

Morris Buzacott Reserve

Site Development Plan

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Bibbulmun people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our City stands today and pay our respects to the Whadjuk people and Elders both past and present.

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Executive Summary

The City has prepared a Site Development Plan for Morris Buzacott Reserve, establishing a coordinated vision to guide the long-term future of this important community asset. The plan has identified priorities for renewals, capital works, and user group requests. Establishing this vision assists groups to plan strategically and enables the City to identify future proposals in a coordinated manner, considering them alongside broader City-wide priorities.

In alignment with the City's broader strategic objectives, the plan identifies the provision of safe, inclusive, and contemporary facilities that meet the needs of diverse sporting clubs, community groups, and residents. It also identifies opportunities to improve accessibility, equity, and environmental sustainability across the precinct, to enable the reserve to continue to evolve as a welcoming and versatile hub for recreation, sport, and community connection.

The Site Development Plan also provides an evidence base to guide Council decision-making and strengthen applications for external funding opportunities. By presenting a coordinated and forward-looking approach, the plan will maximise the Reserve's potential as a key district-level sporting and community precinct, generating long-term social, health, and economic benefits for the wider community.

Introduction

The City of Melville, located on Whadjuk Noongar Boodjar in Perth, Western Australia, stretches across 18 kilometres of the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River) and Djarlgarro Beeliar (Canning River). Covering 53 square kilometres, the City provides 23 active Reserves incorporating sporting spaces, that foster health, wellbeing, and social connection by supporting a wide range of sporting clubs, associations, community groups and public uses.

Among these, Morris Buzacott Reserve is a key district open space in the City's south located in Kardinya. Spanning over 15 hectares, it is the City's second-largest sporting area and a major hub for organised sport, recreation, and community activity, accommodating ten active user groups with diverse and complementary needs.

Since the development of the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy (ARIS) in 2020, the City has received 14 (known) user group requests in relation to infrastructure renewals, some of which progressed and others that did not. After working closely with the ten user groups that use and classify the reserve as their home premises, requests have grown to 26.

The City also engaged with Kardy Connect, a local town team organisation, as a key community stakeholder. Kardy Connect was consulted due to its strong local networks and established community connections within Kardinya, and its ability to assist in promoting and facilitating community engagement activities during the public advertising phase of the plan.

The objectives of this project were to:

- Understand what the user group priorities are for Morris Buzacott Reserve.
- Understand constraints, opportunities and implementation requirements.
- Prepare a site concept plan that visually represents a coordinated long-term vision for the site, taking into consideration known proposals and user group requests.
- Rank proposals using the draft Proposal Assessment Process within the draft Community Infrastructure Planning Framework to identify which proposals are of the greatest need in comparison to others within the site.
- Utilise this body of work to facilitate opportunities for external funding advocacy as proposals are developed.

Methodology

The Site Development Plan undertook the following approach in its development.



Strategic Alignment

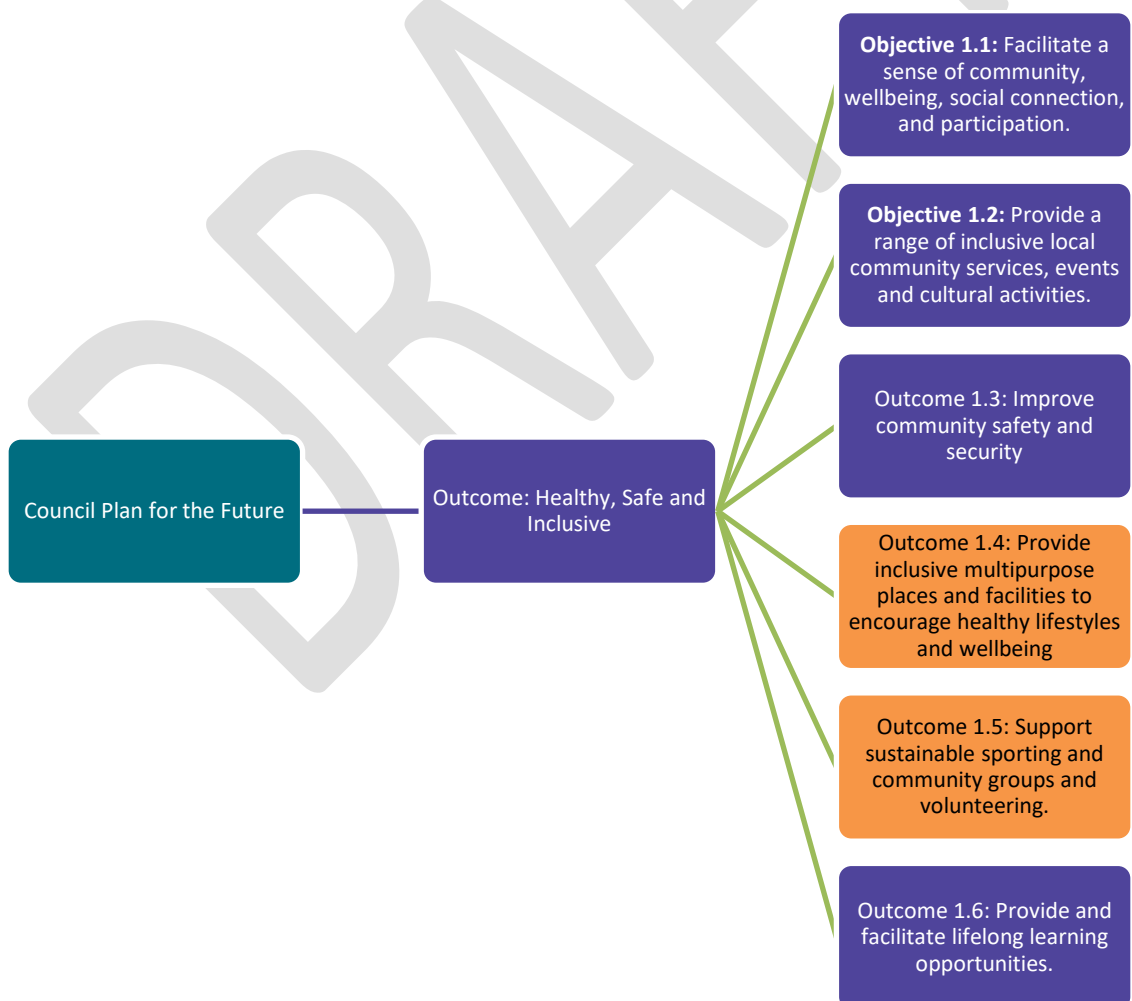
The City of Melville Council Plan for the Future 2024–2034 outlines the community’s vision and priorities for the next ten years, guiding how the City delivers services, plans projects and invests in infrastructure to create a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive community for current and future generations.

The Morris Buzacott Reserve Site Development Plan supports this vision by contributing to the Healthy, Safe and Inclusive outcome area through the planned improvement of sporting, recreation and community facilities.

These improvements aim to encourage participation, support health and wellbeing, improve accessibility, and provide welcoming spaces for people of all ages and abilities, ensuring the reserve continues to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

The Site Development Plan Objectives are:

- Improved sporting facilities
- Increased participation opportunities
- Enhanced accessibility and inclusion
- Better community connections
- Improved health and wellbeing outcomes



Key Strategic Documents

- Council Plan for the Future 2024-2034
- Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy (2020) (Currently under review)
- Community Infrastructure Planning Framework (in development)
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Asset Management Framework
- PLAWA Guidelines for Community Infrastructure 2020

Guiding Strategies

The following frameworks and strategies provide the policy, planning and decision-making context for the Morris Buzacott Reserve Site Development Plan. Together, they guide future planning, investment and project delivery, ensuring proposed improvements respond to community needs, corporate priorities, asset management principles, funding processes and statutory planning requirements.

Community Infrastructure Planning Framework

Provides the overarching approach for planning, prioritising and delivering community infrastructure across the City. The priorities identified for Morris Buzacott Reserve support this framework by informing future infrastructure investment and delivery.

***Sport and Recreation, Cultural and *Social Infrastructure Plans**

Identifies current and future sport, recreation, cultural and community infrastructure needs across the City. Reserve-specific priorities contribute to broader strategic planning by addressing local demand and future service requirements.

* The Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan is currently underway via the ARIS review and development of the Game Plan – Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Melville. The Social Infrastructure Plan is also in development.

Asset Management Framework

Establishes the principles for managing City assets throughout their life cycle to maximise value and service outcomes. Proposed asset renewals and upgrades are consistent with these principles and support long-term asset planning.

Individual Asset Management Plans

Guide maintenance, renewal and replacement programs for individual assets and facilities. Identified projects provide an evidence base to inform future asset management priorities and funding decisions.

Local Planning Scheme No. 6

Provides the statutory framework for land use and development within the City. All proposed improvements at Morris Buzacott Reserve will be planned and delivered in accordance with the Scheme's requirements.

