



TATURA PARK
SPORTS, EVENTS
AND COMMUNITY
PRECINCT

MASTER PLAN



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Traditional Owners

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton. We pay respect to their tribal Elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

Climate Change

Greater Shepparton is the food bowl of Victoria and our reliance on agriculture underpinning our social and economic prosperity is just one example of our vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. As a Council we are in a prime position to demonstrate strong leadership and guide our community by reducing our environmental footprint, and driving climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

Council have a climate adaption plan and in March 2020, declared a climate emergency. Council also have a 2030 zero emissions target for council operations.

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INTRODUCTION

Tatura Park Sports, Events and Community Precinct

The Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct is located south of the township centre, and is in easy walking distance for visitors and locals. The precinct offers an extensive recreation area and would be the envy of many rural and regional cities with excellent sporting amenities as well as each sport having their own club house facilities.

The entire precinct is on Crown Land, with a number of subdivisions, each subdivision having its own management committee, and in some instances, dual management arrangements.

The Tatura area has a population of approximately 4,831.

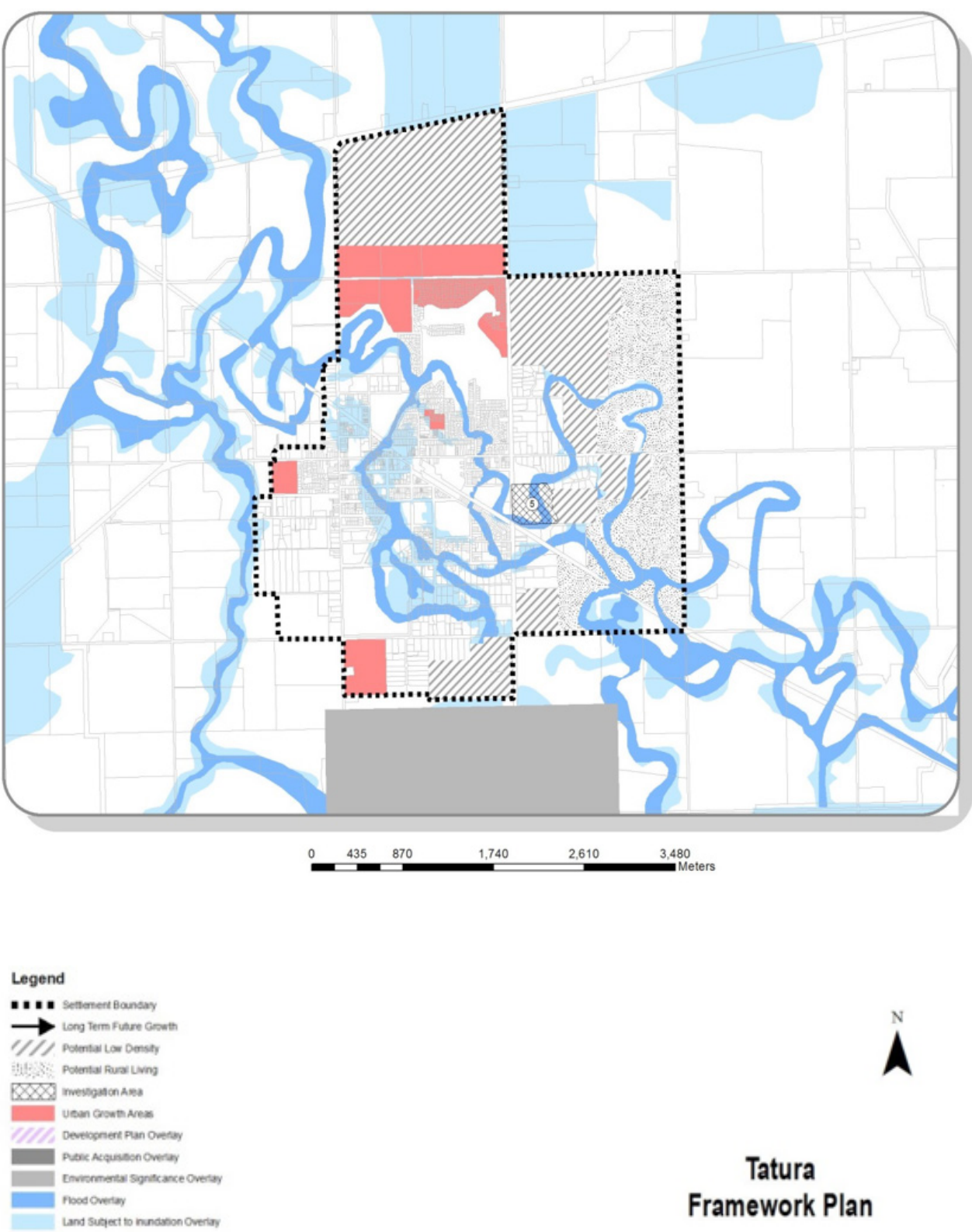
The Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct comprises of:

- Tatura Park, including Exhibition and Events Complex comprising indoor and outdoor arenas, stabling and associated facilities for equestrian and agricultural events. This subdivision also includes the Ballantyne Centre, sports oval and associated facilities.
- Howley Reserve including sports ovals and community complex with indoor basketball court and clubroom facilities.
- Tatura Public Gardens and Recreation Reserve, including tennis courts, netball courts, bowls green, guide hall, outdoor swimming pool, public gardens and associated clubroom facilities.
- Lake Bartlett, including lake, walking tracks, scout hall and Italian social club.

Amongst its key user groups are the Tatura Football Netball Club, Tatura Netball Association, Tatura Lawn Tennis Club, Tatura Bowls Club, Tatura Cricket Club, Tatura Amateur Basketball Association, Tatura Soccer Club, Tatura Swimming Pool, Tatura Caravan Park, Tatura Girl Guides, Tatura Primary School and Tatura Italian Club. There are also a considerable number of venue hirers of the equestrian facilities who are both local, state and interstate clubs and committees.



The map below taken from the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme highlights the location of Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct in relation to the Urban Growth Areas and Potential Rural Housing development areas.



BACKGROUND

Tatura Park Sports, Events and Community Precinct plays a pivotal role in the provision of open space, sport, recreation, community and event opportunities for the local community.

The evaluation and findings will assist Council in its future planning and enable it to maximise the economic, social, community and environmental opportunities in the future.

The Council considers this master plan and its priorities important to the Tatura community and the user groups for the development of sporting infrastructure. It is important to note that this plan will be considered along side all other Recreation Reserve master plans within Greater Shepparton and budgeting priorities.

A number of factors have influenced Council to develop the Master Plan, including:

