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OCEAN GROVE SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

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1. Executive summary

The *Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2010* (the ‘OGSIP 2010’) has guided a range of new and upgraded sports facility projects throughout Ocean Grove during the past 12 years, including the development of Shell Road Reserve into Ocean Grove’s premier sports venue.

Since 2010, when the plan was adopted, the town’s population has increased by more than 5,000 people, and there has also been an exponential increase in female sports participation. As a result, the City of Greater Geelong commissioned a review and update of the plan in 2019.

This revised plan is intended to respond to changes and increases in sports participation, as well as emerging constraints related to current supply of sporting facilities and increased demand for facilities. While the new plan has a focus on the future provision of sporting facilities, it also considers other active and passive recreational uses of reserves.

The *Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2022* (the ‘OGSIP 2022’) is informed by a number of background and planning considerations, including the OGSIP 2010, the *Ocean Grove Structure Plan* (2016) and the *Greater Geelong Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020–2023*.

In 2021, Ocean Grove and Wallington had a combined estimated population of 17,500 people, a 40 per cent increase since 2010, and the projected population to 2041 is 23,650, or an additional 6,150 people (a 35 per cent increase).

Sport is an important part of the lifestyle of Ocean Grove and Wallington residents. Of the six sports included in this plan, the local participation rate in netball is the only example that doesn’t exceed the corresponding statewide participation rate.

Since 2010, there are 40 additional teams now fielded by Ocean Grove and Wallington sporting clubs, including 10 new girls and womens teams. This increase in female participation in sport has highlighted shortcomings in existing sporting facilities, particularly in relation to change rooms and associated amenities.

STUDY SCOPE

The primary scope and key consideration of the OGSIP 2022 study was the following sporting reserves, and the sporting and recreation activities conducted at them:

- Shell Road Reserve
- Collendina Reserve
- Memorial Reserve
- Arthur Powell Reserve
- Devlins Road Reserve
- Wallington Recreation Reserve.

SPORTS FACILITY ANALYSIS

When applying sports facility provision ratios adopted by the City of Greater Geelong as part of its *Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020–2023*, the adequacy of current facilities against future projected demand can be assessed.

Table 1: Current and predicted need for sports facilities

Sport	Existing Provision	Facilities Required in 2021 (Population: 17,500)	Difference + = surplus - = shortfall	Facilities Required in 2041 (Population: 23,650)	Difference + = surplus - = shortfall
Baseball Diamonds (Ratio: 40,000)	1 diamond	1 diamond	0 diamonds	1 diamond	0 diamonds
Cricket Ovals * (Ratio: 4,000)	6 ovals	4 ovals	+2 ovals	6 ovals	0 ovals
Football Ovals (Ratio: 5,000)	4 ovals	4 ovals	0 ovals	5 ovals	-1 oval
Netball Courts (outdoor) (Ratio: 7,070)	5 courts	3 courts	+2 courts	4 courts	+1 court
Soccer Pitches (Ratio: 5,000)	2 pitches	3 pitches	-1 pitch	5 pitches	-3 pitches
Tennis Courts (Ratio: 3,000)	17 courts	6 courts	+11 courts	8 courts	+9 courts

* Bellarine Secondary College oval has been counted as cricket only

Table 1 (above) shows that:

- The current supply of sporting facilities for baseball, cricket, netball and tennis is sufficient to meet the projected demand to 2041.
- The current supply of sporting facilities for football and soccer is insufficient to meet the projected demand to 2041.

As well as the above benchmarking data, site reviews, facility compliance assessments and meetings with sports clubs contributed to the sports facility demand analysis. Key findings included:

- The current baseball diamond at Wallington Recreation Reserve is non-compliant and the player/umpire change rooms and amenities are not compliant, or female-friendly.
- The Ocean Grove Football Netball Club and the Ocean Grove Cricket Club currently use the single ovals at Shell Road Reserve and Memorial Reserve. However, sustainable sports planning principles support two ovals at the same location to enable optimal management of the playing surfaces, to minimise volunteer workloads, and to maximise the social benefits and sport pathways for players.
- The off-court facilities for netball at Shell Road Reserve do not comply with standards adopted by Netball Victoria.
- The Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club currently uses the single ovals at Collendina Reserve and Memorial Reserve, however the player/umpire change rooms and amenities at both reserves are not compliant, nor are they female-friendly.
- The Surfside Waves Soccer Club has grown so much that the two soccer pitches at Shell Road Reserve are getting close to capacity. Additionally, the long-term co-location of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club and the Surfside Waves Soccer Club at Shell Road Reserve is not sustainable under the current usage and management arrangements.
- The Ocean Grove Tennis Club currently uses the five club courts and the 2 publicly accessible courts at Arthur Powell Reserve. However, the 2 public courts have non-compliant run-offs, a poor surface, and are not floodlit.

Future strategic provision of sporting facilities

The key strategic directions of OGSIP 2022 are:

1. To relocate the Surfside Waves Soccer Club to Devlins Road Reserve.
2. To convert the existing soccer pitches at Shell Road Reserve to a second oval suitable for football and cricket.
3. To upgrade the Memorial Reserve Hall, and enhance the reserve as a more attractive informal open space, while retaining the capacity of the reserve to accommodate junior football and cricket matches.

If the OGSIP 2022 is fully implemented, the following sporting facilities will be available at the six reserves by 2041:

Table 2: Difference between existing and desired facilities (2021-2041)

Sport	Existing Provision	Facilities Achieved by 2041	Difference
Baseball	1 diamond	2 diamonds	+1 diamond
Cricket	6 ovals	7 ovals	+1 oval
Football	4 ovals	5 ovals	+1 oval
Netball (outdoor)	5 courts	6 courts	+1 court
Soccer	2 pitches	4 pitches	+2 pitches
Tennis	17 courts	17 courts	0 courts

The following recommendations for new and upgraded sporting facilities can accommodate the constraints and issues identified during the study, as well as capitalising on opportunities for developing sport facilities in a sustainable way.

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| Devlins Road Reserve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop soccer pitches and a pavilion in the southern section of the reserve, and relocate the Surfside Waves Soccer Club to the reserve. • Seasonally allocate the northern oval to the Surfside Waves Soccer Club for junior soccer as the priority winter sport, and to the Cobras Junior Football Club for overflow junior football, as may be required and can be scheduled around soccer use. • Seasonally allocate the northern oval to the Wallington Cricket Club as its overflow oval. |
| Shell Road Reserve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a second oval on the site of the two soccer pitches, and upgrade other infrastructure, as required, including modifications to the pavilion's western change rooms, amenities and canteen, to better service the second oval user groups. • Following the construction of a second oval, integrate some of the Cobras Junior Football Club training and match day needs on the oval, and facilitate increased use of the pavilion social room by the club, particularly for social functions and events that exceed the capacity of the Collendina Reserve pavilion. • Upgrade and expand the cricket practice facilities (one additional lane), and provide an adjacent cricket store. • Construct one additional netball court (as a show court), and provide fit-for-purpose, off-court netball facilities. • Retain and upgrade the public tennis courts and, when demand arises, overlay line marking for pickleball on two courts. |
| Memorial Reserve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the reserve as a more attractive informal open space, whilst retaining the capability of the reserve to accommodate junior football and cricket matches for the Cobras Junior Football Club and Ocean Grove Cricket Club. |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove surplus sporting infrastructure and contain vehicle car parking and access to the southern-end to primarily service the Hall and the 1st and 2nd Ocean Grove Scouts. • Provide fit-for-purpose and gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms as part of an integrated upgrade of the Memorial Reserve Hall and social rooms. • Upgrade the Memorial Reserve Hall to better provide for the user groups and create additional storage space.
Collendina Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to use the reserve for cricket (Collendina Cricket Club) and for junior football (Cobras Junior Football Club). • Upgrade the pavilion to provide compliant and gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms, and improved social and kitchen facilities. • Construct new internal roads and car parking to improve user safety, and introduce a new path network and other landscape embellishments to encourage increased community recreational use.
Arthur Powell Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruct the two public tennis courts into two new and compliant acrylic courts with floodlights. • Allocate the new courts to the Ocean Grove Tennis Club for a total of seven onsite courts, making sure they remain accessible to the public via a book-a-court system when not required by the club (in accordance with the City of Greater Geelong's <i>Fair Play Strategy 2017</i>).
Wallington Recreation Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to use the reserve for cricket (Wallington Cricket Club) and for baseball (Bellarine Bears Baseball Club). • Construct a compliant senior baseball diamond, and master plan for a future second diamond. • Upgrade the pavilion to provide fit-for-purpose and gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms, and improved social and kitchen facilities. • Retain the tennis and netball courts as publicly accessible facilities.

2. Introduction

The City of Greater Geelong commissioned a review and update of the *Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2010* (the 'OGSIP 2010') in 2019. The 2010 plan has guided a range of new and upgraded sports facility projects throughout Ocean Grove during the past 12 years, including the development of Shell Road Reserve into Ocean Grove's premier sports venue.

However, since the OGSIP 2010 was adopted the town's population has increased significantly from an estimated 12,000 people to more than 17,000 in 2021, and there has been increased female participation in sport. The revised plan responds to changes and increases in sports participation and the resultant emerging constraints with the current supply of sporting facilities. While the *Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2022* (the 'OGSIP 2022') has a focus on the future provision of sporting facilities, it also considers other active and passive recreational uses of reserves, and their character: district sporting reserves; overflow sporting reserves; and bushland reserves.

A number of other plans and strategies at state, regional and local government levels have been developed since 2010, and provided guidance and direction to the OGSIP 2022. The most significant is the City's *Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020–2023*, which sets out a strategic direction for council for future investment in facilities that is fair, equitable and sustainable.

The OGSIP 2022 includes Wallington and surrounds, which were not part of the scope of the 2010 plan. The plan considers the Ocean Grove and Wallington network as whole, which has enabled council to review the current and future needs of this network to ensure the development of a variety of sports into the future. The primary scope and key consideration of the OGSIP 2022 study is the following six sporting reserves, and the sporting and recreation activities conducted at them.

- Shell Road Reserve
- Collendina Reserve
- Memorial Reserve
- Arthur Powell Reserve
- Devlins Road Reserve
- Wallington Recreation Reserve.

The OGSIP 2022 advocates for a significant number of sporting and recreation facility improvement projects that when implemented will cater for the current and likely future needs of the Ocean Grove and Wallington communities. To help illustrate the planning directions and recommendations, three reserve master plans have been prepared and three pavilion concept plans, with all projects to be costed and prioritised.

2.2 STUDY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The study had an overall aim to review and update the *Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2010*, with the following objectives underpinning the study process.

4. To assess the adequacy of existing sporting facilities to meet needs.
5. To understand the current population projections and implications on future sports participation and facility needs.
6. To review existing sporting facilities against preferred standards and guidelines developed by relevant state sporting associations, and which are incorporated in the *City of Greater Geelong Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020–2023*.
7. To consider trends in sports participation, both state trends and local trends.
8. To identify which existing sport reserves and other planned active open space could be further developed to accommodate future needs.
9. To update reserve master plans developed for OGSIP 2010, and prepare master plans for new active open spaces, if required.

10. To prepare a new prioritised implementation framework with estimated costs for improvement projects.

2.3 STUDY PROCESS

A range of research and consultative processes informed the development of the OGSIP 2022.

- Review of relevant planning and background reports.
- Review and assessment of existing sporting facilities, including pavilions, to meet compliance, standards and guidelines.
- Engagement with the sports clubs, council representatives, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Analysis of issues and opportunities for the future provision of sporting facilities.
- Formulate future directions and seek feedback from stakeholders.
- Preparation of reserve master plans and pavilion upgrade plans for selected sites and facilities.
- Development of prioritised and costed project implementation plan.

It is important to note that considerable research and scenario analysis occurred during the period from mid-2020 to mid-2021 to assess the viability and impact of a proposed second oval at Shell Road Reserve. This period also included extensive consultation with representatives from the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, the Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club, the Ocean Grove Cricket Club and the Surfside Waves Soccer Club that was predominately facilitated by council staff.

3. Background and context

The OGSIP 2022 was informed by a number of study background and planning considerations, and these are summarised in this section.

3.1 OCEAN GROVE SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2010

The *Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2010* was prepared to guide the future development of the then three main active recreation reserves in Ocean Grove – Shell Road Reserve, Collendina Reserve and Ocean Grove Memorial Reserve. The plan had a focus on the development of Shell Road Reserve to better provide for the needs of the Surfside Waves Soccer Club, and to enable the transition of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club and the Ocean Grove Cricket Club to the reserve from Memorial Reserve.

Key projects implemented from this plan included:

Shell Road Reserve:

- New pavilion
- Upgrade of the main oval playing surface and associated infrastructure
- Upgrade of surfaces of the two soccer pitches and associated infrastructure
- Four new acrylic surface netball courts and associated infrastructure
- New cricket practice nets
- New sealed car parking and internal road network within the reserve
- Landscape embellishments, including pedestrian paths and tree planting

Memorial Reserve

- Decommissioning of the former netball courts
- Removal of the reserve perimeter chain-mesh fence

Collendina Reserve

- New public toilet
- New reserve access road and playground relocation
- Upgraded oval floodlighting

Other projects recommended, but not yet actioned, were reviewed as part of this study.

3.2 OCEAN GROVE AND WALLINGTON DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

A review was undertaken of the population profile and projected growth of Ocean Grove and Wallington to assess future needs for sporting facilities. The review identified the following relevant demographic characteristics¹:

- The combined estimated population of Ocean Grove and Wallington in 2021 was 17,500 people. This is an increase of approximately 5,000 people since 2010, or 40 per cent.
- Ocean Grove and Wallington have a higher proportion of people aged up to 17 years (23.9 per cent) compared to all of Greater Geelong (21.7 per cent).
- For the 18–34 years cohort, there is a significantly lower proportion of people (15.1 per cent) compared to all of Greater Geelong (21.9 per cent).
- Ocean Grove and Wallington have a higher proportion of older adults (60+ years) compared to all of Greater Geelong (26.8 per cent to 24.7 per cent).

¹ City of Greater Geelong Community Profile, id consulting 2021

- Ocean Grove and Wallington have a higher proportion of people who are Australian-born (82.9 per cent) compared to all of Greater Geelong (77.1 per cent), and a significantly higher proportion compared to all of Victoria (64.9 per cent).

A comparison of the age group data for Ocean Grove between the 2011 and 2016 data indicates that the overall population profile is ageing. However, the 2021 Census data may show a trend towards a younger profile given the new housing development in Oakdene/Kingston, and the impact of population shifts initiated by the COVID pandemic.

3.2.1 Projected population growth

The projected population for Ocean Grove and Wallington shows that by 2041 the area will have an estimated additional 6,150 people – a total projected population of 23,650.

3.2.2 Active age cohort

The age cohort of 5–39 years is important for sports facility planning, as a high proportion of people who participate in organised sport fall within this age cohort². The trend of growth or decline in this age cohort can indicate whether the overall demand for specific sporting facilities is likely to increase, be stable, or decrease during the forecast period.

Figure 1 shows that the proportion of people aged 5–39 years in Ocean Grove decreased between 2001 and 2016, and is projected to decline further to 2041.

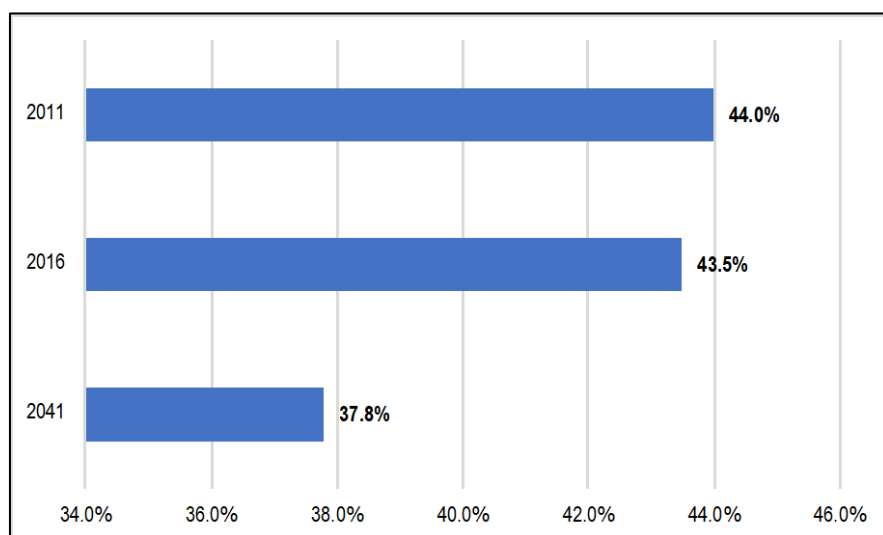


Figure 1: Proportion of Ocean Grove Residents in the Active Age Cohort (2011, 2016, 2041)

3.2.3 Implications for sports facility planning

The projected net increase of population for Ocean Grove and Wallington to 2041 will result in a corresponding increase in demand for access to sporting facilities. However, the projected overall decrease in the proportion of the population in the active age cohort is likely to soften the overall demand. The high proportion of Australian-born residents suggests that football, soccer, cricket and tennis will remain popular outdoor sports for the community.

