



# YORKE PENINSULA AND LOWER MID NORTH REGION RECREATION, SPORT AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

REPORT 1: THE STRATEGY

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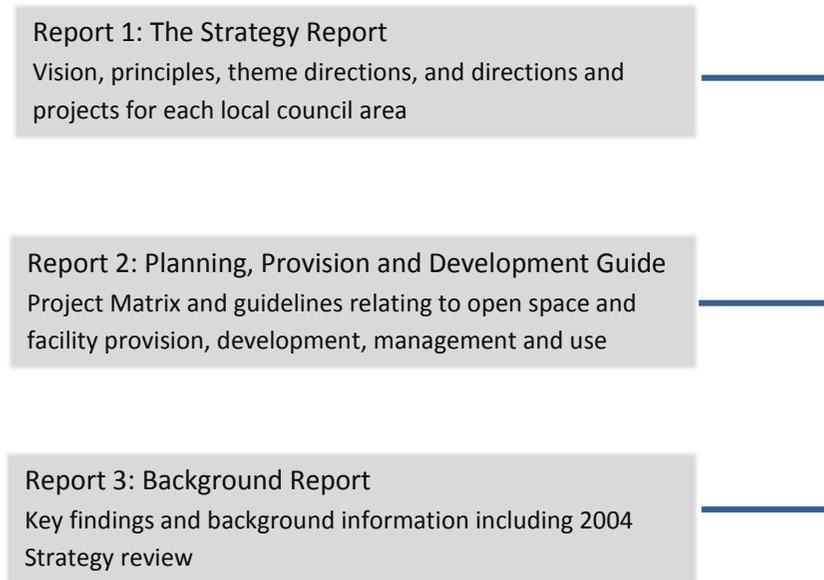


## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy developed in 2014 was commissioned by the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance. The Strategy will strategically guide the future provision, development and management of recreation and sport facilities and open space in the region.

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy is based on a review of a similar Strategy developed 10 years ago. The Strategy provides current information and aims to be more concise and targeted towards identifying projects and opportunities for the region and for each local council area. The Strategy incorporates three reports as shown below.

### *Strategy Outputs*



The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Vision for the region is:

Quality open space destinations and sport and recreation facilities strategically located across the region that support diverse activity and contribute to the social and economic strength of the region.

Principles and directions have been developed for the region using four Themes (topics of importance for the region) as a framework.

- Theme 1:** Coordinated and Cooperative Approach
- Theme 2:** Supporting an Active Place
- Theme 3:** Quality Destinations and Hubs
- Theme 4:** Asset Design and Management

The directions and topics addressed in each Theme are summarised below.

Theme	Overriding Directions	Topics Addressed
Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach	A coordinated and cooperative approach to providing, improving and managing open space and facilities is required to manage the use of resources whilst responding to community and visitor needs and commitments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hierarchy</li> <li>- Project and priority identification</li> <li>- Community partnerships</li> <li>- Transport</li> </ul>
Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place	Diverse opportunities for recreation and sporting activity should continue to be supported and strengthened through open spaces, facilities, events and programs that benefit communities and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diverse recreation</li> <li>- Sports provision and development</li> <li>- Trails and connections</li> <li>- Water based activities</li> <li>- Sport and recreation events and programs</li> </ul>
Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs	The region should incorporate a number of high quality and well-designed foreshore areas and major recreation parks and natural areas that provide a destination for communities and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foreshore destinations</li> <li>- Recreation destinations</li> <li>- Sports hubs</li> <li>- Protecting natural resources</li> </ul>
Theme 4: Asset Design and Management	A targeted approach to the design, development, management, consolidation and use of open space and recreation and sport facilities is required, taking hierarchy and community and visitor needs into consideration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site planning</li> <li>- Open space &amp; facility design</li> <li>- Building &amp; infrastructure consolidation</li> <li>- Sports facility upgrade</li> <li>- Cost and constraint management</li> <li>- Hub and spoke model</li> <li>- Climate change</li> <li>- Open space review</li> </ul>

Strategic directions and suggested projects have been identified for each local council area to provide a clear direction for future works and grant applications. A summary of the suggested projects is provided on the following page and these are mapped in the report.

An indicative priority linked to potential timing has been allocated to each project in consultation with the local councils. These priorities and the broader directions could change over time in accordance with changing council priorities and community needs. Consideration of recommendations in other future planning will also be important.

The full report should be read to understand the rationale and obtain details of the directions and suggested projects.

A regional and local approach will be required to achieve the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy. This will include a commitment to working together as a region to achieve the overriding strategic directions in addition to each local council focussing on implementing projects in their own area.

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy should be used as a framework for determining the priorities and achieving projects and priorities over time. Grant funding and partnerships with communities will be essential.

*Suggested Projects for Local Council Areas (Projects relate to Council Works programs)*

DC Barunga West	Copper Coast Council	Wakefield Regional Council	Yorke Peninsula Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implement Port Broughton Foreshore Master Plan</li> <li>- Improvements to Fisherman Bay foreshore including increased connectivity to Fisherman’s Bay through trails and recreation spaces</li> <li>- Enhancements to Tickera foreshore</li> <li>- Port Broughton Sportsground improvements (buildings, surrounds)</li> <li>- Bute Sportsground improvements</li> <li>- Moderate improvements to Mundoorra Sportsground</li> <li>- Review facilities in Kulpara and Alford</li> <li>- Support and guide sports clubs and community groups</li> <li>- Support pony club activities</li> <li>- Trails and connections (Bute, Port Broughton, Fisherman Bay, Tickera)</li> <li>- Activity opportunities (increase)</li> <li>- Town entrances (gateways)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wallaroo Foreshore recreation space creation</li> <li>- Enhancements to Moonta Bay Foreshore</li> <li>- Improvements to recreation area around Port Hughes boat ramp</li> <li>- Improved ‘all access’ paths and boardwalks to foreshores and beaches at key locations</li> <li>- Implement Victoria Square Master Plan</li> <li>- Queen Square/ Polgreen Park redesign and upgrade</li> <li>- Clem McCauley Park upgrade</li> <li>- Wallaroo Open Space corridor</li> <li>- Kadina and Wallaroo skate facilities upgrade</li> <li>- Synthetic hockey and soccer in Kadina</li> <li>- Moonta Sportsground improvements</li> <li>- Sports building improvements and consolidation</li> <li>- Trails and connections (Moonta to Wallaroo, Port Hughes to Moonta Bay and Wallaroo area)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Port Wakefield foreshore area concept plan and improvements including Walk the Yorke Trail starting point</li> <li>- Balaklava Apex Park and railway corridor upgrade (increase family focus)</li> <li>- Snowtown Lions Park and railway corridor improvements</li> <li>- Smaller town park improvements</li> <li>- Snowtown Sports Complex building consolidation and shared-use</li> <li>- Ralli Park further improvements</li> <li>- Hamley Bridge Sportsground improvements (courts focus)</li> <li>- Blyth sportsground improvements</li> <li>- Assess Lochiel and Brinkworth sports facilities</li> <li>- Port Wakefield sportsground ongoing maintenance and further enhancement</li> <li>- Hamley Bridge Light River precinct enhancements (with community)</li> <li>- Owen Wetlands further enhancements</li> <li>- ‘Eco Park’ at Rocks Reserve Area</li> <li>- Advocate for Lake Bumbunga recreation opportunities</li> <li>- Trails and connections (Hamley Bridge, Owen, Brinkworth, Blyth, Balaklava, Lochiel and other Walk the Yoke)</li> <li>- Youth facilities in Owen and improvements in Snowtown and Balaklava plus nature play</li> <li>- Swimming Pool and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study</li> <li>- Town entrances (gateways)</li> <li>- Treated water usage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master plan for Ardrossan Foreshore</li> <li>- Implement Port Vincent master plan</li> <li>- Enhance or redesign other foreshores (Stansbury, Edithburgh, Port Victoria, Coobowie, Point Turton, Corny Point)</li> <li>- Upgrade boat ramps across council area (with Marion Bay Boat Ramp as priority)</li> <li>- Port Vincent Sailing Club Improvements</li> <li>- Improvements to sportsgrounds and sports facilities (Ardrossan Sportsground, Ardrossan School/Hockey Field, Maitland Sportsground, Minlaton outdoor sporting facilities and lawn bowls, Yorketown sports complex, Stansbury sporting facilities, Edithburgh outdoor courts)</li> <li>- Alternative use of First Street courts</li> <li>- Review use and development of Edithburgh, Warooka and Port Victoria sportsgrounds</li> <li>- Improvements to Minlaton basketball complex</li> <li>- Support improvements to Point Pearce sports facilities</li> <li>- Enhance Weaners Flat Reserve</li> <li>- Redesign Harry Butler Memorial Park</li> <li>- Recreation precinct at old Port Vincent sportsground</li> <li>- Shade along Port Victoria Foreshore</li> <li>- Play and youth facilities (Pine Point, Ardrossan, Maitland, Minlaton, Maitland)</li> <li>- Community garden investigation</li> <li>- Trails and connections (Walk The Yorke, inland trail opportunities)</li> </ul>



# 1 THE STRATEGY CONTEXT

## 1.1 Building on the 2004 Strategy

In 2004 the Yorke Peninsula Region developed a Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy which outlined strategic directions and potential projects and priorities for the region.

Whilst the document provided an important framework for decisions at the time and a number of the directions and projects in the 2004 Strategy have been achieved, it has become less relevant and less used over recent years. In addition, the 2004 Strategy was a little too comprehensive and too regional in its approach, making it difficult for local councils to identify directions and priorities for their own local council area. As such, the region's Starclub Field Officer and the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance decided that an up to date and more simplified Strategy was required.