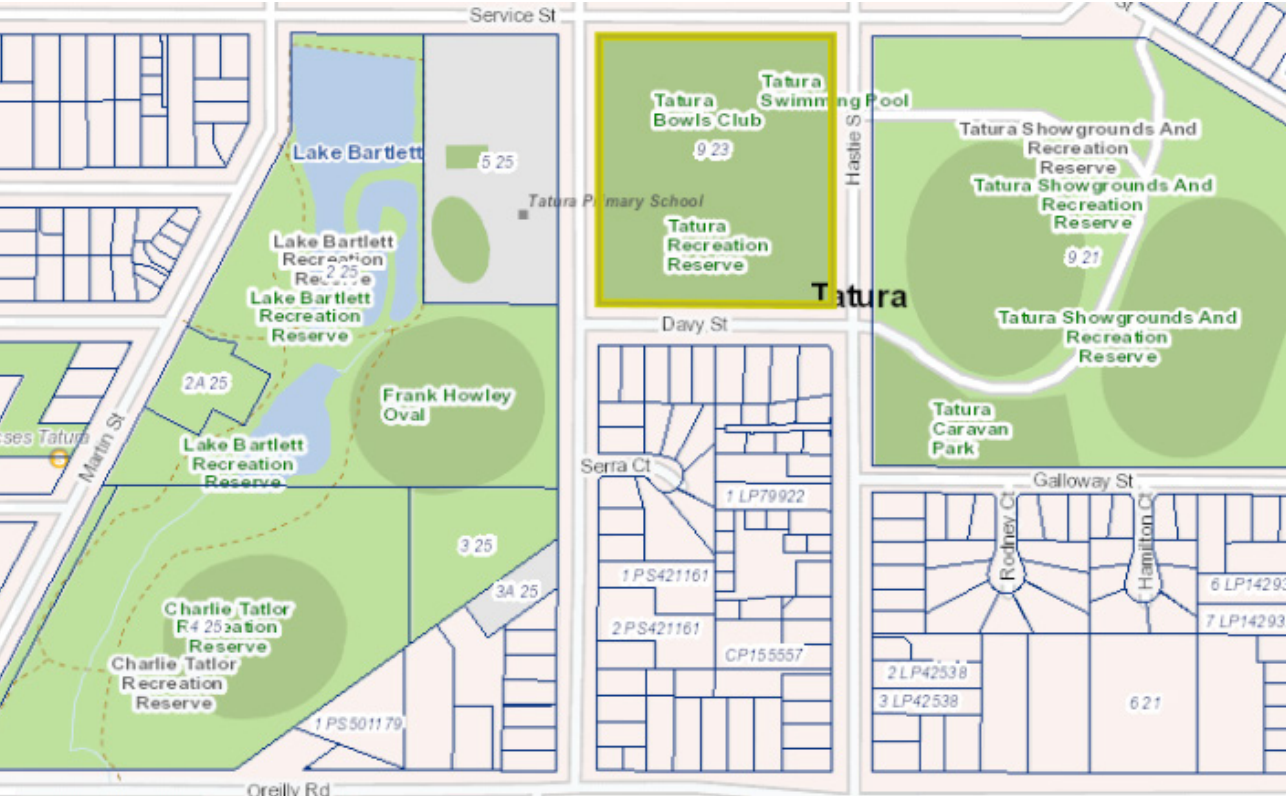
1. Guide future development across the Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct at a holistic level.
2. Better respond to changing demographics, needs of residents and visitors (including changing participation trends and demographics) in the future development of the Precinct.
3. Better respond to State Sporting Associations in relation to the provision of sport and recreation opportunities, including assessment of current and future needs.
4. Address impacts and opportunities from the development of the Tatura Park – Exhibition and Events Complex
5. Develop strategic guidance to Clubs and Associations, visiting organisations and events in terms of effective future development, management and operations that can be of benefit to the Precinct in the future.

Objectives

The objectives of the master plan are to:

1. Review relevant external organisation planning, previous master planning, individual club and organisation strategic plans, relevant Council planning, relevant National and State Association planning, adjacent land holder planning, such as the school and race club
2. Assess areas within the reserve potentially available for further development/non development, improved management and preservation (including preservation of any natural environments)
3. Identify ageing infrastructure and develop options to address issues around these facilities, particularly in relation to future planning and development
4. Explore, facilitate and maximise opportunities for multi-use across the Precinct
5. Identify value-add opportunities to existing sport and recreation infrastructure and attractions, including opportunities for and feasibility of major events
6. Consider appropriateness of site locations in regards to current and future development and the hosting of events.
7. Assess vehicle and pedestrian traffic management options
8. Assess possible future management and operational considerations
9. Consider issues such as risk management, occupational health and safety, relevant anti-discrimination legislation such as the Disability Discrimination Act.
10. Provide feasible and prioritised recommendations and an achievable implementation plan that will provide information to guide future development and management of the Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct.

CURRENT SITUATION



Tatura Public Gardens and Public Recreation Reserve – Allotment 9/23

This reserve has dual management with Council managing the swimming pool area and a committee of local people managing the balance.

Tatura Public Recreation Reserve (Lake Bartlett area) – Allotment 2/25

This Crown Reserve is vested in Council – vesting means a different part of the legislation than a regular committee of management appointment. The land where the Italian Social Club is located, was sold to them in 2004.

Tatura Public Recreation Reserve – Frank Howley Reserve – Allotment 2/25 and 3/25

Managed by Council as Committee of Management.

Unreserved Crown Land – Allotment 4/25

This was previously reserved for State School purposes but is now an unreserved Crown Land recreation reserve. A portion of the southern area of this Crown Land is destined to be subject of the realignment of O'Reilly Road.

Water Supply Reserves – Reference 0802758 and 0802239

These two reserves are managed by Goulburn Valley Water.

Precinct Ownership and Management

Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct is located on parcels of Crown Land and Council land.

Each parcel of land has its own committee of management and in some instances a dual management arrangement is in place as the respective club will often have its own committee responsible for its sport specific facilities.

Tatura Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve Crown Land – Allotment 9/21

Tatura Park Exhibition & Events Complex is managed internally by Council. The Western Oval is managed by the Parks, Sports and Recreation team while the events and equestrian areas are managed by the facilities team in the Economic Development department.

An Advisory Committee which is made up of between 5 and 10 members representative of the Tatura Community and up to two councillors appointed by resolution of the Council meets four times per year and provides guidance to Council in its decision making.

The Tatura Football Netball Club make use of the sporting oval in this precinct and have entered into a Lease for the Ballantyne Centre (ending 2023 plus a two year option). The Wilson Hall change rooms situated between the football and equestrian facilities are shared, and there is currently no lease agreement.

The Tatura Caravan Park has a lease which expires in June 2024. There are 6 cabins in this area that are owned by Council.



TENNANT SPORTS CLUBS

Table 1 below provides an indication of the numbers of people that are participants in organised sports conducted at the precinct. The numbers are estimates based on team numbers and do not include the significant number of other critical people involved in the facilitating of these clubs such as committee members etc. nor the people who attend events as supporters.

Table 1. Sporting Clubs at Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct *

Club/Organisation	Total
Tatura Football Netball Club	270
Tatura Netball Association	160
Tatura Bowls Club	42
Tatura Lawn Tennis Club	80
Tatura Amateur Basketball Association	97
Tatura Cricket Club	100
Tatura Soccer Club	90
Tatura Junior Soccer Club	97
Total	936

**these figures do not include any figures from equestrian or agricultural events held at Tatura Park.*

Tatura Football Netball Club

The Tatura Football Netball Club has seven football teams, two of which are female teams, and five netball teams with approximately 556 people involved directly each season this includes around 270 players, 286 parents and many grandparents, family and friends that would attend training and matches each week and a team of volunteers and committee members that run the day to day operations of the club.

Key issues for the football netball club include surface quality issues, car park lighting, safety concerns with traffic on game day on Hastie Street with people crossing from the netball to the football facilities and vice versa.

One of the major issues they have raised is the clubs long term tenure at the ground given it is the only full sized football ground in Tatura being shared by seven football teams, Auskick, cricket and equestrian events.

Tatura Netball Association

The Tatura Netball Association plays in Tatura on Friday nights with NetSetGo and two competition divisions. The Association also plays in the Shepparton competition with 13 teams on a Saturday and Tuesday afternoon. Friday night competition attracts 160 players and around 182 supporters, volunteers and umpires. The Shepparton Saturday competition attracts 80 players and around 140 supporters, volunteers and umpires. The Tuesday competition attracts 50 players and around 66 supporters, volunteers and umpires.

Key issues faced by the association are that they are on Crown Land managed by the Tatura Parks & Gardens Committee and are wholly responsible for all capital works. A recent strategic plan completed by the association has indicated that the netball courts and lighting are in urgent need of repair and the club rooms are a major issue.

Tatura Bowls Club

The Tatura Bowls Club have 30 players on Saturday pennant and 12 players midweek pennant. They also hold tournaments three to four times are year attracting approximately 40 players each event.

No issues were raised by the bowls club, however they did indicate that they are experiencing a decline in participation which appears to be a trend for bowls nationwide.

Tatura Lawn Tennis Club

The Tatura Lawn Tennis Club have 80 members plus 10 parents. They have experienced a gradual and steep decline in members over the last 20 years or so however, numbers have stabilised recently.

Key issues the club face are the decline in membership numbers which has in turn results in limited numbers to assist with the ongoing facilities maintenance, costs and fundraising initiatives, the lack of programs to encourage young people and the community more broadly to play tennis and lack of shared paths between the whole recreation reserve. Attempts have been made to enter into a partnership with the Tatura Primary School to introduce the Tennis Hot Shots program but this has been unsuccessful to date. Some large capital works including new fencing is required at the club however, as it is on Crown Land it is not included in Council’s capital budget.

Tatura Amateur Basketball Association

The Tatura Amateur Basketball Association have approximately 150 participants which includes members, volunteers and players. The numbers are declining and this is due to the cost involved, competition from other sports and the variability in numbers of children in small towns. They run two seasons per year and in each season there are four grades based on physical size

Key issues they face are the speed at which maintenance gets done even when urgent, no accessible toilet inside the facility, only upstairs and the court is undersized and the runoffs are no long to regulation size.