3.3 OCEAN GROVE STRUCTURE PLAN (AMENDED 2016)

The Ocean Grove Structure Plan is a strategic framework tool used by the City of Greater Geelong to guide the future use and development of Ocean Grove in a co-ordinated and orderly manner. The plan was originally developed in 2007, and updated in 2016. It determines local planning policy, planning zones and overlays in a manner designed to manage growth and protect and maintain the much-valued coastal setting of Ocean Grove.

The plan notes that Ocean Grove is a district town and will provide for significant population growth until 2030 (total projected population of 21,000 people). The north-east growth area will accommodate the majority of the growing

² AusPlay 2019 (AusPlay is the sport and physical activity participation tracking tool funded and coordinated by Sport Australia)

population. The plan specifically identifies community and social infrastructure – including both informal and formal open space – as needing to accommodate forecast population growth, particularly within the north-east growth area. It also identifies a need to maintain non-urban breaks between Wallington and Point Lonsdale.

The following points were noted in the plan, and were considered during the study period:

- Support the establishment of a regional public open space (8.0 ha) in the north-east growth area, including two multi-use ovals, netball courts, sports pavilion and other informal park facilities, and using developer contributions. *[partly actioned]*
- Encourage the use of open spaces, such as Ocean Grove Park, Kingston Park and The Parade/Tuckfield Reserve, etc., for markets, summer open air cinema/plays and other community events.
- Develop Shell Road Reserve, including a \$6 million sports pavilion. The pavilion to be shared by the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, the Surfside Waves Soccer Club, and the Ocean Grove Cricket Club. *[actioned]*

3.4 OTHER BACKGROUND REPORTS

The following other reports and strategies provided important context, background and direction for the OGSIP 2022 study:

- [Our Community Plan 2021–25](#) (the City's council plan)
- [Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020–2023](#)
- [Fair Play Strategy \(2017\)](#)
- Ocean Grove Principal Pedestrian Network: Consultation Findings (2016)
- [G21 and Cricket Victoria Barwon Regional Strategy](#) (May 2019)
- [G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy](#) (2020)
- [G21 Regional Tennis Strategy 2015–2025](#)
- various state sporting association facility standards and guidelines reports.

Other council plans and strategies complementary to the OGSIP 2022 study were reviewed, as well as facility standards and guidelines endorsed by the State Sporting Associations for football, baseball, cricket, netball, soccer and tennis, which informed the compliance assessment of facilities and reserve improvement projects.

4. Existing sporting facilities and use

This section provides a description of the six sporting reserves that are the key focus of the Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan 2022, and their use.

The sporting reserves are Shell Road Reserve, Memorial Reserve, Collendina Reserve, Arthur Powell Reserve, Wallington Recreation Reserve and Devlins Road Reserve (see Figure 2).

The key issues and opportunities for each reserve are discussed in Section 8.



Figure 2: Locations of Sports Reserves in Ocean Grove and Wallington

4.1 ACTIVE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

In 2019, an estimated 2,400 Ocean Grove and Wallington residents were club-based participants in sports and activities

This represents 13.7 per cent of the catchment population, however, it is important to note that not all sports available in Ocean Grove have been included within the scope of this study. Additionally, some people will be counted more than once as they will be participants in more than one sport.

Table 3 shows the breakdown of active membership for the sporting and recreation groups based at Ocean Grove and Wallington sporting reserves.

Table 3: Active Membership of Sporting and Recreation Groups (2019)

Outdoor Sports Clubs	Active Membership (2019)	Indoor Sports and Recreation Groups (Memorial Reserve Hall)	Active Membership (2019)
Bellarine Bears Baseball Club	100	Ocean Grove Badminton Club	58
Ocean Grove Cricket Club	191	Bellarine Table Tennis Club	56
Collendina Cricket Club	170	Ocean Grove Calisthenics College	76
Wallington Cricket Club	80	Soft Tennis	25
Ocean Grove FNC (Football Section)	301	Ocean Grove Pickleball	20
Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club	400	1st & 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group	46
Ocean Grove FNC (Netball Section)	176		281
Surfside Waves Soccer Club	280		
Ocean Grove Tennis Club	420*		
Sub-Total	2,118		2,118
TOTAL			2,399

* 2017 membership used, as membership in 2019 was impacted by the tennis clubroom redevelopment in 2018 & 2019

4.2 SHELL ROAD RESERVE

Shell Road Reserve is centrally located in Ocean Grove on the corner of Shell Road and Tuckfield Street. It is a sub-regional venue on the Bellarine Peninsula, and is the key sporting, recreation and community precinct in Ocean Grove (see Figure 3). The reserve has undergone significant development since the adoption of the OGSIP 2010. Key facilities considered during this study are:

- Ray Menzies Oval (football & cricket)
- two soccer pitches
- cricket practice nets (three lanes)
- four netball courts
- five tennis courts (publicly accessible) and clubroom
- main pavilion
- car parking and pedestrian paths.

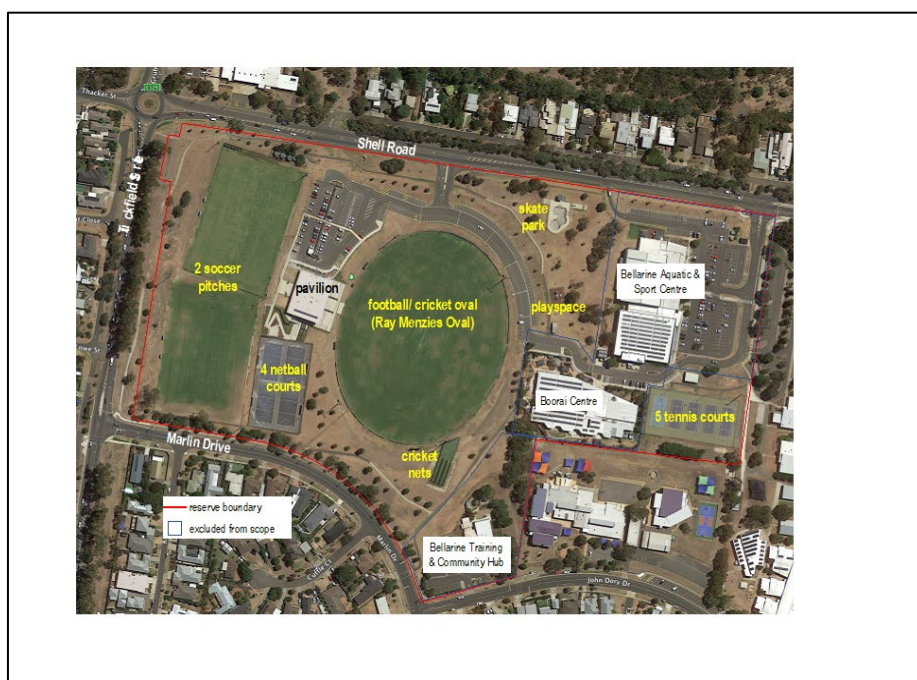


Figure 3: Shell Road Reserve

The following sporting clubs and groups are based at Shell Road Reserve, and their typical in-season usage is shown in Figure 4:

- Ocean Grove Football Netball Club
- Ocean Grove Cricket Club
- Surfside Waves Soccer Club.

Other groups that have semi-regular use of facilities at the reserve are the Shell Road Pavilion Board of Management, the Ocean Grove Tennis Club (tennis courts), AFL Barwon (netball courts on Tuesday evening), and the Cobras Junior Football Club (occasional use of Ray Menzies Oval).

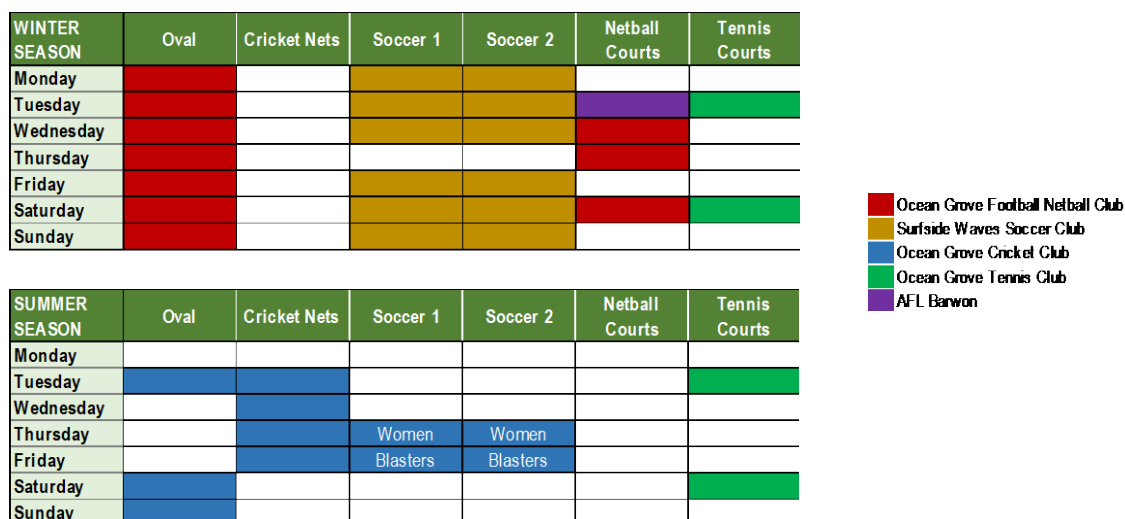


Figure 4: In-season usage of Shell Road Reserve by clubs

4.2.1 Ocean Grove Football Netball Club

When the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club first relocated to Shell Road Reserve from Memorial Reserve in 2016, the reserve was able to accommodate all of its football training and match-day needs on the single oval. However, with the growth in the number of youth teams (U15, U17), plus the growing popularity of football for women, the club now requires the use of Memorial Reserve for some training, and for a majority of the senior women's matches.

Sustainable sports planning principles for mixed-gender football clubs that cater to both seniors and juniors support access to two ovals. Ideally, the ovals should be at the same location to optimally manage playing surfaces on the main oval, minimise volunteer workload, and maximise the social benefits and sport pathways for players.

The four existing netball courts have compliant dimensions and run-offs, player shelters and floodlighting to match standard. While the courts are in good condition, there is a general lack of seating and shelter for spectators who attend matches (although planning for new seating and shelter has commenced).

The total court usage is estimated to be at 60 per cent of capacity, which means there is capacity for additional training use. While the four existing netball courts should be adequate for the future netball training and competition needs of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, the Shell Road Reserve netball complex currently hosts an AFL Barwon netball competition and has potential to host other tournaments.

4.2.2 Surfside Waves Soccer Club

The Surfside Waves Soccer Club has grown to the point that the two soccer pitches at Shell Road Reserve are getting close to capacity (in 2019 one pitch was being used at 70 per cent capacity and the second pitch at 60 per cent of capacity). Compounding the emerging pitch capacity issue are constraints identified by the club with the design, access, and management of the pavilion. When the club's senior mens teams transferred from the local Geelong Region Soccer League to the higher-standard Football Victoria State League 5, teams were required to transfer their matches from

Friday evenings to Saturday afternoons. This may result in match-day clashes with the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club in the future.

The long-term co-location of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club and Surfside Waves Soccer Club at Shell Road Reserve is not sustainable under the current usage and management arrangements. This is from the perspective of the continued growth and development of both clubs, as well as the ongoing financial sustainability of the Surfside Waves Soccer Club.

4.2.3 Ocean Grove Cricket Club

The Ocean Grove Cricket Club currently utilises Shell Road Reserve for senior and junior matches and for training. Due to the expansion of the club, it also utilises the oval and practice nets at Memorial Reserve. Similar to the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, the ideal scenario for the Ocean Grove Cricket Club would be to have access to two ovals at the same location. This will enable most matches, currently scheduled at Memorial Reserve, to be scheduled at Shell Road Reserve.

The cricket practice nets generally comply with the preferred dimensions for enclosed practice pitches. The western pitch is tapered, so has an average length of 34 m (pitch, plus bowlers run-up) which is less than the preferred standard of 36 m. While the condition of the synthetic surface and fencing is good, the surface of the bowlers run-up area is uneven. There has also been ongoing issues for the Ocean Grove Cricket Club in that the practice nets are located away from the pavilion away from storage areas. This means all training equipment (including a bowling machine) must be transported from the pavilion store for every session. Currently, the club has to divide training between the practice nets at Shell Road Reserve and the nets at Memorial Reserve. An additional 1–2 practice net lanes at Shell Road Reserve would enable the club to consolidate all of its training at the reserve.

4.2.4 Reserve pavilion

The Shell Road Reserve pavilion was opened in 2016 and generally meets the preferred standards of the relevant sports peak bodies, with the exception of the netball accommodation on the lower level at the southern end of the pavilion. This has insufficient amenities and no umpire change rooms, or duty room. There are change rooms, amenities, canteens and storerooms on each level of the two-storey pavilion, which separately service the users of Ray Menzies Oval (lower level) and the soccer pitches (upper level). A large community social space on the upper level has views to both sports fields.

The Surfside Waves Soccer Club has identified that the canteen and referees' rooms are too small, and the club's access to the community social space is limited due to the high needs of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club. The current pavilion management arrangements also prevent the Surfside Waves Soccer Club from receiving any revenue from bar sales at club functions. Combined, these issues have the potential to adversely impact the sustainability of the Surfside Waves Soccer Club in the longer term.

4.3 MEMORIAL RESERVE

Memorial Reserve was the main sporting reserve in Ocean Grove before Shell Road Reserve was developed, and is the former home of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club and Ocean Grove Cricket Club (both clubs relocated to Shell Road Reserve in 2016). The reserve is located in the south-west of the town, between Draper Street and The Avenue (see Figure 5).

The Memorial Reserve Hall, a multipurpose community facility, is situated on the reserve as well as the 1st & 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Hall (the study did not include the detailed usage of the Scout group). Key facilities considered as part of this study include:

- the oval (football and cricket)
- cricket practice nets (three lanes)
- Memorial Reserve Hall
- social room
- car parking and pedestrian paths
- Scout Hall.



Figure 5: Birds-eye view of Memorial Reserve

The following sporting clubs use the oval at Memorial Reserve, and their typical in-season usage is shown in Figure 6:

- Ocean Grove Football Netball Club
- Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club
- Ocean Grove Cricket Club

SUMMER SEASON	Oval	Cricket Nets	WINTER SEASON	Oval	Cricket Nets
Monday			Monday		
Tuesday			Tuesday		
Wednesday			Wednesday		
Thursday			Thursday		
Friday			Friday		
Saturday			Saturday		
Sunday			Sunday		

Ocean Grove Football Netball Club

Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club

Ocean Grove Cricket Club

Figure 6: Seasonal use of Memorial Reserve

The following sporting clubs and recreation groups use the hall all year round, and their usage is shown in Figure 7. The Memorial Reserve Hall Committee of Management leases the hall from the City of Greater Geelong and manage its use on behalf of the user groups:

- Ocean Grove Badminton Club
- Bellarine Table Tennis Club
- Ocean Grove Calisthenics College
- Soft Tennis
- Ocean Grove Pickleball Club
- Matafit Bellarine.

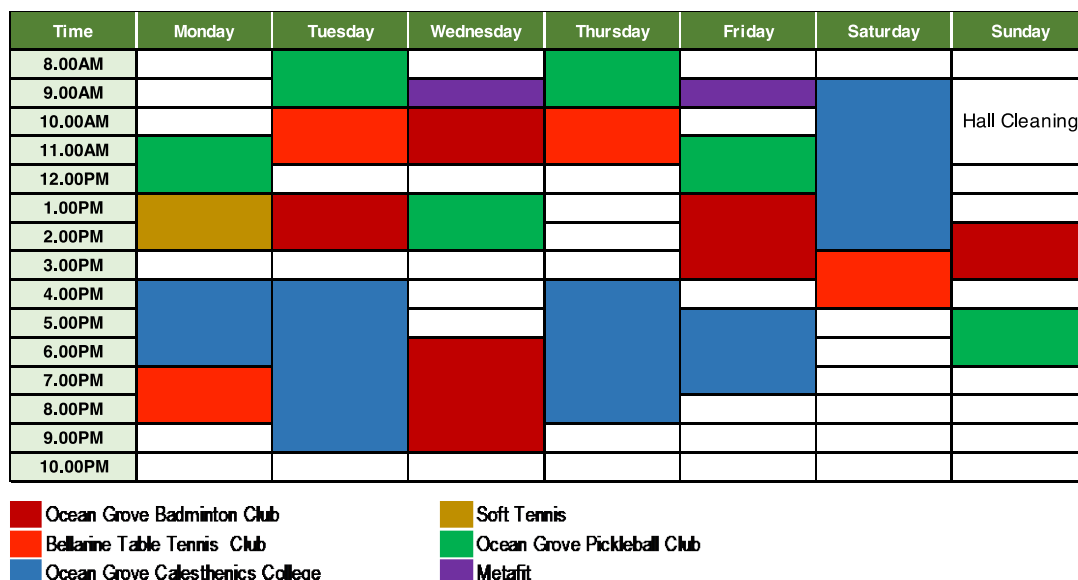


Figure 7: Use of the Memorial Reserve Hall

The 1st and 2nd Ocean Grove Scouts host over 50 participants and group leaders, offering four of the five available scouting sections: Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. The Scout Hall is used Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week for its programs.