Kardinya District Centre Plan

Guides future population growth, housing and infrastructure within the Kardinya District Centre. The Site Development Plan responds to this anticipated growth by identifying recreation, sport and community infrastructure needed to meet future demand.

PLAWA Guidelines for Community Infrastructure

Provide industry best-practice guidance for planning and delivering community infrastructure. The planning principles and recommendations incorporated into the Site Development Plan reflect these guidelines, supporting accessible, sustainable and fit-for-purpose facilities.

The following address the mechanisms of how the guiding strategies are implemented:

Business Case – Facility Planning

Provides the framework for assessing infrastructure projects, including strategic need, costs, benefits and funding opportunities. Priority projects identified for the reserve progress through this assessment process before being considered for implementation.

Capital Works Planning (Annual Cycle)

Guides the annual prioritisation, budgeting and delivery of capital infrastructure projects. Recommendations from the Site Development Plan provide a pipeline of proposals that require future planning and/or a business case to enable consideration for future Annual Capital Works Programs.

Delivery & Process

Provides the mechanism for implementing approved projects through design, funding and construction. The Site Development Plan establishes a staged pipeline of future projects that can be delivered as funding becomes available.

Key User Groups

Consultation with key user groups was an important part of developing the Morris Buzacott Reserve Site Development Plan. These groups are formalised user groups of the reserve and have a strong understanding of how the facilities currently operate, where challenges exist, and what improvements may be needed to support future growth and functionality.

Engaging with a diverse range of sporting clubs, community organisations and local stakeholders helps ensure the Plan reflects the needs of people of all ages, abilities and interests. Their feedback has informed recommendations that will support participation, accessibility, inclusion, community connection and the long-term sustainability of the reserve.

The key user groups consulted as part of the Site Development Plan included:

Fremantle CBC Amateur Football Club

Provides diverse opportunities for participation in senior AFL through their mens, womens and all abilities teams.

Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club

The club offers pathways for all ages via programs Rookieball, Tee-Ball, and Baseball.

Kardinya Tennis Club

The club offers junior development through a club coach, social tennis for members and non-members, and pennant teams in both winter and summer.

Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club

The club is a senior cricket organisation offering Senior Men's, Senior Women's, and Integrated cricket teams.

Kardinya Lakes Junior Cricket Club

The club offers competitions for boys and girls aged 5–17, an integrated cricket program, and after-school Cricket Blast for non-competitive players during the school term.

Kardinya Bowling Club

The club offers competitive bowls for men's and women's pennant divisions, from Premier Division through to Fifth Division, and provides Community Bowls and Pay-as-You-Play options for non-competitive participants.

Kardinya Netball Club

The club competes within the Fremantle Netball Association and provides opportunities for girls to play from age 7 through to open age divisions.

Melville City Hockey Club

The club caters for players from age 4 through the Minkey program to Masters Over 60 years of ages and offers men's, women's, and all-abilities teams.

Melville Wood Turners

The club provides advice and skills development in woodturning through demonstrations, training, workshops, and open sessions where members can work on their own projects.

Lions Club of Bull Creek

The club supports community service through volunteering across a range of activities, including local events, workshops, programs, and community engagement.

Kardy Connect

A local, community-led Town Team that aims to make it easy for residents to connect and contribute to a more vibrant and liveable neighbourhood.

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Consultation Outcomes

Over a focused three-month period from April to June 2025, the City brought together ten user groups and Kardy Connect at Morris Buzacott Reserve for a series of three dynamic and highly collaborative workshops. These sessions created an energising forum where clubs, community representatives, and facility users could learn about the Site Development Plan process and contribute directly to shaping the future of the reserve.

The workshops were designed not only to inform participants about the planning framework but also to capture the on-the-ground insights and expressed infrastructure needs that would guide the plan's objectives and priorities. User groups were encouraged to share their ideas, challenges, and aspirations either in person during the workshops or through written submissions during the open consultation period.

This collaborative process generated a strong response: a total of 26 infrastructure proposals were agreed, spanning both the renewal of existing assets and proposals for new facilities.

The volume and diversity of these submissions highlight the community's enthusiasm and commitment to building a more vibrant, functional, and future-ready reserve.

A detailed summary of the workshop discussions, key themes and project requests is provided in Appendix B – Workshop Summary Report.



Public Feedback Period

To be completed following the public consultation period in September/October 2026. This section will summarise community feedback received and any amendments made to the Site Development Plan as a result of the consultation process.

Needs Analysis

Community Profile at a Glance

City of Melville

Growing Population

113,404 residents (2024)

Forecast to grow to 126,586 residents by 2046

This growth will increase demand for community infrastructure, recreation spaces and sporting facilities across the municipality.

An Ageing Community

The City's largest age cohorts in 2021 were residents aged 45–54 years, with significant growth forecast in residents aged 70 years and over by 2046.

Older adults are expected to represent an increasingly larger proportion of the community, reinforcing the need for infrastructure that supports active ageing and lifelong participation.

Changing Community Needs

As the population ages, demand is expected to increase for:

- Accessible pathways and shared-use trails
- Safe pedestrian connections and crossings
- Public amenities and toilets
- Mobility-friendly facilities and seating
- Opportunities for low-impact recreation and social connection

Kardinya

Continued Local Growth

Kardinya's population is forecast to increase by approximately 26% from 106,823 (2021) to 134,465 (2046), making it one of the City's growing residential communities.

This growth will place additional demand on local recreational, sporting and community facilities.

More Older Residents

In 2021, the largest age group in Kardinya was residents aged 60–64 years.

Strong growth is forecast in the 75+ age groups, particularly residents aged 85 years and over, who are expected to experience the most significant population increase over the coming decades.

Active Young Adults

By 2031, residents aged 20–24 years are forecast to become the largest age cohort in Kardinya. Young adults are expected to remain a significant share of the community, supporting ongoing demand for:

- Organised sport
- Active recreation opportunities
- Informal recreation spaces
- Community events and social participation

Families Remain Important

Population forecasts indicate that children and youth aged 0–19 years will remain relatively stable.

This highlights the continued importance of:

- Junior sporting facilities

- Family-friendly recreation spaces
- Opportunities for youth participation and development

What This Means for Morris Buzacott Reserve

The demographic profile of both the City of Melville and Kardinya indicates the need for infrastructure that is:

- ☒ Accessible and inclusive
- ☒ Flexible and adaptable
- ☒ Suitable for all ages and abilities
- ☒ Supportive of both organised sport and informal recreation
- ☒ Capable of meeting the needs of a growing and ageing community

This approach supports the long-term planning of Morris Buzacott Reserve as a multi-functional community recreation precinct that can continue to serve residents now and into the future.

Current Membership

An assessment of club membership data was undertaken to identify participation trends and inform future infrastructure planning. Available data indicates how demand for sporting facilities has changed over time and highlights sports experiencing growth or decline.

The following tables present total membership trends across each sporting club and changes in junior participation between 2022 and 2026. Together, these indicators provide insight into current facility utilisation and emerging future needs.

Table 1: Sporting Club Total Playing Members 2022-2026

Club	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Change 2022-2026
Fremantle CBC Football Club	175	163	157	141	165	-10 (-6%)
Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club	150	187	247	242	328	+178 (+119%)
Kardinya Netball Club	141	160	189	198	189	+48 (+34%)
Melville City Hockey Club	932	910	992	975	971	+39 (+4%)
Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club	106	0*	88	126	144	+38 (+36%)
Kardinya Lakes Junior Cricket Club	139	133	129	141	143	+4 (+3%)
Kardinya Bowls Club	163	144	121	114	151	-39%
Kardinya Tennis Club*	147	165	139	103	51	-65%

*Kardinya Tennis Club membership has declined with the deteriorating condition of the courts, impacting both member retention and the club's ability to attract new members. Upgrading the courts is essential to improving the playing experience, supporting membership growth, and ensuring the club's long-term sustainability.

Junior participation is a key driver of future facility demand and an indicator of club sustainability. The table below compares junior membership between 2022 and 2026.

Table 2: Junior Participation Trends 2022 vs 2026

Club	Juniors 2022	Juniors 2026	Change Difference
Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club	150	328	+119%
Kardinya Netball Club	87	138	+59%
Melville City Hockey Club	528	579	+9.66%
Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club	13	22	+69%
Kardinya Lakes Junior Cricket Club	139	143	3%
Kardinya Tennis Club	48	6	-87%

Female participation is a key indicator of inclusive community sport and helps inform future facility and program planning. The table below summarises junior and senior female membership across clubs in 2026, highlighting strong participation in netball and hockey, with growing representation across several other sports.

Table 3: 2026 Female Membership

Club	Junior Female	Senior Female
Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club	67	0
Kardinya Netball Club	138	51
Melville City Hockey Club	291	169
Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club	2	16
Kardinya Lakes Junior Cricket Club	30	0
Fremantle CBC Football Club	0	45
Kardinya Tennis Club	1	12

Club membership has grown from approximately 1,971 participants in 2022 to 2,128 in 2026, driven largely by increases in junior and female participation. While hockey membership has marginally declined (potentially aligned to availability of facilities), growth in diamond sports, netball and cricket indicates ongoing demand for playing fields, training space, amenities and supporting infrastructure. Overall, the data supports continued planning for flexible, multi-use facilities that can accommodate changing participation trends.

