

MOORABOOL RECREATION AND LEISURE STRATEGY 2025-2035

VOLUME 2: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN | JULY 2025



ABOUT THE STRATEGY

This document is Volume 2 of the Moorabool Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2025-2035. It is a support document to Volume 1 – Strategy and is the documented strategy implementation plan. It is a live document that details “how Council will deliver on strategic objectives and what the expected outcomes will be”.

Volume 1 of the Moorabool Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2025-2035 (“the MRLS”). It is the Strategy that articulates Council’s direction for supporting participation and activity opportunities, infrastructure provision and promotion of recreation and leisure.

Volume 3 of the Moorabool Recreation and Leisure Strategy 2025-2035 is a Background Report that provides a detailed summary of all strategy inputs and considerations, including research, analysis and consultation. It provides the basis and evidence to support Volume 1 - Strategy.

Acknowledgement of Country

Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land which includes the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

MRLS STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The Strategic Framework is provided to guide the development of the MRLS. The framework focuses on community need, alignment with local policy objectives, and the promotion of a diversity of opportunities and activities. It provides a vision, guiding principles, three key strategic priorities (with objectives) and a series of implementable actions and a process for strategy monitoring.

Vision	The Moorabool Recreation and Leisure Strategy aims to create an active community that is connected to its people, providers and places.		
Guiding principles	Community and connectivity	Equity and shared access	Collaboration and partnerships
Strategic priorities	Priority 1: Utilise community insights to understand community needs	Priority 2: Identify priority projects for delivery and advocacy	Priority 3: Identify ways to increase participation and activation of community spaces
Strategic purpose	<p>Meet the sport, recreation and leisure needs of the Moorabool community by taking a data driven, evidence-based approach to planning.</p> <p>This includes planning for physical activity opportunities in new and existing areas, and planning for the improvement of existing facilities, programs and services.</p>	<p>Advocate, develop, deliver and activate places that are fit for purpose, functional, sustainable, inclusive and support participation in organised sport and informal recreation and leisure activities</p>	<p>Provide diverse ways to participate in physical activity, support clubs with adequate training and policies, and promote inclusion and access for people of all ages, abilities, genders, and cultures.</p> <p>Work collaboratively with sport, recreation and leisure partners to develop, deliver, and invest in service provision across the community</p>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: UTILISE COMMUNITY INSIGHTS TO UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Strategic purpose

Meet the sport, recreation and leisure needs of the Moorabool community by taking a data driven, evidence-based approach to planning. This includes planning for physical activity opportunities in new and existing areas, and planning for the improvement of existing facilities, programs and services.

Objectives and actions

1.1 Review existing offerings to ensure services and infrastructure are fit for purpose and reflect community needs			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.1.1 Undertake a gap analysis of existing recreation infrastructure and programs across the Shire, including non-council facilities	<p>Council will undertake service mapping of sport and recreation facilities in the Shire utilising community engagement and desktop research of both council and non-council infrastructure.</p> <p>Any gaps in infrastructure identified in the Volume 3 Background Report will be considered and advocated for to meet provision</p> <p>Council will contact schools, private sports clubs and facilities to determine facilities and programs on offer.</p>	<p>The analysis will assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future planning of sport and recreation needs by collecting data on the existing infrastructure. • Taking an evidence-based approach to pipeline planning. • Providing background to support the auditing of existing council infrastructure (Objective 2.2). • Identifying facilities that require DDA/compliance upgrades to ensure all facilities are welcoming and accessible. • Providing an up-to-date database of all active and recreation facilities in the Shire, which will help to support increased participation across the Shire. 	

1.1 Review existing offerings to ensure services and infrastructure are fit for purpose and reflect community needs			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.1.2 Undertake a gap analysis to understand the level Moorabool residents are participating and competing at, within and outside the Shire	<p>The gap analysis will seek to answer questions such as: What is missing? What is growing? Where can Council accommodate greater use? What pathways are currently offered?</p> <p>Engage State Sport Associations (SSAs) for data on registration and participation data within the Shire and utilise national Ausplay data to identify any demand for sports currently not offered in the Shire.</p>	<p>Council will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take an evidence-based approach when advocating to introduce new sports in the Shire and identify where demand is most needed. Ensure sport and recreation facilities reflect the data for the level participants are competing at. Ensure residents are supported in transitioning to new pathways outside of the Shire. 	

1.2 Plan for new spaces for passive and active recreation			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.2.1 Develop a data set to identify future local growth in the Shire	<p>Council will create community profiles based on the latest ABS Census data, forecasting data and available community infrastructure.</p>	<p>Information from the community profiles will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide details on what our communities in townships and suburbs need. Assist with the gap analysis for new and emerging trends. Inform the planning of new and upgraded facility projects. 	

1.2 Plan for new spaces for passive and active recreation			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.2.2 Undertake a gap analysis using data to identify new and emerging trends of the Moorabool community	<p>Council will collect data and conduct community consultation to identify the changing needs of the Moorabool community.</p> <p>Council will liaise with State Sporting Associations (SSAs) to collect and interpret data around sports being played locally and activities they are engaging in outside of the Shire.</p>	<p>The data will be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track changes in sport and recreation activities that are increasing in popularity to determine gaps in facility and service provision. • Identify trigger points and volunteer ratios to confirm a need for facility and recreation planning and development. • Collate a priority list of infrastructure projects to be renewed that will inform our infrastructure upgrade priorities over next 10 years. • Identify funding sources to deliver upgrades. • Create a set of minimum standards for new and upgraded infrastructure to adhere to (e.g. fit for purpose). • Ensure new and upgraded facilities adhere to sustainable design principles. • Inform Council policy, guidelines and strategies. 	
1.2.3 Identify ideal locations for new and emerging activities to be accommodated in local communities (e.g. provision of skate parks)	Council will use forecasting data and conduct community consultation to identify where infrastructure for new activities is needed.	<p>The data will be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for new sport and recreation activities in the Shire. • Identify funding sources for new infrastructure. • Build relationships and collaborate with sporting bodies and associations. • Invest in new infrastructure. 	