4.3.1 Football and cricket

The oval dimensions are 151 m x 103 m. It is fully fenced, has non-compliant floodlighting for football training, and the condition of the playing surface and synthetic cricket pitch are good. Whilst the oval width does not meet the AFL Victoria minimum standard of 110 m, it is suitable for junior football. With a 50 m radius, the dimensions also meet the Cricket Australia minimum size for open-aged community cricket. In winter, the estimated total weekly usage of the oval is 19 hours (80 per cent capacity).

The cricket practice nets comply with preferred dimensions. However, while the general condition of the fencing and the synthetic surfaces is good, the nets present poorly due to the untidy presentation of the rubber and hessian coverings that hang on the lower sections of the nets.

4.3.2 Memorial Reserve Hall and other associated infrastructure

The change rooms, the hall and the social room are separate spaces within the one building footprint. The two change rooms are in poor condition and, at 30 sqm each, are below the AFL Victoria preferred size of 45 sqm. Despite this, they are still adequate for junior football and senior cricket.

The amenity areas do not meet the minimum standards for any level due to the number of toilets and showers, as well as the open configuration of the showers (see right). The umpires room is also a single compartment with a shower only, and is not conducive to mixed-gender use.

The Memorial Reserve Hall is an important community sporting facility. While the hall and adjoining kitchenette are functional, it needs additional storage and seating/meeting space. The Ocean Grove Calisthenics College also requires access to safe and secure change rooms and toilet facilities. While there is currently dedicated storage bays at the western end of the hall (under the stage), additional storage space is a high priority and will likely require a building extension.

The social room is large for a local-level facility (approximately 150 sqm) and has an adjoining kitchen and bar that are all well-maintained and

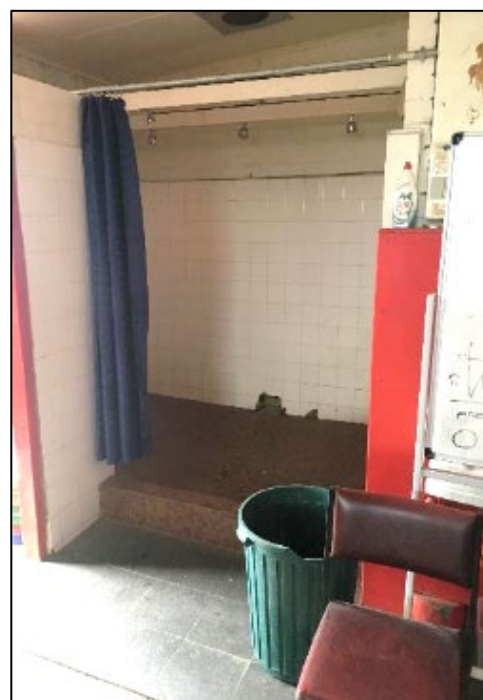


Photo: The Memorial Reserve Hall change facilities

functional. While the social room does not have any permanent user groups, it is currently available for groups to hire through the City's Property and Leasing Unit. Other than the Ocean Grove Calisthenics College, who could use the space for meetings and parents to sew costumes, no other potential use or group was identified during the study period. Having said that, this may change once the City's completes its *Bellarine Peninsula Seniors Activity Hub Feasibility Study* and if the City's Leasing Team decides to seek expressions of interest for future uses.

All Memorial Reserve Hall user groups, sports participants and spectators currently share a central public toilet block, which is functional and compliant. For the detailed condition and compliance audit report for Memorial Reserve refer to the Built Facilities Condition and Compliance Report.

The City has identified Memorial Reserve Hall as a potential satellite facility for additional indoor physical activity opportunities, including the Bellarine Keenagers – a recreational table tennis group for men and women of all skill levels and ages. The group would complement the existing clubs and support use of the hall as a 'seniors hub'.

The Ocean Grove Pickleball Club commenced use of the Memorial Reserve Hall in 2019, and since then both membership and usage of the hall have increased. Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis and tennis. A pickleball court has the dimensions and layout of a badminton court and a net and rules similar to tennis. It can be played indoors and outdoors. As the anticipated future demand for courts is not expected to be accommodated by existing indoor courts, the club suggested that outdoor courts be considered as part of the OGSIP 2022 study.

The 1st and 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group is relatively self-sufficient within both the Scout Hall and large storage shed in the car park behind. The group has experienced growth, appears to be a stable and well-managed and has aspirations to increase its participant base in the next few years. While the Scout Hall requires some relatively minor upgrades, an additional unisex toilet and a kitchen upgrade would make the facility more welcoming and functional.

4.4 COLLENDINA RESERVE

Collendina Reserve is located in southeast Ocean Grove between Minerva Close and Bonnyvale Road, with entry via Minerva Close (see Figure 8). Key facilities considered during this study included:

- the oval (football and cricket)
- pavilion
- play space
- cricket practice nets (three lanes) and
- car parking and pedestrian paths.



Figure 8: A bird's-eye view of Collendina Reserve

The Collendina Cricket Club and the Cobras Junior Football Club are based at Collendina Reserve, and their typical in-season usage is shown in Figure 9. A local arts group and a fishing club also have regular use of the pavilion at the reserve. These two groups were not included in the consultation undertaking during this study, as these activities are outside of the study scope.

SUMMER SEASON	Oval	Cricket Nets	WINTER SEASON	Oval	Cricket Nets
Monday			Monday		
Tuesday			Tuesday		
Wednesday			Wednesday		
Thursday			Thursday		
Friday			Friday		
Saturday			Saturday		
Sunday			Sunday		

Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club

Collendina Cricket Club

Figure 9: In-season usage of Collendina Reserve

4.4.1 Football and cricket

The Collendina Reserve oval is 153 m x 110 m, is fully fenced and has new floodlighting to competition standard (100 lux). Both the playing surface and synthetic cricket pitch conditions are good, and are compliant for junior football and cricket. While the estimated total weekly usage of the oval in winter is 19 hours (80 per cent capacity), the young age of the footballers within the Cobras Junior Football Club (under 13 years) mean it is unrealistic for additional training to occur after 7.00pm. The oval is therefore functionally at capacity.

The Cobras Junior Football Club doubled team numbers 2010 and 2019 (now 16 teams). It has therefore had to utilise Memorial Reserve in recent seasons as an overflow venue for some training and matches.

The cricket practice nets comply with Cricket Australia's preferred dimensions. While the fencing condition is good, the synthetic surface in each net is of average condition, with tears and worn areas evident. If the number of teams increase, an additional lane may be required.

4.4.2 Reserve pavilion

The pavilion is setback from the oval and separated by the internal access road, which is not ideal. It comprises a social room with adjoining kitchen and combined canteen/bar, two change rooms with a shared amenity area, and a separate umpires change room with amenities. The social room, measuring 65 sqm, is small for a local-level reserve, and the Cobras Junior Football Club has identified that the clubroom is inadequate to accommodate club social functions and events.

The change rooms, measuring 30 sqm and 27 sqm, are below the AFL Victoria preferred size of 45 sqm, but are adequate for junior football. They also meet Cricket Australia's preferred standards for community club cricket. An amenities area shared between both change rooms does not meet the minimum standard for AFL Victoria and Cricket Australia for any level, and future upgrades need to support gender-neutral use.

The umpire's room is a single compartment and, while the toilet and shower are enclosed, the space is not conducive to mixed-gender use. For the detailed condition and compliance pavilion audit refer to the report undertaken by JMA Architects.

The reserve and its facilities generally work well for the Collendina Cricket Club. The pavilion non-compliances and declining condition of the cricket practice nets are the main issues for the club.



Photo: Collendina Reserve changeroom

4.5 ARTHUR POWELL RESERVE

Arthur Powell Reserve is located just north of Memorial Reserve, in Asbury Street East (see Figure 10). Key facilities considered during this study were:

- club tennis courts (western bank of five)
- publicly accessible tennis courts (eastern bank of two)
- car parking.



Figure 10: Arthur Powell Reserve

The Ocean Grove Tennis Club is the only user group at Arthur Powell Reserve. It has exclusive access to the five club courts all year, and utilises the 2 public courts for coaching and for Saturday junior competition, as shown in Figure 11.

ANNUAL	Club Courts	Public Courts	
Monday			Ocean Grove Tennis Club
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Figure 11: Annual usage of the Arthur Powell Reserve courts



Photo: The two public courts at Arthur Powell Reserve

The club courts are in good condition, and are floodlit. The two public courts are not floodlit and are non-compliant, and the surface condition is poor. The clubroom is new and was opened in 2020.

The future growth and development of the Ocean Grove Tennis Club would be supported by upgrading and securing club access to the two public courts to help meet growing demand, as well as improving car parking.

The main issues with the public courts are as follows:

- The tennis court back run-offs are not compliant at the northern end of both courts and the south-east corner of the eastern court (needs to be a minimum of 5.48 m).
- Access to the courts is currently not Disability Discrimination Act compliant.
- The courts lack floodlights.
- The surface condition is poor (cracks) and is a non-cushioned hard court on an old asphalt base.

The non-compliant back run-offs are the result of constructing the courts up to the edge of the Asbury Street East road reserve in the south-east corner of the tennis compound (see Figure 12). The existing tennis compound is of sufficient area to accommodate two compliant tennis courts. However, the City does not support the expansion of the south-east corner into the road reserve to 'square-up' the tennis compound because of sub-surface infrastructure running along the road.



Figure 12: Public court approximate dimensions

4.6 WALLINGTON RECREATION RESERVE

Wallington Recreation Reserve is the only sports and active recreation open space in Wallington. It is a bushland reserve with significant vegetation within, and immediately outside, the reserve. It is located on Wallington Road, approximately 6 km from Ocean Grove town centre, and approximately 5.5 kms from Kingston Village in north Ocean Grove (See Figure 13). Key facilities considered during this study included:

- the oval (baseball and cricket)
- the pavilion
- cricket and baseball practice facilities
- the pigeon clubroom
- car parking and pedestrian paths
- five tennis/netball courts (publicly accessible)



Figure 13: Wallington Recreation Reserve

The Bellarine Bears Baseball Club and the Wallington Cricket Club are based at Wallington Recreation Reserve, and their typical in-season usage is shown in Figure 14. The Bellarine Pigeon Club has exclusive all-year access to its clubroom, located east of the tennis courts.

SUMMER SEASON	Oval/ Baseball Diamond	Cricket Nets	WINTER SEASON	Oval/ Baseball Diamond	Cricket Nets
Monday			Monday		
Tuesday			Tuesday		
Wednesday			Wednesday		
Thursday			Thursday		
Friday			Friday		
Saturday			Saturday		
Sunday			Sunday		

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club
 Wallington Cricket Club

Figure 14: In-season usage of Wallington Recreation Reserve

4.6.1 Bellarine Bears Baseball Club

The Bellarine Bears Baseball Club serves a catchment area well beyond Wallington and Ocean Grove. While the club has grown slowly, but consistently, since 2010, it only has access to a single baseball diamond that has non-compliant facility infrastructure and inadequate sports lighting for training and matches (required, as it is a winter sport). The club is the only one in the Geelong Baseball Association with a women's team, and is pro-active in its programming and club development in that it has developed a two-lane indoor baseball training facility.

An important project for the ongoing development and growth of the club is to construct a compliant baseball diamond. A new and compliant baseball facility will enhance the overall standing and reputation of the club and, importantly, will also improve the safety of spectators and playground users from errant baseballs, while better protecting the pavilion.



Photo: Wallington Recreation Reserve

4.6.2 Wallington Cricket Club

The Wallington Cricket Club was established in 1948 and is a founding member of the Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association. The club has experienced growth across its junior and senior membership base and has also established its first female senior women's team.

The pavilion redevelopment at Wallington Reserve, including female-friendly change rooms will be key to further support the club in providing compliant and welcoming facilities.

To assist the club with its growing membership base, it now also has access to Devlins Road Reserve as an overflow ground with the construction of synthetic wicket and the provision of portable amenities in the last year.

4.6.3 Reserve pavilion

The pavilion is the former Wallington Public Hall, so the space and layout of the building were not initially designed for regular use by sporting clubs. The building is in good structural condition. The social room, which measures approximately 155 sqm, exceeds Cricket Australia and Baseball Victoria facility guidelines, and has an adjoining kitchen and combined bar/canteen. There is a large internal store, which has no direct external access.

The home change room and amenities area is approximately 25 sqm, and the away change and amenities area is approximately 18 sqm. These spaces are also being used as the male and female toilets, servicing the social room. The change rooms and amenities are below preferred standards for the respective sports associations. There are currently no umpire change rooms or first aid room, and the existing accessible toilet is not compliant. For the detailed condition and compliance audit report for the Wallington Recreation Reserve pavilion refer to the Built Facilities Condition and Compliance Report.

4.6.4 Bellarine Pigeon Club Building

The Bellarine Pigeon Club uses a shed located on what was previously a tennis court. It is used infrequently – mainly for registering birds prior to and following pigeon racing events – from June to October each year. The shed does not have connected water, and members and visitors have to use the old public toilet block located approximately 50 m away (between the shed and the pavilion).



Photo: Bellarine Pigeon Club Shed

4.6.5 Other reserve facilities

The reserve contains four asphalt tennis courts and one multipurpose court that is dual-lined for tennis and netball. No club or group is currently using the courts on a regular basis, and they are currently available and open to the public for recreational use.

The indoor/outdoor baseball training facilities, and the cricket practice nets, are in good condition and generally meet preferred standards.

4.7 DEVLINS ROAD RESERVE

Devlins Road Reserve is a new, partly constructed reserve. It is located in the northern growth corridor of Ocean Grove, off Gambier Street, and forms part of the new open space provided by the developers of the Kingston and Oakdene residential estates.

A senior football oval with synthetic cricket pitch has been constructed in the northern half of the reserve alongside a chain of wetlands and pedestrian paths. The southern section of the reserve has been set aside for additional sports fields and an associated pavilion, a play space, pedestrian paths and other landscape embellishments (see Figure 15).

The oval is not currently being used by a regular/permanent sports club. Instead, it is allocated by the City on an 'as needs' basis for various uses.



Figure 15: Devlins Road Reserve

5. Sports facility demand assessment

The following data sources and research information were used to assess the current and likely future demand for sporting facilities in Ocean Grove and Wallington to 2041.

5.1 POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS AND GROWTH

As reported in Section 3.2, there are a couple of indicators in demographic data that should be considered when planning sports facilities:

- The population of Ocean Grove and Wallington is projected to increase by 6,150 people to 2041.
- While it is projected that there will be an overall decrease in the proportion of the population in the active age cohort (5–39 years old), there will be an actual estimated increase of 2,200 in the number of people in this cohort by 2041.
- The high proportion of Australian-born residents suggests that football, soccer, cricket and tennis will remain popular outdoor sports for the community.

5.2 SPORTS FACILITY PROVISION RATIOS

One method for assessing the adequacy of sporting facilities within a defined area is sports facility provision ratios. This can also help predict the number of sporting facilities required to service new and emerging communities.

Provision ratios differ for each sport and work by calculating the population size required to sustain one sports field, one court, one pitch and so on. The provision ratios used in the OGSIP 2010 were the same benchmarks used in planning the Armstrong Creek Growth Corridor.

The provision ratios applied to this study are the same as those adopted by the City of Greater Geelong in the organisation's *Social Infrastructure Plan – Generation One 2020–2023*. These reflect more contemporary trends of participation for some sports, and are consistent with benchmarks endorsed by the respective state sporting associations for the planning of new facilities.

Table 4 identifies the sport provision ratios used in this study, and also include the ratios used in OGSIP 2010.

Sport Facility	Provision Ratio OGSIP 2022	Provision Ratio OGSIP 2010
Baseball diamond	1: 40,000	NA
Cricket oval	1: 4,000	1: 3,000
Football oval	1: 5,000	1: 4,500
Netball court (outdoor)	1: 7,070	1: 3,000
Soccer pitch	1: 5,000	1: 3,000
Tennis court	1: 3,000	NA

Table 4: Sport Provision Ratios

Applying the benchmarks to current sports facilities in Ocean Grove and Wallington led to the following findings:

- Baseball Diamond – the current baseball diamond is sufficient to meet current demand, and will continue to meet the projected demand up until 2041.
- Cricket Ovals* – there is a current surplus of two cricket ovals to meet current demand. However, the current six ovals will meet projected demand up until 2041.