Table 4: Community Group Total Members 2022-2026

Club	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Change 2022-2026
Melville Woodturners	107	111	113	113	120	+12.1%

The Lions Club of Bull Creek is a local volunteer organisation that supports the community through fundraising. The Club is governed by a committee of eight volunteers and does not operate under

a traditional membership model. Revenue is primarily generated through community centre hire, fundraising activities such as sausage sizzles at local sporting events and catering services provided at events including Australia Day and Remembrance Day commemorations.

Utilisation

Facility utilisation data indicates consistent use of the reserve throughout the week, with weekday afternoons and evenings primarily used for training and weekends focused on competition and club activities. Demand varies seasonally, with football, netball and hockey operating mainly in winter, while baseball, tennis and cricket are predominantly summer users.

Facility occupancy – Kardinya Community Centre

The Kardinya Community Centre is managed by the Lions Club of Bull Creek, which holds a management licence for the facility and oversees all bookings. The centre supports a diverse range of regular user groups, including badminton, pickleball, martial arts, tai chi, fitness and exercise programs, educational activities, and religious/prayer groups.

In addition to regular bookings, the facility is available for casual and one-off hire, accommodating community organisations, social functions, art and craft activities, church groups, fundraising events, meetings, and other community gatherings.

The centre experiences consistent weekly occupancy across both the Main Hall and Meeting Room, with regular bookings scheduled on most weekdays and weekends. The Main Hall has particularly high utilisation, with bookings occurring throughout the day and evening across the week, while the Meeting Room is used regularly for community activities and smaller group sessions. Peak demand occurs during weekday afternoons and evenings, with additional weekend use supporting recreational, cultural, educational and community activities.

Table 5: Kardinya Community Centre – Regular Weekly Bookings

Facility	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Meeting Room	3:15pm-8:00pm	-	9:00am-12:30pm 4:00pm-5:00pm 6:30pm-9:00pm	3:15pm-6:00pm	-	10:00am-12:00pm	-
Main Hall	8:30am-9:30am 10:00am-12:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	8:30am-1:00pm 4:30pm-8:00pm	10:00am-12:00pm 6:00pm-9:30pm	9:15am-1:15pm 4:00pm-8:00pm	9:30am-12:30pm 3:00pm-5:00pm 8:00pm-10:00pm	6:30am-5:30pm	10:30am-11:45am 1:30pm-3:00pm

Occupancy Summary

- The Main Hall is heavily utilised throughout the week, with bookings occurring every day.
- Saturday is the busiest day, with the Main Hall occupied from 6:30am to 5:30pm, representing approximately 11 hours of continuous use.
- Weekday occupancy is strongest on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with both daytime and evening bookings.
- The Meeting Room is used less intensively than the Main Hall but still has regular bookings on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

- Wednesday is the busiest day for the Meeting Room, with three separate booking periods spanning both daytime and evening hours.
- Regular bookings occur across mornings, afternoons and evenings, demonstrating that the centre supports a diverse range of user groups and activities throughout the week.
- Combined with casual bookings and one-off community hires, the centre experiences a high level of utilisation, particularly for recreation, fitness, cultural, educational and community-based activities.

The reserve is used by a number of sporting clubs throughout the year, with usage varying by season and day of the week.

Fremantle CBC Football Club uses the northeastern oval during the winter season. Training is held Monday to Friday from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, with Saturday use from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Kardinya Red Sox Baseball Club uses the northeastern oval during the summer season, Monday to Friday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Little League games held on Saturdays.

Kardinya Tennis Club uses the tennis courts during two pennant seasons summer runs from October to March and Winter May to August. Activities occur on:

- Monday: 11:45 am to 1:15 pm
- Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:45 pm
- Wednesday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Outside of these hours the courts are available to be booked by the community via the online booking platform.

Kardinya Netball Club uses the netball courts during the winter season, with bookings:

- Wednesday: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Thursday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Melville City Hockey Club uses the hockey fields during the winter season. Training is held Wednesday to Friday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, with Saturday use from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The club has approximately 50 teams, from Minkey to Masters. As a result, the playing fields are heavily utilised and accommodate a high volume of training and match activities.

Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club uses the southwestern fields during the summer season, with:

- Wednesday: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm
- Sunday: 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Kardinya Lakes Junior Cricket Club also uses Oval 2 during the summer season, with:

- Monday: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

The reserve experiences strong seasonal use, with winter dominated by football, hockey and netball, while summer is focused on diamond sports, cricket and tennis activities. Lawn bowls operates year-round, weather permitting, with pennant competitions held from October to April on both weekdays and weekends. During the off-season (outside the pennant period), the club hosts

community bowls and social winter bowling events that are open to both members and non-members.

This demonstrates that most facilities are actively utilised year-round, with different sports sharing venues across seasons.

A clear pattern is that weekday usage is concentrated in the late afternoon and evening, reflecting junior and senior training sessions occurring after school and work hours. In contrast, weekend use typically involves longer daytime bookings, particularly for football, hockey and cricket competitions.

The reserve's two playing field spaces are used efficiently through seasonal sharing arrangements. Oval 1 transitions from football in winter to baseball in summer, while Oval 2 accommodates both senior and junior cricket during summer. The tennis, netball and hockey facilities are also used during dedicated seasonal periods, helping to distribute activity across the reserve.

Recreational community use also underpins the value of the public open spaces providing opportunities for informal recreation, social connection, physical activity, and community wellbeing for people of all ages and abilities.

Overall, the reserve demonstrates consistent and diverse community sport participation, with facilities supporting multiple clubs and sporting codes throughout the year as well as community being able to access these facilities.

AusPlay Participation Data

The participation data used in this Site Development Plan is sourced from AusPlay, the Australian Sports Commission's national sport and physical activity survey. AusPlay provides participation statistics by sport, age, gender and location, including national and Western Australian data.

This information is useful because it provides an evidence-based indicator of sporting demand and participation trends. By comparing national and WA participation rates, the City can better understand which sports are most relevant to the local community and where future demand is likely to occur.

When combined with user group consultation, membership data and community demographics, the AusPlay statistics help inform infrastructure planning, investment priorities and future funding opportunities, ensuring decisions are aligned with demonstrated community need.

The participation analysis indicates that WA generally outperforms national participation rates across most sports, particularly hockey, netball, cricket, AFL and diamond sports. Junior participation is the strongest driver of demand, with AFL, netball and cricket recording the highest participation rates among young people. Female participation is also a significant trend, especially in netball, hockey and tennis, reinforcing the importance of inclusive facilities and female-friendly amenities. Tennis attracts strong participation across all ages and genders and supporting year-round community use. In contrast, lawn bowls primarily serves older adults and contributes to healthy ageing outcomes. A snapshot of how each sport performs in the state compared to the nation is at Appendix D.

Community Groups and Non-Sporting Users

Participation data is not available for community groups such as the Melville Wood Turners, Lions Club of Bull Creek and other casual hirers. Demand and sustainability have therefore been

assessed using local membership data, facility occupancy levels, booking records and the long-term presence of these organisations at the facility.

These indicators demonstrate ongoing demand for community meeting, social, recreational and educational spaces, with regular bookings occurring throughout the week and membership levels remaining stable or growing.

Priorities by Category

Sports-Based Infrastructure

This includes essential assets that directly support active recreation and sporting activity.

Open Space Considerations

This includes improvements to amenity, accessibility, and functionality.

Planning & Building

This includes foundational infrastructure improvements that support the safe, compliant, and long-term operation of the site.

Community Infrastructure Planning Framework (DRAFT)

The City is in the process of developing a Community Infrastructure Planning Framework which is expected to be formally presented to Council in 2026/27.

The objectives of the Community Infrastructure Planning Framework are to:

1. Build shared understanding of how investment decisions are made from idea/initial proposal to construction.
2. To guide consistent and equitable decision making.
3. Ensure human and financial resources are allocated to the greatest needs of the community in an affordable and manageable manner through a transparent process.

During the development of the Site Development Plan, 26 proposals have been identified. Some proposals are already in development and will continue their current trajectory. Other proposals need to be assessed and prioritised against other City-wide proposals. Funding may already be available through various capital expenditure annual programs such as but not limited to Path Network renewal, Play Space renewal and Wheeled Sports funding allocations within the City's Long Term Financial Plan.

As part of the Community Infrastructure Planning Framework a Draft Proposal Assessment Matrix has been developed to support transparent and consistent decision-making into resource allocation for planning and/or business case development.

The multi-criteria assessment tool evaluates and ranks proposals by scoring each against key criteria. The assessment benefits the greatest needs, so resources are directed towards the highest priority first.