1.2 Plan for new spaces for passive and active recreation			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.2.4 Identify requirements for growth provision ratios for new developments at greenfield sites that incorporate new and emerging recreation trends based on community need.	Plan for the development of a new multi-functional sports field(s) in a key growth area to support community activity demand and identified provision shortfalls.	<p>Council will have strategic direction for the provision of active and passive space across the Shire. Council will have guidelines around preferred size of new sports fields in PSP and Non-PSP sites.</p> <p>Moorabool Shire Council recognises that there is a historical under-supply of active open space in the Shire and therefore prefers 7 per cent of the land in future greenfield areas to be allocated for sports field reserves and 3 per cent as passive open space.</p> <p>The following principles are provided to guide future decision-making by Council for the provision of sports reserves in greenfield areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land for new sports reserves should be of an appropriate size, with sufficient space for playing fields of senior dimensions and other open space for informal recreational use and provides appropriate buffers between the defined playing fields and adjoining properties. • 4 hectares is required for a single oval or two soccer field reserves (this size is suitable for development located in Ballan and small townships). Reserves should be square or rectangular with sides no greater than 2:1. • 6 hectares is required for rectangular field sports (this size is suitable for small sports ground reserves in PSP areas). Reserves should be square or rectangular with sides no greater than 2:1. • 10-12 hectares is required for reserves (this size is suitable for large sports ground reserves in PSP areas). Reserves should be square or rectangular with sides no greater than 3:1. • The land should be unencumbered. • The land should be appropriate for the intended uses in terms of quality and orientation. • The land should be flat. • The land should be located with access to, or make provision for, a recycled or other sustainable water supply. • The land should be linked to existing or planned pedestrian and cycle path networks. • The land should be located adjacent to complementary facilities or spaces. 	

1.3 Plan and deliver facilities and infrastructure that offer multiple use opportunities to meet informal recreation and leisure needs, and support gender inclusivity			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.3.1 Identify and prioritise facilities requiring new or updated master plans	Council will use data from gap analysis, audits, community consultation and community profiles to identify, prioritise and create master plans for community and recreation facilities across the Shire.	<p>Master planning will enable Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address gaps in existing infrastructure. Improve facilities to ensure they are accessible and meet the community's needs. Prepare for grant funding by identifying where funding is required. Ensure there is a long-term, 10-year vision in place for facilities. Ensure future projects are supported by a strategic direction, via having a Council adopted 10-year plan for facilities. 	
1.3.2 Review Council's hierarchy of sport, recreation and leisure facilities and related service levels, fees and charges and management arrangements, and align and incentivise them with the MRLS guiding principles and documented objectives	<p>Review the Council's hierarchy system for classifying Council's sports reserves and pavilions. As part of this review, develop classifications of fees, charges and service provisions to be provided at each level of the hierarchy. The hierarchy should be informed by the facility standards produced by peak sports bodies.</p> <p>Council will establish a criteria to categorise facilities into the appropriate tiers of use and provision.</p>	<p>Council will have an updated version of the Sports Facility Hierarchy – Standards of Provision detailed in the previous recreation and leisure strategy.</p> <p>Fees and charges will be updated and implemented.</p> <p>Renew Council's Sports Facility Hierarchy – Standards of Provision to reflect the updated fees and charges.</p> <p>Adopt preferred facility provision benchmarks and facility standards, and apply to future facility planning and development.</p>	

1.3 Plan and deliver facilities and infrastructure that offer multiple use opportunities to meet informal recreation and leisure needs, and support gender inclusivity			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.3.3 Conduct a full, shire-wide audit of trails, linkages (including connecting footpaths) and identify the barriers to access the trail network from surrounding residential areas	Council will create a criteria to audit all trails in the Shire utilising existing data, conducting site visits and reviewing community feedback.	<p>The audit will assist to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify where funding is needed to remove barriers in connecting the Shire's trail network. Identify paths that require DDA and compliance upgrades. Conduct a gap analysis to create a priority pipeline of projects to be funded. 	

1.4 The community is involved in the planning of sport and recreation facilities			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
1.4.1 Improve community engagement processes in recreation and leisure facility planning and related project development and delivery	<p>Council will listen to local communities, user groups and clubs to ensure all new infrastructure projects reflect the communities that use them.</p> <p>Council will regularly review community engagement processes.</p> <p>Projects will have a completed community engagement plan before commencement.</p>	<p>Community engagement will ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council is accountable and transparent. New facilities and projects reflect the community's needs. The community is updated and informed at all stages of projects. 	

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: IDENTIFY PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR DELIVERY AND ADVOCACY

Strategic purpose

Advocate, develop, deliver and activate places that are fit for purpose, functional, sustainable, inclusive and support participation in organised sport and informal recreation and leisure activities.

Objectives and actions

2.1 Continue to develop and support healthy, inclusive and connected neighbourhoods			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.1.1 Create a criteria for 'healthy, inclusive, connected communities' utilising the principles of the '20-minute neighbourhood'	Utilising the principles of the Victorian Government's 20 Minute Neighbourhoods in the context of the Shire as a peri-urban/rural council, we will develop a matrix criteria to tangibly measure Council's progress in creating 'healthy, inclusive and connected neighbourhoods'	<p>The criteria will assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying gaps in social and community infrastructure. Collaborating with not-for-profit, state and federal organisations to address gaps and areas of concern. Identifying trends in towns and localities across the Shire. Trigger the need for sports facility provision ratios to be reviewed and updated to assist with precinct structure planning. 	

2.1 Continue to develop and support healthy, inclusive and connected neighbourhoods			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.1.2 Develop community infrastructure planning policy to establish guidelines for investment	Council will create a policy in-line with the Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Recreation and Leisure Strategy and other relevant strategies and policies to guide community infrastructure planning and delivery.	<p>The policy will improve accountability and transparency of Council approving community infrastructure projects. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More equitable outcomes in ensuring funding goes where it is most needed. • Assisting Council in planning pipeline projects and developing master plans. • Develop a criteria new projects will need to meet to receive funding. 	
2.1.3 Explore the ability to create sport and recreation hubs near activity/town centres	<p>Council will prioritise locating sport and rec hubs near existing community and town infrastructure to ensure active recreation is accessible to all.</p> <p>Working with neighbouring councils where necessary to ensure communities are well connected to the nearest sport and recreation centres.</p>	<p>Improved connectivity between activity/town centres and sport and recreation hubs will enable Council to invest in active transport options and improve trail and path connectivity.</p> <p>It will remove silos in government departments to better integrate community facilities with other key infrastructure, leading to better liveability outcomes.</p>	

2.2 Aging infrastructure is renewed to ensure facilities are accessible, functional, fit for purpose and meet the long-term facility provision needs of the Moorabool community			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.2.1 Develop a community infrastructure strategy or framework to guide the prioritisation of infrastructure upgrades	<p>Council will work to create an audit program to ensure that the usability of its assets still meet community need - this includes community safety (including women, girls and cultural safety).</p>	<p>A forward maintenance and renewal program can be developed and form part of the Council's long-term financial plan.</p> <p>Adoption of the Community Infrastructure Strategy or Framework including guiding principles of prioritising infrastructure projects (new and renewal).</p> <p>The data will also be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate a priority list of infrastructure projects to be renewed that will inform our infrastructure upgrade priorities over next 10 years. • Identify facilities that require DDA/compliance upgrades. • Identify funding sources to deliver upgrades. • Create a set of minimum standards for new and upgraded infrastructure to adhere to (e.g. fit-for-purpose). • Ensure new and upgraded facilities adhere to sustainable design principles. • Inform Council policy, guidelines and strategies. • Identify facilities requiring upgrades to lighting, access and other features that would improve perceptions of safety. 	