- Football Ovals – the current four football ovals are sufficient to meet current demand. However, there will be a shortfall of one oval to meet projected demand up until 2041.
- Netball Courts – there is a current surplus of two netball courts to meet current demand, and this surplus will reduce to one court to meet projected demand up until 2041.
- Soccer Pitches – there is a shortfall of one soccer pitch to meet current demand. By 2041, the shortfall will increase to three soccer pitches.
- Tennis Courts – there is a current surplus of 11 tennis courts to meet current demand. The surplus of tennis courts will reduce to nine courts to meet the projected demand up until 2041.

* Note: For the purposes of the benchmarking process, the Bellarine Secondary College Oval was included as a community cricket oval, despite it not being a City-owned or managed sporting facility.

5.3 SPORTS PARTICIPATION TRENDS

The following participation trends in sport and physical activity – both broadly, and in Ocean Grove and Wallington – are important in giving context to demand for sporting facilities.

5.3.1 General participation trends – Victoria

AusPlay survey results for the period July 2018 to June 2019 (pre-COVID) highlighted the following relevant data for Victoria:

- Three of every four adults (15+ years) (75.5 per cent) participate in sport and physical activity 2+ times per week, whilst nearly two thirds (64.6 per cent) participate 3+ times per week.
- For adults, 18.7 per cent participated in sport-related activities only³, 32.2 per cent in non-sport related activities⁴ only, while 40.2 per cent participated in both sport and non-sport related activities.
- Figure 16 shows that, while sport remains an important form of activity throughout life, non-sport related physical activity becomes more important as we age.

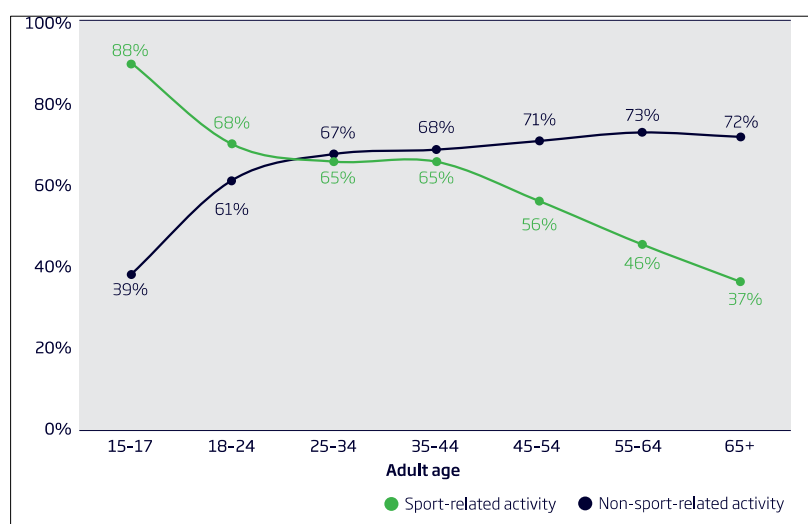


Figure 16: Adult Participation in Sport and Non-Sport Related Activity (AusPlay)

- There was a significant difference between adult male and female participation with sporting clubs/associations (see Table 5 below), which highlights the current preference females have for non-sport activities.

³ These are typically activities related to National Sporting Organisations, although the participant may or may not play the activity through an affiliation with the NSO, ie. participated with a club/group or centre, such as the AFL

⁴ These are typically activities such as walking, gym/fitness activities, bushwalking, etc.

- 62.7 per cent of children (0–14 years) participate in sport and recreation at least once per week, 37.2 per cent 2+ times per week, and less than a quarter (22.8 per cent) 3+ times per week.
- Table 6 shows swimming has the highest participation by children.
- Sports clubs are the primary avenue for children to be active, however, boys (50 per cent) are more likely to be active through a club than girls (33 per cent).

Table 5: Participation in recreation activities by gender

Gender	Sport	Fitness Club/Gym
Male	31.0%	33.2%
Female	16.7%	38.5%

Table 6: Most Popular Sports Boys & Girls 2019 (AusPlay)

BOYS		GIRLS	
Activity	Participation Rate	Activity	Participation Rate
Swimming	38.9%	Swimming	45.4%
Football	26.3%	Dancing	21.1%
Basketball	14.5%	Gymnastics	16.1%
Soccer	14.5%	Netball	12.1%
Cricket	11.2%	Basketball	8.8%
Tennis	9.6%	Soccer	7.4%

5.3.2 Sports participation trends for females

Giving girls and women adequate access to sporting facilities is a major step that will support increased female participation

Women and girls make up just over half the Victorian population. However, the male rate of participation in sport is double that of females. The issues affecting female participation are not new and certainly not unique to Victoria. Many are the result of deeply entrenched practices, cultural norms and stereotypes that are common and reinforced in broader society.

Historically, sporting facilities have been designed primarily to meet the needs of male participants. Today, many community sport and recreation facilities are still outdated, and in a broad range of venues they do not provide the range of amenities that attract and sustain participation by women and girls. However, research data recently published⁵ provides evidence that the gap in participation in sport between Victorian males and females is closing, and may in part be explained by the increasing availability of female-friendly change rooms at sporting reserves. The study, which compared the number of all sports participants registered with 10 State Sporting Associations in 2015 and 2019, found that there had been an increase of 119,229 participants (or 0.8 per cent) over the five years – from 749,037 in 2015 to 868,266 in 2019. Female participation rose for all age ranges during the period 2015 to 2019 by a range of 3.9 per cent to 4.7 per cent, while for males it decreased by a range of 1.3 per cent to 3.8 per cent.

The City of Greater Geelong is committed to providing facilities that will support the participation of women and girls in active recreation. In the past few years, it has delivered a range of capital improvement projects throughout the municipality to build new female-friendly change rooms at sporting reserves, and to upgrade existing change rooms to be female-friendly.

⁵ Five-Year Changes in Community-Level Sport Participation, and the Role of Gender Strategies, Federation University, October 2021

5.3.3 Impact of the COVID pandemic

The COVID pandemic has impacted rates of participation in all sports since the onset of restrictions from March 2020. Research data compiled by AusPlay in June 2021⁶ found 80 per cent of adults and children who played organised sport before COVID-19 had returned to at least one of their sports by March 2021. However, restrictions on junior sport have resulted in a drop in the percentage of children who play organised sport outside of school hours at least once a week – from 55 per cent in 2019, to 43 per cent in 2020.

While there has been a dip in participation for some sports, there has been a rise in others. Males drove increases in golf, tennis, and mountain biking, while females contributed to increases in walking, running, bush walking, swimming and yoga participation. An estimated 253,000 more Australian adults participated in golf in 2020 compared with 2019, while 185,000 more participants played tennis.

While the current trends and data suggest that there may be fewer children returning/participating in organised sport compared to pre-pandemic levels for a few years, adult and older adult levels are expected to return to pre-pandemic levels in the next couple of years, assuming a return to some normality. Current trends suggest women and older Australians have been inclined to be more active during the pandemic, although not necessarily in traditional sporting environments⁷. The informal and social elements appear to be key drivers in this trend, suggesting opportunities for organised sport to consider.

Young Australians have been significantly impacted by the pandemic across many areas of social importance, and the concern for their levels of physical activity is further exacerbated by the concerns over their mental health. Sports clubs and associations should focus on fostering positive experiences to retain existing and returning players and volunteers. Social and inclusive environments are most likely to be attractive to a broad range of cohorts who have been particularly impacted by the pandemic and/or traditionally less engaged with sport.

For the purposes of facility planning for the OGSIP, it has been assumed that the overall demand for sporting facilities in Ocean Grove and Wallington won't be impacted in the long-term by the COVID pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Rather, it is likely that impacts will mainly be felt in the way that sporting clubs and other stakeholders engage with their participants/members, and deliver their activities.

5.3.4 Victorian participation trends for selected sports

Baseball

- Between 2010–11 and 2018–19, the number of club baseballers in Victoria decreased by 289 from 9,019 baseballers to 8,730 (↓ 3.2 per cent). However, consecutive annual declines since 2010–11 were reversed between 2017–18 and 2018–19, when there was an increase of 421 baseballers (or spike of 5 per cent).
- In 2018–19, the ratio of female baseballers to male baseballers was 12:88 (a decrease share of one per cent from 2017–18), and the ratio of juniors to seniors was 41:59 (an increase share of three per cent from 2017–18).
- The average Victorian participation rate for 'club' baseball is 0.14 per cent for adults and children.

Cricket

- Between 2010 and 2013, the total number of club cricketers in Victoria decreased from 112,000 players to just less than 100,000. There was a decrease of 709 club teams (536 junior teams and 173 senior teams) in the corresponding period.
- However, between 2015 and 2019 there was a 17.5 per cent increase in club cricketers in Victoria – from 124,000 in 2015, to 145,692 in 2019. This included an increase of 414 senior and junior teams between 2018–19 and 2019–20 seasons.
- In 2019–20, the ratio of female cricketers to male cricketers was 9:91 – an increase share of one per cent compared to 2018–19. Between 2017 (9,433) and 2019 (13,193), there were an additional 3,760 female club cricketers – a 40 per cent increase.

⁶ Ongoing Impact of COVID-19 on Sport and Physical Activity Participation, AusPlay, June 2021

⁷ Emerging Trends in Sport Participation, Clearing House for Sport, November 2021

- The average Victorian participation rate for 'club' cricket is 2.3 per cent for adults and children (this includes entry level programs).

Football

- Between 2014 and 2018, the number of club footballers in Victoria increased from 145,000 players to more than 172,000 – a total increase of 27,000 players (▲ 18.6 per cent).
- Much of this increase in participation is attributable to female football: between 2016 and 2018, the number of female teams increased from 355 teams to 997 teams (▲ 180 per cent).
- Auskick participation plateaued in the three years to 2018, when there were 42,366 participants.
- The average Victorian participation rate for 'club' football is 3.37 per cent for adults and children (includes Auskick).

Netball

- Since 2016, when the number of registered netballers peaked at 114,681, there has been a net decline of 2,859 players to 111,822 in 2019 (▼ 2.5 per cent).
- There had been eight consecutive years of netball growth from 2009 to 2016 and it is not clear whether the increase in participation in football (triggered by the AFLW commencing in 2017) has contributed to this subsequent decline.
- The introductory NetSetGo! Program also peaked at 15,346 participants in 2016, and declined to 12,305 participants in 2019 (3,041 or ▼ 19.8 per cent).
- The average Victorian participation rate for 'club' netball is 1.76 per cent for adults and children.
- Netball Victoria and AusPlay data does not differentiate between indoor and outdoor netball participation, nor is there any specific database tracking netball participation in football-netball leagues. In the past 10 years, there has been a large increase in the number of football leagues that have introduced netball – including leagues throughout the AFL Barwon Region. This has resulted in a large increase in the number of netballers participating in football netball leagues, however the membership split between football and netball cannot currently be quantified.

Soccer

- Between 2015 and 2019, the number of club-based soccer players in Victoria increased by 14,000 – from 62,000 players to 76,000 (▲ 22.6 per cent).
- In 2019, the ratio of female players to male players was 21:79 (an increase share of one per cent from 2018), and the ratio of juniors to seniors was 78:22 (also an increase share of one per cent).
- Just on 12,100 females played soccer in 2016, increasing to 15,691 by 2019 (▲ 29.7 per cent) – a higher rate of growth compared to the overall growth in participation over the same period.
- The average Victorian participation rate for 'club' soccer is 1.20 per cent for adults and children (includes MiniRoos).

Tennis

- Between 2015 and 2019, the number of registered tennis players in Victoria increased from 108,331 players to 147,680 (▲ 36.3 per cent).
- The number of book-a-court participants (recorded casual hire) in 2019 was 9,004 people.
- In 2019, there were 808 clubs throughout Victoria (a decrease of three clubs since 2015).
- Participation in the Hot Shots introductory program has increased significantly since 2016 – from 87,200 children registered, to 286,476 in 2019 (▲ 230 per cent).
- The average Victorian participation rate in 'organised' tennis is 2.33 per cent for adults and children (excludes tennis coaching).


5.4 LOCAL RATES OF PARTICIPATION IN SPORT

Table 4 shows the aggregate of the active club membership in 2019 for each sport, and compares this with state participation averages for organised sport. The comparative data shows:

- Football had the highest club-based participation of all sports at 701 people, followed by cricket (441) and tennis (420).
- Of the six sports, the netball participation rate is the only one that does not exceed the corresponding statewide participation rate.

Club	Active Club Membership (2019)	Total Sport Participation (2019)	Participation Rate (Pop'n 17,500)	Victorian Sport Participation Rate (2019)	OG & Wallington vs Victoria
Bellarine Bears Baseball Club	100	100	0.57	0.14	
Ocean Grove Cricket Club	191	441	2.52	2.30	
Collendina Cricket Club	170				
Wallington Cricket Club	80				
Ocean Grove FNC (Football Section)	301	701	4.00	3.37	
Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club	400				
Ocean Grove FNC (Netball Section)	176	176	1.00	1.76	
Surfside Waves Soccer Club	280	280	1.60	1.20	
Ocean Grove Tennis Club	420*	420	2.40	2.33	
TOTAL	2,118				

 Participation below the State average

 Participation above the State average

* 2017 membership used, as membership in 2019 was impacted by the tennis clubroom redevelopment in 2018 & 2019

Table 7: Comparison of Sports Club Membership to State Averages (2019)

Table 7 shows that there has been significant growth in the size of the team-based sporting clubs since the OGSIP 2010. This growth has created a corresponding increase in demand for access to facilities for training and competition.

Club	No. of Junior Teams		No. of Senior Teams	
	2010	2019	2010	2019
Bellarine Bears Baseball Club	1	2	3	5
Ocean Grove Cricket Club	6	11	4	5
Collendina Cricket Club	4	8	4	4
Wallington Cricket Club	1	0	2	3
Ocean Grove FNC (Football Section)	2	8	3	4
Ocean Grove Cobras Junior FC	8	16		
Ocean Grove FNC (Netball Section)	11	17	4	5
Surfside Waves Soccer Club	12	19	4	2
TOTAL	45	81	24	28

Table 8: Comparison of Team Numbers of Clubs Between 2010 and 2019

Between 2010 and 2019, there was a 60 per cent increase in the total number of teams across all sports, or a 36 per cent increase in the number of junior teams, and a 17 per cent increase in the number of senior teams.

6. Stakeholder engagement

A combination of meetings, interviews, and site inspections were carried out with stakeholders during the study, which included sports clubs and recreation groups.

Some of the consultation was undertaken during the research phase of the study, whilst other meetings and interviews were convened to receive feedback on preliminary study directions, and feedback on draft reserve master plans and pavilion concept floor plans.

The information collected from and contributed by stakeholders informed the development of the OGSIP 2022. Below is a high-level chronological summary of the stakeholder engagement carried out throughout the study.

Date	Method of Consultation	Group/Stakeholder
October 2019	Project Start-Up Meeting	Project Working Group
November 2019	Club questionnaire	All sporting clubs
Nov/Dec 2019	First round meetings	All sporting clubs Shell Road Reserve Pavilion Board of Management Memorial Reserve Hall user groups, 1 st & 2 nd Ocean Grove Scout Group, Bellarine Pigeon Club, Ocean Grove Community Association, Surfside Primary School, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School
January 2020	Project Meeting #2	Project Working Group
May 2020	Project Meeting #3	Project Working Group
	Telephone meetings facilitated by the Project Manager	All sporting clubs
July 2020	Online workshop	Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, Cobras Junior Football Club, Surfside Waves Soccer Club, Ocean Grove Cricket Club, Collendina Cricket Club
August 2020	Project Meeting #4	Project Working Group
Aug to Dec 2020	Various telephone and online meetings facilitated by the Project Manager	Ocean Grove Football Netball Club Cobras Junior Football Club
November 2020	Workshop to review 'Shell Road Reserve Oval 2 Viability Assessment Report'	Project Manager
April to July 2021	Various online meetings during the preparation of preliminary reserve	Project Manager

Date	Method of Consultation	Group/Stakeholder
	master plans and pavilion concept floor plans	
Aug/Sept 2021	Online Workshops Review reserve master plans	Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, Cobras Junior Football Club, Surfside Waves Soccer Club, Ocean Grove Cricket Club, Collendina Cricket Club, Memorial Reserve Hall Committee of Management, Bellarine Bears BC, Wallington Cricket Club
November 2021	Meetings facilitated by the Project Manager for final review of draft master plans and pavilion concept floor plans	Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, Cobras Junior Football Club, Surfside Waves Soccer Club, Ocean Grove Cricket Club, Collendina Cricket Club, Memorial Reserve Hall user groups, Bellarine Bears BC, Wallington Cricket Club, Bellarine Pigeon Club
TBA	Public Exhibition of the draft Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan	Stakeholders, residents

Table 9: Stakeholder engagement timetable

The first round of meetings with sports clubs and recreation groups were informed by a club/group questionnaire, which was distributed prior to the meetings. Key outcomes from the first round of meetings was used during the facilities demand assessment process, and the formulation of directions for new/upgraded facilities.

The major issues and opportunities identified by clubs and groups have been reported below, grouped according to reserve.

The City's project manager facilitated consultation with key stakeholders about preliminary study directions.