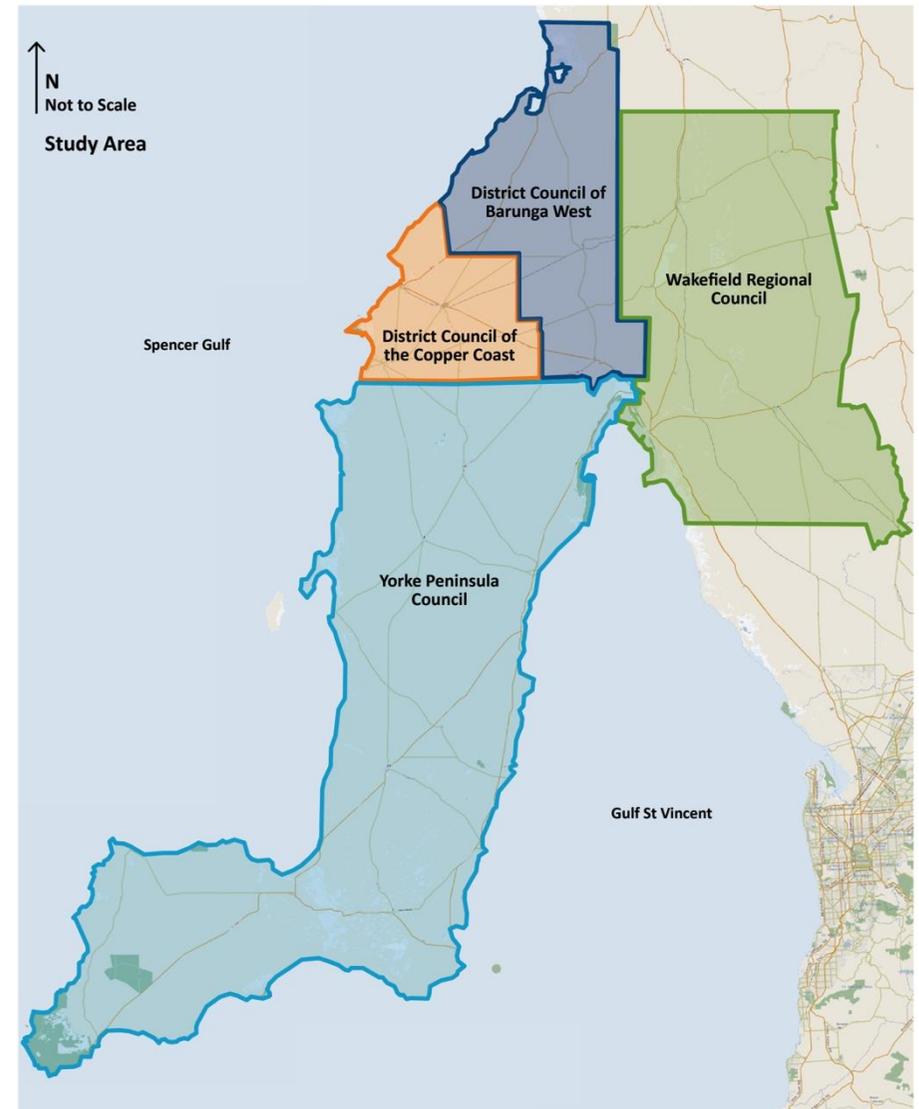
A review of the 2004 Strategy has found that a good deal of the information in the Strategy and many of the 2004 directions are still relevant and can be drawn on and reflected in the revised Strategy. However, through site visits, consultations with the local councils and communities and research, additional directions and projects that reflect current circumstances, best practice and potential opportunities have also been identified.

The purpose of the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy is to identify and respond to current issues, needs and opportunities, whilst drawing and building on those aspects of the 2004 Strategy that are still relevant.

A regional and local approach to the Strategy is required, including the identification of clearly defined directions and projects for each local council area and overriding priorities and directions for the region as a whole.

For the purpose of this study, Yorke Peninsula region refers to the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Alliance region and includes the following Local Government Areas:

- **DC Barunga West**
- **Copper Coast Council**
- **Wakefield Regional Council**
- **Yorke Peninsula Council**



## 1.2 Strategy Approach and Outputs

The Yorke Peninsula Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy has found that there is need for easy to read and clearly defined documents that collectively provide:

- A vision and a set of principles relating to recreation, sport and open space to provide a framework for the Strategy and related directions.
- Overriding strategic directions for the region and for each local council area.
- The identification of potential projects and priorities at the local council level.
- Guidelines that will assist Councils and communities to plan for facilities in the future.

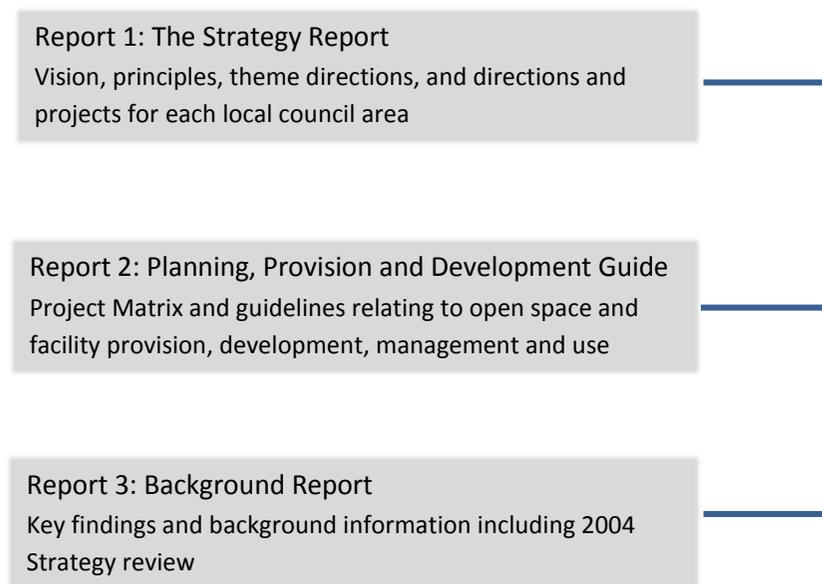
The Strategy has been developed for the region and aims to encourage a regional approach to planning. However, it also responds to the need for clearly defined directions and the identification of potential projects and priorities that will guide each local council in the region to make informed decisions over the coming years.

Whilst the focus of the Strategy is on recreation, sport and open space, the study has found that tourism is a priority for the region and the relevance of recreation, sport and open space to tourism also needs to be considered.

To respond to the requirements identified through the planning process, four documents have been produced that collectively form the Strategy. These are summarised in the diagram below.

It is recognised that the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy should reflect and connect to other planning for the region and consideration has been given to various other documents including the Regional Public Health Plan for the Yorke Peninsula Alliance.

### *Strategy Outputs*





## 2 KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

The Yorke Peninsula region is a large diverse region with four Local Government Areas that collectively cover an area of 1,633 square kilometres. The region attracts retirees and tourists as well as families and young people, and it incorporates diverse townships and communities.

The region has a large number of open spaces and facilities that provide diverse activity and healthy lifestyle opportunities and draw people from across and beyond South Australia.

Whilst improvements to sporting facilities and foreshore areas have occurred since and prior to the 2004 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy, there is potential to further enhance the quality and uniqueness of open space and facilities in the region to further cater for and attract residents and visitors.

Particular priorities for the region include foreshore areas linked to the main towns and tourist areas, and sports grounds and sports facilities which provide an important focus for community activity and social connection. There is a desire and justification to upgrade various facilities and open spaces across the region.

Tourism is a key focus for the region and quality open spaces, facilities and activity opportunities are required to support visitors and strengthen the region's economy. However, many foreshore areas and parks are in need of enhancement and there is potential to improve the design and function of some open spaces and facilities. Trails development is also required and underway.

Due to the size of the region and its large number of towns there is a high provision of sport and recreation facilities and the cost of maintaining and upgrading these facilities is an issue for the local councils and their communities. Costs associated with the operations of sport such as water, energy and insurance, and declining volunteers are also key issues.

Various towns have endeavoured to be self-sufficient with their own quality facilities and it appears that the concept of hierarchy is not accepted by some communities in the region. This has resulted in the duplication and low use of some ovals, swimming pools and other facilities.

The high provision and duplication of facilities suggests there could be potential for some consolidation. However, localised facilities are valuable to communities and a 'blanket' approach to consolidation would not be appropriate. A balanced and targeted approach to provision and consolidation will therefore be essential to ensure communities are supported whilst managing costs.

Achieving improvements to open space and recreation and sport facilities and activity opportunities could be difficult. The population and rate base of each local council is quite small, and this limits the availability of resources to upgrade facilities and meet the needs of communities. Grant funding opportunities are also limited. Local councils are competing with each other for the tourist dollar and grant funding.

This highlights the need for a collaborative approach to achieving regional and local objectives including the importance of the local councils working together to achieve regional objectives and communities working with their local councils to develop and maintain facilities.

Despite the need for a coordinated regional approach to recreation, sport and open space, it is recognised that the four local councils in the region have their own important objectives and different community needs and priorities to address. Strengthening the local economy will be a priority for each council. This has required the development of targeted plans for each local council in the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy.



## 3 THE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

### 3.1 Vision for the Region

Taking the key findings and regional and local objectives into consideration, the vision for recreation, sport and open space in the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Region over the next 10 years is as follows.

**THE VISION:**

Quality open space destinations and sport and recreation facilities strategically located across the region that support diverse activity and contribute to the social and economic strength of the region.

The Vision will require a commitment to maintaining and increasing the quality and appeal of key open space and sport and recreation facilities, with the aim to continue to attract and support residents and visitors.

Collaboration will be required to achieve the vision including the local councils working together, continued community partnerships and coordinated funding opportunities.



### 3.2 Themes and Principles

Through the project findings and the development of the vision, four overriding Themes have emerged that are considered to be important to the Region as a whole. These are:

- Theme 1:** Coordinated and Cooperative Approach
- Theme 2:** Supporting an Active Place
- Theme 3:** Quality Destinations and Hubs
- Theme 4:** Asset Design and Management

Collectively these Themes address the issues and opportunities that have been identified through the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy planning.

Each of the themes will enhance recreation and sport facilities and open space for local residents and also strengthen tourism through sport and recreation.

Overriding Principles are outlined below for each Theme to provide a strategic framework for the Strategy.

#### Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach

A coordinated and cooperative approach to providing, improving and managing open space and facilities is required to manage the use of resources whilst responding to community and visitor needs and commitments.

#### Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place

Diverse opportunities for recreation and sporting activity should continue to be supported and strengthened through open spaces, facilities, events and programs that benefit communities and visitors.

#### Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs

The region should incorporate a number of high quality and well-designed foreshore areas and major recreation parks and natural areas that provide a destination for communities and visitors.