2.3 Advocate for investment to support the development of key infrastructure projects, facilities and spaces			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.3.1 Actively pursue external grant and partnership funding opportunities to assist in the delivery of facility and place related projects	Council will actively apply for grant funding as opportunities arise.	<p>Seeking external funding will ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council can sustainably achieve and deliver projects identified in the long-term financial plan. • Council can build relationships with state and federal government and other funding bodies. • Council can be responsive to the changing needs of the community. 	
2.3.2 Utilise data from gap analysis, audits (identified in strategic priority 1) and findings in Volume 3 Background Report to develop a pipeline of projects that will guide advocacy	<p>Upon the review of data, Council will identify gaps in infrastructure that will guide the develop a pipeline of projects to fund.</p> <p>Data will include information from new developments and existing communities.</p>	<p>Preparing a pipeline of projects will assist Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise projects to fund. • Be prepared to pursue external grants and other funding opportunities. • Help inform provision ratios of active and passive open space. 	
2.3.3 Prioritise advocacy of projects identified in Council's long term financial plan	Utilise audit data and gap analysis to identify projects to include in Council's long-term financial plan.	Council will apply for grant opportunities to fund projects in Council's long-term financial plan.	

2.4 Improve and connect the existing network of trails and bike paths in Moorabool to meet the needs of a variety of users for both physical activity and active transport

Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.4.1 Develop relationships within local communities and work with partners to facilitate clearer roles and responsibilities for a more streamlined approach to trail planning, delivery and maintenance of existing trails	Identify environment and land care groups to partner with. Consult with the Moorabool Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee to assist in identifying roles and responsibilities.	A streamlined process is in place to report issues in the Shire's trail network to improve call out and resolution of maintenance issues. Clear roles and responsibilities will empower local community members and organisations to resolve maintenance works as required. Improved reporting will enable Council to identify where funding is needed to address issues in the trail network and find new linkages to better connect the network.	

2.5 Enhance the quality and accessibility of recreational spaces through strategic partnerships

Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.5.1 Partner with landowners and land managers, including State Government agencies, to maintain, enhance, and expand access to recreation facilities on public and shared-use land.	<p>Council will build relationships with DEECA and share relevant findings from gap analysis, audits and community consultation undertaken to advocate for the enhancement of DEECA owned facilities.</p> <p>Council will provide support and expertise to committees of management seeking to undertake Master Plans to improve their facilities.</p>	<p>All facilities in the shire including those not owned or managed by council meet are accessible and meet the community's needs.</p> <p>Increased involved from state government agencies in the asset management of state-owned facilities.</p> <p>Capacity building of committee members to plan for the future of their facilities.</p>	

2.6 Prioritise sustainable practices in the delivery of upgrade and new build projects			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
2.6.1 Apply a sustainability lens to all projects involving upgrades or new builds by developing environmentally sustainable design (ESD) guidelines	Council will develop its own ESD guidelines reflective of ESD principles for new infrastructure and renewal projects.	ESD principles will be applied to all infrastructure projects during and after completion. It will support Council to seek options for long lasting or low maintenance products.	

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: IDENTIFY WAYS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVATION OF COMMUNITY SPACES

Strategic purpose

Provide diverse ways to participate in physical activity, support clubs with adequate training and policies, and promote inclusion and access for people of all ages, abilities, genders, and cultures. Work collaboratively with sport, recreation and leisure partners to develop, deliver, and invest in service provision across the community.

Objectives and actions

3.1 Develop partnerships to collaborate and identify ways to breakdown barriers in order to encourage participation in sport, recreation and leisure			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
3.1.1 Develop a partnerships policy/strategy around access to existing facilities, both Council and non-Council owned	Upon reviewing the analysis of non-council facilities, develop a policy/strategy to build partnerships with facility owners. This includes exploring Joint Use Agreements (JUAs) where there is a shortage in the provision of sports facilities.	Council will have strategic direction for building partnerships for active sport and recreation. This will create more opportunities for residents to get involved in active and passive recreation.	

3.1 Develop partnerships to collaborate and identify ways to breakdown barriers in order to encourage participation in sport, recreation and leisure			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
3.1.2 Establish program partners to run and introduce programs that are low or no cost to reduce barriers to participation	<p>Council will work with partners to introduce and coordinate introductory opportunities, skills clinics and social participation programs for a variety of sports and activities.</p> <p>Identify opportunities to incentivise these activities by offering low or no cost participation, where possible, to reduce barriers and increase participation.</p>	<p>Developing partnerships to remove financial barriers to participation will ensure facilities can be accessed by all community members. Additionally, it will increase the usage of sport and recreation facilities in the Shire.</p>	
3.1.3 Continue to foster strong relations with sport and active recreation clubs and associations operating across Moorabool	<p>Council will communicate with clubs regularly (formally and informally), support their club development initiatives, respond to their facility needs and support their activities aimed at encouraging and retaining volunteers.</p>	<p>Continuing to foster relationships with clubs and associations will enable Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be responsive to club needs. • Develop and implement master plans that reflect the needs of user groups. 	

3.2 Through partnerships, further develop opportunities to increase the number of people that are physically active across Moorabool, with a focus on more women and girls becoming physically active			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
3.2.1 Create a data set that specifically measures female physical activity and identify gaps in participation	<p>Develop a statistical profile of sport and active recreation participation in Moorabool. Review on a 2-yearly basis.</p> <p>In particular, assess the participation levels of juniors, females, the LGTBIQA+ community and other disadvantaged, vulnerable and isolated people and groups.</p>	<p>The data set will assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the state of female participation in sport within the Shire to review the Female Friendly Participation and Infrastructure Strategy. Identifying gaps that need to be addressed to work with clubs and organisations to increase participation. Identify where investment in infrastructure is needed to increase participation. 	
3.2.2 Periodically review Female Friendly Sport and Recreation Participation and Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2032 and Fair Access Policy to ensure their currency and impact on the community	Conduct annual reviews of the Female Friendly Strategy and Fair Access Policy, touching base with internal and external stakeholders to ensure actions are completed or on track	Reviews of the Female Friendly Participation and Infrastructure Strategy and Fair Access Policy Action Plan will ensure the implementation plan is regularly monitored to reflect the changing needs of the community.	
3.2.3 Incentivise clubs prioritising female participation	Investigate offering reduced rates and priority timetabling to clubs that offer opportunities for female participation.	<p>The incentivisation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in achieving Council's Fair Access Policy. Ensure fair and equitable allocation for female participants. Encourage females to take on leadership roles within clubs and sporting organisations. Ensure clubs and Council are meeting state government and peak body requirements and policies related to female participation in order to be eligible for funding. 	