6.1 SHELL ROAD RESERVE USER GROUPS

6.1.1 Ocean Grove Football Netball Club (football section)

- Two ovals are considered adequate for the future needs of the club, However, the club would prefer the two ovals be at the same reserve.
- The club identified a need for the following upgrades: elevated coaches boxes, floodlights on the Ray Menzies Oval to be increased to 150 lux, and the installation of back netting behind the southern goals.
- There's support for the conversion of the soccer pitches to a second reserve oval, and the conversion of the 'soccer' change rooms to a gymnasium/women's changeroom.
- Memorial Reserve change rooms were described as being not appropriate for females.

6.1.2 Ocean Grove Football Netball Club (netball section)

- The club currently uses the four netball courts at Shell Road Reserve, which are considered adequate for future needs.
- Not enough toilets in the netball change rooms.
- Need additional seating and shelters for netball spectators.
- Little opportunity for the netballers to use their gym equipment.

6.1.3 Ocean Grove Cricket Club

- The club currently use the ovals at Shell Road Reserve and Memorial Reserve and, while two ovals are considered adequate for future needs, the club would prefer that access to be at the same reserve.
- The club currently use the three lane cricket practice nets at Shell Road Reserve and the three lane practice nets at Memorial Reserve.

- Shell Road Reserve cricket practice nets require upgrade and expansion by two lanes to enable all club training to be consolidated at Shell Road Reserve.
- If the practice nets remain in their current location, they require car parking in the vicinity and a storage shed (club currently stores the bowling machine in the pavilion and has to drive it to the nets each session). Another option would be to move the practice nets closer to the pavilion.
- Any additional storage near the nets could be a shared space by cricket and football.
- Cricket teams do not use the Memorial Reserve social room, as the rental fee is too high. Instead, teams use the change rooms for the afternoon tea break.

6.1.4 Surfside Waves Soccer Club

- The club currently use the two pitches at Shell Road Reserve, however representatives believe that three pitches are required to meet current and future needs.
- The club is experiencing constraints in terms of access and use of the Shell Road Reserve pavilion, which is impacting upon the club's future sustainability.

6.2 MEMORIAL RESERVE HALL USER GROUPS

6.2.1 Memorial Reserve Hall Committee of Management

- The hall has a high occupancy rate.
- Most user groups have inadequate storage.

6.2.2 Ocean Grove Badminton Club

- The club needs additional storage for net posts, which are currently stacked in the hall entrance passage.

6.2.3 Bellarine Table Tennis Club

- The club sets up six tables in the hall and accommodates social play only. It does not enter teams in competitions.
- Additional space is needed for table storage, as the current area is only just big enough to store the 12 half tables.

6.2.4 Soft Tennis

- Facility and storage are adequate for the group's needs.

6.2.5 Ocean Grove Pickleball Club

- The club commenced use of the hall in November 2019 and uses the three badminton courts and nets.
- The club needs secure storage for its equipment.
- There is potential demand for up to six courts, but only three courts are able to be set up in the hall. Outdoor pickleball courts are an option at Memorial Reserve, Shell Road Reserve, and also at Wallington Recreation Reserve.

6.2.6 Ocean Grove Calisthenics College

- Occasionally the college will hire the adjoining Scout Hall when it has a large group to accommodate. All competitions are held at other venues (July to October).
- Equipment storage is the main issue. Many areas within and around the hall are used, and offsite storage for props is costing in excess of \$2,000 per annum. The college would prefer one central storage solution at the hall.
- There is a lack of change rooms suitable for children who come straight from school. The college has never had access to the football and cricket change rooms. Even if they did, the current condition of the change rooms would not be suitable.
- Children are not permitted to go to the internal toilets on their own, as the public have 24-hour access to the front section of the toilets.

6.3 COLLENDINA RESERVE USER GROUPS

6.3.1 Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club

- The club currently use the ovals at Collendina Reserve and Memorial Reserve, and occasionally use Shell Road Reserve.
- The club considers two ovals adequate for its current needs, with an additional oval potentially required within five years.
- The current change rooms/amenities are not female-friendly and there is no disabled access/facilities.
- The small pavilion social room results in the club having to hold social functions and large club events offsite.
- There is currently no safe vehicle and pedestrian access around the pavilion and to the oval, and the location of the playground in relation to the reserve access road creates a safety issue.
- There is a lack of off-road car parking on the main days – Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.
- The club currently only uses the change rooms and one of the internal stores at Memorial Reserve for game day. The change rooms require an upgrade.
- Upgraded floodlighting at Memorial Reserve would provide more opportunities for training and potentially night games.

6.3.2 Collendina Cricket Club

- The club uses the ovals at Collendina Reserve and the Bellarine Secondary College oval, which are considered adequate for future needs.
- The cricket practice nets are in poor condition and a fourth lane is required to better meet current and future needs.

6.4 ARTHUR POWELL RESERVE (OCEAN GROVE TENNIS CLUB)

- The club considers that the seven courts at Arthur Powell Reserve are required to meet current and future club member needs, with access to the five public courts at Shell Road Reserve also required to continue as overflow courts.
- The five club courts at Arthur Powell Reserve are at capacity for juniors.
- The two public courts at Arthur Powell Reserve and the five courts at Shell Road Reserve are often vandalised.
- The club would like to re-surface the two public courts at Arthur Powell Reserve and install floodlights.
- The club would like to provide for disabled tennis on the two hard courts, however they need to be squared off in the southeast corner to achieve compliance.
- Improved car parking is required, and there is no compliant disabled car parking.

6.5 WALLINGTON RECREATION RESERVE USER GROUPS

6.5.1 Bellarine Bears Baseball Club

- The club currently use one non-compliant baseball diamond at Wallington Recreation Reserve, although floodlights are required to allow outdoor training times to be extended.
- The club require a second diamond (which could have a shorter outfield), as scheduling will become difficult for additional teams at the reserve with only one diamond.
- Left foul fence needs to be extended to regulation height, as foul balls are hit into the playground.
- Improved change room and amenities are required, especially for females.

6.5.2 Wallington Cricket Club

- The club currently use the oval at Wallington Recreation Reserve and Ervin Reserve (Newcomb) as overflow ovals.
- While two ovals are considered adequate for future needs, the club would prefer that the second oval be at a venue within the Ocean Grove/Wallington district.
- The club believe a third lane at the cricket practice nets will be required if there is additional growth in teams.
- More and better toilets are needed to service the change rooms and the social room, and the size and condition of the change rooms is not adequate.

6.5.3 Bellarine Pigeon Club

- The club utilises a shed adjacent to the tennis courts, which contains equipment and a small social area.
- Members are required to use the outdoor toilet block, which is in poor condition and approximately 50 metres from the shed.

6.6 OTHER GROUPS

6.6.1 Ocean Grove Community Association

- Shell Road Reserve has paths within it, but the connecting paths to the reserve – from the aquatics centre and from Shell Road – are very poor.
- For Memorial Reserve, the group suggested the installing an outdoor fitness trail.
- The group suggested that a croquet club would be a good addition for Ocean Grove.

6.6.2 Surfside Primary School

- The school oval and two netball courts are in poor condition, but could be made available for community use if they were in better condition.

6.6.3 Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School

- The school use the Shell Road Reserve oval and the cricket practice wickets at recess and lunchtimes, and occasionally for Physical Education classes.

7. Anticipated future supply needs

The research and stakeholder consultation conducted during the OGSIP 2022 study support the future supply of sports facilities for Ocean Grove and Wallington as shown in Table 10.

This section summarises the key planning inputs informing the need for the above facilities by 2041.

Sport	Required by 2041
Baseball	2 diamonds
Cricket	7 ovals
Football	5 ovals
Netball (outdoor)	6 courts
Soccer	4 pitches
Tennis	17 courts

Table 10: Required future sporting facilities for Ocean Grove and Wallington

7.1 CONSTRAINTS AND ISSUES

The following key constraints and issues were identified during the study:

1. Football and cricket ovals are currently provided at single oval venues, which makes club logistics, operations and team culture more difficult.
2. There is no capacity for senior, womens and youth/junior football and cricket participation to grow on the single oval at Shell Road Reserve. As such, the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club teams and Ocean Grove Cricket Club teams have had to disperse across two reserves.
3. There is no capacity for soccer participation to grow on the two pitches at Shell Road Reserve, and the Surfside Waves Soccer Club is experiencing constrained access and use of the Shell Road Reserve pavilion, which is impacting on the club's future sustainability.
4. The netball courts and pavilion at Shell Road Reserve are not meeting current needs for netball.
5. The Memorial Reserve and Collendina Reserve pavilions are not fit-for-purpose for cricket and football, particularly for female participants.
6. The two public tennis courts at Arthur Powell Reserve are not compliant and are in poor condition. If upgraded to community club standard, it would resolve current and longer-term constraints expected to impact the Ocean Grove Tennis Club.
7. The baseball diamond at Wallington Recreation Reserve does not comply with Baseball Victoria preferred facility standards.
8. The Wallington Recreation Reserve pavilion is not fit-for-purpose for cricket and baseball, particularly for female participants.

7.2 TRENDS AND DRIVERS OF CHANGE

The following trends and drivers of change are impacting upon the adequacy of current sporting facilities, and the likely future demand for facilities.

1. Population growth is creating a shortage of grounds and associated sporting facilities. The population of Ocean Grove and Wallington has increased by more than 5,000 since 2010, and is projected to increase by an additional 6,150 people to 2041.
2. Increased female participation in sport has highlighted that some facilities are not adequate or compliant for female use, particularly change rooms and associated amenities. Since 2010, the following female teams have been formed:
 - one senior womens football team
 - two youth girls football teams
 - one junior girls football team
 - one senior womens cricket team
 - two junior girls cricket teams
 - two junior girls soccer teams
 - one senior womens baseball team.
3. The sport participation rates of Ocean Grove and Wallington residents exceed average Victorian participation rates for most sports.
4. The national and state sporting bodies for football, cricket, soccer, netball, tennis and baseball have developed facility standards and guidelines to inform what is acceptable and compliant in relation to fields of play and off-field infrastructure. When existing facilities in Ocean Grove and Wallington are assessed against these standards, some are shown to be non-compliant or not fit-for-purpose due to their age and condition, or lack of female-friendly facilities.
5. Sports planning principles for sustainable senior/junior pathways, and mixed gender sporting clubs, support all teams being based at the same location where possible to maximise the social benefits and sport pathways for players and officials, and to reduce the workload on volunteers. Consolidation of teams at one location also optimises financial benefits for clubs.
6. To be cost-effective and minimise unnecessary duplication of facilities, sporting facilities should be co-located and support shared use through multipurpose/flexible facilities.

7.3 OCEAN GROVE SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The key strategic directions of OGSIP 2022 are:

1. To relocate the Surfside Waves Soccer Club to Devlins Road Reserve.
2. To convert the existing soccer pitches at Shell Road Reserve to a second oval suitable for football and cricket.
3. To upgrade the hall at Memorial Reserve and enhance the reserve to make it a more attractive informal open space, while retaining the capability of the reserve to accommodate junior football and cricket matches.

The following recommendations for new and upgraded sporting facilities respond to the constraints and issues identified, and perceived opportunities for development of sustainable sport facilities.

Devlins Road Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop soccer pitches and a pavilion in the southern section of the reserve and relocate the Surfside Waves Soccer Club to the reserve. • Seasonally allocate the northern oval to the Surfside Waves Soccer Club for junior soccer as the priority winter sport, and to the Cobras Junior Football Club for overflow junior football, as may be required and can be scheduled around soccer use. • Seasonally allocate the northern oval to the Wallington Cricket Club as its overflow oval.
Shell Road Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a second oval on the site of the two soccer pitches and upgrade other infrastructure, as required, including modifications to the pavilion's western change rooms, amenities and canteen, to better service the second oval user groups.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the construction of a second oval, integrate some of the Cobras Junior Football Club training and match day needs on the oval, and facilitate increased use of the pavilion social room by the club, particularly for social functions and events that exceed the capacity of the Collendina Reserve pavilion. Upgrade and expand the cricket practice facilities (one additional lane), and provide an adjacent cricket store. Construct one additional netball court (as a show court), and provide fit-for-purpose off-court netball facilities. Retain and upgrade the public tennis courts and, when demand arises, overlay line marking for pickleball on to two courts.
Memorial Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the reserve as a more attractive informal open space, while retaining the capability of the reserve to accommodate junior football and cricket matches for the Cobras Junior Football Club and Ocean Grove Cricket Club. Remove surplus sporting infrastructure and contain vehicle car parking and access to the southern end to primarily service the hall and the 1st and 2nd Ocean Grove Scouts. Provide fit-for-purpose and gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms as part of an integrated upgrade of the Memorial Reserve Hall and social rooms. Upgrade Memorial Reserve Hall to better provide for the user groups and create additional storage space.
Collendina Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to use the reserve for cricket (Collendina Cricket Club) and for junior football (Cobras Junior Football Club). Upgrade the pavilion to provide compliant and gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms, and improved social and kitchen facilities. Construct new internal roads and car parking to improve user safety, and introduce a new path network and other landscape embellishments to encourage increased community recreational use.
Arthur Powell Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstruct the two public tennis courts into two new compliant acrylic courts with floodlights. Allocate the new courts to the Ocean Grove Tennis Club for a total of seven onsite courts, making sure they remain accessible to the public via a book-a-court system when not required by the club (in accordance with the City of Greater Geelong's <i>Fair Play Strategy 2017</i>).
Wallington Recreation Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to use the reserve for cricket (Wallington Cricket Club) and for baseball (Bellarine Bears Baseball Club). Construct a compliant senior baseball diamond, and master plan for a future second diamond. Upgrade the pavilion to provide fit-for-purpose and gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms, and improved social and kitchen facilities. Retain the tennis and netball courts as publicly accessible facilities.

7.4 OUTCOMES

The above new and upgraded facility developments, and usage recommendations, will result in the following outcomes for club sport in the Ocean Grove and Wallington district:

1. The anticipated future growth of soccer, and sustainable club operations for the Surfside Waves Soccer Club, will be catered for at the Devlins Road Reserve.
2. A new second oval at Shell Road Reserve will help cater to the demand identified in the demand analysis for football, which confirmed a long-term need for access to four ovals in Ocean Grove (refer to the Shell Road Reserve Oval 2 Viability Assessment Report in Appendix 3).
3. A new second oval and netball show court at Shell Road Reserve will help to consolidate the reserve as a district-level facility, with some sub-regional components.
4. A new second oval at Shell Road Reserve will help further integrate the junior, senior and female football pathways in Ocean Grove, and will enable increased use of the pavilion social room by the Cobras Junior Football Club for large functions and events.
5. The improved pavilion facilities for both the Cobras Junior Football Club and the Collendina Cricket Club, including gender-neutral change rooms, will better accommodate female participation opportunities for both clubs, and improved traffic and pedestrian networks throughout the reserve.
6. The scale and scope of change room and amenity upgrades at Memorial Reserve can be contained to facilities required for junior football and cricket matches, providing opportunities to upgrade the Memorial Reserve Hall to better cater for the needs of its user groups, and enables some of the open space areas within the reserve to be developed for improved recreational and amenity outcomes for local residents. Infrastructure improvements are pending further detailed design and full safety and services assessments.
7. The anticipated future growth of tennis, and sustainable club operations for the Ocean Grove Tennis Club, will be catered for at the Arthur Powell Reserve. The upgrade of the two public courts will also result in better quality and floodlit courts available for public hire.
8. The anticipated future growth of baseball, and sustainable club operations for the Bellarine Bears Baseball Club, will be catered for at Wallington Recreation Reserve – particularly by providing compliant baseball playing facilities, as well as gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms.
9. The new cricket pitch on the northern oval at Devlins Road Reserve, installed in 2021, will improve recruiting and match-day opportunities for the Wallington Cricket Club.

Table 11 shows that the OGSIP sports facility recommendations will only leave soccer potentially under-provided for by 2041, based on industry benchmarks. However, the future development of the southern portion of Devlins Road Reserve, combined with the northern oval, have the potential to provide up to five pitches, given that competition requires a mix of senior and junior-sized pitches. A major soccer facility with five pitches is being developed in Drysdale, which will also help cater to any future shortfalls in Ocean Grove.

Sport	Current Provision	Facilities Required in 2041 (Population: 23,650)	Provision inclusive of OGSIP Recommendations	Difference + = surplus - = shortfall
Baseball Diamonds (Provision Ratio: 40,000)	1 diamond	1 diamond	2 diamonds	+1 diamond
Cricket Ovals * (Provision Ratio: 4,000)	6 ovals	6 ovals	7 ovals	+1 oval
Football Ovals (Provision Ratio: 5,000)	4 ovals	5 ovals	5 ovals	0 ovals
Netball Courts (outdoor) (Provision Ratio: 7,070)	5 courts	4 courts	6 courts	+2 courts
Soccer Pitches (Provision Ratio: 5,000)	2 pitches	5 pitches	4 pitches	-1 pitch
Tennis Courts (Provision Ratio: 3,000)	17 courts	8 courts	17 courts	+9 courts

* Bellarine Secondary College oval has been counted as cricket only

Table 11: Comparison between sports facility benchmarks vs facility recommendations

8. Reserve planning and directions

This section contains a summary of the issues and opportunities considered for each reserve.

