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Mansell Reserve Masterplan

Final Masterplan and Consultation Report

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1. Acknowledgements

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Mildura Rural City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, which now comprises the Mildura Rural City Municipality. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and celebrate and respect their continuing cultures and acknowledge the memories of their ancestors.

1.2. Acknowledgements

The involvement and assistance provided by targeted key stakeholders, broader community, specialist groups, elected members and council staff.

The project was managed internally by Mildura Rural City Council's Recreation Development Team.

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- Sunraysia Toy Library (Site stakeholder)
- Mildura Croquet Club (Site stakeholder)
- Maternal & Child Health Services (Site stakeholder)
- Mildura West Kindergarten (Site stakeholder)
- Werrimull Football Netball Club
- Mildura Netball Association
- Ontario Store
- Children from Mildura West Primary School
- Victoria Police
- Hands Up Mallee
- Mansell Family
- Mildura Historical Society
- Netball Victoria
- Mallee Sports Assembly
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Program (SuniTAFE)
- Ivy Russell Artist
- MRCC Youth Council
- MRCC Disability Inclusion Advocacy Council
- Ngiwa Yarna Aboriginal Committee

2. Masterplan Objective

The intent of the masterplan is to provide council with a strategic vision that reflects councils, stakeholders and the communities' aspirations for the future of Mansell Reserve. The **final masterplan** provides a suite of strategic actions that indicates indicative timelines and cost estimates. This masterplan is a 10-year vision but is subject to funding opportunities. It is recommended that a mid-life review is undertaken ensuing that actions yet to be achieved are still relevant; and additional opportunities and constraints are considered. The

masterplan is intended to guide future decision making; ensuring that the vision of the masterplan is maintained and avoid ad-hoc development that cannot be justified via the masterplan.

The final outcomes and timeframes will always be subject to ongoing public consultation, council approval, funding opportunities and final design development.

3. Executive Summary

Mansell Reserve is categorised as a Township Sporting Reserve in the Public Open Space Strategy 2021.

Mansell Reserve was identified as a home for women's sport and recreation in 1955. The reserve was established based upon passionate advocacy from female sporting groups who were marginalized from equitable access of the established sporting reserves in the 1940's and early 1950's. Several councillors took a lead in championing this cause, in particular Councillor Stephen Robert Mansell. Upon his death in 1957 the reserve was named after him to honour his stance on safeguarding equitable access for women's sport in the region. The masterplan intent is to ensure that future provision is considerate of gender equality and access for all.

Mansell Reserve became the home of women's softball, hockey and netball through the second half of the last century. In 1991 The Mildura Croquet Club moved to the site which coincided with the Hockey Association and Softball Association relocating to Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex (OASC). The popularity of netball was expanding, and Council undertook a masterplan in 2004. Mildura Council in partnership with Mildura Netball Association through financial contributions were able to secure the northern VicTrack land and build twelve all-weather asphalt courts.

The relocation of the Mildura Netball Association in 2021 to the Mildura Sporting Precinct instigated the need to review the future sporting and recreational demands through an updated masterplan. The playing courts condition had also deteriorated confirmed by an engineering audit undertaken in 2018.

Council undertook initial community and stakeholder consultation from July to December 2024. Survey responses identified key priorities and actions. The feedback not only focused on sporting and facility requirements but also the importance of the reserve for recreation, leisure and play.

The reserve's current stakeholders include Sunraysia Toy Library, Maternal Health Nurses, Mildura Croquet Club and Mildura West Kindergarten. The users' groups are a positive influence on the activation of the reserve. The masterplan aims to address the stakeholders short- and long-term needs whilst balancing Council's and the broader communities' aspirations.

One of the key actions for consideration is a solution to accommodate stakeholders in a modern co located facility. This would also accommodate recreation and community needs. The existing pavilion opened in June 1980. The Sunraysia Toy Library currently operate out of the original netball changerooms. The Maternal and Child Health Services still occupy their original offices. The Mildura Croquet Club are currently utilising a standalone retrofitted shed which has no toilet facility. Mildura West Kindergarten are operating out of two separate buildings located on council land, leased by the Y Kinders. An occupancy review is currently being undertaken to gauge future capacity requirements; especially in relation to state government policy to accommodate additional spaces for 3- and 4-year-olds.

The masterplan identifies an opportunity to create a co-located hub on site that would allow for a purpose-built facility to cater for a kindergarten, community and sports. A building asset and feasibility study would be

required and is beyond the scope of this masterplan. A high-level spatial arrangement has been presented in the masterplan that shows an approximate footprint and how this might relate and benefit the open space interface.

The key shorter-term priority is to re-establish the asphalt sporting surface to be fit for purpose based upon the aspirations of the stakeholders and community. The condition of the existing courts has been documented in a Facility Condition Report 2018 (2MH Consulting). It is proposed in the masterplan to resurface the majority of the existing court surface. A geotechnical and sports engineer is recommended to be engaged early in the design phase to ensure future cracking is avoided.

The internal access road via Seventh Street is partially owned by VicTrack and Council. Negotiations into the viability of acquisition of the VicTrack land is currently being investigated to secure the long-term access.

Council undertook the initial community consultation from August to December 2024. The community survey illustrated support to reduce the number of dedicated netball courts for alternative use (77%). However, there remains a demand from the netball community to retain courts for training and competition overflow; with 4 dedicated courts indicated as a preferred provision. The intent of the masterplan is to preserve netball whilst creating a diversity of inclusive and accessible experiences that respond to the communities' desires for alternative attractions.

The consultation response reflects current trends in national and state activity data illustrated in the AUSPLAY May 2025 Report.

Informal activity is self-organised and is carried out either alone or with friends and family on a casual basis. This could include going for a run and walking. 78% of Australians over the age of 15 are known to partake at least once in a 12 month period. 41% of Australians partake in organised activity which may include personal trainers, yoga and community organisations i.e. Parkrun. 26% of Australians play organised sports for example netball or AFL. Currently 15% of the nation does not engage in any activity over a 12 month basis.

Trends in participation in types of activities and sports changes over the lifespan of a participant. Participation for non-sport related physical activity increases consistently over the age range of 15+ is recorded at 57%. This increases to 77% at 64 years old. In comparison organised sport declines from a peak at 15 years old recorded at 54%; and declines to 17% at the age of 64 years.

Participation rates are also governed by cultural background, gender, disability. Income, access to convenient facilities. The location that is shown to support the most activity is public open space which accounts for 61%.

The data illustrates the need to diversify the offerings that our public open space affords to maximises its appeal; and engage our community in a healthy and active lifestyle throughout their lifespan.

A draft masterplan was developed based upon the initial consultation survey and reflective of current trends and data. A suite of 49 actions has been identified that included improvements to path networks, environment, drainage, shade, parking, sports and recreation offerings. These were presented to

internal council departments, elected members, stakeholders and the broader community from June - September 2025. The majority of feedback was positive to the actions presented. The online survey indicated that 42.86% of respondents were very satisfied and 32.14% were moderately satisfied. Further detail on the consultation responses are included in the Draft Masterplan Consultation.

The suite of masterplan actions presented in the draft masterplan has been finalised following the consolidated feedback from the second round of consultation. A quantity surveyor was engaged in November 2025 to develop a Masterplan Cost Plan by Wilde & Woollard. This includes approximate timeline for delivery of identifiable portions of work. The costing estimate includes contingency and escalation over the 10 years lifespan of the masterplan. This is to help guide future capital works planning and grant applications.

The total cost plan for the proposed work in forecast future costs for each element is summarised below. Full report is included in appendix I.

PROJECT ELEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
1 TO 4 YEAR PRIORITIES	
1. OPEN SPACE & PATH NETWORK	\$1,511,935
2. PUMP TRACK (Actions 23 & 31)	\$394,820
3. PLAYSACE (Actions 20-22)	\$829,000
4. CARPARK (Actions 10 & 39)	\$2,020,805
5. COURTS UPGRADE (Actions 7 & 32-38)	\$4,231,375
6. COMMUNITY GARDEN (Actions 16 & 26)	\$491,445
7. CROQUET COURTS (Action 48)	\$370,840
8. COMMUNITY HUB INTERIM WORKS (Action 49)	\$195,000
Sub-Total	\$10,045,220
5 TO 8 YEAR PRIORITIES	
9. PUBLIC TOILET FACILITY (Action 3)	\$322,000
10. UPGRADE SPORTS LIGHTING (Action 6)	\$1,111,000
11. CRICKET NETS (Action 30)	\$178,000
8+ YEAR PRIORITIES	
12. COMMUNITY HUB WORKS (Actions 4, 5 & 9)	\$20,252,240
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST EXCLUDING GST	\$31,908,460

Cost and priority summary. Wilde & Wollard, December 2025, Rev 1

4. Background

Mansell Reserve is a key Township Sporting Reserve in northwest Mildura of approximately 4.1 Ha in size. The site is bordered on three sides by Seventh Street to the north, Ontario Avenue to the west and Eighth Street to the south. The eastern land is currently vacant and owned by VicTrack.

The 2004 Master Plan indicated that Mansell Reserve was historically donated to Council by a local resident for public recreation purposes. It also goes on to say that a condition of the gift was that it be retained for women's participation in sport and recreation. Council staff were unable to substantiate the gifting of the land. However, with help from Mildura Historical Society, Mansell Family and Council records it was clear that S.R Mansell an elected councillor was able to lobby fellow councillors to fund the acquisition of the land for the purposes of women's sport and recreation.

Since the establishment of the reserve in 1955 the reserve was shared between netball, hockey and softball. A new pavilion was built in 1980 and still stands today.



Figure 1 Aerial view of Mansell Reserve 2023

Mildura Croquet Club relocated to Mansell Reserve in 1991. This required Council to lease the northern area of the current reserve from VicTrack in 1993 to accommodate the growth and need for additional netball courts. Around this time Softball and hockey relocated to OASC to access the additional space and developing facilities.

A feasibility study was undertaken in 1995 identified the need for Mansell Reserve to have durable hardcourt sports surface to meet summer and winter demand for netball.

2004 Mildura Netball Association and Council acquired the leased VicTrack land and commissioned a Master Plan. The 2004 Masterplan identified the creation of twelve synthetic netball courts with flood lighting, upgraded playground, walking paths and landscaping. The twelve synthetic netball courts were completed in 2005.

In 2018 Council commissioned a report on the synthetic courts due the extensive surface deterioration and cracking. Netball Victoria undertook a venue assessment in September 2024 and advised that courts were not fit for competition use.

In 2021 the Mildura Netball Association relocated to Mildura Sporting Precinct. Werrimull Football Netball Club continues to use two netball courts for training Tuesday and Thursday nights during the winter season.

The Mildura Croquet Club utilise two sheds as clubrooms and storage and the Sunraysia Toy Library has moved into the old netball clubrooms and have access to internal storeroom and external shed.

The Maternal and Child Health Centre occupies the original offices built for them in the 1980 Pavillion. The Mildura West Kindergarten which is located to the southern corner of the reserve precinct and is leased from Council. The kindergarten is split between two buildings, with access via Eighth Street; and via the internal reserve carpark accessed by Seventh Street.

The internal access road via Seventh Street is partially owned by VicTrack and Council. Negotiations into the viability of acquisition of the VicTrack land is currently being investigated to secure the long-term access.

5. Strategic Context

5.1. Recreation Strategy 2021-2031 (RS21)

The Recreation Strategy informs the strategic direction for sport and recreation provision for the next 10 years. Mansell Reserve is identified as a Township Sporting Facility. A township facility is typically designed for competition and some spectators, capable of hosting the highest level of competition and training for local associations based within the municipality. A township facility should also cater for more than one code or activity.

Some key actions from the Recreation Strategy that apply to Mansell Reserve are:

- Increase the play value and accessibility of play spaces across the municipality.
- Ensure facilities are socially inclusive if they cannot be made fully physically accessible (i.e. play facilities).
- Acknowledge the importance of providing for cycling, running, walking, skating, and using wheeled mobility devices away from traffic.
- Encourage more people to walk, cycle and connect with nature.
- Add opportunities for non-organised and social physical activity to sports reserves where possible, as well as environmental components and perimeter trails.
- Consolidate buildings on reserves, wherever possible, as part of development works and introduce incentives for clubs to share facilities for sport or community uses.
- Create facilities that provide gender equality infrastructure to be more female and family friendly.
- Reduce urban heat island effect.

5.2. Public Open Space Strategy 2021 (POSS21)

The Public Open Space Strategy 2021 provides the strategic direction, hierarchy and distribution for public open space across Council's Municipality.

Mansell Reserve is identified as a *Township Sporting Facility* as per the Recreation Strategy.

Several actions are identified in the POSS21 associated with Mansell Reserve

- Maintain Mansell Reserve as a key Township Sporting Reserve in Mildura catering for a variety of sports as well as for recreational community use. The catchment area is nominated as 5km.
- Mansell Reserve has the potential to reduce the impact of public open space gap areas in the local area. The reserve needs to provide a high-quality open space to cater for residents in this gap area 1 and 2, which are outside the 400m catchment.
- Ensure that pedestrian crossings of the rail corridor remain functional.
- Consider opportunities to expand Mansell Reserve to the southeast (incorporating land currently managed by VicTrack).
- The appendix in the POSS21 provides a guide for Open Space Development Standards. This identifies service levels for key facilities.

5.3. Playground Strategy 2021-2026

Key aspects of the playspace strategy that apply to Mansell Reserve include:

- **Community Input:** The masterplan should reflect the community's priorities for playgrounds, such as shade, equipment variety, seating, and accessible design. Community consultation and feedback should be integrated into the design and planning phases.
- **Inclusive Design:** The playground should cater to all ages and abilities, incorporating elements suitable for children with special needs. Gender Impact Assessments should be conducted to identify and remove causes of inequality.
- **Safety and Risk Management:** Safety audits should be conducted to ensure compliance with Australian Standards. A risk management approach should balance safety with the benefits of challenging play experiences. Fencing should be considered based on risk assessment, especially near high-traffic areas.
- **Environment and Sustainability:** The playground design should incorporate natural elements and recycled materials. The masterplan should aim to increase the tree canopy cover to a target of 30-50%.
- **Strategic Alignment:** The playground should align with the broader goals of the Public Open Space Strategy and Community Health and Wellbeing Plan. It should complement other facilities in the area and avoid duplication, ensuring value for money.
- **Address Underutilisation:** The masterplan should address low usage by adding variety of activities, shade, and seating.
- Additionally, the masterplan could consider the playground strategy's recommendations for fitness hubs and outdoor exercise equipment to promote physical health and social connectivity for a diverse range of age groups.
- The location of the playspace should consider natural and artificial shade.

5.4. Mildura Sporting Reserve Masterplan 2004

Some of the key planning issues and action identified in the 2004 Masterplan have been summarised below.

- Residents viewed Mansell Reserve as an important area for passive recreation. There was a need for improved BBQ / picnic facilities and landscaping, including tree planting. An upgrade of the existing playground was justified, with the addition of shade sails and drinking fountains.
- A formalised carpark was proposed.
- Mansell Reserve was identified as a premier netball facility and needed to provide a facility that could be used in all weather conditions. It was proposed to implement twelve plexipave synthetic courts. Supporting infrastructure is also required including lighting and spectator seating.

- Vandalism and appropriate use were noted as a key planning issue. Proposed to retain an open feel to the site. Signage was to identify that the site is for the express use of netball and prohibiting the use of scooter, skateboards, inline skating, and bikes.



Figure 2 Aerial View Mansell Reserve 2003 prior to development of the asphalt netball courts.

5.5. Community background:

Mansell Reserve is in the established northern area of Mildura. Its significance as a township sporting reserve means it is intended to have a broad catchment, identified as 5000m radius in the public open space strategy. The following data is sourced from 2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics and Loddon Mallee Public Health Report 2024 for Mildura.

- Median age for the Mildura region is 40 years, slightly above the states average of 38. The male female ratio is slightly in favour of female.
- Mildura region has 4.6% of the population who identify themselves as Indigenous the largest in the state. The median age is younger than 20 years, compared to the state average of 24 years.
- Mildura has slightly above average children and youth population in comparison to the rest of Victoria and Australia. It also has above average elderly population.
- Birth rate is recoded at 23.8 in comparison to the Victorian average of 21.8.
- The majority of residents were born in Australia, 78%. Followed by Malaysia, England, India, Italy, New Zealand. Mildura is a vibrant multicultural community with 79 different nationalities officially recognised: including migrant refugees from Africa and Asia.
- Mildura region is shown to have above average long term physical and mental health issues in comparison to Victoria and Australia. Psychological distress is accounted for 14.7% in Mildura compared to the state average of 13.3%. The region experiences a higher prevalence of high blood pressure 23.8% in Mildura in comparison to 22.7% in Victoria, and obesity is 38.1% in Mildura, in comparison to 31.1% in Victoria. Mildura also shows higher percentage of smokers 23.4% in comparison to 15.5% in Victoria; and people consuming more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day on average is 20.4% in Mildura in comparison to 14.4% in Victoria.
- The median income for individuals, families and households are all below the states average, and Mildura has a high homelessness rate.

- 98% of the region is bushfire prone and experiences increasing average temperatures; it is likely to be significantly impacted by climate change.
- LGBTIQA local population data is not accounted for in the ABS survey, however the Victorian population health survey 2017 estimates 5.7% of Victorian Adults identity as LGBTIQA.
- Index of relative social-economic disadvantage (IRDS) The areas of most disadvantaged in the Council's region include the areas of Mildura, Red Cliffs and Ouyen.
- One-parent families represent 18.4% of all families in Mildura which is higher than the state average of 15.2%.
- Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) indicates Mildura has a higher proportion of vulnerable children with physical, social, emotional and language indicators compared to the Victorian average.
- According to the Crimes Statistics Agency Mildura had 3,372.5 per 100,000 family violence incidents (2022/23) which is more than double the Victorian rate.
- NDIS active participants illustrate that Mildura generally mirrors the age distributions seen across Victoria, with a slightly higher percentage of NDIS participants in the seven to 14 years age group 28.2% compared to Victorias average 26.5%.
- The distribution of Mildura's NDIS participants by primary disability aligns with several trends in Victoria. Autism and Intellectual Disability are the most common primary disabilities. Autism is 34% of Mildura NDIS active participants.
- The national disability scheme indicates there is 1,551 people participating in the scheme (2.7 ASR per 100 population) in 2022, this is higher compared to the Victorian rate (2.2 ASR per 100 population)
- Mildura experiences hot summers with an average temperature of 30 degrees. Heat waves are common in summer with temperatures of 40 degrees to 45 degrees over several days not uncommon. Winters are traditionally mild with an average daily temperature of 10 degrees. Frosty weather is frequent through winter.

6. Site Analysis and existing conditions

A site analysis and audit were undertaken to better understand the site opportunities, constraints, threats and weaknesses. *Refer to Appendix C – SK01 Opportunities and Constraints Plan.* A description is provided below for each asset class reviewed.

6.1. Playground

- An independent level 3 playground audit (Playspect) was undertaken in November 2023. The findings of that report have been used in the asset evaluation.
- The combination unit closer to Seventh Street was installed in 2021, while the one nearer to the car park was installed in 2006.
- According to a 2024 Playspace audit, most playground elements are in good condition.
- Playground Lifespan: Playground equipment typically has an average lifespan of around 20 years. After this time maintenance requirements and need to replace parts greatly increases.
- The playspace and supporting facilities are deemed partially accessible. Linkages to the existing shelter, drink fountain and barbecue could be improved.
- The playground's proximity to the local road and internal carpark is identified as a potential hazard that could be mitigated by installing a permanent barrier.

- The reserve and playgrounds openness to adjacent VicTrack land is also highlighted as a potential safety concern.
- There exists an opportunity to provide a greater diversity of play experiences; including inclusive and nature based play.
- Mansell Reserve playspace is designated as a neighbourhood-level playspace which is a common designation for a Township Sporting Reserve.
- The existing playspace is covered by two shade structures and surrounded by established trees. Approximately 90% of the playspace is covered by shade.
- The existing playspace is 80m from the existing public toilet and 30m from the barbecue shelter.



Figure 3 Combination Unit and additional equipment installed 2021.



Figure 4 Combination Unit installed 2006.

6.2. Netball Courts and supporting facilities

- The existing twelve asphalt netball courts were audited by a consulting engineer in 2018 (2MH Consulting). The findings of that report have been used in the asset evaluation.
- Repair work undertaken prior to 2018 was identified as substandard resulting in untidy and inconsistent surface.
- Drainage was poor with areas of ponding and silt build up. The courts are split into three isolated drainage areas. Runoff is captured by linear stormwater grates. It was identified that this is insufficient for the size of the catchment.
- There is evidence of water ingress and structural cracking due to the subgrade becoming saturated, expanding and contracting. Concrete edging has become separated and presents a trip hazard.
- No evidence of tree root barriers identified.
- The existing twelve netball courts were audited by Netball Victoria in November 2024. They identified the condition of the courts in general as very poor and that the courts could not facilitate competition netball. Netball Victoria advised in March 25 that court number 5 and 7 could be used for training on condition that council and the clubs undertake regular inspections to determine safety and condition of courts.
- Since the Mildura Netball Association moved to Mildura Sporting Precinct, the changeroom facilities and administration offices have been leased. Sunraysia Toy Library currently utilise the netball changerooms.
- A 10x4m shelter with a barbecue and two picnic settings is located adjacent court 3. Approximately twenty-seven seats are distributed around the outer boundary of the courts. The majority of these are in full sun. one drink fountain is provided. Public toilets are located in the northern gable end fronting the carpark and adjacent court 1.
- The courts can be exposed to extreme UV and heat duration due to the lack of any shade protection on the western boundary.



Figure 5 Courts linear drainage grate, engineering report advises that inadequate court drainage has aided to surface failure.



Figure 6 Courts concrete edging illustrating separation and subsidence from court surface.



Figure 7 Existing court condition showing previous repair work.



Figure 8 Evidence of surface cracking through repair work.

6.3. Croquet Courts and supporting facilities

In addition to site visual assessment, interviews were undertaken with Mildura Croquet Club and internal council departments.

- The existing croquet lawns at Mansell Reserve have been in existence since 1991.
- Three A Grade grass courts are contained within a fenced area. The courts don't have any sports lighting.
- Six small bench style shelters are located surrounding the courts.
- Clubrooms are in a reconditioned lined shed, built in 2015. Approximate area is 40m² excluding the verandah. The clubrooms contain a Kitchenette with seating and tables. Figure 11 illustrates the clubroom in use at a November 2024 members meeting.
- No change facilities or toilets are available within the clubroom. The nearest accessible toilet is the public toilets located adjacent to the reserve carpark.
- Currently has an active membership of 30, with 23 female and 7 men. Age range varies from 58-98 years old.
- Additional storage is standalone adjacent the car park. Approximate area is 9m²
- Irrigation system is near end of life and requires renewal.



Figure 9 Aerial view existing croquet lawns.



Figure 10 Existing croquet clubroom.



Figure 11 Interior view of clubroom during a Mildura Croquet Club meeting

6.4. Existing movement paths and connectivity

- Most of the site has been identified as an accessible even grade. Recent path improvements include connection from the existing Croquet clubroom to the playing greens. Additional improvements could be made to enhance overall accessibility for pedestrians and wheeled recreation. This includes but not limited to:
 - Access from the carpark to netball courts
 - Access from playground to existing shelter and netball courts
 - Access from surrounding roads and cycle networks
 - East -West pedestrian and wheeled recreation connections
 - Improved pedestrian and wheel recreation safety at entry road and internal car park
 - On street car parking
- A continuous accessible 1.2m wide concrete path connects Eighth Street adjacent to Mildura West Kindergarten via the reserves key building and public toilets to Seventh Street adjacent to the playground. The condition of the path is in good condition.
- A 2.5m wide blue crusher dust path connects into the concrete path at each termination. The crusher dust path weaves through existing trees parallel with Seventh Street and continues adjacent Ontario Avenue before returning along Eighth Street towards Mildura West Kindergarten. The path is in good condition. Although not sealed it still provides an accessible surface. As a flexible semi porous material, it is beneficial in locations containing tree roots.
- Strava Maps (pedestrian and cycle usage) provides an illustrative overview based upon its user base of popular routes and desire lines. Based upon this analysis an east west connection across the reserve is currently popular but not serviced by an accessible path connection.



