

Final Portarlington Community Facilities Scoping Study – June 2023 – Recommendations

PILLAR	Recommendation Number	RECOMMENDATION	IMPLEMENTATION	TIMING
Building functionality Modifications to achieve contemporary building standards and fit for purpose facilities.	1	Undertake building improvement works at CoGG owned/managed community facilities (Portarlington Pre School, Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Parks Hall and Senior Citizens Building) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve programming opportunities (i.e facilitate after hours use). • Address concerns with accessibility and functionality. • Improve amenity. Short term upgrades to be considered for Parks Hall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping • Painting • DDA compliant pathway to Bayview Room • Temporary Partitioning 	Led by CoGG and supported by Facility Coordinators and Community Groups. To be identified as a project in the Social Infrastructure Plan Generation 2 <u>and/or</u> funded through recurring annual maintenance budgets or Local/State/Federal grant funding opportunities. Building enhancements that constitute major works would follow a typical project planning / engagement/ design / documentation / construction process appropriate to the scope of the works.	Parks Hall: Short term (1-2 years utilising existing upgrade budgets). Seniors and Pre School-Buildings: Medium-Long Term (5+ years), dependant on funding availability Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade: Underway
	2	Advocate for building improvement works at State Government or privately owned/managed community facilities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve programming opportunities (i.e facilitate after hours use, social meeting spaces for informal interactions and meetings). • Address concerns with accessibility and functionality. • Improve amenity. 	Led by CoGG and/or Facility Coordinators and Community Groups	Ongoing
	3	Enhance the current library space within Parks Hall to provide opportunity to increase the library service offering within Portarlington (in conjunction with the library mobile service).	Led by CoGG and/or Geelong Regional Library Corporation.	Planning: Medium Term – Implemented as part of the Parks Hall Planning Project (Recommendation 4).
	4	Parks Hall: As the largest building within the study area and the demonstrated importance to the community, undertake planning for Parks Hall to facilitate the following:	Led by CoGG and supported by Facility Coordinators and/or Community Groups Planning for a redevelopment of Parks Hall would follow a typical design process, which	Planning: Medium term (2-5 years) Delivery/Construction: Long Term (5+ Years), dependant on funding availability.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the building footprint towards Newcombe Street to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance building presentation (including a more contemporary, attractive and modern building façade). Improve accessibility and provide compliant amenities. Provide a casual foyer area for information and socialisation. To enable Parks Hall to establish as the principal location for community programs, provision of new spaces including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger office Wet activity room Technology room Informal meeting space (lounge area). A combined library services / arts display space. Internal refurbishment of existing rooms to improve accessibility, functionality, and storage. Improvements to the main hall to enhance multi-functionality i.e. lighting, acoustics, consideration of moveable/temporary partitioning systems. 	includes the following steps: project planning / community and stakeholder engagement/ design.	
	5	Consider and advocate for improved connections to and between community facilities as part of future planning for the Portarlington township (i.e. via the Urban Design Framework, Crown Land planning etc.).	<p>Portarlington UDF – Led by CoGG (Urban Design Team) and includes community consultation.</p> <p>Other – Led by Bellarine Bayside or other organisations with support from CoGG and community consultation.</p>	<p>Medium Term – Timing TBD</p> <p>TBD by Bellarine Bayside</p>
Enhanced programming and facility management Enhancing the programming	6	Explore greater use of facilities in off-peak times, particularly in the evening.	Led by Facility Coordinators and/or Community Groups	Ongoing
	7	Explore increase of programs specifically targeted to children and young people.	Led by Facility Coordinators and/or Community Groups	Ongoing
	8	Encourage community access to the pavilion at the Portarlington Recreation Reserve outside of peak sporting times.	Led by Portarlington Football Netball Club, Portarlington Cricket Club	Ongoing

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and management of existing spaces.	9	Relocate provision of Maternal and Child Health Services to the Portarlington Pre-School.	Led by CoGG	Complete
	10	Parks Hall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the system for booking rooms at Parks Hall to reduce complexity of booking spaces. Continue to discuss tenancy arrangements for Portarlington Neighbourhood House at Parks Hall, to maximise community utilisation of Parks Hall and meet the needs of the Neighbourhood House. 	Led by CoGG, with support from Portarlington Neighbourhood House. Any significant changes to current tenancy arrangements and/or operations at Parks Hall are subject to community engagement under Council's Leasing and Licensing Policy.	Underway
	11	Explore a coordinated approach to programming community facilities, particularly those concentrated on and around the foreshore/Newcombe Street. Examples of this could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of facilities, and use of alternate venues for programs, outside of the facility normally used by each group. Consideration for how facilities can be shared in peak times such as during the Mussel or Celtic Festival, when some facilities may not be available for Community use. Directory of community spaces made available to assist promotion and knowledge of options Managers of facilities working together and sharing information to improve programming and identify opportunities. Identifying opportunities to maximise utilisation by providing the right programs at the right time. Creation of partnerships for joint marketing and communications, surveys, funding/grant opportunities. Seeking a shared resource to support the above. 	Led by Facility Coordinators and/or Community Groups	Ongoing
Planning, monitoring and review	12	Continue to monitor Portarlington demographic growth and change to inform future planning for facilities that meet the needs of the community. This includes monitoring Parks Hall as the principal location	Led by COGG (Social Infrastructure Planning Team)	Ongoing

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Ensuring ongoing consideration of population change and facility suitability.		for community programs and whether there is an emerging need for a new community hub.		