For three reserves – Shell Road Reserve, Collendina Reserve and Wallington Recreation Reserve – a reserve master plan has been prepared. A pavilion concept plan has been prepared for Shell Road Reserve, Wallington Recreation Reserve and Memorial Reserve. The key directions for these plans are discussed below.

8.1 DEVLINS ROAD RESERVE

Devilins Road Reserve is a new public open space designed to service the sporting and recreational needs of the new community of Ocean Grove in the north-east growth area. The land developer is responsible for delivering those components of the reserve outlined in the Section 173 Agreement. The overall development of the reserve will be a combination of works carried out by the developer, as well as additional works delivered by the City of Greater Geelong.

8.1.1 Sports analysis and future directions

The northern oval has been constructed in accordance with the master plan that forms part of the Section 173 Agreement, and which is currently being reviewed. The northern and southern areas of the reserve are likely to include sports fields, a multipurpose pavilion, a playground and other park equipment. In 2021, a synthetic surface cricket pitch was installed on the northern oval. Whilst the proposed reserve pavilion has not yet been constructed, the City has made portable change rooms available onsite. Currently, no sporting clubs are permanently or seasonally allocated to the oval. Instead, the City allocates it on a casual basis for pre-season football training and other informal uses.

The southern area of the reserve has not been constructed and could be developed as a new home for soccer in Ocean Grove. The available area is sufficient for two senior soccer pitches (105 m x 68 m) in the preferred north-south orientation. It is also possible for a third soccer pitch to fit within the land available, south of the above two pitches, in an east-west orientation. Two junior soccer pitches (90 m x 50 m), or one senior pitch, can fit in a north-south orientation on the northern oval.

If developed in this way, Devilins Road Reserve could increase the total available pitches to three senior pitches and two junior pitches, thereby significantly increasing the Surfside Waves Soccer Club's capacity to absorb future growth in soccer participation. The relocation of the club to Devilins Road Reserve would also give the club seasonal access to a pavilion for social functions, allowing it to benefit directly from bar and canteen sales.

The recently installed cricket pitch on the northern oval will provide an overflow cricket ground for the Wallington Cricket Club in summer. This will enable the club's 3rd XI cricket team to play locally, but more importantly will give the club direct access to the growth area community as a new recruiting zone, allowing it to use the reserve as a venue for cricket introductory programs and for future junior training and matches.

8.2 SHELL ROAD RESERVE

Shell Road Reserve is the premier sporting, recreation and community precinct in Ocean Grove. The reserve has undergone significant development in the past 10 years and currently accommodates the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, the Surfside Waves Soccer Club and the Ocean Grove Cricket Club. A range of other sporting, recreational and educational groups also utilise facilities in the eastern section of the reserve. However, these are outside the scope of this study.

8.2.1 Sports analysis and future directions

Football

During the OGSIP 2022 study, a detailed viability assessment of the three ovals was undertaken to assess whether they would be adequate to cater for the future football needs of the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club and the Cobras Junior Football Club (refer to the Shell Road Reserve Oval 2 Viability Assessment Report).

The three ovals assessed were the existing Ray Menzies Oval and proposed second oval at Shell Road Reserve, and the oval at Collendina Reserve. Some of the key findings of the viability assessment were:

- Ray Menzies Oval is at 100 per cent usage capacity.
- Based on pre-COVID football participation levels (2019), it is projected that 2041 player numbers will increase by 110 male players and 184 female players.
- Converted to teams, the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club will likely grow by one additional senior mens team, two senior womens teams, two youth boys teams and two youth girls teams, with the Cobras Junior Football Club projected to grow by two boys teams and five girls teams.
- The anticipated total number of teams in 2041 (42) will require up to 21 matches to be completed across all three ovals on any given weekend during the football season – an average of seven games per oval, or 3–4 per weekend day. Whilst this usage per oval is comparable to many ovals in metro Melbourne and regional Victoria, particularly at reserves with single ovals that accommodate senior and junior football clubs, the current fixturing of junior football only allows three matches to be completed on Saturday and Sunday mornings (on average). Based on this finding, Memorial Reserve will be required to accommodate some junior football matches each weekend.

Extensive site planning and scenario analysis has taken place to determine the optimal location and size of a second oval at Shell Road Reserve. Key considerations during the planning were:

- The footprint of the new oval and associated infrastructure needs to be located within the boundary of the reserve (owned by the City of Greater Geelong).
- The new oval ideally should be sized to accommodate compliant playing surfaces for senior football and cricket (including run-offs).

The maximum oval dimensions possible are 141 m long x 106 m wide for football (includes 4 m boundaries). For cricket, an oval of minimum 53 m radius is possible (includes 3 m boundaries).

The re-purposing of the two soccer pitches into a second oval also creates opportunities for a multipurpose active recreation space at the southern end of the site. This would be suitable for under-age football training and match day warm-ups.

Netball

The re-purposing of the two soccer pitches into a second oval would open an opportunity to construct a 5th netball court that can be developed as a show court. This would complement and support the facility's use as an AFL Barwon netball competition venue, giving it the potential to host other netball tournaments.

Cricket

Similar to the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club, the ideal scenario for the Ocean Grove Cricket Club would be to have access to two ovals at the same location to enable most senior and junior matches to be scheduled at Shell Road Reserve. This would increase support for the lower-level senior and junior matches that are currently scheduled at Memorial Reserve, and increase the sense of club belonging.

The extension of the cricket practice nets by an additional 1–2 lanes would enable the club to consolidate all of its training at Shell Road Reserve. Onsite storage at the nets would also resolve the challenges created by needing to transport training equipment from the pavilion store for each session.

8.2.2 Reserve master plan and pavilion upgrade plan

See Figure 17 for the Shell Road Reserve Master Plan, which shows the following key improvement projects that will create more sustainable football, cricket and netball participation opportunities. The plan also supports a range of other reserve infrastructure enhancements to improve visitor experiences for non-sporting users of the reserve.

1. Construction of a second football/cricket oval with floodlighting and player shelters.
2. New multipurpose active recreation space.
3. New acrylic netball court (show court), courtside storage and netball umpire duty room.
4. New terraced spectator seating along the netball courts, as part of the project to connect the existing courts and the proposed show court.
5. Upgrade and expansion of the cricket practice nets to four lanes, and installation of an adjacent cricket store.
6. Resurface the public tennis courts and upgrade the floodlighting, plus overlay line marking for eight pickleball courts on two tennis courts (refer Section 4.3.2 for more information concerning pickleball).
7. Upgrade and extension of the pedestrian path network.
8. Construction of additional off-road car parking.
9. Upgrade to the play space.
10. Increase tree planting throughout the reserve.

With the proposed second oval being developed for football and cricket use, it is necessary to re-purpose the existing soccer change rooms, on the western side of the pavilion, to provide two football/cricket change rooms and associated amenities, and a football store.

Figure 18 is a pavilion upgrade plan that shows the above works, and also an expansion of the canteen to service the second oval, and the reconfiguration of the existing netball spaces to provide two change rooms and associated amenities, and a club administration room. Figure 19 shows the proposed floor plan once completed.

1. New AFL/Cricket Oval, including sub-surface irrigation and drainage, floodlights to training standard (100 lux), player shelters, synthetic surface cricket pitch, and perimeter fence.
2. Install protective netting behind each goal
3. New electronic scoreboard
4. Install a sealed oval perimeter path (1.5m)
5. Western side will require a retaining wall to be constructed to allow for change in grade (orange line shown on plan)
6. New multipurpose active recreation space, investigate feasibility of reusing the existing sub-surface irrigation and drainage
7. New sealed car park (34 spaces) with pedestrian path linking the existing pedestrian path to the new oval perimeter path
8. Convert the existing soccer change rooms to two AFL compliant change rooms, enlarge the canteen space, and extend the undercover viewing area
9. Upgrade the pavilion to better meet the needs of netball by reconfiguring the netball change room area to provide additional pants and showers
10. When courts are resurfaced, ensure court line marking achieves 4 compliant courts
10. New acrylic surface netball court with floodlighting to competition standard (200 lux), player and scorers shelters, and court perimeter fence (1,100mm high)
11. New terrace seating connecting the existing courts to the new court. This project may require existing services to be relocated. New two level netball store at the northern end to service the courts on both levels, with the upper store also doubling as an Umpire Duty Room
12. Consider an alternate fence treatment to better integrate the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre with the reserve
13. New sealed car park (20 spaces), subject to traffic study
14. Upgrade the existing playground
15. New sealed car park (16 spaces) to accommodate cricket practice, subject to traffic study
16. Add an additional lane to the cricket practice nets on the east side, and a cricket store
17. New pedestrian path
18. Upgrade the tennis court surface and floodlights, as required, and when demand arises, overlay line-marking for Plokieball to two tennis courts
19. New sealed path to replace existing asphalt path
20. New home club coaches box
21. Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve (location subject to further investigation)



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Figure 17: Shell Road Reserve Master Plan

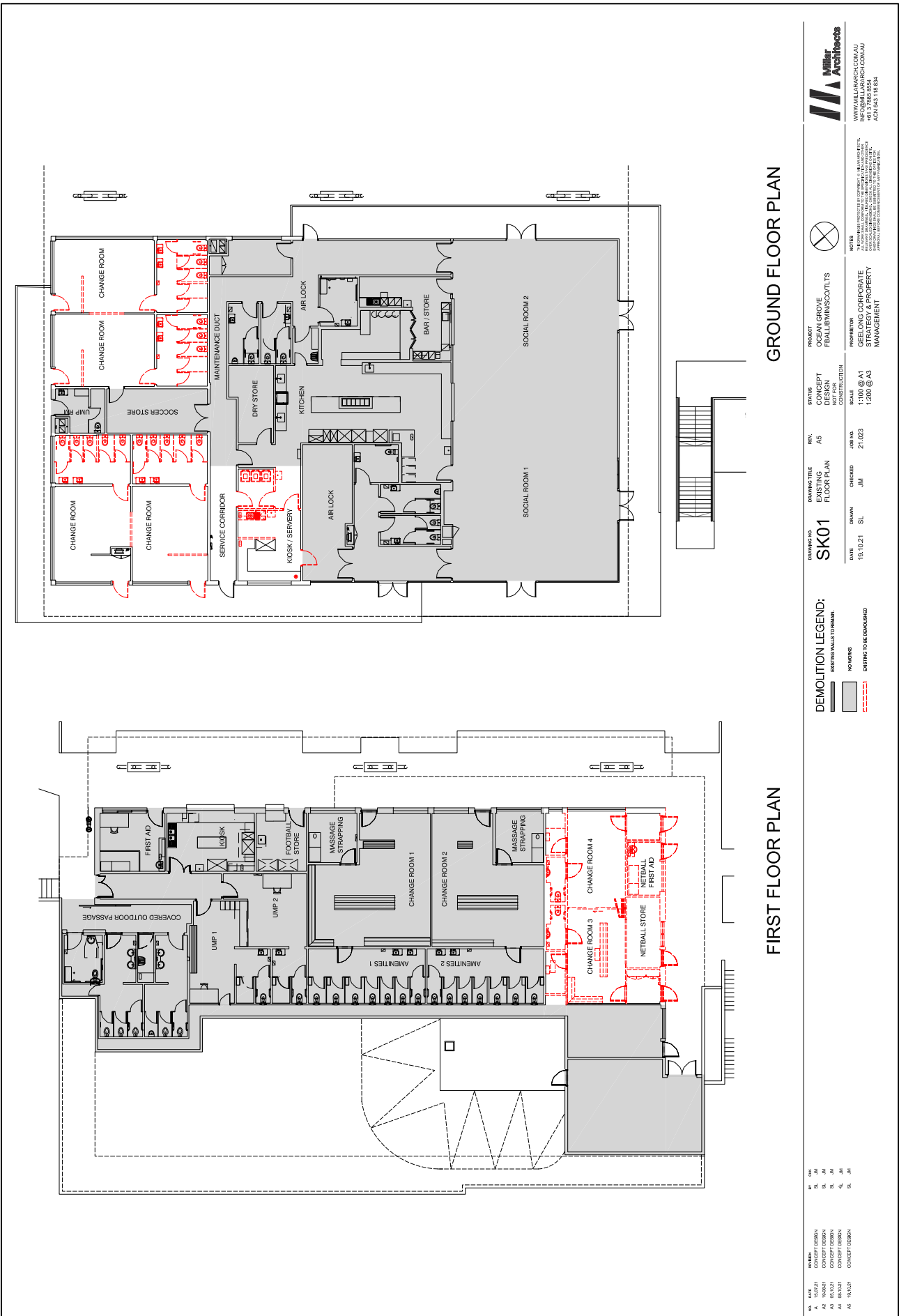
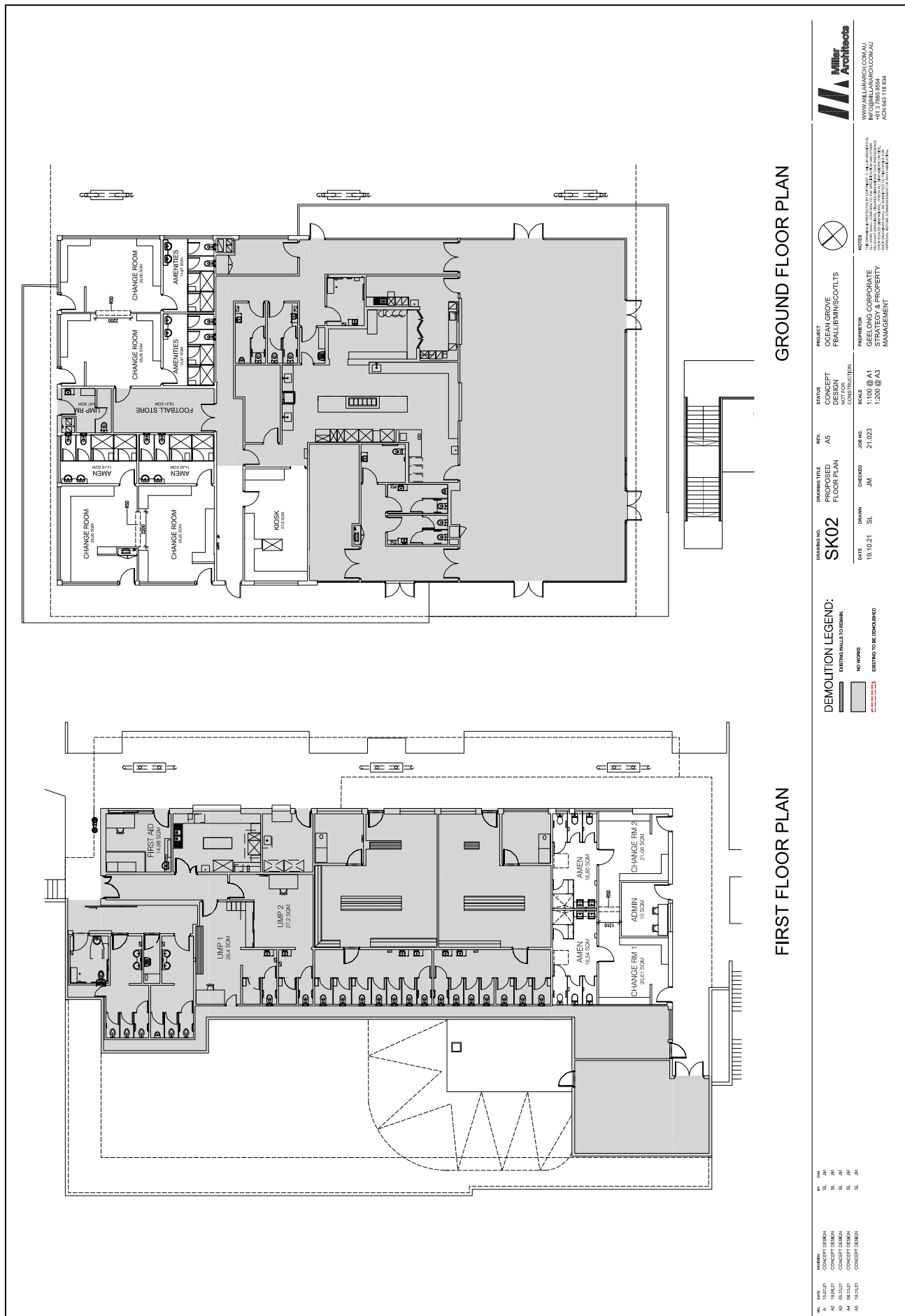


Figure 18: Shell Road Reserve Pavilion Upgrade Plan (existing floor plan and demolition plan)



8.3 COLLENDINA RESERVE

Collendina Reserve is an important and well-used open space servicing the southern area of Ocean Grove. The reserve is the current 'home' venue for the Collendina Cricket Club and the Cobras Junior Football Club, and had new floodlights installed in 2020.