#### Theme 4: Asset Design and Management

A targeted approach to the design, development, management, consolidation and use of open space and recreation and sport facilities is required, taking hierarchy and community and visitor needs into consideration.





## 4 THEME DIRECTIONS

Overriding strategic directions have been developed for each Theme to guide the priorities and approaches adopted across the region. The strategic directions are broad on the basis that specific directions and projects are identified for each local council in the next section 'Directions and Priorities for Local Council Areas'.

The Overriding Strategic Directions reflect the priorities and aim to achieve best practice approaches for the region. They build on and contribute to achieving the Vision and Theme Principles. A rationale is provided for each strategic direction.

All of the strategic directions contribute to the social and economic strengths of the region in some way and a number of the directions also aim to strengthen tourism through sport and recreation.

## 4.1 Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach

A coordinated and cooperative approach to achieving quality open space and sport and recreation facilities across the region will be required given the size of the region and the limitations with resources. This can be achieved through a hierarchy and a cooperative approach to achieving enhancements.

Specific directions and opportunities are provided on the following page.

## Theme 1 Strategic Directions: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach

Focus	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Hierarchy	Adopt a hierarchy approach to the provision, development and management of open space and sport and recreation facilities. This includes higher standard regional and district open space and facilities being linked to the main towns, larger population catchments and visitor destinations. Hierarchy directions are included in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	It is not feasible to develop all facilities and open space to the same standard and higher quality facilities should be located where there is potential for greater use.
Project and Priority Identification	Plan for projects, determine priorities and seek grant funding from a regional perspective. This will require the local councils to collectively agree on priority projects and work together to seek funding and achieve projects that will benefit the region as a whole. A guide for determining priorities is provided in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	A coordinated approach is suggested to reduce competition between the Councils and strengthen the region as a whole through a coordinated planning approach.
Community Partnerships	Continue to establish partnerships with communities to achieve and maintain quality sport and recreation facilities and open spaces. This includes continuing to work with, support and increase the skills and knowledge of sport and community groups. The Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) includes guidelines that will assist Councils and communities to plan for facilities and open space.	Due to the size of the region compared to the rate base and resource availability it will be essential for communities to continue to contribute to facility and open space improvements and management. This is consistent with the strong sense of ownership often found in small townships.
Transport	Support communities to access recreation and sport facilities and activities through a coordinated and regional approach to providing affordable community transport and encouraging community initiatives such as 'car pooling'.	Distance to travel and social isolation are key issues that constrain some people and particularly children and youth from participating in activities.

## 4.2 Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place

The region should focus on providing and promoting diverse activity opportunities (for residents and visitors) through various open space types and sport and recreation facilities that support all age groups. The main opportunities for achieving this are considered in the directions on the following page.

Specific directions and opportunities are provided on the following page.

## Theme 2 Strategic Directions: Supporting an Active Place

Focus	Strategic Direction	Rationale
Diverse Recreation Provision	Continue to provide and enhance a diversity of recreation spaces and facilities, with a particular focus on place making, play, youth and active ageing, using the Strategy Report and the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) as a guide.	Recreation spaces and facilities support communities to be active and contribute to servicing and attracting visitors. There is potential to enhance facilities across the region and contribute to healthy communities through a youth and 'active ageing' focus.
Sports Provision and Development	Continue to support and encourage sports participation through the provision of facilities and continued programs and initiatives linked to the region's Starclub Field Officer. This includes supporting Aboriginal people to be active through improvements to facilities at Point Pearce and supporting new immigrants to the area. Sport is considered in a broad perspective to also include equestrian activities (e.g. RDA, pony clubs) and less traditional sports. Opportunities are included in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Facilities are required to support sports and sports development programs are valued and contribute to encouraging participation. Aboriginal people have identified the need for support regarding facility improvements and new immigrants also justify support.
Trails and Connections	Continue to establish strong linear connections around the region, including through Walk The Yorke, township and non-coastal trail initiatives, and links to natural areas (including as part of habitat corridors). Opportunities are included in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Trails provide opportunities for people of all age groups and abilities to participate in walking and bike riding and to safely experience the environment. Trails within natural settings enable people to connect to nature.
Water Based Activities	Continue to improve infrastructure and recreation settings that support fishing, boating, diving, canoeing, kayaking and other water based activities. This includes the strategic upgrade of boat ramps over time in accordance with the Yorke Peninsula Recreational Boating Strategy Plan 2012.	The region is renowned as a fishing and boating destination and quality infrastructure will need to be provided for these and other water based activities.
Sport and Recreation Events and Programs	Continue to provide, facilitate or support sport and recreation events and programs that encourage an active and integrated community and attract visitors to the region.	Sport and recreation events and programs support an active community and attract visitors, which ultimately contributes to strengthening the economy.

### 4.3 Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs

A spread of well-located good quality recreation destinations and sports hubs should be established across the region to provide a focus for communities and visitors and to ensure the best use of available resources.

The emphasis should be on providing a diversity of good quality and unique open spaces and facilities across the region that provide a focus for recreation and sport activity and support active lifestyles and visitor activity.

The level of development will vary depending on the character and hierarchy of the open space or facility, and the attraction of the town or place to residents and visitors. Some destinations should have minimal development and focus on nature while others should have a sport or recreation focus.

Potential directions to achieve this are provided on the following page.

### Theme 3 Strategic Directions: Quality Destinations and Hubs

Focus	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Foreshore Destinations	Design and develop key foreshore areas across the region to be high quality destinations, whilst retaining natural elements and features. Opportunities are considered in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Visitors and residents are drawn to the coastline and foreshore areas and destinations provide quality activity as well as social and commercial opportunities.
Recreation Destinations	Continue to establish and enhance non-coastal recreation destinations (recreation parks, bushland settings) particularly in the main towns and linked to visitor attractions to further support residents and visitors. Opportunities are considered in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Quality recreation parks and settings broaden the opportunities for recreation activity and the appeal of the region as a place to live and visit.
Sports Hubs	Continue to establish an equitable spread of higher quality and well-used sporting hubs linked to the main towns and larger population catchments across the region. Opportunities are considered in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	There is demand and justification for some higher level sporting facilities and these should be linked to the larger populations (where there is greater potential for use).
Protecting Natural and Heritage Resources	Continue to protect and enhance natural areas and sites that have conservation or heritage value, including the natural coastline, parks and corridors with a biodiversity or habitat value, sites with natural geological features and sites with Aboriginal heritage value. This includes considering opportunities to strengthen the biodiversity and recreational value of natural areas in partnership with community groups. Victoria Park has been highlighted as an example of an important natural area by the community.	Natural areas and geological features are often a main reason for people living in and visiting a place and once these features are lost or impacted on this can affect tourism and economic growth. Heritage features including Aboriginal heritage are a valuable aspect of the region's history.

#### 4.4 Theme 4: Asset Design and Management

A targeted approach to asset design and management is required to improve the quality of facilities and strategically manage the allocation of resources.

This includes determining whether any assets should be consolidated and the approach to developing and designing open space and recreation and sport facilities.

Specific directions and opportunities are provided on the following page.

## Theme 4 Strategic Directions: Asset Design and Management

Focus	Strategic Direction	Rationale
Site Planning	Develop Master Plans or Concept Plans for higher level foreshore areas, recreation destinations and sports hubs to guide improvements. Suggestions for master planning are included in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	Some key parcels of open space require detailed planning due to design complexities.
Open Space and Facility Design	Continue to assess and enhance the design and function of all open space and facilities to ensure basic design principles are met (e.g. managed development, accessibility, CPTED, connections etc). Instead of replacing 'like for like' assets an emphasis should be placed on achieving innovative, good quality and appealing open spaces and facilities. The Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) provides a framework to assist this.	Poor design and poor facility and infrastructure location is a key issue across the region including at foreshore and recreation destinations.
Building and Infrastructure Consolidation	Review and consolidate buildings and infrastructure (e.g. seating, tables, shelters), particularly at sportsgrounds and key foreshore and recreation parks using the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) as a guide.	A balanced and sustainable approach to buildings and infrastructure should be adopted to minimise the risk of over development and to manage upgrade and maintenance costs.
Sports Facility Upgrade	Undertake a sports facility lighting review to determine the adequacy of field and court lighting at key sportsgrounds across the region and undertake a program of upgrade over time.	Lighting standards tend to be poor at many sportsgrounds across the region and a strategic approach to upgrade will be required.



## Theme 4 Strategic Directions: Asset Design and Management

Focus	Strategic Direction	Rationale
Cost and Constraint Management	Aim to assist sports to reduce costs and address constraints through innovative initiatives linked to water, energy, insurance and volunteers. In consultation with the community and the Office for Recreation and Sport, investigate options and best practice to guide future opportunities.	Water, energy, insurance and volunteers are key issues for sports across the region.
Hub and Spoke Model	Consider a 'hub and spoke' approach to using sports facilities including reducing the scope and use of secondary sports facilities to manage costs. A potential model is provided in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	There are too many sports facilities across the region and options that reduce costs may need to be considered.
Climate Change Initiatives	Continue to undertake initiatives that respond to climate change including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– WSUD design and water re-use projects particularly linked to golf courses and sportsgrounds (including irrigation efficiency measures).</li> <li>– Energy efficiency initiatives including energy efficient cooling or heating initiatives.</li> <li>– Landscaping that responds to changing climatic conditions.</li> </ul>	Water and energy are high cost items and managing water use and landscape design is essential with potential increasing temperatures and storm events.
Open Space Review	Where there is a high provision of open space, undertake a review of open space provision and consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Whether there is potential to integrate urban development within some larger parcels of open space to better activate the open space and to contribute to vibrant townships.</li> <li>– Whether some open space could be revoked as community land where it has poor value and resources would be better allocated to other open space or facilities.</li> </ul> <p>The Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) should be used to assist with any open space review.</p>	There is a very high provision of open space in some towns although some parcels of land have limited value and are a burden to Councils. The planning guide aims to ensure a balanced approach to any review.

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## 5 DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL AREAS

Directions and potential projects have been identified for each local council in the region to enable targeted responses by each Council. The directions and potential projects identify approaches and projects that will ideally be included in each local council's strategic and works plans. A rationale is provided for each direction.

The Potential Key Projects listed for each Council are also included in the Matrix in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).