On the following page, proposals within the SDP have been assessed and ranked. Importantly the ranking is only applicable to Morris Buzacott Reserve.

The City is reviewing the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy (ARIS) and developing a Social Infrastructure Plan that identifies future priorities City wide. Proposals identified at Morris Buzacott Reserve will be incorporated into the ARIS review and future Social Infrastructure Plan and will be re-assessed against all other City-wide priorities.

This will identify the critical needs so investment and resource allocation can be applied through the City's Corporate Planning and Annual Budget Process, so resource allocation occurs in a clear, rational and transparent manner. Priorities may change over time in response to evolving community needs, asset condition assessments, funding opportunities, participation trends, and broader strategic considerations across the City. As such, the City will evaluate the scoring of all proposals annually as part of its annual planning and budgeting process.

The following proposals are presented in order of priority, as determined by the Draft Proposal Assessment Matrix. A summary of the scored rankings is provided in the table below, with a detailed breakdown of the assessment criteria and scoring matrix included in Appendix E. Appendix F provides the individual scores for each proposal against each assessment criterion.

All proposals will integrate landscaping, sustainability and site cohesion as core design elements to create a unified and visually appealing precinct. Site wide beautification will be achieved through coordinated planting, shade provision and high-quality landscape treatments that enhance amenity, soften built form and support environmental outcomes, with future planting opportunities identified in the Concept Plan at Appendix A.

As previously mentioned, rankings are only applicable for the Morris Buzzacott Reserve site. This is by way of example only and below proposals will be assessed alongside other identified proposals through the review of the Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy and future Social Infrastructure Plan.

This process outlines that the City deals with a significant amount of infrastructure requests from community groups and while not acknowledging their needs, it demonstrates that the City needs to take a City-wide approach and allocate resources to the greatest needs across the Melville community based on affordability and human resource availability.

Table: 6: Ranking of Proposals after applying Draft Proposal Assessment Matrix

Proposal	Proposal Matrix Score	Rank
Tennis Court Renewal	9	1
Changeroom Renewal	8.83	2
South Oval Floodlights	8.55	3
Site Wide Parking Renewal	8.16	4
Amenity Building, Storage & Shelter	8.11	5
Site Power and Utilities Review	8.04	*6 tied
Upgrade Portion South East Oval	8.04	*6 tied
Solar Panels and Battery Systems	7.91	8
North Oval Floodlights	7.88	9
Shared Use Oval	7.37	10
Wheeled Sports Opportunity	7.33	11
Wayfinding Signage	7	12
Bowling Club Room Renewal	6.2	13
New Car Park – West of Tennis Courts	6.11	14
Outward Facing Kiosk & Function Space Refurbishment	6	15
Netball Court Renewal	5.95	16
Hockey Pitch Renewal	5.83	17
Diamond Sports Back Nets	5.66	18
CCTV	5.5	19
Cricket Nets Renewal and Expansion	5.45	20
Air Conditioning and Flooring	5.12	21
Enhanced Path Network	4.88	*22 tied
New Hockey Synthetic Half Pitch – Stage 1	4.88	*22 tied
New Bowling Green	4.77	24
New Hockey Synthetic Half Pitch – Stage 2	4.33	25
New Car Parks - South of Bowls Club	4.22	26

Environmental Assessment

While proposals identified in the text below and the accompanying Concept Plan (Appendix A) indicate areas of potential vegetation overlap, the current plan does not propose the removal of any trees. Should future development encroach on the footprint of existing trees a specialist Arborist Assessment focusing on evaluation of tree health and potential development impacts will be required.

Assessment will be undertaken with the primary objective of retaining healthy trees wherever possible and ensuring their protection is prioritised through the design and development process. Should any removals be required, appropriate statutory processes will apply.

Morris Buzacott Reserve presents a clear opportunity to increase foraging resources for Black Cockatoos in alignment with the City's Black Cockatoo Conservation Action Plan (Appendix C). The reserve is located within close proximity to multiple known roost sites and is identified as a priority area where additional food resources and small-scale infill planting can significantly contribute to the broader foraging network. The proposed habitat enhancements would complement recent investment by the Australian Labor Government and the Member for Bateman, Kim Giddens MLA, which funded the installation of five Black Cockatoo watering stations ("Cockitroughs") across the City of Melville, including Morris Buzacott Reserve and at nearby Laurie Withers Reserve. Together, these initiatives strengthen the availability of food and water resources for Black Cockatoos across the local area.

Proposals can be largely accommodated within cleared areas, enabling the retention of healthy, mature trees, consistent with Action Plan guidance to protect existing foraging habitat.

It is acknowledged that a number of the mature pine trees, primarily located in the southern part of the site, have reached or are approaching the end of their life expectancy, with some already in an advanced state of decline or standing dead. Trees that present a safety risk will be removed to ensure public safety, this is particularly relevant to pine trees due to their susceptibility to termite and/or borer infestation.

In response, early establishment of native food species across the site, including within the northern basin area, the identified revegetation areas, (lower western block and upper portion of the Tee ball & Football Oval (refer Appendix A - Concept Plan) and through smaller, distributed plantings will increase foraging availability. This will create a 'stepping stone' habitat that supports movement between feeding areas.

The approach reflects best practice and ensures continuity of foraging resources as existing pines are gradually lost.

Implementing these proposals over time will strengthen the reserve's role as a reliable and connected food source, supporting long term Black Cockatoo conservation outcomes.

Proposal Details

The following provides an overview of the 26 proposals identified in the Site Concept Plan (Appendix A).

Tennis Court Renewal

Stakeholder: Kardinya Tennis Club

Description: Renewal and realignment of eight (8) tennis courts, including floodlighting and perimeter fencing.

Rationale: The renewal and realignment of the tennis courts will ensure the ongoing provision of quality sporting infrastructure that supports community participation, enhances the functionality of the precinct, and maintains the reserve as a valued recreation destination. The project will improve the long-term sustainability, usability and capacity of the facility, ensuring it continues to meet the needs of current and future users.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess ☒ Approve  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Tennis Australia National Court Rebate

Current Works Undertaken: Design for Court Infrastructure, Design for Floodlighting, Design of Landscaping, development of Management Model, proposal for consideration to August 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Change Room Renewal

Stakeholder: Fremantle CBC Football Club, Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club, Kardinya Tennis Club

Description: Refurbishment of existing change rooms and storerooms

Rationale: The renewal of the change room facilities will improve the functionality, inclusivity and long-term suitability of the reserve's sporting infrastructure. The project will support equitable access and participation, respond to evolving community expectations, and ensure the facilities continue to meet contemporary standards for community sport and recreation.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess ☒ Approve  Fund  Design  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)

Current Works Undertaken: Schematic Design (Complete), Detailed Design scheduled for completion in 2026/2027..

South Oval Floodlights

Stakeholder: Melville City Hockey Club, Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club

Description: Installation of floodlights at training level provision at the south oval (hockey and cricket sports oval)

Rationale: The installation of floodlighting at the south oval will enhance the functionality, capacity and flexibility of the reserve, supporting increased opportunities for community sport

and recreation. The project will improve the utilisation of existing sporting infrastructure, accommodate growing participation demands, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the precinct as a key community sporting destination.

Delivery Pathway: 🔍 Assess 📄 Plan & Approve 💰 Fund & Procure 🚧 Deliver

Possible External Funding: Club Night Light Program (CNLP)

Current Works Undertaken: Electrical Engineer appointed to undertake preliminary design phase in 2025/26 and 2026/27.

Site-Wide Parking Renewal

Stakeholder: City of Melville

Description: Renew existing car parks on site

Rationale: The site-wide parking renewal project will improve the safety, accessibility and functionality of the reserve, ensuring parking infrastructure remains fit for purpose and capable of supporting community use. The project will enhance the overall user experience, support efficient access to key facilities, and contribute to the long-term sustainability and presentation of the precinct.

Delivery Pathway: ♀ Investigate 🗣️ Design 🤝 Engage 🚧 Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Works undertaken to date include preparation of a concept plan, staging of proposed works into three delivery phases, and mapping of parking, drainage, accessibility and landscape improvement opportunities. The carpark adjacent to the northeastern sports space/wood turners/netball and multi-use courts is to be designed in 2026/27 with construction proposed for 2027/28.

Amenity Building, Storage & Shelter

Stakeholder: Kardinya Netball Club

Description: New building featuring storage, undercover area, multipurpose room, kitchenette, universal access toilet (UAT) and undercover seating

Rationale: The development of a new amenity building and storage shelter will enhance the functionality, capacity and overall user experience of the reserve, supporting the delivery of community sport and recreation activities. The project will provide more versatile and fit-for-purpose infrastructure, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the facility to meet the evolving needs of participants, volunteers and visitors.

Delivery Pathway: 🗣️ Design 🤝 Engage ☑️ Approvals 🚧 Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Site Analysis and Design Complete, construction scheduled to for 2026/27.

Site Power & Utilities Review

Stakeholder: All users

Description: Assessing existing power and water availability to support future infrastructure proposals at the site.