Figure 12 Existing concrete pavement looking north towards netball courts



Figure 13 Compacted blue crusher dust gravel boundary path

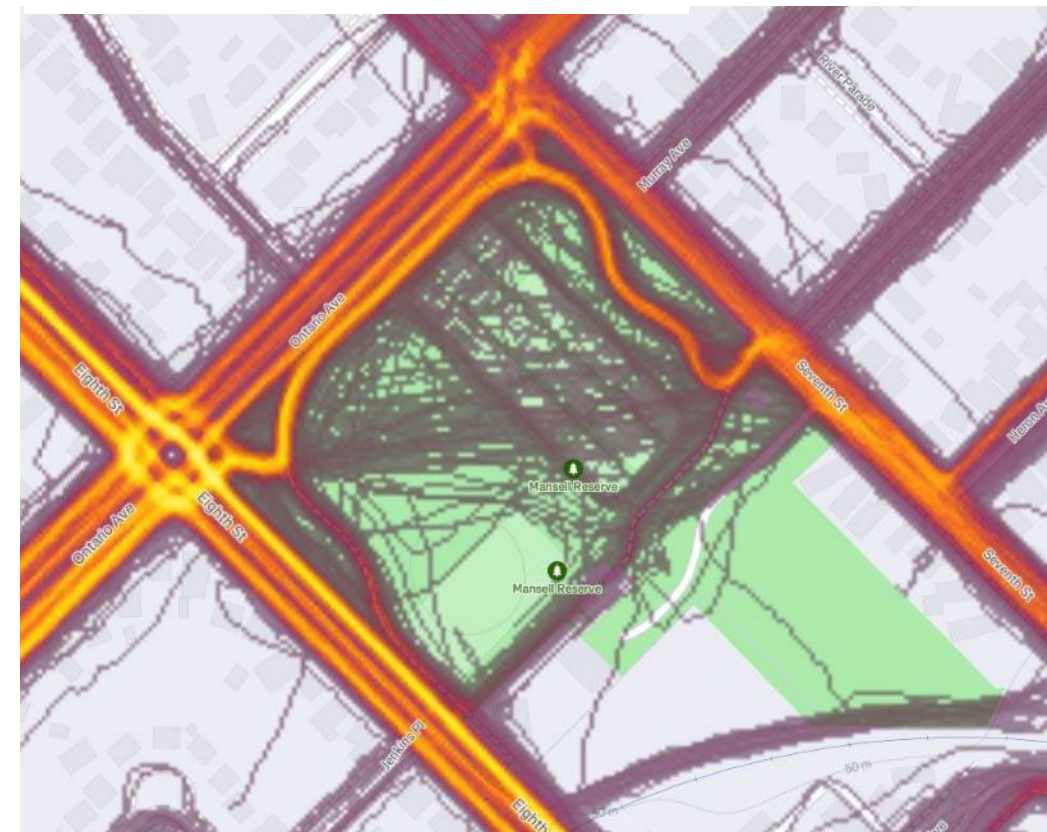


Figure 14 Strava app user data indicating usage of paths and desire lines

6.5. Carparking and Public Transport

- On street carparking is available along Seventh Street, Ontario Avenue and Eighth Street
- Internal carparking can be accessed via Seventh Street.
- Access road ownership is currently under negotiation with VicTrack.
- An area of unsealed carpark is located adjacent to the Netball Courts, playground and public toilets. Parking bays are not designated and unsealed. The existing surface is deteriorating from potholing and poor drainage.
- Maintenance gate for access to the courts and grassed area is located close to the public toilets.
- Additional parking bays are located closer to the Pavilion. These provide designated parking for Maternal Health Nurses (8-5pm Monday – Friday)
- An area of degraded sealed bitumen is located to the rear of the Mildura West Kindergarten that is intended for drop-off and deliveries. Kindergarten staff and croquet club members are also observed parking in this area.
- The current parking area is unsealed and informal with no line marking. Improvements can be made to rationalise internal parking areas to improve capacity and improve connections to on-street parking.
- Safety issues have been reported concerning parking on Eighth Street at Mildura West Kindergarten. The key concern is relating to existing trees lifting the road surface. Council Engineering Team in collaboration with Parks and Gardens Team have investigated opportunities to improve safety. A capital works project is to be submitted (subject to funding) and interim safety measures are to be implemented.
- Currently Mansell Reserve is serviced by a bus route on Eight Street (No 600, 602). The bus stop is currently located adjacent to the croquet greens.



Figure 15 Carpark at rear of pavilion



Figure 16 Access Road from Seventh Street



Figure 17 Internal carpark adjacent netball courts.



Figure 18 Internal carpark adjacent netball courts.

6.6. Furniture and fixtures

- The predominant furniture on site is park seats (approximately twenty-eight) made from recycled plastic. The majority of these are located surrounding the outer edge of the netball courts. The open space audit identified these as in average condition.
- Three picnic table settings were identified. These were identified in the open space audit as being in poor condition and predominantly timber.
- One drink fountain is located on site adjacent the existing shelter. No drainage was installed which has resulted in erosion to the adjacent soil.
- One existing electric barbecue
- Six wheelie bins are located in the reserve.
- Two dog bag dispensers
- One park shelter, 10m x 4m. Contains two picnic benches and electric barbecue. Shelter contains no guttering and a step hazard to the back edge.
- One veranda shelter attached to pavilion. Utilised by Toy library for outdoor social and play area. Contains three benches. Two steps are incorporated on the northern edge.
- Croquet courts contain six bench style metal shelters.
- Current furniture and fixtures do not meet best practice in DDA (Disability Discrimination Act)



Figure 19 Picnic Shelter



Figure 20 Park Seats



Figure 21 Picnic setting



Figure 22 Drink Fountain



Figure 23 Electric Barbecue



Figure 24 Croquet Shelter



Figure 25 Pavilion Verandah Shelter

6.7. Building Assets

- Public toilets are located on the gable end of the pavilion facing the public carpark and were constructed in 1980. The rest rooms contain separate male, female and disabled provision. Male toilets contain a stepped urinal and one cubicle. Female contains three cubicles. Disabled bathroom contains single cubicle. Condition was rated as good. However, improvements could be made to meet DDA access and compliance.
- The Pavilion was constructed in 1980. The southern portion is still utilised for health services by the Maternal and Child Health Nurses. When Mildura Netball Association vacated the site in 2022 the changerooms and storage rooms were utilised by Sunraysia Toy Library. The changerooms have been modified to contain temporary shelving for toys. The showers currently contain a baby change area and storage. The built-in store adjacent the changerooms is utilised by the Toy Library for bikes and trikes that can be accessed for use on the netball courts. The Pavilion is accessed via the reserves internal road accessed from Seventh Street.
- Mildura West Kindergarten is located adjacent to the reserve. It is a leased from Council by the YMCA and constructed in 1970. The kindergarten relies on delivery access from the reserves internal access road from Seventh Street.
- Mildura Croquet Clubroom was installed in 2022. The clubroom is a standalone steel shed style construction and has been internally lined and fitted out with storage shelves and a kitchenette.
- Two standalone storage sheds are located adjacent the pavilion. These are leased separately to the Sunraysia Toy Library and Mildura Croquet Club.



Figure 26 Mildura Croquet Clubroom



Figure 27 Mildura Croquet Clubroom storage shed.



Figure 28 Sunraysia Toy Library located in the Pavilion.



Figure 29 Sunraysia Toy Library shower cubicle utilised for baby change.



Figure 30 Sunraysia Toy Library shower cubicle utilised for toy storage.



Figure 31 Public Toilet disabled cubicle.



Figure 32 Plaque on pavilion wall

6.8. Planning and Land use Overview

- The majority of the reserve is designated as PPRZ Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- A rezoning is required to ensure that Mildura West Kindergarten leased area is incorporated into PUZ6
- Negotiations are currently ongoing between Council and VicTrack to secure future and ongoing access to the reserve's internal carpark via the access road from Seventh Street which is currently owned by VicTrack.



Figure 33 Internal entry road from Seventh Street illustrating current ownership arrangement



Figure 34 Landuse zoning map Mansell Reserve

6.9. Existing Vegetation

- Approximately 20% of the reserve is covered by trees and garden beds. Mildura Urban Forestry general aim is to increase canopy coverage to 30% by 2040. A greater percentage maybe possible in parkland reserves of up to 50%.
- A healthy connected canopy has been established along the reserve's envelope along Seventh Street, Ontario Avenue and Eighth Street. This provides a natural shade to the pedestrian boundary path.
- Predominant tree species identified on site are:
 - Acacia stenophylla* 'Shoestring Acacia'
 - Brachychiton populneus* 'kurrajong'
 - Ceratonia siliqua* 'Carob Tree'
 - Callistemon viminalis* 'Weeping Bottlebrush'
 - Casuarina cunninghamiana* 'River she-oak'
 - Eucalyptus stricklandii* 'Yellow flowered Blackbutt'
 - Eucalyptus woodwardii* 'lemon-flowered Gum'
 - Eucalyptus stricklandii* 'stricklandii gum'
 - Eucalyptus largiflorens* 'Black box'
 - Eucalyptus cosmophylla* 'Cup gum'
 - Fraxinus angustifolia* 'Narrow leaved ash'
 - Jacaranda mimosifolia* 'Jacaranda'
 - Phoenix canariensis* 'Canary Island date palm'
- Understory species was limited, with significant failure due to species selection and watering requirements. Predominant species identified on site are:
 - Lomandra longifolia* 'spiny had mat rush'.
 - Myoporum parvifolium* 'creeping boobialla'
- An audit of existing vegetation was undertaken with council's arborist on the 28 February 2025; key recommendations to action included:
 - ☐ Canopy lifting and amenity pruning of all existing trees.
 - ☐ Removal of one *Fraxinus angustifolia* tree identified as being in poor health.
 - ☐ Removal of one Dead Tree.



Figure 35 Tree in poor health to be removed



Figure 36 Dead Tree to be removed



Figure 37 Lomandra species

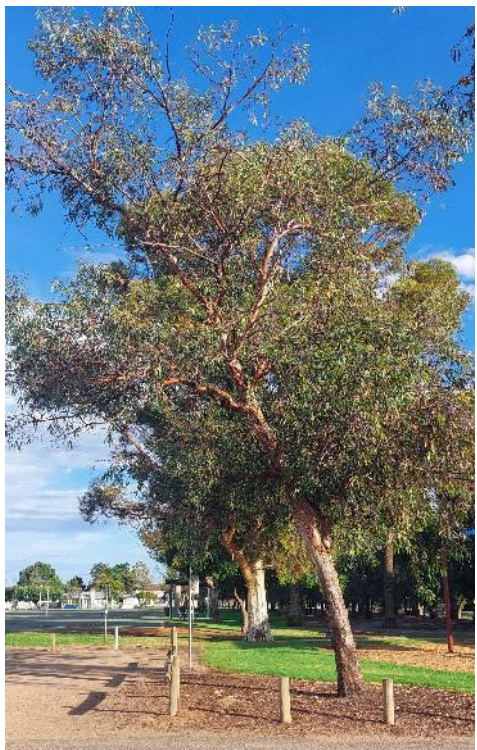


Figure 38 *Eucalyptus stricklandii*

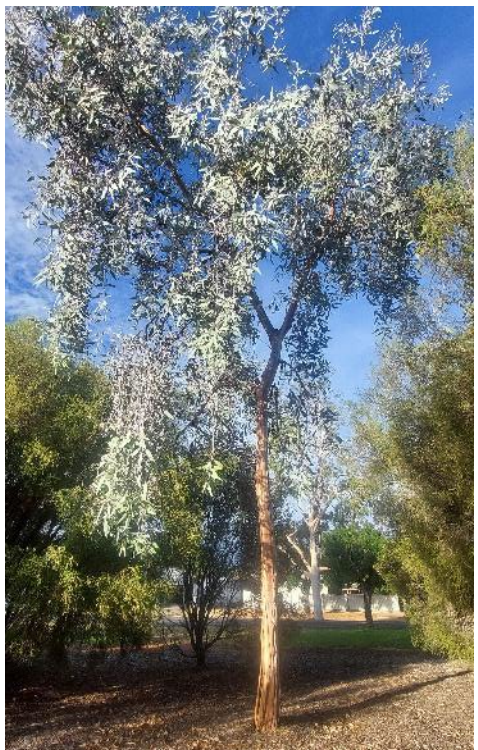


Figure 39 *Eucalyptus woodwardii*



Figure 40 Connected canopy provides natural shade to boundary path

6.10. Urban Heat Island

- A surface heat analysis was undertaken on the 12 February 2025 at 6pm. The weather was clear with a forecasted temperature of 39 degrees. This analysis aids in understanding the impact of UV and heat on different surfaces and allows for design considerations in the masterplan and future detailed design.
- Temperatures in urban areas can be 1-3 degrees higher than in rural areas. Material type and finish can influence the comfort and safety when interacted with by humans and animals. Average temperatures continue to rise, and duration of extreme temperatures is likely to also increase. Strategies being undertaken in Australian Cities include planting of additional trees, use of lighter and reflective materials and paints, installation of more shelters and shade canopies.
- The ideal outdoor ambient temperature for adults and children is in the range of 25 to 31 degrees. This range is considered comfortable and safe for prolonged outdoor activities.

- Surface temperatures that are over 48 degrees can cause first degree burns especially on children who have a thinner skin profile.
- The audit illustrated a broad but not exhausted surface sample. The highest temperature was recorded for asphalt in full sun at 69.9 degrees; the lowest temperature was recorded at 38.4 degrees for playground mulch in shade. This illustrates a 31.5 degree difference.
- The surface colour treatment of asphalt also illustrated the potential to reduce the urban heat impact. Black top asphalt versus painted white asphalt shows a 14 degree difference. The addition of natural and artificial shade would also provide additional reduction in surface temperature.
- The benefit of shade on comparable surfaces showed a reduction on surface temperature of up to 18 degrees. Playground mulch in shade showed an improvement of 16.1 degrees; whilst the playground slide in shade was greater at 18.2 degrees improvement.



Crusher Dust path shade 40 degrees



Garden Mulch 60 degrees



Irrigated grass 42.5 degrees



Irrigated grass 50.8 degrees



Painted 'White' Asphalt 55.8 degrees



Painted Asphalt 58.8 degrees



Painted Asphalt 57.3 degrees



Concrete Path 52.4 degrees



Asphalt 60 degrees



Playground Mulch Shade 38.4 degrees



Playground Rubber 69.3 degrees



Playground Mulch 54.5 degrees



Playground Slide Shade 44.5 degrees



Playground Slide Shade 62.7 degrees

6.11. Stormwater and Water Sensitive Urban Design

A walkover of Mansell Reserve was undertaken with MRCC Drainage Engineer on the 2 April 2025. A summary of findings is identified below:

- Water Sensitive Urban Design Initiatives are yet to be fully realised at Mansell Reserve.
- No runoff identified from neighbouring properties.
- Seventh and Eighth Street drainage is overland flow by kerb and channel. Natural falls are towards Ontario Avenue where several side entry pits and mainline stormwater infrastructure are located.
- Existing netball courts contains several drainage pits to the boundary and linear grated drains are located at regular intervals along the natural fall. The pits and linear grates connect to the town stormwater system at the corner of Seventh Street and Ontario. The engineers report (2MH Consulting 2018) identified that drainage was inadequate for the extent of the courts surface area. This has resulted in ponding and water ingress with the subgrade becoming saturated leading to surface cracking and deterioration.
- The existing unsealed carpark to the southeast of the courts contains a large, grated inlet that captures to a certain degree surface runoff. This is believed to discharge into an underground soakage pit and isn't linked to a town stormwater outlet. Surface erosion and ponding is a consistent issue with the car park during peak rain events.
- Underground drainage shown in red in Figure 41 is believed to be redundant and related to the sites previous use as a rail yard. Further investigation is required at detailed design phase.
- Pavilion roof water is believed to discharge to a grated sump in the grass area to the north of the pavilion.



Figure 41 Existing MRCC Drainage Infrastructure (Intramaps June 25)

6.12. Site safety and security

- Mansell Reserve is surrounded by roads and residential houses on three sides which provides good passive surveillance to the outer boundaries and walking path.
- Existing trees have been identified in the consultation require canopy lifting to ensure sightlines are maintained especially at the intersection of Ontario and Eighth Street, and along Seventh Street.
- In consultation with Victoria Police and key stakeholders it has been identified to provide interim and long-term solutions to improve safety and security to the internal carparking area. As a result, an application for CCTV was made in late 2024 with a camera installed early 2025 to improve surveillance of the public carpark area. Fencing along the boundary to the Victrack land was also advised as a deterrent to those trying to evade police interest. This is to be reviewed in consideration of any development applications for the VicTrack land.
- Key stakeholders have identified several issues with the pavilion interface. Public circulation paths can leave leased rooms vulnerable if not actively supervised to opportunist theft. Also, the issue of electric mobility aids and cyclists can pass at speed, with limited sightlines, which can be a hazard where very young and elderly members of the community are often present.
- The activation of the reserve by the sites stakeholders enhances 'eyes on the park' and creates activation in all seasons and times of the day. This invites other members of the community that may feel more vulnerable to utilise the space at similar times.
- Improving access and formalising paths where current desire lines exist through the heart of the park will improve usage and passive surveillance. For example, third party apps and site observations indicate a desire line running east west that services the Ontario Shop / Mildura West Primary School and the Mildura Art Centre / Riverfront.
- Pedestrian lighting within the reserve is limited with only the main Pavillion building consistently lit for security reasons. Sports flood lighting is present but is only activated when the facility is leased. Isolated pole top lights exist within the tree area adjacent Seventh Street; however, is no longer operational or fit for purpose.

7. Community and Stakeholder Consultation

7.1. Community engagement plan

The Community Engagement Plan for Mansell Reserve is based upon with the Mildura Rural City Council Community Engagement Planning Model.

In preparation of the Community Engagement Plan, Recreation and Development (RD) staff have undertaken internal discussions with branch managers and key staff. The intent has set the scene with background information.

The internal discussions also aided in identifying key stakeholders and community groups who would be interested by the Master Plan and add value to the engagement process.

A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) has been undertaken for the project and has identified the need for authentic and broad consultation with a diversity of groups representing equality and intersectionality.

7.2. Consultation and Masterplan Timeframes

The below provides a summary of completed and predicted consultation and masterplan activities.

Key milestone	Completed / Date
Draft Community Engagement Plan	Completed - May 24
Council endorsed Community Engagement Plan	Completed - July 24
Identify, Contact and Establish Meetings / workshops with Key Stakeholders	Completed - August 24
Key Stakeholder Engagement	Completed - August 24
Community Engagement	Completed - November December 24
On-Site Drop-in session Twilight Market	Completed - 23 December 24 Completed 15 November 24
Children Workshop Mildura West Primary School	Completed 10 December 24
Consolidate Community and Stakeholder feedback	Completed – January / February 25
Undertake Draft Masterplan Development	Completed – March / April 25
Present Draft Masterplan to internal departments and key stakeholders	Completed – May / June 25
Consolidate Feedback and Present to Council Executive Leadership Team and Elected Member Forum	August 25
Present Draft Masterplan to Broader Community	September / October 25
Consolidate feedback, finalise masterplan including costing of actions and staging.	November / December 25
Final Masterplan presented to Council for endorsement	January 26

7.3. Stakeholders

The below groups were targeted as part of the stakeholder engagement. Those shaded grey were informed but no official feedback or active participation was received.

- Sunraysia Toy Library (Located on site)
- Mildura West Kindergarten (Located adjacent reserve)
- Mildura Croquet Club (Located on site)
- Maternal Health Nurses (Located on site)
- Werrimull Football Netball Club (Use courts for training)
- Victoria Police
- MRCC Youth Council
- Netball Victoria
- Mildura West Primary School
- Hands Up Mallee
- Mallee Sports Assembly
- Sunraysia Football Netball Club
- Mildura and District Historical Society
- Mansell Family
- Disability Advocacy Inclusion Committee (June 25)
- VicTrack
- Regis Sunraysia
- Millewa Football Netball League
- Christies Centre
- Ontario Avenue General Store
- MDAS (Mallee District Aboriginal Services)
- GEAS (Gender Equity Action Sunraysia)
- Headspace Mildura
- Alphabet Soup Mildura
- Anglicare QSPACE
- Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council

Additional Responses Received from

- Irymple Netball Association
- Mildura Pottery Club
- Mildura Community House

7.4. Sunraysia Toy Library

Council staff have met with the Sunraysia Toy Library on 19 August 24; and they have also completed the stakeholder survey. Key discussions and feedback received in consideration of the masterplan is presented below.

- Located in old netball changerooms.

- Located over two locations Red Cliffs and Mansell Reserve. Moved to Mansell June 23.
- They will be facilitated in the new Red Cliffs Hub
- Currently seeing growth and witnessed new Baby Club under veranda.
- Location of Mansell Reserve is beneficial i.e. accessible, park setting, parking, carpark
- Would like to make internal modifications to improve storage including the existing toilet shower area that doubles for storage, restrooms and baby change facility.
- Utilise netball storage area for toys for court area which includes trikes and scooters. This is built into the footprint of the existing pavilion. They also have access to a standalone shed to the carpark side used for larger toys and party packs.
- The Toy Library have experienced safety issues under the northern verandah, which is used for outdoor play. The public path runs adjacent to the building creating conflict issues. For example, a mobility scooter almost ran over children using the space. They have also experienced issues with dogs off leash. The veranda's current design also features a large step creating a potential fall hazard for young children.
- Car park space not rational, can be uneven and muddy. Requires accessible and even access for prams etc from car park to building.
- Would like to setup click and go locker system.
- Have experienced minor graffiti.
- Add artwork to building.
- External signage would be beneficial to advertise location.
- Public toilets to include baby changeroom/ family change facilities.

Following development of the Draft Masterplan Council staff met with the Sunraysia Toy Library representatives on 27 May 2025, the below provides a summary to those discussions

- Sunraysia Toy Library was supportive of the overall vision for the Masterplan.
- They were especially supportive of the children focused improvements including the playspace and learn to ride facility.
- They were keen to see improved path networks for accessibility and improved carparking.
- Advised that a multi cubicle public toilet would be required near the playspace and learn to ride facility.
- Would not support an enclosed off leash dog area
- Require ability to include permanent Sunraysia Toy Library signage to promote location.
- Offset primary pedestrian path away from pavilion to improve safety from bicycle and mobility scooters etc.
- A list of interim improvements was presented by Sunraysia Toy Library relating primarily to internal improvement. These were discussed further with Recreation Development Coordinator and Property Services.

The Sunraysia Toy Library request that future planning for the hub facility would require additional consultation and architectural review to ensure that the facility is fit for purpose.

7.5. Mildura Croquet Club

Council staff have met with the Mildura Croquet Club on the 28 August 2024 and they have also completed the stakeholder survey. Key discussions and feedback received in consideration of the masterplan is presented below.

- Currently located in a converted standalone shed with a kitchenette, created in 2015.
- Size of shed is not large enough to accommodate the majority of members and visitors as a function and social space. No toilets exist within the clubroom, requiring members to utilise the public toilets. Clubroom also feels detached from playing area and lacks spectator benefits.
- Provided a clubroom precedent at Coutts Crossing Croquet Club as an example of a preferred arrangement.
- Current storage is in the carpark. Contains mallets, trolleys, BBQs.
- They would like lighting as playing time is restricted during winter season. This would help the club to grow its membership base; and create opportunities for social and barefoot croquet.
- Currently have three A grade courts. Would like to have five as this is competition requirement.
- Min shade available during play. Existing seat shelters are very small and provide limited protection to UV and wind. Players tend to hang under small tree in the northwest corner.
- Game provides social and mental benefits. Game is strategic like snooker and chess.
- Have had a come and try day with St Joseph's School.
- Current courts have too much cross fall. Should be like a lawn bowls green. Runs south west to north east.
- Current issues with grass being dry, possible issues with sprinklers; and couch has been invaded with Kikuyu runner. Council maintenance team are aware of the issue and undertaking ongoing works to improve the playing surface.
- Most members are retired, and croquet is key sport to support active aging, providing social and mental wellbeing. Their oldest member is currently 98 year old.
- Would like to see improved accessible parking and paths to access clubrooms.
- Need lighting around building to discourage antisocial behaviour and improve safety for members.
- Existing public path passes directly in front of clubroom, can't leave clubroom unsupervised or needs to be constantly locked. Also issues with community using bikes, scooters and electric mobility aids passing in close proximity to elderly members.
- Public toilets are locked before games are finished in summer.
- Greens are watered with non-filtered river water. When floods occurred couldn't water lawns.

Following development of the Draft Masterplan Council staff met with the Mildura Croquet Club representatives on 28 May 2025. The Mildura Croquet Club provided a letter outlining their response to the draft masterplan on the 27 July 2025. Below is a summary of the key items raised.