Indicative priorities are allocated for each potential project to assist with implementation. The criteria used to determine the priority level and indicative potential timeframes for achieving the priorities are outlined in the chart below. Consideration will also need to be given to directions and priorities identified in future planning.

Most suggested Potential Key Projects are recommended to occur within 10 years. However, the projects and allocated priorities are only provided as a guide and could be added to or altered in the future.

It is important to note that the identification of potential projects does not commit the local councils, State Government, communities or any other organisation to undertake improvements or allocate resources. Instead the potential projects aim to assist local councils to strategically undertake improvements as resources become available and in accordance with other priorities.

Priority Level	Potential Timeframe	Criteria for Allocating Priority *
High	Commenced within 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supports or benefits a wide catchment of residents or visitors e.g. regional or district facilities or open space, potential destinations).</li> <li>▪ Responds to a major issue (e.g. very poor condition, safety issue, major gap in provision).</li> <li>▪ Responds to a high community or visitor need (supports or benefits a number of people in the community).</li> <li>▪ Achieving the project with 5 years is achievable (potential for resources or support).</li> </ul>
Medium	Undertaken within 5-10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responds to an issue or gap but not major (e.g. poor condition, poor design).</li> <li>▪ Responds to a community or visitor need (supports a number of people in the community).</li> <li>▪ Achieving the project with 5 years may not be achievable (less potential for resources or support).</li> </ul>
Lower	Undertaken after 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not a key issue or high demand.</li> <li>▪ Reality of achieving sooner could be lower.</li> </ul>

\* The priority could be based on one or more criteria.



Foreshore and Recreation  
Destinations

Tourism

Trails and Connections

Partnerships

Sports Hubs and Facilities

Programs and Events

Climate Change Response

Foreshore Areas

## 5.1 DC Barunga West

### Directions

The directions recommended for the District Council of Barunga West and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

Topic	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Foreshore and Recreation Destinations	Enhance the quality and function of key foreshore areas and continue to maintain quality recreation parks across the council area.	Enhancement to destinations will increase the appeal of the council area to visitors and residents.
Trails and Connections	Strengthen the trail connections and walking and cycle tracks around the council area, particularly where there is a connection to a recreation or foreshore destination.	Trail connections are lacking and increased opportunities for walking and bike riding will support an active community and visitors.
Sports Hubs and Facilities	Adopt a targeted approach to sports facility upgrade and use in accordance with hierarchy. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Placing a particular focus on enhancing and maintaining the sports hubs in Port Broughton and Bute.</li> <li>– Review and consider consolidating facilities that are no longer used or required.</li> <li>– Consider the ‘Hub and Spoke’ model outlined in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).</li> </ul>	The larger towns justify higher level facilities and sports hubs are considered to be ‘best practice’ by the State Government (ORS). Facilities that are in disrepair and not used should be removed or replaced. The current over provision of sportsgrounds is resulting in poor usage of resources.
Climate Change Response	Respond to climate change through targeted initiatives e.g. sea wall, water retention and re-use projects, solar power, shelters, landscape appropriate to climatic conditions.	Climate change is a reality, particularly for coastal towns, and responding to climate change is a priority for the Council.

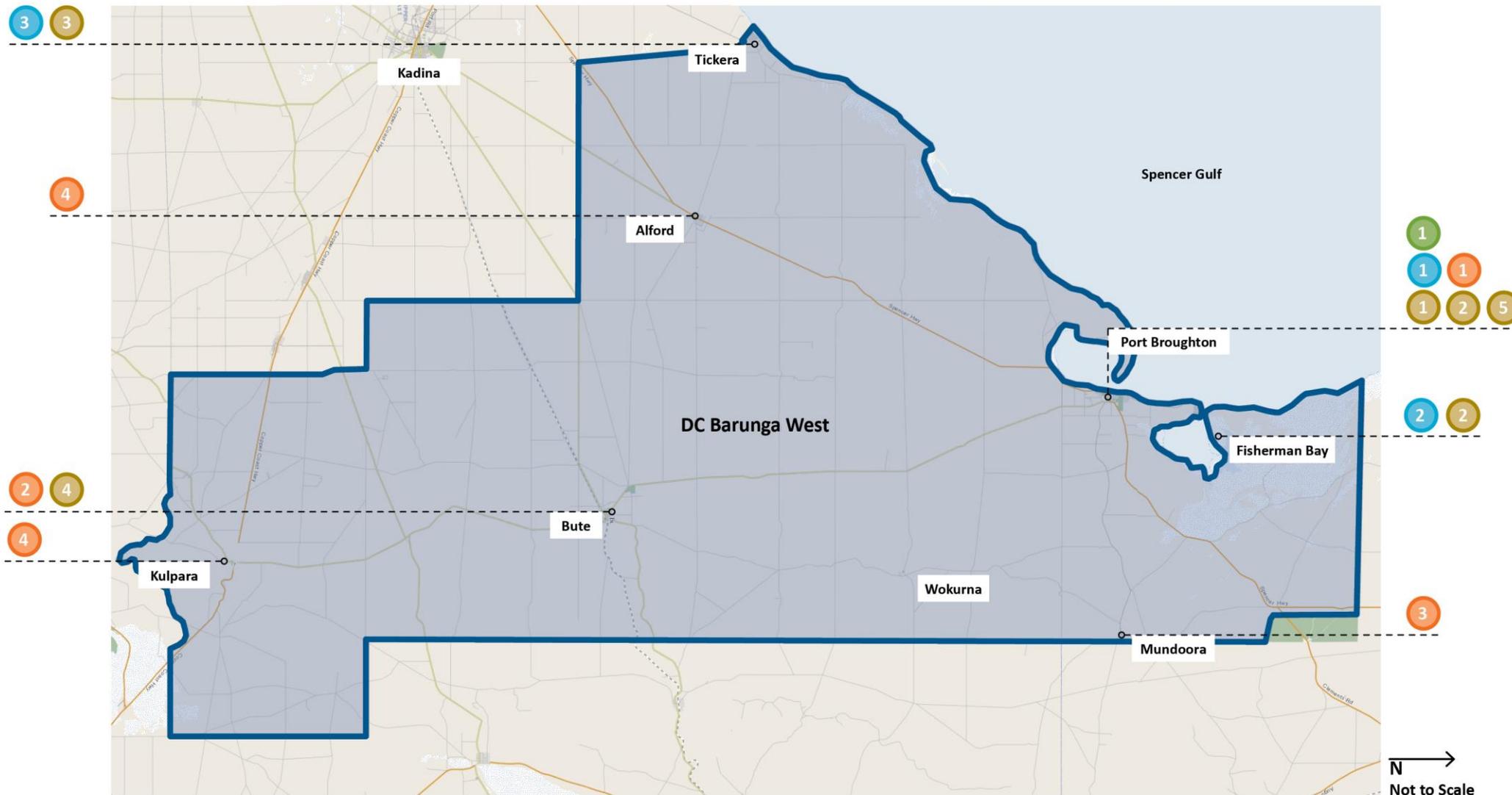
DC Barunga West Directions (continued)

Topic	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Programs and Events	Increase the provision of recreation, sport and aquatic related programs and events (through provision, facilitation or sponsorship) with the aim to support visitors and residents to be active and connected to towns.	There is demand for increased activities by young people and families visiting the area.
Partnerships	Establish and continue to build on partnerships with community and commercial groups to meet community needs. This includes negotiating community access to private facilities such as the Port Broughton caravan park swimming pool (where Council could contribute to the facility maintenance).	The low rate base of the council area means that the Council would not have the resources to achieve directions on its own. It would not be feasible for a public swimming pool to be established in the council area.
Tourism	Continue to enhance the appeal of the Barunga West District and cater for tourism including through private operators, e.g. town entrance enhancements, signage, encouraging upgrades to caravan parks. This includes establishing a local tourism group to identify opportunities for achieving and enhancing tourism in the Barunga West area.	Tourism is a major contributor to the Barunga West District's economy.

## DC Barunga West Potential Projects

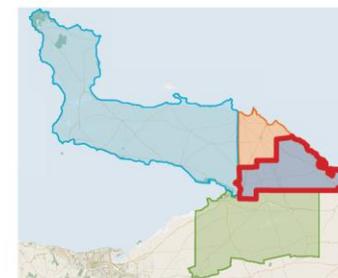
Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancement	1 Implement the Port Broughton Foreshore Master Plan through a targeted approach that focuses on priorities and maximises grant funding opportunities.	High
	2 Undertake improvements to the Fisherman Bay foreshore area and create a more pedestrian and activity friendly environment. This includes increasing connectivity to Fisherman’s Bay through trails and recreation spaces.	Medium
	3 Undertake enhancements to the Tickera foreshore area including stabilising the land along the foreshore, regenerating the natural environment and creating a moderately developed recreation space and pathways.	Medium
Sports Hubs and Facilities	1 Consider consolidating and further enhancing buildings within the Port Broughton Sportsground and increase shade around the sportsground outer.	Medium
	2 Undertake improvements to the Bute Sporting Complex including changeroom upgrade with female appropriate amenities and improved disability access.	Medium
	3 Consider moderate improvements to the Mundoora Sportsground on the basis that this should be a secondary facility to the sports hubs if it is retained.	Lower
	4 Review the provision of the outdoor courts in Kulpara and the courts and oval area in Alford, and consider the potential for alternative uses of these sites.	Medium
	Support and guide sport and community clubs and groups in their endeavours to improve the quality of facilities, e.g. Port Broughton golf course, Port Broughton lawn bowls club. This includes encouraging groups to consider the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) developed through this study.	Medium



**Legend (Topics)**

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| Foreshore Enhancements     | Trails and Connections  | Other Recreation Spaces |
| Boating Facilities         | Climate Change Response | Youth Provision         |
| Sports Hubs and Facilities | Natural Destinations    | Town Entrances          |
| Equestrian                 | Recreation Destinations |                         |