3.3 Promote sport and recreation by enhancing the knowledge of sport, recreation and leisure opportunities across the Moorabool community			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
3.3.1 Develop a community directory of available programs, activities and locations that connects to providers and delivery organisations	Council will create a publicly accessible record of sport and recreation opportunities in the Shire to be available online and in print.	The community are more informed and aware of sport and recreation opportunities available across the Shire.	
3.3.2 Develop an 'Active Moorabool' brand and marketing campaign to promote sporting options, recreation activities and facilities, trails, leisure and aquatic opportunities to residents and visitors	Council will rebrand all Council owned sport and recreation facilities under the one brand, ensuring the community is involved in the design of the rebrand.	Council brand is recognisable to and reflective of the Moorabool community. It will ensure all sporting codes have consistent branding across the Shire.	
3.3.3 Collaborate with partners to identify and attract community sporting and/or recreation events to the Shire in-line with the Council's Visitor Economy Strategy	Council to promote facilities available for regional events including but not limited to sport and recreation	Attract new people to the Shire and support the local economy.	
3.3.4 Enhance the knowledge of sport, recreation and leisure opportunities across the Moorabool community by developing and improving promotion and wayfinding signage	Develop a database of existing wayfinding signage across the Shire and identify gaps. Work with internal service units and external partners to create and install wayfinding across Council and where possible non-council managed facilities in-line with Council branding.	<p>Improving wayfinding of sport and recreation facilities will assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the accessibility of facilities by making it easier to find facilities and infrastructure such as toilets and car parks. • Identifying where funding is required. • Promoting facilities in the Shire. • Developing a Moorabool brand for sport and recreation facilities through physical infrastructure. 	

3.3 Promote sport and recreation by enhancing the knowledge of sport, recreation and leisure opportunities across the Moorabool community			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
3.3.5 Identify and promote programs offering sport and recreation options to First Nations community members, people living with a disability, community members from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and the Shire's senior population	<p>Council will identify and collaborate with advisory committees and organisations offering programs to promote participation for all community members.</p> <p>Council will collect data to identify the number of community members from diverse backgrounds participating in sport.</p> <p>Council will utilise its diversity and inclusion calendar of events as a platform to promote existing programs.</p> <p>Council will ensure information and material relating to programs are accessible (e.g. offering information in different languages).</p>	<p>Council will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect data to better promote active lifestyles for all community members. • Be able to direct community members to programs. • Identify gaps and pursue new partnerships to promote participation. 	

3.4 Ensure club volunteers are adequately supported with training opportunities and policies that encourage sustainable growth and retention.			
Actions	Implementation - How will we do it	Outcome - What is the result	Annual progress comments
3.4.1 During the development of Council's Volunteer Strategy, include action/s to support volunteers involved in sporting clubs and organisations	<p>Council will listen to local sporting clubs to identify where support is needed by conducting community consultation during the development of the strategy</p> <p>Council will partner with State Sport Associations and Sports Assembly to deliver training opportunities to volunteers</p>	<p>Council will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify where support is needed for volunteers. • Allocate resources to support and promote volunteerism in sport. • Achieve actions in the Female Friendly Strategy and Fair Access Policy Related to supporting volunteers. 	

MRLS PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH MASTER PLANS

To support the MRLS Strategic Framework and associated Volume 2 - Implementation Plan, a number of infrastructure projects related sport, recreation, leisure and trails (including historical hike and bike projects) have been highlighted in the following pages.

Objective 2.1 above is clear in stating that Council will continue to develop and support healthy, inclusive and connected neighbourhoods. Specific actions that support this objective include the development of community infrastructure planning policy that establishes guidelines for investment, particularly into infrastructure projects. The following list of projects has been prepared from various historical sources known sources including site specific recreation reserve master plans.

Each identified project over time will need to be assessed for Council investment and implementation, using the project assessment criteria to be developed as part of implementing the actions associated with strategic objective 2.1.

Projects have been segmented into the following infrastructure categories for future reference:

- Pavilions
- Aquatic
- Oval upgrades
- Pump tracks
- Skate parks
- Hardcourts
- Cricket/AFL nets
- Play spaces
- Car parking
- Field of play lighting
- Other infrastructure related projects.

Each project has also been identified as a “minor” or “major” capital project based on the anticipated cost of delivery.

Note: Projects with * indicate alignment with Female Friendly Strategy Actions

REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The projects listed in this section have been identified in master plans adopted by council. Additionally, projects identified in Council advocacy documents have been included as priority projects. Projects in master plan draft documents have not been included. As new master plans are adopted throughout the life of the strategy, additional priority projects will be added to the list

Site / location	Landowner	Land manager	Referenced document
Bacchus Marsh Racecourse and Recreation Reserve (BMRRR)	DEECA	Council	BMRRR Master Plan 2021.pdf
Bacchus Marsh Splash Park	Council	Council	Peppertree Park Master Plan 2020.pdf
Ballan Outdoor Pool	Council	Council	Mill Park Master Plan 2020.pdf
Ballan Recreation Reserve	DEECA	DEECA Committee of Management (CoM)	Ballan Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2018.pdf
Blackwood Recreation Reserve	DEECA	DEECA CoM	Priority projects for this reserve were highlighted in the advocacy prospectus 2025 Advocacy Moorabool Shire Council
Elaine Recreation Reserve	Council	Community Asset Committee (CAC)	Master plan development in progress, priority projects for this reserve were highlighted in the advocacy prospectus 2025 Advocacy Moorabool Shire Council
Darley Park	DEECA	Council	Darley Park Master Plan 2021.pdf
Dunnstown Recreation Reserve	Council	CAC	Master plan yet to be adopted, priority projects for this reserve were highlighted in the advocacy prospectus 2025 Advocacy Moorabool Shire Council
Gordon Recreation Reserve	DEECA	DEECA CoM	Gordon Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2024.pdf
Maddingley Park	Council and DEECA	Council	Maddingley Park Masterplan 2023.pdf
MARC	Council	Council	Priority projects for this reserve were highlighted in the advocacy prospectus 2025 Advocacy Moorabool Shire Council
Masons Lane Reserve	Council	Council	Mason's Lane Master Plan 2022.pdf
Wallace Recreation Reserve	Council	CAC	Wallace Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2024.pdf