- The Mildura Croquet Club was supportive of the overall vision for the Masterplan. They advised that the existing site and buildings are outdated and need to be modernised.
- The Club advised that they are currently at capacity spatially within the footprint of their existing clubroom. They recently celebrated their 40th anniversary and were limited in how many they could invite.
- The current size of the clubroom also limits their opportunity to grow membership.

- The clubroom does not have direct access to a toilet facility and requires players and spectators to use the public toilet facility that is outdated and are often closed at 6pm.
- They would like to see sports lighting introduced to allow for play to occur in winter and appeal to potential members who are still working or caring for family during daylight hours.
- Improved and additional shade is required to courtside and for spectators.
- Request for CCTV coverage and more lighting in common areas and carpark to improve personal safety.

7.6. Mildura Netball Association (MNA)

Council staff have met with the MNA on the 24 February 2025 and they have also completed the stakeholder survey. Key discussions and feedback received in consideration of the masterplan is presented below.

- MNA would like netball to remain at Mansell to allow for competition overflow. If half the courts were retained for netball use this would be ok.
- Committee members have observed a recent increase of use at Mansell Reserve by several netball clubs. This relates to growth pressure at MSP and maintenance works on the indoor courts.
- MNA would be supportive of any future initiatives that was sympathetic and celebrated the history of the reserve, including its use for women's sport and recreation.
- In general, supportive of diversifying the use of the courts to cater for other recreation, play and sporting experiences if dedicated netball courts were preserved.

Following development of the Draft Masterplan Council staff met with the Mildura Netball Association representatives on 2 June 2025. The below provides a summary of the key outcomes.

- Supportive of the inclusion of 4x dedicated competition netball courts.
- Supportive of the multipurpose courts that are also lined for netball. Consider reversible basketball netball posts.'
- Mansell Reserve could be a potential venue for Spring Carnivals.
- Consider in future planning storage requirements for post padding. Storage could be consolidated in future hub building or standalone lock box / sports box.
- Supportive of learn to ride facility and pump track, these attractions would reduce the amount of wheeled recreation using the dedicated netball courts and preserve the courts surface for longer.
- Supportive of change facilities in a hub environment.
- Supportive of integrating art and interpretation to celebrate the sites history and importance to women's sport including netball. Would like to remain informed and potentially contribute in collaboration with council and other organisations to the Woman's Sport Recognition Garden.
- Supportive of improving the courts drainage and required Geotech / engineering solution to avoid future cracking.
- Noted that MSP would retain to be MNA primary home and ambition is to extend courts at MSP. But Mansell would allow for use for Jr comps / spring carnival and emergency use.
- Would like lighting considered for the playground. Parents /carers who use the facility for training in winter often have children with them. Having lighting in the playspace during training would make it safer and more usable
- Supportive of a fenced playground

- Supportive of the sealed carpark.
- Supportive of the fitness experiences offered and how that could be used for netball training both organised and casual use.

7.7. Werrimull Football Netball Club

Council staff have met with the Mildura Werrimull Football Netball Club on the 8 August 2024 and they have also completed the stakeholder survey. Key discussions and feedback received in consideration of the masterplan is presented below.

- Would like to see two to three dedicated netball courts for training. Typically have thirty people attending.
- Kids often accompany players during training and utilise playground, however, can be quite a dark space in winter.
- Other courts could be converted to multipurpose courts.

The Draft Masterplan was issued to the Werrimull Football Netball Club for comment a email was received on the 24 September 2025 from the Netball secretary. Summary of the email below.

- Supportive of the overall masterplans vision.
- Supportive of the structure and placement of the proposed dedicated netball courts.
- Support that the netball courts are still in close proximity to the playspace and learn to ride facility so parents and carers can still train while children are close by.
- Ensure sports lighting is designed appropriately for competition use.

7.8. MRCC Youth Council

Council staff have met with the MRCC Youth Council on the 14 August 2024. Key discussions and feedback received in consideration of the masterplan is presented below.

- All attendees were familiar with Mansell Reserve. Identified that there were safety issues especially in regard to vulnerable and female user groups. Reference was given to the shrubby bushes in the parameter path that impacted sightlines and ability to have advanced warning of potential threats. Could be improved with uplifting existing canopies, removing certain species and installing lighting.
- Opportunities for community art.
- Options for learn to cycle.
- Include down ball, ensure free throw is still included.
- Multipurpose courts
- Futsal.
- Rollerblading.

The Draft Masterplan was presented to the MRCC Youth Council on the 11 June 2025. Summary of feedback below:

- Supportive of youth activities including hangout spots, multipurpose courts, pump track, fitness equipment.

- Liked the idea that all ages and genders could utilise the reserve.

Members of the committee were forwarded plans and link to Yoursay Survey to allow for personal feedback

7.9. Victoria Police

- Evidence of anti-social issues with internal car park
- Recommends lighting and consideration for CCTV.
- Suggested Idea to use the hard surface as a location for a Road Safety Park. Where young people could learn to ride on the road in a safe environment.
- Ensure that barriers and bollards are strategically located to ensure areas are protected inappropriate access.
- Recommend fencing to VicTrack land boundary as can be used as an escape route.

7.10. Additional Stakeholder Survey Responses

Additional stakeholder survey responses have been collated and presented in **Appendix A - Consultation Priorities and Masterplan Actions**. Written comments from stakeholders are presented in **Appendix B Consultation Comments and Masterplan Response**.

8. Initial Broader Community Consultation (October -November 2024)

Council facilitated an initial broader community consultation between 25 October 2024 to the 29 November 2024. This was used to inform the design of the draft masterplan. A broad range of questions were incorporated into a online survey to gain valuable information about current usage of the reserve and how the space could be enhanced under the themes of recreation, sports, play and supporting facilities.. In total eighty-three survey responses were received. Additionally, council facilitated two drop-in sessions at Mansell Reserve on 23 November 2024 in collaboration with Community Partnerships and at the Mildura Arts Centre Twilight Event on the 15 November 2024. Council staff worked closely with the Council Communications team utilising mainstream media and social media to promote the consultation events and survey. Posters were displayed on site and at local business, education sites and stakeholders' venues. A children's voice workshop was held with Mildura West Primary School in collaboration Hands Up Mallee.

8.1. Initial Survey Questionnaire Results

Recreation Development worked closely with Community Futures to develop a questionnaire that was accessed online. Paper copies were also made available on request.

Eighty -three responses were received. The majority of responses received were from people aged between thirty and fifty; with forty-three respondents being female and thirteen being male. Not all responses provided a gender or age response.

83% of survey responders advised that they currently use the reserve. With 12% of the responses indicating that they have never used the reserve.

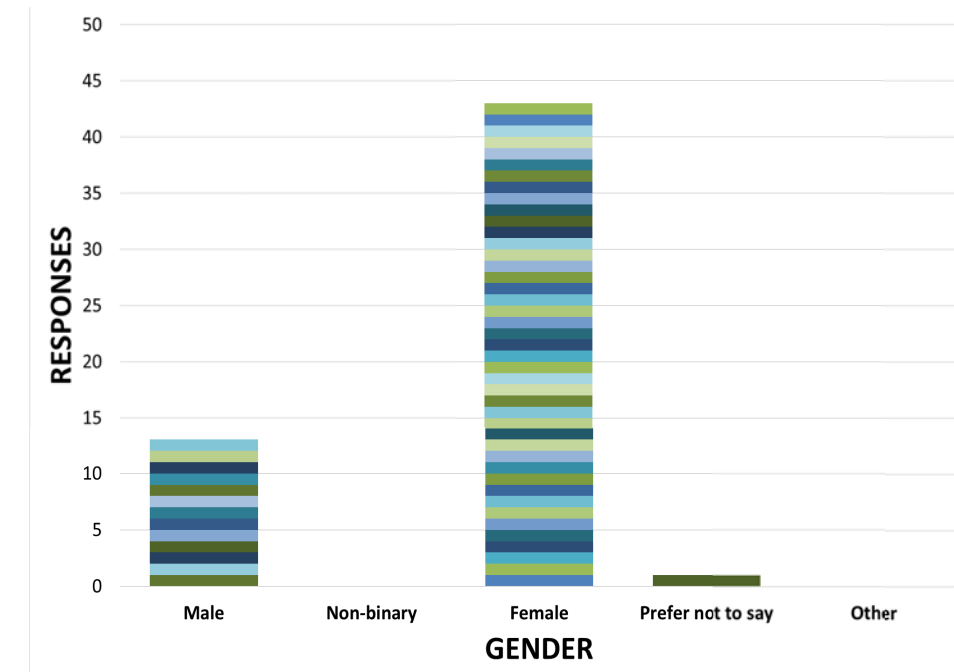


Figure 43 -Survey Question - How do you identify.

Q3 Do you currently use the reserve

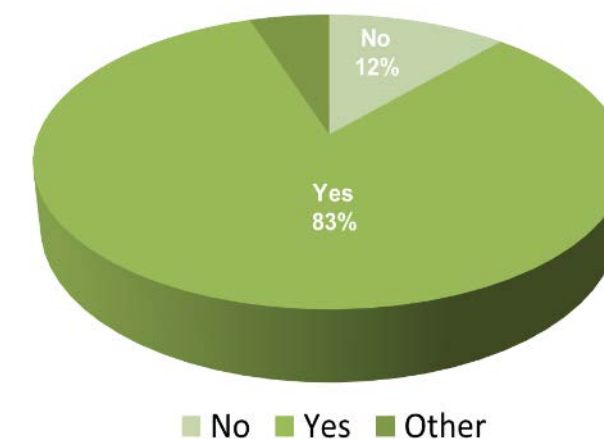


Figure 44 - Survey Question - Do you currently use the reserve.

Council was keen to understand the community's interest in reducing the number of dedicated netball courts for alternative purposes. Just under 80% of respondents (63) indicated that they would support this decision.

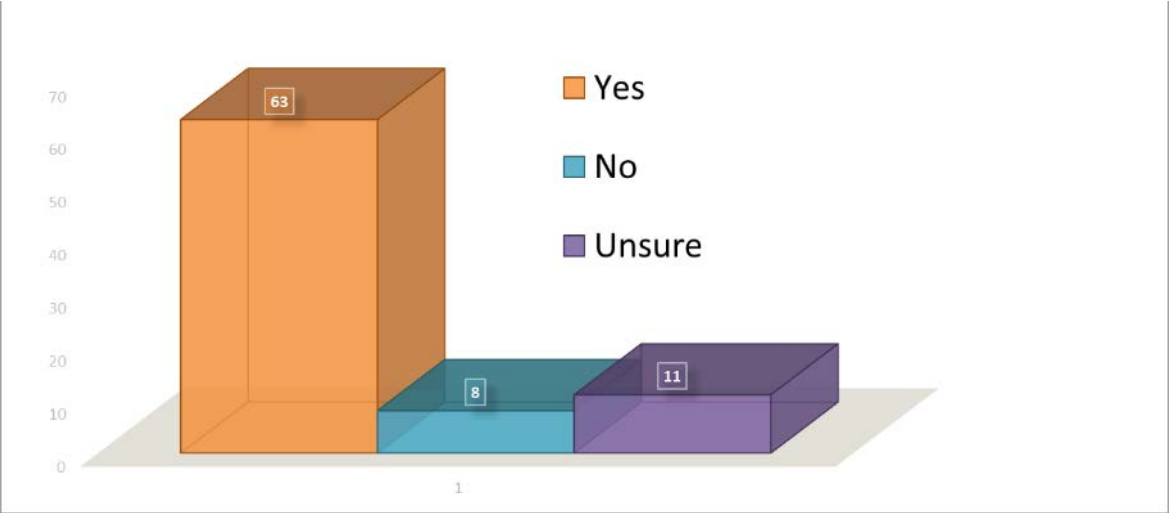


Figure 45 Survey Question - Do you support the reduction in dedicated netball courts to serve additional or alternative use.

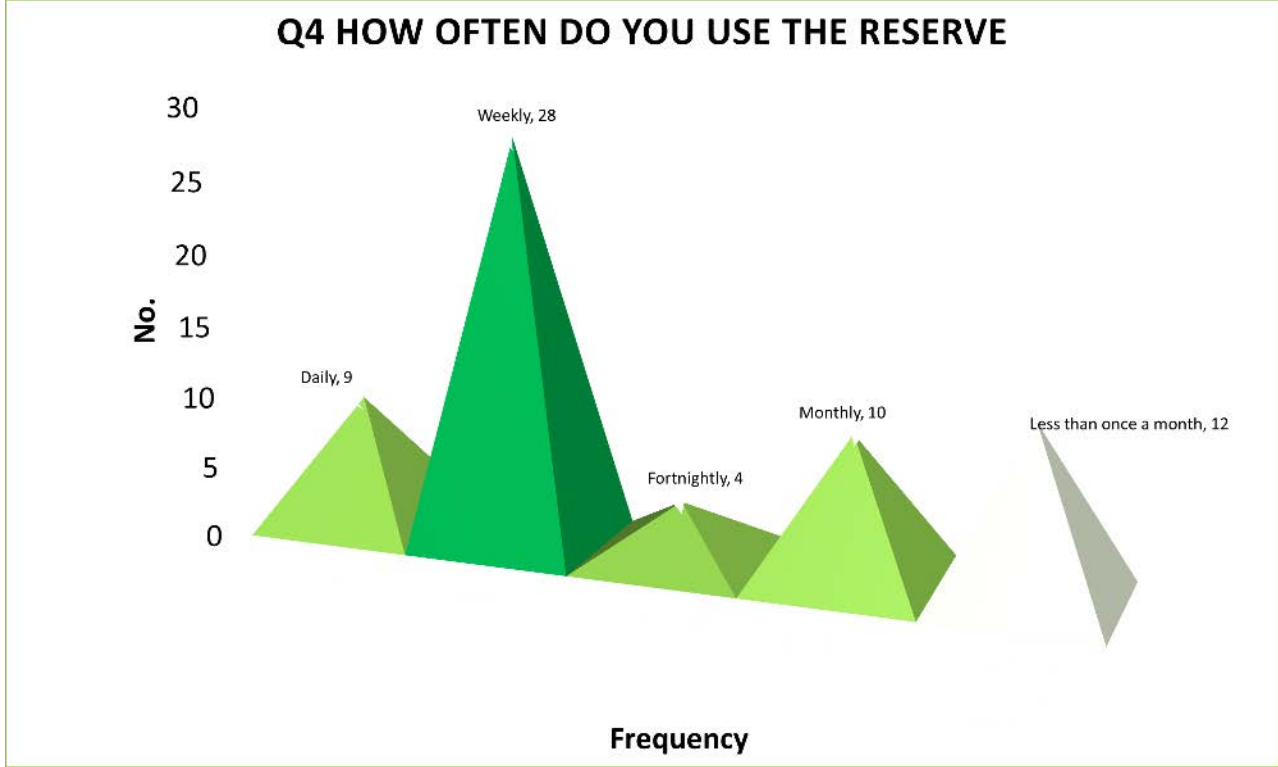


Figure 46 Survey Questions - How often do you use the reserve.

Community survey responses have been collated and presented in **Appendix A - Consultation Priorities and Masterplan Actions**. Written comments from the community survey are presented in **Appendix B - Consultation Comments and Masterplan Response**.



Figure 47 On-site consultation event



Figure 48 Members of SuniTAFE Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders Cultural Arts supported the consultation through chalk art.



Figure 49 Local community artist Ivy Russell supported the consultation through chalk art.



Figure 50 Mansell Reserve on-site consultation held on the 23 November 24

9. Children’s Voice Workshop

Council in collaboration with Hands Up Mallee facilitated a children’s voice workshop. A range of activities were designed to engage the children to allow them to express creative and imaginative ideas. The activities included drawing, writing, modelling with clay, natural parts and Lego. The consultation feedback was collated and reviewed to identify key themes and preference; these are presented below.

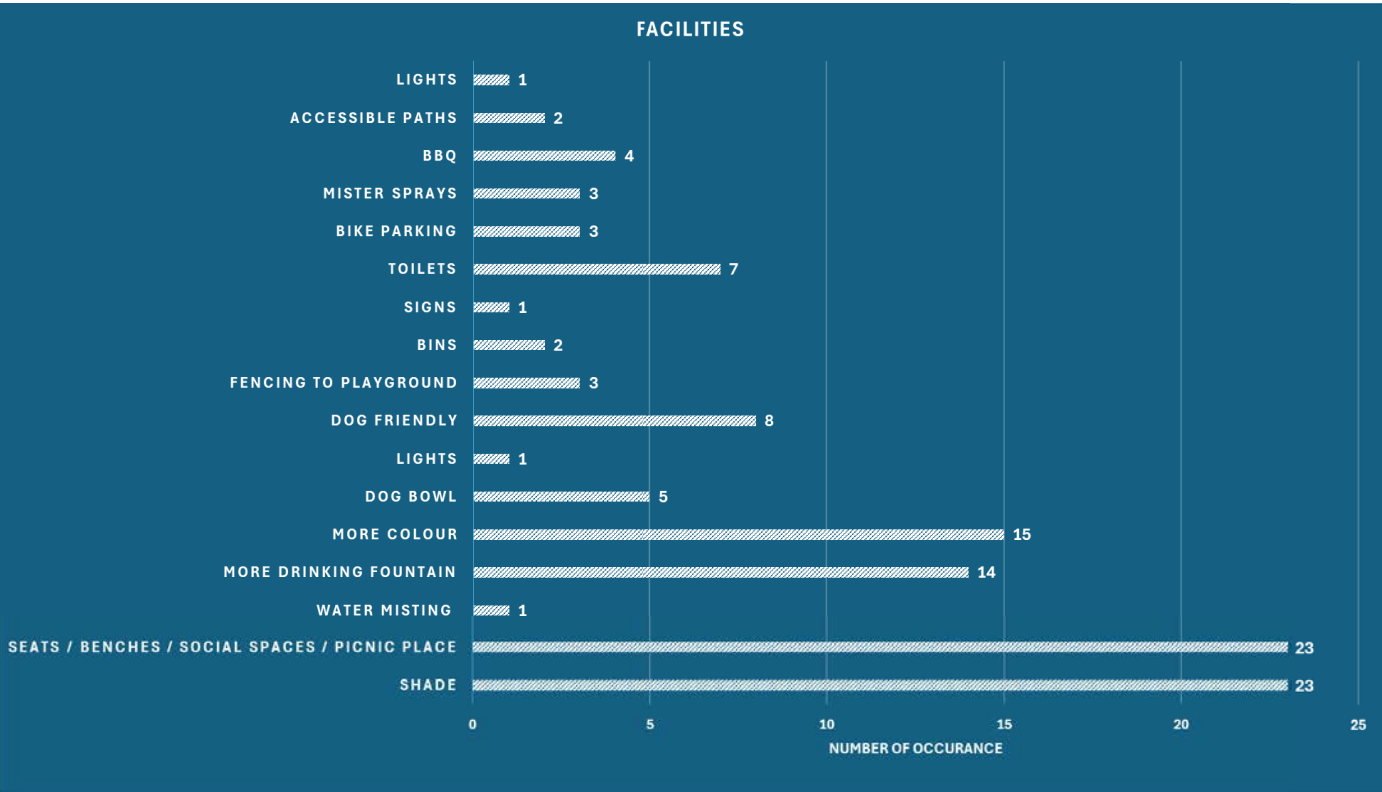


Figure 51 Children’s voice preference facilities needs



Figure 52 Children’s voice workshop

“ Its fun and also if feels safe. The bubble taps are hard to access. Less netball court and instead basketball” Boy aged 10



Figure 53 Model making with play dough



Figure 54 Model making with Lego

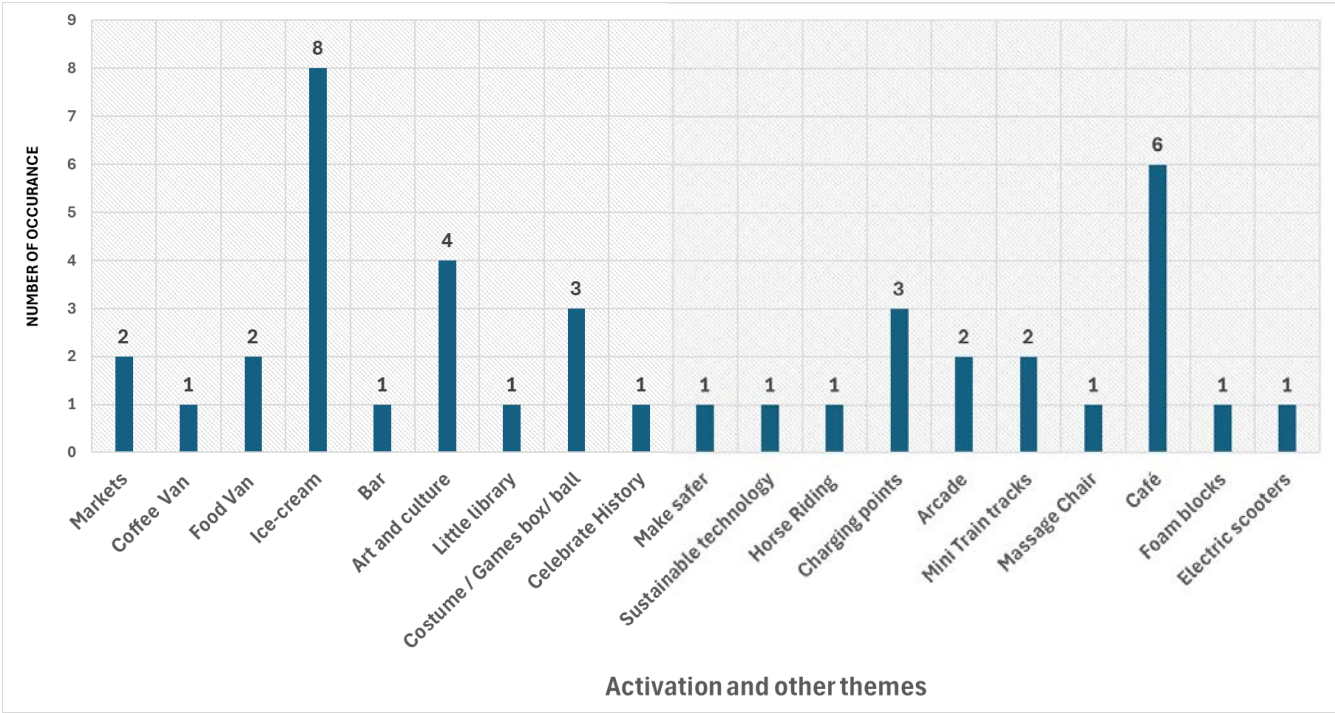


Figure 55 Children’s voice preference activation and other themes

“I like Mansell because of all the green areas for running. I dislike all the bumps and cracks on the courts, makes us trip over” Girl Aged 10

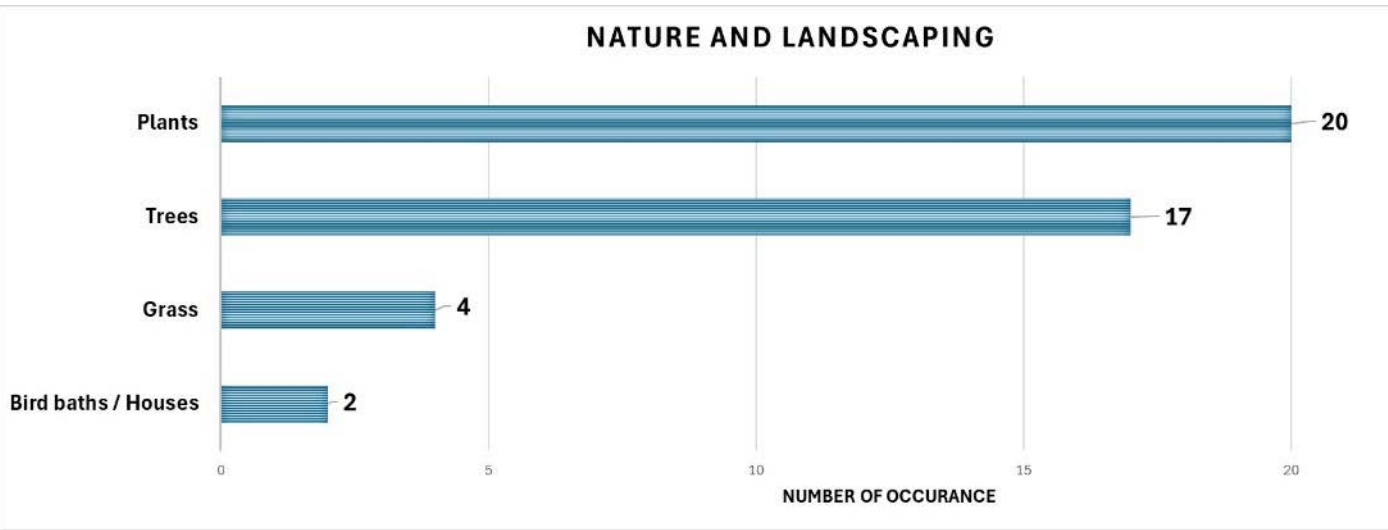


Figure 56 Children's voice preference nature and landscaping.