**Potential Projects Map** District Council of Barunga West

## DC Barunga West Potential Projects (continued)

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Equestrian	Continue to support pony club activities and related equestrian activities and events within the Council area. This could involve supporting users to undertake moderate improvements to appropriate sites (e.g. amenities and shelter).	Medium
Trails and Connections	1 As part of future master planning for the Port Broughton foreshore, strengthen and enhance the pathway along the foreshore.	High
	2 Continue to establish and enhance the shared-use trail between Port Broughton and Fisherman Bay.	High
	3 As part of foreshore improvements in Tickera, create a walking trail along the foreshore with connections to a recreation area.	Medium
	4 Support the development of a nature based trail along the disused railway line in Bute (on private land) that would be developed and maintained by the community.	Medium
	5 Establish and enhance a trail connection between Port Broughton and Mundoora Arm.	High
Climate Change Response	1 As part of the master planning for the Port Broughton foreshore, minimise climate change impacts. This includes involvement in a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan and a local Port Broughton Coastal Hazard Adaptation Study to identify opportunities to improve the resilience of coastal areas to the impact of a changing climate.	High
Activities and Events	Investigate opportunities for increasing activities and events linked to community and sporting groups and continue to support existing events such as the Annual Yacht Regatta and other aquatic events.	High
Tourism	In consultation with local communities, plan for and undertake town centre entrance enhancements including through unique landscapes and art work initiatives.	Medium



Foreshore Enhancements



Sports Hubs and Facilities



Key Recreation Parks



Play and Family Focus

## 5.2 Copper Coast Council

### Directions

The directions recommended for the Copper Coast Council and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Foreshore Enhancements	Continue to enhance the quality, appeal and function of the key foreshore destinations particularly at Wallaroo, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes. This includes improving 'all access' paths and boardwalks to support all age groups, fitness levels and levels of ability to safely access the beaches and foreshore areas (including with equipment such as kayaks).	The foreshore areas are a major lifestyle attraction to both residents and visitors and are in need of further upgrade and safe access to support use of the beaches and foreshores.
Recreation Destinations	Upgrade key recreation parks in the main towns, i.e. Local Parks and Local Reserves in accordance with Councils Open Space Policy, to strengthen the destination appeal and visitor and resident value of these parks.	Quality recreation parks provide an activity focus for residents and support visitors. Each town justifies at least one or more quality park as per Council's Open Space Policy.
Sports and Recreation Hubs and Facilities	Undertake improvements to indoor facilities, sportsgrounds and other sport and recreation facilities in the council area in accordance with hierarchy, to reinforce the council area as a provider of quality sport and recreation hubs and facilities. This includes continuing to develop 'flagship' facilities that have regional significance and focusing on achieving well designed and good quality facilities including the consolidation of some buildings.	The Copper Coast is known for its sports focus and quality facilities and this makes the council area a sports hub in itself. Ongoing improvements are justified.
Trails and Connections	Improve pathways and walking and cycle connections within and between the main towns in the council area and linked to natural settings.	Connections are lacking and safe cycle and walking tracks between the towns are required.
Youth and Play	Improve the quality of youth and play facilities across the council area and particularly linked to the foreshore and recreation destinations (including making youth spaces more of a destination).	Families, children and young people are a key focus in the council area and a number of facilities justify upgrade.
Programs	Establish and promote sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities through programs such as OPAL and initiatives that promote active travel (when supported by the State Government).	Opportunities for more active and healthier communities with the support of council should be considered.

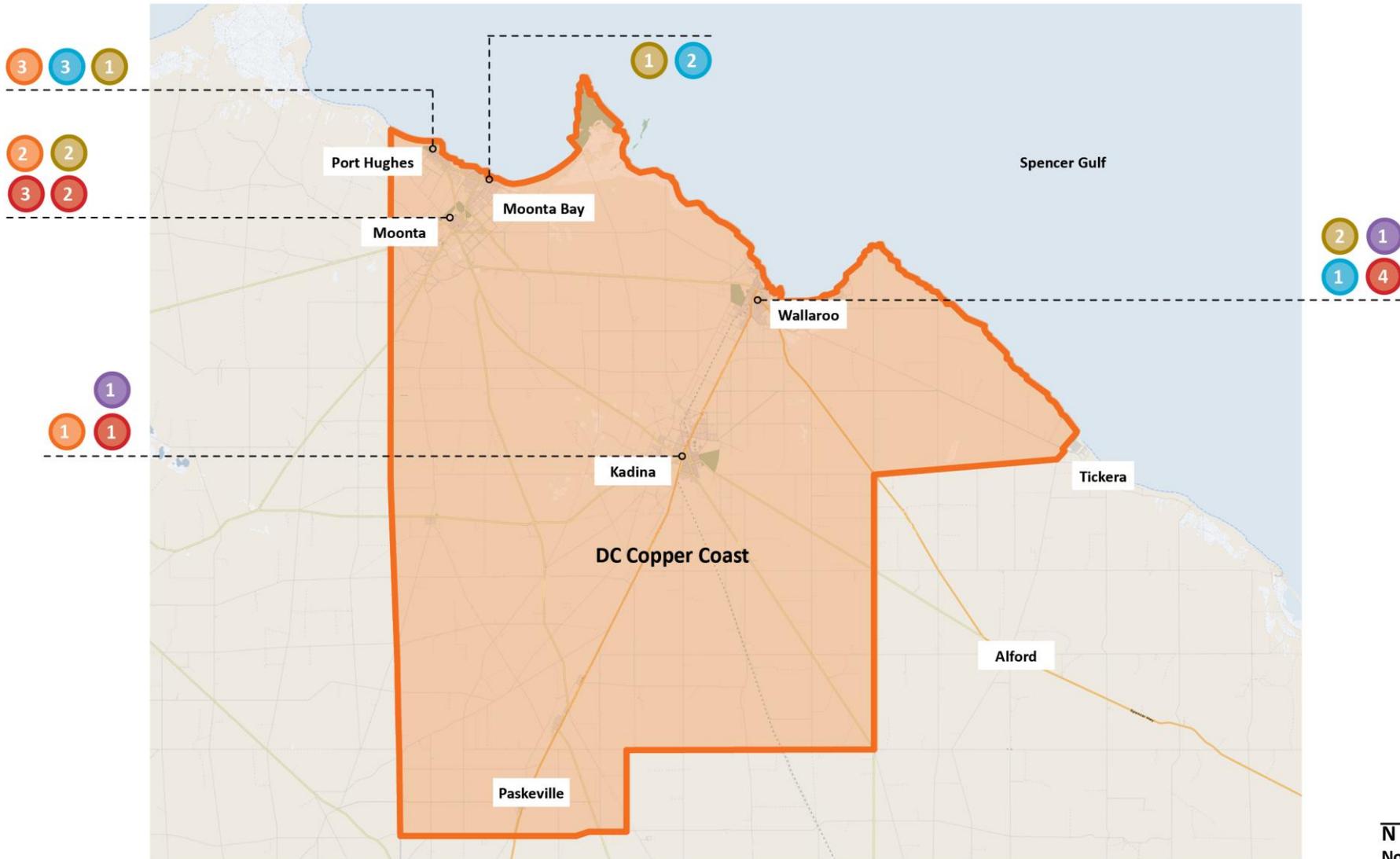
## Copper Coast Council Directions (continued)

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Natural Areas	Continue to protect and maintain natural settings, including through managed access, with a particular focus on natural settings that have high biodiversity and recreation value such as Victoria Park.	Natural settings are valued by communities and visitors and they have high ecological and recreational benefits.
Open Space Design	Review the design of open spaces and particularly the foreshore areas, particularly where car parking and roads tend to dominate. Use the Guideline Report to assist the design process.	Improvements to the design and function of open space will strengthen the destination value of the Council area.
Open Space Review	Undertake a review of open space and consider whether there is potential to sensitively integrate development around any larger parcels of open space to better activate the open space (particularly in Moonta and Kadina) or whether any open space could be revoked as community land (due to the open space not meeting desired community or recreation outcomes). The suggested review process in the Guideline Report should be used to ensure a sound and consultative process.	The high provision of open space makes it difficult to develop and manage the open space to a high standard. The Council has raised the need to review open space provision to reduce the burden on the community.

## Copper Coast Council Potential Projects

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

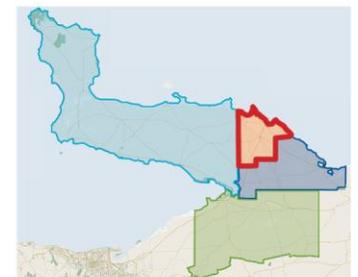
Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancements	<p>Aim to increase the provision and value of recreation open space around the Wallaroo Foreshore. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Establish a key recreation destination with picnic and play elements</li> <li>– Undertake land acquisition and improve the quality of the Wallaroo events space</li> <li>– Provide shade around the floating swimming pontoon (Wateroo)</li> <li>– Improve ‘all access’ paths and boardwalks to support safe and equitable beach access</li> <li>– Continue to develop and improve the Wallaroo open space corridor adjacent to Owen Terrace with play, seating, shelter and a connection to the foreshore</li> </ul>	High
	<p>Undertake enhancements to the Moonta Bay foreshore including increased shade, seating, shelter and landscaping (particularly around the water park and surrounding open space) and improved ‘all access’ paths and boardwalks linked to the beach and open space.</p>	High
	<p>Increase the recreation and heritage value of the foreshore area surrounding the Port Hughes Boat Ramp and improve ‘all access’ paths and boardwalks linked to the open space and beach.</p>	High
Recreation Destinations	<p>Implement the masterplan for Victoria Square in Kadina.</p>	High
	<p>Increase the recreation value of Queen Square/ Polgreen Park in Moonta through the integration of leisure, barbecue and picnic facilities and improved pathway connections. The aim should be to establish a higher level and more functional district park. Consider the sensitivity of car parking needs associated with future improvements.</p>	Medium
	<p>Upgrade Clem McCauley Park in Moonta and reinforce this park as a key visitor stop off area and recreation setting, incorporating wetlands and lakes.</p>	Medium
	<p>Integrate public realm within any redevelopment of the Wallaroo town centre through the proposed Wallaroo Open Space corridor.</p>	Medium
Local Parks and Reserves	<p>Establish and improve local parks and local reserves across the Council area in accordance with Council’s Open Space Policy.</p>	High
Youth Provision	<p>Upgrade the Kadina and Wallaroo skate facilities and increase overall shade and amenity (including seating and shelter). This could require a replacement of the existing skate bowl and if so a review of the location options could be undertaken.</p>	Medium



