October and November) to revisit the findings of 2019 and determine if priorities for the reserve had changed.

Engagement activities in this stage of consultation included key stakeholder meetings, two community drop-in sessions, a community survey, phone conversations, written submissions and two Council staff workshops.

The following stakeholders were engaged during this phase of consultation:

- Glenlyon Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee
- Glenlyon and District Pony Club
- Glenlyon and District Riding Club
- Daylesford Riding for the Disabled
- Glenlyon Sports Club
- Daylesford Field and Game Association
- Glenlyon Antiques and Collectables Fair
- Glenlyon Country Fire Authority
- Glenlyon Progress Association
- Glenlyon Upper Loddon Landcare Group
- North Central Catchment Management Authority
- Friends of Glenlyon Dam
- Hepburn Shire Disability Advisory Committee
- Hepburn Shire Gender Equity Committee
- Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA)
- Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation



Key Issues

Consultation found that community and user groups love the reserve but identify a 'general uplift' is required to make the reserve user friendly, accessible and safe, whilst maintaining the reserves natural ambiance and beauty. The proposed 47 recommended actions are to be implemented in a staged approach subject to funding in line with the long term vision of the Masterplan.

Priority items for implementation:

- **Pavilion redevelopment:** The existing community pavilion will be redeveloped or replaced to include a small multipurpose function area, kitchen facilities for low-level catering, small office space, internal and external accessed accessible public amenities and storage facilities. The redeveloped or replaced pavilion will recognise the heritage significance of the building.
- **Other infrastructure developments:** Creation of a social gathering area, upgrades to the playspace and picnic area, redevelopment of the cricket net, installation of a round horse yard, horse wash-bay and accessible horse mounting ramp.
- **Access and safety:** Enhancing accessibility and safety are paramount considerations within the Masterplan. Proposed initiatives include installing safety beacons on power lines, renewing fences and gates, establishing new pathways and roadways, maintaining existing egress tracks, improving wayfinding signage and installing an accessible horse mounting ramp.
- **Flood mitigation:** Flood mitigation planning and works to address the flooding and inundation from the Loddon River during heavy rainfall.
- **Conservation:** Development of a Reserve Management Plan to inform environmental management of the reserve with a focus on conservation.
- **Equestrian Infrastructure:** Explore options for long term improvement to equestrian facilities.
- **Dog Walking:** Glenlyon Recreation Reserve is currently a dog on-lead reserve. The Masterplan does not acknowledge off-lead dog walking within the Reserve. Off-lead dog walking across the entire Shire is to be informed by the development of the Hepburn Shire Dog Off Lead Plan.



Recommendations and Visual Illustration of Masterplan

1. Investigate wildlife friendly fencing to perimeter at time of renewal.
2. Identified Shared Use Area for recreation and conservation due to the high biodiversity values present. Area is to be maintained in accordance with future Reserve Management Plan.
3. Consider planting indigenous tree species around western perimeter of oval to increase biodiversity into the future and increase the comfort of spectators viewing activities on the oval.
4. Remove dilapidated seating around oval.
5. Retain fencing around oval.
6. Redevelop synthetic cricket net.
7. Remove aged synthetic cricket pitch to enable greater multipurpose use of oval. Reinstate cricket pitch and install other supporting infrastructure such as player shelters for future formal use if required.
8. Create new vehicle access link.
9. Drain to be renewed and maintained. Drainage maintenance schedule to be included in future Reserve Management Plan.
10. Install beacons on powerlines to improve safety of emergency helicopters.
11. Create new access link for emergency vehicles to access oval when required.
12. Install round horse yard.
13. Emergency egress track to Suttons Lane. Add directional signage from racetrack. Install 'Keep Clear' signage on exit gate. Explore installation of culvert on Suttons Lane to improve vehicle accessibility.
14. Low key DDA compliant pedestrian path that links existing public toilets to equestrian facilities and on to Mineral Spring.
15. Install steel-framed equestrian wash bay.
16. Install all abilities equestrian mounting ramp.
17. Low-lying tree planting along eastern fenceline.
18. Investigate removal of pump shed.
19. Explore options for improvement to equestrian facilities. Possibly to include regrading showjumping and horse float areas, fencing showjumping area, installing lights and power supply at dressage arena and building all weather capacity for dressage arena.
20. Emergency egress track to Mineral Springs entry on Suttons Lane. Add directional signage from Reserve entrance road. Install 'Keep Clear' signage on exit gate.
21. In accordance with future Reserve Management Plan, strengthen native vegetation around creek.
22. Upgrade camping rules and regulations signage.
23. In line with the Hepburn Shire Council Tree Management Plan 2021, undertake succession planting of exotic trees.
24. Upgrade entrance signage in line with Council's signage standards. Signage to include Reserve rules and regulations relating to general usage, camping, dog walking etc. Entrance signage to incorporate space for advertising events and activities. Broader Reserve signage to be updated as required.
25. Retain gate and pedestrian gate at reserve entrance to allow site to be secured during events and for risk management purposes.