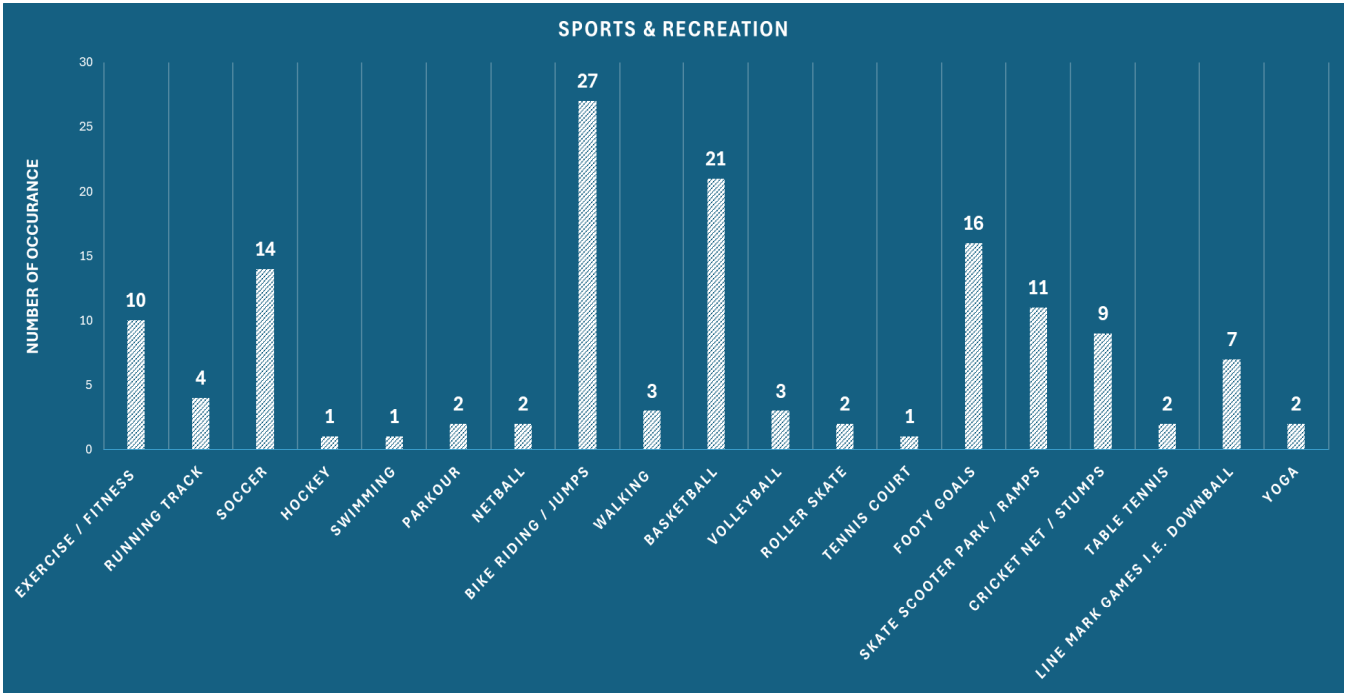


Figure 57 Children's voice preference sports and recreation

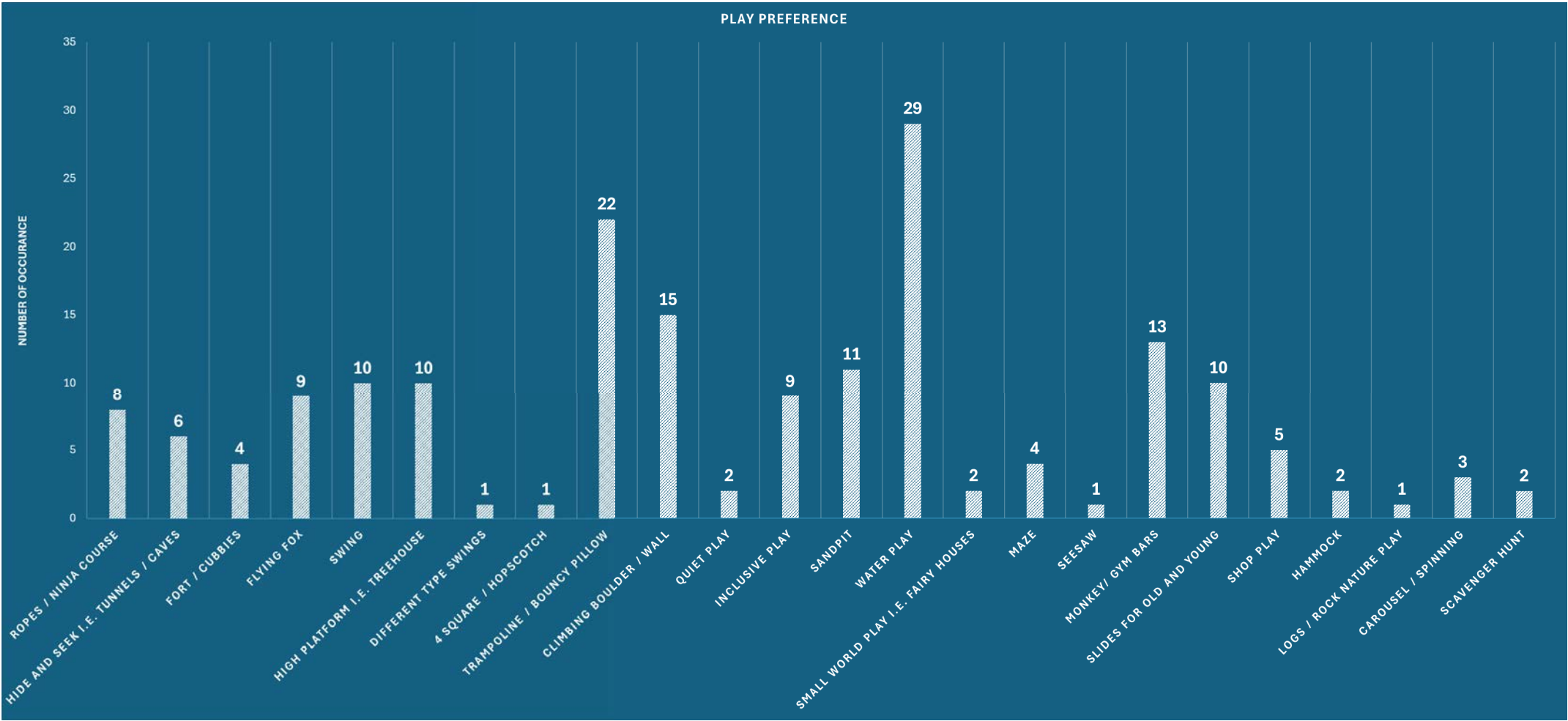


Figure 58 Children's voice play preference

10. Draft Masterplan Broader Community Consultation (September 2025)

Following consultation on the draft masterplan with internal departments and stakeholders the projects online yoursay page was updated to include the masterplan vision. A short survey was also included to ratify the proposals. Questions focused on confirming the popularity of the sporting, play and recreation opportunities presented in the masterplan vision. The conclusion of the survey allowed the community to identify their level of satisfaction with the overall design; and the ability to provide additional comments. The responses were less in quantity than the initial community survey undertaken. The drop in engagement numbers is not uncommon once the plans are presented. This can often illustrate that the community is largely accepting of the design and do not feel the need to provide further responses or comments.

10.1. Draft Masterplan Survey Questionnaire Results

Twenty-nine survey responses were received. The majority of responses received were from people aged between 21-30 age bracket closely followed by the 31-40 year old age bracket. This made up 61% of the submissions received. 69% of the responses received identified as female. 10% identified as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander, 7% identified as LGBTQIA+, 3.5% identified as a person with a disability and 3.5% identified as born overseas.

In question 4 the community was asked to drag and order in preference the experiences that would have the biggest impact on them and their family. The top seven items selected were netball courts, all abilities fitness equipment, pump track, learn to ride facility, older play equipment including ninja warrior and climbing boulder, fenced playspace with nature play and additional planting including trees for shade.

In question 5 the community was asked to identify which sports do they think should be included in the multipurpose sports from a provided list; they could also suggest their own. The most popular was basketball at 61%, closely followed by netball at 60%. Soccer and pickle ball was closely matched at 41%; and closely followed by tennis at 39%. Other suggestions included linemarking for downball 3%, running 3% and roller derby 7%.

At the conclusion of the survey question 6 asked the community to indicate their level of satisfaction with the Draft Master Plan vision. 43% of the respondents were very satisfied, 32% were moderately satisfied which equates to 75% are moderately satisfied or better. 7% of the responses were dissatisfied with the masterplan vision.

The community was also allowed to provide additional comments to expand on their areas of potential improvements and concerns. These have been collated and included in **Appendix B - Consultation Comments and Masterplan Response.**

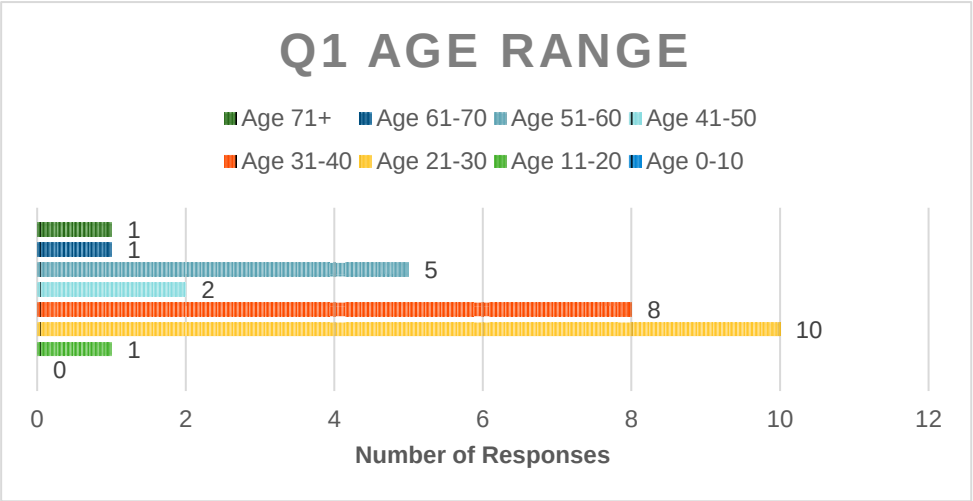


Figure 59 Question 1 Age Range

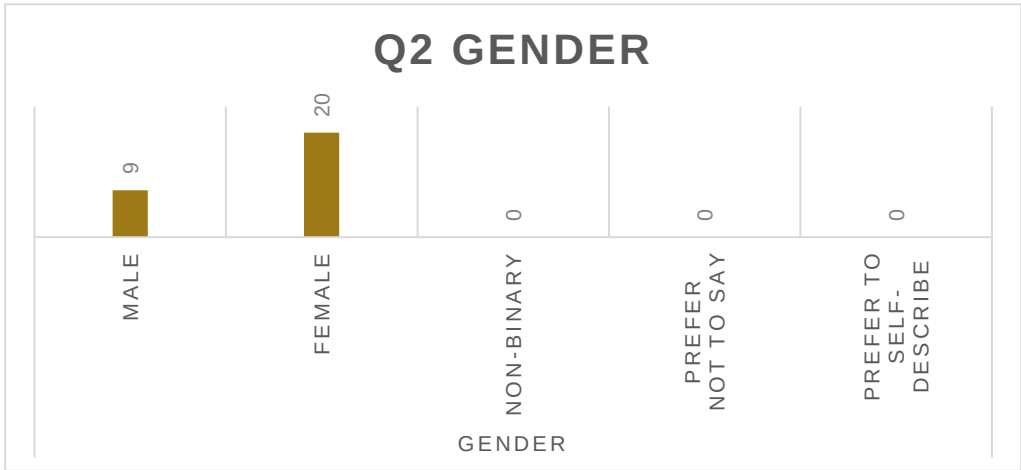


Figure 60 Question 2 Gender

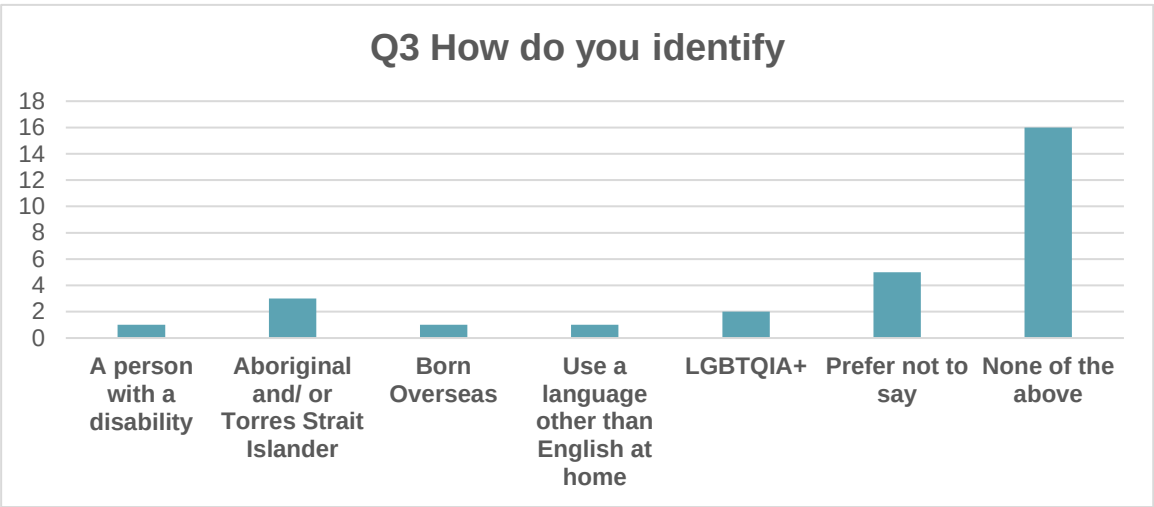


Figure 61 Question 3 How do you identify

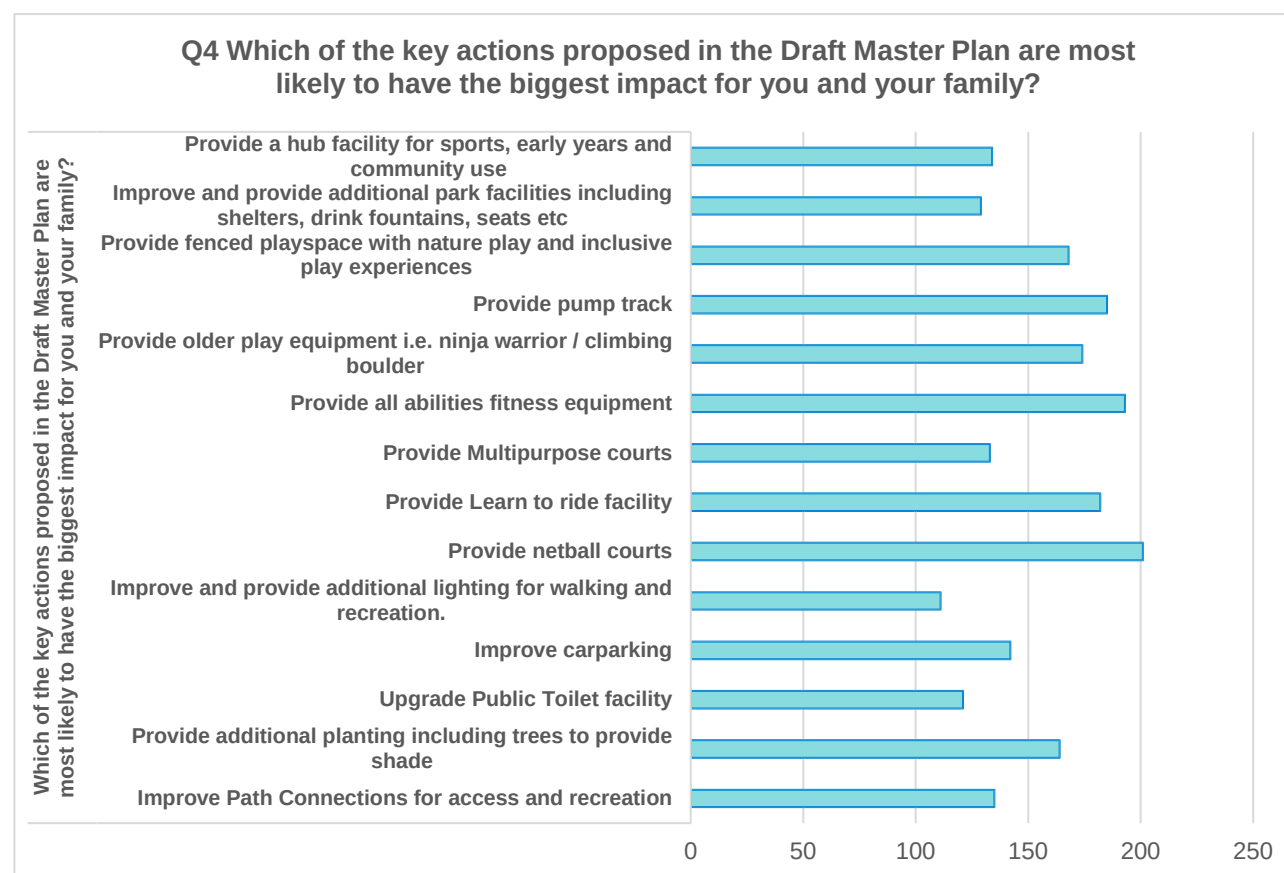


Figure 62 Question 4, which actions are likely to have the biggest impact

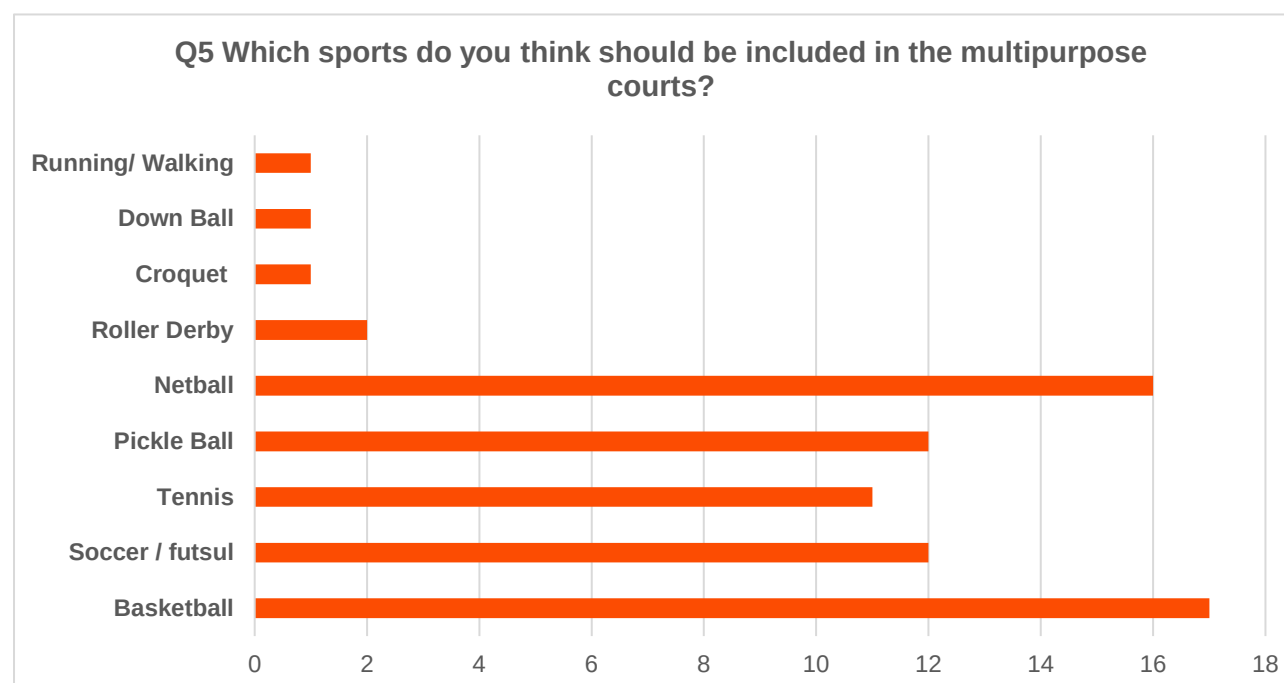


Figure 63 Question 5, which sports should be included in the multipurpose courts

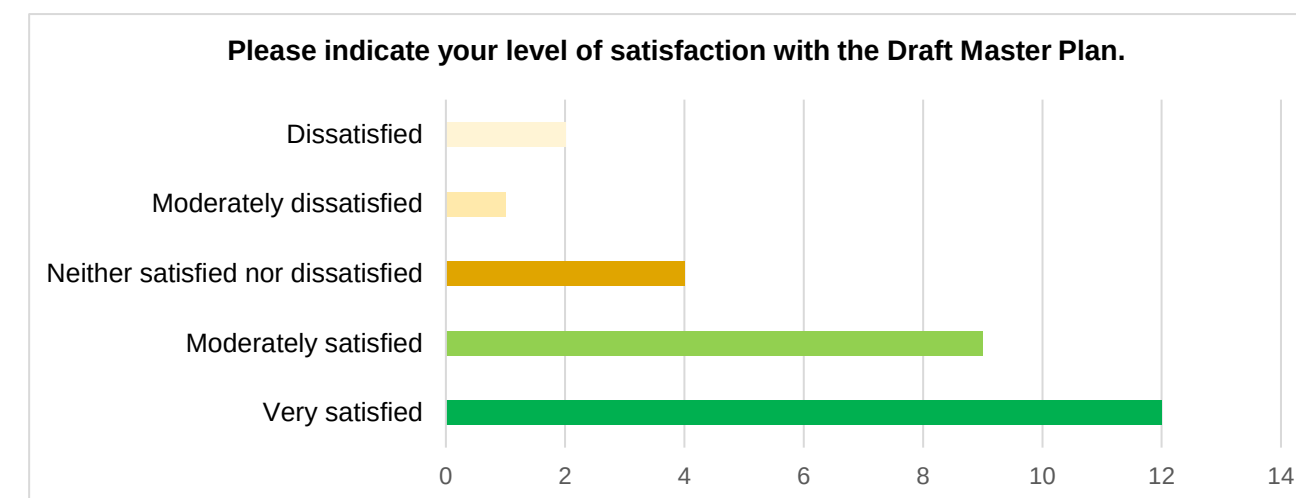


Figure 64 Question 6, Level of satisfaction with the Draft Master Plan

Recreation and Lifestyle Trends

The POS21 identifies the current changes in recreation and lifestyle trends. It identifies time poor lifestyles that mean people have less hours in the day to commit to traditional sporting pursuits. Participation in fitness activities are on the rise (e.g. aerobics/ running/ walking / gym), whilst participation rates for organised sports have held constant or declined. The POSS21 identifies that it is important for public open space to provide for both unstructured and structured sporting activities to cater for different preferences. Facilities should be able to adapt where possible as recreational preferences continue to change over time.

Quality open space plays an important role in countering the sedentary lifestyle that contributes to a range of negative health outcomes, and lifestyle related diseases. A quality open space that provides a diversity of sport, recreation and play opportunities in a safe, accessible and pleasant environment can encourage disinterested and non-fitness minded participants to adapt to an active lifestyle.

Mansell Reserve is surrounded by an established residential area of medium density lots. As demand for affordable houses increases it likely that future subdivision of existing housing lots continue to increase, resulting in a higher density provision. The result are smaller backyards for play and recreation. Communities will therefore be increasingly relying on accessible, high quality public open space. Providing a diversity of accessible experiences will help to offset the reduced backyard area.

Community members are more informed, educated and value more than ever before the significance of public open space and its contribution to healthy lifestyles, social and mental wellbeing and economic benefits. There is expectation on council to provide high quality open space that is equitable to all, safe and meets the communities' expectations in the provision of facilities and experiences.