PAVILION PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
BMRRR	Stage 3 Pavilion*	New community pavilion	Major	
Maddingley Park	Pavilion Upgrade*	Upgrade sports pavilion and change rooms in their current location. Works will include new DDA compliant toilets, which will be publicly accessible. Facility to be used by AFL and cricket primarily, with netball to use for social functions. Social Rooms to be available to public.	Major	
	Netball Pavilion Upgrade*	Existing netball pavilion to be upgraded to provide improved facilities which may include changerooms, amenities and treatment rooms for netballers.	Major	
	Lawn Tennis Clubhouse Upgrade*	Make the tennis clubhouse facility and courts DDA accessible while conserving heritage value.	Major	
Mason's Lane	New Multipurpose Pavilion*	New centralised pavilion to cater for Little Athletics, baseball, AFL, cricket, soccer* (if applicable), dog obedience and general community. This project will also include a new spectator area with seating and mixture of natural and artificial shade.	Major	
Gordon Recreation Reserve	New Pavilion*	Develop new multi-purpose pavilion that provides gender-neutral change facilities and incorporates accessible toilets, with one unisex toilet open to the public at all times.	Major	
Wallace Recreation Reserve	Pavilion Upgrade*	Upgrade the main pavilion. Works will include player compliant change rooms and amenities; a more functional social space with adjoining kitchen, bar and internal toilets; increased storage; safer timekeepers' room and better accessibility throughout building. This forms part of a staged approach to pavilion upgrade, being part 1/2.	Major	
	Pavilion Extension*	Extend the main pavilion to include netball player and umpire change rooms and amenities. Retain existing netball pavilion to use for storage and gathering/meeting space on training nights and match days. This completes the pavilion upgrade, being part 2/2. NOTE - also upgrade septic to a larger system to accommodate larger building.	Major	
Elaine Recreation Reserve	Community pavilion upgrade*	Upgrade to amenities in existing pavilion	Major	

AQUATIC PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Bacchus Marsh Splash Park	Bacchus Marsh Splash Park	Build new splash park in Bacchus Marsh, location to be determined	Major	
Ballan Outdoor Pool	Outdoor pool upgrades*	Relining and resurfacing pool. New entrance for pool and change room upgrades.	Major	
MARC	Indoor Aquatic Centre*	Build new aquatic centre at MARC- high demand community project	Major	

OVAL UPGRADE PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Ballan Recreation Reserve	Oval upgrade*	Undertake earthworks to enable the enlargement of the oval as well as creating a playing surface large enough for 2 soccer fields. The earthworks will require demolition of the existing pavilion and construction of a new pavilion and covered walkway/ viewing area to provide facilities for football, netball, cricket, bowls, and other community uses. Relocate fencing as part of these works.	Major	New pavilion completed
BMRRR	Community field*	New field as part of stage 3	Major	
Mason's Lane	Synthetic track upgrade*	New synthetic track with all field events inclusive of long and triple jump within centre of track.	Major	
Gordon Recreation Reserve	Oval upgrade*	Oval upgrade – move it several metres to the east and expand size to 160x140m with a 4-5m run-off; Level playing surface and improve drainage. Note: See pipeline for more.	Major	
Wallace Recreation Reserve	Oval upgrade*	Rebuild oval playing surface to mitigate rapid deterioration in wet weather. The surface needs to be rebuilt with a sandy loam soil profile and an accompanying sub-surface drainage system. Fix drainage issue in south-west corner at the same time.	Major	
Darley Park	Oval upgrade*	Test the quality and consistency of turf structure of oval. Plan for oval resurfacing if required. Consider installation of formal drainage to oval and upgrade of irrigation. Upgrade the 2 turf wickets on east side of turf table.	Major	
Dunnstown Recreation Reserve	Oval upgrade*	Build new oval and drainage.	Major	

SKATE PARK PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Darley Park	Skate park	consider providing a small skate park.	Major	

PUMP TRACK PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Gordon Recreation Reserve	New Pump Track	Install a pump track in northern section of reserve.	Major	
Darley Park	Upgrade BMX track	Reconfigure and upgrade the form of the track to better suit jumps. Review fencing between BMX track and other activities on reserve. Upgrade the BMX area to include jumps and a skills area. Consider including a dirt pump track within BMX or adjacent as space allows.	Major	

HARDCOURT PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Ballan Recreation Reserve	Netball resurfacing*	Resurface the entire tennis court area (addressing foundation issues). Within this area establish 1 dedicated netball court with lighting and player shelters/benches; 1 shared use tennis/netball court with lighting and players shelters/benches; and 3 standalone tennis courts	Major	
Maddingley Park	Netball Reconfiguration*	Develop netball training pad or similar to allow for additional training space	Major	
	Tennis Court Resurfacing*	Resurface existing hard courts 1, 2 and 3 (refer to MPMP) and address drainage concerns.	Major	
Mason's Lane	New Multipurpose Hard Court*	Construct a new multi-purpose hard court, incorporating 3x3m basketball, netball and other activities. Stage 1/2.	Major	
	Hard Court Extension*	Develop enclosed multipurpose facility, as an extension to hard court. Stage 2/2.	Major	
Darley Park	Upgrade Hard Courts*	Upgrade hard court area including dedicated tennis and netball and shared social basketball adjacent to the play space	Major	

CRICKET / AFL NETS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Blackwood Recreation Reserve	Cricket Nets	Identified in advocacy document.	Major	
Ballan Recreation Reserve	Cricket Nets	Relocate cricket nets to the edge of the oval.	Major	
Maddingley Park	Cricket Nets	Install new cricket nets (3 lanes) with a 3m high ball stop fence along western boundary adjacent. Remove old cricket nets.	Major	
Gordon Recreation Reserve	AFL Nets	Install nets behind AFL goal posts.	Major	
Darley Park	Cricket Nets	Provide fully enclosed cricket nets to northwest corner and allow more space for tennis/netball in south and an inclusive, high quality play space.	Major	

PLAY SPACE PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Mason's Lane	All Abilities Play space*		Major	
Maddingley Park	Play Space Upgrade*	Remove the existing elements in the playground which are at the end of their useable life and develop a new playground in this location which includes some nature-based elements. Part of a staged program, 1/2. Develop a new separate junior play area to the west of the main play area, 2/2	Major	
Gordon Recreation Reserve	Play Space Upgrade*	Upgrade existing play space in its current location and install a shelter, BBQ and two picnic tables with seats. Stage 1/2. Install outdoor fitness equipment in cluster in the northern section of reserve (close to playground). Stage 2/2	Major	
Wallace Recreation Reserve	New Playground*	Install new fenced playground to be located in area adjacent to netball courts and in vehicle-free zone.	Major	

CAR PARK PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Ballan Recreation Reserve	Car park extension	Provide approximately 40 car parking spaces to road along the northern boundary.	Major	
	Formalise car park	Formalise existing car park and construct new approximately 50 space car park north of pavilion.	Major	
BMRRR	Car park extension	Stage 3 Main car park extension 68 bays.	Major	
Mason's Lane	Central Car Park Works	Central Car Park works - delineated car parking with asphalt road surfacing and line marking. Provide lighting to improve safety at night. This is linked to a connection to Dickie Street - with additional landscaping and shade trees.	Major	
	New Car Park	Delineated car parking with asphalt road surfacing and line marking, with light to improve safety at night.	Major	
Gordon Recreation Reserve	Car Park Upgrades	Create informal overflow car parking in the current dam area once dam is filled in.	Major	
Darley Park	Redesign car park	Redesign car park in conjunction with new pavilion, including additional entry from Dundas St and allowing for pump track with BMX, underground water tanks formalise car and pedestrian access and improve parking layout with clear signage and markings	Major	
Wallace Recreation Reserve	New car park	New spray sealed car park (80 spaces), with drop off zone adjacent to pavilion	Major	
Elaine Recreation Reserve	Car Park Upgrades	Identified in advocacy doc	Minor	

