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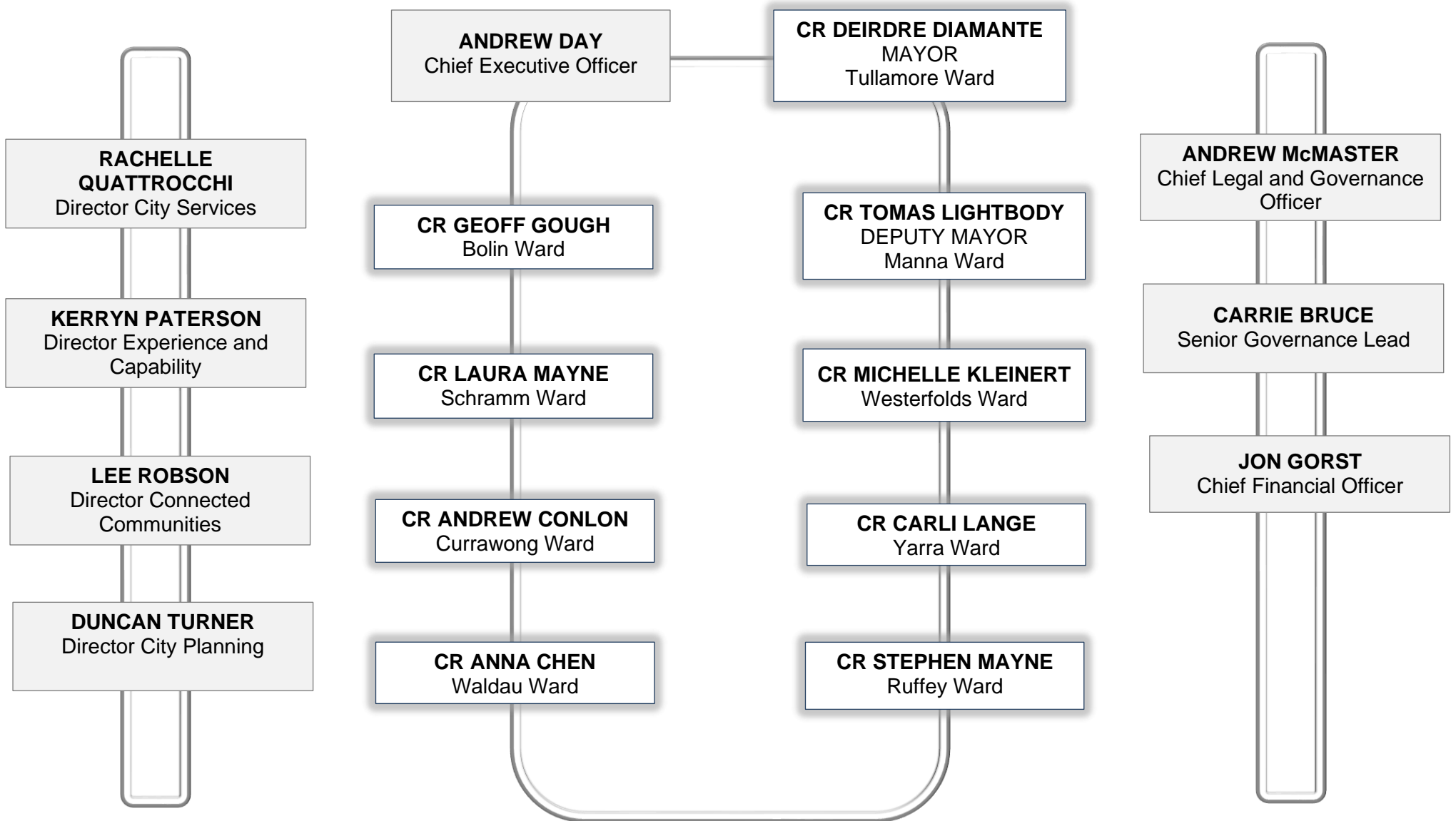
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This meeting is convened to transact the business listed below.

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Chief Executive Officer

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**1 OPENING PRAYER AND STATEMENTS OF
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3 PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 February 2023.

5 PRESENTATIONS

6 PETITIONS

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8 ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

9 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

There are no Planning Permit applications that require a decision of Council this month.

10 CITY PLANNING

There are no City Planning reports.

11 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

11.1 Sports Facility Development Plan

File Number: IN23/120
Responsible Director: Director Connected Communities
Attachments: 1 Summary Document - Sports Facility Development Plan Stage 2 [↓](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-2025 (2019 Review) identified a need to review facility provision for various sports, to ensure current and future participation is catered for. In response to this action, the Sports Facility Development Plan (SFDP) has been created.

Stage 1 of the SFDP was developed in 2020 and focused on outdoor sports, including (but not limited to) AFL, baseball, cricket, netball and soccer. Stage 1 also included analysis of ways to increase capacity of existing facilities through capital works, policy development and maintenance.

The sports considered within this report include archery, badminton, BMX, futsal, mountain biking, pony/horse clubs, radio control clubs (car and plane), skate, table tennis and volleyball. Work has also been undertaken to identify opportunities within school facilities, as well as identification of opportunities for construction of structured sport and active recreation facilities on both Council land and Crown land.

This information has been collated and now forms the Sports Facility Development Plan (SFDP) Stage 2.

The SFDP Stage 2 has been informed by community consultation as well as discussions with local clubs, other Government bodies (e.g. Parks Victoria) and local, state and national sporting associations. The SFDP provides recommendations for Council to ensure adequate future facility provision for each sport within the project scope.

This report highlights key areas from the SFDP Stage 2 and seeks endorsement of the recommendations within the report.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Council endorse the Sports Facility Development Plan Stage 2.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Council's Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-2025 (2019 Review) identified a need to review facility provision for various sports, to ensure current and future participation is catered for. In response to this action, the Sports Facility Development Plan (SFDP) has been created.

- 2.2 The SFDP was developed in 2 stages. Stage 1 was developed in 2019/20 and considered facility provision for sports including AFL, athletics, baseball, cricket, hockey, lawn bowls, netball (outdoor) rugby union, soccer and tennis. Stage 1 included an analysis of current and required future facility provision for these sports, with recommendations provided to address each individual sports identified challenges and opportunities. Stage 1 also considered ways to increase the capacity of existing sports fields through improved sports field maintenance, policy development and capital works processes. This included:
- The development of the Sporting Facilities Allocations Policy, which aims to create more efficient use of sports fields.
 - A review of the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Guidelines (now known as the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Policy), which aims to provide the right facilities to cater for participation and subsequently creating more efficiency in Council spending.
 - Creation of the Recreation Capital Works Program, which includes criteria used to prioritise all recreation capital projects.
 - A review of the Seasonal Sports Pricing Policy (now known as the Pricing Policy for Use of Council Active Open Space). This process is currently underway.
- 2.3 This report focuses on stage 2 of the SFDP, which includes a similar focus on facility provision requirements. The scope of stage 2 includes archery, badminton, BMX, futsal, mountain biking, pony/horse clubs, radio control clubs (car and plane), skate, table tennis and volleyball. Further to the analysis of the above sports, stage 2 also explores school sites to determine opportunities to establish Joint Use Agreements (JUA), as well as identifying other sites across Manningham (Council and Parks Vic land) that present an opportunity to construct future facilities for all sport and recreation activities.
- 2.4 Stage 2 has been informed by significant data analysis, research and community consultation. A community survey was undertaken in early 2022 to obtain participation data for unstructured sports such as mountain biking, skate and scooters. In addition to the community survey, detailed discussions were undertaken with local clubs as well as local, state and national sporting associations, to understand their strategic direction and facility provision requirements. Councillors have previously been briefed on the outcomes of the community consultation.
- 2.5 The SFDP also addresses basketball and netball. Significant discussions are ongoing with the respective state sporting associations, to better understand future strategy direction and facility provision requirements. Furthermore, gymnastics was also included in the scope however facility provision for the sport has been addressed within the Donvale Indoor Sports Centre master plan. More detailed information will be added for these sports retrospectively.

3. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

- 3.1 The SFDP analyses a range of different sports. The following section does not summarise the information and recommendations from all sports, rather it is designed to highlight the sports which had strong community focus through the consultation. The analysis of all sports can be found within the SFDP at Attachment 1.

Basketball

- 3.2 Basketball was included in the scope of the SFDP, however discussions with Basketball Victoria have identified a high demand for additional facilities in Manningham. Given this, the SFDP currently provides a basic overview of current facility provision however does not detail future facility provision requirements. It is proposed that the SFDP would be updated at a later date based on these ongoing discussions with Basketball Victoria.

Mountain Bike and Dirt Jumps

- 3.3 Over the previous two years, community interest in mountain biking (MTB) and dirt jumps has increased dramatically within Manningham and across the eastern region. Covid lockdowns saw a significant rise in pop-up dirt jumps being built by the community. Whilst this has slowed slightly since lockdowns ended, there is still significant community interest in these facilities.
- 3.4 Currently, there is only 1 formal dirt jump facility in Manningham which is located at Wonga Park Reserve.
- 3.5 Given the local interest in these facilities, a number of sites are recommended within the SFDP for further investigation. These include:
- Boronia Reserve, Doncaster
 - Fitzsimons Reserve, Templestowe
 - Jenkins Reserve, Templestowe
 - Katrina Gully, Doncaster
 - Morris Williams Reserve, Bulleen
 - St Clems Reserve, Doncaster East
 - Stintons Reserve, Park Orchards
 - Windella Quadrant, Doncaster
 - Zerbes Reserve, Doncaster
- 3.6 Work is currently underway to determine the suitability of these sites and also the geographical spread. Enhancements to the Wonga Park Reserve dirt jumps are also proposed as per the recently endorsed Wonga Park Reserve Masterplan.

Netball

- 3.7 As part of the Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre master plan, Council has been working with both Netball Victoria and the Doncaster and District Netball Association regarding facility provision. Discussions have been ongoing with both organisations to understand how the strategic direction for netball in Manningham will impact on facility provision requirements.
- 3.8 Given this, the SFDP provides a brief summary of current facility provision, however does not provide any recommendations on future facility provision. The SFDP does note that further discussions are required with the two netball organisations, and that the SFDP will be updated based on the outcome of these discussions.

Skate

- 3.9 There are currently 3 skate parks across Manningham which are located at:
- Lawford Reserve, Doncaster
 - Swanston Reserve, Lower Templestowe
 - Warrandyte Reserve, Warrandyte
- 3.10 Each skate park provides different elements for users, however all 3 are classified as local level facilities. Through the community consultation, it was identified that the existing skate facilities are heavily utilised, and that there was strong demand across the community for more facilities. This demand was prevalent in respondents that reside in Park Orchards.
- 3.11 The SFDP analysed the current facilities offered to identify how these could be enhanced to meet some of this demand. The SFDP recommends additional facilities at Swanston Reserve to ensure the facility provides for all levels of skaters. This work is currently underway with a draft concept plan developed and community consultation undertaken. Furthermore, the SFDP recommends exploring floodlights to activate skate facilities at night, where deemed appropriate (such as Warrandyte Reserve).
- 3.12 It is acknowledged that space is limited in areas such as Park Orchards and Wonga Park, which significantly limits the ability to explore skate facilities in these suburbs. As such, the SFDP recommends considering skateable elements in future masterplans at reserves within these suburbs, and this view is also extended to other suburbs, where deemed appropriate. Design considerations to meet diverse needs including elements for freestyle BMX, scootering, inline and roller skating which is also recommended to be considered in future projects.
- 3.13 Supporting infrastructure such as toilets, access to drinking water, seats, shade and rubbish bins are also recommended to be considered as part of any new or upgraded facility.
- 3.14 Geographically, the current spread of skate facilities is adequate however opportunity exists to consider a future skate facility around the Doncaster East area. The SFDP recommends considering Zerbes Reserve as an opportunity to construct a new skate facility. The site is well serviced by public transport, is within close proximity of local shops, has existing toilets and drinking water, and has strong passive surveillance. Further community consultation is required prior to considering this site.

Alternate Sites

- 3.15 The scope of the SFDP also included exploring alternate sites that could be utilised to meet identified facility provision gaps. The SFDP analysed facilities located across a number of schools in Manningham and identified opportunities for future Joint Use Agreements (JUAs). The SFDP also identified key opportunities to advocate for additional community use within these school facilities.
- 3.16 In addition to school land, the SFDP analysed various land opportunities across Manningham, and provides recommendations as to whether it is worthwhile exploring these facilities further. The land identified ranges from being able to accommodate sports fields, to being land suitable to construct dirt jumps and pump tracks.

4. COUNCIL PLAN / STRATEGY

- 4.1 The SFDP responds directly to several actions, goals and priorities within Council's Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-25 (2019 Review), Council Plan 2021-25 and Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25. This includes:

4.1.1 Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-25 (2019 Review)

Action 1.3.5 – Investigate opportunities to meet the sporting facility needs of current and future residents.

4.1.2 Council Plan 2021-25

Goal 1.1 – A healthy, resilient and safe community.

Goal 1.2 – Connected and inclusive community.

Goal 2.1 – Inviting places and spaces.

Goal 2.2 – Enhanced parks, open space and street scapes.

Goal 2.4 – Well maintained and utilised community infrastructure.

Goal 5.1 – A financially sustainable Council that manages resources effectively and efficiently.

4.1.3 Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25

Priority 3 - Increased active lifestyles.

Priority 7 - Increased connection and engagement in community life.

5. IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is important to undertake planning for future sport facility provision, to ensure our community have opportunities to participate both now and into the future. This is a key outcome from the SFDP.
- 5.2 Whilst the SFDP primarily has a local focus, it acts to complement the regional level focus for facility provision as per the Melbourne East Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Finance / Resource Implications

- 6.1.1 The SFDP recommendations are primarily facility-based and as a result, will require funding to implement. Each recommendation needs to be investigated and where appropriate, placed in Council's capital works program. Whilst a total value for implementation of this plan is not identified, each project will be considered on merit and in line with Council's capital works priority list.

6.2 Communication and Engagement

6.2.1 A community survey was released to inform the content of the SFDP, specifically for sports where participation data is not readily available. Correspondence was also had with key stakeholders including sporting clubs, as well as local, state and national sporting associations. The information received through this process helped identify local demand, the strategic direction for clubs and associations, as well as key strategic priorities for these groups.

6.3 Timelines

6.3.1 Following endorsement, implementation of the recommendations will be undertaken in line with the priority ranking listed in the SFDP, and in line with Council's capital works program (where capital upgrades are recommended).

7. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.



Sports Facility Development Plan

Stage 2 Summary Document



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Executive Summary

In 2020 Council Officers prepared Volume 1 of the Sports Facility Development Plan (SFDP). The SFDP was developed in response to Council's Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-2025 (2019 Review) (Recreation Strategy), which identified a demonstrated need for Council to adequately plan for forecast participation growth in organised sport.

This document is Stage 2 of the SFDP and aims to guide Council's planning and decision making to meet current and future facility needs of 13 sports, based on current and projected future participation within each sport.

The following sports are included within the project scope:

- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- BMX
- Futsal
- Gymnastics
- Mountain Biking
- Netball (indoors)
- Pony Club/Horse Riding (club based)
- RC Clubs (car and plane)
- Skate
- Table Tennis, and
- Volleyball

As part of this project, consultation has been undertaken with the broader community as well as relevant sporting clubs and associations. Participation data has also been obtained for the sports within the project scope, although it is noted that not all sports provided participation data.

A detailed Consultation Report was prepared documenting the consultation outcomes. Furthermore, a Situational Analysis Report was also prepared which captured the key consultation findings, and includes participation data (where available), current facility provision and future land opportunities.

This report captures key data and focuses on the future infrastructure provision required for the 13 included sports. This report also identifies opportunities for Joint Usage Agreements with schools, possible future land development opportunities, as well as providing various recommendations for each of the sports included.

1 Introduction

In 2020 Council Officers prepared Volume 1 of the SFDP, which focused on key outdoor sports including AFL, soccer and cricket. The purpose of the SFDP is to guide Council's decision making and planning to meet current and future facility provision, based on current and projected future participation within each sport. The SFDP also responds directly to Council's Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-2025 (2019 Review) (Recreation Strategy), which identified a demonstrated need for Council to adequately plan for forecast participation growth in organised sport.

This document forms stage 2 of the SFDP, with a focus on indoor sports, outdoor sports with traditionally lower participation, and sports that are unstructured in nature such as mountain biking and skate.

2 Project Scope

The SFDP aims to cater for increased participation, improved user experience, and alignment with the Recreation Strategy. This is achieved through the following principles:

- Maximising use of existing sporting facilities,
- Embedding inclusive participation opportunities within our community; and
- Efficiency in infrastructure spending.

This will be achieved, in part, through:

- Efficient capital works processes;
- Appropriate provision of infrastructure; and
- Identification of possible land opportunities.

The SFDP has been developed in 2 stages, with this document forming Stage 2 of the project. SFDP Stage 1 focussed on the following outdoor sports:

- AFL;
- Athletics;
- Baseball;
- Cricket;
- Hockey;
- Lawn Bowls;
- Netball (outdoor);
- Rugby Union;
- Soccer; and
- Tennis.

SFDP Stage 1 also focused on increasing capacity of existing outdoor sporting facilities through improved sports field maintenance, policy development and capital works processes.

This document forms stage 2 of the SFDP and includes the following sports:

- Archery;
- Badminton;
- Basketball;
- BMX;
- Futsal;
- Gymnastics;

- Mountain Biking;
- Netball (indoors);
- Pony Club/Horse Riding (club based);
- RC Clubs (car and plane);
- Skate;
- Table Tennis; and
- Volleyball

Stage 2 focuses on the infrastructure provision required for the 13 included sports, and identified opportunities for future Joint Use Agreements with schools as well as potential future land development opportunities. For the purpose of this document, Stage 2 of the SFDP will be referred to as the SFDP throughout, whilst Stage 1 will be referred to as SFDP Stage 1.

2.1 Purpose

The project purpose is to develop a plan that provides strategically justified recommendations for sports facility provision, in response to current and future participation in various sports.

2.2 Objectives

The objectives of the project are to:

- Understand current and projected future participation levels in the nominated sports.
- Create a clear vision and plan for future infrastructure development.
- Identify land opportunities for possible future development.
- Identify school facilities that could be considered for future Joint Use Agreements.

2.3 Methodology

The SFDP involves collating information relating to participation, facility provision and future land opportunities to form a plan that includes recommendations for Council to implement. The key tasks undertaken to prepare this plan include:

- An analysis of Manningham's current and future population data.
- A community survey to identify participation in unstructured sports.
- Identifying current and forecast participation data of the nominated sports through consultation with local sporting clubs and associations.
- Identifying future facility requirements for the nominated sports.
- Assessing future land opportunities to cater for the future provision of the nominated sports, including schools.
- Identification of future facility needs for each of the 13 sports.

3 Strategic Context

3.1 Council Plan 2021-25

Council's plan outlines the Vision, Mission, Key Themes, Goals and Actions that will be taken to meet the needs of the local community.

Council's 2040 Vision is: Manningham is a peaceful, inclusive and safe community. We celebrate life with its diverse culture, wildlife and natural environment. We are resilient and value sustainable and healthy living, a sense of belonging, and respect for one another. Priorities listed within the Recreation Strategy strongly correlate with the *Council Plan 2021-2025*.

This includes the priority area in which the SFDP sits. Specifically the SFDP aligns with the *Healthy Community* and *Liveable Places and Spaces* Themes as outlined below.

Healthy Community

- A healthy, safe, and resilient community.
- An inclusive and connected community.

Resilient Environment

- Protect and enhance our environment and biodiversity.
- Reduce our environmental impact and adapt to climate change.

Well Governed Council

- A financially sustainable council that manages resources effectively and efficiently.
- A Council that values our customers and community in all that we do.

Vibrant and Prosperous Economy

- Grow our local business, tourism and economy.

Liveable Places and Spaces

- Inviting places and spaces.
- Enhanced parks, open space and streetscapes.
- Well connected, safe and accessible travel.
- Well utilised and maintained community infrastructure.

In addition to the above themes, the SFDP aligns directly with the following Council Plan Goals:

GOAL 1.1 Healthy, Resilient and Safe Community

Action Areas

- Recreation and leisure programs and facilities.

Actions

- *Community* - Identify strategies to get people to be more active at all stages of life to increase participation by juniors, women, culturally diverse and other priority groups.

GOAL: 2.2. Enhanced Parks, Open Space and StreetscapesAction Areas

- Maintain our parks, reserves and streetscapes.

Actions

- *Community* - Make improvements to our open space facilities to increase safety and use of our parks and open spaces to facilitate activity, recreation and relaxation.
- *Places and Spaces* - Deliver upgrades to our parks and recreation facilities (as scheduled) including Petty's Reserve Sporting Development (Stage 2), Rieschiecks Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment, and Deep Creek Reserve (initiative).

GOAL: 2.4. Well maintained and utilised community infrastructure.Action Areas:

- Expand and better utilise our current and future facilities to meet our community's needs

Actions:

- *Community*: Identify current and future capacity of our facilities and pavilions to make sure they meet community needs now and in the future.
- *Places and Spaces*: Proactively plan, upgrade and improve our recreation facilities to ensure they are maintained and accessible for a broad range of community uses.
- *Well Governed*: Investigate the current use of our facilities and identify opportunities to develop or repurpose existing facilities and the use of Council land for multi-use purposes to meet changing community needs through:
 - Assessing and improving the way our stadiums are used in conjunction with Stadium Managers.
 - Improving our community's access to sport and recreation facilities and spaces for broad community use and benefit (major initiative).

GOAL: 5.1. A financially sustainable Council that manages resources effectively and efficientlyAction Areas:

- Manages resources effectively and efficiently.

Actions:

- *Places and Spaces*: Deliver our annual capital Works Program to maintain, upgrade and develop Council assets to meet current and future needs.

3.2 Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2025

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25 identifies a number of health and wellbeing priorities impacting the community today and into the future, and has been informed by a review of the previous Healthy City Strategy 2017-2021, community feedback and state wide and local health data. These findings informed the development of seven priority areas, contained under two key goals:

Goal 1. A healthy, safe, and resilient community.

- Improved social and emotional wellbeing.
- Increased healthy eating.
- Increased active lifestyles.
- Increased adaptation to the health impacts from climate change.
- Reduced injury and harm.
- Prevention of family violence.

Goal 2. A connected and inclusive community.

- Increased connection to and engagement in community life.

3.3 Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-25 (2019 Review)

The Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-2025 (2019 Review) was reviewed in 2019 and as part of this review, 4 new priority areas and a new action plan were developed. The priority areas (figure 1) and associated action plan responds to the changing sport and recreation landscape and will guide Council's future investment into sport and recreation.

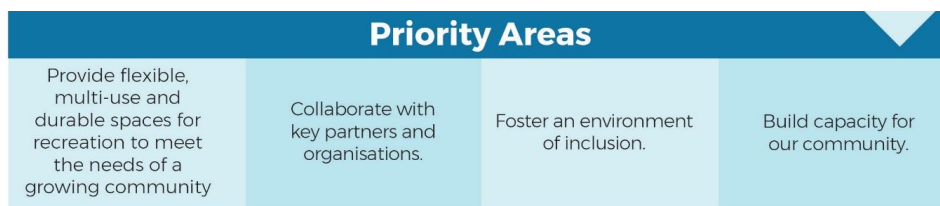
Vision

A healthier, more active community that participates in a diverse range of recreational pursuits regardless of age, gender, ability and cultural background. Infrastructure, facilities, parks and programs will be inviting and accessible to the whole community who will enjoy improved health and wellbeing as a result.

Objectives

1. To increase participation in recreation in Manningham.
2. To ensure the community has diverse recreation choices in Manningham.
3. To provide great places for people to recreate in Manningham.
4. To inspire people to participate in recreation in Manningham.

Figure 1 – Recreation Strategy Priority Areas



Specifically, the action plan is underpinned by 2 key actions focusing on facilities and participation respectively. Of particular focus for the SFDP is action 1.3.5:

Investigate opportunities to meet the sporting facility needs of current and future residents by developing a plan that:

- *Identifies current and projected future usage of facilities to determine the number of future facilities required;*
- *Creates greater optimisation of existing facilities through reviewing allocation processes, Council policy and maintenance practices;*
- *Identifies possible upgrades to existing infrastructure to increase capacity, including synthetic surfaces;*
- *Maps existing and identify possible future Joint Usage Agreements for use of school land, including highball stadiums and sports fields (if need exists); and*
- *Identifies possible future land purchases (if necessary).*

The SFDP has been developed to directly respond to this action.

3.4 Open Space Strategy Parts 1 and 2 (2014)

The Manningham Open Space Strategy 2014 is a 10-year plan that sets priorities and guidelines for the protection, development and use of public open space in the municipality. The Open Space Strategy Part 1 identifies the variety and scope of open space within Manningham as well as the hierarchy of provision and identification of current and future issues related to the provision of open space.

The vision is for an accessible and well-connected Open Space network that supports a healthy community and a healthy environment.

Goals

- Goal 2 – Expand and enhance the Open Space network.

Objectives

- 2.1 - Protect/enhance the natural landscape within our open spaces.
- 2.2 - Support the establishment of a range of recreation activities in the most suitable locations.
- 2.3 Ensure planning for future built infrastructure considers the values of the open space network
- 2.4 Take a balanced approach to risk management, safety and monitoring.

Objective 2.2 specifically outlines key considerations around infrastructure development for sport and recreation, and also supports investigating Joint Use Agreements with schools.