Public open space should be for everyone and reflect the community for which it serves. Trends in open space and recreation design have evolved significantly in the last 20 years, since the previous masterplan was undertaken. Council is keen to ensure that Mansell Reserve is reflective of the community in which it services and predicted social and recreational trends. To achieve this a robust community engagement plan was developed based upon best practice. This identified key community user groups that reflect a broad and diverse demographics. Growing influences in public open space design relates to Gender- Inclusive design,

cultural celebration and acknowledgment, accessibility for all and the need for unorganised and informal recreation activity.

A worrying trend amongst all sections of our community is the rise of mental health issues. 42.9% is the national average will experience a mental disorder at some time in their life. Approximately 1 in 7 children and adolescents aged 4-17 years' experience mental health issues. The pandemic has exacerbated mental health issues, with increased rates of anxiety, depression and stress among young people. The Heart Foundation Healthy Active by Design guidance advises high quality open space provides significant benefits to improving mental health; and also provides a preventative approach.

Public open space that encourages physical activity releases endorphins, which are a natural painkiller and mood elevators. Exercise is proven to reduce the body's stress hormones and help with improved sleep. Participating in activities with friends and teams improves social interaction which can reduce feeling of loneliness and isolation. Achieving fitness goals or mastering a new skill improves self-esteem and confidence, which can translate into other areas of life.

The following identifies sporting and fitness trends based upon data provided through the [Clearinghouse for Sport October 2023](#).

Since 2001 the following sport and recreational activities have seen an increase.

- Walking 42% increase
- Fitness / Gym 38.6% increase
- Running / athletics 17% increase
- Soccer 5.9% increase
- Tennis 5.3% increase

In 2025 Clearing House of Sport released new data on [Lifelong Participation in sport](#) and [New Participation Picture Report](#)

These reports reveal how participation in physical activity is growing in participation at every stage of life, refer to figure 64. It also illustrates that organised sport often suffers from a drop in participation during late adolescence. In general, there appears to be a national shift away from competitive sport towards informal activity. For example, teenagers are more engaged with running groups, casual basketball, bike riding and flexible fitness options. In adulthood the pressure of work and parenting results in the appeal of activities that offer more flexibility in the daily schedule. Activities that are growing in popularity include running walking, strength training and gym-based exercise which is now more popular than formal training and weekend competitions. For the older generation who are in retirement low impact, social and sustainable activities like walking, croquet and tai chi for example are increasing in appeal. Many older adults are favour activities that improve balance, mobility and social interaction.

Newer social sports are increasing in popularity including pickleball which is recognised as Australia's fastest growing sports.

There is also growing evidence called the "active parent effect". When parents consistently engage in active recreation their children are significantly more likely to engage in sport and active recreation.

Most Popular sport related activities 2022-23 in regional/ rural areas			
Female Participation age 15+		Male Participation aged 15+	
1	Swimming	1	Cycling
2	Running /athletics	2	Running /athletics
3	Cycling	3	Swimming
4	Netball	4	Golf
5	Equestrian	5	Fishing
6	Tennis	6	Football / Soccer
7	Golf	7	Cricket
8	Football/ Soccer	8	Australian Rules
9	Surfing	9	Basketball
10	Canoeing/ kayaking	10	Mountain Biking

Most Popular non sport related activities 2022-23 in regional/ rural areas			
Female Participation age 15+		Male Participation aged 15+	
1	Walking (recreational)	1	Walking (recreational)
2	Fitness / gym	2	Fitness / gym
3	Bushwalking	3	Bushwalking
4	Yoga	4	Exergaming
5	Pilates	5	Yoga
6	Exergaming		
7	Dancing (recreational)		

Most Popular sport and non-sport related activities 2022-23			
Girls Participation age 0-14		Boys Participation age 0-14	
1	Swimming	1	Swimming
2	Gymnastics	2	Football / Soccer
3	Dancing (recreational)	3	Basketball
4	Netball	4	Australian rules
5	Football/ Soccer	5	Gymnastics
6	Basketball	6	Tennis
7	Running / athletics	7	Cricket
8	Tennis	8	Running / Athletics
9	Dancesport	9	Rugby league
10	Australian Rules	10	Rugby union



Participation journey through age - Top 20 activities

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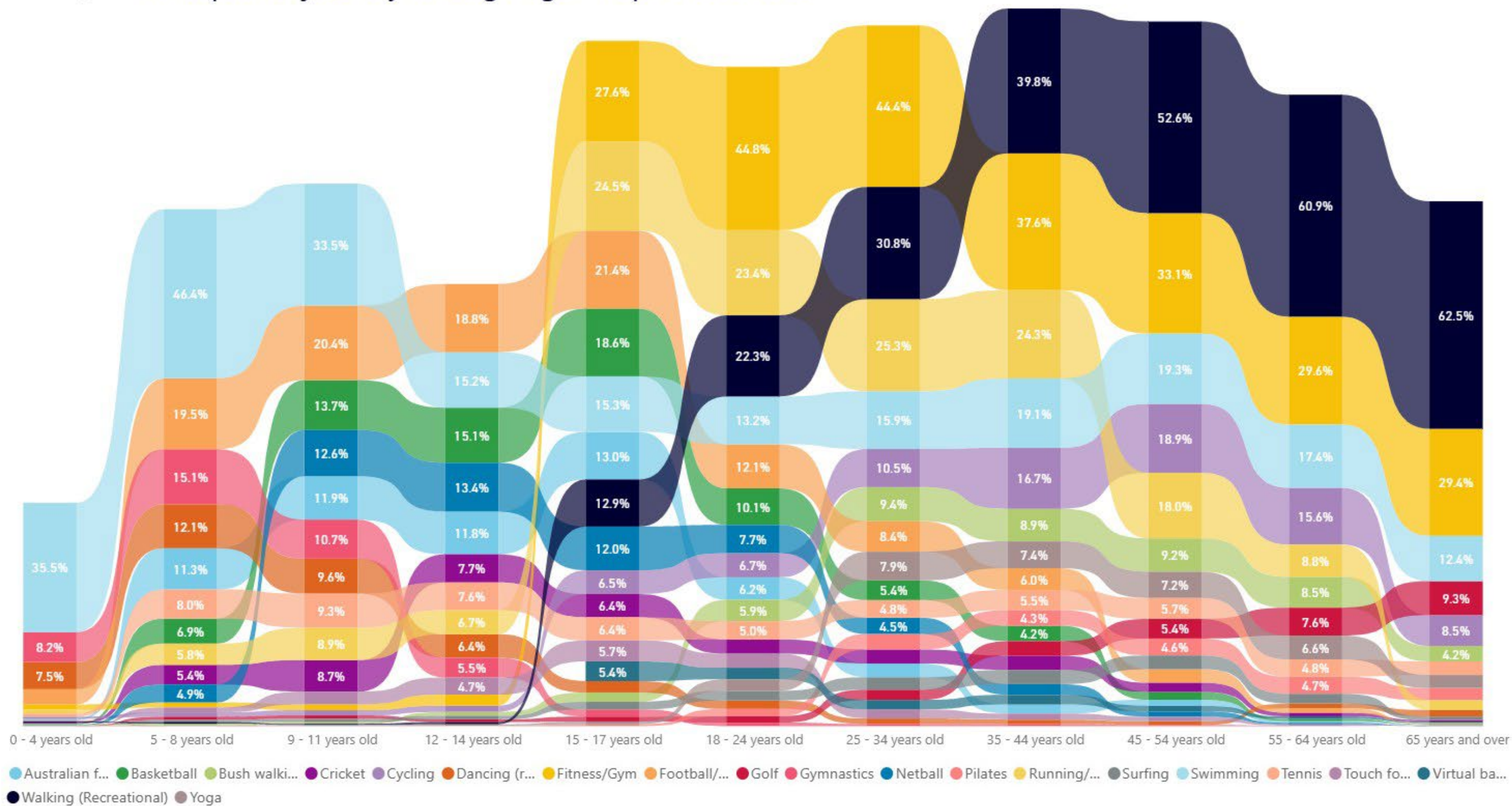


Figure 64 AUSPLAY 2025 Lifelong participation in sport

11. Master Plan Vision and Design Principles

Based upon the site's history and significance to the local community a trilogy of vision statements and a suite of design principles have been established to underpin Councils and the communities overarching ambition for the future of Mansell Reserve. They are as follows.

11.1. Masterplan Vision

- A place to celebrate female contribution to local sport at its foundational home
- A place to promote and inspire community well-being and active lifestyles
- A welcoming place where everyone belongs and feels connected

11.2. Design Principles

- **Safer Parks** – Apply best practice in urban design to create safer and welcoming space for all genders and intersectionality.
- **Play and Recreation for all** – Ensure that no matter your age and ability that you can access and partake in play and recreation, ensuring an inclusive and equitable space for lifelong fitness and social interaction.
- **Movement Connectivity** – Create accessible and legible path hierarchy that connect to key facilities and attractions, and to the surrounding neighbourhood.
- **Adaptability** – Ensure the design considers adaptability to reflect current and future needs.
- **Comfort** – Provide supporting amenities that extend the users duration and reflects universal design principles.
- **Sense of Place** – Strengthen and reflect the sites history, the communities cultural and social identity; and established play culture.
- **Climate Positive Design** – Integrate design initiatives that respond to and mitigate impacts on the environment; benefit local ecosystems and improve water and heat management.
- **Foster Community Activation** – Strengthen multigenerational and cultural activation, building upon existing user groups and identify new opportunities through community partnerships.
- **Co- Production and Engagement** – Ensure ongoing proactive engagement through future delivery of masterplan actions. Seek opportunities to create community stewardships and sense of ownership and community pride over Mansell Reserve.



12. Appendix A – Final Masterplan Actions

The consultation process has identified a series of key actions which are presented below. These have evolved from themed survey questions during the consultation process and detailed feedback. The actions listed are presented with corresponding survey responses indicating level of support. Eighty-three community and nine stakeholder responses were received in total from the initial consultation phase. These were further ratified in the Draft Masterplan Consultation.

Stakeholder Survey Responses						Community Survey Response						Masterplan Actions	
Improve path connections												Action 1 - Improve Path Connections	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Create a hierarchy of accessible path connections. Strengthen linkages to surrounding streets and external and internal destinations. Paths to be designed for all abilities and provide recreational opportunities. Ensure path networks have a clear hierarchy and supported by wayfinding. Apply crime prevention through environmental design principles. Primary paths to be located where possible close to roads and carparks to increase passive surveillance. Undertake a signage review and identify signage requirements for key entry nodes and internal intersections. Ensure key facilities, attractions and site services are included in the signage outcomes.	
Responses	5	2	3	2	1	Responses	29	29	15	4	4		
Improve shade both artificial and natural												Action 2 - Improve shade both artificial and natural	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Increase natural canopy coverage to reduce urban heat island effect especially to areas featuring heat absorbing surfaces i.e. asphalt. Increase artificial shade for play, sports, and fitness facilities. In alignment with MRCC Urban Forest Strategy objectives public open space should aim for a target canopy coverage of min 30- 50% for open space and 30% for car park areas. Provide additional shelter locations to cater for large and small groups. Strategically located at key facilities.	
Responses	5	6	1	1	0	Responses	44	27	7	3	2		
Upgrade public toilet facilities												Action 3 - Upgrade public toilet facility	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Provide DDA accessible toilet facility in alignment with MRCC Public Toilet Strategy. These should be designed to meet ‘Changing Places’ guidelines. Consider option to provide standalone toilet facility in the medium term to be located closer to public playspace, learn to ride facility, courts and car park.	
Responses	5	4	1	2	0	Responses	29	35	9	1	6		

Provide changeroom facilities						Action 4 - Provide changeroom facilities					
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not Required
Responses	3	2	3	3	2	Responses	23	22	17	11	6
Provide additional sports storage						Action 5 - Provide additional sports storage					
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not Required
Responses	3	0	4	4	2	Responses	14	15	21	21	9
Retain and upgrade sports lighting						Action 6 - Retain and upgrade sports lighting					
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not Required
Responses	5	1	1	4	1	Responses	22	27	15	10	6
Improve sports surface						Action 7 - Improve sports surface					
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not Required
Responses	6	2	2	3	0	Responses	33	24	11	10	1

Provide unisex change facilities that cater for the needs of all participants that partake in sport and recreation. These should be designed to meet 'Changing Places' guidelines. Infrastructure should be designed to promote equitable and flexible use, capable of sharing facilities and usage times. Any built form should include needs analysis for clubroom and canteen facilities. Refer to Sports and Recreation Victoria "Design for Everyone Guide" and "Female Friendly Sports Infrastructure Guidelines". Seen as a Longer-term option with potential to be co-located as part of future building upgrades.

Provide additional sports storage based upon current and future need analysis. Longer term option to have the storage facility co-located in long term consolidated building upgrades.

Potential to install self-serve For Hire Sports Equipment to trial demand and support casual recreation i.e. Sports Box or similar.

At end of life replace light towers with LED flood lights. Investigate solar power alternatives. Ensure lighting requirements are in accordance Australian Standards AS2560 sports lighting Part 1, AS 2560 Part 2 and AS 4282. Provide 200 min Lux Level for Netball Club Competition. A detailed lighting design is required to ensure adequate lighting is achieved in accordance with sporting code requirements. Implement app-based hire application for Council and lease holder monitoring and control.

Provide sports lighting for Croquet Club in accordance with [Croquet Facility Guide](#), 200 lux to 1-2 courts. Will aid in all year round competition and support social twilight games, and membership growth.

The existing court surface is at its end of life and in poor condition (reference Mansell Reserve Netball Courts Facility Condition Inspection and Audit Report - 2MH Consulting 2018). Resurfacing the majority of the existing pavement provides a feasible option that meets the communities and stakeholder's aspirations for the site. Propose to use existing subbase and resurface with asphalt geogrid or similar to reduce reflective cracking (subject to further engineering investigation). The netball and broader community have supported a reduction in the number of dedicated netball courts. Retaining 3-4 dedicated netball courts safeguards the continued use of the reserve for competition overflow and as a training facility. The remaining surface area is designed to cater for multipurpose and alternative recreation. This will complement the netball facility and encourage broader community activation.

Improve spectator and player seating											Action 8 - Improve spectator and player seating	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Provide comfortable seating opportunities in proximity to active recreation areas. Provide seating that provides additional support for elderly and disabled users. Also provide a diversity of seating styles that is traditional and informal appealing to all ages and genders. Location to consider Safer Park and CPTED initiatives and to provide shelter from weather, UV, and heat.
Responses	3	2	3	3	1	Responses	16	34	13	9	7	
Upgrade existing canteen facilities											Action 9 - Upgrade existing canteen facilities	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Potential to be co located in future shared facility. Works subject to stakeholder consultation and needs analysis
Responses	3	0	3	4	3	Responses	11	15	17	19	18	
Improve off-street parking											Action 10 - Improve off-street parking	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Regrade, reseal and line mark internal car park area; circa fifty-five car park spaces to the northern carpark area, include soft landscaping, water sensitive urban design and tree planting. Carparking requirements for the southern and central area to be reviewed in consideration of future building work. Secure acquisition of existing access road from Seventh Street in negotiation with Vic Track.
Responses	5	2	3	2	0	Responses	26	17	21	7	11	
Plant additional trees and planting to enhance biodiversity											Action 11 - Plant additional trees and planting to enhance biodiversity	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Plant predominantly native and endemic species that support local habitat and enhance biodiversity. Work with local biodiversity groups, stakeholders to encourage environmental stewardship. Project should aim for species diversity of 10/20/30, species selection should not be comprised of more than 10% of any one species, 20% of any one genus and 30% of any one family. Maximise advantage of passive irrigation by capturing and reusing site generated runoff. All plant selections to be based upon biodiversity and amenity value, climate resilience, maintenance requirements and CPTED.
Responses	4	3	1	1	2	Responses	39	21	12	3	6	
Improve pedestrians lighting to improve safety and passive surveillance											Action 12 - Improve pedestrian lighting for safety and passive surveillance	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Provide pedestrian lighting to primary walking and cycling paths. Entry and exit points, and key facilities should be well lit and easy to identify. Lighting design should highlight adjacent areas so users can predict a safe path of travel. Investigate use of solar bollard and pole top lighting. Lighting that is also dimmable based on movement sensor should be considered as reduces power consumption and light pollution. Refer to Safer Park Guidelines and apply CPTED principles. Consult with a stakeholder reference group and experienced lighting designer to finalise lighting methodology.
Responses	5	5	0	2	1	Responses	44	28	5	3	2	

Provide additional seating and picnic opportunities											Action 13 - Provide additional seating and picnic opportunities	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Provide comfortable seating opportunities for individual and group gatherings. Provide seating that provides additional support for elderly and disabled users. Also provide a diversity of seating styles that is traditional and informal appealing to all ages and genders. Location to consider Safer Park and CPTED initiatives and to provide shelter from weather, UV, and heat.
Responses	2	4	3	2	1	Responses	47	27	6	0	1	
Upgrade existing electric BBQ's and improve accessibility											Action 14 - Upgrade existing electric BBQ's and improve accessibility	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Locate barbecue faculties near primary accessible paths and key activation areas. All barbecues to be designed for DDA access. Investigate solar powered barbecue options where existing power is not available. Ensure barbecues areas are positioned adjacent key seating and picnic nodes. Consider maintenance access.
Responses	2	5	1	4	1	Responses	35	27	14	3	2	
Upgrade drink fountain and improve accessibility											Action 15 - Upgrade drink fountain and improve accessibility	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Locate drink fountains near primary accessible paths and key activation areas. All drink fountains to be designed for DDA access. Provide drink bottle filler and dog bowl. Ensure adequate drainage is catered for.
Responses	5	6	0	0	0	Responses	45	22	8	3	1	
Provide opportunities for community interaction i.e. community gardens, little library's etc											Action 16 - Provide opportunities for community interaction i.e. community gardens, little library's etc.	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Seek community placemaking opportunities with new and existing stakeholders to enhance community activation and stewardship through innovative interventions to create vibrant, healthy, and social communities. Create a community garden space that celebrates the sites sporting history and significance for woman's local sport and inspire future generations.
Responses	4	4	2	1	1	Responses	34	28	11	3	4	
Provide infrastructure that provides sustainable benefits including solar and wind capture											Action 17 Provide infrastructure that provides sustainable benefits including solar and wind capture	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						In alignment with MRCC Community Climate Response Plan, seek opportunities to integrate renewable energy in park infrastructure to showcase innovative sustainable practice that can inspire and illustrate practical technology.
Responses	3	5	2	1	1	Responses	20	21	21	8	10	
Integrate water sensitive urban design											Action 18 - Integrate water sensitive urban design	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Incorporate opportunities to capture, treat and reuse site generated stormwater for passive irrigation prior to discharge into towns stormwater system. Large areas of sealed surfaces including asphalt courts and car park to be designed for WSUD objectives.
Responses	3	3	3	1	2	Responses	29	24	12	5	9	

Recycle and upcycle facilities											Action 19 - Recycle and upcycle facilities	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot Required						Showcase innovative sustainable practice that can inspire and illustrate community leadership. Project outcomes reflect circular economy initiatives that can create net zero goals, restore natural systems, and support local business.
Responses	3	3	3	2	1	Responses	27	22	16	9	6	
Relocate existing playground to more central location											Action 20 - Existing playground location	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						Retain existing playspace in its current location which provides natural shade. Improve safety with fencing to mitigate the hazard posed by the adjacent road.
Responses	1	4	1	3	4	Responses	16	16	15	2	32	
Provide more inclusive play experiences											Action 21 - Provide more inclusive play experiences	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						The existing playground based upon the 2024 Playspace audit identified the condition of most elements as in good condition. The combination unit closer to Seventh Street was installed in 2006. Whilst the combination unit closer to the car park was installed in 2021. Playground lifespans tend to be on average 15 years. It is proposed to replace the older playground equipment and replace it with equipment that provides inclusive play experiences. Include visual signs for autism and non-verbal community members.
Responses	6	2	1	2	2	Responses	39	20	13	5	5	
Provide nature play experience											Action 22 - Provide nature play experiences	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						A significant response in the community survey favoured the inclusion of nature play experiences and challenges in future play upgrades. It is proposed to extend the play area including fencing to the west of the existing playspace to include nature play experiences. This will create a diversity of play opportunities focused on imaginative and creative play, whilst complementing the gross motor experience already provided by the existing play equipment.
Responses	6	2	1	2	2	Responses	49	19	7	2	4	
Provide a pump track for bikes and scooters											Action 23 - Provide a pump track for bikes and scooters	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						A significant number of responses supported adding a pump track element for bikes and scooters. The reserve has developed a strong play culture for wheeled recreation. The masterplan honours this by creating a facility that offers rideable challenges and educates children about road safety. A sealed pump track has been identified adjacent to the northwest corner of the courts. This will appeal to more confident children, whilst younger children can utilise the proposed learn to ride facility.
Responses	3	3	2	3	2	Responses	37	24	9	2	10	

Parkour / Ninja Warrior Opportunities											Action 24 Parkour / Ninja Warrior Opportunities	
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Parkour / Ninja Warrior obstacle courses provide a gross motor challenge that is generally enjoyed by children aged 8 years and greater. It can also be designed with a dual focus to also be utilised for general fitness and strength conditioning. The majority of Councils playspaces are focused on junior play. This site provides opportunity to provide more challenging play experiences with a fitness focus.
Responses	3	2	1	3	3	Responses	21	12	20	10	19	
Fitness opportunities											Action 25 - Fitness opportunities	
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	A significant response favoured the inclusion of fitness equipment. It is proposed to locate the fitness equipment in proximity to the sports courts and primary walking/fitness paths to compliment organised training and increase community health and wellbeing. The equipment should also provide fitness experiences for positive aging and all abilities.
Responses	3	4	2	2	2	Responses	37	24	12	4	6	
Community Garden											Action 26 - Community Garden	
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide opportunity in the masterplan to safeguard a location that could be considered for a future community garden to celebrate the sites history and significance for local woman's sport. Garden to provide a shady garden breakout space from the pavilion. Appeal to families with inclusion of some low nature play challenges.
Responses	4	4	1	1	3	Responses	26	25	13	2	16	
Community chess boards											Action 27 - Community chess boards	
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Majority of respondents indicated this as a low to medium priority. Provide a flexible space that can allow for pop up games to be played with access controlled by local stakeholders and during community events.
Responses	0	4	3	2	4	Responses	4	18	32	6	22	
Community ping pong											Action 28 - Community ping pong	
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Majority of respondents indicated this as a low to medium priority. Provide a flexible space that can allow for pop up games to be played with access controlled by local stakeholders and during community events.
Responses	0	4	2	3	4	Responses	8	15	32	5	22	
Footy fun goals in grass area											Action 29 - Footy fun goals in grass area	
	High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide footy fun goals to open grass area to increase activation. Ensure goal location is setback from primary paths and roads.
Responses	2	4	3	2	2	Responses	23	30	12	4	13	

Cricket practice net											Action 30 - Cricket practice net
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Majority of respondents indicated this as a low to medium priority. Indicate on the plan a potential future location for cricket practice net should demand in the future increase.
Responses	1	4	2	3	3	Responses	19	23	25	4	
Bike, scooter and skating opportunities											Action 31 - Bike, scooter and skating opportunities
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Create a variety of wheeled sports experiences that appeal to all ages, gender, and abilities. Provide learn to ride facility with junior challenges. Mimic real street signage and line marking to educate children about road rules. Provide a pump track experience for beginner and intermediate users.
Responses	6	2	2	2	1	Responses	38	16	13	1	
Opportunities for multipurpose courts											Action 32 - Opportunities for multipurpose courts
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide multipurpose courts that maximises the activation of the court area. Provision to reflect community aspirations. The Draft Masterplan Survey asked the community which sports should be included. Basketball and netball were the most popular, closely followed by soccer, pickleball and then tennis.
Responses	4	6	1	2	0	Responses	37	24	10	3	
Basketball Hoops											Action 33 - Basketball Hoops
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide basketball experience on multipurpose courts. Provision to consider all ages and allow for junior provision.
Responses	5	5	1	1	1	Responses	41	19	13	2	
Netball Hoops											Action 34 - Netball Hoops
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Retain four dedicated netball courts. Additional netball provision to be proposed in multipurpose courts
Responses	5	4	2	2	0	Responses	32	21	16	2	
Tennis court											Action 35 - Tennis Court
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide line marking for tennis in multipurpose court and infrastructure for nets, posts etc. Monitor usage
Responses	1	2	6	2	1	Responses	17	19	22	4	
Soccer											Action 36 - Soccer / futsal
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide multipurpose court and infrastructure including dual purpose goals that includes junior basketball and soccer/ futsal.
Responses	2	4	3	2	1	Responses	13	24	26	4	