Rationale: Existing power servicing capacity is currently unknown and may present a constraint to the implementation of the identified proposals within this Site Development Plan. As the reserve continues to accommodate growing participation, expanding facilities and increased operational requirements it is imperative to understand the capacity and limitations of existing utilities. This assessment will inform future planning, identify potential upgrade requirements and ensure that future proposals can be delivered efficiently.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess  Utilities Review ☒ Approvals

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Design underway, construction scheduled for 2026/27.

Upgrade Portion of Southeast Oval Grass

Stakeholder: Melville City Hockey Club

Description: Upgrade the southeast section of the grassed oval (south of the Bowling club car park) to be a suitable surface for Minkey Hockey.

Rationale: The upgrade of the south-east oval grassed area will enhance the diversity, capacity and functionality of sporting infrastructure within the reserve, supporting the ongoing development of community sport and recreation opportunities. The project will strengthen the precinct's ability to cater for a broader range of activities and participant groups while ensuring facilities continue to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Delivery Pathway:  Agronomy Assess  Plan  Design  Fund

Possible External Funding: Not applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Solar Panels and Battery Systems

Stakeholder: Melville City Hockey Club, Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club, Kardinya Junior Cricket Club, Melville Turf

Description: Installation of solar panels at the Melville Hockey facility to improve energy efficiency and reduce ongoing electricity costs.

Rationale: The installation of solar panels and battery storage systems will enhance the environmental sustainability and operational efficiency of the facility, supporting the long-term resilience of community sporting infrastructure. The project will contribute to reducing environmental impacts, improving energy management, and strengthening the sustainability of the precinct for current and future users.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess & Plan  Fund  Design  Deliver

Possible External Funding: City of Melville's Community Renewable Energy System Transition (CREST) Funding Program (subject to Council approval of budget). Game On - Department of Climate Change, the Environment and Water

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

North Oval Floodlights

Stakeholder: Fremantle CBC Football Club, Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club

Description: Renewal of 4 existing floodlights on the north oval (AFL and Diamond sports oval)

Rationale: The renewal of the north oval floodlighting infrastructure will support the ongoing provision of quality sporting facilities, improving the functionality, sustainability and long-term viability of the reserve. Upgraded lighting will enhance the capacity of the precinct to accommodate community sport and recreation activities while ensuring infrastructure remains fit for purpose and aligns with contemporary operational and energy efficiency standards.

Delivery Pathway: 🔍 Assess 💰 Funding ♀ Investigate 🧠 Design 🚧 Deliver

Possible External Funding: Club Night Light Program (CNLP)

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Shared Use Oval

Stakeholder: All users

Description: Explore the possibility of a shared use agreement with the Department of Education to share the oval located west of the tee-ball and football oval, enabling expansion and accommodating overflow sporting activities.

Rationale: Exploring a shared-use arrangement with the Department of Education provides an opportunity to optimise the use of existing public assets, enhance the capacity and flexibility of the precinct, and support the long-term provision of sporting and recreational opportunities. This collaborative approach to land use can help respond to changing community needs while maximising community benefit and value from existing infrastructure investments.

Delivery Pathway: ♀ Investigate 🤝 Engage 📋 Assess & Approve

Possible External Funding: Community Use of School Facilities Grant

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Wheeled Sports Opportunity

Stakeholder: City of Melville

Description: The City's Wheeled Sports Strategy supports the investigation and provision of wheeled sports opportunities within underserved localities.

Rationale: The provision of wheeled sports infrastructure will enhance the diversity and inclusiveness of recreation opportunities within the reserve, supporting active lifestyles and responding to the evolving needs of the community. The project will contribute to a more

balanced and accessible recreation network, broaden participation opportunities for a range of age groups and interests, and strengthen the reserve's role as a destination for community recreation and wellbeing.

Delivery Pathway:  Plan  Assess & Approve  Fund & Procure  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Lotterywest

Current Works Undertaken: Gap in wheeled sports provision identified through Rolling Forward – Wheeled Sports Plan, with the reserve identified as a potential future site.

Wayfinding Signage

Stakeholder: City of Melville

Description: Installation of wayfinding signage across the reserve to improve visibility and help users easily navigate between facilities.

Rationale: The installation of wayfinding signage will improve the accessibility, legibility and overall user experience of the reserve, helping visitors navigate the precinct more efficiently and connect with key facilities and destinations. The project will enhance the functionality and presentation of the reserve, supporting increased use, community accessibility and the long-term activation of the precinct.

Delivery Pathway:  Plan  Design  Engage  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Bowling Club Room Renewal

Stakeholder: Kardinya Bowls Club

Description: Reconfiguration and upgrade of the clubrooms to include modern kitchen facilities, accessible toilets, and a flexible function space.

Rationale: The renewal and reconfiguration of the bowling clubrooms will enhance the quality, functionality and accessibility of a key community facility, supporting a broader range of recreational, social and community activities. The project will strengthen the long-term sustainability and adaptability of the facility, ensuring it remains capable of meeting evolving community needs and expectations.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess  Design  Approvals  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

New Car Park – West of Tennis Courts

Stakeholder: City of Melville

Description: Development a new car parks to support users and the wider community

Rationale: The development of additional car parking infrastructure will improve access, convenience and functionality within the reserve, supporting the needs of sporting clubs, visitors and the wider community. The project will enhance the capacity of the precinct to accommodate current and future levels of use while contributing to a more accessible and well-integrated community facility.

Delivery Pathway:  Investigate  Engage  Design  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Outward Facing Kiosk & Function Space Refurbishment

Stakeholder: Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club

Description: Outward facing kiosk which will require a reconfiguration of the existing club room. The facility currently has an internal kitchen and bar area.

Rationale: The proposed kiosk upgrade will enhance the functionality and activation of the reserve, supporting improved service delivery, user convenience and the overall visitor experience. The project will help strengthen the sustainability of club operations while contributing to a more vibrant and welcoming community sporting precinct.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess  Engage  Plan

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Netball Court Renewal

Stakeholder: Kardinya Netball Club

Description: Resurface of four existing netball courts

Rationale: The renewal of the netball courts will maintain the quality, functionality and longevity of a key community sporting asset, supporting continued participation and access to netball and other recreational activities. The project will ensure the facility remains fit for purpose, contributes to a positive user experience, and supports the long-term sustainability of sport and recreation within the reserve.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess & Plan  Approvals  Fund & Procure  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil (Courts were last resurfaced in 2022, funded through a state election commitment).

Hockey Pitch Renewal

Stakeholder: Melville City Hockey Club

Description: Renewal of the existing full-sized synthetic hockey pitch

Rationale: The renewal of the hockey pitch will ensure the ongoing provision of quality sporting infrastructure, supporting participation, performance and community access to hockey within the reserve. The project will maintain the functionality, safety and long-term sustainability of a key sporting asset, ensuring the facility continues to meet the needs of current and future users.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess ☒ Determine Approval Path  Plan  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Diamond Sports Back Nets

Stakeholder: Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club

Description: Installation of a new back net to sit behind home plate

Rationale: The installation of a safety net behind home plate will enhance the safety and functionality of the diamond sports facility, supporting a safer environment for participants and spectators while contributing to the ongoing quality and suitability of the reserve for community sporting activities.

Delivery Pathway:  Engage  Assess ☒ Validate  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

CCTV

Stakeholder: Lions Club of Bull Creek

Description: Installation of CCTV surveillance systems around the premises

Rationale: The installation of CCTV infrastructure will enhance the safety, security and management of the reserve, supporting the protection of community assets and contributing to a welcoming and well-maintained public environment. The project will assist in safeguarding infrastructure investments, improving user confidence, and supporting the long-term sustainability of the precinct.

Delivery Pathway:  Engage  Assess ☒ Validate  Budget

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: The Community Safety Technology Rollout Plan was adopted by Council in March 2026, with Morris Buzacott identified for implementation in Phase 2.

Cricket Nets Renewal and Expansion

Stakeholder: Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club

Description: Renewal & expansion of existing practice cricket nets to four batting/bowling bays

Rationale: The renewal and expansion of the cricket practice nets will enhance the quality, capacity and functionality of sporting infrastructure within the reserve, supporting current and future participation in cricket. The project will strengthen the precinct's ability to accommodate community sport, improve the user experience, and ensure facilities remain fit for purpose and aligned with the needs of a growing sporting community.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess  Design  Engage  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Australian Cricket Facilities Funding

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

Air Conditioning and Flooring

Stakeholder: Lions Club of Bull Creek

Description: Renewal of existing flooring and upgrade of air-conditioning at Kardinya Community Centre

Rationale: The renewal of flooring and air-conditioning systems at the Kardinya Community Centre will improve the functionality, comfort and long-term usability of the facility, supporting a positive experience for community users. The project will assist in maintaining the centre as a welcoming, fit-for-purpose community asset that continues to support a broad range of local activities and services.