3.5 Melbourne East Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy

The Melbourne East Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy 2022-2032 (MERSRS) aims to provide a regional approach towards regional level facility provision, planning, advocacy and club development. The MERSRS aims to achieve this through 4 key strategic pillars:

- A balanced network of regional sport and recreation facilities.
- Knowing and understanding the region.
- A collaborative approach to regional planning, policy development and advocacy.
- Shared resources and support for regional sport and recreation.

The MERSRS highlights key recommendations that directly impact on the SFDP, including:

- Explore additional indoor courts across the region to address capacity and access requirements identified within state facility strategies for basketball, netball and volleyball.
- Monitor growth and explore future facility provision for badminton and table tennis.
- Establish a plan for the provision of multi-discipline cycling facilities across the region, including BMX tracks, pump tracks and mountain bike facilities in addition to the current planning for trails.
- Collaborate with schools around facility development.

3.6 Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Policy

This Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Policy (OSIP) provides a consistent approach to the provision of infrastructure, and related financial contributions, for outdoor organised sports. In relation to the SFDP, the OSIP governs facility requirements for BMX.

The OSIP applies to the development of new, and upgrade of existing outdoor sport infrastructure on land that is owned or managed by Council.

Council adopted the following design principles to increase the capacity of existing, and maximise the capacity of new sporting facilities, to create more participation opportunities to cater for a growing population:

- Community Focus.
- Multipurpose Facilities.
- Equitable Use/Access.
- Environmental Sustainability.

The OSIP outlines the following facility hierarchy to guide the provision of sporting infrastructure, which includes:

- Regional Facilities.
- Municipal Facilities.
- District Facilities.
- Local Facilities.
- School Facilities.

To meet the facility needs for various sports, a set of facility standards have been developed. The standards break down the requirements for each sport based on the facility hierarchy and include requirements for pavilions and sports fields. The standards provide a consistent approach to facility development and inform the capital contributions required from Council and user groups.

4 Population Analysis

It is important to highlight key community characteristics that may impact on the SFDP and other sport and recreation planning documents. As such, below is a snapshot of the Manningham community.

- Manningham is home to an estimated 134,608 residents in 2022, with population forecast to grow to 149,274 by 2036¹.
- Manningham has one of the most diverse communities in metropolitan Melbourne, with 40% of the population in 2016 born overseas. This is compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 33%².
- 42% of the community speak a language other than English at home, compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 32%³.
- In 2016, 5,844 people, or 5% of Manningham's population, reported needing help in their day-to-day lives due to disability⁴.
- There is a low level of disadvantage within the community. In 2016, the average SEIFA score across the municipality was 1066, well above the Greater Melbourne average of 1,021. Only 15% of LGAs recorded a higher index score⁵.
- Park Orchards recorded the lowest level of disadvantage at 1,125, followed by Wonga Park with 1,111, and Warrandyte and Warrandyte South with 1,110.
- Other suburbs including Templestowe (1,085), Donvale (1,082) and Templestowe Lower (1,064) also recorded scores above the Greater Melbourne average.
- Despite still recording scores above the Greater Melbourne average, Doncaster (including Doncaster Hill) recorded the lowest SEIFA score within the municipality with 1,037, followed by Bulleen with 1,047 and Doncaster East with 1,054.
- Medium to high density housing continues to be a key feature of the Doncaster Hill area, although the number of medium to high density within the municipality (24%) is lower than the Greater Melbourne Average (33%)⁶.
- Manningham has a higher median age of 43 compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 36⁷. 17.8% of our community are classified as Inactive; they engage in less than 30 minutes of physical activity a week, this is below the state average of 18.9%⁸.
- Manningham is below the state average for 'adequate exercise', considered as at least half an hour of physical activity on 4 or more days per week, with 38.2% of our population achieving this compared to 41.3% of Victoria⁹.

4.1 Population Diversity

As noted, our community is very diverse with many residents being born overseas. This is further elaborated in table 1, which highlights each suburb and the percentage of population that is born overseas¹⁰.

¹ ID Community - <https://forecast.id.com.au/manningham>

² ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/highlights-2016>

³ ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/language>

⁴ ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/assistance>

⁵ ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/seifa-disadvantage>

⁶ ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/dwellings>

⁷ ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/highlights-2016>

⁸ Vic Health Manningham LGA Profile - 2015

⁹ Vic Health Manningham LGA Profile - 2015

¹⁰ ID Community - 2016

Table 1 - % of population born overseas, per suburb (2016)

Area	Number	Total population	% Born overseas
Bulleen	4,305	10,813	39.8
Doncaster (inc. Doncaster Hill)	10,637	20,971	50.7
Doncaster East	13,570	28,420	47.7
Donvale	4,092	12,759	32.1
Park Orchards - Ringwood North	753	4,468	16.9
Templestowe	6,406	16,335	39.2
Templestowe Lower	5,067	13,641	37.1
Warrandyte - Warrandyte South	1,095	5,852	18.7
Wonga Park	384	3,075	12.5
Doncaster Hill	1,494	2,490	60.0
Total City of Manningham	46,290	116,263	39.8
Greater Melbourne	1,515,595	4,485,193	33.8

Table 2 also identifies the top 10 countries that our residents were born in (outside of Australia), and the percentage change between 2011 and 2016¹¹.

Table 2 - Top 10 countries of birth for Manningham residents

Birthplace	Number	%	Greater Melbourne %	Number	%	Greater Melbourne %	2011 to 2016
China	10,844	9.3	3.5	6,605	5.9	2.3	+4,239
Malaysia	3,880	3.3	1.1	3,202	2.9	1.0	+678
Italy	3,175	2.7	1.4	3,583	3.2	1.7	-408
United Kingdom	3,068	2.6	3.6	3,444	3.1	4.1	-376
Hong Kong	3,061	2.6	0.5	2,828	2.5	0.4	+233
Greece	2,835	2.4	1.0	3,125	2.8	1.2	-290

¹¹ ID Community - <https://profile.id.com.au/manningham/non-english-speaking-by-birthplace>

Birthplace	Number	%	Greater Melbourne %	Number	%	Greater Melbourne %	2011 to 2016
Iran	1,966	1.7	0.4	1,062	1.0	0.2	+904
India	1,754	1.5	3.6	1,317	1.2	2.7	+437
South Africa	1,208	1.0	0.5	1,403	1.3	0.5	-195
New Zealand	1,077	0.9	1.8	1,069	1.0	1.7	+8

4.2 Forecast Population Growth

Manningham's current estimated population of 134,608 (2022) is forecast to increase to 149,274 by 2036, representing a 10.9% growth¹². It should be noted that Forecast ID provide this data without consideration to the impact of Covid.

A significant portion of this population growth is focused within suburbs with high activity areas, including Doncaster, Doncaster East and Bulleen. For the purpose of understanding where this growth is, Doncaster Hill has been separated from the suburb of Doncaster in table 3 below.

Table 3 - Forecast population growth per suburb

Suburb	Current Population (2022)	Forecast Population (2036)	Percentage Growth
Doncaster Hill	6,160	11,339	84.1%
Doncaster (excl. Doncaster Hill)	22,474	26,443	17.7%
Bulleen	12,725	13,845	8.8%
Warrandyte/Warrandyte South	6,005	6,203	3.3%
Doncaster East	33,299	35,161	5.6%
Donvale	13,885	14,573	5.0%
Templestowe	17,416	18,277	4.9%
Templestowe Lower	14,938	15,507	3.8%
Wonga Park	3,218	3,332	3.5%
Park Orchards (incl. parts of Ringwood North)	4,488	4,594	2.4%

¹² ID Community - <https://forecast.id.com.au/manningham>

Further to the table above, our population's average age is above the State average. By 2036, it is anticipated that 27.63% of the population will be aged 60+. By this date, Doncaster Hill will have experienced the greatest percentage growth, with the population increasing by 84.1%, or 5,179 people. On the contrary, the lowest overall population growth will be in Park Orchards, with 2.4% anticipated growth.

It is important to understand what this growth entails to accurately plan for the provision of sporting facilities in each suburb. Table 4¹³ on the following page explores the age groups that will experience increases and decreases within each suburb across the municipality.

It is noted that the impact on immigration as a result of Covid-19 and also the economic environment will likely change future population forecasting.

¹³ ID Community - <https://forecast.id.com.au/manningham>

Table 4 - Forecast population growth per suburb and age group

% Growth (age groups in each suburb) 2019 to 2036																		
	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 to 79	80 to 84	85+
Bulleen	8.29	4.48	3.65	3.21	8.19	6.46	7.58	9.85	4.63	6.11	-3.42	5.63	14.36	46.82	43.30	17.64	-16.01	-8.38
Doncaster Hill	92.37	145.26	137.07	79.82	49.39	45.10	56.63	112.33	156.38	137.04	80.61	62.28	76.31	66.31	96.02	98.08	84.09	85.71
Doncaster	18.52	24.02	14.29	13.46	11.74	13.09	11.86	20.31	21.88	30.89	21.99	24.11	24.59	21.78	15.08	8.13	7.04	9.87
Doncaster East	1.85	4.18	-2.15	3.57	-0.53	1.16	-0.19	1.78	4.60	10.15	10.79	9.10	1.92	4.37	12.76	14.16	18.51	25.15
Donvale	4.64	2.65	2.69	2.80	2.62	2.81	5.16	6.70	6.89	10.17	-1.59	4.78	3.39	11.20	1.93	8.76	11.09	7.06
Park Orchards (incl. North Ringwood)	25.13	25.20	0.00	-16.31	-18.65	-19.05	15.33	30.77	30.43	15.53	-20.84	-26.10	-26.45	32.52	43.62	6.59	46.25	94.00
Templestowe	0.79	4.95	-0.41	-1.49	0.00	2.22	1.05	1.89	4.53	5.99	5.91	-0.33	-4.73		-1.07	16.40	35.18	53.55
Templestowe Lower	3.01	-1.24	-3.58	-1.64	3.96	5.01	5.03	0.88	0.49	-0.99	1.35	16.61	32.74	36.36	8.67	-19.92	-22.32	6.85
Warrandyte/Warrandyte South	10.00	15.74	5.98	-10.32	-13.99	-4.20	0.42	9.06	13.64	2.61	-22.76	-16.38	143.42	4.64	10.58	14.58	79.53	238.71
Wonga Park	8.39	12.57	0.41	9.56	-1.38	-11.56	3.31	11.81	17.39	7.72	-8.51	-15.54	-32.37	-11.17	7.89	76.34	115.56	96.15

Strong Growth	40%+
Moderate Growth	20 - 39%
Small Growth	0-19%
Small Decline	0-9%
Moderate Decline	10-19%
Strong Decline	20%+

Table 4 is summarised on the following pages.



Bulleen

- Older age brackets of 80-84 and 85+ decreases by 16.01% and 8.38% respectively.
- Very strong increases in 65-69 (46.82%) and 70-74 (43.30%).
- Moderate growth in most age brackets between 0-49.
- Only small decline expected in 50-54 age bracket.
- Suggests that the community is a mix of older adults and potentially young families.
- Medium density housing is likely, given the moderate growth across the majority of the age brackets with the exception of those 80+.

Doncaster Hill

- Very strong growth anticipated across all age groups.
- Particularly strong in younger age groups including 5-9 (145.26%), 10-14 (137.07%) and the middle age groups of 40-44 (156.38%).
- Growth suggests that young families will be moving into this area, as well as lone persons and down sizers.
- Medium and high-density housing is prominent and is reflected in the significant growth.

Doncaster

- Small to moderate growth is recorded across all age brackets, with the exception of strong growth recorded in 40-44 (21.88%).
- This growth indicates that subdivision and other residential development is prominent, including medium to high density, given the suburb is landlocked.

Doncaster East

- Small growth expected across many age groups.
- Minor decline in 10-14 (-2.15%), 20-24 (-0.53%) and 30-34 (-0.19%) are notably low decreases.
- Moderate growth expected between 85+-69 (25.15%).
- Suggests a stable and ageing population in this suburb with no major influx of young families.

Donvale

- Records small growth across every age bracket with the exception of 50-54 with a decline of (-1.59%).
- Suggests that medium density residential developments are being constructed, ensuring the population growth continues.
- No/minimal high-density housing is evident through the smaller growth.

Park Orchards

- Moderate to strong growth in 0-4 (25.1%) and the 5-9 (25.2) as well as the 35-39 (30.77%), 40-44 (30.43%) and 65-69 (32.52%). This suggests young families are moving to the area.
- Older families are moving out, with 15-19 (-16.31%), 20-24 (-18.65%), 25-29 (19.05%), all recording moderate to strong declines.
- 50-54 (-20.84%), 55-59 (26.10%) and 60-64 (-26.45%).
- Older adults are likely to have moderate to significant growth in 65-69 (32.52%), 75-79 (43.62%), 80-84 (46.25%) and 85+ (94%).

- Young families and retirees are likely to call Park Orchards home.

Templestowe

- Strong growth in older adults and minimal growth/loss in younger age groups suggests an ageing population.
- Notably the age groups 10-14, 15-19, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70-74 are all expected to experience a small decline of less than 5%.
- Age groups 75-79 (16.4%) will experience moderate group with, 80-84 (35.18%) and 85+ (73.26%) experiencing strong growth.

Templestowe Lower

- Small decline in age groups 0-4 (-1.24%), 5-9 (-3.58%) 10-14 (-1.64%) and 45-49 (-0.99), accompanied by low growth in the age groups 20--indicates minimal growth in the number of young families.
- Low overall growth.
- Stronger growth in 55-69 which suggests that people are moving to the area to retire, although existing 75-79 and 80-84 have all reduced by close to 20%.

Warrandyte/Warrandyte South

- Significant growth in older adults, with 238.71% increase in 85+ year olds, 79.53% growth in 80-84 and 143.42% growth in 60-64. This is offset by declines in 15-29, and 50-59 age brackets.
- Young families are expected to move here, with 3049 experiencing growth, along with 0-14.
- Moderate to significant decline is anticipated between 50-- 59. This suggests that older families are leaving the area.

Wonga Park

- Similar picture to Warrandyte/Warrandyte South, with very strong growth in older adults from 75+ whilst a strong decline will be experienced between 60-64 and moderate decline for 25-29, 55-59 and 65-69.
- There is small decline in those aged 20-24 and 45-54.
- Figures suggest that older families are moving from the area.
- Young families and older adults (likely retirees) are moving to the area.

5 Facility Provision and Usage

5.1 Sports Facility Provision

Manningham Council, schools and the private sector provide a range of facilities for the 13 sports considered by the SFDP. These facilities include:

- 1 x Archery field
- 18 x Badminton courts - 12 Council owned, 6 school owned
- 32 x Basketball courts – 14 Council owned, 12 school owned, 3 JUA and 3 commercial (not full size)
- 1 x BMX Track
- 3 x Futsal – 1 commercial, 1 private, 1 school
- 1 x Gymnastics
- 1 x Mountain Biking Trails (official)
- 1 x Bike Dirt Jumps
- 19 x Netball (Indoor)
- 2 x Pony Clubs
- 1 x Radio Controlled Car
- 1 x Radio Controlled Plane
- 11 x Volleyball
- 2 x Table Tennis – 1 Commercial, 1 school

Table 5 - Facility provision breakdown

Sport	Reserve/Venue	Pavilion	No of Court/Playing Areas	Land Owner	Comment
Archery	Bulleen Park Archery Field	1	1	Council	
Badminton	Doncaster Badminton Centre	N/A	6	Education Dept	After school hours use – Badminton only
	Doncaster Primary				
	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	8	Council	Shared with other sports
	Warrandyte Sports Centre	N/A	4	Council	Shared with other sports
TOTAL BADMINTON			18		
Basketball	Donvale Christian College	N/A	2	Private Education	Used for basketball and Netball
	Doncaster East Secondary College	N/A	2	Education Dept	Managed by Bulleen Boomers
	Doncaster Secondary College	N/A	2	Education Dept	Used primarily by Hawthorn Basketball Association

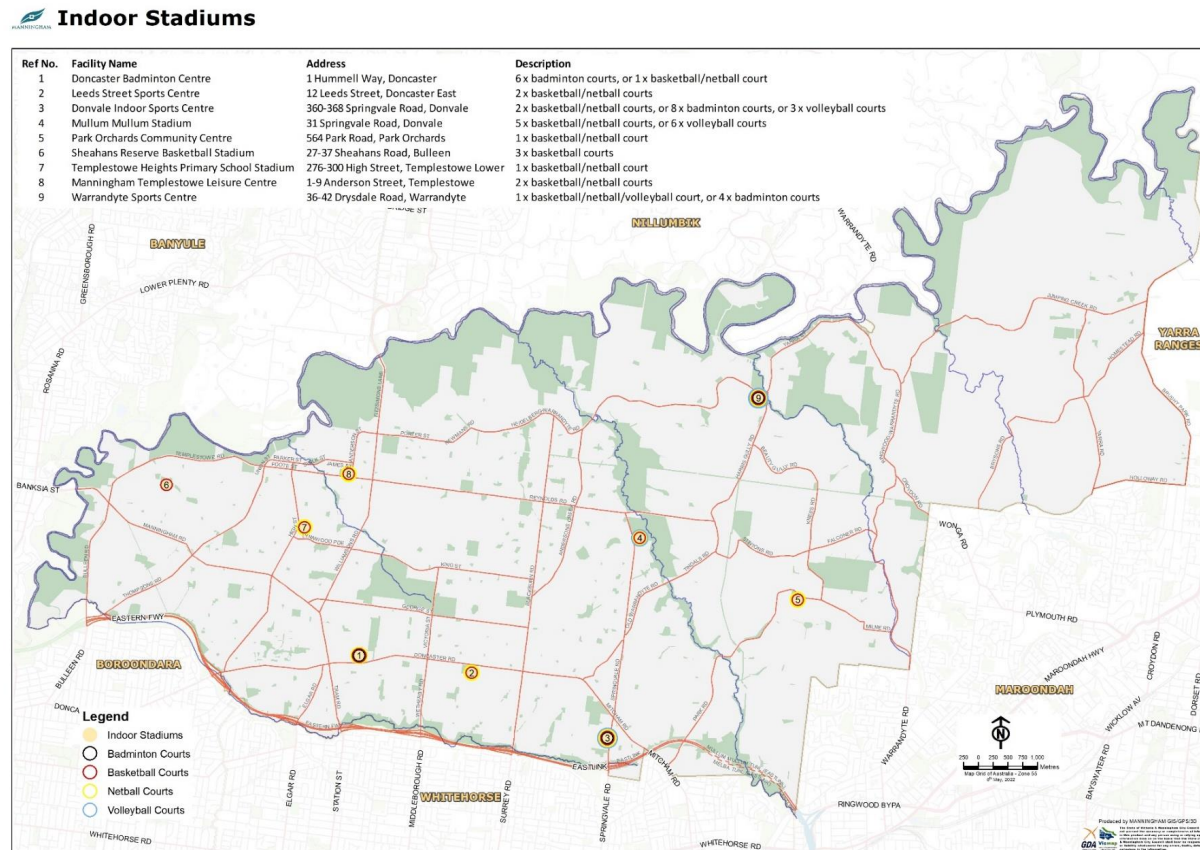
Sport	Reserve/Venue	Pavilion	No of Court/Playing Areas	Land Owner	Comment
	Doncaster Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	3	Private/commercial	3 on 3 Comp Juniors and Seniors
	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	2	Council	Primarily used for basketball
	Leeds St	N/A	2	Council	Primarily used for basketball
	Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre	N/A	2	Council	Primarily used for basketball
	Marcellin College	N/A	2	Catholic Education	Comp and training Bulleen Boomers, Camberwell Dragons, Yarra Eagles
	Millgate Primary School	N/A	1	Education Dept	Junior training
	Mullum Mullum Stadium	N/A	5	Council	Primarily used for basketball
	Our Lady of the Pines	N/A	1	Catholic Education	Used by Bulleen Boomers
	Park Orchards Community Centre	N/A	1	Council/Education Dept	Primarily used for basketball
	Serpells Primary School	N/A	1	Education	Fully used by Bulleen Boomers
	Sheahans Reserve Basketball Stadium	N/A	3	Council	Fully used by Bulleen Boomers
	Templestowe Heights Primary School	N/A	1	Council/Education	Fully used by Bulleen Boomers
	Templestowe Secondary College	N/A	1	Education	Managed by Bulleen Boomers
	Warrandyte Sports Centre	N/A	1	Council/Education	Fully used by Warrandyte Basketball Association
TOTAL BASKETBALL			32		
BMX	Stintons Reserve	1	One BMX track	Council	
Futsal	Doncaster Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	3	Commercial	Modified
	St Kevins Primary School	N/A	1	Education	
	Veneto Club Bulleen	N/A	1	Private	

Sport	Reserve/Venue	Pavilion	No of Court/Playing Areas	Land Owner	Comment
Gymnastics	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	1	Council	
Mountain Bike/Dirt Jumps	Candlebark	N/A	1	Parks Victoria	Mountain Bike Track
	Wonga Park	N/A	1	Council	Dirt Jumps
Netball (Indoor)	Doncaster Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	3	Private/commercial	Fast 5's Juniors Seniors and Mixed
	Doncaster Secondary College	N/A	2	Education	Social and Mixed Comp run by Cityside Sports
	Donvale Christian College	N/A	3	Private Education	Used for basketball and netball
	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	2	Council	Currently not line marked for netball. Draft Master Plan recommends line marking for netball and as such, DISC has been added to this table.
	Leeds St	N/A	2	Council	
	Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre	N/A	2	Council	
	Mullum Mullum Stadium	N/A	5	Council	Currently no netball use
	Park Orchards Community Centre	N/A	1	Education/JUA	Currently training only on 1 night per week
	Templestowe Heights P.S	N/A	1	Education/JUA	Currently no netball use
	Warrandyte Sports Centre (Anderson Creek P.S)	N/A	1	Education/JUA	Currently no netball use
TOTAL NETBALL			22		
RC Clubs - Car	Templestowe Reserve RC Track	1	1	Council	
RC Clubs - Plane	Bulleen Park Aero Model Field	1	1	Council	

Sport	Reserve/Venue	Pavilion	No of Court/Playing Areas	Land Owner	Comment
Table Tennis	Doncaster Indoor Sports	N/A	22 tables	Private/Commercial	3 nights a week
	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre	N/A		Council	DISC has capacity for table tennis even though it is not offered at present
	Doncaster Secondary College	N/A		Education	
Skate	Lawford Reserve	N/A	1	Council	Freestyle, Grind Rail
	Swanston Reserve	N/A	1	Council	Bowl facility
	Warrandyte Reserve	N/A	1	Council	Freestyle, Grind Rail
TOTAL SKATE			3	Council	
Volleyball	Doncaster Secondary College	N/A	4	Education Dept	Social Volleyball on Sunday run by Social Sports Inc
	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre	N/A	3	Council	
	Mullum Mullum Stadium	N/A	6	Council	Volleyball is provided on Sunday evenings by a private provider
	Templestowe Heights P.School	N/A	1	Education Dept	N/A
	Warrandyte Sports Centre	N/A	1	Education Dept	N/A
TOTAL VOLLEYBALL			15		

The map on the next page graphically represents the location of Indoor Stadiums that are Council owned and where Council has a Joint Use Agreement with the Education Department.

Figure 2 – Indoor stadium locations



5.2 Current Facility Requirements

A number of ratios have been developed by State and National Sporting Associations to enable future facility planning to be undertaken. The table below outlines the ratios applied to each of the sports being addressed in this document.

Table 6 - Industry facility ratios

Sport	Ratio
Archery	N/A
Badminton	N/A
Basketball	1:8,000 Australian Standard 1:4500 local standard
BMX	N/A
Futsal	N/A
Gymnastics	1.3m ² per participant
Mountain Biking/Dirt Jumps	N/A
Netball (Indoor)	1:7,640 single lined 1:4,880 Multi lined
Pony Club/Horse Riding	N/A
RC Clubs (Car and Plane)	N/A
Volleyball	N/A

Whilst the standards where they exist are a useful starting point, they are not accurate and relevant. For example, the 1:8,000 recommended for basketball is not applicable in Manningham where local interest far outweighs the level of interest in this sport in other communities across Australia.

For the purpose of the SFDP, the above ratios have been considered in the facility provision tables below. Further work is recommended be undertaken with basketball and netball to determine an accurate ratio to inform facility provision. As such, basketball and netball are not included in the tables below.

Analysis work has been undertaken using the ratios listed in *table 6*, along with current (134,608 - 2022) and future population figures (149,274 - 2036) and participation data. *Table 7* outlines the current facility provision based on these ratios to identify which sports have adequate facility provision, which are under catered for and which are over catered for.

Table 7 – Current facility provision requirements

Sport	Ratio Calculation	Current Facilities	Current Requirement	Current Provision Difference
Archery	N/A	1 (Council owned)	1	Adequate provision
Badminton	N/A	6 dedicated (school owned) 12 shared (Council owned)		Inadequate provision based on population and level of interest
BMX	N/A	1 (Council owned)		
Futsal	N/A	0 (Council) and 3 (private)		Adequate facility provision
Mountain Biking/Dirt Jumps	N/A	1		Demand suggests there is inadequate provision of facilities
Pony Club	N/A	2	1 given low participation levels	+1
RC Plane	N/A	1	1	Adequate facility provision
RC Car	N/A	1	1	Adequate facility provision
Table Tennis	N/A	2 – no council owned		Inadequate facility provision
Volleyball	N/A	15		Inadequate access to existing facilities

5.3 Participation Data

Sport participation data collection was sought from peak sporting bodies and local clubs during the consultation phase of this project.

Club based data and peak sporting participation data has been used where it was supplied however only a small number of sports provided this data. Given the unstructured nature of sports like MTB, a community survey was released to better understand local demand for these facilities. Participation for each sport is broken down within section 8 of this document.