8.3.1 Sports analysis and future directions

Football and cricket

The Collendina Reserve oval is at full capacity for the training and match-day needs of the Collendina Cricket Club and the Cobras Junior Football Club.

The cricket practice nets generally comply with the preferred dimensions for enclosed practice pitches. An additional lane may be required if the club increases the number of teams.

Pavilion

The pavilion social room is small for a local-level reserve (currently 65 sqm), and the Cobras Junior Football Club has identified that the clubroom is inadequate to accommodate club social functions and events. The change rooms (30 sqm and 27 sqm) are below the preferred size for football (45 sqm), but are adequate for community club cricket. The shared amenities for both change rooms do not meet minimum standards, and future upgrades need to ensure they can support gender-neutral use.

With the proposed relocation of the Surfside Waves Soccer Club from Shell Road Reserve to Devlins Road Reserve, there's an opportunity for the Cobras Junior Football Club to direct some training and matches to the Shell Road Reserve, and to use the pavilion social room for those functions and events that are currently beyond the capacity of the pavilion at Collendina Reserve. This will help establish Shell Road Reserve as the football hub for the Ocean Grove and Wallington district, and would complement the recent work by the committees of the Cobras Junior Football Club and the Ocean Grove Football Netball Club to forge closer ties.

8.3.2 Reserve master plan

See Figure 20 for the Collendina Reserve Master Plan, which shows the following key improvement projects that will create more sustainable cricket and junior football participation opportunities, and other reserve infrastructure enhancements to improve visitor experiences for non-sporting users of the reserve:

1. Reconfigure the reserve entry, play space and internal road to improve player and visitor safety.
2. Formalise the off-road car parking off Minerva Close.
3. Upgrade and extend the pavilion to include a larger social room, accessible toilets, a relocated and extended kitchen, and female-friendly change rooms.
4. Upgrade and expand the cricket practice nets to four lanes when need arises.
5. Upgrade and extend the pedestrian path network.
6. Relocate and upgrade the play space to the west of its current location to open-up views to the oval from the pavilion.
7. Increase tree planting throughout the reserve.

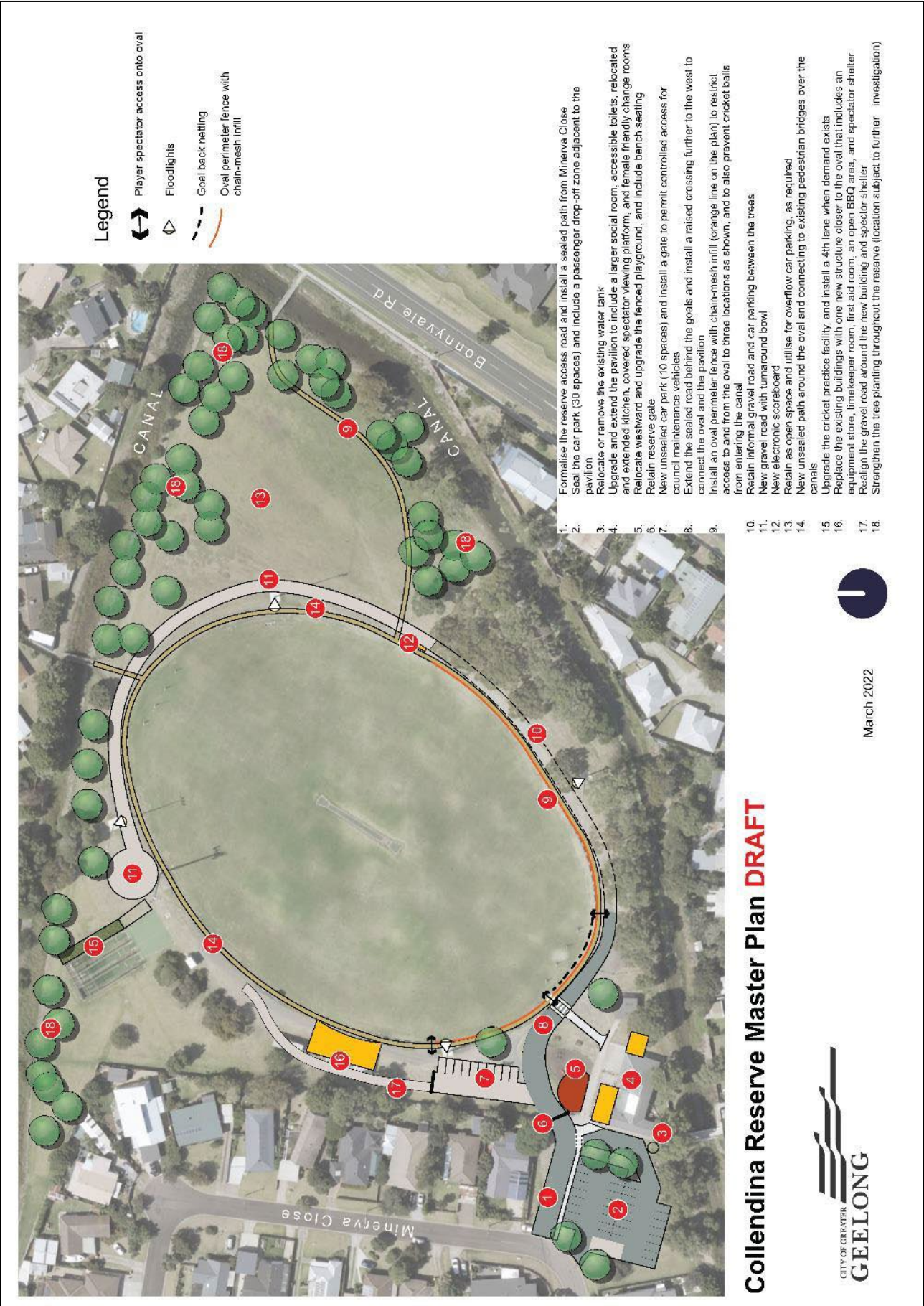


Figure 20: Collendina Recreation Reserve Master Plan

8.4 MEMORIAL RESERVE

While Memorial Reserve was the main sporting reserve in Ocean Grove before Shell Road Reserve was developed in 2015–16, it is no longer a home venue for any football or cricket club. The proposed second oval at Shell Road Reserve create an opportunity to scale-back the use of the Memorial Reserve oval for club football and cricket.

The Memorial Reserve Hall is well used by a range of sporting clubs and community groups.

8.4.1 Sports analysis and future directions

Football and cricket

The oval size is suitable for cricket matches and for junior football training and matches. However, the floodlighting does not meet the minimum standard for training (50 lux). While the cricket practice nets are in good condition, they will no longer be required to accommodate club training if an additional lane is added to the Shell Road Reserve cricket practice nets.

Memorial Reserve Hall and other associated infrastructure

The two change rooms are in poor condition and the amenities do not meet the minimum standard for any level of facility, nor are they female-friendly. The umpires room is a single compartment with a shower only, and is not conducive to mixed-gender use.

There is a lack of storage for most user groups in the hall and additional storage space is a high priority, which will likely require a building extension. As noted in Section 7, Memorial Reserve oval will still likely be required for some junior football matches and cricket matches, but in an overflow capacity only. For this use, the off-field facilities can be contained to improved player and umpire change rooms and amenities, and provide adequate onsite storage for the football and cricket clubs.

The Ocean Grove Pickleball Club has grown since it formed in 2019, and the expected future demand for courts will likely exceed the indoor multipurpose courts in the hall. To this end, it's recommended that markings for eight pickleball courts be overlaid onto two of the outdoor public tennis courts at Shell Road Reserve (see Section 8.2.2 for the master plan), and onto two courts at Wallington Recreation Reserve (see Section 8.6.2 for the master plan). The pickleball line marking will not prevent the courts from being used as tennis courts.

During the OGSIP 2022 study, the City identified the Memorial Reserve Hall as a potential satellite facility for additional indoor physical activity opportunities, including the Bellarine Keenagers – a recreational table tennis group for men and women of all skill levels and ages. As the hall is already close to capacity with currently weekly programming, more indoor space would be required to make this change. While the western wall could be extended out into the rear car park to create this space, the feasibility of such a project is beyond the scope of this study. Extending the hall would require the relocation southwards of the scout group's external storage shed, and the Ocean Grove Calisthenics College's external storage shed would also need to be replaced with a new internal store.

Reduced use of Memorial Reserve for football and cricket creates an opportunity to enhance the parkland setting and perhaps create a 'village green' environment, or feel. Some of the physical changes to the reserve that could be explored in collaboration with the community might include:

1. Remove or downgrade the internal road, including the permanent closure of the northern vehicle entry, and remove sections of bitumen around the oval's north-east and in front of the social room and central building area.
2. Remove both cricket practice areas at the northern and southern ends of the eastern side of the reserve.
3. Remove the old scoreboard and time keeper's structure.
4. Consolidate all off-street car parking within the southern area of the reserve.
5. Upgrade the play space and include new BBQ picnic facilities, and associated landscaping.
6. Consider installing active recreation equipment, such as a half-court basketball pad and a pod of outdoor gym equipment suitable for older adults.
7. Increase tree planting throughout the reserve, and other landscape embellishments, such as pedestrian paths, as required.

8.4.2 Building upgrade plan

Figures 21 and 22 show a potential plan for the upgrade and expansion of the Memorial Reserve Hall, the change rooms, and the social room. Building plans will be subject to further review and development when design development is funded. The current building concept plan features the following key improvement projects:

1. Relocate the Hall entry to a more central location and with compliant DDA access.
2. Build additional storage for hall user groups and sports clubs.
3. Build new terraced bench seating in the hall to replace the stage.
4. Build new player and umpire change rooms and associated amenities.
5. Create an internal link from the hall to the umpire's change rooms to provide safe and secure change room access for the Ocean Grove Calisthenics College.
6. Construct new public toilets, including an accessible toilet.
7. Potentially extend the hall to accommodate the Bellarine Keenagers.

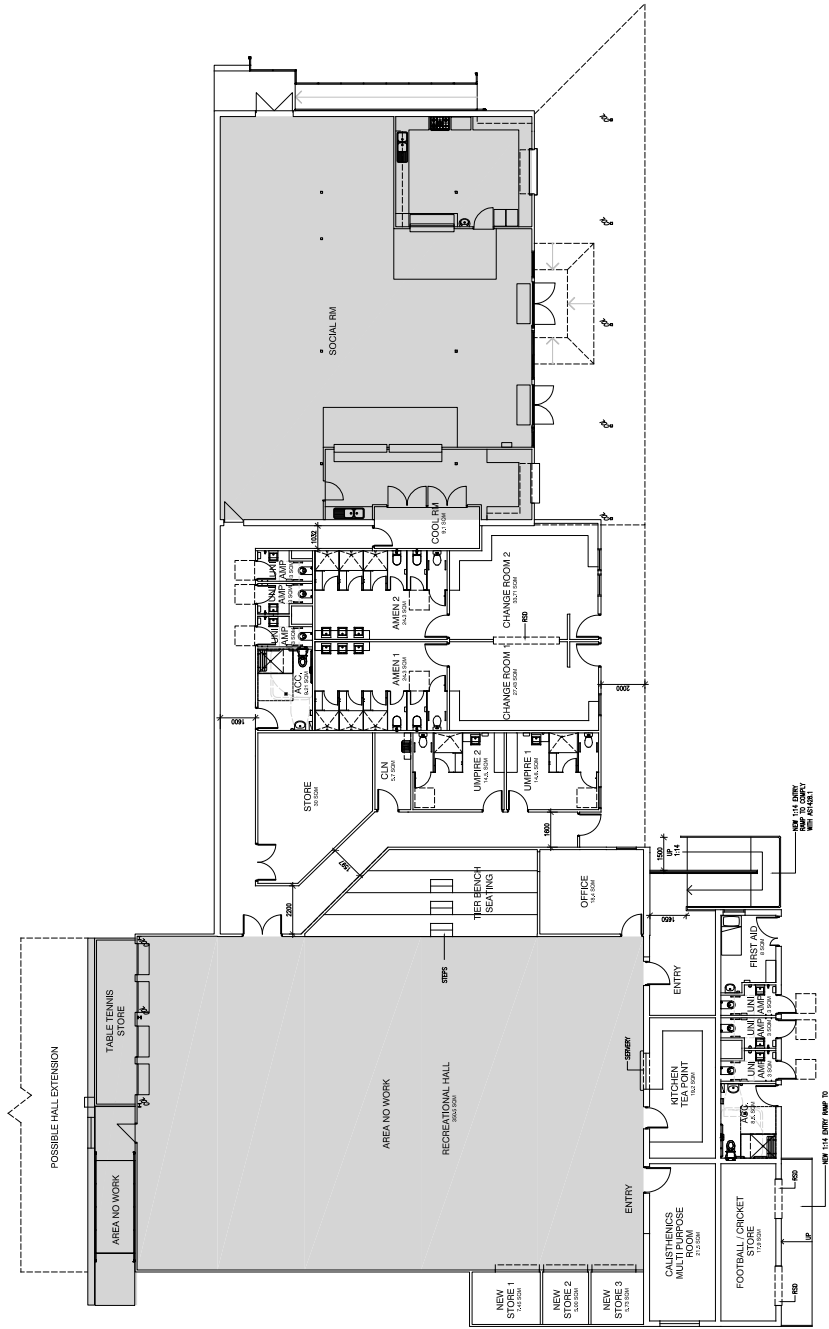


Photo: Memorial Reserve Hall, with change rooms in foreground

The floor plan illustrates the layout of the second floor, featuring a large recreational hall (G.16) and a club social room (G.01). Service areas include a kitchen prep (G.02), bath (G.03), cool room (G.04), and veranda (G.07). Restrooms for males and females are located near the service ducts. Storage areas are marked with red dashed lines, and a ramp up is indicated on the left side. The plan also shows a gym, change rooms, and a kitchen area.

Figure 21: Memorial Reserve building upgrade plan (existing floor plan and demolition plan)

AREA SCHEDULE (No work area excluded)		
Accommodation	Area	(SQM)
Store Room	38	
ACC. (In)	9.21	
Unisex AMP (In)	9	
Cleaner's Room	5.7	
UMP 1	14.5	
UMP 2	14.6	
Amen 1	24.3	
Change Room 1	27.43	
Amen 2	24.3	
Change Room 2	33.71	
Office	18.2	
Sewing Room & Store	22.2	
Kitchen & Tea Point	18.8	
New store 1	7.45	
New Store 2	5	
New Store 3	5.73	
ACC. (External)	8.5	
Unisex AMP (External)	9	
First Aid	8	
Cool Room	9.1	
Tier Bench Seating	34.6	
Extended area	49.4	
Total Building Area	1272.31	



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DEMOLITION LEGEND:

EXISTING WALLS TO REMAIN

NO WORK

EXISTING TO BE DEMOLISHED

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STATUS: DESIGN NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REV: A0

DATE: 21/02/21

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Figure 22: Memorial Reserve building upgrade plan (proposed floor plan)

8.5 ARTHUR POWELL RESERVE

Arthur Powell Reserve is the location of the Ocean Grove Tennis Club.

8.5.1 Sports analysis and future directions

The future growth and development of the Ocean Grove Tennis Club will be impacted by upgrading and securing club access to two public courts, and improving car parking. These issues directly impact on the functionality of the club, and its ability to meet demand from a growing club membership.

The existing public tennis court compound is of sufficient area to accommodate two compliant tennis courts, and the OGSIP 2022 supports the reconstruction of the two public courts to create two new floodlit courts with a cushioned hard surface, such as a plexi-cushion surface. However, this proposal requires further design investigation and feasibility around services, safety and incursion into the road reserve. It is also recommended that the courts be included with the five courts currently leased to the club, but that they still be accessible to the public via the book-a-court system, in accordance the City's *Fair Play Strategy (2017)*. This will enable the club to expand its offering to members onsite, and to initiate new community tennis programming, such as wheelchair tennis. When the courts are being utilised by the club and not available for public use, the five public courts at Shell Road Reserve can still be accessed (1.5 kms away).

There are two options available for developing compliant courts, and neither will require the sub-surface infrastructure within the Asbury Street East road reserve to be disturbed.

1. Install a concrete slab over the existing courts and raise the surface level of the courts above ground level to avoid encroachment into the sub-surface in the south-east corner.
2. Rebuild the courts approximately 1.5 m north of their current location, with the existing south-east corner of the tennis compound being the point from which the new compound will be fixed.

To increase the availability of on-street car parking, angled parking along the northern boundary of the five club tennis courts on Madeley Street could be investigated.

8.6 WALLINGTON RECREATION RESERVE

Wallington Recreation Reserve is the only sport and active recreation open space in Wallington. The Bellarine Bears Baseball Club and Wallington Cricket Club have been long-term tenants at the reserve, whilst the Bellarine Pigeon Club relocated to the reserve in 2007.