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**Legend (Topics)**

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| Foreshore Enhancements     | Trails and Connections  | Other Recreation Spaces |
| Boating Facilities         | Climate Change Response | Youth Provision         |
| Sports Hubs and Facilities | Natural Destinations    | Town Entrances          |
| Equestrian                 | Recreation Destinations |                         |



**Potential Projects Map** District Council of the Copper Coast

## Copper Coast Council Potential Projects (continued)

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Sport and Recreation Hubs and Facilities	<p>1 In partnership with key stakeholders, plan for a synthetic hockey pitch on Port Road land in Kadina and investigate the potential for a soccer pitch on the land to increase the 'hub' value of the facility. If collocation is not practical at the Kadina site, improve the function of the Moonta Area School grounds for soccer through storage, realignment of the cricket pitch and spectator facilities.</p>	High
	<p>2 Assist key stakeholders/leaseholder clubs to review buildings and infrastructure within the Moonta Sportsground and consider building consolidation, outdoor court consolidation and improved connection to the oval, outdoor court resurfacing and court lighting upgrade, increased shade and landscaping and options to re-use water and reduce long term operational costs.</p>	Medium
	<p>Assist key stakeholders/leaseholder clubs at sportsgrounds to review buildings and infrastructure and consider building consolidation, improved disability access, female amenities and increased shade and landscaping.</p>	Medium
	<p>Facilitate lawn bowls clubs within the Council area to establish synthetic greens where feasible to reduce the cost of maintaining and operating their facilities.</p>	Medium
	<p>3 Support the Copperclub Golf Club at The Dunes Port Hughes to create a golf training facility, develop the final nine holes of the golf course, establish a driving range and improve clubrooms.</p>	Medium
Trails and Connections	<p>1 Continue to increase connectivity between townships through walking and bike riding trails including the Coast Road Port Hughes to Bay Road Moonta Bay, with the potential for a connected boardwalk.</p>	High
	<p>2 Establish defined bike routes between the main towns and in accordance with cycleway planning such as Moonta to Wallaroo and the Wallaroo township/Wallaroo Marina precinct.</p>	Medium
	<p>Continue to establish pathways along foreshores to increase walking and bike riding opportunities, improve access along the foreshores and contribute to connecting towns.</p>	High
Water Management	<p>Consider opportunities to re-use water and connect to stormwater management projects and other initiatives, e.g. water re-use at Moonta Golf Course.</p>	Medium



Swimming Pool  
Feasibility



Recreation Park  
Connections and  
Enhancements



Playspace Enhancements



Town Entrances

## 5.3 Wakefield Regional Council

### Directions

The directions recommended for Wakefield Regional Council and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Recreation Destination Enhancements	Establish a number of key recreation and visitor destinations around the council area including key recreation parks, lakeside and foreshore areas linked to main towns and higher profile locations. Ensure suitable facilities to support these spaces including toilet amenities.	Recreation and foreshore destinations provide a focus for residents and visitors and have the potential to increase the appeal of the council area and increase tourism.
Sports Hubs and Facilities	Continue to upgrade and strengthen sports hubs in accordance with hierarchy and consider potential consolidation and upgrade of buildings, improved fencing, court surface upgrade, increased shade and landscape. Through the building consolidation, aim to establish quality club buildings that support a number of sports and achieve shared-use.	There is potential to improve sportsgrounds across the council area. However, it is not feasible for all sportsgrounds to have the same level of development and hierarchy should be reflected.
Natural Areas	Place a greater focus on protecting, regenerating and strengthening natural areas including river environments, bushland and coastal vegetation through a coordinated approach with the community. This includes establishing additional natural areas and enhancing recreation provision linked to natural areas, e.g. board walks, walking trails, picnic settings, viewing areas.	The council area has a number of important natural areas, some of which are in need of regeneration and there is potential to place a stronger focus on natural areas.
Open Space and Connection Opportunities	Activate the railway yards and small parks across the region for public recreation and continue to establish and enhance trail connections in partnership with community groups to benefit the community and visitors.	Local open spaces and walking and bike trails benefit communities and also support visitors. Opportunities for establishing and enhancing trails and creating open spaces through railway yards exist across the council area.
Play Opportunities	Enhance the uniqueness, innovation and diversity of playspaces to broaden play opportunities and increase the appeal of recreation destinations. This includes creating a number of higher level playspaces linked to key recreation destinations strategically located across the council area.	There is potential to enhance play opportunities in each town and families are a key focus. Higher level playspaces have the potential to draw families and visitors from a wide catchment.

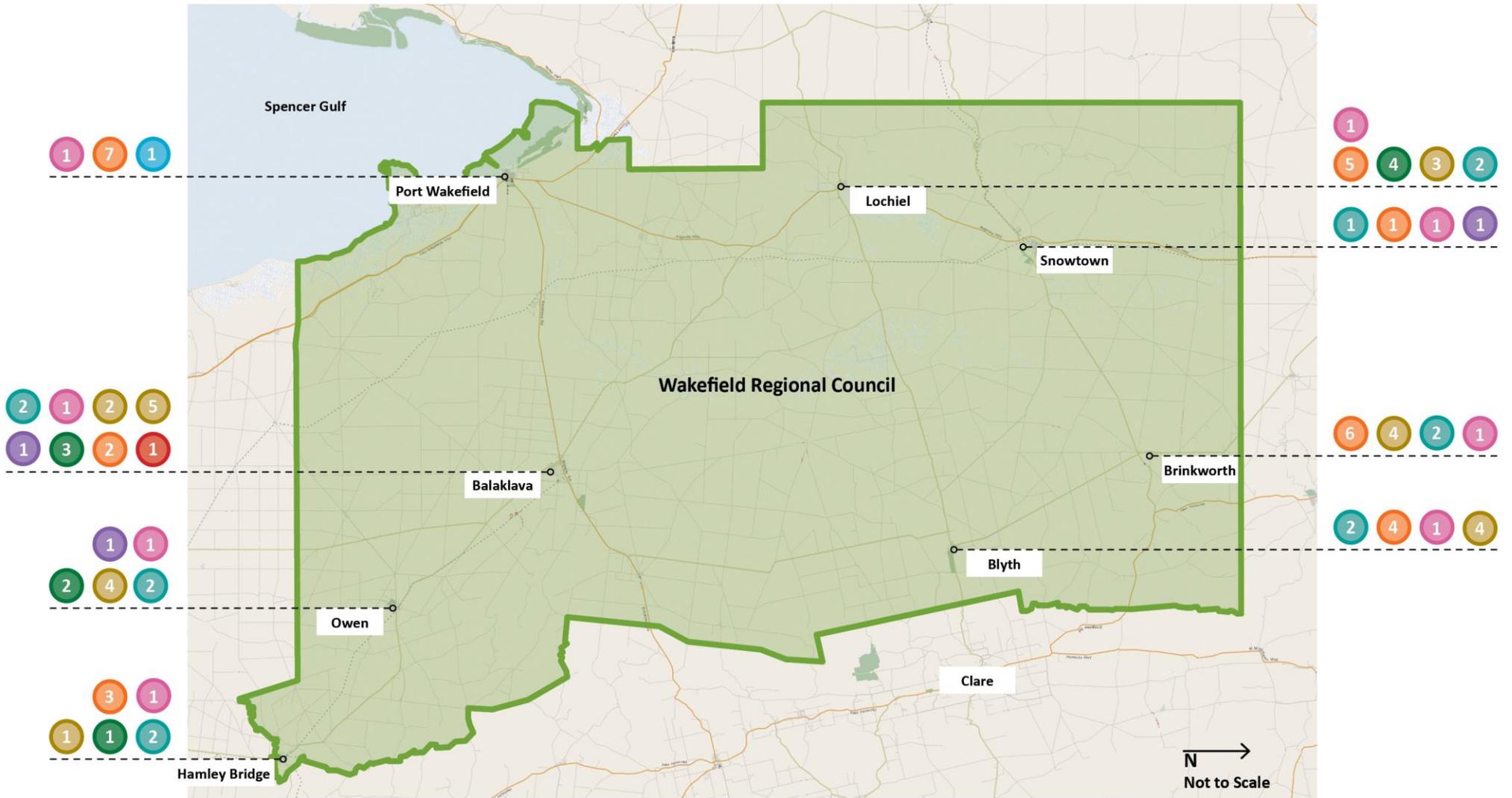
## Wakefield Directions (continued)

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Aquatic and Recreation	Review the provision of swimming pools and consider consolidation and partnership opportunities. An analysis of the future direction and appropriate development of all swimming facilities in the council area is required. This includes investigating the feasibility of establishing a recreation centre that could include a fitness gym, indoor swimming pool with hydrotherapy pool and spaces to host visiting health services.	The council area is over supplied with swimming pools for the population size and some are in declining condition or not well located. Current facilities do not meet the need for hydrotherapy and the existing three pools are only open during summer months.
Town Entrances	Continue to enhance the character and 'statement' value of town entrances across the council area.	A number of towns would benefit from improved town entrance landscapes and entrance features as part of defining the character of towns, promoting town amenities and strengthening the sense of place.
Sustainability	Continue to support financially sustainable community recreation facilities and upgrades of key facilities such as sporting ovals and infrastructure, playing courts, greens and fields, with a focus on Hubs and multi-use facilities.	Sport, recreation and community facilities should be financially sustainable and a focus should be placed on supporting key facilities that benefit a number of groups.
Community Partnerships	Support communities to improve facilities, providing the improvements are consistent with hierarchy, feasible, justified and there is strong community benefit.	Community partnerships will be essential to achieve facility improvements, given the relatively small rate base of the council area.