The lack of consistency and reliability of data has resulted in difficulty reporting on total participation and identifying overall trends across the municipality therefore overall participation trends have not been considered within this report.

The impact of Covid 19 on participation over the last two years means current participation levels are not necessarily indicative of trends or future demand.

6 Alternate Facilities

As part of this project, Council and Government sites (including schools and Parks Victoria land) which may meet identified community demand for sport and recreation opportunities were identified. This includes the needs of sports identified in SFDP Stage 1 as requiring additional facilities. Actions from SFDP Stage 1 relating to sports requiring additional facilities are summarised below:

Baseball

Explore additional land opportunities for baseball as part of stage 2 of the SFDP, including consideration of Tikalara Park.

Cricket

As part of the SFDP, explore appropriate school facilities and establish Joint Usage Agreements with schools that possess appropriate sites for cricket. Ensure access to amenities and water are provided through these agreements.

Netball (Outdoor)

If demand warrants, incorporate into the SFDP an investigation into schools that are located within close proximity to football ovals, to access outdoor netball courts for training purposes and to meet future facility provision requirements.

The following section analysis sports facilities located within schools across Manningham, as well as general parcels of open space across the municipality, to determine the feasibility of community use and future Joint Use Agreements (JUA).

6.1 Secondary Schools

Bulleen Heights School

This school has a single court sports hall that is in poor condition and not up to standard for external use. Their outdoor sports field is undersized and poorly maintained and not suitable for community use. It is not recommended to enter into a JUA with the school for the sports hall given it is a single court facility in poor condition. Should the facility be upgraded in future, an opportunity does exist to advocate for community use.

Doncaster Secondary College

Doncaster Secondary College has a two-court stadium which was constructed 6 years ago. Outside of school hours the facility is managed by Asia Pacific Events. Cityside Sports, who are a commercial provider, use the space for social and mixed netball Monday – Thursday evenings, with Hawthorn Basketball Association also using it for training between 4.00-6.00pm. Friday nights are available for casual basketball whilst Saturdays are used for junior basketball competition. Sunday is used for basketball training, whilst Sunday nights are used for social badminton and social volleyball (which is run by commercial provider Social Sports).

There is also another single court in very poor condition which is managed by the Melbourne Football Academy. This court is primarily used for Tae Kwon Do, Dodge Ball and Rollerskating.

There is also a full-sized synthetic soccer facility which is managed by the Melbourne Football Academy outside school hours. This facility is used to run the commercial operation of the Melbourne Football Academy as well as being hired by local disability organisations and community soccer clubs, particularly in the summer season.

The school are planning to build a 14 court badminton stadium, with commencement of the project expected within the next two years. The school advised that management of this facility would be by an external operator, with community access strictly outside of school hours.

Overall, there are no opportunities to consider a JUA at this site given each facility is independently managed and has strong usage by community and private groups. There is however an opportunity to strongly advocate for community use within the proposed 14 badminton stadium.

Doncaster East Secondary College

Doncaster East Secondary College has a two-court stadium that is sublet to the Bulleen Boomers, who fully use the facility for basketball training and competition. There is however an exception on Monday afternoons whereby the facility is used for a “soccer joeys” program on one court and Tai Chi for one session.

The school also have a synthetic soccer facility, 6 artificial grass tennis courts and two asphalt tennis courts that are all sublet to the Bulleen Boomers. The synthetic soccer facility is not competition size however is used by commercial soccer academies as well as local clubs for training. The tennis courts do not have a permanent user but are used as required by local clubs if their courts are being refurbished etc as well as for casual hire.

Overall, it is not recommended to establish a JUA with this school given the facility already has heavy usage. It should however be noted that the tennis courts are available for use by local clubs, which could assist during tennis court upgrades on Council owned courts. This could also assist meeting any immediate demand that arises from the closure of the Bulleen Tennis Centre.

Donvale Christian College

Donvale Christian College has a two-court indoor stadium that is multi lined and used out of school hours every day for basketball training, and also by the Ignite Netball Club for training one night a week. The courts are also used for competition by the Warrandyte Basketball Association and the EDJBA.

There is also a single indoor netball court which is used for training as well as an outdoor covered synthetic grass basketball court. They have an undersized synthetic soccer facility that is currently used for training a few weeks a year and is available for others to use. It is smaller than a full-sized soccer pitch however larger than a futsal pitch, meaning its use is primarily for training. Their natural turf field is quite small and not available or suitable for competition.

A JUA is not recommended given the indoor facility is already heavily utilised, and the outdoor sports fields are not suitable for competition.

Marcellin College

Marcellin College have a two-court stadium that is fully used for basketball by Bulleen Boomers, Camberwell Dragons and Yarra Eagles, both for match play and training. Marcellin also have a number of sports fields which are used as the home grounds for the Marcellin Old Collegians Football Club who play in the VAFA and the Old Collegians Cricket Club who play in ECA.

A JUA is not recommended given the significant usage that already occurs across the various facilities at the school.

Templestowe College

Templestowe College have a one court sports stadium that is used by the Bulleen Boomers for basketball Monday – Thursday 4.00pm-9.00pm and on Sunday morning 8.00am – 9.30am. The court is available for hire on Saturdays. Council currently mows the oval which is used for cricket in the summer, however there is no access to toilet facilities. Toilet facilities are available at the Templestowe Heights Primary School sports court which is under a JUA with Council and open on weekends.

The school have plans to construct a large indoor sports stadium featuring 3 courts, which is likely to impact on the sports field. Funding has been committed as part of an election commitment by the Liberal Party, however the funding is only confirmed if they win the election. Regardless, given the schools intent to build this facility, a JUA is not recommended for the sports field and the current arrangement should be retained until construction commences on the indoor stadium. Further discussions would also need to occur with the school to determine a management model for the indoor facility.

Warrandyte High School

Warrandyte Secondary School has a single court that is used by a local basketball team for training once a week but is not hired out to other groups.

The sports field is used by the Warrandyte Football Club in the winter and Warrandyte Cricket Club in the summer and is of a decent size. The school also has a multipurpose synthetic consisting of 5 tennis courts and a soccer pitch. The soccer pitch is not a suitable size for competition and the tennis courts do not have any nets.

Given it is a single court stadium, a JUA is not recommended. The sports field is already used by local clubs, so there are no challenges currently around community access. Given this, a JUA is also not recommended for the sports field. Council should however monitor use of the sports field.

Recommendations

1. Doncaster Secondary College - Advocate for community use within the proposed badminton stadium.
2. Doncaster East Secondary College - Advocate for community use of the tennis courts in response to any identified immediate demand from the closure of the Boroondara Tennis Centre, or if a tennis club is partial displaced due to upgrades at their facility.
3. Templestowe College - Continue the current arrangement for the use of the sports field until construction on the indoor stadium commences.
4. Warrandyte High School – Monitor community usage of the sports field and investigate should usage reduce.

6.2 Primary Schools

Anderson Creek Primary School

Anderson Creek Primary School currently has a JUA with Council for the single court indoor facility, also known as the Warrandyte Sports Centre.

The school also has a small synthetic sports field which is not suitable for community sport and as such a JUA is not recommended.

Beverley Hills Primary School

Beverley Hills Primary School consists of a single indoor court for school use only and an outdoor natural turf space that is too small for community use. This school is not suitable for a JUA.

Doncaster Primary School

Doncaster Primary School has a single court facility that is known as the Doncaster Badminton Centre. This facility is already subject to a JUA with Council and is primarily used for badminton. The outdoor natural turf area is small and not suitable for community sport.

Doncaster Gardens Primary School

Doncaster Gardens Primary School consists of a single indoor basketball court which is used for a school basketball team as well as a karate group out of school hours. There is no further availability for other users. The school also has a covered outdoor court which is used for tennis.

Given the indoor facility is already heavily utilised and it is only a single outdoor court, a JUA is not recommended.

Donvale Primary School

Donvale Primary school has 2 x outdoor synthetic surface basketball courts which are used on the weekend for training, a $\frac{3}{4}$ court used for dance schools and karate, and an oval shared between Donvale Primary and Heatherwood Special School which used to be used by a cricket club.

There is potential to increase usage of the sports field through relocating goal posts to create boundaries that comply with minimum standards.

Further investigation with the school should occur to identify future plans for the sports field and if deemed appropriate, it is recommended that a JUA is established to activate the sports field for community use.

Millgate Primary School

Millgate Primary School has a single court basketball stadium which is currently used for basketball training Monday – Thursday 6.00pm – 9.00pm by the Blackburn Vikings. There is capacity for other uses on Saturday. The outdoor natural turf space is too small for community use.

Whilst an opportunity presents itself to increase usage of the indoor court, it is questionable whether a JUA would represent a good use of resources. It is a single court facility and as such, it does not represent a positive economy of scale. As such, it is not recommended to establish a JUA at this facility however given some availability exists, it provides an opportunity to advocate for community use.

Our Lady of the Pines Primary School

Our Lady of the Pines Primary School has a single court basketball facility which is currently used for basketball training Monday – Thursday by the Bulleen Boomers. The school also has a small synthetic oval space which is used during the football season for an Auskick clinic with most of the children participating attending the school.

A JUA is not recommended given the small size of the synthetic field. Similar to Millgate Primary School, a JUA is also not recommended for the basketball court given a poor economy of scale, however there is an opportunity to advocate for community use given the facility is only used for training on weeknights.

Serpells Primary School

Serpells Primary school has a single indoor court which is fully used by Bulleen Boomers outside school hours.

A JUA is already in place between Council and the School in relation to use of Serpells Reserve. The JUA was signed in 2015 and is a 50 year agreement. It covers school use of the Council owned Serpells Reserve, and amenities use for user groups who have booked Serpells Reserve. No major issues have arisen from the JUA and as such, no changes are recommended. Furthermore given the basketball court is fully utilised, a JUA is not recommended.

Templestowe Heights Primary School

A JUA is already in place with Templestowe Heights Primary School for the single indoor court, which is fully used by Bulleen Boomers outside school hours.

The sports field is extremely small and not suitable for community sport use and as such, a JUA is not recommended.

Templestowe Park Primary School

Templestowe Park Primary School have no facilities suitable for community use. The outdoor turf space is small and irregularly shaped and as such, a JUA is not recommended.

Templestowe Valley Primary School

Templestowe Valley Primary School has a small synthetic sports field that is used for soccer once a week by Soccer X and a small school hall used for karate once a week. Given the small size of the synthetic pitch, a JUA is not recommended.

Warrandyte Primary School

Warrandyte Primary School has no suitable facilities available for community sporting use.

Wonga Park Primary School

Wonga Park Primary School has two outdoor courts with one having a cover over it, that are used for training/social use by Wonga Park Netball Club. The Wonga Park Reserve Master Plan flags possible additional use of the school courts should the courts at Wonga Park Reserve exceed capacity. Given this, a JUA could be considered in future to meet this need, however currently this is not required.

Recommendations

1. Donvale Primary School – Investigate a future JUA for the sports field, subject to any future plans the school may have for the sports field.
2. Millgate Primary School – Have further discussions with the school around availability of the indoor court, and advocate for additional community use if availability still exists.

3. Our Lady of the Pines Primary School - Have further discussions with the school around availability of the indoor court, and advocate for additional community use if availability still exists.
4. Wonga Park Primary School – In response to the Wonga Park Reserve Master Plan, monitor netball participation and if deemed necessary, establish a JUA for the outdoor netball courts to increase community use.

6.3 Other Sites

A range of other sites across Manningham were identified for possible future use to meet the needs of the community.

Boronia Reserve

There are two areas that could be considered for development in this reserve. The main area is 4,696.66m² and the secondary area is 2,427.21m², with both areas on a gradient. The secondary area is fairly hidden and has no street frontage. Overall, the site could be used for dirt jumps or similar activities, however the proximity to neighbouring houses needs to be considered as well as the presence of bushland and remnant vegetation in this area.

Figure 3 - Boronia Reserve overhead



Finns Reserve

Finns Reserve, Templestowe, runs adjacent to the Yarra River. The area next to the Wombat Bend playground is 3,507.02m², the middle area is 25,037.64m² and the far western end is 12,930.25m². Whilst this reserve provides some open space, the proximity to the Yarra River and the existing demand for this reserve likely deems it unusable for the purpose of the SFDP.

Figure 4 - Finns Reserve overhead



Fitzsimons Reserve, Templestowe

This site is owned by Council and is 71856.55m². It is located along the Main Yarra Trail making it suitable for development for bike related activities. It adjoins Candlebark Park (Parks Victoria) that has numerous mountain bike trails. The site is however subject to areas of biodiversity significance and as such, further investigation is required to determine whether the site can be developed.

Figure 5 - Fitzsimons Reserve overhead



Jenkins Reserve (Green Gully Linear Park)

Jenkins Reserve in Templestowe is located along the Green Gully Linear Park. It is a possible site for consideration as a dirt bike facility.

Within the Manningham Open Space Strategy 2014 this site has been reserved for future recreation infrastructure.

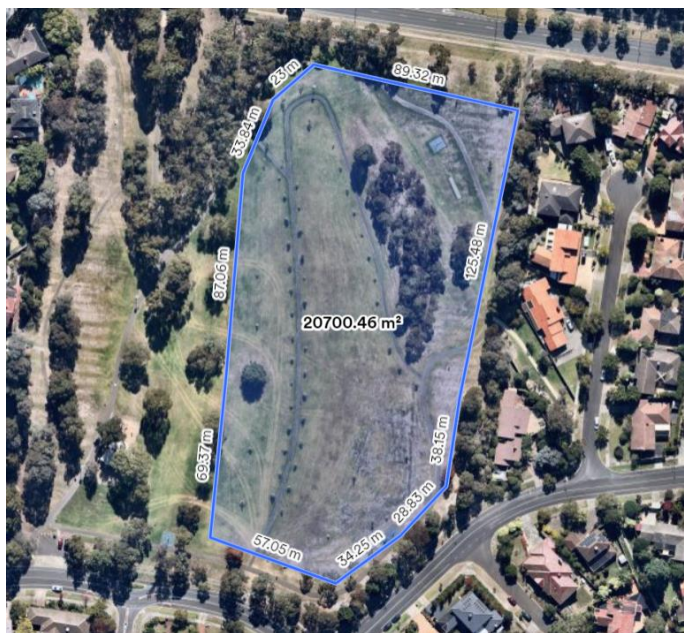
The following has been taken from the Green Gully Management Plan:

“Jenkins Park has limited capacity to accommodate formal sporting facilities but does contain areas that could accommodate a range of possible future recreational opportunities and facilities. Jenkins Park whilst not considered suitable for formal sporting fields, is considered an appropriate site for consideration of new recreational activities due to its:

- Central location within the municipality
- Size
- Proximity to The Pines Major Activity Centre
- Proximity to major roads, and
- Accessibility via public transport

The large, relatively flat area in the centre of Jenkins Park is the most likely location for new facilities.”¹⁴

Figure 6 - Jenkins Reserve overhead



Given the above, this is a possible site for consideration as a dirt bike and a pump track facility.

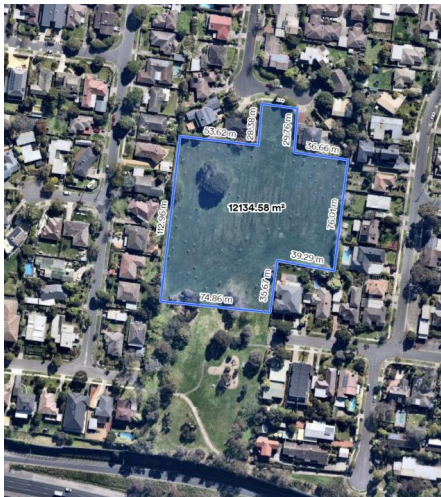
¹⁴ Green Gully Management Plan

Katrina Gully

Located in Doncaster, Katrina Gully provides a gentle to moderate north/south slope towards the Koonung Creek trail, which offers significant opportunities for a short, downhill pump track or similar. The close proximity to the Koonung Creek trail means the reserve is easily accessible for bike riders, and it also has multiple street frontages for people who travel by car. The reserve also has an existing playground.

Overall, the reserve provides significant opportunities to consider a downhill style pump track.

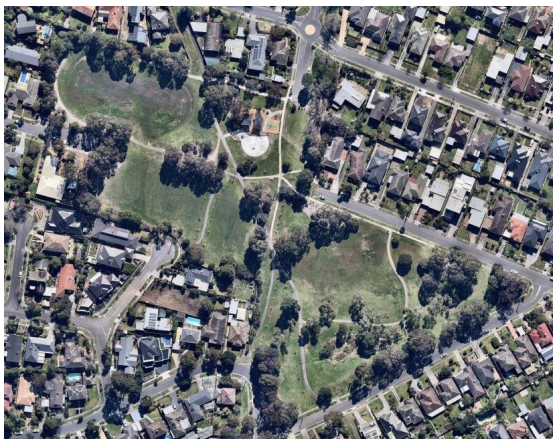
Figure 7 - Katrina Gully overhead



Morris Williams Reserve

Morris Williams Reserve, Bulleen, has reasonable sized parcels of open space that could be converted to dirt jumps or a pump track. The play space and basketball ring has recently been upgraded and has not expanded into any of the general open space. There is ample opportunity to provide dirt jumps or a pump track at this reserve to service the Bulleen community.

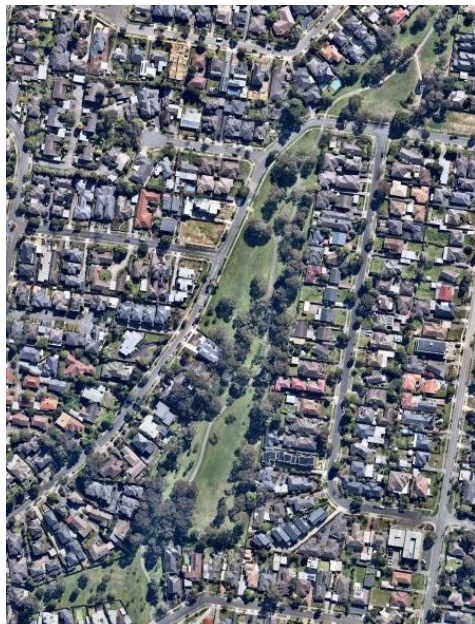
Figure 8 - Morris Williams Reserve overhead



St Clems Reserve

St Clems Reserve is a linear park located on the border of Doncaster East and Donvale. The section of the reserve south of St Clems Road provides large areas of open space which are suitable for flow tracks, pumps tracks or dirt jumps without having any impact on biodiversity.

Figure 9 - St Clems Reserve overhead



Stintons Reserve

Stintons Reserve, Park Orchards, has a variety of existing sporting opportunities including a football/cricket oval which is also used for junior baseball, a BMX track as well as a greyhound slipping track. Within the reserve there are large parcels of open space which provide potential for development. The land between the BMX track and the sports field lends itself to development of a pump track or similar. This would compliment the existing BMX track and help meet significant demand for this type of facility in the Park Orchards Area. It is however noted that users would likely drive to the reserve given Stintons Road is not very accessible for bike riders.

Figure 10 - Stintons Reserve overhead



Tikalara Park

Tikalara Park in Templestowe is located where the Mullum Mullum Creek and the Yarra River join. It forms part of the Yarra Valley Parklands and is Council owned land adjoining Crown Land managed by Parks Victoria. This site has already had a development plan created for it which would require updating should the Cultural Heritage Management Plan be completed. This site also has high environmental values as bushland lining the creeks. It's suitability as a future location for the development of baseball facilities is dependent on the outcome of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

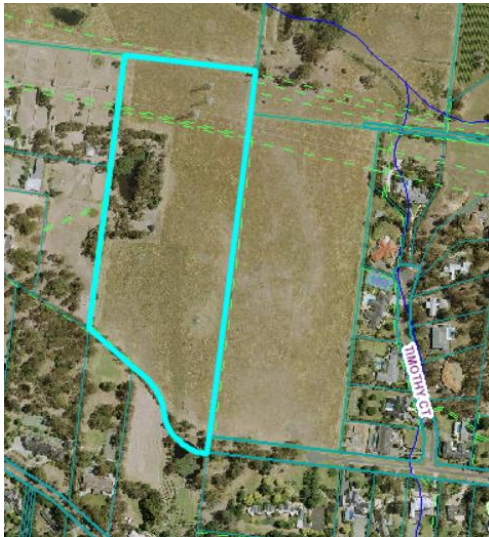
Figure 11 - Tikalara Park overhead



Websters Road

Websters Road in Templestowe is a substantial tract of land that is currently owned by the State Government. The site has minimal vegetation and is relatively flat towards the north, making it a suitable site for the development of sports fields. This site has multiple titles with half of the site on a hill. The total area of 112 Websters Road identified in the image below is 66,587.3m².

Figure 12 - Websters Road overhead 1



The second parcel is adjacent at 98-110 Websters Road with the area totalling 63,918.1m².

Figure 13 - Websters Road overhead 2



Total site= 130,505.3m².

The size of this site makes it suitable for a multi sport field development and could respond to some of the needs identified in the SFDP Stage 1, such as the need for additional facilities for baseball.

There is a parcel of land to the north west of the Websters Road site that could also be considered. The address is listed as 1 Homestead Road and stretches into Petty's Orchard. It appears that Petty's Orchard lease the land from Parks Victoria, and it is unclear whether the lease extends across the creek line to the land adjacent to Websters Road. This site is 84,590m².

Figure 14 - Websters Road overhead 3



Windella Quadrant

Windella Quadrant in Doncaster has potential for development of dirt jumps though the site is located deep within a residential precinct. There is a large undeveloped grassed area with an adjoining playground which is connected to the Koonung Creek Trail.

This site is 3,864.08m² and there is an aerial photo and dimensions on the site below.

Figure 15 - Windella Quadrant overhead



Zerbes Reserve

Zerbes Reserve in Doncaster contains an undeveloped parcel of land at the front of the reserve. The reserve already includes a playground, toilets and a sports field. This site is accessible by public transport and in close proximity to the Donburn Shopping Centre. A Development Plan was created for Zerbes Reserve in 2011, with the following an extract from the Plan:

“The area of open space at the front of Zerbes Reserve which is bounded by Blackburn Road and Saxonwood Drive is a valued element of the Reserve. Consultation identified that the area is used for exercising, walking, playing with children, relaxation and watching or playing sports or ball games. Although the space is used by both the senior and junior football clubs for pre season training, the majority of use is unstructured and informal. Some suggestions for improvement of this area included levelling, more seating, more trees, better parking and inclusion of a BBQ picnic shelter.

Actions:

- *Retain the area bounded by Blackburn Road and Saxonwood Drive as informal open space.*
- *Regrade and top dress the area bounded by Blackburn Road and Saxonwood Drive to improve drainage and enhance safety and accessibility.*
- *Enhance the area bounded by Blackburn Road and Saxonwood Drive with native avenue tree planting.”*

Whilst the consultation at the time wanted this area retained for informal use, the size of the site at 5,896.16m² would accommodate a skate/BMX facility without taking the whole site. Any development of such facilities would require extensive community consultation. See aerial photo and dimensions below. N.B. A previous proposal for a skate facility was rejected by the local residents over 10 years ago. It is also noted that this space is no longer used for preseason football training as it is not maintained to a standard that would be safe for this type of activity.

Figure 16 - Zerbes Reserve overhead



155 Knees Road, Park Orchards.

This site owned by Ausnet is quite narrow. It has a total area of 37,612.4m², however most of this land is not suitable for development as a Mountain Bike trail as the existing trails all run through private properties.

Figure 17 - 155 Knees Road overhead



7 Sport Analysis

The following section provides a more in-depth analysis on each individual sport that is covered under the SFDP scope. It is noted that through the consultation, various local and state sporting associations have provided a greater understanding of each sport's issues, and the strategies associations are considering to increase participation.

Given many sport's seasons were cancelled or significantly impacted in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19, participation data gathered from clubs and peak sporting bodies may not accurately reflect demand or expected demand. Participation data has been gathered where possible via direct consultation with local sporting clubs. Many associations have also noted that they are currently in a retention phase for participation rather than a growth stage.

7.1 Archery

Bulleen Park is home to the Yarra Bowmen Club who are one of Victoria's oldest target archery clubs, having formed in 1963. The Club is registered with Archery Victoria and are the only club in Manningham to offer archery, and one of the few metropolitan archery clubs which allows their members to shoot all-week during daylight hours. The club are currently working on a strategic plan with their main goal to improve facilities such as new clubrooms, storage, and accessibility for all.

From an association perspective, Archery Victoria developed a [Strategic Overview 2020-24](#) which outlines 6 focus areas:

- Governance and Leadership
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Strong Clubs
- Marketing and Communication
- Athlete Pathways
- Social and Community Responsibility

Archery Victoria's key goals are to increase female participation by 50% and achieve a 20% increase in retention of existing members.

Since then, Archery Victoria has further developed a [2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#), which notes the following under section 4:

- Establish a set of Archery Facility Guidelines to support stakeholders in applying for grants and funding.
- Explore requirements for facility upgrades and new club developments through a structured review, audit and planning process.

Membership

Currently, the club have 60 members however have an ambition to grow to 300 members. This would see the club become one of the largest clubs in Victoria. The club aspire to hosting local, regional and national competitions, however current facilities are not suitable for this level of competition.

Table 6 - Yarra Bowmen Archery Club membership breakdown

Yarra Bowmen Club Membership	
Over 35's	20
Senior	30
Junior	10
Total	60
Male	50
Female	10
Total	60

Facility Provision Analysis

The small clubrooms were built in the 1960's and have been deemed unfit for purpose by the club. The club are also concerned that the building contains asbestos. They would like to attract para-archers to the club however the facilities are poor in terms of accessibility.