Tatura Cricket Club

The Tatura Cricket Club have approximately 100 players at any one time including juniors. There are approximately 40 people made up of committee members, sponsors and spectators. The club have indicated that they have seen an increase in numbers over the last five years.

Key issues faced by the club are that the Frank Howley complex is ageing and in need of refurbishment. The current storage containers flood with a significant rain event, the nets require an upgrade as they no longer meet the new standards and have aged significantly, no easy access to water at training times or at the nets, no fence along Lake Bartlett which has resulted in a number of balls lost.

Tatura Soccer Club

The Tatura Soccer Club have six sides being U12’s, U15’s, U18’s, Women, Div 2 Men & Div 1 Men with approximately 90 players and 50 spectators. The Junior Club has 97 members with an equal amount of spectating parents, if not more. The club has experienced a slight decline in numbers over the last five years with 2016 and 2017 being unable to field a women’s team, however were able to field a women’s team in 2018 and 2019. As with other sports, they have struggled for players in the 16-18 year old age groups.

The club do not have any major issues but would like to see Howley Oval 2 with lights to allow for training sessions in winter which will alleviate congestion and wear and tear on the main pitch.

OTHER USERS

Scouts

Tatura Scouts are actively running a scout program from the Tatura hall again, with a recent reopening. They currently have 9 youth members and 2 adult leaders, with predictions to double that number over the next 12 to 18 months. Additionally, there are four other community groups using the hall.

Scouts believe as they expand in membership there will no doubt be maintenance and improvements needed. However, they have not advanced too much in that regard, as their current focus is on getting the youth program active and growing.

Girl Guides

A response to the survey questions was not received.

Italian Social Club

The Italian Social Club is privately owned.

Tatura Primary School

Tatura Primary School are adhoc users of the facility and did not think it was appropriate for them to complete the survey.

Major Events – Council Department

Council, as the Manager of Tatura Park, hosts a number of various equestrian and agricultural events including International Dairy Week.

In 2016/2017, Tatura Park accommodated a total of 51 events and attracted approximately 17,500 attendees, which included 10,100 (58%) visitors from outside of Greater Shepparton.

The majority (59%) of events held at Tatura Park are equestrian events. A further 22% of events are utilised for equestrian training/clinics and the remaining 20% is for casual hire and other events. Excluding International Dairy Week, equestrian events attract the highest number of attendees and visitors per event, with an average of 320 attendees per event.

The number of events at Tatura Park has increased steadily over the past decade. Increasing from 42 in 2009 to 51 in 2017.

International Dairy Week has signed on for another three years commencing 2019. The event runs for a period of five days annually. Since 2017, the standard attendance for International Dairy Week is around 6000. There have also been between 11,000 and 26,000 visits via the event livestream since 2017, with this number increasing annually.

Equestrian

The regular users of Tatura Park include local, regional, state and national recreation equestrian clubs and organisations. Recreational equestrian user groups utilise the indoor and covered outdoor arenas, stabling, wash down areas, toilet/show blocks and the eastern oval for events and camping grounds for major events.

Based on the 2018 survey conducted by Urban Enterprise the table below represents the regularity of use by those who responded;

Tatura Park

	WEEKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY	BI-ANNUALLY	ANNUALLY	NEVER
Event Competitor	0%	0%	23%	31%	35%	11%
Event Spectator	0%	2%	17%	17%	23%	42%
Mounted Clinics / Training	0%	0%	5%	8%	19%	68%
Unmounted Theory / Meetings / Administration	0%	0%	1%	1%	12%	86%
Other Commercial Activities	1%	0%	1%	4%	6%	88%

Regular users of Tatura Park are generally satisfied with most facilities within the precinct, but are particularly satisfied with horse arenas, competition facilities, toilets, showers and amenities, spectator facilities and fees and charges.

The below table summarises the user satisfaction of facilities at Tatura Park;

	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NIETHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED
Surface Quality	28%	43%	13%	13%	2%
Horse Areas (e.g. stables, yards)	35%	48%	10%	4%	1%
Competition Facilities	25%	57%	15%	3%	0%
Drainage	17%	56%	15%	7%	4%
Fees and Charges (e.g. cost to use)	19%	44%	24%	9%	4%
Toilets, Showers, Amenities	28%	49%	12%	9%	1%
Spectator Facilities	20%	51%	17%	18%	1%
Parking, Roads	21%	43%	17%	18%	1%
Camping Facilities	16%	47%	20%	12%	1%
Warm Up Facilities	13%	47%	20%	14%	3%
Conflict with other users / uses	11%	30%	31%	7%	3%
Judging Facilities	12%	41%	26%	2%	0%
Facility Management / Event Organisation	22%	48%	15%	5%	0%

Source: Equestrian User Group Survey, Urban Enterprise 2018

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Below are the key infrastructure components of the reserve:

Tatura Park Events Centre

The complex consists of an indoor arena, covered outdoor sand arena, stables and cattle housing and supporting infrastructure.

Blackmore and Leslie Events Shed

This shed was originally developed for International Dairy Week, however is now used all year round. In recent years, in addition to renewed sand surface the shed has had cooling fans installed and lighting upgrades. The shed does have limited spectator seating and is not fully accessible. Whilst the overall condition rating is excellent, further investment in wall cladding, painting of the arena walls and bitumen floor on the west end of the spectator access area will improve the aesthetic and functionality of the building.

Outdoor arena

This arena has been roofed since 2015 and has similar to use to that of the Blackmore and Leslie events shed but on a smaller scale. With a renewed sand surface the overall condition rating is excellent.

Stable area

The stabling is portable which provides flexibility if required for reconfiguration and varied use i.e. horses and cattle. Some uniformity is required in this area with extra stable roofing having been added in an adhoc way. The stabling areas include both the roof infrastructure, the stable panels and the granitic base surface. As a result of extensive use there is considerable impact on the stabling areas predominantly the base which needs regular investment to maintain service levels. Both stabling area sections have overall rating of good however consideration needs to be made for renewal or removal of some existing sheds.

The breakdown of existing stabling includes;

Stable Block 9 – 48 stables

Stable Block 12 – 26 stables

Stable Block 13 – 22 stables

Stable Block 15 – 36 stables

Stable Block 17 – 28 stables

Stable Block 18 - 36 stables

Used Bedding Compound

There is currently one compound that is utilised for used bedding. Consideration needs to be made to provide additional compounds in order to reduce venue contractor operational costs by enforcing used bedding to be placed in the compounds by venue hirers.

Milking Pump Shed

The milking pump shed is old and outdated with a moderate condition rating. Whilst this is only used once a year it is crucial to International Dairy Week. There is currently no power to this building due to underground electrical issues.

The Ballantyne Centre

The top floor of the centre is set up as a community space with a commercial kitchen. The ground floor houses the football club change rooms and storage/canteen facility. The Ballantyne Centre has been rated as excellent with regards to its overall condition. An accessible lift would improve access.

Western Oval

This is the main oval with a turf wicket. This oval is made up of clay topsoil with a good coverage of couch with patches of South African Couch with a very good overall condition. The light towers are owned by the Tatura Football and Netball Club, and are old and expensive to run - an upgrade would be beneficial. The catch fence should also be considered for replacement. This oval is used for football and cricket events.

Eastern Oval

This is a grassed arena that is heavily used for equestrian events and camping/caravan parking throughout the year. The overall condition is

poor, with legitimate concerns having been raised around the drainage and irrigation of this oval. The Parks, Sport & Recreation team maintain this space which is very challenging considering the need to keep it green and lush when required, but also allowing large rigs to access the area for camping. Consideration should be made to install permanent fencing and lighting to improve functionality as well as safety for events.

Eastern Oval Power Heads

There are 20 units providing 4 power outlets and water provisions for temporary camping on the east and west of the Eastern Oval to facilitate competitors staying onsite.

Cricket Club Room/Eastern Oval Meeting Room

The Cricket Club Room/Eastern Oval meeting room provides a small office/meeting space with kitchenette for venue hirers. This provides a space directly adjacent to the Eastern Oval and allows simultaneous events to be held at the venue in their own spaces.

Timekeepers boxes

This structure is two shipping containers on top of one another, adjacent to the Ballantyne Centre in an overall excellent condition. There are accessibility issues due to it only being accessible via a staircase.