FIELD OF PLAY LIGHTING PROJECTS

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Ballan Recreation Reserve	Tennis Court Lighting Upgrade*	Provide lighting to 3 tennis courts.	Major	
Wallace Recreation Reserve	Lighting Upgrade*	Upgrade the oval and netball/tennis court floodlights to LED (100 lux).	Major	
Darley Park	Security lighting*	Install security lighting across reserve and consider solar and sensor lighting.	Major	

OTHER PROJECTS – BLACKWOOD, BALLAN AND BACCHUS MARSH RACECOURSE RECREATION RESERVES

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Blackwood Recreation Reserve	Kitchen upgrade	Pavilion kitchen upgrade	Major	
Ballan Recreation Reserve	Landscaping	Landscaping/ tree planning and entry enhancements	Minor	
	Tree replacement	Progressively remove ageing trees and replace with new plantings.	Minor	
	Bore	Upgrade existing bore to increase flow rates to adequately cater for usage needs	Minor	
	Informal play	Remove the existing playground and provide a grassed area to allow for informal play opportunities. Provide a pedestrian path to connect existing shelter and netball/tennis courts. Bollards to be installed as required.	Minor	
	Upgrade shelter	Upgrade shade/shelters around existing bowling green.	Major	
	Paths	Construct an all-weather shared path around the reserve including connections to paths in surrounding streets	Major	
	Viewing area	Construct a new covered viewing area.	Major	
	Signage	Upgrade existing signage within the reserve in accordance with Council corporate style.	Minor	
	Bowling club	Demolish bowling club pavilion. Establish second bowls green with lighting and shade/shelter facilities.	Major	
	Outdoor fitness equipment	Provide outdoor fitness equipment to south-west corner of reserve.	Major	

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
BMRRR	Walking trails	Walking trails and artwork, part of stage 3	Major	
	Dog Park	Part of stage 2	Major	

OTHER PROJECTS – DARLEY PARK

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Darley Park	Drainage and sewerage	<p>Investigate use of storm water from Grey St with Melbourne Water for irrigation. Add third storage tank and place all water storage tanks underground.</p> <p>Install drainage on north end of tennis/netball courts and direct away from car park. Improve drainage in southeast end of reserve.</p>	Major	
	Landscaping and path network*	<p>Prepare detailed design for perimeter of reserve for fencing, paths, low maintenance planting and landscaping including protection of existing trees, watering, new shade trees and wind breaks</p> <p>Extend the walking track from native gardens along Fitzroy St around reserve perimeter and connect into the Grey St improvement works.</p> <p>Provide an accessible path network and consider integrating proposed east bound bike lane on Grey St with new shared path on south edge of reserve. Explore requirement for an additional entry point</p> <p>Develop Gray St entry as pedestrian only. Consider current planning of Grey St improvement works. Align pedestrian entry with new wombat crossing on Grey St to be installed late 2021.</p>	Major	
	Accessibility	<p>Add BBQs to the picnic shelter area and ensure facilities are accessible to people using wheelchairs. Provide additional power outlets for stall holders for use on market day. Design a market stall layout with subtle permanent ground markings</p> <p>Restrict vehicle access to south of reserve other than market days for set up/pack up</p>	Major	

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
	Native garden group	<p>Relocate Pigeon Club to an alternative site and gain better facilities.</p> <p>Provide replacement storage for Native Garden Group (Approximately 15 sq metres)</p> <p>Upgrade the garden retaining walls throughout the reserve</p> <p>Assist the native garden group to provide more naming of vegetation /interpretation</p>	Major	
	Toilets*	Explore requirement for public toilets onsite	Major	
	Furniture and shelter	<p>Demolish the old scoreboard</p> <p>Replace existing coaches' boxes and consolidate existing associated player shelters. Upgrade park furniture to consistent style and quality</p>	Major	
	Art and signage	<p>Provide clear external directional street signage to reserve and wayfinding signage internally. Upgrade risk management signage at reserve entries including BMX area and outline expectations for those exercising dogs</p> <p>Include community art on reserve where possible</p>	Major	

OTHER PRIORITY PROJECTS – GORDON RECREATION RESERVE

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Gordon Recreation Reserve	Speed limit reduction advocacy	Reduce traffic speed limits on Old Melbourne Road next to reserve and install turning lane at corner of Old Melbourne Road and Willunga Ave.	Major	
	Civil Works	Improve existing entrance, roadways and parking.	Major	
	Landscaping	Develop a succession plan to guide future tree planting on site. Contact an arborist to assess condition of trees at reserve and remove any that are hazardous when a permit has been received from DEECA to do so.	Major	
	Fencing Upgrade	Survey and evaluate all boundary fencing and construct a mixture of new chain mesh and rural fencing around the entire site to improve safety and security.	Major	
	Bore	Further explore the potential of the new bore to meet the irrigation needs of the reserve. Purchase two 200,000 litre water tanks to store bore water for irrigation and place behind relocated scoreboard.	Major	
	Pathway Improvements*	Develop formalised pathways and a running track (with distance markers) within reserve grounds, including former site of dam. Note that a permit will need to be obtained from DEECA should any native vegetation be required to be removed - Stage 1. Install a path from Gordon Rec Reserve into centre of town, connecting Gordon Public Park, Gordon Primary School and Paddock Creek Reserve - Stage 2.	Major	
	Entrance Improvements	Upgrade the Willunga Ave entrance with improved signage and landscaping, including three flag poles to create more welcoming feel.	Major	
	Artwork and cultural signage	Install interpretive signage at the reserve to inform people of historical and natural features of the area. Explore opportunity to develop and install some public art at reserve.	Major	

OTHER PROJECTS – MADDINGLEY PARK

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Maddingley Park	New Park Furniture	<p>As part of a staged program, install new picnic facilities including BBQs, tables, seating and shelters focusing on north and south east sections of park.</p> <p>Historic character benches throughout the park may be removed or (if deemed to be of value and able to be restored) they may be relocated to spectator areas near George Dickie Pavilion or Evans Pavilion.</p>	Major	
	Tennis Area Upgrade	Improve tennis spectator area with shade structures and drink fountains	Major	
	Netball Area Upgrade*	Provide shade and seating in netball spectator area.	Major	
	Facade Improvements	<p>Develop a contemporary north-east park entry which will complement the character of Maddingley Park and the new MARC. Part of staged approach, Stage 1.</p> <p>Remove the brick ticket box and refurbish the landscaping in the northwest corner. Part of staged approach, Stage 2.</p> <p>Enhance area surrounding south-east gate as a major entry into park from the train station by incorporating paving, planting, furniture and signage - Stage 3.</p>	Major	