The club would like to have an indoor archery venue so that they can shoot in any weather and therefore increase participation, and a capital works application was submitted to Council in 2022 to construct a new pavilion incorporating an indoor archery space.

It is noted however that Bulleen Park is part of the flood zone for the Yarra River and there are significant limitations of construction across the Park. These limitations are likely to heavily impact future development of the clubrooms.

Key Considerations

The Yarra Bowmen currently have low membership, although they have indicated a desire to increase their membership numbers.

The current facilities at Bulleen Park, whilst usable, are old and non-compliant. The club has requested Council funding to construct a new pavilion which incorporates an indoor archery space, however given the current level of membership, there is no demonstrated need for an indoor archery space. As Bulleen Park lies within the flood zone for the Yarra River it is also unlikely that Melbourne Water would permit any additional facilities being constructed. With all this, whilst an updated accessible clubhouse is warranted, it may only include updating the existing pavilion.

There is currently no justification to explore an alternate facility based on current participation. It is however noted that should future participation warrant it, an alternate site should be explored.

A walking path runs through the edge of the facility and as the facility is not defined, pedestrians do wander across the archery field. This presents a safety risk which is outside the Archery Australia Safety Guidelines as outlined below:

[Archery Australia Safety Guidelines, Archery Standards, Section 2, Dot point 3](#)

If there is the possibility of uninvited public access onto the venue, warning signs and flags must be erected to warn and protect members of the public.¹⁵

¹⁵ <http://yvap.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Safety-Guidelines.pdf>

Recommendations

1. That the archery facility is assessed for compliance against Archery Australia Safety Guidelines, and appropriate measures are taken to ensure compliance.
2. Consider improvements to the existing pavilion for the Archery Club, subject to Council's Capital works program and investigation with Melbourne Water on what can and cannot be achieved.
3. Monitor participation to determine whether an alternate site is required that could accommodate the facilities required to meet the demand.

7.2 Badminton

Manningham has a dedicated 6 court badminton centre, the Doncaster Badminton Centre, which is located in Doncaster. The Centre is located at Doncaster Primary School and is subject to a JUA. The facility is used outside school hours by the Doncaster Templestowe Badminton Association (DTBA) and managed by the YMCA under contract with Council.

This centre lies within the Doncaster Hill Precinct and is subject to any future plans developed for the area.

The Donvale Indoor Sports Centre also offers opportunities to use the multi-lined courts for badminton (8 courts), whilst 4 courts are available at the Warrandyte Sports Centre. A further 4 courts will be line marked at the Leeds Street Stadium. Social Badminton is offered at DISC on Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings, and is also offered on Sunday evenings at Doncaster Secondary College.

Whilst there are opportunities to play badminton outside of the Doncaster Badminton Centre, the sport competes for available space with netball, basketball and volleyball.

The DTBA currently offer one morning session, as the school uses the facility during the rest of the school week. The DTBA would like to offer more daytime sessions especially for their senior members, however arrangements at the current facility do not allow for this.

The MERSRS shows that over the last four years (2018-2021), 30% of the 1,842 participants in badminton across the region reside in Manningham, indicating a strong local interest in badminton. Data provided by the MERSRS report shows that in 2021 there were 367 Manningham based registered players of which 223 play in the Doncaster Templestowe Badminton Association and 144 play elsewhere.

Within the SFDP Consultation Report it highlighted a lack of awareness about badminton facilities in Manningham, with some survey respondents indicating that they access facilities in Mitcham as they were not aware of local facilities.

[Badminton Victoria's Strategic Plan 2021-25](#) identifies 6 strategic pillars as follows:

- An effective performance pathway
- Members and participants Interests are paramount
- A financially sustainable badminton community
- Continued development of our sport
- Good governance and strong brand recognition
- Events – bringing together a vibrant community.

Further work is being undertaken by Badminton Victoria with a key focus on the development of plans for future facilities.

Membership

Table 7 outlines the membership data for DTBA over the last seven years.

Table 7 - Doncaster Templestowe Badminton Association membership breakdown

Membership Doncaster Templestowe Badminton Association	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Junior - Boys		3	3	6	4	31	38
Junior - Girls		0	1	1	1	9	9
Junior - Other/Unknown	150	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior - Men	422	459	243	640	494	533	373
Senior - Women	228	158	80	231	183	210	158
Senior - Other/Unknown		2	0	0	0	0	0
CLUB TOTAL	650	622	327	878	682	783	578

When this membership data is overlaid with the MERSS data for 2021, it indicates that 399 players in the DTBA are from outside Manningham, with 223 from Manningham.

Facility Provision Analysis

There are 18 badminton courts either owned by or managed on behalf of Council. The Council owned facilities provide access to Badminton for 7.6% of available booking times.

Participation in badminton is expected to continue to rise to pre covid levels and beyond, particularly with the expected population increase in Doncaster Hill, as well as the demographics of these residents. The profile of the sport at international level is also increasing which tends to feed demand.

Additional facilities for badminton are required. Doncaster Secondary College have plans to construct an additional 14 badminton courts which will help meet current and future demand. It is however noted that this will again be a school facility and as such, daytime access is likely to be restricted. Badminton Victoria were unable to advise on whether this level of provision will meet current or future needs.

Key Considerations

The MERSRS shows that over the last four years (2018-2021), 30% of the 1,842 participants in Badminton across the region are from those living in Manningham indicating a strong local interest in Badminton.

Consultation with Doncaster Secondary College has indicated that the school have plans to build a new high ball stadium which will include 14 Badminton courts in order to meet demand. The school have the funding and are waiting on the Education Department to approve the building on their land, and it is expected the commencement of the project will occur in the next two years. The College plan to have the facility externally managed and be available for community use although as previously noted, access during daytime is likely to be restricted.

Recommendations

1. Work with Doncaster Secondary College to advocate for community use within their proposed badminton facility.
2. Consider the needs of badminton when retrofitting existing Council facilities including wall colour, lighting positions and line marking.
3. Work with Council's Leisure Services Provider to enable future access to Council facilities to cater for badminton, with a focus on usage during business hours.
4. If additional indoor stadiums are constructed by Council, ensure the needs of badminton are considered.

7.3 Basketball

Council provides 14 of the 29 full size basketball courts available across Manningham, with 12 being provided by the Education Department through local schools, and 3 being shared Council and Education Department facilities through JUAs.

In addition, a modified form of basketball is offered at Doncaster Indoor Sports on Blackburn Road, Doncaster. The centre has three multi use synthetic courts and provides 3 on 3 basketball for men, mixed, women and junior competitions.

Basketball is one the most widely participated sports in Manningham, although no participation data was provided by clubs or associations based in Manningham, or via Basketball Victoria. All of the courts provided by Council are heavily used in peak times, and there is unmet demand at peak times according to the YMCA who currently manage the sports courts on Council's behalf. Basketball has access to 58% of available court time at YMCA managed facilities and are the main users of every facility except the Doncaster Badminton Centre.

The single court at Park Orchards Community Centre, which is subject to a JUA, had many of the community survey respondents commenting on the poor condition and amenities of the court. It is however noted that there has been major internal works carried out to the floor, walls, sewer, LED lighting and amenities within the past 3 years and that the floor surface is in excellent condition. It is possible that comments from the community on this court were in reference to the outdoor court which is in a poor condition.

Another JUA facility located at Andersons Creek Primary, being the Warrandyte Sports Complex, is fully used by the Warrandyte Basketball Association outside school hours.

The Sheahans Reserve Basketball Stadium was identified as requiring an upgrade. The entrance is not functional and the facility looks very tired.

Concerns were also raised by community members around the difficulties in accessing courts for casual bookings as well as the cost. There was strong interest in having more free outdoor courts or basketball rings available for community use.

Basketball Victoria's Strategic Plan 2022-24 outlines the key themes they will focus on over the next three years, which are to rebuild (2022) consolidate (2023) and grow (2024). The four growth pillars to achieve this have been identified as:

1. Promote Basketball
2. Deliver Leadership
3. Infrastructure Growth
4. Provide Pathways

Initial conversations with Basketball Victoria indicate that they are soon to commence a process to develop a new Facility Plan. Further detailed conversations are required with Basketball Victoria to understand the impact this work will have on Manningham.

Facility Provision Analysis

Basketball has access to 58% of available court time at YMCA managed facilities and are the main users of Mullum Mullum Stadium, Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre, Sheahans Road Stadium, Leeds Street Stadium and DISC.

Basketball use of school facilities not under a JUA is as follows:

- Doncaster Secondary College - two court stadium for competition and training. Weekdays training between 4.00-6.00pm used by Hawthorn Basketball Association for training. Junior competition is held on Saturdays.
- Doncaster East Secondary College - two court stadium is managed by Bulleen Boomers and fully used outside school hours for training and competition.
- Donvale Christian College – two court stadium used by local clubs for training and Warrandyte Basketball Association for competition as well as the EDJBA for training.
- Marcellin College - two court stadium that is fully used for basketball by Bulleen Boomers, Camberwell Dragons and Yarra Eagles, both for match play and training.
- Our Lady of the Pines – one sports court used for training four evenings a week by Bulleen Boomers
- Templestowe College - one sports court that is used by the Bulleen Boomers for basketball Monday – Thursday 4.00pm-9.00pm and on Sunday morning 8.00am – 9.30am.
- Warrandyte Secondary School - one sports court that is used by a local basketball team for training once a week.
- Millgate Primary School - one sports court used for basketball training Monday – Thursday 6.00pm-9.00pm by the Blackburn Vikings.
- Serpells Primary School - one sports court fully used for basketball by the Bulleen Boomers.
- Templestowe Heights - one sports court fully used for basketball by the Bulleen Boomers.

Key Considerations

Given the high basketball participation rates in Manningham, significantly more information is required to provide recommendations on future facility provision for the sport. As such, further work should be undertaken in conjunction with Basketball Victoria to identify penetration rates and facility provision requirements.

Recommendations

1. Collaborate with Basketball Victoria to understand current and future facility provision. Update the SFDP once known.
2. Develop a masterplan for Sheahans Reserve with a focus on updating the stadium to ensure it continues to meet community needs and expectations. Subject to discussions with Basketball Victoria regarding facility provision, consider the feasibility of extending the stadium as part of the master plan.
3. Ensure existing full size outdoor basketball courts are upgraded in accordance with Council's capital works program.

7.4 BMX

Council has 1 dedicated BMX track located at Stintons Reserve, Park Orchards. This facility services the region and is leased to the Park Orchards BMX Club, although the track is accessible to the general public outside of club hours.

The Park Orchards BMX Club was formed in 1985 as a sporting club aimed at providing organised training and race events for participants wishing to get involved in BMX racing as a sport. Club race days are generally held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from February to early December. The Club is affiliated with AusCycling, so club members have the opportunity to compete in open competition race meetings held throughout Victoria and Australia.

AusCycling represents over 52,000 members across BMX, BMX Freestyle, Cyclo-Cross, E-Sport, Mountain Bike, Para-Cycling, Road, Track and Lifestyle (recreational and commuter) riding throughout Australia. AusCycling's vision is to '*make Australia a nation of bike riders, to advocate for our riders' safety, build strong club communities and to make all forms of cycling accessible to everyone be it on a track, off a jump, in the great Australian bush or on the road*'.

Informally, BMX riders also use the three skate parks located in Manningham (for locations see the 'skate' section). For the purpose of the SFDP dirt jumps have been considered under 'mountain biking'.

Pump tracks/skill tracks were also identified as a need through the community consultation, to provide a novice level facility for bike riders.

Membership

The membership data below was provided by the club through the club survey undertaken as part of this project. The club want to grow their membership to 500 by the end of 2027 and are in the process of developing a strategic plan.

Table 8 - Park Orchards BMX Club membership breakdown

Park Orchards BMX Club Membership 2022	
Over 35's	43
Senior	8
Junior	114
Total	165
Male	146
Female	36
Total	182

Facility Provision Analysis

As part of the community survey, respondent's identified a number of improvements required for the track. Further items were identified via consultation with Council Staff. These include:

- Shelter over the starting gate is required to provide weather protection to riders and is an Auscycling requirement for the club to be able to host larger state and possibly national events.
- Shade and shelter for spectators.
- Accessibility when entering the track and the pathway network within the facility requires review.

- Fencing requires upgrading.
- Assessment of the social and canteen space is required.
- Overflow car parking needs to be formalised.
- Accessibility and the pathway system within the facility requires review.
- Storage could be improved
- No facilities or playground for younger children who may be at the venue while older siblings participate.

Under the current lease, the club is fully responsible for the maintenance of all facilities, however the track is accessible and used by the general public raising issues in regard to risk management. Use by the general community increased significantly through Covid 19 lockdowns with the facility retaining higher levels of community use than pre Covid.

At the time of this report, new storage and toilet facilities were being constructed and plans were in place to replace the perimeter fence.

As identified in section 6.3, an opportunity exists to explore a pump track or similar at Stinton's Reserve to complement the existing BMX track.

Key Considerations

This facility is very well used with 182 members and caters for seniors and juniors. The club is active in attracting new members however there are a number of issues with the existing facilities that need to be addressed. The facility also sees heavy community use outside of club hours.

Given the likely increase in participation, the regional nature of this facility and the opportunity to construct a pump track at the reserve, a full review/masterplan of Stintons Reserve is required to ensure the facility continues to meet current and future demand.

Recommendations

1. Develop a master plan for Stintons Reserve, including the BMX facility.
2. Undertake a review of the current lease with the BMX Club to determine whether a lease is the most suitable agreement for this site, with consideration to the fact that the facility is open to the public outside of club use.
3. Consider the development of pump tracks at suitable locations across the municipality, with further consideration to creating a balance in the number of pump tracks and dirt jumps provided.

7.5 Futsal

Futsal is not currently provided within any Council owned facilities. Futsal was provided when the newly developed Mullum Mullum Stadium originally opened, however design issues meant that the facility was not suitable for the sport.

There is no community-based club operating from a Council venue in Manningham and accordingly no local participation data is available.

There are three private providers of Futsal in Manningham and currently it appears that these facilities are meeting the participation demand.

The Melbourne Brasil Futsal Club (MBFA) operates from St Kevins Primary School, Herlihy Road, Lower Templestowe. The MBFA provides professional futsal coaching to junior players of all levels, weekly competitions, school tournaments as well as local, national and international tournament opportunities. They provide coaching and competitions year-round and currently have upwards of 150 registered members and growing.¹⁶

Melbourne Dragons Futsal Club (MDFC) is based at the Veneto Club on Bulleen Road, Bulleen. The MDFC is involved in a number of Local, State, National & International tournaments and is made up of players, coaches, referees, administrators & educators that are involved in futsal and football at community and elite level.

The Futsaloon 5s competition (affiliated with FV) also uses the Veneto Club in Bulleen. Futsal is provided within the Doncaster Indoor Sports Centre, a commercial venue, which offers social indoor small-sided soccer games.

Football Victoria (FV)

Futsal makes up 45% (20,834 male players / 3,990 female players) of the 'private provider' social football market across Victoria with Indoor Soccer 18% (9,484 male players / 1,289 female players) and other formats like Academies, Toddler Soccer and other formats of football making up football participation across the state.

Overall, FV's Futsal Strategy is to:

1. Formally recognise the sport of Futsal within Football Victoria's existing [Strategic Plan 2019-2022 'FootbALLways'](#) to facilitate its growth, including in schools and to foster the increase and development of players, coaches, referees, Futsal clubs and Futsal centres in the broader futsal pathway.
2. Provide Futsal competition providers and Futsal clubs with a genuine value proposition to partner with Football Victoria via a revamped affiliation and support program to grow and develop Futsal together as a unified Futsal community.
3. Integrate Futsal within the implementation of Football Victoria's current Facilities Strategy and advocate for increased and improved Futsal facilities with local, state and federal government for the benefit of all Futsal competition providers and Futsal clubs across Victoria.¹⁷

¹⁶ https://websites.mygameday.app/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-11420-0-0-0&SID=389052

¹⁷ <https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/news/a-new-era-futsal-football-victoria-vows-unite-futsal-community>

Facility Provision Analysis

Currently, the Futsal providers in Bulleen operate out of an indoor centre owned by a private community sport organisation, as well as in a primary school and at the Veneto Club. Whilst it appears that the current facilities meet the demand for futsal, access to court space including in peak weeknight time slots is important for the growth of the sport in Manningham.

Participation is anticipated to increase, especially given the social nature of the sport and also ongoing exposure of major soccer tournaments such as the World Cup.

Whilst Futsal can be played on any netball or basketball court, it is important facilities are designed for this purpose to ensure venues can be safeguarded from damage. With this, it is important to consider futsal within new and existing indoor facilities to 'future proof' facility provision for the sport. Consideration of futsal within outdoor courts also provides an opportunity to cater for the sport.

Key Considerations

Futsal participation is expected to continue to increase due to its appeal as a social sport which can be played by all. Whilst provided by commercial operators, accommodating the sport within indoor stadiums and creating outdoor venues should be considered by Council.

Recommendations

1. That any retro fit of stadium facilities considers the needs of futsal, where deemed appropriate.
2. That any future development of multi-use sports courts considers the needs of futsal during the design stage.
3. Consider including futsal within designs for new and upgraded public basketball and tennis courts, including consideration of floodlighting.

7.6 Gymnastics

Gymnastics is accommodated within the Donvale Indoor Sports Centre (DISC), with the Bulleen Templestowe Youth Club Gymnastics (BTYC) operating from the centre. DISC is currently undergoing a master plan at the time of writing this report. The master plan has included significant collaboration with Gymnastics Victoria as well as BTYC, and will inform future facility provision for the sport.

Given this, any recommendations relating to gymnastics will form part of the DISC master plan. Once the master plan is finalised, the SFDP will be updated to reflect the direction of gymnastics.

7.7 Mountain Biking

Mountain biking, specifically dirt jumps, has increased significantly across Manningham particularly through the Covid 19 lockdowns. An increased level of interest exists across the eastern region Councils which has prompted the Councils to consider the provision of dirt jumps with a regional focus.

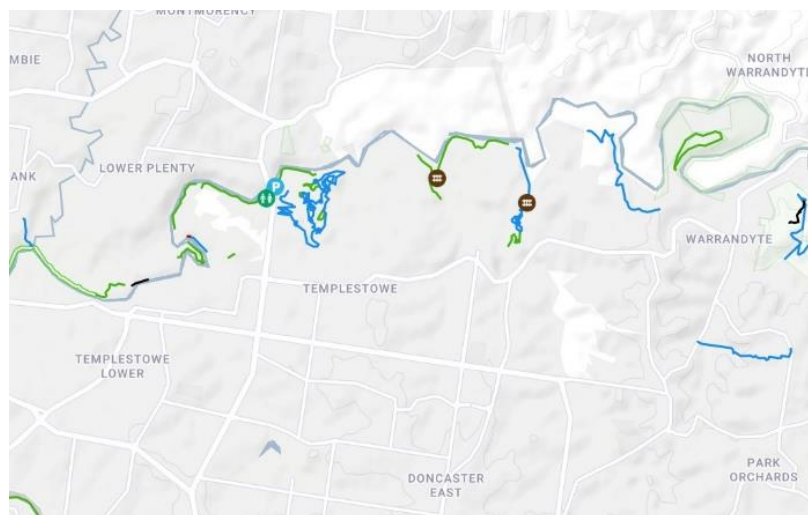
Whilst this regional focus and strategic direction is being determined, it is important to identify local demand to understand which areas should be prioritised for dirt jumps. Below is a list of some recent pop-up dirt jumps that are known to Council (all jumps on Council land have been removed):

- Boronia Reserve (Blackburn Dirt Jumps – Council land). This site was subject to a petition of over 1,700 signatures to retain the jumps;
- Mullum Mullum Trail rear of Barradine Terrace (Council land);
- Donvale Reserve – Roy Street entrance (Council land);
- Rieschiecks Reserve (Council land);
- Morcombe Reserve (Council land);
- Morris Williams Reserve (Council land);
- Dumosa Avenue Reserve (Council land);
- 630 – 658 Blackburn Road, Templestowe (behind Beasley's Nursery – private land);
- Colston Close, Doncaster (Melbourne Water land);
- Rear of Brindy Crescent (Melbourne Water land); and
- 155 Knees Road, Park Orchards (Melbourne Water land).

Formal Bike Trails

Mountain bike trails exist throughout Manningham along the Yarra River Trail, albeit these are predominately novice facilities. The image below shows the location of these facilities, with the main cluster located within Candlebark Park, Templestowe (near Westerfolds Park).

Figure 18 - MTB trails in Manningham



Candlebark Park is the primary mountain bike facility in the area with the trails, which were originally developed illegally by various community members, being formalized by Parks Victoria. A network of novice trails is provided however these are not suited for really young riders or riders with higher skill levels. There is no signage, the site is very informal, and the design of these trails is for a bush experience rather than a skilled, downhill experience. Parks Victoria advised that there are no plans to upgrade these trails.

The Warrandyte Mountain Bike Club is based within Manningham and was formed in 2014 to formalise the various groups riding in the area, with the view to promote the interest of mountain biking and mountain bike trails in and around the Warrandyte area.

The club runs regular social rides for riders of all ages and abilities and is currently working with Parks Vic to expand the current network of legal trails in the area. The club is currently exploring the section of Tikalara Park north of Beasleys Nursery as a potential site. The cost of undertaking a Cultural Heritage Management Plan at this site is beyond the financial means of the club and therefore the planning has come to a standstill.

Council has programmed works to install a picnic shelter, notice board and bicycle repair station at Warrandyte Reserve to support the activities of the Warrandyte Mountain Bike Club.

Membership

Membership of the Warrandyte Mountain Bike Club is outlined in the table below. Accurate participation data outside of club membership is not available given the unstructured nature of MTB and dirt jumps.

Table 9 - Warrandyte Mountain Bike Club membership breakdown

Warrandyte Mountain Bike Club Membership 2022	
Over 35's	50
Senior (18-35)	40
Junior	60
Total	150
Male	110
Female	40
Total	150

Dirt Jumps

A formalised dirt jump facility is located at Wonga Park Reserve, Wonga Park, and was rejuvenated in mid 2021. The future of this facility is subject to the Wonga Park Reserve Master Plan which is being prepared at the same time as this report. The draft master plan currently recommends retaining and upgrading the facility.

A petition to Council with 1,700 signatures to retain the Blackburn Dirt Jumps, in addition to the consultation undertaken for this project indicates significant demand for dirt jumps. In 2021, Council explored using the green space at Boronia Reserve to formalise some jumps however has been unsuccessful in finding a suitable consultant to design the jumps.

The community survey responses outlined in the consultation report indicated support for Council to develop dirt jumps with input from users. Survey respondents also indicated that it was desirable for dirt jump facilities to be co-located with skate facilities and/or basketball rings

as well as access/proximity to existing trails. The most identified locality for a dirt jump track from survey respondents was Park Orchards.

Council requires a process to address the ongoing construction of “illegal” dirt jumps. It is demoralising for young people to invest their time and energy in the construction of these facilities only to have them removed by Council, however the safety, risk and legal issues Council faces with activities conducted on Council owned land (whether sanctioned or not) also needs to be considered.

The process needs to consider ways for Council to work in partnership with the community and young people in particular to meet their need for these facilities and harness the energy and interest of young people in the construction of these facilities as this fosters ownership, innovation and a sense of community. Safety and risk management considerations must form part of the assessment process.

Facility Provision Analysis

The Wonga Park Reserve facility is the only “legal” dirt bike facility in Manningham.

There is significant interest and expected ongoing demand for mountain bike tracks as well as dirt jumps. Full assessments are required of available sites for consideration in order to determine the most suitable sites for development.

Key considerations when determining future sites requires an assessment of the suitability of the site for the purpose, as well as the geographic location. Close proximity to existing trails is desirable when considering future locations for dirt jump and mountain bike facilities, however it is noted that in some suburbs this cannot be achieved.

Of the sites previously identified as possible sites in the Situational Analysis Report, Tikalara Reserve is already subject to a development plan and the Knees Road site in Park Orchards is primarily in private ownership and therefore not suitable. Additional investigation has been undertaken to determine the feasibility of formalising MTB trails through the Warrandyte State Park. Parks Victoria have however advised that the existing management vehicle tracks are used by MTB riders and that no additional trails would be considered.

Possible Future Dirt Jumps Locations

Some possible future sites for dirt jumps were considered as part of this project and are listed below. A full analysis of these sites can be found in section 6.3.

- Boronia Reserve
- Fitzsimons Reserve, Templestowe
- Jenkins Reserve, Templestowe
- Katrina Gully, Doncaster
- Morris Williams Reserve, Bulleen
- St Clems Reserve, Doncaster East
- Stintons Reserve, Park Orchards
- Windella Quadrant, Doncaster
- Zerbes Reserve, Doncaster

Further investigative work was undertaken around the Park Orchards area to find suitable sites for dirt jumps given the strong community feedback. Domeney Reserve was explored as a potential site however it has been determined that this is not feasible as the most appropriate location in the reserve to construct jumps contains native grass species.

Iona Grove Reserve was also investigated however was deemed unsuitable given the significant vegetation in the reserve (mainly pine trees), and the shape of the reserve being a gully, which is likely to see ongoing maintenance issues for dirt jumps as a result of water runoff.

Key Considerations

There is significant current and expected future demand for additional facilities. Council requires a process to address and assess the ongoing construction of “illegal” dirt jumps that supports the contribution of the community whilst being mindful of Council’s risk management and legal requirements.

The proximity to existing trails is desirable when considering future locations for dirt jump facilities.