Wilson Hall and Toilets (inside and separate building)

The external toilets at the rear of Wilson Hall have an overall condition rating of good. Some minor works have been undertaken in recent years such as painting and tiling. Wilson Hall and internal facilities are rated as excellent overall following recent upgrade including a new gas stove/oven having been installed as well as heating and cooling.

The kitchen and function space is managed by the Events Facilities team within Economic Development, whilst the use of the change rooms is provided to the Tatura Football Netball Club when required.

Spectator Shelter

There is significant spectator shelter around the Western Oval with their conditions rated as good.

Toilet Block (near old soccer pavilion)

This toilet block contains toilets and shower and is adjacent to the camping area. It is used when camping and overnight stays are required for events. Suitable for small to medium sized events and has an overall condition rating of excellent.

Public Toilets

Public toilets are located at Hastie Street and also incorporate a caravan dump point. The overall condition rating is excellent.

Wash-down Facilities

There are three undercover wash-down facilities (cattle washes) as part of the Tatura Park facilities. They are very basic with a moderate condition rating. Installation of hot water system would be advantageous.

Old Cricket and Soccer Pavilion

This building was used to facilitate the cricket and soccer activities on the Eastern Oval, but is now used by hirers as a meeting room for horse events. This pavilion includes a small kitchenette and both male and female toilets, and has an excellent condition rating.



Storage Shed

A large storage shed is onsite and has a condition rating of good.

Tatura Caravan Park

Council only own six of the cabins located at the caravan park and they are overall in good condition. The toilet block is in good to excellent condition.

Tatura Netball Association Club Rooms

This building is quite old and not compliant with accessibility requirements but is in quite reasonable condition considering its age. It is also quite small and does not provide adequate change rooms/toilet facilities.

Netball Courts

Tatura Netball Association have engaged 2MH Consulting to provide a condition assessment of all courts.

Tatura Lawn Tennis Club

This building is in fair to good condition and is large enough in size to accommodate a function of around 110 people. As this is on land that is part of the Tatura Public Gardens and Recreation Reserve that reports directly to DELWP, Council do not provide any ongoing maintenance or capital investment. There are twelve grass courts and four hardcourts. The lawn courts are in good condition and two of the four hardcourts in excellent condition with new lighting due to a grant obtained by the club.

Tatura Bowls Club

The clubhouse is an ageing building with the original clubhouse being expanded in 1979. The building is in poor condition and requires ongoing maintenance which is not provided by Council due to not being on Council land and part of a committee that reports directly to DELWP. There are two functioning greens and two non-functioning greens.

Tatura Scout Hall

This building is leased to the Tatura Scouts who also sub-let to small user groups. The overall building condition is rated as good.

Tatura Community Activity Centre

This is an indoor stadium with a multi-use court and clubrooms for basketball, soccer and cricket. There is a social room and spectator viewing from the second level. The court run off is non-complaint however the overall building condition is excellent.

Tatura Cricket Club Nets

The nets are currently usable, however no longer meet standards and are quite old with many holes.

Howley Oval 1 and 2

Howley oval 1 is made up of sand over clay subgrade with good coverage of couch in high density and is overall a very good surface. The turf wicket and lighting are suitable for training purposes. This oval has lighting which is fit for purpose.

Howley oval 2 is made up of a fine sand over compacted clay base with good coverage of couch of a variable density and is overall a very good surface. This oval does not have any lighting and it would be a priority to have lighting installed to provide another winter training facility.

Tatura Cricket and Soccer Club Storage

Storage is by way of shipping containers which are in good condition however when there is a rain event the containers flood.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

DEMOGRAPHICS

Tatura Community

The Tatura Sports, Events and Community Precinct is located south of the township centre and is easy walking distance for visitors and locals. The precinct offers an extensive recreation area and would be the envy of many rural and regional cities with excellent sporting amenities as well as nearly each sport having their own club house facilities.

The area has a population of approximately 4,669. There are 1184 families and the gender split is 46.9% male and 50.1% female with a median age of 43.

The population of Tatura is projected to grow by 22.20% by 2036. Between 2016 and 2026, the age structure forecasts indicate a 19.4% increase in population under working age, a 13.8% increase in population of retirement age, and a 12.9% increase in population of working age.

Taking this into account, it appears that facility demand and requirements linked to sport and recreation are unlikely to decline based on demographics. There is a real potential for increased demand in the future, particularly in regards to junior sport, should the identified growth occur.

PLANS AND STRATEGIES

2019 Tatura Community Action Plan

The Tatura Community Action Plan includes the following actions:

- Install paths and bridge midway along the southern section of creek joining the rear of the Italian Social Club with the Junior Oval precinct and continuing to the TCAC to provide improved access between sports areas and Martin Street area.
- Support the implementation of the Tatura Sports, Events & Community Precinct Plan.

Greater Shepparton City Council - Council Plan 2017 – 2021

The Greater Shepparton City Council – Council

Plan is the document that will guide the Council's direction and activities during this Council's term of office.

The Plan also incorporates Council's Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan which guides Council's strategic direction and planning around reducing inequalities in health, managing chronic disease and collaborative approaches to health promotion.

The Plan identifies a number of objectives, strategies and actions that are relevant to the provision of facilities and services such as those at Tatura, including:

- Increasing the proportion of the population who volunteer for a community group or activity more than once a month
- Reduce the levels of overweight and obesity
- Social and cultural, educational and employment opportunities are created to enable children, young people, individuals and families to actively participate in their communities.
- Public places, open space and community facilities are safe, accessible for all and presented to a high quality
- Quality infrastructure is provided and maintained to acceptable standards
- Assets are well managed and their renewal is being planned through long-term renewal strategies

Greater Shepparton Economic Development, Tourism & Major Events Strategy 2017 – 2021

The Economic Development, Tourism and Events Strategy ("the Strategy") is aimed at identifying opportunities that will lead to building and diversifying the local economy, assist in building on Council's events portfolio and boosting tourism and overnight stays within the region. The Strategy is intended to provide an achievable, evidence based plan for the future while responding to the challenges and opportunities presented by the local, regional, and international conditions.

The strategy identifies a number of objectives,

strategies and actions that are relevant to the provision of facilities and services such as those at Tatura, including;

- Improve the linkages between Tatura Park and the town centre through wayfinding signage, consistent footpath treatments, visitor information during events (touch screens and volunteers), and electronic events board in the town centre promoting the current and upcoming events.
- Investigate the installation of touchscreens which display Council's new visitor services website at key destinations including Tatura Park
- Establish a permanent VIC presence at Tatura Park and other key locations which can be staffed by Tatura volunteers during events.
- Addressing the long term operational issues facing Tatura Park

LIVEABILITY

Liveability is becoming a key framework used nationally and internationally in health policy development. The 'Place, People and Liveability Research Program' undertaken by the Victorian Government in partnership with Melbourne University in 2013's definition of liveability includes it being a place that is safe, attractive, socially cohesive and inclusive with access to public open space, leisure and cultural activities and walking and cycling infrastructure. It also notes the determinants of a liveable community include parks and recreational opportunities and vibrant social interaction.

In the Council Plan, it is stated that:

"Through the development and implementation of a liveability framework, Council will take a lead in providing services, facilities and places of engagement that can positively affect health and wellbeing for individuals and entire communities. Council will continue to work closely with stakeholders to advocate for funding, new services, programs in partnership and to support communities. (p8)"

Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme – Municipal Strategic Statement 2007

It is expected that the urban areas of Shepparton and Mooroopna along with the four major growth areas will accommodate the majority of new residential development, with remaining growth distributed throughout Tatura, Murchison, Merrigum, Dookie, Congupna, Katandra West, Tallygaroopna, Toolamba and Undera.

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

The Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (GS2030) is a blueprint for building sustainable economic activity and maximising the quality of life in the municipality.

Some key inclusions in GS2030 include identification of the following strategies:

- Promote clustering of facilities to enable multi-use and sharing of community facilities, such as the community hubs.
- Encourage flexible design to meet user group needs over the life-cycle and changing demographic structures
- Promote health lifestyle and the use of recreation and sporting facilities.



Sport 2050 Strategic Plan

Sport 2050 aims to provide a blueprint to support the long-term and sustainable provision of sports and recreation infrastructure and programs.

The plan specifically addresses the provision and distribution of a hierarchy of facilities across the municipality and in particular locations.