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
	Landscaping	<p>Stage 1 - Enhance the edges and landscape around fitness equipment;</p> <p>Stage 2 - Establish canopy tree planting along Grant St (plant x16 trees).</p> <p>Stage 3 - establish landscaping along primary access path of Grant St entrance, particularly shrub beds along tennis court interface and a highly ornamental natives garden to provide counterpoint to rose garden opposite.</p> <p>Stage 4 - Establish areas of garden, including screening shrubs, to break up tennis court edge.</p> <p>Stage 5 - Establish a new dementia-friendly sensory garden with a single-entry, closed-loop path and variety of plants offering different sensory experiences.</p> <p>Stage 6 - Establish screen planting around perimeter of water storage tanks.</p>	Major	
	Pathway Improvements*	<p>Stage 1 - Formalise paths through the rose garden with feature pavement and relocate planting which is immediately adjacent to George Dickie Pavilion as part of conservation works;</p> <p>Stage 2 - Provide a pathway connection from the pedestrian crossing on Grant St to main east-west path through the park;</p> <p>Stage 3 - Realign existing and construct new paths to provide improved access to the MARC, as well as the new shared path connecting to the Werribee River.</p> <p>Stage 4 - Re-establish historic path network and develop ornamental garden beds in the hill precinct.</p>	Major	
	Rose Garden Refurbishment	Refurbish rose garden - paths, furniture, structures and garden bed edges - to standard appropriate for historic park.	Major	
	New signage	Remove existing park signage and replace it with new branded signage that better reflects significance of the park.	Major	
	New toilets*	<p>Develop a new small, CPTED appropriate toilet facility in location close to play and picnic facilities.</p> <p>Remove existing toilet block and instead provide new toilet facilities in a central location which are safer and more accessible.</p>	Major	
	Public Art	Provide public art in visually prominent locations in the landscape (i.e. at path intersections or framed by trees in open grassed space.	Minor	

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
	New wetland	Establish a new wetland in the central grassed area with boardwalks for water capture and reuse and for ornamental value. South-East Quadrant.	Major	
	Conservation work	Undertake heritage conservation works to significant built elements including both pavilions and gates, providing interpretation elements.	Major	

OTHER PROJECTS – MASON’S LANE

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Mason's Lane	New Toilets*	Install new public accessible toilets onsite	Major	
	Baseball Area Refurbishment	Refurbish existing baseball infrastructure. Remove existing clubrooms upon completion of the multi-sport pavilion. Consider in any future design to have the home base closer to the new pavilion.	Major	
	Fence Upgrade	Remove existing perimeter chain wire fencing and replace with a 1m high post and rail fence to improve pedestrian permeability and visual appearance	Major	
	Tree planting	Additional tree planting within the reserve	Minor	
	Pathway Improvements*	Pathways - pathway connections to improve interconnectivity between recreational zones and establish a 1km fitness/running circuit within the reserve for cross country. Consider lighting pathways with LED pole-mounted solar lighting and seating at regular intervals.	Major	
	Village Green	Community Village Green and sports field/pitch provision - subject to future sporting needs and demand.	Major	

OTHER PROJECTS – WALLACE AND ELAINE RECREATION RESERVES & MARC STADIUM

Site / location	Project name	Project description	Cost implication - major or minor project	Project progress
Wallace Recreation Reserve	Civil Works	<p>Civil improvements to roadways - to be done in stages. Stage 1 - rebuild section of oval perimeter car parking by installing a terrace with a gravel surface at grade with perimeter road - this creates a more level car parking surface.</p> <p>Civil improvements to roadways - to be done in stages. Stage 2 - Widen oval perimeter gravel road from 3-4m to 6m wide to allow vehicles to pass each other, particularly on the eastern side of the oval where the ground surface falls away to the east of the road.</p>	Major	
	Cricket Net and Storage Removal/relocation	Remove existing cricket nets and relocate reserve equipment/maintenance shed into the space with a security alarm.	Major	
	New bin store	New enclosed bin store to be located at car park, with easier access to waste services trucks.	Minor	
	Entrance Improvements*	Spray seal reserve entrance road surface and widen the road to 6m to accommodate new central ticket box, which will be installed in centre of road at about halfway along entry road to remove congestion point at end of entry road.	Major	
	Screen planting	Strengthen reserve boundary planting to provide more efficient screening	Major	
	Sewerage improvements	Install new septic tank	Minor	
	CFA building upgrades	Modify the CFA building to conform to new standards for fire tankers	Minor	
Elaine Recreation Reserve	Artwork and cultural signage	Install interpretive signage at the reserve. Explore opportunity to develop and install some public art at reserve.	Minor	
MARC stadium	Stadium seating*	Install grandstand seating in stadium for multisport use	Major	

PRIORITY PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE HIKE & BIKE STRATEGY

Outstanding projects from the Hike & Bike Strategy have been identified and included in the Recreation and Leisure Strategy Implementation Plan. The tables presented in the following pages provide an action status for projects that are yet to be completed, categorised by the definitions in the table below. To find out more about the Hike and Bike Strategy and to view all recommended projects, see pp. 61-81 of Volume 1: Background Report.

Action Status	Definition
Partially Completed	Action has been started but not yet completed. Elements are likely to have been completed based on practicality or available budget.
Proposed in Future Budget or Funding Program	Action scoped, planned and included within a future Council Budget year or as part of an external funding program or commitment.
Incomplete	Action has not yet been commenced or has not yet been included within a documented Council Budget.

BACCHUS MARSH, DARLEY & MADDINGLEY

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Cairns Drive	Robertsons Rd to Albert St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Partially completed
Holts Lane	Gisborne Rd to Lerderderg walking track	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Partially completed
Labilliere Street	Barry St to McCrae St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Margaret Drive	Grant St to Clarinda St	New Footpath construction	Link to water channel shared path	Footpath	Local	Incomplete
Morrison Drive	Wittick St to Grey St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Robertsons Road	Links Rd to Lerderderg walking track	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Underbank Boulevard	Construction to begin and conclude at main St	New Footpath construction	Steep grade	Footpath	Secondary	Partially completed
Avenue of Honour	Moon Reserve to cemetery	Proposed new	N/A	Shared path	Primary	Incomplete
Main Street	Pearce St to existing Avenue of Honour Track	Proposed new shared path	Feasibility study required. Pedestrian overpass required over the Western Freeway.	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Pepper Tree Park Path	Pepper Tree Park East of Grant St, along the river	Upgrade existing gravel path to	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Partially completed
Main Street	Grant St to Madden Drive	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Footpath	Primary	Partially completed