8.6.1 Sports analysis and future directions

Baseball field

An important project for the ongoing development and growth of the Bellarine Bears Baseball Club is to construct a compliant baseball diamond, which will require the removal of the existing stand of cypress pines north of the current diamond. A new and compliant baseball facility would improve the safety of spectators and playground users from errant baseballs, and better protect the pavilion. While the removal of the pines would trigger the need for offset planting, most of this would likely be possible within the reserve. All of the pines west of the proposed site of the new diamond would need to be removed, as they will cause afternoon shadowing across the baseball infield area, which is not conducive to safe batting conditions.

The club has also indicated a second diamond suitable for juniors and women will be required when the club increases its number of teams.

Pavilion

A shared issue for the Bellarine Bears Baseball Club and the Wallington Cricket Club is the reserve pavilion and its inadequacies:

- The player change rooms and associated amenities are too small, and the change rooms are also used as the social room, and male and female toilets.
- The existing accessible toilet is not compliant.

- There are no umpire change rooms or first aid room.
- The size of the social room exceeds guidelines and the internal store has no direct external access.

Other reserve facilities

The Bellarine Pigeon Club uses a shed located on a former tennis court. The shed does not have water connected, and members and visitors have to use the old public toilet block located approximately 50 m away. The OGSIP 2022 supports the connection of water to the shed, and access to improved toilet facilities.

No club or group is currently using the publicly accessible tennis and netball courts and, if demand arises in Wallington, 1–2 courts could be dual-lined for pickleball and tennis. Preliminary discussions with the Ocean Grove Pickleball Club suggest that the Shell Road Reserve courts would be the preferred courts, as they would be more central, they have floodlights, and a small pavilion is available courtside.

The Wallington Cricket Club noted that, if the club was to increase its number of teams, a third lane in the cricket practice nets may be required. If and when this need arises, it can only be added by reconstructing the whole cricket practice facility, as there is insufficient space to install a third lane between the existing cricket nets and the indoor baseball shed.

8.6.2 Reserve master plan and pavilion upgrade plan

See Figure 23 for the Wallington Recreation Reserve Master Plan, which shows the following key improvement projects to create more sustainable baseball and cricket participation, and a range of other reserve infrastructure enhancements to improve visitor experiences for non-sporting users of the reserve:

1. Install a new and compliant senior baseball diamond with floodlighting.
2. Install a new second baseball diamond when demand arises.
3. Connect potable water to the Bellarine PC building.
4. Upgrade the pavilion (see below), including provision for a new externally accessed Accessible WC that the Bellarine PC and other reserve visitors can utilise, and remove the existing public toilet block.
5. Continue to maintain the tennis/netball court area as publicly accessible recreational courts.
6. Formalise the traffic management into and within the reserve (road network and car parking).
7. Increase tree planting throughout the reserve.

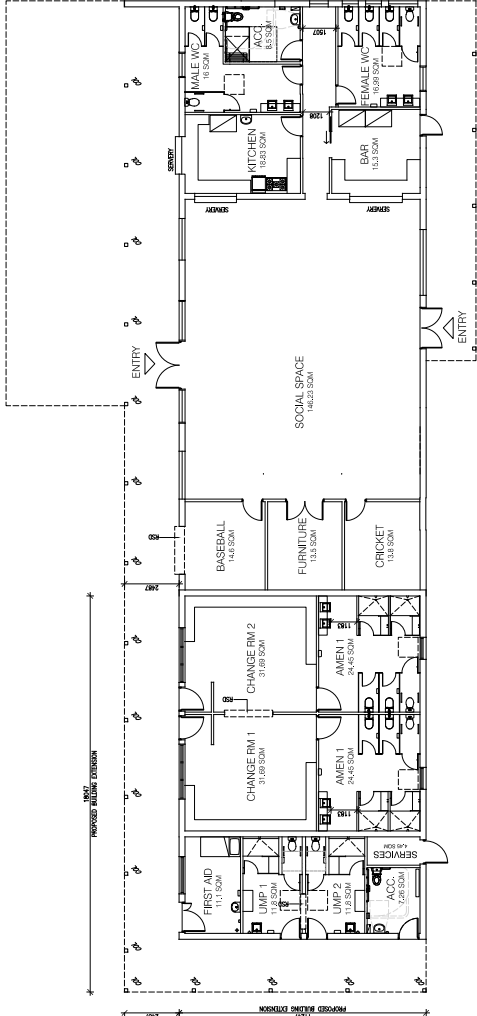
Figure 24 and 25 show pavilion upgrade plans that include:

1. Two new player change rooms and associated amenities.
2. New umpire change rooms.
3. New first aid room.
4. Upgraded internal public toilets.
5. New internal store.
6. A reconfigured kitchen/canteen and bar areas.

1. Remove the required number of Cypress pines to enable a new compliant Senior baseball field to be constructed. Works include re-alignment of the baseball field, new back net, dug-outs, scorers box, and gates
2. New Womens/ Junior baseball field back net and in-field to be constructed
3. Existing cricket store
4. Existing outdoor baseball training facility unchanged and install new cricket practice facility (three lanes)
5. Existing indoor baseball training facility
6. Formalise the reserve road and car parking (30 spaces). Ensure clear sight lines at Reserve entry, and in the future consider the need for slip lanes
- 6a. Improve reserve notification signage along Wallington Road
7. Install baseball floodlights
8. Remove the public toilet block
9. Upgrade and extend the pavilion to provide two compliant baseball/cricket change rooms, a shared kitchen/ canteen, bar, social space and internal toilets, and storage. Allow for external sensory lights to light the car park
10. Resolve poor drainage issue
11. Existing playground
12. Bellarine Pigeon Club pavilion, connect water supply
13. New sealed path to connect to the Pigeon Club with new accessible external toilet included in the redevelopment of the pavilion
14. Divert the unsealed road around the baseball backnet
15. Retain as open space
16. Consider future potential to upgrade the tennis courts and netball court, and add pickleball courts when local demand arises
17. Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve
18. New unsealed path
19. New electronic scoreboard

Figure 23: Wallington Recreation Reserve Master Plan

AREA SCHEDULE [Proposed]		
Accommodation		Area (SQM)
Male WC		17
Female WC		16.99
ACC. (In)		8.5
Kitchen		18.33
Bar		15.4
Social Space		146.23
Baseball Store		14.6
Furniture Store		13.5
Cricketer Store		13.8
Change Rm 1		31.69
Amen 1		24.45
Change Rm 2		31.69
Amen 2		24.45
First Aid		11.1
UMP 1		11.8
UMP 2		11.8
ACC. (Out)		7.26
Services		4.45
Extended area		251.56
Indoor area		481.5
Total Building Area		756.79



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Figure 25: Wallington Recreation Reserve pavilion upgrade plan (proposed new floor plan)

9. Implementing study recommendations

This section collates all proposed improvement projects, allocates an estimated project cost, prioritises project implementation, and assigns responsibility for project delivery.

9.1 PROJECT COSTS

The directions contained within the reserve master plans and building upgrade plans do not commit the City of Greater Geelong, the relevant sporting clubs and community groups, or any other organisation to funding the projects. However, the following table will show the total estimated cost for full implementation of the recommended projects at each reserve once the public exhibition period for the OGSIP 2022 is complete.

The table will exclude the Devlins Road Reserve as the specific scope of works is still to be confirmed, and the land developers are responsible for delivering most of the sporting facilities and landscape embellishments.

Reserve	Cost
Shell Road Reserve	TBC
Collendina Reserve	TBC
Memorial Reserve	TBC
Arthur Powell Reserve	TBC
Wallington Recreation Reserve	TBC
TOTAL ESTIMATED MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)	TBC

Table 12: Estimated costs for full project implementation (will be updated once plan consultation is complete)

9.2 PROJECT PRIORITISATION

Tables 13–17 contain draft implementation plans for each reserve. Some of the details associated with these plans, including estimated costs, will be updated once the public consultation period for the OGSIP 2022 is complete.

The item number assigned to each project is the same as the numbered symbols on the reserve master plan. The assignment 'high', 'medium' and 'low' labels to each project are an indication of the relative importance of a project compared to other projects identified in the reserve master plan. These labels should not be interpreted or aligned to any specific timeframe for implementation.

The practicality and order of implementation of all projects is likely to be subject to a number of factors and criteria. These include:

- availability of funding.
- further investigation, research and club/community consultation
- current and future priorities of the City of Greater Geelong, the relevant sporting clubs and community groups, and other stakeholders.

9.2.1 Shell Road Reserve implementation plan

Item No. on Plan	Projects	Cost	Priority	Predecessor Item No.	Responsibility
1	New football/ cricket oval, including sub-surface irrigation and drainage, floodlights to training standard (100 lux), player shelters, synthetic cricket pitch, and oval perimeter fence	TBC	High	5	CoGG
2	Install protective netting behind each goal	TBC	High	1	CoGG
3	New electronic scoreboard	TBC	High	1	OGFNC Cobras JFC
4	Install a sealed oval perimeter path (1.5m)	TBC	High	1	CoGG
5	Construct a retaining wall	TBC	High		CoGG
6	New multipurpose active recreation space, including sub-surface irrigation and drainage	TBC	Medium	1	CoGG
7	New sealed car park (34 spaces) with pedestrian path linking the existing pedestrian path to the new oval perimeter path	TBC	High	1	CoGG
8	Convert the existing soccer change rooms to two AFL compliant change rooms, enlarge the canteen space, and extend the undercover viewing area	TBC	High	1	CoGG
9	Upgrade the pavilion by reconfiguring the netball change room area to provide additional pans and public toilets	TBC	High	-	CoGG
10	Resurface courts and ensure court line markings achieve 4 compliant courts	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
10i	New acrylic surface netball court with floodlighting to competition standard (200 lux), player and scorers shelters, and court perimeter fence (1,100mm high)	TBC	Low	1,6	CoGG
11	New terrace seating connecting the existing courts to the new court, and a two level netball store at the northern end to service the courts on both levels. This project may require existing services to be relocated	TBC	Low	10i	CoGG
12	Consider an alternate fence treatment to better integrate the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre with the reserve	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
13	New sealed car park (20 spaces)	TBC	Low	1,10i	CoGG
14	Upgrade the existing playground	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
15	New sealed car park (16 spaces) to accommodate cricket practice	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
16	Add an additional lane to the cricket practice nets on the east side, and a cricket store	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG, OGCC
17	New pedestrian path	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
18	Upgrade the tennis court surface and floodlights, as required, and when demand arises, overlay line-marking for Pickleball to two tennis courts	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
19	New sealed path to replace existing asphalt path	TBC	High	-	CoGG
20	New home club coaches box	TBC	Medium	-	OGFNC
21	Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve (120 trees)	TBC	Low	17	CoGG
Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)		TBC			
TOTAL ESTIMATED MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)		TBC			

Table 13: Project list and associated variables for Shell Road Reserve

9.2.2 Collendina Reserve implementation plan

Item No. on Plan	Projects	Cost	Priority	Predecessor Item No.	Responsibility
1	Formalise the reserve access road and install a sealed path from Minerva Close	TBC	High	-	CoGG
2	Seal the car park (30 spaces) and include a passenger drop-off zone adjacent to the pavilion	TBC	High	3	CoGG
3	Relocate or remove the existing water tank	TBC	High	-	CoGG
4	Upgrade and extend the pavilion to include a larger social room, accessible toilets, relocated and extended kitchen, covered spectator viewing platform, and female friendly change rooms	TBC	High	-	CoGG
5	Relocate westward and upgrade the fenced playground, and include bench seating	TBC	Medium	1,8	CoGG
6	Retain reserve gate	-	-	-	-
7	New unsealed car park (10 spaces) and install a gate to permit controlled access for council maintenance vehicles	TBC	Low	1,8	CoGG
8	Extend the sealed road behind the goals and install a raised crossing further to the west to connect the oval and the pavilion	TBC	Medium	1	CoGG
9	Install an oval perimeter fence with chain-mesh infill (orange line on the plan) to restrict access to and from the oval to three locations as shown, and to also prevent cricket balls from entering the canal	TBC	High	-	CoGG
10	Retain informal gravel road and car parking between the trees	-	-	-	-
11	New gravel road with turnaround bowl	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
12	New electronic scoreboard	TBC	Medium	-	Cobras JFC CCC
13	Retain as open space and utilise for overflow car parking, as required	-	-	-	-
14	New unsealed path around the oval and connecting to existing pedestrian bridges over the canals	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
15	Upgrade the cricket practice facility, and install a 4th lane when demand exists	TBC	Low	-	CoGG, CCC
16	Replace the existing buildings with one new structure closer to the oval that includes an equipment store, time keeper room, first aid room, an open BBQ area, and spectator shelter	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
17	Realign the gravel road around the new building and spectator shelter	TBC	Medium	16	CoGG
18	Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve (65 trees)	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)		TBC			
TOTAL ESTIMATED MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)		TBC			

Table 14: Project list and associated variables for Collendina Reserve

9.2.3 Memorial Reserve implementation plan

Item No.	Projects	Cost	Priority	Predecessor Item No.	Responsibility
1	Memorial Hall upgrades for internal user groups, including additional storage, new calisthenics college multipurpose room, toilets, and tiered seating to replace the stage. (Excludes any allowance for the extension of the Hall to the rear)	TBC	High	-	CoGG
2	Memorial Hall upgrades for sporting groups, including new player and umpire change rooms, externally accessed equipment store, public toilets, first aid room and other internal upgrades.	TBC	Medium		
3	Remove part of the internal road and sections of the bitumen in front of the social room and building, and return to grass	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
4	Remove both cricket practice facilities	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
5	Remove the existing scoreboard	TBC	High	-	CoGG
6	Formalise sealed car parking in the southern area of the reserve	TBC	Medium	1,2	CoGG
7	Potential for an upgraded playground, new BBQ & picnic facilities and associated landscaping	TBC	High	-	CoGG
8	Potential for supply and installation of some active recreation infrastructure	TBC	Medium	2	CoGG
9	Allowance for a new 1.5m wide unsealed oval perimeter path, and connections to adjoining streets (approx. 700m)	TBC	Medium	2	CoGG
10	New chain-mesh fence and gate for the rear car park	TBC	High	-	CoGG
11	Allowance for Scout Hall upgrades	TBC	High	-	Scouts Vic
12	Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve (20 trees)	TBC	Medium	2	CoGG

Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	TBC
TOTAL ESTIMATED MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)	TBC

Table 15: Project list and associated variables for Memorial Reserve

9.2.4 Arthur Powell Reserve implementation plan

Item No.	Projects	Cost	Priority	Predecessor Item No.	Responsibility
1	Rebuild the 2 public tennis courts: new substrate, acrylic surface, perimeter fence, and floodlights, and sealed access to the courts	TBC	High	-	CoGG, OGTC
2	New sealed angled car parking along the northern boundary of the Club courts on Madeley Street	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG

Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)	TBC
TOTAL ESTIMATED MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)	TBC

Table 16: Project list and associated variables for Arthur Powell Reserve

9.2.5 Wallington Recreation Reserve implementation plan

Item No. on Plan	Projects	Cost	Priority	Predecessor Item No.	Responsibility
1	Remove the Cypress pines to enable a new compliant Senior baseball field to be constructed. Works include re-alignment of the baseball field, new back net and dug-outs, scorers box and gates	TBC	High	-	CoGG
2	New Womens/ Junior baseball field back net and in-field to be constructed	TBC	Low	10	CoGG, BBC
3	Existing cricket store	-			
4	Rebuild the cricket practice facility as a 3 lane facility	TBC	Low	-	CoGG, WCC
5	Existing indoor baseball training facility	-			
6	Formalise the reserve road and car parking (30 spaces). Ensure clear sight lines at Reserve entry, and in the future consider the need for slip lanes	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
6a	Improve reserve notification signage along Wallington Road	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
7	Install baseball floodlights	TBC	High	1	CoGG, BBBC
8	Remove the public toilet block	TBC	High	9	CoGG
9	Upgrade and extend the pavilion to provide two compliant baseball/ cricket change rooms, a shared kitchen/ canteen/ bar, social space and internal toilets, and storage. Allow for external sensory lights to light the car park	TBC	High	-	CoGG
10	Resolve poor drainage issue	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
11	Existing playground	-			
12	Connect water supply to the Bellarine Pigeon Club pavilion	TBC	High	9	CoGG
13	New sealed path to connect the Pigeon Club pavilion with new accessible external toilet included in the redevelopment of the pavilion	TBC	High	9	CoGG
14	Divert the unsealed road around the baseball backnet	TBC	High	1	CoGG
15	Retain as open space	-			
16	Consider future potential to upgrade the tennis courts and netball court, and add pickleball courts when demand arises (allowance for asphalt resurfacing and line marking)	TBC	Low	-	CoGG
17	Strengthen the tree planting throughout the reserve (50 trees)	TBC	Medium	1,6,18	CoGG
18	New unsealed path	TBC	Medium	-	CoGG
19	New electronic scoreboard	TBC	Medium	-	WCC
Consultant Fees (design, documentation, administration)		TBC			
TOTAL ESTIMATED MASTER PLAN COSTS (ex GST)		TBC			

Table 17: Project list and associated variables for Wallington Recreation Reserve