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2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

This Strategy guides the future development and maintenance of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground within the Yass Valley.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is a multi-use facility located along the Barton Highway within the main township of Murrumbateman. The facility is approximately 45 hectares in size and includes an equestrian precinct, sporting field, tennis courts, playground, community hall, amenities building, public toilets and passive open space areas.

The purpose of this strategic plan is to provide Yass Valley Council and the community with a direction for structured development of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground as well as meeting the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The objectives of this strategic plan is to identify the current uses of the area and outline the long term direction of the development of the recreation grounds.

2. BACKGROUND

Yass Valley Council has 10 sporting facilities, which are well distributed throughout the municipal area providing a range of varying sporting activities.

In 2017 Council developed an upgrade program based off consultation with sporting user groups for existing assets located at sporting facilities in the Yass Valley LGA. This program supports the significant increase of participants in sports and provides an opportunity to introduce new sporting codes to the LGA. This program also aligns with the renewal program identified in Council's Asset Management Plan.

The heavy use of sporting grounds by multiple user groups has considerably increased in the past three years which has caused Council to review the demands placed on the individual sporting venues.

It is important to ensure that Council's facilities are well managed, maintained and meets the growing needs and expectations of both residents and visitors to Yass Valley. Council has committed to the ongoing maintenance, enhancement and redevelopment of sporting facilities within the Yass Valley, and this is assisted through this strategic plan.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the strategic plan are:

- To provide quality sporting and recreational space for the community.
- To provide a management approach that delineates and integrates activities within the site and surrounding recreational areas that will identify the various elements.
- To provide a proposed program for the development of the site to a regional or national sporting level.
- Identify the need to develop a Plan of Management that will meet legislative requirements and be a supporting document for any grant funding applications.
- To enhance the aesthetics for the natural environment of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground.

4. CURRENT FACILITY PURPOSES

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is a facility that is utilised for active and passive recreation. The local activities undertaken include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis• Cricket• Equestrian activities• AFL• Little Athletics• Scouts• Dog Shows• Dancing• Karate• Community Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's Shed• Yoga• Mothers & children playgroups• Village Markets• Film evenings• Christmas Carols• Wine shows• Field Days |
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The Murrumbateman Recreation Ground has recently been developed with new an equestrian facility which removes equestrian activities from the main sporting oval. Council is undertaking works to the main oval to bring the surface up to a suitable playing standard. These upgrades will create an opportunity for sporting events to commence such as

- Soccer
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union

The recreation grounds has a designated passive recreation area known as Jones Park which includes a category 3 playground and significant open space area. Service levels for this park aligns with Council's adopted 2017 Parks and Playground Strategy.

5. CONSULTATION

Yass Valley Council will use in its methodology for consultation a holistic approach to each facility including both internal and external stakeholders to understand and develop the assets required through the strategic direction in which Murrumbateman Recreation Ground needs to move towards to create more sporting opportunities for the community.

Council has previously worked extensively within the community and with local sporting bodies to gain an understanding of the future requirements for the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds which is reflected in the actions list in this strategic plan.

Figure 1 – Aerial Overview





Figure 2 – Aerial Facility Overview

7. MANAGEMENT ZONES

Sporting and Active Zones

This zone provides an area which can be utilised for both sporting and active recreation. The site includes a playing field, multiple equestrian arenas and open space for equestrian activities.



Figure 3 –playing field



Figure 4 – equestrian arenas

Passive Recreation Zones

This zone includes Jones Park, a category 3 playground which was installed in 1999 and a passive recreational open space area. There is significant support to upgrade the playground to a category 2 playground.



Figure 5- Jones Park



Figure 6- Passive open space area

8. PLAN OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Under Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must prepare Plans of Management for community land.

All Council owned sporting facilities will be incorporated in a generic Plan of Management. This will provide management actions that relate to all sporting facilities and will comprise the following:

- A plan of management for community land must identify the category of the land
- A current description of the natural and cultural resources.
- Planning considerations relevant to the land.
- A statement of the long term objectives for the reserve and the associated management targets for the specified period.
- Method of assessment of organized objectives and targets.
- The condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the date of adoption of the plan of management.

9. PROPOSED ACTIONS

It is important to develop Murrumbateman Recreation Ground in a sequential and detailed approach. This allows the various tasks to be identified, resourced and programmed as appropriate. Projects can be considered annually by Council for consideration in its yearly operational plan and also identified for grant funding where applicable.

The proposed actions as outlined hereunder will provide the guidelines for the enhancement and development of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground and its immediate surrounds.

10. ACTION PLAN

Item	Activity	Priority
1	Construct new Amenities Building	High
2	Construct new storage facility/clubhouse – equestrian precinct	High
3	Upgrade tennis synthetic grass courts	Medium
4	Construct new storage for sporting/club groups	Medium
5	Remediate sand within equestrian arenas	Medium
6	Investigate power upgrade to recreation grounds	Medium
7	Construct new Community Hall	Medium
8	Seal internal roadway around oval and delineate parking	Medium
9	Cricket net – Investigate new site to relocate nets	Medium
10	Install remote supervision signs throughout the recreation grounds	Medium
11	Install directional signs for equestrian facilities & reduced speed signs around oval	Medium
12	Construct new Dog Park	Medium
13	Install new playground at Jones Park	Medium
14	Construct improvements to Barton Highway entrance into recreation ground (including culvert crossing of watercourse)	Medium
15	Construct linked pathway to dog park / winery trail	Medium
16	Upgrade existing public toilets	Medium
17	Upgrade internal roadway to equestrian precinct	Medium
18	Investigate water supply options following commissioning of the Yass to Murrumbateman pipeline.	Medium
19	Prepare a Traffic and Parking Plan	Medium

20	Examine options for tennis court cover	Low
21	Relocate internal fencing to increase parking around sporting oval	Low
22	Formalise wash bay / car parking – equestrian precinct	Low
23	Installation of irrigation to sporting oval & install 120,000 litre tank	Low
24	Construct new enclosed all weather multipurpose sports courts	Low

NB: priorities and funding will be subject to consideration annually by Council in its Operational Plan Process.