The Plan states that Shepparton is the major urban centre of Goulburn Valley and the city of Greater Shepparton. Mooroopna, Tatura and Kialla are the other large centres in the city (approx. population 4,000-7,000). Other small centres include Ardmona, Murchison, Merrigum, Dookie, Kialla West, Tallygaroopna, Toolamba, Shepparton East and Katandra West (mostly 400-1,000 people). The plan then classifies localities by population into three tiers as highlighted below:

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Shepparton	Mooroopna	Tallygaroopna
	Tatura	Murchison
	Kialla	Merrigum
		Congupna
		Dookie
		Toolamba
		Undera
		Katandra West

The following principles for distribution are identified

- Sports facilities with multiple playing fields/courts and hubbed with other community facilities will be more viable, and more easily able to be maintained to a higher quality than others.
- Where sports that are not currently present in the City are looking to locate in the City, a more rural recreation reserve location (in a tier 3 town location) may provide the opportunity to renew (and increase use of) an existing asset, provide another opportunity for local participation and share possible social and economic benefits of sport and sports events amongst smaller townships.

The plan then makes the following recommendations relating to distribution:

- In the future, it is desirable that no single playing field sports facility should be provided for competition. Where new facilities are to be provided they should be added to existing facilities unless the locality is a growth area and not served by existing facilities, such as in the South East)
- In all tier 3 towns and smaller localities, all sports facilities should be located in hubs with other sports and community facilities – preferably adjacent to a school
- Seek to develop competition standard sporting infrastructure in tier 3 towns in preference to smaller localities that will not have the total population and player age profile to sustain clubs and infrastructure in the long term
- Where possible in tier 1 and 2 towns locate sports facilities so that all residents in urban areas have an outdoor playing field (including schools and private facilities) and preferably organised sports competition, within 2 kilometres

- Ensure sports have a hierarchy of facilities available in the region to enhance player pathways and ensure not all facilities are maintained to the same standard
- Ensure community plans embrace the principles of this plan to ensure sporting infrastructure can continue to be viable and reflect current changes in demand

Specifically relating to Tatura Sports Precinct, Sport 2050 provides the following strategic direction:

- Continue to develop Tatura Sports Precinct to service the Tatura and district community.
- Construct additional indoor netball/basketball court to rear of existing stadium
- Construct a new timekeepers facility and coaches boxes
- Install match quality flood lighting to the main oval

No recommendations were made in relation to Tennis, Netball or Bowls due to them being a facility managed directly by DELWP appointed Committee of Management and therefore Council has no ownership or management authority over the reserve, other than providing the Committee with a small annual operating grant.

Greater Shepparton Whole of Sport Plan – Cricket 2017

The Greater Shepparton Whole of Sport Plan Cricket has been developed to provide Council with a vision for supporting cricket at a local and regional level and to guide the development of improved facilities that will meet current and future community need.

The plan states that participation in cricket in Greater Shepparton has been in decline over the last 10 years, however identifies the opportunity to grow numbers through introduction and support of more women’s competition and programming. The plan states that anecdotally there has been a significant increase in participation in cricket by females over the last 2 years and this is a trend that Cricket Victoria expect to continue.

The plan states that Council’s priorities include investing in sporting facilities, particularly where:

- Participation is maximised
- Strong partnerships are formed and maintained
- Multi-use and community hub approach will be implemented, and
- Facilities are not used exclusively by clubs

Specifically relating to cricket, the Plan proposes the following criteria for investing in infrastructure to support cricket:

- Maximised participation: Particularly for participation by females, multi-cultural communities, older adults and junior.
- Multi-use facilities: Clubs who work with other sports and the wider community to improve infrastructure will be supported. Council will actively seek opportunities to partner with the Department of Education and DELWP to improve infrastructure where multi-use outcomes can be achieved that include cricket.
- Sporting infrastructure that meets community need: Council will actively support the development of infrastructure in the right location and of the right standard for the community it serves.
- A baseline of facilities: Sites that support cricket will have a baseline of facilities that are usable, safe, presentable and attractive for participants.

Whole of Sport Tennis - 2015

The Greater Shepparton Whole of Sport Plan Tennis has been developed to provide Council with a vision for supporting tennis at a local and regional level and to guide the development of improved facilities that will meet current and future community need.

The plan states that broadly at a local level there have been significant declines in participation by adults and in competitive tennis:

- The number of players participating in weekend senior competitions delivered through the Shepparton District Tennis Association and the Goulburn Murray Lawn Tennis Association has declined by more than half in the last 10 – 15 years.
- The number of players participating in the Shepparton and District Ladies Midweek Tennis Association has declined by 40 percent since 2005/2006.

It goes on to highlight that there is a significant number of tennis clubs in the Greater Shepparton area who no longer field teams in any of the local associations including Congupna, Dookie, Invergordon, Violet Town, Katandra West, St Marys, Toolamba, St Augustine’s, Wesley, St Mels, Kialla West, Tallygaroopna, Baulkamaugh and Currawa.

The report does however provide examples where tennis is experiencing growth in participation, more so where it is linked with more casual and flexible opportunities. These include:

- The Shepparton Lawn Tennis Association has conducted a Wednesday Night Twilight Tennis competition for many years. While this program has still experienced some decline, it has undergone a resurgence in recent years as a consequence of reduced and flexible entry fees (pay as you go), opening up the program to all ages (not just adults), and offering social activities as part of the experience. The program has around 200 participants per week.
- The Dhurringile Tennis Club’s Friday night ANZ Hot Shots Tennis program has been running quite successfully for a number of years. Hard work from a number of committed volunteers at the Club has seen the program run successfully.

At a national level, the report states that participation in organised tennis by children up to 14 years of age has remained relatively stable with some decline in the past few years, however this is notably different from what is occurring at the local level with the number of players participating in the Shepparton Junior Tennis Association declining by just under half between 2001/2002 and 2016/2017.

To support and grow participation, the plan states that it is important that tennis clubs and associations have access to the right facilities in the right locations. Reflecting on both Council’s and the community’s existing priorities and commitment to sporting infrastructure and the priority areas identified by local tennis clubs, the following criteria is proposed for investing in infrastructure to support tennis:

1. Multi-use facilities: Clubs who work with other sports and the wider community to improve infrastructure will be supported. Council will actively seek opportunities to partner with the Department of Education and DELWP to improve infrastructure where multi-use outcomes can be achieved that include tennis.
2. Sporting infrastructure that meets community need: Council and Tennis Victoria will actively support the development of infrastructure in the right location and of the right standard for the community it serves.

3. Maximised participation: Particularly for participation by juniors, multi-cultural communities, and older adults.
4. Access to facilities: Historically tennis facilities were open to the public and community members to enjoy a hit of tennis at their leisure. Unfortunately, over time, community access has been restricted due to safety concerns for the facilities. Council and Tennis Victoria will actively encourage clubs to look for solutions that enable better access for all members of the community to be able to enjoy a hit of tennis.

Asset and Project Management

Greater Shepparton City Council has a strong and formalised program of Asset and Project Management.

Building Condition Audits are undertaken periodically to inform works and maintenance programs as well as long term capital development programs. Audit information specific to Tatura Sports Precinct has been included in facility and building information in the existing infrastructure section of this report (for Council owned or managed assets). We do not have condition audits for the DELWP managed facilities.



SPORT STRATEGIES

Netball Victoria

Netball Victoria have undertaken significant works in auditing and reporting against the condition and compliance with established standards of court provision of facilities right across Victoria. They have developed in partnership with the State Government a Netball Court Planning guide providing a number of case studies highlighting different development options as well as indicative costings for various court types.

The Facilities Manual published by Netball Victoria and the Sport and Recreation Victoria includes a hierarchy of facilities that recommends local facilities include:

- 1-3 fully compliant courts
- Courts may be multi-lined
- Courts to be fenced if required
- 2 x team benches per court
- 2 x shelters per court
- 1 officials bench and shelter per court
- Minimum of 2 x 14m2 unisex player amenities
- Minimum 2 x 20m2 change facilities (based on 14 players using room at one time)

Tennis Australia

Tennis Australia has developed a comprehensive planning framework to support and assist tennis clubs throughout the country. Amongst the frameworks are recommended levels of facilities based on a national hierarchy and indicative costings of upgrades and re-development of courts based on a number of court and surface types. Under the Tennis Australia facility hierarchy Central Park would fall into the 'local' category.

A local facility is recommended to have at least 4 courts of which 50% are based on the ITF surface code A (acrylic), F (clay) and H (grass) and 50% courts floodlit to a minimum club competition standard (350 lux).