Recommendations

1. That Council develop a process to address and assess the ongoing construction of “illegal” dirt jumps that supports the contribution of the community whilst being mindful of Council’s risk management and legal requirements. This process also needs to include a framework for developing and maintaining jumps constructed by Council.
2. That a feasibility study is undertaken considering the identified sites (see section 6.3) as possible locations for cycling related activities such as dirt jump and pump track facilities.

7.8 Netball (indoors)

The primary facility used for indoor netball within Manningham is located at the Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre (MTLC). At the time of developing the SFDP, MTLC was subject to the development of a master plan.

MTLC is home to the Doncaster and Districts Netball Association (DDNA) who run junior and open age netball competition. The DDNA currently have approximately 650 members and are the only netball Association in Manningham registered with Netball Victoria. The DDNA is primarily an outdoor run competition, with indoor access for their representative pathway. It is noted that not all Manningham based clubs participate in the DDNA, with Park Orchards Netball Club registered with the Melbourne East Netball Association and Wonga Park Netball Club registered with Lilydale and Yarra Valley Netball Association.

A number of clubs use Council's indoor facilities for training purposes, including:

- Doncaster Netball Club – Leeds Street Stadium, Wednesday to Friday between 4:30pm and 6:30pm
- Park Orchards Netball Club – Park Orchards Community Centre, Wednesday between 4:30pm and 8:30pm.

Netball has access to 6.5% of available court time at YMCA managed facilities.

A modified form of indoor netball is offered at Doncaster Indoor Sports. This commercial centre provides Fast 5 Ladies and Fast 5 Mixed Netball.

Cityside Sports, which is a commercial provider of mixed and social netball, runs competitions from the two court stadium at Doncaster College from Monday - Thursday nights each week. Approximately 540 people participate each week.

Key Considerations

Significant work is currently underway with the DDNA, Netball Victoria and Council to better understand current and future facility provision requirements. Discussions remain ongoing at the time of developing this report and given this, no recommendations relating to netball have been made. Once this detailed work has been completed, actions arising will be added to the SFDP.

7.9 Pony Club/Horse Riding (club based)

There are four Horse and Pony Clubs located in Manningham, with 3 operating under a lease on Council land. These clubs operate across 3 different sites and have a mix of dressage areas and cross-country fields.

Donvale and Templestowe Horse and Pony Club

Buck Reserve on Reynolds Road, Donvale, is home to the Donvale and Templestowe Horse and Pony Club. The pavilion at Buck Reserve was donated many years ago and now needs a lot of work. The storage shed is located a long distance from the clubrooms and as a result, the club store some items in the dilapidated public toilet block adjacent to the club rooms. Visual inspection of the toilet facilities in April 2022 suggests one cubicle is still in use as a toilet facility. It should be noted that this toilet block is not identified as being needed under Manningham's Public toilet Plan.

This facility includes two arena's as well as a substantial cross country area.

Each parcel of land for the pony clubs has been measured and aerial photo's of each parcel and the dimensions appear on the following pages.

Arena 1 – The fenced arena closest to the clubrooms is 6,989m².

Figure 19 - Buck Reserve arena 1 overhead



Arena 2 (open area) – The partially unfenced second arena below is 9,989.62m².

Figure 20 - Buck Reserve arena 2 overhead



Total arena space is **10,989m²**

This site used for cross country has a steep gradient – Total Area **41,184.9m²**

Figure 21 - Buck Reserve cross country area overhead



Total Land – 52,174m²

The Donvale and Templestowe Horse and Pony Club does not have an adopted strategic direction and there is no vision for the future or articulated plan to attract more members.



Table 10 outlines the membership of the Donvale and Templestowe Horse and Pony Club in 2022, as provided by the club through the consultation process.

Table 10 - Donvale Horse & Pony Club membership breakdown

Donvale & Templestowe Horse and Pony Club Membership 2022	
Over 35's	0
Senior (18-35)	5
Junior	15
Total	20
Male	2
Female	18
Total	20

Donvale Adult Riding Club

The Donvale Adult Riding Club also operates out of Buck Reserve and are on a lease with Council. The Club are registered with the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria, and according to the Association, the Club only has 8 registered users.

Wyena Horse and Pony Club

The Wyena Horse and Pony Club is located in Croydon Road, Warrandyte. The club prepare members for Show Jumping, Cross Country, Dressage and Eventing competitions, as well as running Monthly Instructional Rallies, Summer Jump Club, Recreational Rallies, Group Equine Health Services, Events, Private Lessons and Clinics throughout the year.

The club operates across two sites, Colman Reserve for their arena's and Husseys Lane for the Cross-Country course.

There are four arenas of similar sizes at the Colman Reserve site as follows:

Arena 1 – 2,844m2

Arena 2 – 2,502m2

Arena 3 - 2,262m2

Arena 4 - 1,943m2

In addition to the four arena's there is a dressage area that is 1,586m2.

The five arenas at Colman Reserve and their measurements appear on the next pages. It should be noted that this a sloping site and each of the arenas are on a different level which may limit available use for other purposes.

Figure 22 - Coleman Park horse and pony facility overhead

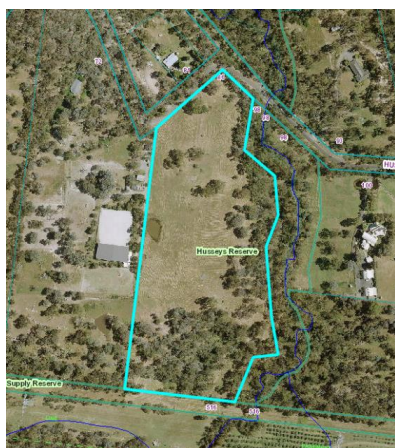


Total Arena Space 11,137m²

Hussey’s Reserve

This site is used for cross country and is hilly (though not as hilly as Buck Reserve) and is 60,864.4m².

Figure 23 - Husseys Reserve cross country area overhead



Total Land – 72,001m²

The 7 community survey respondents (of which 5 are members of Wyena Horse and Pony Club) identified the following issues at Wyena Horse and Pony Club:

- Arena’s need to be graded, resurfaced and drainage fixed.
- Pathways need new gravel
- Improved access particularly to the facilities in Husseys Lane which is difficult for horse floats to get in and out of.



Membership of Wyena was obtained from Pony Club Victoria, who indicated that the club have 10 seniors and 5 juniors competing, 18 life members, 3 come and try members, 11 adult supporting members and 3 adult ground members.

Figure 24 - Wyena Horse & Pony Club membership breakdown

Wyena Horse and Pony Club Membership 2022	
Over 35's	18
Senior (18-35)	24
Junior	8
Total	50

Wyena Adult Riding Club

The Wyena Adult Riding Club are registered with the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria. The Club shares the horse and pony club facilities on Croydon Road with the Wyena Horse and Pony Club, however the Club are not on a recognized lease with Council. The Association advises that the Club has 19 registered members.

Facility Provision Analysis

The 2 horse and pony club facilities in Manningham are on substantial tracts of land.

Buck Reserve, Donvale has a total arena space of 10,989m² and a hilly cross-country area that is 41,185m². **Total Land – 52,174m²**. The pavilion at Buck Reserve was donated many years ago and requires substantial work to ensure it complies with current standards.

The facility at Coleman Park comprises of 4 arenas and a dressage area for a total arena space of 11,137m². There is also a cross country field at Hussey's Reserve which is 60,864m². **Total Land – 72,001m²**. The condition of the existing club room facilities is poor, however is in a better condition than the Buck Reserve facility.

Given the overall low membership numbers at both clubs, it is worth noting the availability of other Horse and Pony clubs in neighbouring municipalities.

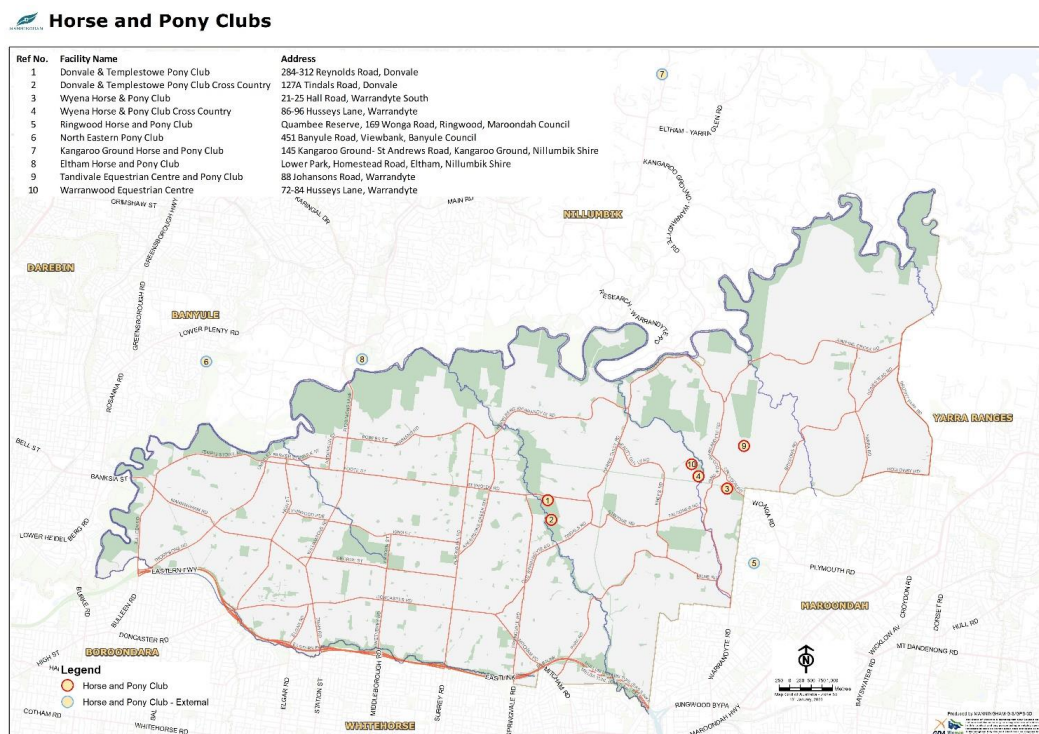
Below is a map showing the location of the two Horse and Pony Clubs in Manningham and their proximity to each other as well as the four closest Horse and Pony Clubs in neighbouring municipalities.

The four closest pony clubs are:

- Eltham Horse and Pony Club in Eltham Lower Park, Homestead Road, Eltham, Nillumbik Shire
- Kangaroo Ground Horse and Pony Club, 145 Kangaroo Ground- St Andrews Road, Kangaroo Ground, Nillumbik Shire
- North Eastern Pony Club, 451 Banyule Road, Viewbank, Banyule Council
- Ringwood Horse and Pony Club, Quambee Reserve, 169 Wonga Road, Ringwood North, Maroondah Council.

There are also 2 private facilities located in Manningham, Tandivale Equestrian Centre and Pony Club (88 Johansons Road, Warrandyte) and Warranwood Equestrian Centre (72/84 Hussey’s Lane, Warrandyte).

Figure 25 - Horse and pony clubs in and around Manningham



Horse and Pony Trails

The majority of demand for trails exists in the eastern parts of the Municipality (Wonga Park, Warrandyte and Park Orchards). Links between these trails is important. The following comments were made via the community survey:

- Ideally less potholes in available tracks.
- More linked trial options needed to avoid busier roads, or narrow roadside reserves.
- Ensure any future rails are located at least 1.5 metres from traffic.
- Suburbs of interest for trails are Warrandyte, Wonga Park and Park Orchards.



Key Considerations

Overall, there are low levels of participation with 15 competing members from a total of 50 members at Wyena and 20 total members at Donvale Horse and Pony Club. This is in addition to the nominal number of participants at the 2 Adult Riding Clubs. Club room facilities at both sites are in poor condition and work is required to arena areas.

Both sites occupy substantial tracts of land and require substantial investment in clubroom facilities to bring them up to appropriate standards, as well as improvements to the arenas/menage areas. With club numbers low and with members primarily being female, the physical task of adequately maintaining and improving facilities is challenging.

Recommendations

1. That discussions commence with the Donvale Horse and Pony Club, Wyena Horse and Pony Club and Donvale Adult Riding Club around future needs and facility development to cater for horse and pony activities.

7.10 Radio Controlled Clubs (car and plane)

Radio Controlled Cars

Manningham provides one dedicated track for radio-controlled cars, which is located at Templestowe Reserve. The track is occupied under lease to the Templestowe Flat Track Racers, who cater for on-road electric powered 1:10 scale vehicles. They meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month to race, and the track is available for the general public to use when meetings are not being held by the club. It should be noted that under the lease agreement, the club is fully responsible for the maintenance of the track even though it is open to the public.

Facilities at the club include a small pavilion with no toilet, external under cover area to charge batteries, an elevated platform as the control area (with no shelter) and lighting. There is a lack of shelter for participants and spectators at the venue.

The club report the lights to be in poor condition. The club requested a light to be facing the track when Council completed the football oval floodlight upgrade recently, however this did not eventuate due to budgeting and planning issues.

The club report that there are a number of clubs that race on Sunday, including their club, which creates scheduling issues and clashes. The Club has flagged to move to mid-week racing if lights were available, which is similar to their sister club, the Boronia Remote Control Racing Club, who have lights on their track.

Facility Provision Analysis

Manningham provides one dedicated track for radio-controlled cars located at Templestowe Reserve for on-road electric powered 1:10 scale vehicles.

Shelter is required for participants and spectators and there is no toilet facility servicing the users of the RC track. Participants currently access the public toilets which service the sports ground and are located several hundred metres away. The lack of nearby toilet facilities provides a challenge for increasing female participation in the sport.

Improvements to the lighting appear warranted in order to extend the opportunities for use of the facility.

Key Considerations

Various improvements have been identified to increase user amenity and increase participation. The Templestowe Reserve track only services 1/10 scale cars. There is currently no provision within Manningham for any other scale, on road or off. The lack of a toilet facility to service the track is an issue, particularly given the number of people that attend races. More shelter and weather protection are required. Replacement of the track will be required in the future.

Recommendations

1. Consider the installation of toilet facilities to accommodate all users.
2. Install shelter for spectators and participants.
3. Review the lighting requirements and provide improved facilities if needed.
4. Undertake a review of the current lease with the RC Club to determine whether a lease is the most suitable agreement for this site, with consideration to the fact that the facility is open to the public outside of club use.

Radio Controlled Planes

The sport of Radio Controlled Aeromodelling is based at Bulleen Park, Bulleen and is home to the Doncaster Aeromodellers Club. Radio Controlled Aeromodelling is a fast-growing sport covering a wide range of aircraft types and flying styles. The club caters for both juniors and adults.

Currently the club has access to a shed that is in moderate to poor condition, with water and electricity connected. The only toilet available for participants is a public toilet which is located nearby.

There's a large green space to the north of the landing strip that appears underutilised.

Club members raised the following issues via the club survey:

- The perimeter fencing is dilapidated and requires replacement. Cars routinely come onto the field and cause damage.
- The surface is uneven and requires grading.
- A concrete or bitumen runway so that smaller aircraft can be launched and landed. Small landing gear get stuck in the existing grass field and cause damage to aircraft.
- Dog walkers with dogs off leash chase RC model planes.
- More signs to clearly state it is a Model flying field and to keep to walking tracks. Public frequently walk across field while members are flying.
- An out of hours security patrol and the need for working boom gate to close area after hours. Suggest security camera at boom gate to monitor car movements.
- Traffic lights to exit to Bulleen Rd. Saturday morning is a disaster and Ambulances would have a problem entering/exiting Bulleen field.

Since the survey responses were received, a number of the items above have been addressed by Council, including perimeter bollards and surface levels. The interest in the use of drones may create additional demand for access to this space. Currently a group from the Men's Shed fly drones on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am-11.00am at Mullum Mullum Stadium.

Membership

The table below shows the membership data for the Bulleen Aeromodellers in 2022.

Table 11 - Bulleen Aeromodellers membership breakdown

Bulleen Aeromodellers Membership 2022	
Over 35's	110
Senior (18-35)	6
Junior	6
Total	122
Male	120
Female	2
Total	122



Table 12 shows the membership data for the in Vic Model Aeronautical Association for Victoria wide in 2022.

Table 12 - Victorian Model Aeronautical Association membership breakdown

Victorian Model Aeronautical Association Membership 2022	
Over 35's	2,037
Senior (18-35)	87
Junior	70
Total	2,194
Male	1,892
Female	302
Total	2,194

Facility Provision Analysis

There are no additional facilities required for radio controlled planes however usage of this space may increase given the rise in use of drones.

The club room facilities require upgrading within the existing footprint in consultation with Melbourne Water.

The surface could be improved to provide a better experience for members and the addition of a bitumen runway for example may broaden the use of the facility for other types of radio controlled aircraft. This is however subject to Melbourne Water approval and Council's capital works process.

Key Considerations

The club room facility at Bulleen Park requires upgrading, however Melbourne Water requirements will likely have a significant impact on the scope of this upgrade.

There are pedestrian trails on the perimeter of the site. Signage is required to clearly state it is a Model flying field and to keep to walking tracks, whilst the runway surface could be improved to provide a better experience for members.

Recommendations

1. Consider an upgrade of the shed/clubroom in line with Council's capital works priorities and Melbourne Water requirements.
2. Assess the site for safety and access including ensuring the site is secured when not in use. E.g. fixed bollards.
3. Assess opportunities to increase usage and wider opportunities at the site, with consideration of a sealed runway (in consultation with Melbourne Water and subject to Council's capital works process).

7.11 Skate

There are a three skate parks in Manningham, all of which are classified as local level facilities. Each facility offers a different experience and amenity.

Lawford Reserve, Doncaster: Free style, grind rail within a large open space which also includes a playground, picnic area, casual use cricket wicket and toilets. There is also a basketball concrete pad that is located hard up against the skatepark which may make parallel use of facilities challenging with basketballs potentially running into the skate park. Toilets are approximately 300 metres away from the skate park. There are no rubbish bins, shelter/shade or seating located next to the skate park. There is space to provide these amenities. A drinking fountain is available.

Figure 26 - (L) Lawford Reserve Skate Park and (R) Swanston Reserve Skate Park



Swanston Reserve, Lower Templestowe: This is a bowl style facility suited to intermediate skaters. The skate facility is located within a reserve which includes a playground and a small (separate) basketball ring. Toilets are located nearby. There is one seating area on the north side of the bowl under the trees. Council has plans to extend skate facilities at this site with consultation and design to be undertaken shortly.

Warrandyte Reserve, Warrandyte: Free style, grind rails within a compact skate facility co-located with a sports ground and playground. Toilets are very close by. There is limited seating for skaters or parents at this facility and no shelter.

Figure 27 - Warrandyte Skate Park



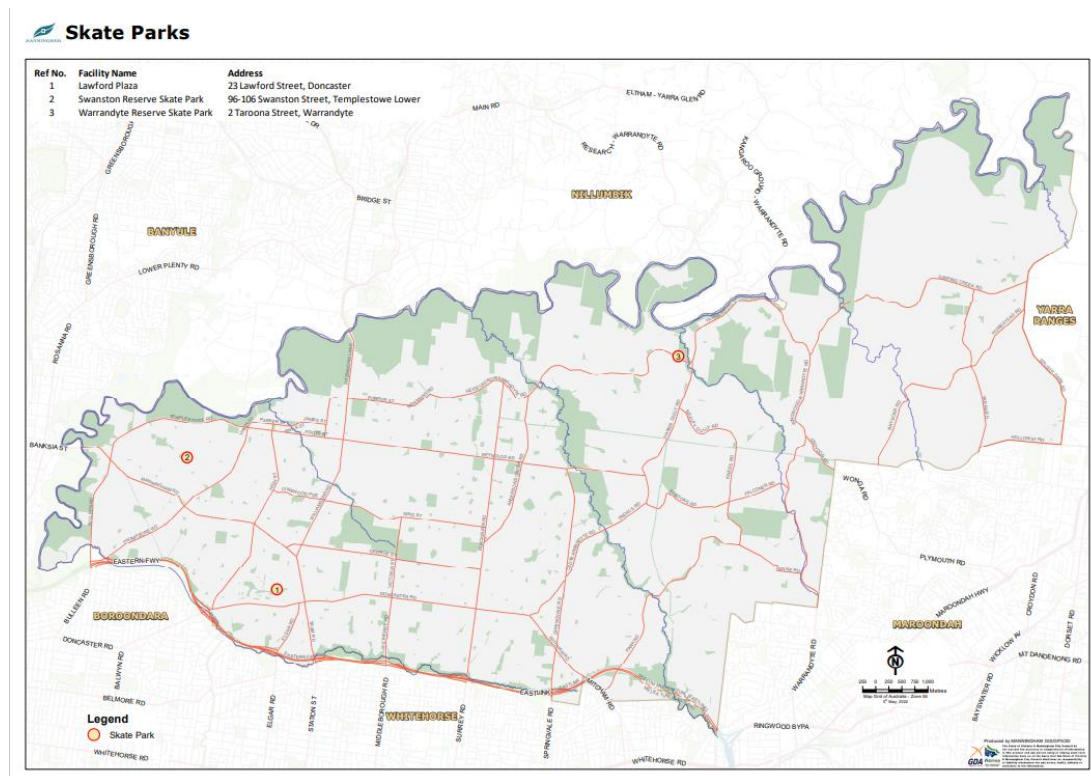
The consultation shows that skate facilities are heavily used and that users will travel to skate at them (on the day of site inspection for this project, a group had travelled from Mordialloc to use the Lawford Reserve facility).

Regional level skate facilities are currently located in neighbouring municipalities at Box Hill and Croydon.

There was strong interest from those who completed the community survey for a skate facility to be located in Park Orchards. Ideally skate facilities are located in sites accessible by public transport, with good natural surveillance and close to takeaway food/drink opportunities.

Figure 28 shows the geographic spread of existing skate facilities in Manningham. It's noted that all 3 skate facilities are near the borders of the municipality.

Figure 28 - Skate parks in Manningham



Consideration for future provision

The following information was provided by Simone Webbey from EACH, who are Council's youth services provider. EACH have previously run skate sessions at Lawford Reserve for the community.

- Skate parks need to provide facilities for all levels. Skate parks that provide a 'one size fits all' approach results in beginner skaters using the same facilities as more skilled skaters. This creates a risk and is also a barrier for entry for some children and young people, as skating with more skilled skaters is intimidating.
- Skate parks and facilities away from main roads are preferred by parents as they are normally in more contained spaces. Warrandyte Skate Park was used as an example of an area that is not well contained.
- Lawford Reserve Skate Park is well designed with the integration of the basketball ring. The design does however exclude freestyle BMX and given its size it becomes crowded when any more than 10 people are using the facility.
- Skate and Freestyle BMX are growing in popularity in part due to them becoming an Olympic sport.
- Scootering, inline and roller skating are also popular and require consideration when designing facilities.
- Scootering is similar to BMX, whereby it requires larger ramps. This is not provided at Lawford Reserve or Warrandyte Reserve.
- Ancillary infrastructure is required to complement the skate parks. This can include:
 - Play equipment, outdoor gyms etc.
 - Consider community hub type concepts.
 - Place for parents to get a coffee.
 - Onsite storage to make it easier to facilitate skate programs.
 - Floodlights – Activate the skate parks at night, especially during winter. Helps create a perception of safety.
 - Toilets and shelter.
- Building facilities for beginners is key to increasing participation.
- Demand for skate workshops is high for both boys and girls.

Facility Provision Analysis

The three existing facilities are all local level facilities which are heavily used. Warrandyte Reserve and Lawford Reserve provide the free style, grind rails experience with Swanston Reserve offering a bowl experience. There is space to extend the bowl facility at Swanston Reserve to include a beginner area. This is subject to planning work that is currently underway for the reserve and will be delivered in line with Council's capital works program. Council also has plans to upgrade the skate facilities at Warrandyte Reserve in the future.

There may be space to extend the Lawford Reserve facility however this is currently a low priority. As all the existing facilities are small, there is a challenge catering to the different skill levels at each facility. Demand is high for additional facilities and as such opportunities to provide skateable elements in future master plans and facility developments across Manningham should be considered.

Skate and Freestyle BMX are growing in popularity and scootering, inline and roller skating are also popular and require consideration when designing future facilities. Support infrastructure is also important such as toilets, drinking fountains, rubbish bins, seating, and shade.

The installation of floodlights also allows for the activation of skate facilities at night and adds to the perception of safety.

Key Considerations

Current demand is high and likely to continue. There are opportunities to extend the experiences available at Swanston, Lawford and Warrandyte reserves facilities, however this is subject to Council's capital works program.

Additional facilities are required with consideration to be given to the geographic spread as well as the location of the future sites to support their use. Proximity to public transport and food/drink opportunities, as well as casual surveillance and ancillary facilities such as playgrounds, shelter etc. are important considerations when developing new facilities.

Recommendations

1. That a beginner skate facility is developed at Swanston Reserve Bowl in line with Council's capital works program.
2. Investigate the extension of skate facilities at Lawford and Warrandyte Reserves. Consideration to be given to facilities which assists in the separation of beginners and those that are more advanced.
3. That additional skate facilities are provided, with Zerbes Reserve (located within the centre of the municipality) being considered as a possible site subject to community consultation.
4. That analysis is undertaken into suitable locations across the municipality to include skateable elements and that these are installed wherever possible. A key focus needs to be made in areas such as Park Orchards and Wonga Park where space is limited and cannot accommodate a full size skate park.
5. That the provision of support infrastructure such as bins, seating and shade is considered at new and existing skate facilities.
6. That lighting is considered at appropriate skate facilities, such as the Warrandyte Skate Park.