26. Replace bridge decking with durable non-slip material.
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30. Replace or redevelop the existing pavilion in line with Heritage Overlay. The new or redeveloped pavilion to include a small multipurpose function area, kitchen facilities for low-level catering, small office space, internal and external accessed accessible public amenities and storage facilities.
31. Install interpretive signage to include reserve and pavilion history, biodiversity and acknowledgment of Traditional Owners.
32. Install electric barbecue on existing concrete slab and create an adjacent community gathering place with picnic tables, park benches and shade trees. Install interpretive signage for indigenous history and reserve biodiversity information. Partner with Djandak where possible to incorporate indigenous perspectives and knowledge into the area.
33. Carve existing large log from site into centrepiece of nature play area. Consider additional climbing structure for older children also. Install a gate on the northern side of existing playspace fence.
34. Consider community art project to beautify existing water tank under guidance of local artist.
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36. Retain existing public toilets for future consideration of replacement or redevelopment subject to funding availability. Retention of the adjacent existing concrete water tank and remanent Blackwood trees should be included in the future consideration of the replacement or redevelopment of the existing public toilets subject to funding availability.
37. Option for informal parking near woodchop area for public toilets.
38. Refresh picnic tables and park benches.
39. Replace woodchop area fencing at end of lifespan with similar.
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41. Additional tree planting for natural shade in playspace.
42. Install reserve wayfinding signage.
43. Remove existing woodfired brick barbecues and replace with electric units as noted elsewhere in park.
44. Replace all post and rail fencing with environmentally friendly materials.
45. Consider some natural clumping of indigenous trees along drainage line to assist with holding of banks against erosion, provision of shade within camping area and removal of suckering species.
46. In accordance with future Reserve Management Plan, strengthen native vegetation around creek - ongoing sensitive weed removal and infill planting of native indigenous species, including new habitat trees.
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- Club or storage building
- Gravel roadway or path
- Accessway (informal)
- Parking area
- Playground mulch
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- Shared Use Areas for recreation and conservation
- Conservation Area
- Proposed indigenous planting
- Existing contours
- Picnic table and seat
- Proposed barbecue
- Existing fencing
- Proposed horse yard fencing
- Dog on-lead walking area
- Existing powerline