Australian Football League – Preferred Facility Guidelines (incorporating Addendum Amenities Upgrade for Unisex Use)

– July 2015

The Guidelines have been developed in order to provide direction for the development of new facilities and/or those being considered for major refurbishment or redevelopment.

For local or regional type facilities the guidelines recommend:

- Avoiding open showers and provide 3 to 4 showers
- Avoid troughs and individual urinals and provide a minimum of 1 ambulant accessible toilet cubicle
- Social/Community spaces should be at least 100m2 and around 150m2
- Appropriate umpires, meeting, administration and storage spaces should be provided

Cricket Australia Community Facility Guidelines - Guidance Note 2 – Outdoor Training Facilities'

Cricket Australia's Guidance Note 2 – Outdoor Training Facilities aim to help guide future cricket net development and/or redevelopment and recommends the following planning principles be considered when determining the most suitable location for cricket net development:

- Training nets and run ups should be positioned off the field of play
- Nets should not be positioned in a location likely to interfere with the match (e.g. behind the bowler's arm causing potential distractions to the batsman)
- Nets should be orientated in a north-south direction
- Nets should be positioned in a location where there is minimal chance of injury to passersby or damage to property and/or vehicles. This planning consideration is not applicable if training nets are enclosed
- Nets should be positioned as close to the pavilion as possible to minimise distance to transport equipment

Cricket Australia Community Facility Guidelines - Guidance Note 3 – Clubrooms and Change Facilities

This guideline acknowledges how well-designed clubrooms and change facilities can contribute significantly to a successful club, sporting precinct and local community.

Specifically relating to change facilities, the guidelines recommend that:

- A minimum of 3 showers should be provided and that these should be lockable cubicles to better accommodate all users
- A minimum of 3 toilet pans is preferred and should be provided as lockable cubicles. Urinals should be avoided to better accommodate all gender use and at least one ambulant toilet should be provided in accordance with Disability Discrimination Act standards

A regional or club level social facility should have a commercial kitchen and storage of around 25m2 and social, community or multi-purpose room of around 150m2.

Bowls Australia

In 2017 Bowls Australia created a National Facilities and Retirement/Lifestyle Villages Strategy which provides a framework to understand and prioritise its facility needs both now and in the future. Five strategic objectives have been developed:

- Understand the current geographic spread of clubs, facilities and population growth areas.
- Determine the optimal number and location of facilities, which will create a sustainable model for the sport.
- Proactively identify the optimal number and location of facilities, which will create a sustainable model for the sport.
- Grow the presence of bowls as a community, health and wellbeing hub through multipurpose/shared facilities and greater engagement with LGAs.

- Ensure a mix of traditional, social and retirement/lifestyle village venues that create opportunities for everyone to play bowls all year round.

Equestrian State Facility Plan

Volume One – Equestrian State Facility Plan 2017 final report undertaken by Equestrian Victoria with funding provided by the Victorian State Government, through Sport and Recreation Victoria, gives general competition expectations and requirements for the various equestrian disciplines. This includes;

- Dressage – multiple good quality arenas 60m x 20m plus 10m safety zone. Indoor arena for high level events.
- Showjumping – 2 x jumping arenas with smooth flat surface. Indoor arena for high level events.
- Show horse – Flat surface 150m x 150m
- Reining – Competition sand arena min 60m x 25m (80m x 40m for major competitions plus a warm up arena 50m x 25m). Indoor arena for high level events.
- Cutting – Earth or sand arena 45m – 80m long x 24m – 36m wide plus area capable of holding cattle
- Western Pleasure – Flat surface arena approx 60m – 90m long x 30m – 45m wide



SPORT PARTICIPATION TRENDS

National Participation

The Australian Sports Commission released the ‘AusPlay’ participation data for the sport sector report in December 2016. Amongst the key findings were:

1. Football, Australian football and netball are all amongst the top 5 activities undertaken by boys and girls outside of school hours;
2. Football, Australian football and netball are amongst the top 5 sports activities undertaken by adults;
3. Cricket is the 4th most participated team sport for boys and 8th for adult men, however is not in the top ten for either girls or adult women;
4. Tennis is in the top 10 sports activities undertaken by adults and children of both genders;
5. Sport is still the strongest form of physical activity undertaken by young people, with over 75% children between the ages of 5 and 14 participating;
6. Fun, enjoyment and social reasons and psychological/mental health benefits all followed physical health and fitness as the key reasons why people participate in sport;
7. While sports related participation falls off as people get older, their participation in non-sport related physical activity increases and then remains stable;
8. Walking and fitness/gym continue to be the most popular forms of exercise for adults.

Netball Participation

Netball Australia reported in December 2016 that netball is still the most popular team sport for women and young girls (based on the AusPlay data). They reported that participation in the junior NetSetGo program is increasing and that more focus on social programs such as the ‘Fast5’ will support further growth in participation as well as encourage male participation.

AFL Female Participation

The AFL have reported a 56% increase in female community club teams in 2016 with female participation now representing 27% of the total. Girls participating in Auskick has increased by 21% and total female participation by 19%.

The AFL are making a conscious push to support and grow female participation through the introduction of a national elite competition and through funding promotional campaigns as well as both program and facility development.

Football Participation

The Football Federation Australia (FFA) have reported that football continues to grow and based on the AusPlay report is the team sport with the highest participation rates across Australia.

The FFA have an aggressive 20-year Plan to build on their strong participation and aim to have every community club having women’s teams in every age group in every club and grow participation in schools.

Tennis Participation

Tennis remains in the top 10 participated sports for both genders and across both adults and children.

Tennis Australia has a Participation Strategy that aims to have 1 million registered players and 4 million people playing at least once a year and includes a framework of focus on schools, juniors, clubs, junior and competition support.

Equestrian Participation

Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation, published by the ABS shows that participation in horse riding, equestrian and polo has remained consistent between the Census years 2010, 2012 and 2014 (between 140,000 and 150,000 participants). Equestrian Australia membership shows a similar trend, whereby there has been no notable change in membership in recent years, yet membership remains strong at around 19,000

(2016). The 2016 Australian Sports Commission survey data indicates there are an estimated 53,246 participants in equestrian sport in Victoria. Of these the vast majority (79%) are females. Approximately 17% are under 14 years of age.

Disciplines with the highest organised participation are dressage, showjumping, eventing and show horse. The largest equestrian groups in Victoria are Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria (HRCav), Pony Club Association of Victoria (PCAV) and Equestrian Victoria (EV) .

It is difficult to identify the exact number of equine participants and members across Victoria due to the significant number of local, regional and state organisations across all disciplines. It is not uncommon for people who engage in equestrian activity to be members of multiple clubs, or not be a member at all. Overall the outlook for Victorian equestrian clubs and organisations is positive.

Cricket Participation

Victoria’s total participation figure was 448,608 contributing to the national total of 1,650,030, the largest number of participants recorded in the history of the sport.

The results also demonstrate that cricket continues to be a sport of choice for women and girls as female participation in Victoria grew by nearly 5%. This included an 11.6% increase in the number of new girls’ teams taking to the field, driven by the ongoing investment in the national Growing Cricket for Girls Fund.

Whilst declining participation in organised sport in developed countries is a global trend, Victoria has delivered an increase in Club Cricket with a total of 8,153 teams across junior and senior categories.

Bowls Participation

The 2017 Bowls Census Report indicates that social participation in Victoria has increased by 17.68% since 2013 with playing members decreasing by 4.39%.