7.12 Table Tennis

There are three table tennis competitions currently operating in Manningham. One is a social table tennis competition provided from Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster, called Table Tennis Connect. The second is the Manningham Table Tennis Club that operates from private provider Doncaster Indoor Sports. The Club previously played at DISC on Tuesday nights however due to growth in participation, additional times on Thursday nights was required. This was not able to be accommodated at DISC and the club moved all usage to Doncaster Indoor Sports where they now have access to 22 tables and play 3 nights a week. Social Table Tennis is also provided at Manningham DISC on Monday afternoon as well as Wednesday and Friday mornings. There are 16 registered participants in the social table tennis activity.

Table Tennis Victoria responded to the Association Survey and reported growth in the sport. They noted that additional facilities are being constructed across the state however none are in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. The Melbourne East Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy identifies the need for additional facilities for table tennis, with the Strategy including an action to determine the need for a regional level facility based on participation growth.

Membership and Participation

The following data was provided by Table Tennis Victoria who were able to break down the 2019 membership data and report that of the 70 people who played at Manningham Table Tennis Club, that 44 were Manningham residents and 26 were from other municipalities.

Table 13 - Manningham Table Tennis Club membership breakdown

Manningham Table Tennis Club Membership									
Year	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
No of Members	53	61	70	59	86	70	45	35	22

Interestingly, Table Tennis Victoria recorded that 150 Manningham residents played table tennis in 2019, with 106 residents playing in clubs located outside of the municipality. This is a much higher rate than most other sports (normally it's a 50/50 split or less, but this participation ratio is close to 70/30) which demonstrates that there are not enough facilities in Manningham to cater for local demand.

Facility Provision Analysis

There is evidence of additional demand for table tennis facilities with the majority of existing demand being met by a private provider. Table Tennis is currently allocated 0.2% of time at Council managed facilities. There also appears to be strong interest in Table Tennis from local residents who are participating outside the municipality (approximately 2/3rds of registered players in 2019, which may be due to the lack of available local facilities.)

Key Considerations

With limited access provided for table tennis within existing facilities there is a need to explore opportunities to extend provision.

Recommendations

1. That as existing stadium facilities are upgraded, or new ones developed provision for table tennis is considered.
2. Work with Council's Leisure Services Provider to identify opportunities to accommodate table tennis within existing facilities.
3. Work with Eastern Region Councils to identify the need for a regional level table tennis facility.

7.13 Volleyball

There are two venues in Manningham currently allocating space for volleyball, even though many of the other sports courts are line marked for the sport. Manningham Volleyball run a competition at Mullum Mullum Stadium on a Sunday, whilst a social volleyball competition is offered from Doncaster Secondary College by private provider Social Sports. Like many other sports operating from indoor stadiums, access to the courts is limited given basketball is allocated the majority of available spaces.

The competitions offered at Mullum Mullum Stadium and Doncaster Secondary College are not affiliated with Volleyball Victoria and therefore cannot offer all incorporated programs, access to state league competition and pathway opportunities.

Volleyball Victoria responded to the Association Survey and reported growth and that additional facilities are being constructed across the state, however none are in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs.

Volleyball Victoria comprises 21 affiliate Associations, 17 State League Clubs and three Academies, and 8,000 individual members who play, coach, officiate, and support volleyball in Victoria.

The AusPlay national participation survey shows volleyball as being the most gender-equal sport in Australia and is one of the largest team sports by participation. There are more than 240,000 participants in Australia that span age groups from young children through to the over 50’s.

In Victoria, indoor volleyball is traditionally played in winter months and participants are categorised as competitive (through a State League Club, Academy, or major event) or social/event (through a social competition in metropolitan areas through Volleyball Victoria, affiliate Associations, or private providers).¹⁸

Membership

Table 14 outlines the current membership of Manningham Volleyball.

Table 14 - Manningham Volleyball membership breakdown

Manningham Volleyball Membership 2022	
Over 35's	50
Senior (18-35)	400
Junior	75
Total	525
Male	300
Female	150
Total	450 Seniors only

According to Manningham Volleyball, junior participation is down 50% on pre-covid levels however adult participation remains near capacity. Manningham Volleyball have been turning interested teams away to play outside of Manningham because they are at capacity with the limited court space they are allocated.

¹⁸ State-Facilities-Strategy-Volume-1-Strategy P.6



Table 15 - Volleyball Victoria membership breakdown

Volleyball Victoria Membership 2022	
Over 35's	1,000
Senior (18-35)	2,500
Junior	4,500
Total	8,000
Male	4,000
Female	4,000
Total	8,000

Facilities Provision Analysis

There is currently unmet demand for Volleyball facilities which is likely to increase with population growth. Of the Council managed facilities, only Mullum Mullum stadium provides some access. With limited access provided for volleyball within existing facilities there is a need to explore opportunities to extend provision.

Key Considerations

The lack of court space is limiting the participation and growth of volleyball in Manningham. Junior participation through Manningham Volleyball is down 50% on pre covid levels so any additional interest from juniors will add to the demand for more court time for Volleyball.

Recommendation

1. That as existing stadium facilities are upgraded or new ones developed, provision and access for Volleyball is considered.
2. Work with Council's Leisure Services Provider to identify opportunities to accommodate volleyball within existing facilities.

8 Summary of Recommendations

High Priority – Action within 12 months, where possible.

Medium Priority – Action within 1 to 3 years, where possible.

Low Priority – Action over 4+ years.

#	Action	Priority
Schools		
1	Doncaster Secondary College - Advocate for community use within the proposed badminton stadium.	High
2	Doncaster East Secondary College - Advocate for community use of the tennis courts in response to any identified immediate demand from the closure of the Boroondara Tennis Centre, or if a tennis club is partial displaced due to upgrades at their facility.	Medium
3	Templestowe College - Continue the current arrangement for the use of the sports field until construction on the indoor stadium commences	Low
4	Warrandyte High School – Monitor community usage of the sports field and investigate should usage reduce.	Low
5	Donvale Primary School – Investigate a future JUA for the sports field, subject to any future plans the school may have for the sports field.	Low
6	Millgate Primary School – Have further discussions with the school around availability of the indoor court, and advocate for additional community use if availability still exists.	Low
7	Our Lady of the Pines Primary School – Have further discussions with the school around availability of the indoor court, and advocate for additional community use if availability still exists.	Low
8	Wonga Park Primary School – In response to the Wonga Park Reserve Master Plan, monitor netball participation and if deemed necessary, establish a JUA for the outdoor netball courts to increase community usage.	Low

#	Action	Priority
Archery		
9	That the archery facility is assessed for compliance against Archery Australia Safety Guidelines, and appropriate measures are taken to ensure compliance.	Medium
10	Consider improvements to the existing pavilion for the Archery Club, subject to Council's Capital works program and investigation with Melbourne Water on what can and cannot be achieved.	In line with Capital Works priority list
11	Monitor participation to determine whether an alternate site is required that could accommodate the facilities required to meet the demand.	Low
Badminton		
12	Work with Doncaster Secondary College to advocate for community use within their proposed badminton facility.	High
13	Consider the needs of badminton when retrofitting existing Council facilities including wall colour, lighting positions and line marking.	Ongoing
14	Work with Council's Leisure Services Provider to enable future access to Council facilities to cater for badminton, with a focus on usage during business hours.	High
15	If additional indoor stadiums are constructed by Council, ensure the needs of badminton are considered.	Ongoing
Basketball		
16	Collaborate with Basketball Victoria to understand current and future facility provision. Update the SFDP once known.	High
17	Develop a masterplan for Sheahans Reserve with a focus on updating the stadium to ensure it continues to meet community needs and expectations. Subject to discussions with Basketball Victoria regarding facility provision, consider the feasibility of extending the stadium as part of the master plan.	Medium
18	Ensure existing full size outdoor basketball courts are upgraded in accordance with Council's capital works program.	Medium

#	Action	Priority
BMX		
19	Develop a master plan for Stintons Reserve, including the BMX facility.	High
20	Undertake a review of the current lease with the BMX Club to determine whether a lease is the most suitable agreement for this site, with consideration to the fact that the facility is open to the public outside of club use.	High
21	Consider the development of pump tracks at suitable locations across the municipality, with further consideration to creating a balance in the number of pump tracks and dirt jumps provided.	High
Futsal		
22	That any retro fit of stadium facilities considers the needs of futsal, where deemed appropriate.	Medium
23	That any future development of multi-use sports courts considers the needs of futsal during the design stage.	Low
24	Consider including futsal within designs for new and upgraded public basketball and tennis courts, including consideration of floodlighting.	Medium
Mountain Biking		
25	That Council develop a process to address and assess the ongoing construction of “illegal” dirt jumps that supports the contribution of the community whilst being mindful of Council’s risk management and legal requirements. This process also needs to include a framework for developing and maintaining jumps constructed by Council.	High
26	That a feasibility study is undertaken considering the identified sites (see section 6.3) as possible locations for cycling related activities such as dirt jump and pump track facilities.	High
Pony/Horse Riding Clubs		
27	That discussions commence with the Donvale Horse and Pony Club, Wyena Horse and Pony Club and Donvale Adult Riding Club around future needs and facility development to cater for horse and pony activities.	High

#	Action	Priority
RC Clubs - Car		
28	Consider the installation of toilet facilities to accommodate all users.	In line with Capital Works priority list
29	Install shelter for spectators and participants.	In line with Capital Works priority list
30	Review the lighting requirements and provide improved facilities if needed.	In line with Capital Works priority list
31	Undertake a review of the current lease with the RC Club to determine whether a lease is the most suitable agreement for this site, with consideration to the fact that the facility is open to the public outside of club use.	Medium
RC Clubs - Plane		
32	Consider the upgrade of the shed/clubroom in line with Council's capital works priorities and Melbourne Water requirements.	In line with Capital Works priority list
33	Assess the site for safety and access including ensuring the site is secured when not in use. E.g. fixed bollards.	Medium
34	Assess opportunities to increase usage and wider opportunities at the site, with consideration of a sealed runway (in consultation with Melbourne Water and subject to Council's capital works process).	Low
Skate		
35	That a beginner skate facility is developed at Swanston Reserve Bowl in line with Council's capital works program.	In line with Capital Works priority list
36	Investigate the extension of skate facilities at Lawford and Warrandyte Reserves. Consideration to be given to facilities which assists in the separation of beginners and those that are more advanced.	In line with Capital Works priority list

#	Action	Priority
37	That additional skate facilities are provided, with Zerbes Reserve (located within the centre of the municipality) being considered as a possible site subject to community consultation.	Medium
38	That analysis is undertaken into suitable locations across the municipality to include skateable elements and that these are installed wherever possible. A key focus needs to be made in areas such as Park Orchards and Wonga Park where space is limited and cannot accommodate a full size skate park.	Medium
39	That the provision of support infrastructure such as bins, seating and shade is considered at new and existing skate facilities.	High
40	That lighting is considered at appropriate skate facilities, such as the Warrandyte Skate Park.	In line with Capital Works priority list
Table Tennis		
41	That as existing stadium facilities are upgraded, or new ones developed provision for table tennis is considered.	Ongoing
42	Work with Council's Leisure Services Provider to identify opportunities to accommodate table tennis within existing facilities.	High
43	Work with the Eastern Region Councils to identify the need for a regional level table tennis facility.	Medium
Volleyball		
44	That as existing stadium facilities are upgraded or new ones developed, provision and access for Volleyball is considered.	Medium
45	Work with Council's Leisure Services Provider to identify opportunities to accommodate volleyball within existing facilities.	Medium



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11.2 Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Masterplan

File Number: IN23/121
Responsible Director: Director Connected Communities
Attachments: 1 Aquarena Outdoor Space Master Plan - Report Final Draft

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has engaged external consultants Sport and Leisure Solutions to develop a masterplan for the outdoor area of Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

The implementation of the master plan will be transformational for the outdoor space, the centre, and the community. The development of the outdoor space will create a unique offering for aquatic and leisure centres in metropolitan Melbourne.

This master plan does not include works to the 50m pool, as investigative works to the pool are being undertaken as a separate project.

The draft plan has been developed following extensive consultation with user groups, facility users and the community and proposes to enhance the experience of visitors and provide places and spaces for multiple uses to enable a range of programs and services.

The Active for Life Recreation Strategy supports the development of a master plan for the outdoor areas of Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre to meet the future sport and recreation needs of the community.

The cost estimate for all components of the draft plan, is \$9,011,865 (2023 costings).

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- A. Supports the release of the Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Master Plan for public consultation.**
- B. Notes that a report will be presented to Council in mid 2023 for final endorsement of the plan, following the community consultation process.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2006, external consultants Stratcorp Consulting were engaged to develop an Aquarena Master Plan for the entire facility. This earlier master plan guided a range of work that have already been undertaken, such as car park expansion, internal building redevelopments and expansion of the outdoor water slide.

- 2.2 Council recently engaged external consultants Sport and Leisure Solutions to develop a specific contemporary master plan for just the outdoor area of Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre utilising current industry trends and probable cost guidelines.
- 2.3 This Plan focusses on the outdoor areas only, as most recent works undertaken at the centre has focussed on the indoor areas. The Plan does not include any works to the 50m pool, as this project is being undertaken separately due to the specialised nature of the assessment required for this structure.
- 2.4 It may be possible in future project management options to combine all or some of the outdoor master plan works and 50m pool works into one project package to allow for implementation synergies and limited disruptions to facility access for members and the community. This implementation approach is not specifically included in this report.

3. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

- 3.1 An extensive process has been undertaken to develop the Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Master Plan (Attachment 1).
- 3.2 The earlier recommendations arising from initial work by Stratcorp Consulting included a range of short, medium, and long-term recommendations. Many of these recommendations have been implemented, and the consultant's work also provided a good basis for the scope of this most recent outdoor master plan.
- 3.3 The Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Master Plan is consistent with those elements of the 2006 master plan regarding the outdoor areas and the opportunities to maximise the available land to improve community participation in aquatic activities.
- 3.5 There are various upgrade recommendations contained within the Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Master Plan. Upgrade of these items will ensure Aquarena and its program offerings remain up to date and cater for the changing community needs for many years to come.
- 3.6 Key components include:
 - a) Relocation and improvements to the café, offering increased outdoor seating and shade
 - b) Inclusion of a new relocated water play
 - c) Introduction of an amphitheatre to provide events and performances, in addition to further shaded space
 - d) Replacement of the outdoor toddler's pool with a 25m programmable pool
 - e) Raised seating and shaded space over the existing dive pool
 - f) Inclusion of a tier seating structure, with a shade structure for carnivals and family use
 - g) Increased site accessibility through compliant pathways, increase in vegetation and shade structures throughout the outdoor space

- 3.7 The redevelopment of the 50m pool is not included as part of the Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Master Plan, the redevelopment of the 50m pool will be occurring separately as part of Council's Capital Works program.

4. COUNCIL PLAN / STRATEGY

- 4.1 The development of this plan is in line with the following goals in the Council Plan 2021-2025:
- 4.1.1 Healthy Community – A healthy, safe and resilient community
 - 4.1.2 Healthy Community – An inclusive and connect community.
 - 4.1.3 Vibrant and Prosperous Economy - Grow our local business, tourism and economy
 - 4.1.4 Liveable Places and Spaces – Inviting places and spaces
 - 4.1.5 Liveable Places and Spaces - Enhanced parks, open space and streetscapes
 - 4.1.6 Liveable Places and Spaces - Well utilised and maintained community infrastructure
- 4.2 This plan also meets the following action in the Active for Life Recreation Strategy:
- 4.2.1 Priority Area 1 - Provide flexible, multi-use and durable spaces for recreation to meet the needs of a growing community
 - 4.2.2 Outcome 1.1 - Quality indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities to meet the needs of active recreation and organised sport participation.
 - 4.2.3 Action 1) - Review the masterplan undertaken in 2006, for the outdoor areas of Aquarena, to determine future usage and facility provision, including car parking and outdoor pools.

5. IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The implementation of the Master Plan will be transformational for the outdoor space, the centre and the community. It will ensure the quality of the outdoor offering is consistent with the centre's indoor quality and deliver a centre with a range of services and facilities unmatched by any other aquatic and leisure centre in Victoria.
- 5.2 It will maximise the use of the valuable and rare outdoor space and deliver to the community a combination of indoor and outdoor facilities that provide variety and quality in aquatic facility provision.
- 5.3 The combination of indoor and outdoor facilities, services and programs will be unique and will provide the local community with a centre that has something for everyone. More specifically, it will achieve the following:
- 5.3.1 Creation of extensive outdoor leisure opportunities for families, young people, and people with a disability through the inclusion of significantly improved water play offerings.

- 5.3.2 A place for everyone regardless of physical capability - through significant improvements in accessibility throughout the outdoor space for the community and particularly for people with mobility issues.
- 5.3.3 Improved and increased shaded spaces throughout the outdoor area, increasing the comfort levels for all users.
- 5.3.4 Improved spectator area, group change areas, and marshalling area at the northern end of the pool vastly improves the level of service to schools and clubs.
- 5.3.5 The inclusion of an amphitheatre for events with a stage to provide a space for families and the broader community to experience events and performances in a picturesque setting. This means the outdoor space isn't just a place for aquatic users.
- 5.3.6 Improved amenities to service clubs, schools, specific population groups and the broader community.
- 5.3.7 Improvements to the cafe ensure additional space and directly connects to indoor and outdoor areas whilst providing a variety of options for seating.
- 5.3.8 A quiet programming pool that will provide a space for water-based exercise, women's/men's only swimming and a quiet space for people when the pool is not programmed.
- 5.3.9 An outdoor area for swim lessons – the outdoor program pool provides an alternate space for swimming lessons. This could be particularly valuable for adults that have low levels of water confidence and skills and who may be uncomfortable learning to swim in a more private location or for those with sensory needs.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Finance / Resource Implications

- 6.1.1 The probable cost estimate supplied by the Consultant in May 2022 for all components of the draft Outdoor Master Plan, was \$7,392,000.
- 6.1.2 In allowing for construction price escalations experienced in the industry post COVID, the probable project cost as of March 2023 is estimated as being approx. \$9,011,865. With continual increases in construction costs, it is estimated this cost would rise by 2024/25, possibly to approx. \$13.2m.
- 6.1.3 Any endorsed future works from the plan will be added to the capital works program for budget consideration.

Communication and Engagement

6.2 Extensive consultation has been undertaken to develop the draft plan. An online survey was distributed to existing Aquarena users and the broader community through distribution channels, that included:

- 1) Email to Aquarena database
- 2) On the Manningham City Council website
- 3) QR codes advertised around the centre

6.2.1 The purpose of the survey was to provide an avenue for the community to give input into the potential improvements to outdoor space.

6.2.2 The survey also sought insights into which existing components are essential, which components are not valued and for what purpose does the community use the outdoor space, if at all.

6.2.3 The survey was open for three (3) weeks. There were 210 respondents, with 145 fully completing the survey and 65 people partially completing the survey.

6.2.4 Respondents included current members, casual facility users, key stakeholder groups, including swim clubs, Centre staff, and non-users.

6.2.5 Further broad community consultation will be undertaken on the draft plan in April 2023 before returning the plan to Council for endorsement.

6.2.6 A critical component of the Master Plan process is consultation with the broader community, use of Manningham 'Your Say' page and online meetings and workshops.

6.2.7 The Methodology for the consultation to include:

- 1) Community Consultation: Online Surveys (inclusive of Aquarena existing users and community members)
- 2) Onsite display and feedback session
- 3) Manningham's Your Say page questionnaire
- 4) Stakeholder sessions with:
 - o Current and future centre management
 - o User groups
- 5) Industry Consultation:
 - o Life Saving Victoria
 - o Sport and Recreation Victoria

6.3 Timelines

The final Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Draft Outdoor Master Plan will be presented to Council in mid 2023 for endorsement.

7. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.



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AQUARENA OUTDOOR SPACE MASTER PLAN SUMMARY

MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 2023

INTRODUCTION

Background

The Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre (Aquarena or the Centre) is located in the City of Manningham (or the City) in Melbourne's metropolitan area. The City's area is 113 square kilometres and neighbours six (6) other metropolitan local government areas, each with major aquatic and leisure facilities. Aquarena is the only aquatic and leisure centre within the City, servicing a population base of more than 125,000 residents.

The Centre initially opened as the Doncaster Municipal Swimming Pool in 1969 as an outdoor 50m pool to service the community. It was redeveloped in 1991 as an aquatic and leisure centre and renamed *Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre*.

Since 1969, the Centre has undergone eight (8) upgrades through redevelopments or extensions to the facility, with a six (6) stage Aquarena Master Plan commencing in 2009 and concluding in 2016. The Master Plan included the introduction of a 'pavilion' to support the Centre's user groups and provide additional health and wellness programming opportunities. Various extensions also included an indoor warm water pool, outdoor splash pad, wellness centre, expansion of the gymnasium and the application of a 'sky bridge' to better link the Centre's car parks.

Aside from the inclusion of the splash pad and a café and associated decking, there has been minimal capital investment applied to the outdoor space at Aquarena. Consequently, the outdoor facilities have deteriorated and are well below the quality of the indoor facilities creating two-paced facility quality where the customer experience outdoors is inferior.

Project Scope and Purpose

Council's Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-25 (updated in 2019), Manningham City Council identified the need to 'review the masterplan undertaken in 2006, for the outdoor areas of Aquarena. The purpose of the review is to develop a renewed plan that ensures the outdoor infrastructure is accessible, innovative, sustainable and meets the current and future needs of Council and the community. The Master Plan will align with the Council's strategic plans and policies and guide any future Council planning and investment in the outdoor space.

Council engaged Sport and Leisure Solutions (SLS) to develop the new Master Plan. SLS will deliver a Master Plan that includes proposed design elements, business analysis, and an architect's estimate of probable cost to assist Council in determining the future development program.

50 m outdoor pool

Since the project's inception, it has been identified that the 50 m outdoor pool has significant structural issues and is likely to fail within the next few years. Consequently, Council commenced a review of the pool as a priority, running concurrently with, but independent of, the Master Plan. As a result of the review being undertaken, no alterations to the 50m outdoor pool have been identified in the Master Plan.

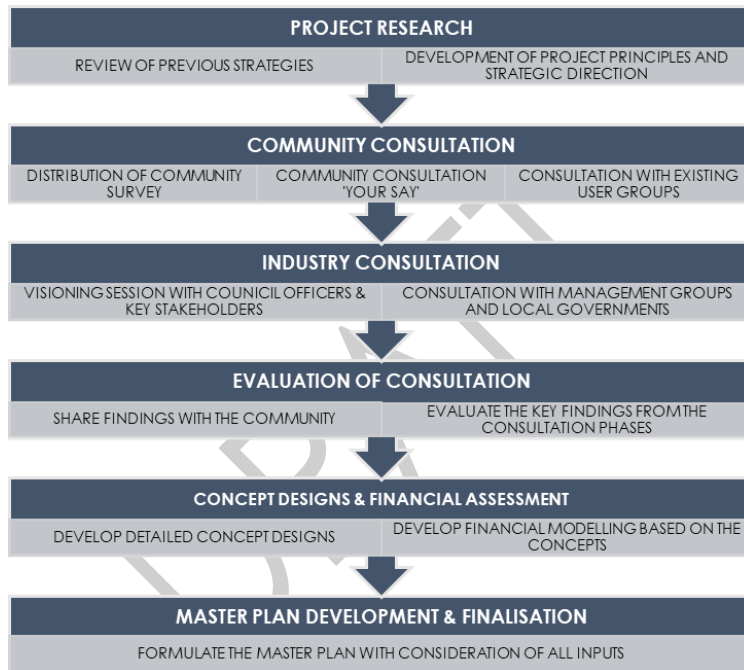
Overview of Project Methodology

The project was delivered through a detailed methodology involving consultation processes, operational assessments and analysis, and design creativity. However, it should be noted that the COVID-19 implications impacted the timing and implementation of some of the methodology. These

included face-to-face consultation sessions with residents, which were unable to be delivered due to restrictions relating to gatherings.

An industry Visioning Workshop with Council Officers, peak bodies and management groups was proposed. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the session was held online with Council Officers and the current management group, Belgravia Leisure. In addition, individual consultation was undertaken with contract management groups, peak bodies, Sport and Recreation Victoria and Councils operating outdoor swimming pools. The insights, the outcomes of the workshop and the consultation were critical in informing the Master Plan direction.