Pickle Ball											Action 37 - Pickleball
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide line marking for Pickleball in multipurpose court and infrastructure for nets, posts etc. Monitor usage
Responses	1	7	1	2	1	Responses	16	20	18	10	
Line marking games											Action 38 - Line marking games
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Seek opportunities for line marking games and playful experiences to encourage multi-generational play. Distant line mark walking and running circuits to track activity.
Responses	2	1	2	4	3	Responses	14	30	15	6	
Car parking											Action 39 - Car parking
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Regrade, seal and line mark existing carpark area circa 55x car park spaces to northern area, include soft landscaping, water sensitive urban design and tree planting. Carparking requirements to southern and central area to be reviewed in consideration of future building work. In addition, improve path connections to on street parking areas.
Responses	2	4	1	4	1	Responses	21	14	25	1	
Grass											Action 40 Irrigated Grass Areas
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Seek opportunities to include additional areas of grass where practical for relaxation and to reduce urban heat island. Existing grass areas are to be retained in the majority. Accommodate pedestrian connections and recreation opportunities to improve activation including fun footy goals. Upgrade irrigation to meet current and future needs.
Responses	2	3	1	2	4	Responses	31	17	19	1	
Planting											Action 41 - Planting
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Seek opportunities to include additional areas for planting to increase amenity value, biodiversity and reduce urban heat island. Select native pants that can adapt to climate change and are low maintenance.
Responses	3	3	1	1	3	Responses	35	15	16	2	
Running track											Action 42 - Running Track
High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required		High	Medium	Low	Undecided	Not required	Provide opportunities for dedicated and shared running, jogging and walking circuits. Include distant line marking that also includes number of steps etc.
Responses	2	2	2	3	3	Responses	25	23	15	1	

Provide opportunities for art and interpretation to support diversity and culture											Action 43 - Provide opportunities for art and interpretation to support diversity and culture	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						Art plays a crucial role in enriching the cultural fabric and community spirit of Mildura. It is proposed in the masterplan to seek community driven art and placemaking opportunities that celebrate the site's history, sport, community, and culture. These can be integrated to create a sense of place and identity.
Responses	4	4	2	2	1	Responses	15	22	20	4	17	
Create landscapes and built forms that are welcoming and support gender equality.											Action 44 - Create landscape and built forms that are welcoming and support gender equality	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						Gender equality in urban design is crucial for creating inclusive, safe, and accessible reserves for everyone. By incorporating gender inclusive principles and safer park design initiatives the masterplan will provide a safe and equitable provision for all members of the community. All future stages of the design shall be governed by a Gender Impact Assessment and reference best practice in gender equitable open space.
Responses	4	5	1	2	1	Responses	19	18	18	7	18	
Create a safe environment for all during the day and at night											Action 45 - Create a safe environment for all during the day and at night	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						Ensure that the design and implementation of the masterplan is in accordance with Councils Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Policy CP036 and safer parks guidelines.
Responses	10	2	0	1	0	Responses	63	12	2	0	2	
Invest in community cohesive projects such as community gardens, little library's etc											Action 46 - Invest in community cohesive projects such as community gardens, little library's etc	
HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						HighMediumLowUndecidedNot required						Identify in collaboration with the community and key stakeholders, opportunities to enhance alternative activation of the reserve. Identify projects that increase community ownership, stewardship and support social cohesion, education, and healthy living.
Responses	6	2	1	2	1	Responses	33	14	17	3	13	

Stakeholder Specific Action 47 - Croquet Club Shelters
Provide 10m x 4m Croquet Club shelter and seating to allow for player and spectator respite and social gathering space. Locate in prominent position for views of playing surface and connectivity to clubroom. Installation to allow for future relocation in consideration of future Early Years, community and sports hub. Consult with key stakeholders to further define scope. Upgrade existing courtside shelters to improve comfort and shade benefit.
Stakeholder Specific Action 48 - Croquet Courts Irrigation
Croquet club lawns upgrade to irrigation system and improvements to fence surrounds. Consult with key stakeholders to further define scope.
Stakeholder Specific Action 49 - Pavilion Verandah
Undertake interim improvements to pavilion to improve safety and usability for stakeholders and broader community. Identify opportunities to improve external spaces for stakeholder use. Consult with key stakeholders to further define scope.

13. Appendix B – Consultation comments and Masterplan Responses

Within the stakeholder and community survey several questions allowed for extended comments. The master plan has considered these in detail and provided an individual response.

Question: What other priorities need to be considered in masterplan	
Community Response	Masterplan Response
Please consider building a fenced in area that is safe and accessible for babies and toddlers to play. That includes age appropriate play equipment and a grassy area. The one at the river is ok but having another option would be amazing for parents.	It is proposed to fence the existing playspace, including the expanded areas. The intent is to provide more imaginative and creative play experiences. The older combination unit will be replaced with more inclusive play experiences. The playspace upgrade will ensure that all age levels are catered for. Existing grass area around the playspace will be preserved as generous as possible whilst accommodating play equipment.
Perhaps some half basketball courts, as all other courts require booking and a fee. It would be good to have a variety of sport and play opportunities in the one location. A pump track, the old netball courts are used to learn how to ride bikes	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with basketball provision. A pump track and learn to ride facility has also been identified in the masterplan
Keep safety for females as a priority. Include more shade and add fitness equipment.	It is recommended in the masterplan to apply CPTED and safer parks principles. Tree canopy percentage is also to be increased with a min target of 50%, this will be in addition to proposed park shelters to complement existing shade provision. Adult fitness equipment is also proposed.
more outdoor activities for older age youth cohorts i.e. basketball, play equipment	It is recommended to provide gross motor play experiences that appeal to older children and youth including a parkour / ninja warrior course. Multipurpose courts are provided that also include basketball.
There needs to be a large and solid surface area for roller skating, clean from debris, twigs and stones and preferably with lighting and shade areas.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing hardstand area. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a learn to ride facility, multipurpose sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball which are all rideable surfaces. In addition, 2.5m wide primary paths provide a circuit experience that can also be utilised for roller skating. Tree canopy percentage is also to be increased with a min target of 50%, this will be in addition to proposed park shelters to complement existing shade provision. It is proposed to include lighting to primary walking paths to increase public safety and to retain lighting to sports courts

Bigger toy library with more space for indoor play	The masterplan recommends future proofing in the design a consolidated building facility with the intent to create a hub that could include early years, health services, sports and community groups. This is subject to a review of early years services requirements relating to the Early Childhood Reform, and asset condition of existing buildings on site. It is envisaged that planning for a facility would be approximately in 4+ years.
Redevelopment of the Toy Library - more space for it to grow	The masterplan recommends future proofing in the design a consolidated building facility with the intent to create a hub that could include early years, health services, sports and community groups. This is subject to a review of early years services requirements relating to the Early Childhood Reform, and asset condition of existing buildings on site. It is envisaged that planning for a facility would be approximately in 4+ years.
Graffiti, cultural, disability etc	It is recommended in the masterplan to apply design principles and Australian Standards relating to crime prevention and disability access. The masterplan also supports opportunities to integrate and celebrate art, history and culture in collaboration with the community.
Honouring the history of the reserve as a place for women's recreation .consultation with women. Interested to know if the men at council will respect and include women in the decision. In fact, I believe that women should have been engaged before the public	The intent of the masterplan to honour the creation of the reserve for woman's sport and recreation through opportunities for art, sport and interpretation. Netball will remain a major feature in the new development whilst also providing opportunities for additional sport and play opportunities that will create activation from all genders, with a strong family focus. The design of the spaces will reference best practice in creating parks for woman and girls, including but not limited to: https://www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk/ Safer Parks improving access for woman and girls Gender Sensitive Urban Design https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/gendersensitivespaces https://www.journalpublicspace.org/index.php/jps/article/view/1824/972 Council has undertaken a Gender Impact Assessment at the commencement of the project and continues to review this during the process. In addition, a community engagement plan identified a broad spectrum of local stakeholder voices including gender equality, youth, sports and diversity groups.
Fencing around the verandah to provide a safer space for children to play whilst visiting the toy library	The masterplan recommends that lease stakeholders collaborate with Councils’ relevant departments in identifying interim solutions to known issues. This is in consideration of future planning for a potential Early Years, Sports, Community and Health Hub at Mansell Reserve.
More space for toy library	The masterplan recommends that lease stakeholders collaborate with Councils’ relevant departments in identifying interim solutions to known issues. This is in consideration of future planning for a potential Early Years, Sports, Community and Health Hub at Mansell Reserve.

Basketball courts open and enclosed. Fenced off children's playground similar too 11th street. Larger under cover area with seating and open space near playground for kids' parties.	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with basketball provision. Existing playspace to be enlarged and fenced. Additional shelter and shade to be provided to cater for social gatherings.
was actually hoping to see what other ideas were on this site. Whatever is decided to happen will then require facilities to go with it, i.e. improved playgrounds etc, then maybe BBQs and shade etc, sporting or other clubs then maybe change rooms etc	Existing playspace to be upgraded, enlarged and fenced. Additional shelter and shade to be provided. These facilities will be supported by additional facilities to support comfort and duration of visit, including but not limited to barbecue's, drink fountains, toilets etc. The reserve is currently not used for competition netball however the intent is to provide 4x dedicated competition courts that could facilitate overflow games and training. Provision of dedicated change rooms would need to be considered in the future planning of a potential Early Years, Sports, Community and Health Hub.
Learn to ride area, public tennis court	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with an option for tennis line marking should demand exist. Due to existing strong play culture for wheeled sports at the reserve, it is proposed to create a learn to ride facility that will provide a safe and educational environment to learn to ride and understanding of road rules.
Improved security and lighting. Multifunction courts - i.e. pickleball, downball.	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with provision for pickleball and line marked games. It is recommended in the masterplan to apply CPTED and safer parks principles. This includes providing lighting to primary paths and upgrade lighting to sports courts.
I think we need to consider options not already available in other areas of Mildura. Let's get new activities going. Learn to ride bike track for kids including traffic training. Make sure the toy library is catered for. And fencing	The masterplan design is based upon design practice and precedent examples for play and recreation in Australia and overseas. It is proposed to include a learn to ride facility with experiences that reflects road and cycle rules. The Toy library has a been identified as a key stakeholder and Council has engaged directly with the group.
Half-court basketball court, shade, keep some netball courts for club training, purpose built area where young kids can learn to ride bikes with traffic signals etc... keeping the space open to all, no fences or restrictions, lighting for safety and CCTV	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with basketball provision. Netball is still to be catered for with 4x dedicated netball courts and potential to also have additional courts included in multipurpose provision. It is proposed to include a learn to ride facility with experiences that reflects road and cycle rules. Best practice in crime prevention through environmental design to be applied including initiatives for safer parks. CCTV has been requested as a result of stakeholder consultation with a camera proposed in the existing carpark.
Aside from a pump track an area for kids to learn to ride (flat surface) would be great with little painted stop and give way signs on the grounds etc	It is proposed to include a learn to ride facility with experiences that reflects road and cycle rules.

Enclosed fencing so kids can't go on the road	It is proposed to include a fully fenced playground
9-18 hole disc golf course.	The grass area is to be retained in the majority which will allow for pop up and passive recreation opportunities. Council received a limited response in support of a dedicated disc golf at this location. However, through partnerships a trial installation may be considered in the future if supported by the community, stakeholders and funding opportunities exists.
Keep it green and picnic friendly. Picked ball, badminton lots of tree shade. Opportunity for group BBQs. A 1 km lighted circuit with exercise stations would work. Keep it green d work	The grass area is to be retained in the majority which will allow passive recreation and for relaxation. Multipurpose courts are proposed plus the addition of Pickle ball. Councils' objective is to increase canopy coverage of open space 30- 50%, additional tree planting will be proposed. Primary paths will be provided which will also link to exercise equipment and additional BBQs areas. It is proposed that these should be provided with lighting to improve public safety and increase activation. A fitness loop will be included that will encompass the extent of the existing courts this is approximately a 400 lin m circuit. In addition, using the combination of new and existing paths a longer circuit is possible that includes the outer boundaries of the reserve, this is approximately 700 lin m circuit
Soccer nets dog play somewhere you can let your dog off leash without it running onto the road not necessarily a dog park. Just fences around the place.	The grass area is to be retained in the majority which will allow for pop up and passive recreation opportunities including soccer and footy fun goals. The area of green open space will also allow for dogs to on leash. The Rio Vista Off Leash Dog Park is 500m from the site. It is proposed to limit fencing where possible to ensure permeability of the site. Fencing will only be provided to contain ball sports from conflict with adjacent users, where potential for harm is significant.
That it stays recreational	It is proposed to preserve and enhance existing open space in alignment with the actions from the Public Open Space and Recreation Strategy
It is a lovely part of suburbia perhaps encouraging other groups to consider using Mansell Reserve i.e. tai chi or some activities that don't have a seat at the Mildura Sporting complex. I think Mansell is a hidden gem in town.	The masterplan recognises that having a diversity of user groups utilising and activating the reserve can enhance the overall safety of the reserve and reflect an active and liveable community. Council will support and encourage user groups to utilise the reserve were aligned with the masterplan and public open space objectives.
A couple tennis courts and some basketball courts/rings would be advantageous to allow for multiple sport users as there is nowhere to use these facilities for free for families	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with potential line marking for tennis and basketball to meet community demand.

Resurfacing of netball courts is urgently required. This is an active open space with some passive use. The active space for organised sport should remain the priority for the space	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which includes 1x additional netball court, learn to ride facility, fitness and play. The intent is to retain netball as a key offering at the reserve to support competition netball overflow and for training. The strategic objective for netball is for the sport to be facilitated at club home grounds and at the Mildura Sporting Precinct, where provision is made for 4x outdoor netball courts and 6x indoor available.
There's a nice walking track. There are not enough of these in Mildura. Whatever you do, at least retain the track, if not improve it.	It is proposed to enhance the existing paths and create new paths; with the intent to form walking and fitness circuits, whilst improving access and safety.
Lots of open spaces	It is proposed to preserve and enhance existing open space in alignment with the actions from the Public Open Space Strategy
A proper walking track	It is proposed to enhance the existing paths and create new paths; with the intent to form walking and fitness circuits, whilst improving access and safety.
Keeping it as an open area	It is proposed to preserve and enhance existing open space in alignment with the actions from the Public Open Space Strategy
Access - increase public transport, safeguards to allow usage after and before daylight	The masterplan proposes to improve afterhours access and usability of the reserve. The primary intent is to improve safety of stakeholders and the community by making improvements in accordance with CPTED and safer parks initiatives. This includes but not limited to improved lighting to primary paths, carpark area, buildings. Work in partnership with Councils CCTV committee and Victoria Police to investigate CCTV coverage. Council to work in partnership with local transport operators in consideration of existing and future transport opportunities. Masterplan encourages active transport solutions including bike ridings, scooters, walking etc.
Not really applicable as I'm a resident and casual user and admirer of the facility of the	Text was not complete in submitted survey
Keep it as is not including football or cricket as there are enough ovals including the new precinct that you all had to spend millions of dollars on that no one wants to go on use so why I make more	The masterplan does not include proposals for competition football or cricket faculties. The masterplan provides opportunities to provides leisurely non completion faculties that can encourage and foster junior introduction to sports and also encourage community recreation.
Definitely pump track. Already bring kids here with bikes and scooters as do plenty of other families. Fitness, parkour all would be a great addition and turn this place into a hotspot	A learn to ride facility is proposed in the masterplan that will also contain low level rideable challenges that is targeted at younger children. There is also an option to provide a dedicated pump track facility that will appeal to older children and youth. A parkour/ ninja warrior style trail is proposed that will provide gross motor and balance challenges

Playground	It is proposed to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. Additional play for older children and youth is proposed including ninja warrior / parkour challenge trail.
A diverse play area that suits all abilities just like the new Portland Victoria play area.	It is proposed to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. Additional play for older children and youth is proposed including ninja warrior / parkour challenge trail.
Does everything have to benefit business, peoples well-being should be the main priorities	The masterplan is representative of the community plan, public open space and recreation strategy and the consultation process. The intent is to preserve and enhance open space for the whole community.
Mark out courts for down ball, pickle ball etc and fence some courts	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts with basketball, netball and pickleball provision, including opportunities for line marking games.
Resurface the netball courts	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. 77% of the community supported the reduction of the netball provision to serve alternative sporting, play and recreational experiences. The strategic objective for netball is for the sport to be facilitated at club home grounds and at the Mildura Sporting Precinct, where provision is made for four outdoor and six indoor courts available.
Just all abilities access to public use areas. Upgraded car park facilities especially for the kindergarten and playground side.	The masterplan proposes to improve disability access across the site in accordance with the Australian Standard AS1428.1:2021 Design for access and mobility. Carparking is also proposed to be upgraded that will align with future open space and building improvements.
Werrimull football netball club	The masterplan proposes to retain four dedicated netball courts for competition netball overflow and training for community and local clubs.
Pickleball and basketball facilities!!! Please!!!	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts including basketball and pickleball provision

Ceramic studio for ceramic club	The masterplan recommends future proofing in the design a consolidated building facility with the intent to create a hub that could include early years, health services, sports and community groups. This is subject to a review of early years services requirements relating to the Early Childhood Reform; and asset condition of existing buildings on site. It is envisaged that planning for a facility would be approximately in 4+ years. There is no vacancy currently on site to accommodate additional groups at this time. Council will support the Ceramic Club in finding alternative venues that may meet their requirements in the short term.
As a local resident who likes to walk at 5.30-6am I'd like to see improved lighting along the 7th street path and I believe it could become and off leash dog park from 0500-0700 then again from 1830-2000hrs thankyou	The masterplan proposes to improve afterhours access and usability of the reserve. This includes provision of lighting of primary walking paths. Mansell Reserve is likely to remain dog on leash due to the diversity of user groups and type of activities being promoted at the reserve which may be in conflict. As an alternative Mansell Reserve is 500m from Rio Vista Off Leash Dog Park facility.
Basketball, tennis courts, netball etc	It is proposed in the masterplan to provide dedicated netball and multipurpose courts at the reserve which includes basketball, tennis, pickle ball, soccer etc.
Basketball Court	It is proposed in the masterplan to provide multipurpose courts at the reserve which includes basketball, tennis, pickle ball, soccer etc.
Build a playground like what's in Glenelg near the old Buffalo restaurant	It is proposed to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. Additional play for older children and youth is proposed including ninja warrior / parkour challenge trail.
Upgrade the croquet playing area to artificial grass with better seating and shade areas for players and include a drink fountain	It is proposed in the masterplan to preserve the existing courts as grass. Council is in the process of undertaking maintenance improvements to the existing surface that will in time improve the playing experience. The masterplan recommends that should the club have ambitions for a synthetic surface that they should undertake a business case which will include lifespan, renewal costs and funding opportunities. Any improvements will require a co-contribution and be considered against Council's Sports and Recreation Faculties Funding and Capital Contributions Policy. The masterplan also suggests recommendations to improve access and comfort for players including the provision of shelters that are fit for purpose and supporting infrastructure. Any improvements will need to be considerate of any future building works relating to a Hub Facility that could also contain amenities for sporting clubs.
Pickleball Courts	It is proposed in the masterplan to provide provision for additional sports including the provision for Pickleball.

Many people use the BBQs area every weekend in nice weather. The netball courts are used by local residents and kids learning how to ride bikes, roller skating/blading and sports practice. The grass area is under utilised (not enough space to write more..)	The masterplan proposes to enhance and propose additional barbecue faculties. The masterplan recognises the importance of the court surface for the community and children for play and learning to ride and looks to retain this ability and provide educational benefits and ridable challenges. The open grass area is proposed to be largely retained with the ability to be activated with footy and soccer fun goals.
a basketball outdoor court- 2/3 rings with nets/chains. its a very popular sport	It is proposed in the masterplan to provide multipurpose courts at the reserve which includes basketball, tennis, pickle ball, soccer etc.
A large flat space to roller skate. Not a skate park with jumps, but a large flat concrete area	The masterplan recognises the importance of the court surface for the community and children for play and learning to ride and looks to retain this ability and provide educational benefits and ridable challenges.
Just make it a pleasant place where people can happily interact outdoors. Too much is wasted on sporting facilities which fail to improve participation and community interactions beyond those who are already into it.	The masterplan looks to diversify the appeal of the reserve for all ages, genders and abilities. This includes the provision of sport, passive recreation and play faculties. The sporting and recreation provision allows children and youth to be introduced to a diversity of experiences in an informal setting that also allows families and friends to participate together. Activation will also encourage other users' groups and individuals to utilise the reserve for recreation due to it being safer and more vibrant.
NA	No comment required
Better BBQ Facilities	The masterplan proposes to enhance and propose additional barbecue faculties.
Planning for the future the new MSP will soon be full	It is recommended to preserve four dedicated netball courts for competition overflow and training. Currently no competition games are played at the reserve. Werrimull Football Netball Club utilise the courts for training only and have long term ambitions to train elsewhere. Mildura Sporting Precinct will have long term capacity to increase sporting provision based upon a needs assessment.

Question: What other priorities need to be considered in masterplan	
Stakeholder Response	Masterplan Response
A more natural playground. We do bush kinder at this site now having more locations on this area would be amazing	It is proposed to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. The enlarged playspace is proposed to be fully fenced.

Internal and external upgrades to buildings, verandahs and sheds. Inclusion of appropriate signage for organisations based at Mansell Reserve	Existing building assets to be reviewed in alignment with lease requirements to ensure fit for purpose. Interim solutions may be required in consideration of any future planning for a early years and community hub. Masterplan to ensure that a signage and communications review is undertaken and that any proposed signage upgrade is reflective of Council's signage style guide.
Creating a more native environment for children to explore	It is proposed to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. The enlarged playspace is proposed to be fully fenced. It is proposed to preserve and enhance the existing environmental qualities of the reserve and increase canopy coverage to meet Councils' urban forest targets.
Opportunity for our club to relocate from our current flood plain location to council owned land.	Current buildings on site are fully leased. Masterplan recommends that any planning for a future early years and community hub would consider provision for a shared community space. Council to support organisations request to find alternative options for a interim solution.
An upgrade of the court surface for additional netball courts for overflow of our competition	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. Four dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The masterplan also makes recommendations relating to play provision, passive recreation and community initiatives.
Mansell Reserve was once the main hub for netball in the Sunraysia area. However now that MNA has moved to MSP and SFNL relies on each Club's facilities for it's competition, would this area benefit from a complete overhaul (removal of courts, etc)	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. Four dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The masterplan also makes recommendations relating to play provision, passive recreation and community initiatives.
Facilities that enable low cost sport and active recreation opportunities. Location is great but we found it didn't suit our needs with All Abilities netball due to rain and heat concerns.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. Four dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The masterplan also makes recommendations relating to play provision, passive recreation and community initiatives. The masterplan proposes to increase natural and artificial shade and shelter to make the space more comfortable for all users.

Court Lighting, Larger upgraded Clubrooms, additional courts	It is recommended to preserve four dedicated netball courts for competition overflow and training. Currently no competition games are played at the reserve. Currently no building capacity exists for changeroom facilities. It is proposed that as part of consideration of an early year and community hub that a shared changeroom facilities could be provided for use by sporting clubs and organisations It is proposed to upgrade the existing flood lights at end of life and replace with LED flood lights.
For us our interest is in how community members, children and young people can be appropriately involved in decision making.	Council values children voice consultation in the masterplan process and has engaged with Mildura West Primary School in collaboration with Hands Up Mallee. The intent is to continue this relationship through all phases of the masterplan and delivery.
The current croquet courts and buildings need an upgrade. Shelter for croquet would be an improvement so the courts could be better utilised . The current clubrooms are far too small also with little facilities	Existing building assets to be reviewed in alignment with lease requirements to ensure fit for purpose. Interim solutions may be required in consideration of any future planning for an early year, sports and community hub. Potential for croquet club to be co-located in a shared facility whilst maintaining direct linkages to croquet lawns. Existing on court shelters do not provide effective shade during respite in play. The masterplan proposes that a larger shelter in close proximity to the lawns be investigated.
I care about community mental and physical health. This space can help safely meet the social, recreation and fitness needs of the area's residents. Add a water-efficient running water feature, part-shaded by plantings; a sculpture garden.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. Four dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The masterplan also makes recommendations relating to play provision, passive recreation and community initiatives. The masterplan proposes to increase the size of the existing playspace and include inclusive, and nature play experiences. This may include a water play experience subject to detailed design and community consultation
We just need 2 netball courts and lights that are compliant with Netball Vic for our training and fitness trainings	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. Four dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. It is proposed to upgrade the existing flood lights at end of life and replace with LED flood lights.