In total, there were 200,573 participants in bowls competitions and programs (of at least 4 games

duration) in Victoria during 2017. Specifically:

- The greatest participation segment in Victoria was social bowls, with 61.1% of participants
- Male participation makes up 66% of all bowls participation in Victoria
- Participation in country Victoria (145,329) is higher than metropolitan participation (55,244) and the largest regions for bowls participation are Central Victoria, Western Coast, Sandbelt and Easter Regional



OPPORTUNITIES AND ISSUE ANALYSIS

A survey was distributed to the user groups with the below responses –

Strengths

- Growth area
- TFNC largest following/supporter base
- TFNC has three additional teams (women’s AFL included)
- TFNC has been established for 125 years
- Beating heart of Tatura
- TNA participants and member numbers increasing
- Strong community connection
- TNA robust administration and processes
- Financially sound
- Community involved in each sporting group
- Able to get two women’s soccer teams back

Weaknesses

- Cricket nets don’t meet new standards
- Storage containers flood when it rains
- Surface issues with oval
- Cricket/Football crossover with TFNC – preseason commencing November-March
- Fencing along Lake Bartlett required
- Car park lighting
- TNA responsible for all capital improvements (Crown Land)
- Need new netball courts in five years including lights and building (currently does not have disability access)
- Basketball – costs involved, loss of participants to other sports and declining numbers of children in town
- Speed at which maintenance is done
- No accessible toilet at stadium on lower level
- Basketball is undersized with non-compliant run-offs
- Declining participation
- Frank Howley complex needs revamping

Opportunities

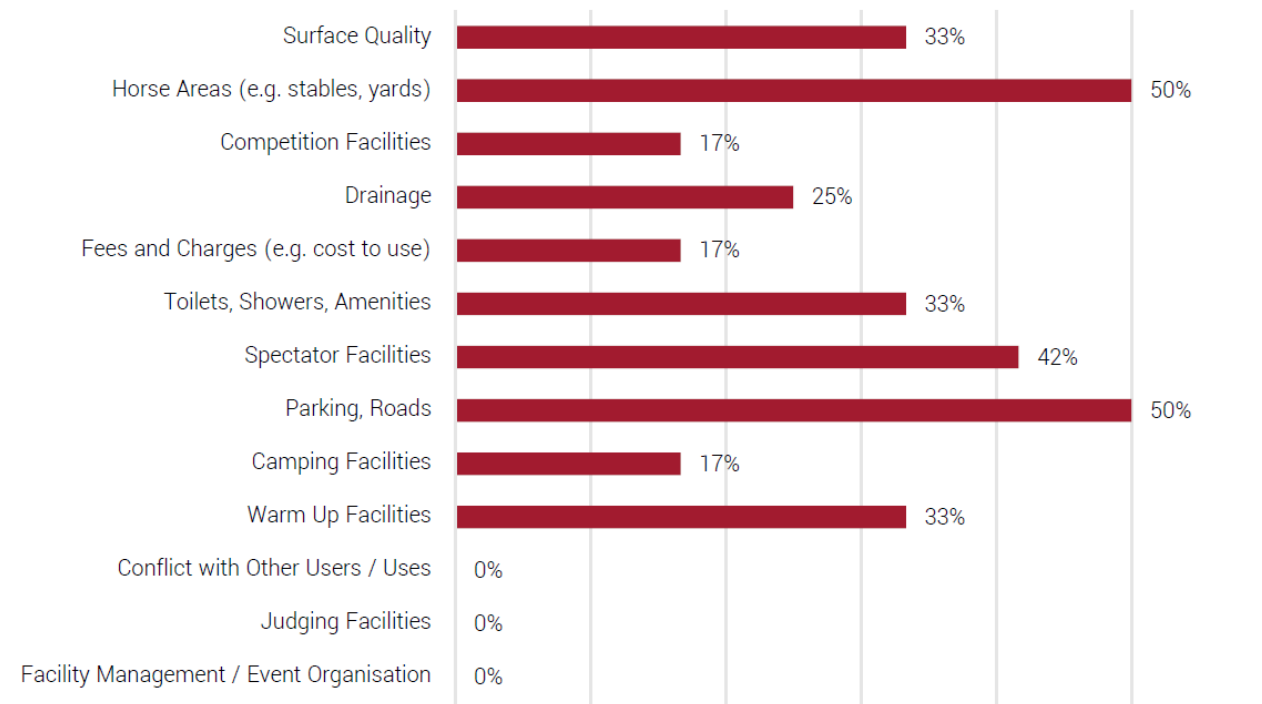
- Closure of Hastie Street
- Become Council managed facility
- Council take back caravan park at expiration of lease for utilisation for camping
- Lighting of Howley Oval 2
- Programs to target 15-18 year old’s to play sport again

Threats

- Equestrian shared use
- Crown Land – with limited funds available for upgrades
- Ageing infrastructure
- Lack of numbers for some junior grades due to social media, other sports etc.

In 2018 a separate survey provided by Urban Enterprise was provided to Equestrian users and the following table shows the results from what users believe can be improved at Tatura Park –

TATURA PARK



A public drop-in session was carried out with tables of four each with a different heading, with the results as below –

GOVERNANCE	
Conflicting ground bookings	XX
Seems to be no overarching governance to pool, netball courts, tennis courts, bowling greens, no co-ordination or use of facilities – all act independently	XXX
Seasonal users of ovals to retain first option for use	XX
Strong and active committee at TNA – working with Council to maintain and best use of space provided	
Community consultation needs adequate notification i.e. letter only received Saturday AM and meeting on Monday (Brown Street)	XXXXXXXXXX
During consultation process need to ensure all clubs and differing opinions within clubs are heard – consultation at committee meetings of clubs – group meetings of clubs	

OPERATIONS	
South East corner of reserve is used as a tip at times – would be good to clean this up and not a dropping ground	XXXXXX
Dairy Week – cow manure stockpile out of front of houses in Galloway Street/Service Street is not satisfactory for amenity of residents – smell, flies, dusty – needs to be managed better	XXXXXXXXXX
Little bob-cats clearing hay/waste operating at all hours, continual beeping/motor noises echoing to neighbouring properties – heaps of dust – increasing allergies in households Brown Street/Service Street	XXXXXXXX
Lights left on days after events finish - Brown and Service Street	XXXXXXXXXX
TNA courts used five days/nights per week during season. In addition to adhoc events in partnership with TFNC	
Repair netball courts (South)	XXXX

PROGRAMMING	
Thriving participation in Tatura Netball Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year to Year Increase• Servicing LGA –Shepparton & Campaspe• Engaging 6 years to 17 years	
Working well with Tatura Football Netball Club with court use	

INFRASTRUCTURE	
Difficult to get repairs done to Howley Oval facilities	X
Storage containers at Howley Oval need to be replaced with proper shed	X
Roof for the Verandah at Howley Oval	X
Howley Ovals are not watered well enough always dry	X
Fencing Service Street & Brown Street. Letter sent no response	XXXXXXXXXX
East end of arena shed needs an end to direct noise and dust down to the ground and not to housing	XXXXXXXX
Stop large trucks coming around dog leg on Brown Street. Accident waiting to happen	XXXXXXXX
Trucks removing straw etc to be covered, fine dust like sawdust in houses & straw in gutters	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Spotlights shining over to Galloway Street	XXXX
Permanent closure of Hastie from Service to Davies Street – Safety Risk	XXXXXX
Tatura Park Oval needs to have drainage reviewed to alleviate flooding houses in Galloway Street	XXXXXXXXXX
Tatura Pool toilets and change rooms in substandard condition – can new facilities be shared with netball courts	XXX
Dump point requires regular checks, as it has been blocked and unusable and very untidy	XXXX
Long-time taken to respond to lighting (ground) issues at Howley and Tatura Main Oval	
Dog Park – Fence off area to allow dogs off leash	
Disability access at cricket stadium/ rooms	
Hastie street should remain open to traffic Mon-Fri	XXXXXXXX
Speaker volumes & times	XXXXXXXXXX
Netball Courts at end of life. Include elements of Multi use in upgrade.	
Upgrading rooms Tatura Netball Association to be all access – include change rooms for women.	
Truck: eg B/Double access to Brown & Service Streets not rated. Brown Street gates should be emergency vehicles only.	XXX

KEY ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tatura Community

As noted, the population in Tatura is projected to grow by around 22% by 2036.

Apart from reflecting broader changes to facility demand and requirements linked to sport and recreation,

it is unlikely the demand for facilities at Tatura will decline based on demographics, but rather as a

minimum remain stable, with potential for increased demand in the future should identified growth occur.

Supporting Council Strategy and Activity

The Council Plan, incorporating the Health and Wellbeing Plan acknowledge the importance of providing

places and programs where people can meet, socialise, connect and be active. The proposed Liveability

Framework in particular confirms Council's leadership role in providing services, facilities and places

for this to occur. Tatura Sport Precinct is well placed to be a key hub in this location for these activities and facilities.

The whole of sport cricket and tennis plans both recommend provision of sporting infrastructure to meet

community demand and that facilities are developed for multi-use.

Community Planning

Historically the Community Plan has not included many actions for the Sports Precinct however the Community Planning group are working on some actions that will correlate with the opportunities raised in this document.

Sports Role in Community Wellbeing

The 'AusPlay' report confirmed the important role of sport and physical activity not only in people's physical wellbeing but also to their mental health, noting that fun, enjoyment and social reasons and psychological/mental health benefits all followed physical health and fitness as the key reasons why people participate in sport. The sports precinct and the activities that occur there are providing an important community role in facilitating this participation in the Tatura area.