## Wakefield Regional Council Potential Projects

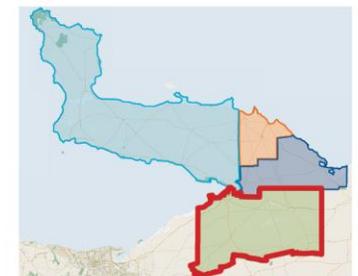
Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancements	<p>1 Develop a concept plan for the Port Wakefield foreshore area and undertake improvements that increase and better connect the recreation features, including improved and reduced dominance of the playspace, enhanced picnic and viewing areas and pathways and enhancements to the start of the Walk the Yorke Trail, including a potential bridge over Wakefield River.</p>	High
Recreation Destinations	<p>1 Redesign Apex Park and the railway corridor in Balaklava to create a more integrated and functional family oriented recreation precinct. This could incorporate potential new playspace elements including a nature play focus, adult exercise equipment, picnic settings and activity opportunities linked to the grassed area. The aim should be to activate the park by creating an appealing family space, particularly for families with younger children, as well as quiet spaces for visitors and other groups.</p>	High
Other Recreation Spaces	<p>1 Continue to enhance Lions Park and the railway corridor at Snowtown through quality grassed areas, seating, shelter, landscape, play elements, pathways and art features to strengthen the appeal of these areas for visitors and residents.</p>	Medium
	<p>2 Continue to maintain and improve other smaller parks and town centre locations, e.g. Blyth, Brinkworth, Balaklava, Lochiel, Owen, Hamley Bridge with community involvement.</p>	Medium



**Legend (Topics)**

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| Foreshore Enhancements     | Trails and Connections  | Other Recreation Spaces |
| Boating Facilities         | Climate Change Response | Youth Provision         |
| Sports Hubs and Facilities | Natural Destinations    | Town Entrances          |
| Equestrian                 | Recreation Destinations |                         |



**Potential Projects Map Wakefield Regional Council**

## Wakefield Regional Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities	<p><b>1</b> Continue to upgrade and strengthen the sports hub value of the Snowtown Sports Complex with a particular focus on building consolidation and shared-use. This includes investigating female friendly facilities in line with needs.</p>	Medium
	<p><b>2</b> Continue to undertake improvements to the Ralli Park (Balaklava Oval/Showgrounds) complex including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Upgrade of the grandstand</li> <li>– Consolidation of the showground buildings where appropriate (to manage maintenance costs)</li> <li>– A link from the commercial precinct to Ralli Park through the Rail precinct</li> <li>– Formalisation of car parking</li> <li>– Publically accessible toilets</li> <li>– Continued playground maintenance</li> </ul>	Medium
	<p><b>3</b> Giving consideration to the Master Plan developed by the community for the Hamley Bridge Sportsground, improve the quality of the remaining 4 courts (improved surface quality). The feasibility and justification for other directions in the plan will need to be assessed on an ongoing basis.</p>	Medium
	<p><b>4</b> With the community, assess the development, role and use of the Blyth sportsground with the aim to increase its usage and best utilise facilities (this may involve consolidation). The playing field area could be designed to be more flexible and other sports could be considered that could draw from the wider area (e.g. soccer). Enhancements to the building and surrounding facilities such as cricket nets, court surface, bowling and tennis greens, playspace and landscape could then be undertaken.</p>	Medium
	<p><b>5</b> With the community, determine the appropriate focus, development and use of the Lochiel Sportsground, including whether the complex should double as a camping ground (due to the link to Lake Bumbunga). Assess and advocate for upgrades to the amenities to support this, e.g. an upgrade to the power supply; security system and the female change room at the netball and tennis courts.</p>	High
	<p><b>6</b> With the community, assess the provision, quality, role and use of each sports facility in Brinkworth, including the lawn bowls facility and the sportsground oval and facilities. Consider the appropriate future direction for each facility including the level of development and whether all facilities should be retained (and if so how they can be resourced). Work with the community and committees to help develop the facilities to the required standard for each sporting code.</p>	Medium

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities (continued)	7 Continue to maintain and improve the Port Wakefield sportsground over time in accordance with community capacity and usage requirements.	Medium
	Support sporting groups to improve facilities where there is evidence of current or potential demand and a commitment by the community, e.g. improvements to the Balaklava Bowling Club, Hamley Bridge Golf Club and Owen Equestrian (Paint Horse Society) facilities.	High
Natural Destinations	1 Enhance the natural and recreation value of the Hamley Bridge Light River precinct through regeneration projects, river trails, improved entrance and landscaping (including reduce the impact of roadside fencing and infrastructure), picnic settings and interpretation. This could be achieved in partnership with community groups over time.	Medium
	2 Continue to maintain the Owen Wetlands to increase the natural and recreation value of the site, including improved trails, seating and interpretation.	Medium
	3 Establish the Rocks Reserve Area (near Balaklava) as an 'Eco Park' as planned, with walking and nature appreciation opportunities, interpretive signage and facilities to support visitors.	Medium
	4 Continue to support the nature based destination linked to Lake Bumbunga on the edge of Lochiel, including picnic settings, pathways, opportunities to experience the wildlife and interpretation, including for international visitors such as provision of information in languages other than English. This includes advocating for improved car parking and overnight stay areas.	High
Trail Connections	1 Continue to develop the trail from the Hamley Bridge Light River reserve through to the town as part of the township master planning.	Medium
	2 Enhance the Shamus Liptrot Bike Trail (Balaklava) to create linkages with the Riesling Trail and Walk the Yorke and connect the Clare Valley to Yorke Peninsula as part of a large regional trail network.	High
	3 Support community efforts to create a trail around Lake Bumbunga (Lochiel) and consider opportunities for connected picnic settings, viewing areas and interpretation.	Medium
	4 Advocate to upgrade existing trails in the area including at Owen, Brinkworth and Blyth to provide a focus for activity and visitors.	Medium
	5 Continue to maintain and enhance the Lions walking trail in Balaklava including increased shade and landscape with further linkages to the rail corridor along Railway Terrace.	Medium

## Wakefield Regional Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Youth Provision	<p>1 Review existing skate park and BMX facilities including usage and possible upgrades, and enhance nature play opportunities. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Investigate the possibility for a BMX track or trail in Owen</li> <li>– Upgrades to Snowtown and Balaklava skate facilities as required</li> <li>– Investigate nature play opportunities</li> </ul>	Medium
Equestrian	Work with key stakeholders to facilitate upgrades to relevant equestrian facilities that host pony club activities and events.	Medium
Aquatic and Recreation	Undertake a feasibility study for swimming pools in the Wakefield Regional Council area to determine appropriate longer term directions. This includes considering the option of an indoor recreation centre that could include a hydrotherapy pool subject to feasibility. In the meantime undertake moderate improvement so the swimming pools can operate in the short term.	High
Town Entrances	<p>1 Consider enhanced landscapes and unique features and art work at all town entrances and increase the profile of towns through signage, with a particular focus on Blyth, Snowtown, Hamley Bridge, Brinkworth, Lochiel and Owen.</p>	High
Water	Implement plans to improve the use of treated water in maintaining parks and other Council facilities such as bowling greens and ovals.	Medium



Foreshore Destinations



Sports Facilities



Recreation Destinations



Sports Hierarchy

## 5.4 Yorke Peninsula Council

### Directions

The directions recommended for Yorke Peninsula Council and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Foreshore Enhancements	Undertake improvements to key foreshore areas with an emphasis on de-cluttering foreshores and increasing the area for recreation activity and community use.	The council area has a number of high value foreshores that would benefit from enhancement and redesign.
Recreation Destinations	Improve the design, usability and appeal of major recreation parks with the aim to create quality destinations, including playspace enhancements and increased innovation.	There are a number of key recreation parks in the council area that provide a focus for residents and visitors and justify further enhancement.
Sports Hubs and Facilities	Continue to improve the quality and function of sportsgrounds in accordance with hierarchy and aim to increase the use of sports hubs. The Hub and Spoke model outlined in the Guideline Report could assist.	A more strategic approach to improving and using sportsgrounds in the council area is required. The council area has too many sportgrounds with low use and there is little sense of hierarchy.
Facility and Infrastructure Review	Assess the quality and safety of recreation and sport facilities and infrastructure including playspaces, youth facilities and facilities managed by community groups such as the Edithburgh Tidal Pool. This includes determining appropriate controls and standards relating to facilities.	Some facilities in the council area are ageing, declining in condition and/or may not meet Australian Standards or safety requirements.
Trails and Connections	Continue to establish shared-use and walking trails and improve connections through the Walk The Yorke and other trail initiatives.	Walk The Yorke is a key initiative in the council area that contributes to an active community and attracts visitors to the region.
Open Space Design	Improve the design and function of open spaces (particularly foreshores and major recreation parks) using the principles and directions in the Guideline Report to assist.	A number of parks and foreshores have design and function issues (with over development and poorly located facilities).
Tourism Initiatives	Undertake initiatives and promotions that support and attract visitors to the area. This includes improvements to boat ramps.	Tourism and boating are important industries for the council area.
Aboriginal Communities	Consider opportunities to support Aboriginal communities and particularly the Narungga People at Point Pearce through sport, recreation and open space (facilities, events and activity opportunities).	Aboriginal communities are a priority in the Yorke Council area.



**Legend (Topics)**

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| Foreshore Enhancements     | Trails and Connections  | Other Recreation Spaces |
| Boating Facilities         | Climate Change Response | Youth Provision         |
| Sports Hubs and Facilities | Natural Destinations    | Town Entrances          |
| Equestrian                 | Recreation Destinations |                         |



**Potential Projects Map Yorke Peninsula Council**

## Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects

Potential Key Projects are summarised below. A number of the projects will require partnerships with the community and grant funding given the Council area has a very small rate base to support a large number of potential projects.