Question: Do you have any other suggestions relating to Mansell Reserve that you would like considered in the Masterplan	
Community Response	Masterplan Response
Fenced in age appropriate accessible play area for babies and toddlers that includes play equipment and nature.	The Masterplan proposes to fence and expand the existing playspace. In addition, it is proposed to extend the play value to include inclusive and nature play experiences. Supporting infrastructure will be considered that can improve social interaction and comfort to extend duration of visit.
Shade, seating and more variety of activities would see an increase in use.	It is proposed in the masterplan to retain the majority of courts surface for netball and alternative recreation activities, fitness and play. The majority will be rideable with dedicated areas for wheeled sport and toys. 4x dedicated netball courts is proposed in the masterplan. Additional planting, shade, shelter and park furniture will be provided to encourage activation and duration of visit.
There is a need to keep a large hard surface area, not accessible to cars, available for recreational use as a safe haven for users such as older people, youngsters learning to ride bikes and scooters, skaters of all types. The only alternatives for skaters in particular are footpaths and car parks and these are not particularly safe areas to use.	It is proposed in the masterplan to retain the majority of courts surface for netball and alternative recreation activities, fitness and play. The majority will be rideable with dedicated areas for wheeled sport and toys. 4x dedicated netball courts is proposed in the masterplan.
Surrounding the toy library some external fencing would be beneficial so children can safely play/try out the active toys etc without risk of falling off the edge etc.	It is proposed in the masterplan for Council to collaborate with the sites stakeholders to review existing issues; and provide interim solutions in consideration with the masterplans overall objective and timelines.
Previously mentioned	No comment required

Ask women	Council has undertaken a Gender Impact Assessment at the commencement of the project and continues to review this during the process. In addition, a community engagement plan identified a broad spectrum of local stakeholder voices including gender equality, youth, sports and diversity groups. The majority of community survey responses were by woman.
At least two sides of fencing for current playground (road sides) -public baby/family changeroom facilities -improved shared access connections, both to Eighth Street, and to Seventh Street then extending past Mildura Arts Centre and to the Riverfront. -Security cameras -Adaptive outdoors lighting -External and internal improvements to buildings used by current organisations	The masterplan proposes to fully fence and expand the existing playground. The masterplan proposes to provide a new DDA accessible unisex toilet facility in closer proximity to the playground/ carpark and courts in medium term. The existing toilet location will be subject to a building asset review in alignment with planning for any future early years and community hub. The masterplan proposes a network of accessible paths that will connect to adjacent roads and identify linkages to key destinations. Pedestrian connects to the Mildura Art Centre via VicTrack land will be subject to negotiation. The need for CCTV has been raised through the masterplan process, and an application was made. A camera is to be installed in the carpark vicinity and additional cameras are subject to future community feedback and need assessment. It is proposed to upgrade existing sports lighting and to light primary paths to improve safety and usability after dusk. Existing building assets to be reviewed in alignment with lease requirements to ensure fit for purpose. Interim solutions maybe required in consideration any future planning for an early year and community hub.

Seal and expand the current parking area Expand the current play area and enclose it similar to 11th street, including under cover BBQ area with seating and open area. Lighting at night along walking tracks and also for potential basketball area. If keeping netball courts, have the surface resealed. More rubbish bins Include football goals, and pump track out on the grassed area. Along with security cameras	The Masterplan proposes to fence and expand the existing playspace. In addition, it is proposed to extend the play value to include inclusive and nature play experiences. Supporting infrastructure will be considered that can improve social interaction and comfort to extend duration of visit.
	It is proposed to regrade, seal and formalise the existing carpark on the northern side to increase parking capacity and improve safety and access. Pedestrian access will also be improved to connect with on street parking provision. It is proposed to upgrade existing sports lighting and to light primary paths to improve safety and usability after dusk. After hours use of sports court will be considerate of any impacts on the adjacent community. It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts which will be resealed. The existing grass area is to be retained and further activated for passive recreation including the option for soccer and footy fun goals. Additional bins are to be proposed in associated with additional shelters and barbecue areas. The need for CCTV has been raised through the masterplan process, and an application was made. A camera is to be installed in the carpark vicinity and additional cameras are subject to future community feedback and need assessment. It is proposed to upgrade existing sports lighting and to light primary paths to improve safety and usability after dusk.
	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a learn to ride facility, multipurpose sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball and also accommodate netball. The existing grass area is to be retained and further activated for passive recreation including the option for soccer and footy fun goals.
Keep it green, with housing estates getting smaller back yards, we need to keep large spaces open for the public to use, and for our kids and grandkids to have the same fun I did when I was a kid, riding bikes, kicking a footy or watching the various sports that were there back in the day.	
Interactive art, sculpture, garden seating with shade Fitness equipment	Opportunities will be investigated through all phases of the delivery to investigate placemaking initiatives to celebrate art, culture and history. It is proposed to provide additional furniture and shade infrastructure to improve comfort and duration of visit. The masterplan proposes to include fitness equipment in proximity to primary paths.

Consider options to expand the toy library	Existing building assets to be reviewed in alignment with lease requirements to ensure fit for purpose. Interim solutions maybe required in consideration of any future planning for an early year and community hub.
What does gender have to do with a park? Focus on improvements for park and park recreation activities that are usable by families and individuals.	Local and state government is committed to creating a gender- equal state through various initiatives including health and wellbeing. The design of the park is designed to cater for all ages, genders and abilities. The project is underpinned by a gender impact assessment with the intent that no one sector of the community is prioritised of another and that all open space is safe, shared and equitable.
N/A any changes will be great	No comment required
Include a section of Reflexology Walking Path, popular is Asian cultures (particularly South Korea).	An area of space has been identified for placemaking and community driven initiatives such as sensory and edible gardens. Opportunities that can benefit the community such as tactile reflexology paths can be explored and consulted with the community.
Keep it green	It is proposed to preserve and enhance the existing environmental qualities of the reserve.
Pool big playground, big soccer ground big pump track big netball courts everything big	It is proposed to retain the courts for netball and multipurpose sports, fitness and play. This includes soccer/ futsal experiences including utilising the existing grass area. The existing playground is to be made larger with the addition of nature and inclusive play opportunities. More challenging play experiences will be provided in the form of parkour/ ninja warrior trail.

As one of the original committee people of MNA who worked long and hard to develop those netball courts and pre that period played softball and netball there, I just want it to remain recreational SAFE and a space for ALL to use.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a learn to ride facility, multipurpose sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball and also accommodate netball. The masterplan vision is to reflect the communities and stakeholders' aspirations based upon an authentic consultation process and reflect national and state recreation participation and future trends. The masterplan is also looking to preserve the unique play affordance of the courts for wheeled games and learn to ride experiences. In addition, looking to diversity the use and providing play and recreation experiences that appeals to all ages, gender and abilities.
Just make sure we keep the reserve for all to enjoy	The masterplan vision is to reflect the communities and stakeholders' aspirations based upon an authentic consultation process and reflect national and state recreation participation and future trends. The masterplan is also looking to preserve the unique play affordance of the courts for wheeled games and learn to ride experiences. In addition, looking to diversity the use and providing play and recreation experiences that appeals to all ages, gender and abilities.
Improve the number and quality of toilets, and add changing room/shower facilities	The masterplan proposes to provide a new DDA accessible unisex toilet facility in closer proximity to the playground/ carpark and courts in medium term. The existing toilet location will be subject to a building asset review in alignment with planning for any future early years and community hub. Any future hub facility to include consultation for sport and club requirements including changeroom / shower facilities.
It's a lovely place with beautiful trees and a nice walking path. Let's not ruin it with expensive and misguided 'initiatives'.	The masterplan with preserve and enhance the existing environmental and amenity values. The initiatives will be reflective of the community's vision for the reserve.
Keeping as much free space as possible ...NO skate park	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges that can be experienced by skateboards, bikes and scooters. These will be low level and junior focused. More advanced skatepark experiences are provided at Mildura's riverfront skatepark (1.3km distance)

More trees and covered picnic tables - and an adventure playground.	The Masterplan proposes to fence and expand the existing playspace. In addition, it is proposed to extend the play value to include inclusive and nature play experiences. Supporting infrastructure will be considered that can improve social interaction and comfort including shade to extend duration of visit.
With regard to the light towers, I believe that one doesn't give up / get rid of, an asset (assets) that were installed at great Council and Community expense. So, I hope they stay or are relocated elsewhere in the Reserve, if deemed necessary. Throughout the day, there are always Mums, Dads and kids using the play area and tradies use the shaded seating area (BBQ area) for lunch during the day. On the weekends, the BBQ area is always used by groups, be it family or otherwise. At this time of the year, the BBQ area, play area and shade from the Jacaranda trees aligning Seventh Street is often used by community / sporting groups to hold a children's Xmas fun day, or more recently one group had their AGM there, while hiring chairs and entertainment for the children from a party hire company. The shade is important.	It is proposed to install LED sports lights once they have reached end of life. Lighting designer to undertake lighting design. It is proposed to enhance and provide additional park facilities that can extend duration of visit and provide social opportunities.

Multipurpose courts. Bike/Scooter track - mini skate park More picnic tables Maybe another playground at the other side, closer to Ontario and 8th. The existing playground is always so busy when we visit, having additional equipment would be great. Fitness stations along the bike track, similar to the park on walnut Avenue (between 13th and 14th).	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. It is proposed to enhance and provide additional park facilities that can extend duration of visit and provide social opportunities. The existing playground is to be made larger with the addition of nature and inclusive play opportunities. More challenging play experiences will be provided in the form of parkour/ ninja warrior trail connected to the primary path. A fitness running and walking circuit is proposed that will connect with fitness equipment.
Water play playground. Or something similar to Swan hills playground	The existing playground is to be made larger and fenced with the addition of nature and inclusive play opportunities. The playground is designated a neighbourhood level reserve. More challenging play experiences will be provided in the form of parkour/ ninja warrior trail connected to the primary path. Water play experiences befitting the service level of the park may be considered. Mildura's regional water play park is located within 1.3km from the site at Nowingi Riverfront.
Nature play	The existing playground is to be made larger and fenced with the addition of nature and inclusive play opportunities.
Mainly leave it how it is as it is one of the very few wide open spaces with flat surfaces suitable for young toddlers to learn to ride, a great place for young people to partake in unsupervised ball sports (A few basketball hoops would be great) a great place for people with remote control models and many more activities	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. 77% of the community supported the reduction of the netball provision to serve alternative sporting, play and recreational experiences. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.

Don't try to make this area for many sports Most sports or activities are catered for close by, skate board park, tennis, basketball for example	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. 77% of the community supported the reduction of the netball provision to serve alternative sporting, play and recreational experiences.
No	No comment required
Please ensure adequate shade and access for all abilities. Spend some time down there, how would you use the space? Often times these masterplans overlook the simple needs. Low maintenance projects safe spaces and accessibility are key to being used by locals. Also consideration of a slip lane for the 8th street kinder drop off zone. Incredibly risky trying to get out of the car at drop off times in the morning, I suggest removing the strip of crusher dust with trees next to the footpath to create more space for the carparks so that it lines up with the road across the railway.	The masterplan proposes to increase shade including a target of 50% canopy cover. Improving the path network for accessibility is a key priority to ensure all members of our community has equitable access and experiences. MRCC traffic engineering department is aware of concerns relating to the drop off experience at Mildura West Primary School. They are currently looking at options that can improve users' experiences and safety.
Scoreboard	To be reviewed in detailed design phase.
It's such a beautiful big space with so much potential that is already being used for many purposes. Appreciate that it's being upgraded in line with community needs and adjusting to other sporting facilities now in the town. The court surfaces really are degrading quickly and will soon be unsafe. Great to get onto this now rather than leave it until it cannot be used.	No comment required

Splash pad	Mansell Reserve playspace is a neighbourhood level playspace. Splash pads are typically associated with regional level reserve. Councils primary splash pad is located at Mildura Riverfront.
Leave it as is - I see people playing with their kids, picnicking and chilling out under the trees As I've already said - allowing some off lead dog times would be more inclusive for all but otherwise it's a great area	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. The existing courts are in poor condition and not fit for purpose. Council is aiming to retain and enhance the assets and experiences that are valued by the community. Dog off leash provision is currently provided at Rio Vista Park, which is under 0.5km from Mansell Reserve.
To keep the running track around the outside of the reserves as it's a good loop to run around which doesn't require any stopping at road intersections	It is proposed to retain and enhance the path network to create a series of walking and cunning fitness circuits. Council identifies the benefits of a continuous circuit that is continuous and safe to traverse
Basketball Court, Netball Courts, Tennis, Running Track, bigger playground	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. It is proposed to increase the size of the existing play spaces to include more inclusive and nature play experiences. In addition, a ninja warrior/ parkour experience is proposed that will appeal to older children.
Gender diversity doesn't need representation in a public park for Christ's sake. What rubbish. Community garden would not be used long term and would be a waste. Have it as a playground and sporting area for kids.	Local and state government is committed to creating a gender- equal state through various initiatives including health and wellbeing. The design of the park is designed to cater for all ages, genders and abilities. The project is underpinned by a gender impact assessment with the intent that not one sector of the community is prioritised over another; and that all open space is safe, shared and equitable. A favourable response was received from the survey to have a community garden experience. This garden is not intended for edible plants but a place to celebrate the sites history and significance for female sport and recreation.

Better lighting around the toilet block and carpark area	It is proposed to provide lighting to primary paths and upgrade lighting to carpark and building assets including public toilets to improve safety and prevent anti-social behaviour.
NA	no comment required
Sunraysia Toy Library	Council has engaged with Sunraysia Toy Library as a project stakeholder.
I love the idea of a collaborative art / creative area. I am on the committee of the Mildura Pottery Club, and we will be relocating hopefully soon to a council managed building. It would be awesome to have an area that supports local clubs for creative pursuits such as painting, drawing, sculpture, glass blowing, pottery, mosaic making, textiles, cookery classes. Together. There would be so many opportunities to have a hub for community gatherings to combat social issues for young and old with "come and try" days. A whole of community well-run safe space where people of all ages, nationalities, genders, levels of skill could participate in activities with other people. Such as having a day with aged care homes can bring people to come and make a pinch pot with clay (no skill required). Have a 'learn to cook' session going on in the kitchen, whilst people are playing outside. It would also be a great tourist attraction where artists could sell their wares. The Jam Factory in the Barossa Valley shows a similar concept for collective art.	Current buildings on site are fully leased. Masterplan recommends that any planning for a future early year and community hub would consider provision for a shared community space.

Forget about sport. Diversify your thoughts.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The masterplan also makes recommendations relating to play provision, passive recreation and community initiatives.
Dancing water - squirting in the air for little ones to play in. Needs to be shaded.	Mansell Reserve playspace is a neighbourhood level playspace. Splash pads are typically associated with regional level reserve. Councils primary splash pad is located at Mildura Riverfront. Low key water play experiences maybe considered in the final design similar to the recent installation at Nowingi Reserve. The location of the playspace is proposed to be retained in its current location due to the natural and artificial shade provided.
Open grassed space is important to be maintained. Space facilities for dog walking e.g. (bins, dog water bowls) Gardens with nature trees and plants, more benches and shade over the new playground. Consider using grassed space for markets or outdoor movies.	The masterplan proposes to retain in the majority the existing open grass areas which creates a flexible space for events and passive recreation. Walking paths to be retained and enhanced to create continuous circuits that can also be used by dog walkers. Proposed upgrades include additional shelters, drink fountains with dog bowls, seats etc. The masterplan proposed to increase shade canopy with a target of 30-50%. The location of the playspace is proposed to be retained in its current location due to the natural and artificial shade provided. Additional understory planting to be provided that can enhance amenity and biodiversity.
Outdoor exercise equipment, more water fountains, a pump track for bikes.	Masterplan proposes a fitness circuit linked to primary paths that will feature fitness equipment. Additional drink fountain to be provided. It is proposed to include a sealed pump track for beginner to intermediate riders.

Community garden with kinder nature play space, ensure hard court surfaces are multipurpose	A favourable response was received from the survey to have a community garden experience. This garden is not intended for edible plants but a place to celebrate the sites history and significance for female sport and recreation. However, should a strong demand be forthcoming from the community, opportunities for edible beds maybe considered. It is proposed to increase the existing playground and include inclusive, and nature play experiences. It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
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Do you have any other suggestions relating to Mansell Reserve that you would like considered in the Masterplan	
Stakeholder Response	Masterplan Response
Other suggestions and ideas for Mansell Reserve are: -Upgraded accessible playground -Shade sails over courts -Two sides of fencing for current playground (road sides) -Baby/family changeroom facilities -Improved shared access via Eighth Street and Seventh Street -Improved shared access (footpath and cycling) connections from Mansell Reserve, past Mildura Arts Centre to the Riverfront -Security cameras -Adaptive outdoors lighting	It is proposed to extend the existing playground to provide additional play value including inclusive and nature play opportunities. To reduce hazard from adjacent vehicles it is proposed to fully fence the playscape. Additional shelters and additional tree planting to be provided to provide protection from western and northern sun. The masterplan proposes to provide a new DDA accessible unisex toilet with baby change facility in proximity to the playground/ carpark and courts in the medium term. The existing toilet location will be subject to a building asset review in alignment with planning for any future early years and community hub. The masterplan proposes to include primary shared paths that will be 2.5m width that will connect to surrounding roads and internal destinations. The need for CCTV has been raised through the masterplan process and an application was made. A camera is to be installed in the carpark vicinity and additional cameras are subject to future community feedback and needs assessment. It is proposed to upgrade existing sports lighting and to light primary paths to improve safety and usability after dusk. Council to investigate lighting solutions based upon environmental and safety requirements.
Changing the speed limit to 40 km. Cars are always speeding passed the kindergarten	Council will continue to review and evaluate the community's feedback; and investigate interim solutions in advance of any future

	building upgrades to Mildura West Kindergarten and the potential creation of an early year's hub.
Recreation is much more than just sport. Our club caters for creative people of all ages and genders. It has proven to be life line for some and a pathway to a creative working life for others. We have been operating for 30 years starting at MADEC, and continuing with the generosity of the Bawden family providing a studio for our club. Our activities were interrupted with the recent flood event and we need to find a new home on higher ground.	The provision will be based upon communities' responses which reflects aspirations for sport, recreation, play, arts and social interaction. Current buildings on site are fully leased. Masterplan recommends that any planning for a future early years and community hub would consider provision for a shared community space. Council to support organisations request to find alternative options for an interim solution.
That the netball courts be updated and Mansell reserve continues to be used for its original purpose, women's sport.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. 77% of the community supported the reduction of the netball provision to serve alternative sporting, play and recreational experiences. The strategic objective for netball is for the sport to be facilitated at club home grounds and at the Mildura Sporting Precinct, where provision is made for 4x outdoor and 6x indoor courts available.
Mansell Reserve a place for all to meet, enjoy the park and gardens, picnic area	The intent of the masterplan is to preserve and enhance the historical patronage of the reserve and respond to current and future needs. The intent is for the park to respond to sporting, recreation, play, arts, cultural and social needs of the stakeholders and the broader community

Create an inviting park for the community incorporating a community garden, artistic initiatives, bike tracks for kids, court surface for ball games and most importantly a quality adventure park catering for 2-13 year olds that could put the town on the map. (consider Warrnambool's Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground)	The intent of the masterplan is to preserve and enhance the historical patronage of the reserve and respond to current and future needs. The intent is for the park to respond to sporting, recreation, play, arts, cultural and social needs of the stakeholders and the broader community. It is proposed to extend the existing playground to provide additional playvalue including inclusive and nature play opportunities this will appeal to all ages. Additional play for older children is proposed adjacent the primary paths and courts to include a ninja warrior/ parkour trail. It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. This includes provision for fitness and running / walking circuits. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
What are community landscapes that "promote gender equality"? I think consideration of how you involve young people, seek their views in appropriate ways and involve them in decision making is important. I also think the other facilities that are located nearby - such as the kinder, that has a long standing issue with parking, should have a greater say than me.	Local and state government is committed to creating a gender- equal state through various initiatives including health and wellbeing. The design of the park is designed to cater for all ages, genders and abilities. The project is underpinned by a gender impact assessment with the intent that no one sector of the community is prioritised over another; and that all open space is safe, shared and equitable. The consultation strategy identified key stakeholders including Mildura West Kindergarten which have provided a survey response.
Native gardens shared gardens Covered croquet courts	The masterplan proposes to plant new trees and understory planting. It is proposed in the masterplan to create a flexible community space that would provide the opportunity for community initiatives. This could include a sensory and community garden based upon community and stakeholder participation and stewardship to ensure viability. Unable to cover grass croquet courts. Courts would need to be artificial.

A sculpture garden; a rotating display of students' artworks in a locked display; a water feature; a sensory garden for the visually impaired.	The masterplan proposes opportunities for integration of community art and placemaking. It is proposed in the masterplan to create a flexible community space that would provide the opportunity for community initiatives. This could include a sensory and community garden based upon community and stakeholder participation and stewardship to ensure viability.
I think Nature play is great idea for the area.	It is proposed to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. The enlarged playspace is proposed to be fully fenced.
Question: Provide alternative suggestions to what could be achieved with the existing netball courts.	
Community Response	Masterplan Response
I would love to see a fenced in park for babies and toddlers think 0-4 that is size appropriate and safe for little kids, so parents are able to get out of the house meet more parents and have a place to take their young kids that is safe. We have one down at the river and it's ok could be improved on and the park to play is too big. Being able to take my kids out of the house to a safe place outside to play would be amazing and so helpful for mental health. Like an outdoor yes space for little kids. Mix of play and nature.	The Masterplan proposes to fence and expand the existing playspace. In addition, it is proposed to extend the play value to include inclusive and nature play experiences. Supporting infrastructure will be considered that can improve social interaction and comfort to extend duration of visit.
Half court basketball, pump track, learn to ride/scoot areas, other sports.	It is recommended in the masterplan to provide multipurpose courts including the provision of basketball. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track.

The courts are a wonderful surface for young families to use to help children learning to ride bicycles, scooters, roller skates etc. Alternative ball game courts such as pickle ball, and down ball that are safe, not male dominated and inviting for all ages.	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is proposed to include Pickleball and down ball as alternative to more mainstream sports. Sports provision is based upon national data on gender participation for all ages and abilities. It is proposed to apply safer parks initiatives to ensure family and gender friendly environments are achieved.
I am an older resident and enjoy roller skating with my daughter. We use the court area for quiet relaxing exercise in a clean and safe environment. It is useful and health wise extremely important for me that the surface is kept reasonably flat and clean from debris that could cause a fall. Over the last year of skating we have seen more people using the courts as a skating and scooter/bike recreational area. There is a lack of opportunity for all ages to enjoy skating and this is a smooth body action activity that benefits older people like me. This area is off-street, almost always kept to a high standard of cleanliness and is in reasonable repair and ideal for sports including skating, skateboarding, children's scooter and bike activities. I believe that this would be an important asset to keep and maintain (Does not need to occupy the whole area, we use four court boundaries as an outer track). As a development for the future, Mildura would benefit from maintaining this type of use. Considering that all young people are not interested in traditional sports this is an opportunity to add something extra to the community. The potential to add tables and chairs, shade	It is proposed in the masterplan to retain the majority of courts surface for netball and alternative recreation activities, fitness and play. The majority will be rideable with dedicated areas for wheeled sport and toys. 4x dedicated netball courts is proposed in the masterplan. Additional planting, shade, shelter and park furniture will be provided to encourage activation and duration of visit.

shelter areas, green planting, lighting, etc. and promoted to the community could make this a viable and positive contribution for our health. Given the good state of repair of the area I believe this could be maintained as a low maintenance area and still allow the existing netball users a place to train.	
Alongside a bike riding area (including pump track) for kids a little race track or kids' road track with traffic signs etc. A central picnic area with BBQs/ tables and shade/rotundas.	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track. Additional planting, shade, shelter and park furniture will be provided to encourage activation and duration of visit.
Whilst attending the event that was on with free coffee I had mentioned an interactive garden with sensory options in plants, veggies, sandpits with covers for use during winter, I also feel that the mall market could have made use of this space and so could the car boot sale. I strongly think that car parking needs upgrades and that there needs to be designated ones for the toy library and sports that run on weekends.	It is proposed in the masterplan to create a flexible community space that would provide the opportunity for community initiatives. This could include a sensory and community garden based upon community and stakeholder participation and stewardship to ensure viability. The retention of a significant area of the courts will provide a flexible space that can facilitate community events including markets etc. It is proposed to regrade, seal and formalise the existing carpark on the northern side to increase parking capacity and improve safety and access. Pedestrian access will also be improved to connect with on street parking provision.