A summary of the Methodology implemented included the following critical tasks:

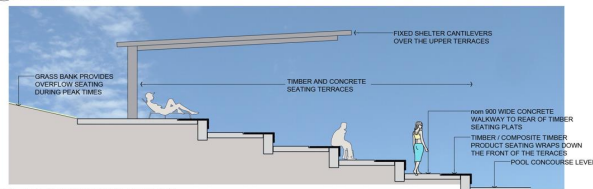


CONCEPT PLAN

Outlined below in image 2 are the proposed concept plan and associated landscape architect's notes for the Aquarena outdoor space:



01 MASTER PLAN
1:500 @ A1 | 1:1000 @ A3



02 TERRACE SEATING SECTION
1:500 @ A1 | 1:100 @ A3

DONCASTER AQUARENA

LEGEND

- PROPOSED EVERGREEN TREE
 - PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE
 - PROPOSED FEATURE TREE
 - PROPOSED CONCRETE PAVEMENT
 - PROPOSED EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE WITH A ROUNDED PEBBLE AGGREGATE
 - PROPOSED 1.21 WALKWAY WITH HANDRAILS AND KERB RAILS
 - PROPOSED EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE WITH A ROUNDED PEBBLE AGGREGATE
 - PROPOSED 1:15 RAMP WITH HAND RAILS AND KERB RAILS
 - PROPOSED CONCRETE STAIR WITH TACTILE INDICATORS TO TOP AND BOTTOM AND HANDRAILS TO BOTH SIDES
 - PROPOSED CONCRETE AND TIMBER SEATING TERRACES (non-400 HIGH)
 - PROPOSED MULTI LEVEL DECK WITH SITTING EDGES (non-400 HIGH)
 - PROPOSED NEW BUILDINGS: RELOCATED CAFE AND NEW CHANGE FACILITIES
 - PROPOSED REMOVABLE UMBRELLAS WITH LOUNGE FURNITURE
 - PROPOSED RETRACTABLE UMBRELLAS WITH SEATING PLATFORMS
 - PROPOSED LARGE FIXED SHADE STRUCTURE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL AMENITY
 - PROPOSED SPILL OUT SPACE FOR CAFE AND POOL HALL WITH TRE PLANTING FOR AMENITY
 - PROPOSED INVESTIGATE FURTHER EXPANSION OF PLANT ROOM CAPACITY AND SERVICING OF NEW AQUATIC FEATURES
 - PROPOSED LARGE FIXED SHADE STRUCTURE PROVIDES SHADE UPPER LEVELS OF SEATING TERRACES
 - PROPOSED FIXED SOLID SHADE STRUCTURES WITH PICNIC SETTINGS IN THE AMPHITHEATRE AREA AND THE QUIET ZONE. THESE STRUCTURES MIGHT BE BOOKED DURING PEAK USE TIMES
 - PROPOSED LAWN AREAS
 - PROPOSED PLANTED GARDEN BEDS
- STAGE 1**
- 1 RELOCATE AND ENLARGE CAFE. PROVIDE COVERED ACCESS FROM THE MAIN BUILDING INCLUDING A SERVERY TO THE WET AREA
 - 2 INSTALL MULTI LEVEL DECK AREA PROTECTING THE EXISTING TREE AND PROVIDING SPILL OUT SPACE FROM THE CAFE
 - 3 INDICATIVE WATER PLAY AREA AT POOL CONCOURSE LEVEL (non 20 x 15m)
 - 4 ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY CONNECTIONS (non 1:21 GRADE AND RAMP (4m) AT non 1:15 GRADE
 - 5 EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE AT POOL CONCOURSE LEVEL CONCRETE STAIRS PROVIDE ACCESS TO WATER PLAY AND TO POOL CONCOURSE
 - 6 FABRIC SHADE STRUCTURE OVER WATER PLAY AREA
 - 7 FURNITURE IN WATER PLAY AREA INCLUDES RETRACTABLE / REMOVABLE UMBRELLAS AND CIRCULAR PLATFORM BENCHES THAT PROVIDE MULTI USE FUNCTIONALITY
 - 8 MULCHED AND PLANTED GARDEN BEDS WITH TREE PLANTING PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AMENITY
 - 9 SPILL OUT SPACE FOR CAFE AND POOL HALL WITH TRE PLANTING FOR AMENITY
 - 10 INVESTIGATE FURTHER EXPANSION OF PLANT ROOM CAPACITY AND SERVICING OF NEW AQUATIC FEATURES
- STAGE 2**
- 11 DEMOLISH EXISTING DIVE POOL
 - 12 NEW CHANGE FACILITIES AND STORAGE AREA
 - 13 RAISED DECK PLATFORM PROVIDES MULTISE OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS SHADED SUN LOUNGERS, OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES AND MARSHALLING AREA FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL DAYS. TWO LEVELS OF TIERED SEATING PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPECTATOR SEATING AREA WHILE ALLOWING CLEAR VIEWS THROUGH TO CHANGE ROOMS
 - 14 REPLACE POOL CONCOURSE PAVEMENT
 - 15 REMOVABLE FURNITURE TO BE PROVIDED ON NEW DECK TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBLE USE OF THE SPACE. REMOVABLE UMBRELLAS - REMOVABLE / STACKABLE SUN LOUNGERS
 - 16 MULTI - LEVEL CONCRETE AND TIMBER TERRACE SEATING (non 450 HIGH PROVIDES SPECTATOR SEATING FOR EVENT AND INFORMAL SEATING / LOUNGING AT OTHER TIMES ENSURE THERE IS PROVISION OF SEATING WITH BACKS AND ARMRESTS AND SPACES FOR WHEEL CHAIRS
 - 17 CONCRETE WALKWAY ACCESS (non 1:21 GRADE) PROVIDES ALL ABILITIES ACCESS TO THE TERRACE SEATING
 - 18 CANTILEVERED SOLID SHADE STRUCTURE (non 16 x 7.5m) PROVIDES AMENITY TO THE TERRACES
- STAGE 3**
- 19 INSTALL AN ACCESSIBLE CONCRETE PATH CONNECTION (non 1:21 GRADE, FROM THE EXISTING SECOND TERRACE (AND EXISTING CHANGE ROOMS) THROUGH THE AMPHITHEATRE TO THE QUIET PROGRAMME POOL AREA. RETAINING WALLS, TERRACING AND RESHAPING OF THE GRASSED BANK WILL BE REQUIRED
 - 20 LARGE SHELTER / SOUND STAGE (non 10 x 5m) ENSURE THERE IS MULTI USE FLEXIBILITY IN THE DESIGN
 - 21 SMALL FIXED SHELTERS (non 4 x 4m) WITH CONCRETE BASE AND PICNIC SETTING
 - 22 THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR THESE TO BE BOOKABLE SPACES DURING EVENTS OR AT PEAK TIMES
 - 23 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FURNITURE THROUGHOUT THE SPACE: - BARBECUES INCLUDING WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE - REMOVABLE / RETRACTABLE UMBRELLAS - REMOVABLE AND STACKABLE SUN LOUNGERS
 - 24 PLANT ADDITIONAL CANOPY TREES THROUGHOUT THE AMPHITHEATRE SPACE FOR EXTRA AMENITY
- STAGE 4**
- 25 ENLARGE EXISTING POOL TO CREATE A FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME POOL IN A QUIET NATURAL SETTING
 - 26 NEW CONCRETE PAVEMENT
 - 27 PROPOSED CONCRETE STAIR ACCESS FROM POOL CONCOURSE LEVEL
 - 28 LARGE FIXED SHELTERS WITH CONCRETE BASE AND PICNIC SETTINGS
 - 29 THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR THESE TO BE BOOKABLE SPACES FOR PRIVATE EVENTS OR AT PEAK TIMES
 - 30 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FURNITURE THROUGHOUT THE SPACE: - BARBECUE - REMOVABLE / RETRACTABLE UMBRELLAS - REMOVABLE / STACKABLE SUN LOUNGERS
 - 31 PLANT ADDITIONAL ADDITIONAL CANOPY TREES FOR EXTRA AMENITY AND SCREENING TO THE BOUNDARY SITE BOUNDARY NOTES
 - 32 CONSIDER EMERGENCY ENTRY ACCESS GATE
 - 33 INVESTIGATE PATH CONNECTION (NON COMPLIANT)
 - 34 RETAIN EXISTING ACCESS PATH TO WATER SLIDE TOWER
 - 35 RETAIN EXISTING (NON COMPLIANT) ACCESS PATH TO REAR OF EXISTING BUILDING

Image 2 – Concept Plan of the Precinct and Architect's Notes

Aquarena Outdoor Space Master Plan

Image 3 (below) outlines the outdoor space concept plan and the integration with the existing pool hall and leisure centre:

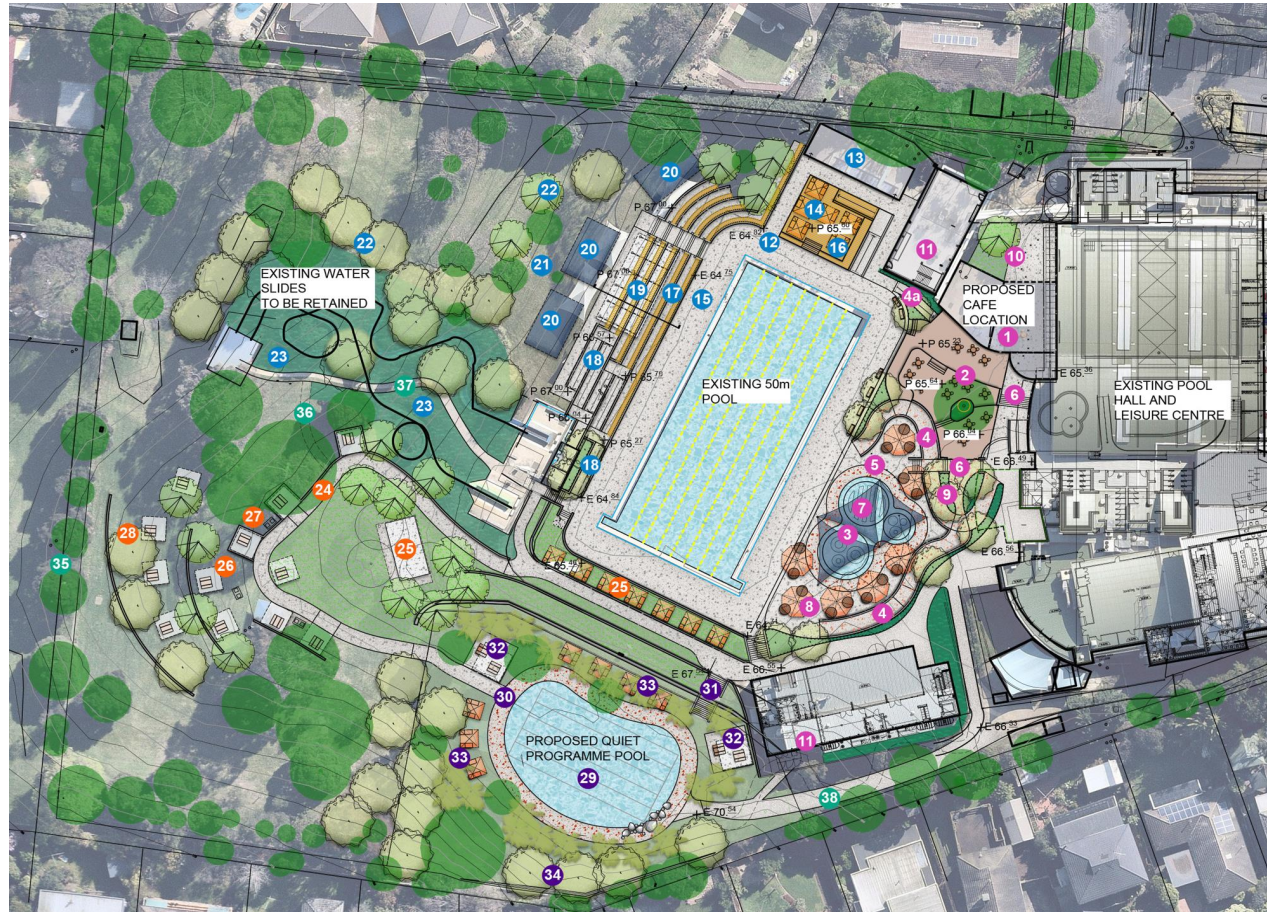


Image 3 – Concept Plan of the Precinct

Aquarena Outdoor Space Master Plan

Image 4 (below) depicts just the outdoor space of the proposed concept plan:

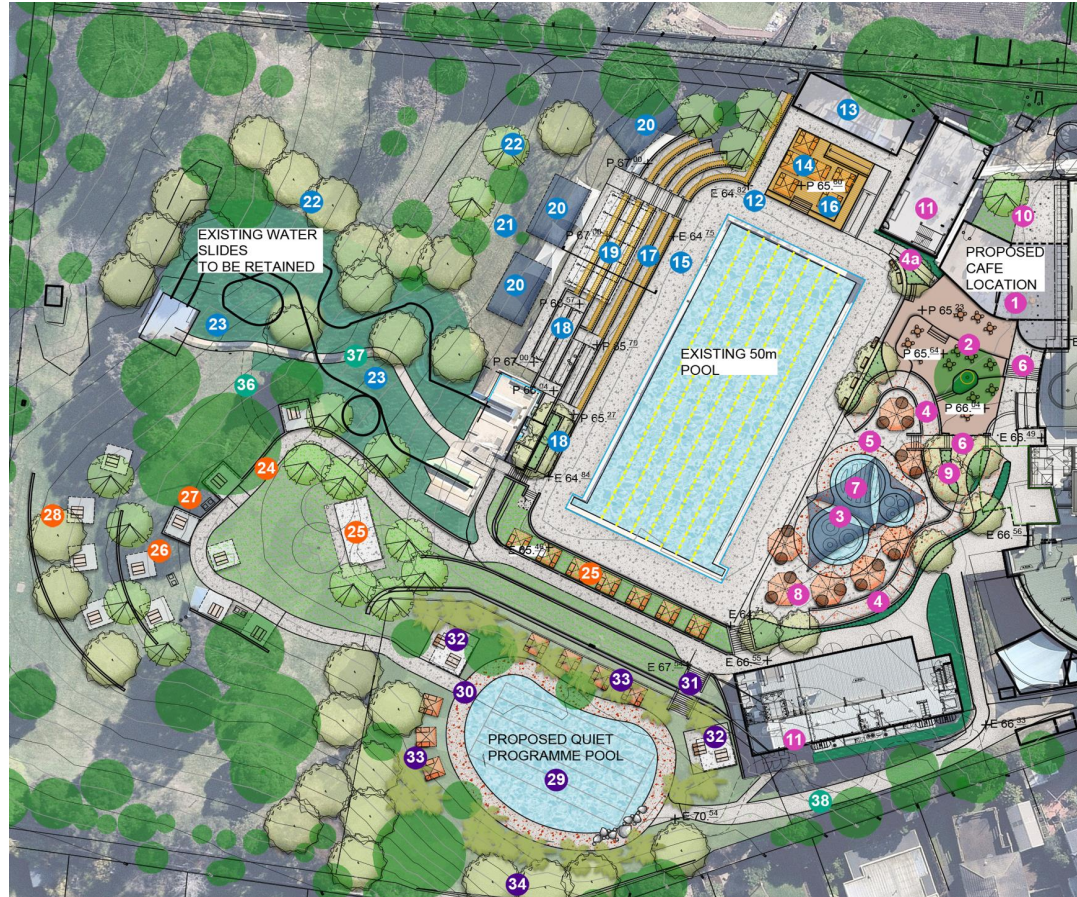


Image 4 – Outdoor Space Concept Plan (Focussed View)

MASTER PLAN IMPLICATIONS AND BENEFITS

The implementation of the Master Plan will be transformational for the outdoor space, the centre and the community. The development of the outdoor space will create arguably the most complete aquatic and leisure centre in metropolitan Melbourne. It will ensure the quality of the outdoor offering is consistent with the centre's indoor quality and deliver a centre with a range of services and facilities unmatched by any other aquatic and leisure centre in Victoria. It will maximise the use of an incredibly valuable and rare outdoor space and deliver to the community indoor and outdoor facilities that provide variety and quality unsurpassed by any aquatic facility provision. The combination of indoor and outdoor facilities, services and programs will be unique and will provide the local community with a centre that has something for everyone.

More specifically, it will achieve the following:

- **More fun for families** - Creation of extensive outdoor leisure opportunities for families, young people, and people with a disability through the inclusion of significantly improved water play offerings
- **A place for everyone regardless of physical capability** - through significant improvements in accessibility throughout the outdoor space for the community and particularly for people with mobility issues
- **Protection from the sun** - Improved and increased shaded spaces throughout the outdoor area, increasing the comfort levels for all users
- **A better place to hold school carnivals** – the improved spectator area, group change areas, and marshalling area at the northern end of the pool vastly improves the level of service to schools
- **Somewhere to hold community events** - the inclusion of an amphitheatre with a stage will provide a space for families and the broader community to experience events and performances in a picturesque setting. This means the outdoor space isn't just a place for aquatic users
- **Better services for key stakeholders** – providing improved amenities to service clubs, schools, specific population groups and the broader community
- **A better place for everyone to connect** – the new cafe is larger and directly connects to indoor and outdoor aquatic spaces.
- **A quiet aquatic space to relax and exercise** - the inclusion of a quiet programming pool that will provide a space for water-based exercise, women's/men's only swimming and a quiet space for people when the pool is not programmed
- **An outdoor area for swim lessons** – the outdoor program pool provides an alternate space for swimming lessons. This could be particularly valuable for adults that have low levels of water confidence and skills and who may be uncomfortable learning to swim in a more private location

Once completed, the components and design of the Master Plan will create a sense of civic pride and have a notable point of difference from other metropolitan Melbourne aquatic and leisure centres. The outdoor space will be unique in its scale, purpose and design and will likely attract visitors from beyond the City of Manningham.

12 CITY SERVICES

12.1 Draft Strategic Property Acquisition Policy

File Number: IN23/128

Responsible Director: Director City Services

Attachments: 1 Draft Strategic Property Acquisition Policy - March 2023 [↓](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Strategic Property Portfolio (SPP) makes up part of Councils Financial Plan by contributing to Council's vision of being a financially sustainable organisation. The intention is to acquire property that will strategically enhance opportunities for development and community enhancement.

The Policy provides the authorising environment for the CEO and officers to undertake the work to acquire properties that meet defined criteria and governance framework.

The Strategic Property Investment Policy has been updated to be an overarching policy for Council related acquisitions including community infrastructure and the Open Space Strategy. The purpose of this report is for the adoption of the revised policy.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- A. Adopts the revised (with updated name) Strategic Property Acquisition Policy shown in Attachment 1.**
- B. Notes the Strategic Property Acquisition Policy will be made publicly available on Manningham Council's website.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 25th October 2022 Council adopted the Strategic Property Investment Policy 'the Policy' for the Strategic Property Portfolio (SPP) and associated strategy, criteria, and governance framework.
- 2.2 The Strategic Property Portfolio (SPP) makes up part of Councils Financial Plan by contributing to Council's vision of being a financially sustainable organisation. The intention to acquire property that will strategically enhance opportunities for development and community enhancement.
- 2.3 The Policy provides the authorising environment for the CEO and officers to undertake the work to acquire properties that meet defined criteria and governance framework.
- 2.4 Since the adoption of the Policy in October 2022, we have assessed and investigated several potential properties. The criteria and governance model has been applied, with processes and learnings constantly recorded and updated.
- 2.5 One of the major considerations being that the Policy considers potential acquisitions that provide longer-term community benefit.

3. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

Draft Strategic Property Acquisition Policy (Attachment 1)

- 3.1 The objective of the policy is to provide the authorising environment for properties to be acquired as part of the SPP. It details the Strategy, Criteria and Governance framework to be applied when acquiring properties.
- 3.2 The policy also establishes the life of the policy, the process for acquisition and the key groups involved for successful implementation of the policy.
- 3.3 The CEO has delegated authority to approve and execute acquisitions in line with the approved annual Capital works budget.
- 3.4 The Policy has also been broadened to consider property acquisition for sites required for community infrastructure and public open space.

4. COUNCIL PLAN / STRATEGY

- 4.1 The Strategic Property Portfolio aligns with Goal 5.1 of the Council Plan – to support a financially sustainable Council that manages resources effectively and efficiently.

5. IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Strategic property acquisitions made in the Strategic Property Portfolio have the potential to significantly enhance the financial capacity of Manningham to diversify its revenue streams, providing medium and long-term benefit to the Manningham community by continuing delivery or enhancement of services.
- 5.2 Any recommendations which propose the development of Structure Plans for activity centres, or future Planning Scheme Amendments, are subject to timeframes of between 18 to 36 months to complete.
- 5.2 A commitment is required to invest the time and resources, financial and non-financial, required to deliver on SPP's financial potential

6. IMPLEMENTATION

- 6.1 Finance / Resource Implications
 - 6.1.1 The SPP actions are to be funded from the Operational and Capital allocation and Strategic Fund. To date, \$5 million has been allocated for Strategic Property Acquisitions as part of the 2022/2023 Financial Year.
 - 6.1.2 A further \$16.5m has been provisionally allocated in Councils 10-year capital works program for future acquisitions related to the Open Space Strategy.
 - 6.1.3 Note property/land purchased from the Open Space Reserve is acquired for community benefit and not intended for capital investment. The exit/disposal strategy for these properties does not apply.

6.2 Communication and Engagement

6.2.1 In the development of the Policy there has been engagement with the relevant service areas within the organisation.

6.2.2 A communications and Engagement Plan is being developed. Key objectives are to inform residents of the program and increase understanding of the financial benefits of the SPP.

6.2.3 In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, the community will be informed on any property acquisitions at the appropriate time in the process. This will be undertaken via the Manningham Council website.

6.2.4 Further site-specific stakeholder and community engagement would be necessary for each of the SPP sites.

6.2.5 The Strategic Property Acquisition Policy will be made publicly available on the Manningham Council website.

6.3 Timelines

6.3.1 Officers will continue to seek opportunities for further purchases in the market and will update Council and the community as it progresses.

7. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.

Policy Register

Strategic Property Acquisition Policy

Draft - not approved

Policy Classification	-
Policy No.	- D22/75896
Policy Status	- Draft for Approval
Responsible Service Unit	- City Projects
Authorised by	- Council
Date Adopted	- 25 October 2022
Next Review Date	- 25 October 2024

This policy is part of a suite of policies adopted by Council or the Executive Management Team (EMT).

New or replacement policies can be created and developed within Service Units but can only be added to Council's Policy Register by Governance Services following the approval of the policy by Council or the EMT.



**Policy Register
Strategic Property Acquisition Policy**



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PURPOSE

The main objective of this policy is to provide the authorising environment for officers to acquire properties as part of Council's:

- Strategic Property Portfolio (SPP) Strategy;
- Community Infrastructure requirements;
- Open Space Strategy;
- Any future relevant Council policies.

The Strategic Property Portfolio (SPP) makes up part of the 10 Year Financial Plan by contributing to Council's vision of being a financially sustainable organisation.

Adopted by Council, the Strategic Property Portfolio intention is to acquire property that will strategically enhance opportunities for development and community enhancement.

The SPP vision and principal:

'The Strategic Property Portfolio will provide the City of Manningham with an additional funding source to enhance services and associated infrastructure for the benefit of the community.'

'Contribute to an alternative income stream to achieve Council's mission to be a financially sustainable Council.'

The SPP Strategy is primarily focused on investment opportunities for financial benefit.

Other property acquisitions like community infrastructure and the Open Space Strategy consider the priorities for the development/use of public open space within Manningham. These considerations are determined on the highest return on community benefit not financial dollars.

POLICY STATEMENT

Property Acquisitions are determined by:

- Providing an income stream to increase Manningham Council's capacity to sustainably enhance or expand Manningham Council services to the Manningham community. This can be achieved through investment return on property or through the strategic acquisition of property to allow for the expansion services in areas of demonstrated need. It is therefore essential there is a clear policy and guidelines for the assessment of properties purchased for the portfolio.

- Investing in community infrastructure that relates to place, personal wellbeing, economic value and social sustainability and resilience for the Manningham community.
- Creating accessible and well-connected Open Space network that supports a healthy community and a healthy environment.

SCOPE OF POLICY

The scope of this policy provides the authorising environment for properties to be acquired.

The policy details the Strategy, Criteria and Governance framework to be applied when acquiring properties, which are detailed in document titled, '*Criteria, Strategy and Governance Framework for the Property Investment Project procedure*'.

The acquisition of a property will typically require that most of the investment criteria have been met.

The criteria are set out below:

- Land and/or property with value add and/or underlying capital growth potential or community benefit.
- Land and/or property that has minimal ongoing management and repair and maintenance obligations that would need to be undertaken directly by Council staff.
- Land and/or property sites less than or equal to the allocated budget, adopted by Council for each program.
- For SPP sites, land and/or property sites that can be held for a period that allow a level of capital growth / return on the property (anticipated to be at least 5% per annum) that reflects Council's ability to be a patient landowner and create value over the medium term (i.e., 5-10 years).
- Land and/or property sites that located within Victoria, with a preference for properties within Manningham; and
- For SPP sites, land and/or property sites that can be exited / disposed of quickly and easily where necessary without a major risk of significant loss of capital investment.
- Land and/or property sites that provide for the expansion, relocation or development of community services and facilities identified as Community Infrastructure.
- Land and/or property sites that provide for the expansion of open space as identified in Manningham Council's Public Open Space Strategy.

RESPONSIBILITY

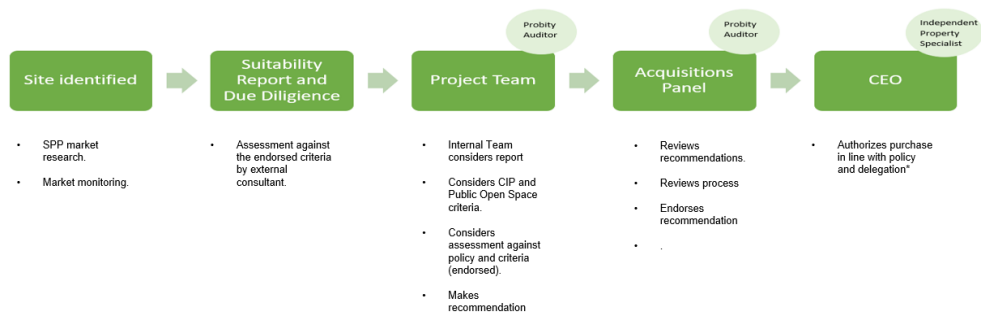
The process for undertaking acquisition in line with policy is identified in document titled, 'Criteria, Strategy and Governance Framework for the Property Investment Project'.