Delivery Pathway:  Engage  Assess  Review  Budget

Possible External Funding: Not applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Included in 2026/27 Annual Budget

Enhanced Path Network

Stakeholder: City of Melville

Description: This proposal will deliver a site-wide pathway renewal and enhancement program, improving accessibility and providing continuous, non-road connections around the site.

Rationale: The enhanced path network will improve accessibility, connectivity and movement throughout the reserve, creating a more inclusive and user-friendly environment for the community. The project will strengthen links between key destinations within the precinct, support a range of recreational activities, and contribute to the overall functionality and amenity of the reserve.

Delivery Pathway:  Investigate  Engage  Design  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

New Hockey Synthetic Half Pitch – Stage 1

Stakeholder: Melville City Hockey Club

Description: New half-size synthetic hockey field for warm-up and training. This facility forms part of a broader hockey expansion, with an adjacent area identified for a future full-sized Minkey pitch to support growth in entry-level hockey participation.

Rationale: The development of a new synthetic half-pitch will enhance the capacity, functionality and versatility of the reserve's sporting infrastructure, supporting increased participation opportunities and more efficient use of existing facilities. The project will strengthen the precinct's ability to accommodate current and future community needs while contributing to the long-term sustainability of hockey within the reserve.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess  Plan & Approve  Fund & Procure  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

New Bowling Green

Stakeholder: Kardinya Bowling Club

Description: New bowling green extension south of the existing two greens

Rationale: The development of a new bowling green will enhance the capacity and functionality of the reserve's sporting infrastructure, supporting continued participation in lawn bowls and ensuring the facility can respond to future community needs. The project will strengthen the long-term sustainability of the precinct, improve opportunities for recreation and social connection, and reinforce the role of the reserve as a key community sporting destination.

Delivery Pathway:  Assess  Plan & Approve  Fund & Procure  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

New Hockey Synthetic Half Pitch – Stage 2

Stakeholder: Melville City Hockey Club

Description: Second half of the synthetic hockey pitch, continuing from Stage 1

Rationale: Stage 2 of the synthetic hockey pitch development will complete a significant investment in community sporting infrastructure, enhancing the capacity, functionality and quality of facilities available within the reserve. The project will support increased participation opportunities, improve the versatility of the precinct, and ensure the long-term provision of fit-for-purpose infrastructure to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Delivery Pathway:  Review & Assess  Design  Engage  Approvals

Possible External Funding: Not applicable, as funding would have been sought during Stage 1

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

New Car Park – South of Bowls Club

Stakeholder: City of Melville

Description: Development of a new car park towards the south of the bowling club to support users and the wider community

Rationale: The development of a new car park south of the bowling club will enhance the accessibility, capacity and functionality of the reserve, supporting safe and efficient access to community sporting and recreation facilities. The project will improve the overall user experience, accommodate current and future visitor demand, and contribute to the long-term viability of the precinct as a key community destination.

Delivery Pathway:  Investigate  Engage  Design  Deliver

Possible External Funding: Not Applicable

Current Works Undertaken: Nil

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Potential Funding Opportunities

Infrastructure projects at the City of Melville may be supported through a variety of funding avenues, with additional sources identified and pursued as each proposal is developed, where appropriate.

Capital Works Program - City of Melville

Funded directly by the City through capital works program budget for priority projects that have undergone assessment and justification via business case.

CSRFF - Department of Creative Industries Tourism and Sport

The CSRFF is a Western Australian Government grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments and community sporting organisations to develop or upgrade sport and recreation infrastructure.

CNLP - Department of Creative Industries Tourism and Sport

The CNLP is also a WA Government program that specifically funds the installation or upgrade of sports lighting, enabling clubs to expand training, host night games, and improve participation opportunities. It is administered alongside CSRFF and supports projects such as floodlighting for ovals, courts, and playing fields.

State and Federal Government

Each State (every 4 years) and Federal (every 3 years) election cycle provides opportunity to advocate for funding support for infrastructure or equipment needs. During non-election years, projects can continue to seek funding through relevant grant opportunities. The City of Melville supports clubs with grant applications and will also advocate for community projects aligned to identified strategic needs. Project priorities are determined by the Active Reserves and Infrastructure Strategy (under review) and clubs have the opportunity to provide input into this plan.

Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund - Cricket Australia

The Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) provides funding for community cricket facility projects, with a focus on growing participation, promoting accessibility and inclusivity and delivering upon Australian Cricket's strategic priorities.

Game On - Department of Climate Change, the Environment and Water

The initiative aims to future-proof grassroots sporting facilities by funding essential climate resilience upgrades, including:

- Solar panels and battery storage
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Facility electrification

WA Facilities Football Fund - WA Football Commission

The WA Football Facilities Fund supports local governments, community football clubs, and umpiring groups to develop AFL facilities across Western Australia, with a focus on increasing venue capacity, delivering new ovals in growth areas, improving the quality and inclusivity of supporting infrastructure and enhancing facilities for all genders and abilities.

National Court Rebate - Tennis Australia

The National Court Rebate is Tennis Australia's facility annual funding program supporting affiliated venues, local councils, and schools to develop and upgrade community-accessible tennis facilities. Funding covers new and resurfaced courts, complementary court line-marking (e.g. Hot Shots, Pickleball or Padel), integrated gate access technology, and strategic planning initiatives.

Club Funding Contribution

Clubs funding contributions may be explored as part of a shared investment approach to support the delivery and long-term sustainability of future infrastructure projects.

Strategic Approach

To maximise the likelihood of securing funding, individual proposals will be developed based on sources aligned with this strategy. Projects that provide benefits across multiple stakeholders may be potentially well suited to strengthen applications and increase funding success. The City of Melville will actively maintain relationships with funding bodies to ensure ongoing visibility of grant opportunities and will regularly monitor for emerging funding options.

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Appendix B: Site Development Plan Workshop Summary Report

Reporting Period: April – June 2025

City of Melville Representation:

- Geoff Edwards – Healthy Melville Coordinator
- Peri Libao - Leisure Planning Officer and Project Lead
- Janine Ahola Open Space Design Coordinator and Design Lead

1. Executive Summary

Between April and June 2025, the City of Melville facilitated three structured workshops with key user groups and stakeholders to co-design the future direction of Morris Buzacott Reserve (MBR). The aim was to gather insights and priorities from the reserve's diverse user base to inform the development of a Site Development Plan (SDP). The City's 2020 Active Reserve Infrastructure Strategy called for a full Master Plan for the site. To save costs and address user needs more quickly, the City instead chose a Site Development Plan, avoiding the lengthy Master Planning process choosing to engage with primary site users.

Workshops were held at multiple venues across the reserve, with broad representation from sporting clubs, community groups, and internal departments. Discussions were centred around facility needs, accessibility, safety, and opportunities to enhance shared use, inclusivity and long-term financial sustainability.

2. Stakeholder Engagement and Participation

User Groups Engaged:

- Fremantle CBC Football Club (FCBCFC)
- Kardinya Red Sox Ball Club (KRSBC)
- Kardinya Tennis Club (KTC)
- Kardinya Bowling Club (KBC)
- Kardinya Netball Club (KNC)
- Melville City Hockey Club (MCHC)
- Kardinya Lakes Cricket Club (KLCC)
- Kardinya Lakes Junior Cricket Club (KLJCC)
- Melville Wood Turners (MWT)
- Lions Club of Bull Creek (LCBC)
- Kardy Connect (KC)
- Kardinya Primary School (early discussions underway)

3. Benefits of the Proposed Plan

Inclusive Infrastructure

- Enhanced accessibility through ACROD bays, compliant ramps, wider footpaths and clear wayfinding signage.
- Design considerations driven by lived experiences from the City's Access and Inclusion Panel.
- Prioritisation of gender-equitable facilities and amenities.

Modernised and Functional Sports Infrastructure

- Shared use of the second synthetic field proposed by MCHC to be shared with cricket, and netball to promote efficient and inclusive use of space.
- Upgrades to change rooms, floodlighting, cricket nets, and bowls greens to support growing participation and compliance.

Community-Driven Open Spaces

- Renewed play and fitness equipment, reconfigured gazebos, and improved pedestrian links.
- Proposals to repurpose underused land such as the northern sump area for biodiversity or offset planting.

Financial Sustainability and Strategic Planning

- Collective user support for a sustainable model reducing dependence on external funding.
- Proposal to subdivide and sell western freehold land to reinvest in reserve infrastructure.

4. User Group Priorities and Feedback

- Prioritised infrastructure that supports core sporting needs: upgraded surfaces, lighting, shared storage, accessible toilets and air-conditioned halls.
- Identified need for improved collaboration between clubs.
- Emphasis on activating underutilised zones (e.g., Western gazebo, sump area) for environmental and financial opportunities.
- Support for revising the car park layout.