Gisborne Road	Leila Court to Grey Street	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Partially completed
Gisborne Road	Masons Lane to Leila Court	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Partially completed
Main Street	Young Street to Pearce Street	Upgrade to shared path	Feasibility study required	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Young Street	Masons Lane to Main Street	Upgrade to shared path	Existing path	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Davies Street	Holts Lane to Grey Street	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Greenway through land	Bond Street to Main Street	Proposed new shared path	Depending of developer purchase of land	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Griffith Street	Powlett Street to Grant Street	Proposed new shared path	Busy section; school zone and bus stop area	Shared Path	Secondary	Confirmed in 2025/2026 via and grant funding – Safer Local Roads
Griffith Street	Stone Hill Drive to Powlett Street	Proposed new shared path	Developer has already constructed footpath along part of this section	Shared Path	Secondary	
Grant Street Service Road	Meikle St to South Maddingley Rd	Upgrade to shared path	Heavy traffic and school zone area	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Barry Street	Griffith Street to Labilliere Street	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

BALLAN

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Caledonian Park	Along the Werribee River- extension of existing trail	Proposed new shared path	Consultation required with Melbourne Water	Shared Path	Secondary	Incomplete
Edols Street	Windle St to Jopling St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Jopling Street	Edols St to Atkinson St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Stead Street	Inglis St to Steiglitz St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Confirmed in 25/26 Budget
Stead Street	Edols St to Atkinson St	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Partially completed
Ballan Cemetery	Ballan Cemetery to Werribee River/ Caledonian Park	Proposed new shared path	Investigate further river crossing	Shared Path	Secondary	Incomplete
Bradshaw Street	Inglis street to Simpson Street	Proposed new shared path	Medium	Shared Path	Local	Incomplete
Hogan Road	Inglis Street to Densley Street	Proposed new shared path	Possible river crossing. Possibly funded through developer contributions or included within development	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Hogan Road	West extension from No 64 to River	Proposed new shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Secondary	Incomplete
Old Geelong Road	Inglis St to Gillespies Lane	Proposed new shared path	Possibly funded through developer contributions or included within development of residential area.	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete

Old Melbourne Road	Ingliston Road to Werribee River	Proposed new shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
West of Hogan Road	Hogan Road extension West along Werribee River	Proposed new shared path	Possibly funded through developer contributions or included within development of residential area.	Shared Path	Secondary	Incomplete
Atkinson Street	Cowie Street to Lay Street	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Blackwood Street/Greendale Road	Round about to Berry Street	Upgrade to shared path	N/A (Current existing path is new and in good condition)	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Cowie Street	Inglis St to Edols Street	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Gillespies Lane	Old Geelong Rd to Windle Street	Upgrade to shared path	Proposed shared path	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Inglis Street	Geelong Ballan Rd to Sunline Court	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Lay Street	Atkinson St to Old Melbourne Rd	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Lay Street	Old Melbourne to Gosling Street Cemetery	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Secondary	Incomplete
Simpson Street	Spencer Rd to Blackwood St and Caledonian Park entrance	Upgrade to shared path	N/A (Priority and cost estimate are not given for this segment)	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Windle Street	Windle St pathway from Gillespies Lane to Simpson Street	Upgrade to shared path	Possibly funded through developer contributions or included within development of residential area.	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete

BLACKWOOD

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Martin Street	Simmons Reef Rd to Golden Point Rd	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Blackwood Crown Recreation	Reserve, along Simmons Reef Rd to Greendale Trentham Forrest Rd	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Blackwood Street Road Reserve	Recreation Reserve to Muddy Lane	Proposed new shared path	Area prone to flooding in heavy rainfall	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete

BUNGAREE

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Bungaree Wallace Road	Railway Line to outside No 342	New Footpath construction	Path to Primary school	Footpath	Primary	Incomplete
Bungaree Wallace Road	Bungaree- Wallace Road to No 322	Upgrade to shared path	Part of this is already existing	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete

DUNNSTOWN

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Dunnstown Road	Roundabout to end of residential area (approx. 250m)	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Ti Tree Road	Old Melbourne Rd intersection (approx. 250 m)	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

ELAINE

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Austins Road	Pearsons Rd to Elaine Egerton Rd	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Local	Incomplete
Elaine Egerton Road	Main S to Austins Rd	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Pearsons Road	Midland Highway to Austins Road	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

GORDON

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Cartons Road	Paddock Creek extension to Main Street	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Gladestone Street	Main Street to Hopwood Place	New Footpath construction	NA	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

Main Street	From Lyndhurst Street to Cartons Rd	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Primary	Incomplete
Paddock Creek Reserve	Gladstone St to Cartons Rd	New Footpath construction	Crown Land	Footpath	Secondary	To be completed in 2025/26 via Active Transport Fund
Stanley Street	Dicker Street to Hopwood Place	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Thomas Drive	Ruxton Way to Hopetoun Park	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

GREENDALE

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Ballan Greendale Road	Roundabout to end of residential area	New Footpath construction	Footbridge may be required over the river. Road is too narrow to accommodate footpath	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

HOPETOUN PARK

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Hopetoun Park Road	Thomas Drive to Ruxton Way	New Footpath construction	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Hammond Circuit	Selby Court to Riverview Road	New footpath construction	NA	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

Selby Court	Webb Crt trail entrance along Selby Crt to Hammond Circuit	New footpath construction	NA	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Circling Hopetoun Park area	Walking trail circling Hopetoun Park	Upgrade existing trail to gravel footpath	Consultation required with Western Water and very steep topography	Unsealed footpath	Local	Incomplete
River View Road	Riverview Dr roundabout along Ruxton Way to join existing trail intersecting View Gully Rd	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Primary	Incomplete

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Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Eaglesons Road	Clarendon La La to Vaugh Street	New footpath construction	NA	Unsealed footpath	Local	Incomplete
Eaglesons Road/ Vaughan Street	Clarendon Lal Lal to Eaglestons Rd	New footpath construction	NA	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Lal Lal Falls Road	Intersection at Yendon – Lal Lal Rd to Ironmine Rd	New footpath construction	NA	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete

MOUNT EGERTON

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Reserve Road	Primary school on Reserve Rd to the Recreation Reserve.	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Primary	Incomplete

MYRNIONG

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Old Western Highway	Old Melbourne Rd to existing path approx. 100m north	Upgrade to shared footpath	N/A	Footpath	Secondary	Confirmed in 2025/26 Budget
Shuter Street, Hardy Street	Winding through Myrniong, beginning at the Recreation Reserve before winding through the Jim Barry Reserve	Proposed new shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Confirmed in 2025/26 Budget
Muddy Lane	Western Freeway to Blackwood Street	Upgrade to shared path	Existing footpath was constructed in 2009	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete
Old Western Freeway	Short Street to Muddy Lane	Upgrade to shared path	N/A	Shared Path	Primary	Incomplete

WALLACE

Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Considerations	Type of Path	Priority Category	Status
Butter Factory Road	Intersection to end of built up area. approx. 100m	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed Footpath	Secondary	Incomplete
Bungaree Wallace Road	Erin Crt to Ormond Rd intersection along Bungaree- Wallace Rd	New footpath construction	N/A	Unsealed footpath	Secondary	Incomplete