Tenant Sports Clubs

Participation data for netball, AFL, cricket and tennis suggests the tenant sports are either in a growth phase or supported by active growth strategies of the sports and there is opportunity through continued development and innovation, including developing or participating in flexible and social competitions to as a minimum sustain the current levels of use. Women's teams in AFL, introduction of football and Fast5 netball, social tennis and evening activities are examples to ensure the clubs remain viable entities

Overall Management (Council v DELWP)

During amalgamation of Rodney Shire and Shepparton Shire, various recreation reserves were retained as Council managed facilities and the balance remained managed by committees reporting directly to the DELWP. With the changing times including the reduction in volunteers, the feasibility of Council becoming Committee of Management for those remaining recreation reserves needs to be seriously considered. There is a clear distinction in the condition of facilities between those managed by Council and those managed by a DELWP committee. This is due to no fault of the committee, they are just unable to access the same large funding that the Council managed facilities can.

Change Rooms

The Ballantyne Centre and change rooms have been assessed to be in quite good condition, however are not female friendly with open showers and limited pan toilets. The change rooms are starting to look a bit tired, particular the away rooms and consideration should be given to refurbing these in the near future, particularly given Tatura now has a women's team.

The existing netball facilities, although could be considered fit for purpose they are aging and there is no disability access. Given that block of users all have aging infrastructure, consideration should be given to one large multi-purpose facility being built that can also be utilised by the swimming pool, which is managed by Council.

Caravan Park

With the lease for the caravan park due to expire in 2024, Council should investigate whether a new lease should be entered into, or whether it is more beneficial for this space to become the supporting camping areas for Tatura Park events. This will allow the eastern oval to be upgraded and be used for equestrian events.

Ovals

The surface quality of the main oval and Howley 1 and 2 are in quite good order. The eastern oval however is in very poor condition due to it being used a camping ground for events. The eastern oval should be designed and upgraded if the camping can be relocated to the caravan park at the end of the lease. Galloway Street residents have advised of issues with flooding so a drainage design should form part of any oval upgrades at the main and eastern oval.

Oval, netball and tennis lighting

The main oval lighting has been estimated at less than 50 lux. An upgrade of the main oval lighting to bring sports floodlighting in line with today's standards for training is desired. Investigation of the current netball and tennis court lighting should be undertaken to determine any upgrades in the future.

The lighting of Howley Oval 2 should also be

considered as a high priority as this will enable more winter users access. This has been a request of users for a number of years.

Hardcourts / Lawn Courts

The Tatura Netball Association have engaged 2MH to undertaken an assessment of the condition of their courts. However, one court is currently not playable and is fenced off.

Tennis have been undertaking projects to upgrade their courts as funds have become available. The Tennis Club share a greenskeeper with the Tatura Bowls Club. The fencing at the club is failing and will require replacing but due to the significant cost the club are not in a position to replace this.

Bowls did not indicate any areas within their facility that require upgrading.

Cricket Nets and storage

The existing nets should be upgraded to meet Cricket Australia guidelines and encourage public community use.

There are two shipping containers which are used for storage by cricket and soccer. These are located in a low area and subject to inundation when it rains. Storage should be considered during any upgrade works undertaken at the stadium.

Stadium

The non-compliant court at the stadium is of major concern and investigation into resolving this should be undertaken immediately. There is also no easily accessible disabled toilet inside, with the only one being located upstairs. The facility is aging and requires re-painting and review of accessibility concerns resolved.

Consideration should also be given to erecting a verandah for the summer sports that utilise the stadium.

Parking and entrance

On game day the Tatura Football Netball Club have been closing Hastie Street to local traffic, as this can cause issues with Emergency Services, priority should be made to fencing the Tatura Park site in its entirety and having one access gate operational on game day for people wishing to park inside the facility. This will not only stop Hastie Street from needing to be closed but it will also provide a fully secure facility to assist in preventing run-away horses getting out on the road. A pedestrian crossing with appropriate lighting will be installed to make it safer for netballers and spectators to go to and from netball/football.

Stabling

Majority of the stabling is in good condition however a design should be undertaken to ensure that the space is being used effectively. There is also opportunity to increase the number of stables to meet the requirements by a number of venue users.

Tatura Park Operations

Operational items have been raised during the consultation process, including event volumes and times, dust, smells, late night lighting, dump point failing and large trucks entering the facility. Councils has erected a colourbond fence to try and limit the dust however investigation and consideration needs to be made for other long-term options along with the other operational concerns raised.



DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

The following development priorities at the precinct have been identified through the workshops and surveys.

	PROJECT	PRIORITY
1.	Investigations of caravan park lease and future use – camping and design plan	HIGH
2.	Full upgrade to the eastern oval including drainage and zoned irrigation, as well as permanent fencing	HIGH
3.	Cricket and Soccer storage at Howley Oval 1	HIGH
4.	Upgrade to indoor stadium to meet compliance including toilet facilities	HIGH
5.	Install full perimeter fencing at Tatura Park including upgrade to existing fencing	HIGH
6.	Install pedestrian crossing between football precinct and netball precinct	HIGH
7.	Install waste disposal pits at Tatura Park Equestrian Complex	HIGH
8.	Renewal of existing netting on Western Oval	HIGH
9.	Investment in beautification and improved aesthetic of the Tatura Park Equestrian Complex	HIGH
10.	Improved internal roadways at Tatura Park	HIGH
11.	Create and implement Tatura Park Equestrian Complex drainage plan including building runoff and collection	HIGH
12.	Tennis facility fencing upgrade	HIGH
13.	Works in accordance with 2MH recommendations for netball courts	HIGH
14.	Feasibility study on Council becoming Committee of Management for all DELWP recreation reserves	MEDIUM
15.	Refurbishment of changerooms at the Ballantyne Centre to make them female friendly	MEDIUM
16.	New multi-purpose facility that houses Bowls, Tennis, Netball and the swimming pool including pool plantroom, multipurpose and multi-use toilets/change rooms, kiosk facilities and individual storage rooms	MEDIUM
17.	Main oval and Howley Oval 2 lighting upgrade	MEDIUM
18.	Provide 50m long x 2m high fence between Lake Bartlett and Howley Oval 1 to prevent lost cricket balls	MEDIUM
19.	Investigate feasibility of an on ground Operations Officer to manage the operation of Tatura Park Equestrian Complex	MEDIUM
20.	Improve Western Oval fencing	MEDIUM
21.	Improve the standard of wash bays, stable blocks and supporting buildings including additional stable options and upgrades at the Tatura Park Equestrian Complex	MEDIUM
22.	Investigate provision for permanent parking bays alongside Western Oval	MEDIUM
23.	Electronic signage at Tatura Park Equestrian Complex for upcoming event listings	MEDIUM
24.	Onsite portable office at the Tatura Park Equestrian Complex	MEDIUM
25.	Bitumen indoor arena west end – Tatura Park	MEDIUM

26.	New seating for inside arena – Tatura Park	LOW
27.	Boom gate at North West entry to Tatura Park	LOW
28.	Improved entrance on south side for equestrian facility users	LOW
29.	Install verandah at the stadium	LOW
30.	Install lift for improved access at Ballantyne Centre	LOW
31.	Investigate location options and install playground	LOW
32.	Install outdoor basketball ½ court	LOW
33.	Connecting path from main oval to Lake Bartlett and Howley Ovals incorporating Tennis, Bowls and the School	LOW

PLEASE NOTE - Historically, Greater Shepparton City Council has not funded capital infrastructure upgrades on land that is not owned or managed by Council.

Therefore some of the development priorities listed above, are unlikely to form part of any future Council budget, unless ownership/management changes occur or at the direction of the Executive Leadership Team and/or Councillors. In regards to large State or Federal external funding opportunities which require a matching contribution and where only Council can apply, these will be considered on a case by case basis by Council’s Executive Leadership Team at the time, if the matching contribution plus contingency can be proven to be provided by the particular Committee/Club.

In adopting this master plan, Council recognises the aspirations and priorities of the Tatura community and user groups for the future development of this facility. It is important to note that adoption of this plan does not guarantee funding for works that have been identified. While some of the actions can be delivered by in kind work and others under existing funding arrangements, the larger components requiring capital investment will be subject to detailed design, cost estimation and funding.

Tatura Park Sports, Events and Community Precinct

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