5. City of Melville Strategic Actions

City-Led Insights

- The project aligns with broader planning frameworks, including the Kardinya District Activity Centre Plan, Community Infrastructure Strategy, and Disability Access and Inclusions Plan alongside other key strategic documents and policies.
- The Prioritisation Tool, under development and captured in the City's Community Infrastructure Strategy, will guide project sequencing by assessing projects against clear criteria (e.g., compliance, shared use, community impact, funding eligibility) and will be assessed by Council annually in October.

Key Next Steps

- Finalise the Spatial Development Plan, incorporating internal feedback.
- Undertake internal review followed by Executive and Elected Member briefings.

6. Forward Timeline and Approvals

Milestone	Date
Final Internal Staff Review	July 2025
Executive Leadership Team Review	6 November 2025
Elected Members Engagement Session	25 November 2025
Ordinary Council Meeting for Endorsement	9 December 2025
Community Consultation	Post-Council Approval

7. Conclusion

The Morris Buzacott Reserve SDP reflects a highly engaged and future-focused process involving collaborative input from clubs, community groups and City staff. The result is a comprehensive plan that addresses not only infrastructure upgrades, but also social inclusion, operational sustainability, and community wellbeing.

Through careful prioritisation and continued engagement, the reserve is positioned to become a vibrant, adaptable and inclusive space for current and future generations.

Appendix C: City of Melville Black Cockatoo Conservation Action Plan (pg 49)

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School land

Plant additional food resources on school land. GPS and Argos satellite telemetry tracking of black cockatoo flocks in the City of Melville by Murdoch University has revealed that remnant native vegetation on school land is an important food resource for these flocks. **Figure 8** is provided as an example.

- » Engage with schools and state government to undertake revegetation activities and infill planting on school land, using black cockatoo food species.
- » Even small patches are valuable.
- » City of Melville community engagement teams can use black cockatoos as flagship species, and hooks such as 'create a Carnaby's café™' to activate school communities.



Priority areas for revegetation

To help prioritise where to plant additional food resources in the City of Melville, the following four maps show the 10 largest known black cockatoo roosts (by number of birds) for flocks that forage in the City of Melville, with a 2km buffer around each of these roosts (**Figure 9**). Areas within these buffers that may be suitable for planting additional food are identified as 'priority areas'; to focus expenditure of limited resources in the short term. They should be considered as a guide only; while flocks prefer to forage close to roosts, they will forage up to around 4–6km from their roost, and all revegetation and restoration activities within the City of Melville will benefit local flocks. For the same reason, all foraging habitat that remains within the City of Melville is critical to retain.

- » Create vegetation corridors to help flocks access food. Black cockatoos prefer to make short 'step' flights between neighbouring patches of habitat, when moving through fragmented urban landscapes (see vegetation corridors section of this Plan). If visual inspection of the maps in this Plan reveals areas between roosts and existing foraging habitat where native vegetation is low or absent, consider creating a small patch of foraging vegetation there to act as a stepping stone.



Figure 8. Schools and their ovals often provide valuable foraging and roosting habitat for black cockatoos

Kardinya Primary School and surrounding parks and ovals provide foraging resources for Carnaby's cockatoos and forest red-tailed cockatoos. This figure shows the movement of three tagged forest red-tailed cockatoos and their flocks (each tagged bird is a member of a separate flock; different colours represent foraging movements for the different birds during the time the tag remained operational).

Source: GPS tracking data are from Murdoch University Black Cockatoo Conservation Management Project. Figure produced using Google Earth Pro (<https://earth.google.com>).

49 For planting a Carnaby's café, see www.murdoch.edu.au/research/hbi/carnabys/how-you-can-help/help-by-planting-food

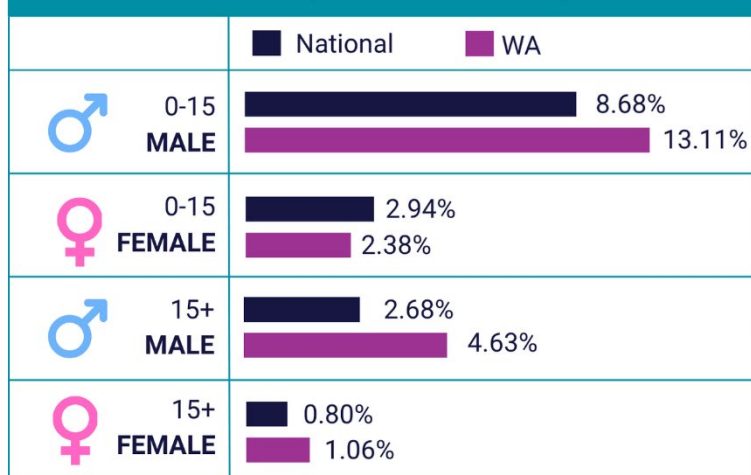
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Appendix D: Ausplay Data by Sport National vs WA

AFL (AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL) PARTICIPATION - National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)



Key Trends

WA significantly outperforms national average in **male participation**

AFL remains strongly **male-dominated**

Female participation is **growing** but remains comparatively low



Implications for Morris Buzacott

Demand Exists, particularly for **junior males**

Not a primary driver compared with **tennis, netball and bowls**

Open grass and shared recreation spaces should allow **informal AFL use**

WA involvement in AFL remains strong and continues to grow, driven by high rates among junior boys and increasing engagement by girls and women. This trend supports ongoing demand for AFL facilities and informal playing spaces.

NETBALL PARTICIPATION - National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)

		National	WA
♂ 0-15 MALE		0.65%	1.03%
♀ 0-15 FEMALE		9.53%	13.26%
♂ 15+ MALE		0.59%	0.37%
♀ 15+ FEMALE		3.09%	3.29%



Key Trends

Netball is one of the **strongest female** participation sports

WA female participation exceeds national averages

Strong pathway from **junior girls** into adult competition



Implications for Morris Buzacott

Justifies **retaining and enhancing netball facilities**

Female friendly **amenities and lighting, parking and changerooms** are important

Strong evidence for **multi-generational** female participation

Netball remains one of WA's strongest community sports, with sustained involvement across junior and adult age groups. Demand remains robust and is expected to remain stable into the future.

LAWN BOWLS PARTICIPATION - National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)

		National	WA
♂ 0-15 MALE		0.02%	0.21%
♀ 0-15 FEMALE		0.00%	0.00%
♂ 15+ MALE		0.95%	0.87%
♀ 15+ FEMALE		0.49%	0.33%



Key Trends

Participation is predominantly **adult and older adult**

Junior participation is **negligible**

WA rates are broadly **comparable** to national results



Implications for Morris Buzacott

Bowls remains important for **ageing and active lifestyle** participation

Supports continued investment in the **Kardinya Bowling Club** facilities

Focus on **accessibility, comfort, shade, seating and clubhouse functionality** rather than junior expansion

Engagement in lawn bowls across WA has stabilised in recent years, comparative to the previous decade, with the sport continuing to attract older adults, particularly in social forms of the same. While growth is largely stagnated, the sport maintains an important role in active ageing and social recreation, which may capitalise on an ageing population.

TENNIS PARTICIPATION - National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)

		■ National	■ WA
♂ 0-15 MALE		4.29%	2.42%
♀ 0-15 FEMALE		3.49%	3.45%
♂ 15+ MALE		2.25%	1.93%
♀ 15+ FEMALE		1.68%	1.75%



Key Trends

Tennis has **strong participation** across all ages and both genders

One of the most balanced sports by gender

WA adult female participation is **slightly stronger** than national averages.



Implications for Morris Buzacott

Tennis remains a **key long-term investment** sport for the reserve

Supports **court renewal, lighting upgrades, accessibility improvements** and **increased programming**

Strong evidence for **year-round family and community use**

Tennis continues to attract strong and consistent involvement across all age groups and genders in WA. Its broad appeal and year-round accessibility support ongoing demand for courts and associated infrastructure.

HOCKEY PARTICIPATION - National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)

	■ National	■ WA
♂ 0-15 MALE	0.87%	2.33%
♀ 0-15 FEMALE	1.31%	2.78%
♂ 15+ MALE	0.47%	1.23%
♀ 15+ FEMALE	0.50%	0.53%



Key Trends

WA participation is **substantially higher** than national averages

Particularly strong among juniors

Female participation is **equal to or higher** than male participation



Implications for Morris Buzacott

Hockey is a **stronger market in WA** than nationally

Supports **retaining flexibility** for hockey related **training and community use**

Reinforces the need for **quality lighting, shared training areas and female friendly facilities**

Hockey maintains a strong presence in WA, with involvement levels well above the national average. Continued strength among juniors and women suggests demand is likely to remain stable over the long term.

DIAMOND SPORTS PARTICIPATION National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)

	■ National	■ WA
Baseball (15+)	0.59%	1.11%
Softball (15+)	1.08%	1.49%
Tee Ball (0-15)	0.21%	1.03%
Slow Pitch Softball (15+)	0.52%	0.74%



Key Trends

WA participation is **higher** than national across all diamond sports

Tee Ball is almost entirely a **junior sport** with strong participation in WA

Baseball and Softball remain more **adult-focused** but show higher rates in **WA**



Implications for Morris Buzacott

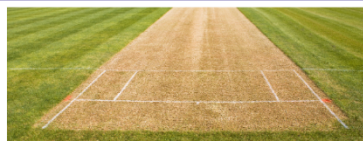
Supports provision of **flexible, multi-use turf areas** for diamond sports.