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FINAL MASTERPLAN

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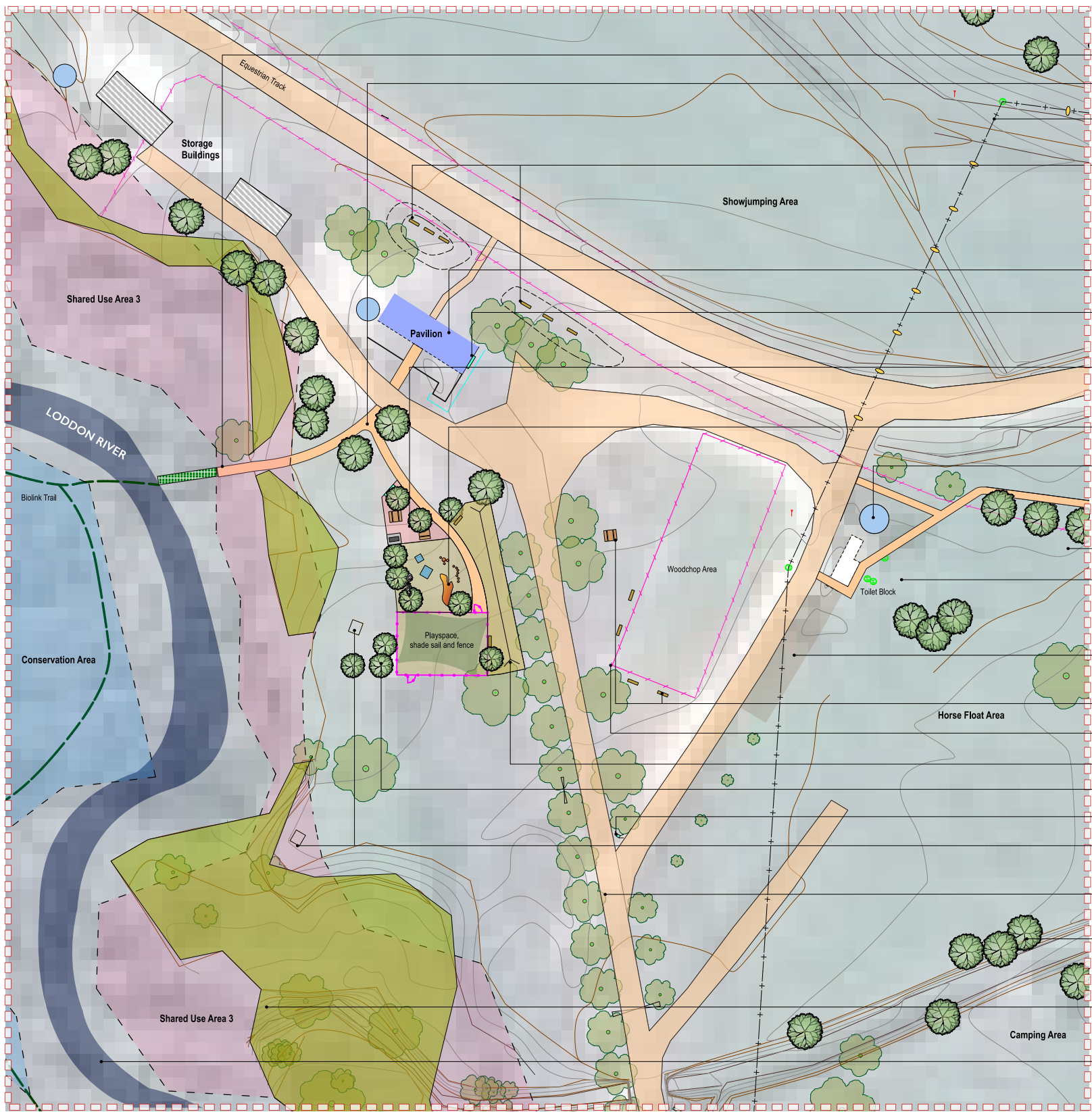
Whole Reserve

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Central Area only
Refer to Plan 1 for Whole Reserve

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FINAL MASTERPLAN

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Daylesford
8:30am – 5pm

CRESWICK

Creswick Hub
68 Albert Street
Mon to Sat 8:30am – 5pm

TRENTHAM

13 Albert Street, Trentham
Mon, Wed, Fri 10am – 5pm
Sat 10am – 1pm

CLUNES

The Warehouse – Clunes
36 Fraser Street, Clunes
Mon & Thurs 10am – 6pm
Wed & Fri 10am – 4pm