The key groups involved in implementation of the process are policy are:

- **Independent Property Advisor** – The independent property advisor undertakes the market research to provide current opportunities to the project team and analyses the alignment with the acquisitions criteria.
- **Project Team** – Reviews the opportunities presented and works with Councils subject matter experts to make recommendations to the Acquisitions Panel.
- **Acquisitions Panel** – The acquisitions panel reviews the recommendation in line with the governance frameworks, due diligence and provides recommendations to the CEO for approval.
- **The CEO** – Approves acquisitions and executes the relative acquisition documentation for Council. The CEO will be supported in the final decision making by an Independent Property Specialist, to undertake final due diligence that recommendation by the acquisition panel is viable and meets the Policy and framework.
- **Project Control Group** – Supports the SPP by providing expert advice on strategy, identifying risks and review proposed changes to the policy, criteria, strategy, or governance.

The below diagram identifies the high-level process to be followed in assessing and acquiring property under this policy.

Process Map



Probity

An independent probity auditor is appointed and will be involved in reviewing the recommendations put forward by the project team and acquisition panel.

Property Investment Advice

Council's Property Investment Advisor must be suitably qualified by industry standards to provide the necessary advice. The Advisor must be an independent person who has no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to investment decisions and the strategy being recommended.

Any property identified through an independent source or alternatively via a third-party agency must be subject to a full review by Council's Property Investment Advisor.

Community engagement on purchases

In accordance with our community engagement policy, Council will inform the community.

This will provide the community with information to assist them in understanding the opportunity the purchase has provided and community benefit.

DEFINITIONS

- SPP – Strategic Property Portfolio

RELATED POLICIES

- Livable City Strategy (LCS).
- Community Engagement Policy.
- Open Space Strategy 2014.

SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

- Criteria, Strategy and Governance Framework for the Property Investment Project Procedure.

ACTION PLANS

None.

GUIDELINES

The policy is to be reviewed annually for currency.

The policy is valid for an initial period of 2 years and is renewed automatically each year when Council adopts the annual Capital Works program and allocates funding for Strategic Property acquisition project.

Acquisitions are reported to Council via the Council Bulletin. Where a property does not meet the criteria as set out in the policy a separate Council report will be prepared for Council to decide.

RELATED LEGISLATION

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) sets out Council's powers in relation to land. Part 4, Division 4 of the Act details Council's powers and obligations regarding:

- Acquisitions and compensation
- Creation of easements
- Restrictions on power to sell or exchange land
- Lease of land
- Transfer, exchange, or lease of land without consideration

In addition to these legislative obligations, the purchase or sale of land must also be undertaken in accordance with Council's relevant Instruments of Delegation, namely the Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer as amended from time to time, and the Instrument of Sub-delegation from the Chief Executive Officer to Council staff.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

This policy has been developed in-line with Council direction to develop the property investment portfolio.

The policy has been endorsed by a project control group from departments and stakeholders across Council and developed using best practice.

Extensive market research undertaken by Council officers and external consultants has been undertaken in the development of the policy.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Policy Title:	Strategic Property Acquisition Policy (28 March 2023) Formerly named - Strategic Property Investment Policy for the Strategic Property Portfolio
Responsible Officer:	Krishen Soobrayen
Responsible Officer Position:	Manager City Projects
Next Review Date:	25 October 2024
To be included on website?	Yes

Last Updated	Meeting Type - Council or EMT	Meeting Date	Item No.
25 October 2022	Council	25 October 2022	
28 March 2023	Council	28 March 2023	

13 EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITY

13.1 State Government Advocacy Update

File Number: IN23/113
Responsible Director: Director Experience and Capability
Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August 2022, Council endorsed 12 projects to focus on in the lead-up to the Victorian elections. Advocacy for improved youth mental health services in Manningham, a priority during the federal election in May, also continued.

We maximised the opportunity for community to support these projects through videos, promotion on social media and our website. In addition, community campaigns were developed for improvements to 5-ways intersection and implementing a headspace in Manningham.

During the election period, the Mayor and CEO met with current local members and candidates to raise awareness about these projects.

The campaign to improve 5-ways intersection resulted in a commitment from the Liberal Party, the local independent member and interest from Labour. In addition, Keith Wolahan made an election commitment of up to \$10M and is still raising the issue on the community's behalf.

The campaign for a headspace service in Manningham successfully raised awareness of the issue and achieved support from local members.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council note this Victorian election advocacy update.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At the August 2022 Council Meeting, Council endorsed 12 projects to focus on in the three-month lead-up to the Victorian elections. In alphabetical order, the projects were:

- 5-ways intersection improvement
- Bridges for the Yarra River Corridor Concept Plan
- Bus rapid transit (BRT) along the Doncaster Road corridor
- Doncaster Park & Ride - design and commitment
- Fairer society where the gambling industry no longer causes social and economic harm in the community of Manningham.
- Jumping Creek Road, Wonga Park
- Manningham bus shelter delivery program
- Pedestrian and cycle-grade separation at NEL Manningham Road interchange
- Suburban Rail Loop replication via bus route

- Support for \$15m Templestowe College sporting facility announced by Matthew Guy.
 - Templestowe Road between Thompson Road and Bridge Street duplication
 - Trials of On-Demand Bus Services in Manningham.
- 2.2 In addition, advocacy continued for improved youth mental health services, which was identified as a key project in the lead up to the federal election in May.

3. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

- 3.1 The opportunity for our community to get involved or become aware of our advocacy focus was maximised by developing the following:
- A social media video highlighting the 12 priorities and encouraging the community to contact their local state candidate. These videos had excellent engagement with a high number of shares.
 - Facebook slides highlighting each advocacy issue. Councillors and staff had the opportunity to share these posts via their channels.
 - An updated Advocacy page on our website:
<https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/advocacy>
- 3.2 In addition, the Mayor and CEO held the following meetings with current local members and candidates prior to the election to raise to share the projects:
- The Hon. Matthew Guy MP – 2 September 2022
 - The Hon. Ryan Smith MP – 28 September 2022
 - Rod Barton MP – 26 September 2022
 - Sonja Terpstra MP, Naomi Oakley and Ian Rogers – 10 October 2022
 - Deepak Joshi and Aiv Puglieli – 26 October 2022
- 3.3 Post the election, the Mayor and CEO have held the following meetings to continue to progress certain projects on Council's agenda:
- Keith Wolahan – 21 February 2023
 - Parliamentary Secretary Josh Bull MP – 27 February 2023
- 3.4 **Community Campaigns**

To strengthen the overall approach, two community campaigns were developed that encouraged the community to get behind and publicly support.

5 ways intersection

A community campaign was developed to collect details of actual accidents and near misses from community members to provide evidence to relevant politicians of the perilous state of this intersection.

We developed a Your Say page, installed local signage and distributed fliers. A traffic survey at the intersection was also conducted to support the advocacy effort.

The survey provided helpful information about the number of users of the intersection and the direction that vehicles were travelling, and the Your Say Page gave us real examples of accidents, near misses and traffic hazards. This information was collated and sent to the Department of Transport.

The campaign resulted in a commitment from the Liberal Party, the local independent member and interest from Labour. In addition, Keith Wolahan made an election commitment of up to \$10M and is still raising the issue on the community's behalf.

Youth Mental Health - manninghamneedsahespace

The second community campaign was developed to raise awareness of the lack of youth mental health services in Manningham. We gathered evidence from young people and the broader community about the need for a headspace service.

Key points

- over 24,000 impressions were received via our Instagram campaign indicating strong community support
- over 1,000 campaign brochures were distributed
- nine pop-up information were held stalls around Manningham
- significant community feedback was gathered via surveys, polls, social media, Your Say, and ideas boards.

Over 1,000 young people, their parents, and other supporters told us why they desperately need a headspace service in Manningham.

On two occasions, young people presented a strong case for a Manningham headspace service to Keith Wollahan.

The campaign successfully raised awareness of the issue and achieved support from local members.

4. COUNCIL PLAN / STRATEGY

4.1 Our advocacy work in the lead up to the Victorian election is in line with our Council Plan, including:

- Goal 5.1 A financially sustainable Council that manages resources effectively and efficiently.
- Goal 5.2 A Council that values customers and community in all that we do.

5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.

13.2 MAV State Council 2023 - Cost of Living Motions

File Number: IN23/142
Responsible Director: Director Experience and Capability
Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councils can submit advocacy motions to the MAV State Council.

The next State Council meets on Friday 19 May 2023 at the Melbourne Town Hall.

This report proposes two motions to address the cost of living expenses for our older community members.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

A. Endorse the following two motions to be submitted to the MAV State Council meeting:

- 1. Requests the Essential Services Commission review service charges for gas, electricity and water to reflect the usage amounts.**
- 2. That the Victorian government consider a one off payment for our older community to offset these higher service charges.**

B. Provide Manningham's MAV delegate with the power to modify the wording of the motions if required providing the intent remains consistent with Council's endorsed motions.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 State Council is the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) governing body and is made up of MAV delegates from each member Council. Members can submit business to be considered by State Council in accordance with the MAV Rules 2022 and MAV delegates can vote on matters before State Council.
- 2.2 State Council meets twice a year, or more if needed. The next State Council meets on Friday 19 May 2023 at the Melbourne Town Hall.
- 2.3 Councils can submit advocacy motions to the State Council.
- 2.4 MAV motions must have state-wide significance to the sector, relate to one of the sector's priority issues in the MAV Strategic Plan and MAV will not consider issues that have already been adopted at a previous meeting of State Council or are current campaigns.
- 2.5 This report proposes two motion to address the cost of living expenses for our older community members.

3. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

- 3.1 The past few years have seen increasing pressure on our community to pay for staple items including food, heating and rent. This has led to 2 and 3 fold increases in emergency food relief and support services for many in our community. Older community members are particularly affected with restricted pension income.
- 3.2 Older people understand what it is to be frugal to stretch their dollar and Manningham Councillors have heard of first-hand accounts of members of our older community restricting themselves to one or 2 meals a day, or going to bed at 5pm, to save heating costs. Unfortunately, when it comes to utility bills older people are limited in their power to reduce their total bills given the service charges attached to each bill.
- 3.3 In one example a resident shared their electricity bill for the month of December 2022:
- Usage kwh \$68.57 plus Service fee \$38.15 - **50% of usage fee!**
 - Water rates: Water volume cost \$20.06, Water Service charge \$33.77 plus Sewerage Service charge \$146.09.
- 3.4 A person can cut down on their usage to save money but the service fee is beyond their control.
- 3.5 The State Government, via the Essential Services Commission must review utility service charges in support of the cost-of-living pressures across our community.
- 3.6 **Motions**
- Requests the Essential Services Commission review service charges for gas, electricity and water to reflect the usage amounts.
 - That the Victorian government consider a one off payment for our older community to offset these higher service charges.

4. COUNCIL PLAN / STRATEGY

- 4.1 The motion aligns with the Council Plan 2020 – 2025:
- Goal 1.2 Connected and Inclusive community

5. IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS

If the motion was successful there could be significant social and economic benefit to our community.

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.

14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14.1 Appointment of Authorised Officer - Planning and Environment Act 1987

File Number: IN23/136
Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1 S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation -
Graham Lowe [↓](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act), Council is required to authorise officers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act. It is proposed to appoint the Council officer detailed below as an Authorised Officer pursuant to Section 147(4) of the Act.

The Local Government Act 1989 also empowers Council to appoint a person, other than a Councillor, to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of any Act, regulations or local laws which relate to the functions and powers of the Council.

A person who is appointed to a position has the powers of that position under the legislation which they have been appointed. Authorisations are necessary to facilitate the efficient and effective function of councils as they enable authorised officers to carry out compliance or enforcement under legislation related to their functions and powers of the Council.

Authorised officers will continue to be appointed under s224 of the Local Government Act 1989, as there are no provisions for appointing authorised officers under the Local Government Act 2020.

1. RECOMMENDATION

In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 and the other legislation referred to in the attached instrument of appointment and authorisation, Council resolves that:

- A. The following Council Officer be appointed as an authorised officer:
 - Graham Lowe**
- B. The instrument will come into force immediately upon execution and will remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke the Instrument or the officer ceases their employment with Council; and**
- C. The Instrument be signed and sealed.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) regulates enforcement of the Act and is reliant on authorised officers acting on behalf of the Responsible Authority which is Council.
- 2.2 The Act, unlike the *Local Government Act 1989*, does not permit appointments to be made by the Chief Executive Officer and therefore in order for the officer to legally undertake the duties of their position under the Act, it is necessary for Council to make appointments by formal resolution.
- 2.3 The Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation has been prepared based on advice from Maddocks Lawyers and empowers the relevant officer to exercise those powers granted in the Instrument.
- 2.4 The appointment will come into force immediately upon its execution under the Seal of Council and will remain in force until varied or revoked by Council or the officer ceases employment with Council.
- 2.5 In addition to the appointment under the Act, Council pursuant to Section 224 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, may appoint any person other than a Councillor to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of most other Acts, Regulations or Local Laws which relate to the functions and powers of Council. This broader Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation has already been carried out, in respect to the designated officers, under the delegated authority of the Chief Executive Officer as the first part of a dual appointment process.
- 2.6 The appointment will be recorded in the Authorised Officers Register that is required to be kept by Council and is available for public inspection.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.

**Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation
(Planning and Environment Act 1987)**

In this instrument "officer" means -

Graham Lowe

By this instrument of appointment and authorisation Manningham City Council -

- 1. under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* - appoints the officer to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the regulations made under that Act; and
- 2. under section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020* authorises the officer either generally or in a particular case to institute proceedings for offences against the Acts and regulations described in this instrument.

It is declared that this instrument comes into force immediately upon its execution and remains in force until varied or revoked.

This instrument is authorised by a resolution of the Manningham City Council on 28 March 2023.

The Common Seal of)
Manningham City Council)
was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of:)

Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

Date:

14.2 Informal Meetings of Councillors

File Number:	IN23/123
Responsible Director:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 External Briefings to Councillors - 6 February 2023 ↓2 Recreation & Sport Advisory Committee - 20 February 2023 ↓3 Manningham Disability Advisory Committee - 20 February 2023 ↓4 Councillor and CEO Only Time - 28 February 2023 ↓5 Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee - 1 March 2023 ↓6 Strategic Briefing Session - 7 March 2023 ↓7 Manningham Youth Advisory Committee - 8 March 2023 ↓8 Multicultural Communities Advisory Committee - 9 March 2023 ↓9 Councillor and Director Experience and Capability Time - 14 March 2023 ↓10 Strategic Briefing Session - 14 March 2023 ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chapter 6, sub rule 1 of Manningham's Governance Rules requires a record of each meeting that constitutes an Informal Meeting of Councillors to be reported to Council and those records to be incorporated into the minutes of the Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Informal Meetings of Councillors for the following meetings:

- **External Briefings to Councillors – 6 February 2023**
- **Recreation and Sport Advisory Committee – 20 February 2023**
- **Manningham Disability Advisory Committee – 20 February 2023**
- **Councillor and CEO Only Time – 28 February 2023**
- **Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee – 1 March 2023**
- **Strategic Briefing Session – 7 March 2023**
- **Manningham Youth Advisory Committee – 8 March 2023**
- **Multicultural Communities Advisory Committee – 9 March 2023**
- **Councillor and Director Experience and Capability Time – 14 March 2023**
- **Strategic Briefing Session – 14 March 2023**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, requires a Council to develop, adopt and keep in force Governance Rules (the Rules).
- 1.2 Chapter 6, sub rule 1 of Manningham's Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to ensure a summary of matters discussed at an informal

meeting is tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

1.3 An Informal Meeting of Councillors is a meeting that:

- is a scheduled or planned meeting of all Councillors (irrespective of how many Councillors attend) with the Chief Executive Officer for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors; or
- is a scheduled or planned meeting of all Councillors (irrespective of how many Councillors attend) with the Executive Management Team for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors; or
- is a scheduled or planned advisory committee meeting attended by at least one Councillor and one member of Council staff; and
- is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee meeting or Community Asset Committee meeting.

2. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

Summaries of the following informal meetings are attached to this report:

- External Briefings to Councillors – 6 February 2023
- Recreation and Sport Advisory Committee – 20 February 2023
- Manningham Disability Advisory Committee – 20 February 2023
- Councillor and CEO Only Time – 28 February 2023
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3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Name:	External Briefings to Councillors		
Date:	6 February 2023	Time Opened:	7:00pm
		Time Closed:	8:00pm
Location:	Council Chambers		
Councillors Present:	Cr Deirdre Diamante (Mayor), Cr Tomas Lightbody (Deputy Mayor), Cr Chen, Cr Lange, Cr S Mayne, Cr Conlon		
Officers Present:	Andrew Day (CEO), Jon Gorst, Kerryn Paterson, Rachelle Quattrocchi, Lee Robson, Lisa DiCenso, Andrew McMaster		
Apologies:	Cr Kleinert, Cr Gough, Cr L Mayne		
Items Discussed:	The Pines Library Hub Site Options Workshop		

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Were there any conflict-of-interest disclosures by Councillors? No

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS	
Meeting Name:	Recreation & Sport Advisory Committee
Date:	Monday, 20 February 2023
	Time Opened: 6:30pm
	Time Closed: 9:00pm
Location:	Council Chambers
Councillors Present:	Cr Andrew Conlon (Chair), Cr Carli Lange, Cr Stephen Mayne
Officers Present:	Lee Robson, Heather Callahan, Kayla Uildriks
Apologies:	Nil
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of Recreation & Sport Advisory Committee 2. Reducing the barriers of physical activity. What are the barriers? 3. Research on motivators and barriers to physical activity to create strategic recommendations.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES	
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Manningham Disability Advisory Committee				
Date:	20 February 2023				
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Time Closed:	5:00pm				
Location:	Koonung Room				
Councillors Present:	Cr Michelle Kleinert				
Officers Present:	Katrine Gabb, Catherine Simcox, Michelle Zemancheff, Jude Whelan				
Apologies:	Francis Chan, Simone Pilens				
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conflict of interest (Local Government Act) 2. Matters arising from previous Minutes 3. Your thoughts on Easy English 4. Inclusive Language Guide 5. Inclusive Connections event (Dec) feedback 6. Disability Inclusion Bill, exposure draft 7. Other business – Recruitment of Advisory Members 				
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES					
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No				

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Councillor and CEO Only Time				
Date:	Tuesday, 28 February 2023				
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Time Closed:	6:30pm				
Location:	Koonung Room				
Councillors Present:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Cr Diamante • Deputy Mayor - Cr Lightbody • Cr Chen • Cr Conlon • Cr Kleinert • Cr Lange • Cr L. Mayne • Cr S. Mayne 				
Officers Present:	CEO Andrew Day				
Apologies:	Cr Gough				
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy meeting with State Minister 2. Advocacy on the cost of utility service changes 3. Accommodation matters 				
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES					
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No				

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee				
Date:	1 March 2023				
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Time Opened:	6:00pm				
Time Closed:	8:00pm				
Location:	Koonung Room				
Councillors Present:	Cr Deirdre Diamante (Mayor)				
Officers Present:	Katrine Gabb, Catherine Simcox, Michelle Zemancheff, Felicity Raper				
Apologies:	Brianna Myors				
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conflict of interest (Local Government Act) 2. Matters arising from previous Minutes 3. VicHealth Local Government Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding the partnership - Alcohol Harm Minimisation Grant 4. VicHealth Up-coming grants 5. Cost of living discussion 6. Manningham Wellbeing Card 7. Other Business – Council Community Grants, RATS distribution program 				
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES					
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No				

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Strategic Briefing Session				
Date:	Tuesday, 7 March 2023				
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Time Opened:	6:30pm				
Time Closed:	9:03pm				
Location:	Council Chambers				
Councillors Present:	Cr Deirdre Diamante (Mayor), Cr Tomas Lightbody (Deputy Mayor), Cr Anna Chen, Cr Andrew Conlon, Cr Geoff Gough, Cr Michelle Kleinert, Cr Carli Lange, Cr Laura Mayne and Cr Stephen Mayne				
Officers Present:	<p>Executive Officers Present</p> <p>Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer Jon Gorst, Chief Financial Officer Andrew McMaster, Chief Legal and Governance Officer Kerryn Paterson, Director Experience and Capability Rachelle Quattrocchi, Director City Services Lee Robson, Director Connected Communities Duncan Turner, Director City Planning</p> <p>Other Officers in Attendance</p> <p>Kim Tran, Governance Officer Linda Merlino, Project Lead – Strategic Property Portfolio Krishen Soobrayen, Manager City Projects Robert Morton, Recreation Planner Heather Callahan, Coordinator Recreation Mark Gladman, Senior Leisure Facilities Officer</p>				
Apologies:	Nil				
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Property Portfolio Update (Confidential) 2. Sports Facility Development Plan 3. Draft Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre Outdoor Masterplan 				
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES					
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No				

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Name:	Manningham Youth Advisory Committee		
Date:	8 March 2023	Time Opened:	6:00pm
		Time Closed:	7:30pm
Location:	Council Chambers		
Councillors Present:	Cr Anna Chen, Cr Geoff Gough		
Officers Present:	Michelle Zemancheff, Jenny Urbano, Rachele Quattrocchi, Francesca Tarquinio		
Apologies:	Cr Laura Mayne, Pamela Dewhurst		
Items Discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MYAC 2023 2. Confirmation of Minutes 16 Nov 2022 3. International Women's Day 2023 – Cracking the Code 4. Mission Australia Survey 2022 Results 5. Other Business 		

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Were there any conflict-of-interest disclosures by Councillors? No

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Multicultural Communities Advisory Committee				
Date:	Thursday 9 March 2023				
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Time Closed:	8:10pm				
Location:	Koonung Room				
Councillors Present:	Cr Lange, Cr Chen				
Officers Present:	Catherine Simcox, Michelle Zemancheff, Sara Strachan, Davey Warnock, Jude Whelan, Katrine Gabb				
Apologies:	Deepak Joshi, Cr S Mayne				
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conflict of interest (Local Government Act) 2. Matters arising from previous Minutes/Strategic focus moving forward 3. Easy English Discussion (Jude Whelan) 4. Community Arts Project (Sara Strachan & Davey Warnock) 5. Welcoming Cities Overview (Katrine Gabb) 6. Inclusive Language Guide (Katrine Gabb) 7. Other business – Food Relief (Halal foods), Community grants open, Racism not welcome signage (Catherine) 				
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES					
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No				

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Councillor and Director Experience & Capability Time				
Date:	Tuesday, 14 March 2023				
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Location:	Council Chambers				
Councillors Present:	Mayor Cr Diamante, Deputy Mayor Cr Lightbody, Cr Chen, Cr Conlon, Cr Gough, Cr Kleinert, Cr Lange, Cr L. Mayne and Cr S. Mayne				
Officers Present:	Kerryn Paterson				
Apologies:					
Items discussed:	1. CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee				

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES			
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?		No	
Councillor	Item	Left meeting for Item (Y/N)	Time Left / Time Returned

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Chapter 6, Sub rule 1 of the Governance Rules 2020



MEETING DETAILS					
Meeting Name:	Strategic Briefing Session				
Date:	Tuesday, 14 March 2023				
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Councillors Present:	Cr Deirdre Diamante (Mayor), Cr Tomas Lightbody (Deputy Mayor), Cr Anna Chen, Cr Andrew Conlon, Cr Geoff Gough, Cr Michelle Kleinert, Cr Carli Lange, Cr Laura Mayne and Cr Stephen Mayne				
Officers Present:	<p>Executive Officers Present</p> <p>Andrew Day, Chief Executive Officer Sheraz Akram, Acting Chief Financial Officer Andrew McMaster, Chief Legal and Governance Officer Kerryn Paterson, Director Experience and Capability Rachelle Quattrocchi, Director City Services Lee Robson, Director Connected Communities Duncan Turner, Director City Planning</p> <p>Other Officers in Attendance</p> <p>Ben Harnwell, Coordinator Business and Events Michelle Zemancheff, Manager Economic & Community Wellbeing Jude Whelan, Manager Engaged Communities Frank Vasilacos, Manager Integrated Planning</p>				
Apologies:	Nil				
Items discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Economic Development Strategy 2. State Government Advocacy Update and Next Steps 3. Manningham Open Space Strategy Implementation (Confidential) 4. Templestowe Route Commencement of Community Engagement for the Proposed Design 5. MAV State Council 2023 - Cost of Living Motion 				
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES					
Were there any conflict of interest disclosures by Councillors?	No				

14.3 Documents for Sealing

File Number: IN23/122
Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following document is submitted for signing and sealing by Council.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That the following document be signed and sealed:

**Consent to Build Over an Easement
Agreement under Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987
Council and KL Ellis
66 St Clems Road, Doncaster East**

**Lease
Council and Benevolence Australia Inc.
Premises: Part Heimat Centre,
125 George Street, Doncaster East**

**Deed of Variation of Lease
Council and JP Goold, RG Smith and A Danrell as Trustees of the
Templestowe RSL Sub-Branch Building Patriotic Fund
156 Parker Street, Templestowe**

2. BACKGROUND

The Council's common seal must only be used on the authority of the Council or the Chief Executive Officer under delegation from the Council. An authorising Council resolution is required in relation to the documents listed in the recommendation section of this report.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest in this matter.

15 URGENT BUSINESS**16 COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND QUESTION TIME****17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****17.1 Strategic Property Portfolio Update**

This report contains confidential information as defined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. The relevant ground applying is S3(1)a of the Act concerning Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

17.2 Manningham Open Space Strategy Implementation

This report contains confidential information as defined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. The relevant ground applying is S3(1)a of the Act concerning Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

17.3 Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters

This report contains confidential information as defined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. The relevant ground applying is S3(1)f of the Act concerning personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.