Strong **junior participation** supports ongoing development pathways

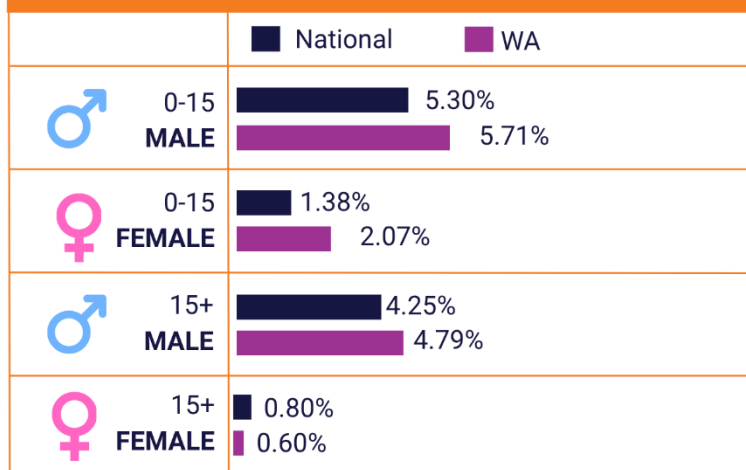
Shared-use grass fields, lighting and **amenities** are the most appropriate response.

WA diamond sports participation is stable to growing, with strong junior participation underpinning future demand.

CRICKET PARTICIPATION - National vs WA



PARTICIPATION RATE (% OF POPULATION)



Key Trends

Strong junior participation
especially boys

WA exceeds national
participation rates

Female participation growing,
but remains lower than males



Implications for Morris Buzacott

Supports flexible turf spaces for
community cricket

Strong junior demand supports
ongoing programming

Shared-use fields and lighting are
the most appropriate response

Cricket remains one of WA's strongest participation sports, supported by healthy junior numbers and growing involvement by women and girls. Demand is expected to remain strong, particularly for flexible community playing areas and training facilities.



Appendix E: Proposal Assessment Matrix Criteria

No#	Criteria	Score 1 to 3 Does Not or Rarely Meets the Criteria	Score 4 to 7 Partially Meets the Criteria	8 to 10 Fully Meets the Criteria
1	Multiple use/co-location of activities and user groups	A single user occupier with no diversity across age groups.	At least two key user groups (including seasonal) but limited opportunity for other community groups to access the facility(ies).	A significant opportunity for 3 or more user groups to be involved in the occupation / use of the facility(ies).
2	Carbon neutrality and sustainability	There is no impact on carbon neutrality and limited sustainability features.	The building meets the City's Environmental Sustainable Design guidelines	The building exceeds the City's Environmental Sustainable Design guidelines
3	Council Plan objectives	Does not meet Council Plan objectives	Responds to 1 to 4 Council Plan objectives	Responds to 5 or more Council plan objectives
4	Condition of asset	The community asset is currently known to be functional/fit for purpose and in good condition with a life expectancy in excess of 10 years.	The community asset is currently known to be functional/fit for purpose with a life expectancy of less than 10 years but greater than 5, requires some investment to maintain appearance.	Poor condition, immediate replacement of facility is required within the next five years to meet functional/fit for purpose criteria, urgent investment needed to improve appearance.
5	Proven identifiable gap	A needs assessment indicates there is no gap in provision	A needs assessment indicates a developing need and potential future gap in provision	A needs assessment indicates a high level of current need and significant gap in the catchment market.



6	Compliance with Codes and/or Disability Access and Inclusion	The facility is not required to meet Code/Obligations under the DAIP and has not been identified as a core project in other strategic documentation.	Access and compliance requirements are known but manageable and its not essential to replace the facility immediately	Urgent Code/Obligations under the DAIP need to be addressed immediately as it is a critical liability for the City / user group / community.
7	Required to achieve other development priorities	An isolated project which has limited impact or no impact across services within the City.	Aligned to other projects incorporating alignment of community hub outcomes but its development is not essential to ensure those developments proceed / are viable	An essential component of a community hub development with other complementary projects reliant on its delivery.
8	Eligibility for external funding	No or extremely limited ability to obtain external funding	Medium level potential to obtain state and federal government funding for a portion of the development or potential for partners to raise any capital shortfall.	Strong potential to obtain federal and state government funding and also opportunities for additional club, commercial and partner investment
9	Potential for cost recovery or generation of revenue	The project is unlikely to generate any investment and is unlikely to be attractive for future hires or renting out space to commercial entities.	The project will provide an opportunity to generate revenue through the occasional hiring of the facility or renting out of space to commercial entities to balance the cost of investment.	The project will provide an attractive space which will have the capability to be regularly hired and/or rented out to commercial entities to balance the cost of investment.



10	Utilisation	No or extremely low impact on current or future utilisation results from the development	Projected utilisation will increase marginally to moderately on the basis of the investment and known limitations to current utilisation and can be proven by referencing previous and projected participation profiles.	Projected utilisation will increase significantly on the basis of the investment and known limitations to current utilisation and can be proven by referencing previous and projected participation profiles.
11	Stakeholder requests/community feedback	There has been no or minimal stakeholder/community requests or feedback indicating there is a need for the development.	There have been requests or feedback indicating a desire for all or part of the development.	There has been significant requests or feedback indicating a high level of support for some or all of the development proposed.



Proposal	Criteria Assessment	Multi-functional/Co-location	Carbon neutrality and sustainability	Council Plan objectives	Condition	Proven identifiable gap	Compliance with Codes and/or Disability Access and Inclusion	Required to achieve other development priorities	Eligibility for external funding	Potential for cost recovery/generation of revenue	Utilisation	Stakeholder requests/community feedback	Overall Score	Weighted score	Rank
Tennis Court Renewal	Exisiting	6	7	8	10	8	8	6	7	8	7	7	82	9	1
Changeroom Renewal	Exisiting	9	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	4	7	7	79	8.83	2
South Oval Floodlights	New	7	7	7	5			3	8	6	6	7	56	8.55	3
Site-Wide Parking Renewal	Exisiting	10	3	7	8	8	8	8	1	1	10	10	74	8.16	4
Amenity Building, Storage & Shelter	New	3	4	8	10			3	10	5	6	9	58	8.11	5
Site Power and Utilities Review	Exisiting	10	5	8	7	3	3	10	3	7	7	7	70	8.04	*6 tied
Upgrade Portion South East Oval	Exisiting	6	5	8	7	7	6	7	7	5	8	8	74	8.04	*6 tied
Solar Panels & Battery Systems	Exisiting	8	5	8	4	4	4	5	5	7	8	8	66	7.91	8
North Oval Floodlights	New	7	7	5	7			4	8	5	4	5	52	7.88	9
Shared Use Oval	Exisiting	8	3	7	3	7	7	7	4	7	8	8	69	7.37	10
Wheeled Sports Opportunity	New	8	1	7	7			6	6	4	6	5	50	7.33	11
Wayfinding Signage	New	8	7	5	5			5	1	1	4	7	43	7	12
Bowling Club Room Renewal	Exisiting	3	4	7	7	5	5	3	3	6	6	8	57	6.2	13
New Car Park - West of Tennis Courts	New	10	4	4	1			3	1	1	6	7	37	6.11	14
Outward Facing Kiosk & Function Space Refurbishment	New	3	7	5	1			3	1	4	7	8	39	6	15
Netball Court Renewal	Exisiting	5	4	7	7	6	3	5	4	2	6	3	52	5.95	16
Hockey Pitch Renewal	Exisiting	3	5	8	4	3	3	3	4	4	8	7	52	5.83	17
Diamond Sports Back Nets	New	3	3	5	6			3	4	3	4	9	40	5.66	18
CCTV	Exisiting	7	3	7	6	3	3	4	3	1	3	6	46	5.5	19
Cricket Nets Renewal & Expansion	Exisiting	4	3	7	3	4	3	3	6	3	7	7	50	5.45	20
AC & Flooring	Exisiting	3	3	7	5	3	4	3	3	5	7	3	46	5.12	21
New Hockey Synthetic Half Pitch - Stage 1	New	3	3	5	1			1	4	4	6	6	33	4.88	*22 tied
Enhanced Path Network	New	10	1	4	1			4	1	1	3	4	29	4.88	*22 tied
New Bowling Green	New	2	3	5	2			4	8	4	6	1	35	4.77	24
New Hockey Synthetic Half Pitch - Stage 2	New	3	3	5	1			1	1	4	6	4	28	4.33	25
New Car Parks- South of Bowls Club	New	4	3	4	3			4	1	1	4	3	27	4.22	26



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