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancements	1 Develop a master plan for the Ardrossan Foreshore and undertake improvements including a well located innovative playspace, picnic settings, pathway and landscape (that does not impact on views).	High
	2 Implement the master plan previously developed for the Port Vincent foreshore and undertake improvements with a particular focus on reducing development and improving the connections and views along the foreshore.	High
	3 Enhance the Stansbury foreshore (southern area) through reduced development and car parking dominance, and higher quality facilities. A master plan may be required.	Medium
	4 Enhance the Edithburgh foreshore through increased shade and picnic settings (whilst maintaining a relatively undeveloped character and managing impacts on views).	Medium
	5 Enhance the Port Victoria foreshore through a redesign that reduces dominant infrastructure (playspace fencing, concrete tables and benches) and improves pedestrian areas and movement.	Medium
	6 Redesign the Coobowie foreshore to reduce the dominance of car parking, address connection and design issues and improve quality. A concept plan would ideally be developed.	Medium
	7 Enhance the Point Turton foreshore area adjacent to the jetty and caravan park and improve access while also retaining and protecting the natural landscape. This includes maintaining and improving the picnic settings and infrastructure around the Point Turton boat ramp.	Medium
	8 Support the Corny Point community to enhance recreation settings and facilities to cater for visitors and residents.	Medium
Boating Facilities	1 Upgrade boat ramps across the Council area in accordance with the classifications and priorities in the Yorke Peninsula Recreational Boating Strategy Plan 2012. A particular priority is to develop a Safe Haven for boating as part of the Marion Bay Boat Ramp development (e.g. for boats and yachts traversing from Adelaide to Port Lincoln).	High
	2 Improve the quality and function of the Port Vincent Sailing Club with a particular focus on the changerooms (women's and men's) and amenities for people with a disability.	High

## Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities	<p>Continue to improve the main Ardrossan sportsground including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Oval lighting upgrade</li> <li>– Provision of cricket nets</li> <li>– Increase shade and seating</li> <li>– Improve water use</li> <li>– Upgrade changerooms (potentially linked to building consolidation)</li> </ul>	High
	<p>1 At the end of the useful life of buildings (in the longer term), consider one consolidated building at the main Ardrossan sportsground that caters for all users of the sportsground.</p>	Lower
	<p>2 In partnership with DECD, upgrade the Ardrossan School/Hockey Field, consider amenities and consider the potential to also cater for soccer.</p>	High
	<p>3 Demolish and consider an alternative use of the tennis courts on First Street in Ardrossan. This could be a potential location for youth facilities.</p>	High
	<p>4 Undertake improvements to the Maitland sportsground to strengthen its role as a key sports hub, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Development of a club facility and building and storage container consolidation (development is underway)</li> <li>– Improved fencing around the site (including playspace)</li> <li>– Increased trees and shade around the showground (whilst ensuring roots do not affect courts)</li> </ul>	High
	<p>5 Undertake improvements to the Minlaton outdoor sporting facilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sportsground building upgrade and consolidation (including upgrade changeroom)</li> <li>– Oval lighting upgrade</li> <li>– Review and upgrade of the stone fencing around the sportsground</li> </ul>	High
	<p>6 Support the Minlaton Bowling Club to consider the future of their greens, including the potential to reduce the size of the playing surface to more accurately reflect the number of club members.</p>	Medium
<p>7 Investigate options for the co-location of the Minlaton outdoor courts including the options for connecting courts to the oval as well as the indoor basketball stadium.</p>	Lower	

## Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities (continued)	<p><b>8</b> Strengthen the sports hub value of the Yorketown sports complex, including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sportsground toilets and kiosk upgrade and consolidation</li> <li>– Grandstand upgrade</li> <li>– Outdoor court surface, lighting and club facility upgrade</li> </ul>	High
	<p><b>9</b> Improve Stansbury sporting facilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A good amenity to match the quality outdoor courts</li> <li>– Building consolidation and grandstand upgrade</li> <li>– Surface upgrade and lighting improvement at the oval</li> </ul>	Medium
	<p><b>10</b> Upgrade the Edithburgh outdoor courts including surface quality, fencing and lighting (although review usage and whether all courts are required).</p>	High
	<p><b>11</b> Review the approach to using the Edithburgh and Warooka sportsgrounds taking the Hub and Spoke concept into consideration and undertake basic improvements to these sportsgrounds accordingly (on the basis that they would be secondary sportsgrounds).</p>	Medium
	<p><b>12</b> With the community, review the development, role and use of the Port Victoria Sportsground and consider the Hub and Spoke approach to provision. Regardless, the sportsground should only be township level.</p>	Medium
	<p><b>13</b> Undertake improvements to the Minlaton basketball complex including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Maintain a quality indoor facility (including potential expansion in the future to support futsal and other sports demand and subject to a feasibility assessment)</li> <li>– Undertake outdoor court lighting upgrade</li> </ul>	High
	<p><b>14</b> Support improvements to the sporting facilities at Point Pearce to strengthen activity opportunities for the Narungga People including through oval surface, shelter and other infrastructure improvements.</p>	High
	<p>Support improvements to other facilities and courts as appropriate, based on the level of community need, facility condition, the hierarchy of the facility and feasibility.</p>	Medium



## Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic	Potential Project	Project Priority
Recreation Destinations	1 Continue to enhance Weaners Flat Reserve in Yorketown through pathways, shade and sensitively designed picnic settings (including reducing the dominance of the amenity and shelter at the end of their useful life).	Medium
	2 Continue to enhance the recreation value and function of Harry Butler Memorial Park in Minlaton. This could include enhancing the picnic and play settings and improving the connections between facilities. A concept plan developed in consultation with interest groups could be required.	Medium
	3 Create a recreation precinct at the old Port Vincent sportsground, with various play and recreation activity opportunities.	High
	4 Increase shade along the Port Victoria Foreshore, whilst maintaining views.	Medium
Other Recreation and Community Sites	1 Consider opportunities for providing a small playspace at Pine Point to support visitors and residents.	Medium
	2 Review the Maitland youth and play area (next to the lawn bowls facility) and consider whether this is the best location for facilities in the future. Consider a biking facility within the youth area.	High
	3 Consider integrating BMX within the Minlaton sportsground site, subject to demand.	Medium
	Enhance play and youth activity opportunities as part of other outdoor space enhancements, including an emphasis on the southern part of the Yorke Peninsula (e.g. Yorketown, Warooka, Point Pearce, James Well).	Medium
	Continue to investigate opportunities for community gardens and guide communities to achieve and manage appropriately located gardens.	Medium
Trails and Connections	Continue to develop and maintain trails as part of the Walk The Yorke initiative. This includes continuing to review and expand trails opportunities along the coastline and to key destinations.	High and ongoing
	Investigate opportunities for inland trail opportunities for walking and bike tracks including to coastal and other destinations.	Medium



## 6 IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY

### 6.1 Regional and Local Approach

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy aims to guide improvements to facilities and open spaces across the region and encourage a coordinated and cooperative approach. The Strategy will require endorsement and ongoing consideration by the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance and each local council area in the region.

However, whilst the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy is a regional strategy, implementation is likely to occur at the local level. Hence the reason for providing directions and identifying potential projects for each local council area.

To achieve implementation at the regional and local level, it is suggested that the following approaches occur and that there is ongoing assessment of the directions from a regional and local perspective.

#### Regional Approach:

- The Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance to use the Strategy to determine priority projects and initiatives that have a whole of region benefit. The Alliance can support and promote projects and initiatives as appropriate.
- The Strategy to be used to achieve a regional approach to grant funding, with the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance supporting grant funding applications for projects that are consistent with the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy.



#### Local Approach:

- Local councils to endorse the directions for the region and specifically the potential projects identified for their council area.
- Local councils to integrate potential projects within their strategic plans and works programs as appropriate.
- Local councils to include other consistent projects on an ongoing basis to respond to changing needs and circumstances.
- Communities to use the strategy to guide and obtain support for local projects and initiatives.

## 6.2 Using the Strategy, Guidelines and Matrix

Three documents have been produced as part of the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy developed in 2014, including:

- Strategy Report (Report 1, developed in 2014 and updated in 2018)
- Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2)
- Background Report (Report 3)

The potential use of each document is summarised below.

Strategy Report	Planning, Provision and Development Guide	Background Report
Outlines overriding directions and potential projects.	Provides guidelines relating to open space and facility provision, design and development.	Provides background information and outlines key findings.
Use to determine responses to recreation, sport and open space demands and opportunities.	Includes a Works Matrix that reflects hierarchy and potential projects.	Use to understand the basis for projects and justify actions.
Use to guide decisions and determine priorities.	Use to assist planning processes, including by community groups.	

The directions and priorities outlined in the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy are independently identified and based on a range of demand and supply information. They are deliberately realistic and achievable and recognise the resource limitations in the region. As such, community groups such as town committees and progress associations should be encouraged to use the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy to identify their future priorities. In the future, directions identified in master plans and township plans should be realistic, affordable and consistent with the guidelines and directions in the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy.

It is recommended that a review of the Strategy Directions and Priority Projects is undertaken on an annual basis. This will require a coordinated approach to modifying the Strategy with input from each of the local councils. The review process could be coordinated through the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance or the region's Starclub Field Officer. Every 5 years there would be value in undertaking a complete review of the Strategy and a new Strategy would ideally be developed to guide planning for the following 5-10 years, i.e. from 2020 onwards.

## 6.3 Funding, Partnerships and ‘Champions’

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy aims to guide and assist the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance and the local councils in Region to improve facilities and open spaces for the benefit of communities and visitors, and to ultimately increase the social and economic strength of the region.

Whilst the Strategy does not commit the local councils, the State Government or any other organisation or community group to implement a direction or potential project, it provides a framework for achieving improvements as resources become available and in accordance with other priorities.

Implementing the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy will require grant funding and partnerships with communities, education bodies and the private sector. Most of the Councils in the region have limited resources to undertake improvements due to the small populations and rate bases, and as such a partnership approach will be essential.

Partnerships could include:

- Community groups playing a lead role in planning for and progressing the upgrade of facilities and seeking grant funding.
- Facilities catering for and being contributed to by schools (public and private) through equitable shared-use arrangements.
- Businesses, private organisations and individuals in the community sponsoring facility and open space improvements.
- Events and community initiatives being held to raise funds, including events that attract visitors to achieve increased visitor contribution to enhancements.
- Communities participating in business ventures (e.g. cropping, markets) that provide an income source for facility and open space improvements.

Grant funding could be sought for region wide projects such as the recommended lighting review program, to ensure a coordinated and equitable spread of funding. Local councils can also seek grant funding independently using the Directions and Priority Projects identified for each local council area as a basis.

Leaders and ‘champions’ will be required to guide the implementation of the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy and establish partnerships. The region’s Starclub Field Officer and other regional co-ordinators (sports, tourism, community) could play a key role in this respect. An across region implementation group that involves such people and meets to discuss the status of projects and general directions for the region could be established. This group could actively promote the directions in the Strategy and seek grant funding and partnership arrangements.

Various other opportunities for funding, partnerships and ‘champions’ could be considered through community and Council involvement. The main focus should be on adopting coordinated and strategic approaches to achieving the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy and ongoing improvements.