Mini traffic skills area, clear space to learn to ride bikes/scooters etc	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
Basketball courts open or semi enclosed. If enclosed you could include a Futsal court.	It is recommended in the masterplan to provide multipurpose courts including the provision of basketball and futsal.
I like the idea of multipurpose court design. Anything going there is really going to be for the general public and not sporting clubs so much, is it really needs to be bullet proof so it can minimise vandalism and mis use.	It is recommended in the masterplan to provide multipurpose courts to respond to community demand and based upon national data on participation and growth. All future selections of material and products will be as per Australian Standard and from reputable companies with proven
Place for young kids to learn to ride	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges which will provide an educational and playful experience.
Keep 1 or 2 netball courts, but include other sports, such as basketball, pickleball, tennis More shade for the courts. At least one more drinking fountain.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a learn to ride facility, multipurpose sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball. Tree canopy percentage is also to be increased with a min target of 30-50%, this will be in addition to proposed park shelters to complement existing shade provision. It is proposed to include additional facilities to provide comfort and extend duration of visits including drink fountain provision.
Fencing	It is proposed to provide multipurpose courts which some will provide ball stop fencing. The existing playspace is to be enlarged and fenced.
Already answered above sorry	No comment required

Learn to ride track with signs and basketball half courts	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges which will provide an educational and playful. Multipurpose courts are proposed that will include basketball provision.
Playground on the courts	Line marking games are proposed including down ball. It's proposed to provide a challenging Parkour/ ninja warrior trail that will be located adjacent the primary paths.
Minimise number of courts to allow space for disc golf facilities.	It is cost benefit to Council to retain the majority of the courts for a sealed surface and utilise existing subbase material. This will reduce removal of asphalt and base material to landfill. The grass area is to be retained in the majority which will allow for pop up and passive recreation opportunities. Council received a limited response in support of a dedicated disc golf at this location. However, through partnerships a trial installation may be considered in the future if supported by the community, stakeholders and funding opportunities exists.
Sll the above options. Covered for summer and winter use	No comment required
No butt cracks in the netball courts he	It is cost benefit to Council to retain the majority of the courts for a sealed surface and utilise existing subbase material. This will reduce removal of asphalt and base material to landfill. Any new works will be subject to Geotech report and construction methodology. This may include utilising polypropylene reinforcement grid in the resurfacing to reduce surface cracking.
No suggestions	No comment required
I as previously stated I think the courts should stay of perhaps be modified to encompasses other leisure activities.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a learn to ride facility, multipurpose sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball and accommodate netball.
The existing courts are a fantastic facility in Mildura. To play outdoor netball at a centralised location really cements the feeling of being part of an active community	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a learn to ride facility, multipurpose sports including basketball, soccer, tennis, pickleball and accommodate netball.

It's good to have an area for netball specifically. We already have soccer, basketball and tennis areas.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Good space for VERY YOUNG children to ride and learn how to ride bikes scooter and rollerblade	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
Scooter tracks/skate park	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
They are regularly used for roller skating - scooters and bikes - would like to see an acceptable amount of synthetic surface remain to accommodate these activities.	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
At the moment, the netball courts are used by individuals throwing hoops, netball teams for training, skaters, children learning to ride bikes, people running their beep tests and occasionally by people with electric remote-control cars. But only half of the netball court area is ever used these days.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.

Multipurpose use for netball, basketball, soccer etc is a great idea. I see a lot of kids cycling and riding scooters because the track around Mansel isn't level and not great for a scooter, maybe a mini skate park and bike track. The play equipment for kids is okay, but maybe more inclusive of younger children and disabled would be great. More picnic benches around the courts, rather than just spectator seating, the it has a multipurpose use.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility. Existing playspace to be upgraded, enlarged and fenced. The upgrade proposes to include inclusive play equipment and nature play experiences. Additional shelter and shade to be provided. These facilities will be supported by additional facilities to support comfort and duration of visit; including but not limited to seating, barbecue's, drink fountains, toilets etc.
None the netball courts should stay there	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. 77% of the community supported the reduction of the netball provision to serve alternative sporting, play and recreational experiences. The strategic objective for netball is for the sport to be facilitated at club home grounds and at the Mildura Sporting Precinct, where provision is made for 4x outdoor and 6x indoor courts available.
Nature based adventure playground	It is proposed to create a fenced playground to encompass the existing and expand to create more imaginative and creative play experiences including nature play experiences.

The courts are currently used for many uses, younger people learning to ride bikes and scooters in a safe environment	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
A fitness area, like on the riverfront	The masterplan proposes to provide fitness equipment in proximity to the primary path to create a fitness circuit and provide appeal and activation by the broader community.
I think having some Netball courts are beneficial. I know a few groups do personal training there	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Look into surfaces less likely to crack and be slippery in the wet. Ensure the grounds are level and drainage is adequate to reduce risk of water pooling and damaging the courts?	Any new works will be subject to Geotech report and construction methodology. This may include utilising polypropylene reinforcement grid in the resurfacing to reduce surface cracking. Surfacing will be specified to meet national guidelines on sports and pedestrian surfaces. The intent is to capture and reuse stormwater runoff to passively irrigate planting, including provision of swales. Courts surfaces will be design with a positive grade to avoid ponding of water.
More seating for netball players on the beach	Provision of spectator and players seating will be undertaken as part of detailed design.
I think the options given are great. It's a facility that has a really high usage for lots of different purposes. I use it to go running, but there are always families there. Lots of kids on scooters and learning to ride bikes and parents with prams	The broader feedback is positive in creating a community sports and recreation reserve that provides a diversity of attractions for all ages and abilities including families. The culture for woman's sport inc netball and wheeled activities has come through strong in the consultation responses. The masterplan intent is to continue the presence of those activities and introduce additional opportunities.

Basketball, pickleball and splash pad	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. Splash pad facilities are expensive assets and normally associated with Regional Level Reserve. Mildura Riverfront at Nowingi is Councils' key facility, located 1.4km from Mansell Reserve. Upgrade to the existing playspace may include provision for sand and water play but is subject to detailed design and community consultation
Community garden, indoor play area for young children on hot days, ceramic studio for club	It is proposed in the masterplan to create a flexible community space that would provide the opportunity for community initiatives. This could include a sensory and community garden based upon community and stakeholder participation and stewardship to ensure viability. The masterplan is primarily focused on open space. It has been identified that the existing building assets are at capacity being utilised by The Sunraysia Toy Library, Maternal and Child Health Nurses, Mildura Croquet Club and Mildura West Kindergarten and would not be able to accommodate additional user groups at this time. A review of the kindergarten provision is likely to be required in consideration of the States government Best Start Best Life initiative. Subject to a needs analysis this may require a purpose build facility that would provide an opportunity to create a co located hub that could also include community and sports facilities. The masterplan has considered the implication of this outcome in the masterplan to ensure that any future works do not impact shorter term projects.
Continue to run junior competition there, they also provide an area for PT - group and individual Adding some gym equipment to the side of the path would be helpful	The masterplan proposes to preserve 4x dedicated netball courts for competition overflow for junior and senior competition. The masterplan proposes to provide fitness equipment in proximity to the primary path to create a fitness circuit and provide appeal and activation by the broader community.
A couple basketball courts and a couple tennis courts to replace some of the netball courts	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon

	communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Make a few into Basketball courts	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Existing courts are deteriorated and are not serviceable.	It is proposed to resurface the courts and retain for netball and alternative uses based upon community feedback.
Leave them as they are as they do get used	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. 77% of the community responses supported the reduction of netball courts for alternative use.
NA	No comment required

Some flat hard surface should remain for young kids to learn how to ride/skate. Remove most netball rings as they are a risk of riding into when learning. Leave some rings and courts as some teams practice there. The large grass area is under-utilised since softball relocated. I would love to see more large trees and gardens shaped in there providing shade for other areas of use at the Reserve, with chip bark tracks winding throughout linking it all together. As an example, Melbourne's botanic gardens has beautiful gardens with shaded picnic areas with bench chairs, offering a place to just sit in nature. Another example is New Farm Park in Brisbane. Within these areas are grassy areas where people have enough room to kick a footy or soccer ball. It would assist Council meet some targets in the Urban Forest/Canopy Plan, provide separate areas in shade for family or friend groups to congregate and play with a ball and have a picnic. A bigger fun playground for older kids than the playground there would also be a good option. Make it fun like the part at Monash SA.	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility. Tree canopy percentage is also to be increased with a min target of 30- 50%, this will be in addition to proposed park shelters to complement existing shade provision. The masterplan proposes to retain the majority of grassed area for relaxation and passive recreation. Including introducing junior footy fun goals. Additional legacy trees are proposed to be planted that will create a parkland setting and shade benefit. It is proposed to extend the existing playground to provide additional play value including inclusive and nature play opportunities this will appeal to all ages. Older children are to be catered for with the inclusion of the proposed ninja warrior/ parkour trail.
basketball - pickle balls	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends including pickle ball.
Re-establish soil & plant a community garden.	It is proposed in the master plan to create a flexible community space that would provide the opportunity for community initiatives. This could include a sensory and community garden based upon community and stakeholder participation and stewardship to ensure viability.

Leave a couple of courts for netballers to practice. An area also for little ones learning to ride bikes in safety. Shading is essential	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Not to use the space for housing, outdoor play only.	The masterplan proposed to retain and enhance the existing open space in alignment with the Public Open Space Strategy. It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Soccer pitch	It is recommended in the masterplan to provide multipurpose courts including the provision of soccer/ futsal. It is also proposed to activate the grass area with footy/soccer fun goals.
Downball Court	It is proposed to include line marking games including downball.
Learn to ride area for very little kids maybe with traffic markings. It's a fabulous safe place to learn to ride.	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.

Would like to see a lovely botanic garden area, nice shady tree famines to come and have a picnic. Asso for the more sporty, a fitness running track and various sports for all. If enough space, an area for small exhibition, small garage role maybe.	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. Tree canopy percentage is also to be increased with a min target of 30-50%, this will be complimented by additional understory planting and preservation of lawn areas.A fitness running and walking circuit is proposed that will connect with fitness equipment.
I would like to see 6 courts remain as well as netball , lots of kids learn to ride their bikes here.	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities which can also be lined for netball. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.

Extend Toy Library to include nature play area, bush kindy, exercise equipment, pump crack/lake jump/non track toilet and new change upgraded	The masterplan proposes to enhance and enlarge the existing Jr playground by including nature play and inclusive play experiences. The playground is proposed to remain in its existing location and to be fully fenced. The location provides existing canvas and natural shade which is more befitting and nature play environment. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility. A review of the kindergarten provision is likely to be required in consideration of the States government Best Start Best Life initiative. Subject to a needs analysis this may require a purpose build facility that would provide an opportunity to create a co located hub that could also include community and sports facilities including changeroom facilities. The masterplan proposes the option for a new standalone DDA accessible unisex toilet facility to be located closer to the playground and adjacent the public carpark. The design should be reflective of the Changing Places Guidelines.
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Provide alternative suggestions to what could be achieved with the existing netball courts.	
Stakeholder Response	Masterplan Response
A pump track Large central play ground	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility. The masterplan proposes to extend the existing playground to provide additional playvalue including inclusive and nature play opportunities this will appeal to all ages. The existing location provides natural and artificial shade. To alleviate the potential road hazard its proposed to fully fence the playspace. Additional play for older children is proposed adjacent the primary paths and courts to include a ninja warrior/ parkour trail.

In addition to above suggestions in Q11, a mini traffic skills area (side by side with a pump track?)	A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a more advanced pump track facility.
Providing multiple area of sports facilities	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Pickle ball. Its a growing sport.	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends including pickle ball.
We loved being at Mansell and the only reason why we moved was because council refused to update the court surface	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts for sports and community supported initiatives. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to multipurpose courts which will also provide netball opportunities. 77% of the community supported the reduction of the netball provision to serve alternative sporting, play and recreational experiences. The strategic objective for netball is for the sport to be facilitated at club home grounds and at the Mildura Sporting Precinct, where provision is made for 4x outdoor and 6x indoor courts available.
Multipurpose courts (basketball, netball, pickleball)	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.

Full size basketball court would be great, near the BBQ facilities. Plenty of people play pickup basketball but it's not something you would see with netball. Due to participation growth many junior and rep teams are training at odd hours in school gyms so maybe multiple courts would still get use. If enclosed you could add built in goals for small sided soccer, which would also see use and reduce some of the offseason wear on pitch 10 and 12 at Soccer Park	The masterplan proposes to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Provide extra courts for croquet with lighting	Croquet Victoria Facility Guide identifies one court for every 25 players. Currently there is 3x courts of various standard and repair. Survey response has confirmed 30x current members. The masterplan will future proof allowance in the design for future growth should demand increase. Masterplan recommends considering potential lighting of a min of 1x court in partnership with club to be able to extend playing capacity through winter season and to attract working adults. Funding for lighting would be subject to co-funding and successful grant application.
I've provided answers based on what we have heard from young people in our community - that there are not enough free to use, open access basketball courts/rings and that there are not places available for scooters in particular.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. This includes provision of basketball. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a beginner to intermediate pump track facility.

Encourage any other sports to be played there	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.
Skate ramp, running track, graded fitness stations like those on Hugh King Drive.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends. This includes provision for fitness and running / walking circuits. A learn to ride facility is proposed that will provide junior rideable challenges. In addition, a shared walking and bike track will be provided that will cater for wheeled sports and toys. The courts when not in use will also be available for use. It is also proposed to provide a beginner to intermediate pump track facility.
Like I mentioned happy for less netball courts - but until we get a court at Aero ovals we need at least 2 courts to train on - so maybe 3 courts to stay would be great.	It is recommended to preserve the majority of existing courts. 4x dedicated netball courts will be retained for competition overflow and training. The remainder of the courts will be converted to a diversity of sports and recreation opportunities. The provision will be based upon communities' responses and national data on sport participation and growing trends.

The following responses are from the Draft Masterplan online survey in September 2025

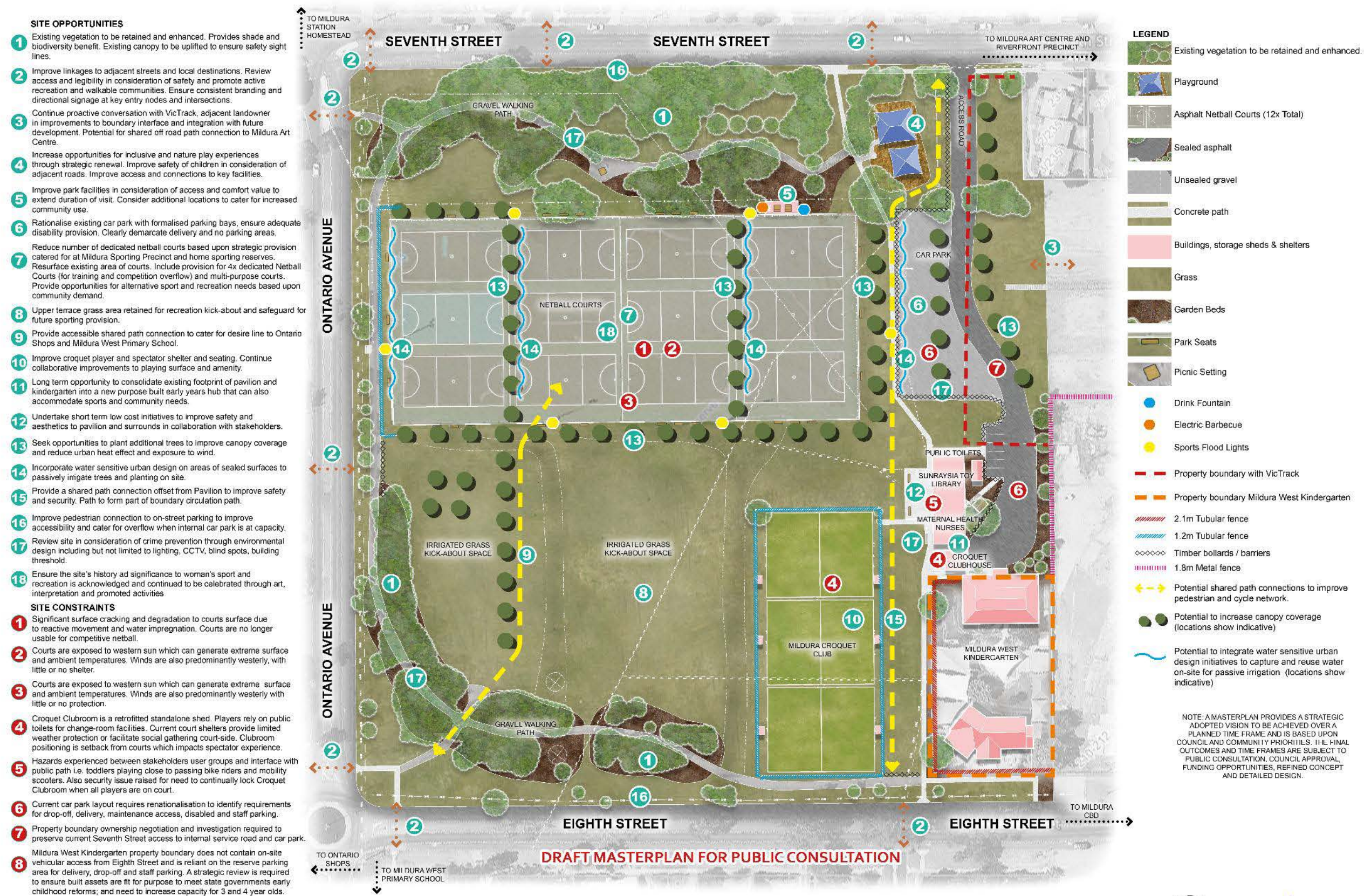
Please provide any additional comments or suggestions regarding the Draft Master Plan	Masterplan Response
In the first instance, additional seating and shade is desperately needed and a priority for the Mildura Croquet Club. Lighting would enable the club to hold additional evening activities within the Club and also with other Clubs outside the local area.	The masterplan Action 47 identifies the need for a 10 x 4m shelter in a prominent location near to the clubroom. In addition, it is proposed to upgrade existing sports shelters that would improve shade benefit and comfort for players and spectators. Sports lighting has been added to the final masterplan

Mildura has a very passionate Roller Derby Team by no where to train/practice outside of the hire times provided on training nights, having a flat surface in our community to support the growth of our regions Roller Derby team should be considered.	The consultation response had limited advocacy for roller derby, however in the further design and consultation it is recommended to test and investigate the opportunity for roller derby linemarking should it be able to be accommodated without compromising more popular sporting and recreational needs.
Could shade and lighting be included as priority for the croquet court facility. the 6 shelters courtside are inadequate. Lights would allow for night games avoiding having to play in adverse conditions. Disables parking at rear of clubhouse.	The masterplan Action 47 identifies the need for a 10 x 4m shelter in a prominent location near to the clubroom. In addition, it is proposed to upgrade existing sports shelters that would improve shade benefit and comfort for players and spectators. Sports lighting has been added to the final masterplan. The masterplan proposes to formalise the existing carpark and review the requirements for DDA carparking.
love all the concepts, and the grand plan. Now let's wonder where the money will come from to make any of it happen. Would love to know how much these master plans cost us ratepayers, and if that money stayed local.	Council undertook the design and consultation planning internally. An external Quantity Surveyor was engaged to provide independent costing of the actions identified in the masterplan. The masterplan provides a strategic vision that reflects stakeholders, council and the broader communities' aspirations for the site. Council will utilise the endorsed masterplan to plan for capital works and grant funding applications.
As croquet member, extra lights and better paths	Sports lighting for the croquet courts has been added to the final masterplan. The masterplan has identified an upgrade to existing and additional paths to improve access and accessibility.
provision of non-gendered toilet facilities if they are being upgraded	Action 3 of the masterplan identifies a new accessible toilet that would be implemented in accordance with Councils Public Toilet Strategy. It is recommended that community consultation also takes place to finalise the design requirements of the toilets location and gender configuration i.e. close to children's activities
Croquet area shade, seating, lighting.	The masterplan Action 47 identifies the need for a 10 x 4m shelter in a prominent location near to the clubroom. In addition, it is proposed to upgrade existing sports shelters that would improve shade benefit and comfort for players and spectators. Sports lighting has been added to the final masterplan
Lights and shade for Croquet court	The masterplan Action 47 identifies the need for a 10 x 4m shelter in a prominent location near to the clubroom. In addition, it is proposed to upgrade existing sports shelters that would improve shade benefit and comfort for players and spectators. Sports lighting has been added to the final masterplan

The Croquet Courts need lights to extend the use of the courts, especially in the warmer months of the year. Better shade facilities are needed for the Croquet Courts now. The plan looks very engaging for the public.	The masterplan Action 47 identifies the need for a 10 x 4m shelter in a prominent location near to the clubroom. In addition, it is proposed to upgrade existing sports shelters that would improve shade benefit and comfort for players and spectators. Sports lighting has been added to the final masterplan
Please make sure there are multiple water fountains and don't reduce the grass size for large group games.	The masterplan identifies the need for additional drinking fountains at strategic locations. The drink fountain will also include drink bottle refill and dog bowl. It is proposed to retain the majority of the open grass area
Proper raised pedestrian crossings at 8th street & Ontario Avenue to slow traffic. Improved street lighting on Ontario Avenue. Trees on Ontario between 7th & 8th Streets are struggling to provide shade. Tree closest to 8th cut down but stump remains.	Comments related to traffic and pedestrian safety and existing trees have been forwarded to the relevant department. Additional tree planting is being proposed to enhance shade benefit and reduce urban heat island whilst enhancing biodiversity. Improvements to the surrounding street network is seen as essential to improve walkable and connected communities.
Mildura doesn't have a proper running track, and I am so excited to see that you are considering this.	The dedicated 2x lane running track is primarily for recreational use, total length circa 240 lin m.
Don't do dumb shit like this. Look after the people before you worry about the aesthetic. All this shit, ends up being not looked after but the tax payer still has to pick up the bill. Pay for it yourself if you want it that bad	The masterplan reflects the aspirations of the broader community and stakeholders. The recreational and sporting proposals also reflect trending and predicted state and national community needs and culture. Council will seek to implement outcomes that offer cost benefit to the community and where possible seek grant funding opportunities to reduce burden on rate payers.
Please provide shade over the one of the courts. Our homeschool network meets here weekly and many children have a disability and sensory issues. Applying sunscreen on these children can often mean they won't attend so offering shade over one of the court	The masterplan proposes to introduce natural shade to break up the extent of paved surface. This is complemented with additional artificial shade structures to add refuge spaces from inclement weather conditions. This is seen as more economical and provides shade benefit to a broader area.
I think you should put facing around the playground or around one if there are multiple alot of kids like mine have disabilities my son has autism and can't play on may playground because they aren't safe for him nor did they have a fence which is unsafe	The masterplan proposes to fence the entire boundary of the playspace and locate gates at strategic entry and exit points.
With the decline in netball courts, this will affect the summer twilight competition, generally when this is run there is only 3-4 courts spare for teams to train	Currently no competition netball occurs at Mansell Reserve. Mildura Netball Association is located at Mildura Sporting Precinct. Meringur Netball Club uses maximum of 2x courts for training only. The

on before their games. How will this be able to continue after changes?	masterplan proposes to resurface the existing courts and create 4x dedicated competition netball courts. 2x multi purposes courts would
Not put a pathway and trees across the already limited green oval space for wide ball games	The path location is based upon data and observations of an existing desire line. The path will help improve accessibility and will be located at the bottom of the existing grass terrace which naturally restricts recreational use. The proposed trees selected will have a clear stem and overhead canopy which will still allow for informal recreation to still occupy the space underneath but with the benefit of natural shade for individuals and groups.
Currently the large grassland space is used as a backup for youth groups, LARP, Community and sport teams. Blocking half, it off with a path and trees hinders so many of its current felxi-use. Instead level the ground, trees along the roadside and no path	The path location is based upon data and observations of an existing desire line. The path will help improve accessibility and will be located at the bottom of the existing grass terrace which naturally restricts recreational use. The proposed trees selected will have a clear stem and overhead canopy which will still allow for informal recreation to still occupy the space underneath, but with the benefit of natural shade for individuals and groups.
Basketball court would be great	The masterplan proposes a multipurpose court with basketball

14. Appendix C – SK01 Opportunities and Constraints Plan, May 25



DRAWING REF: **SK01 MANSELL RESERVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE -OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS, AUGUST 25**

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15. Appendix D – SK02 Final Master Plan, November 25



16. Appendix E – SK03 Precedent Images November 25



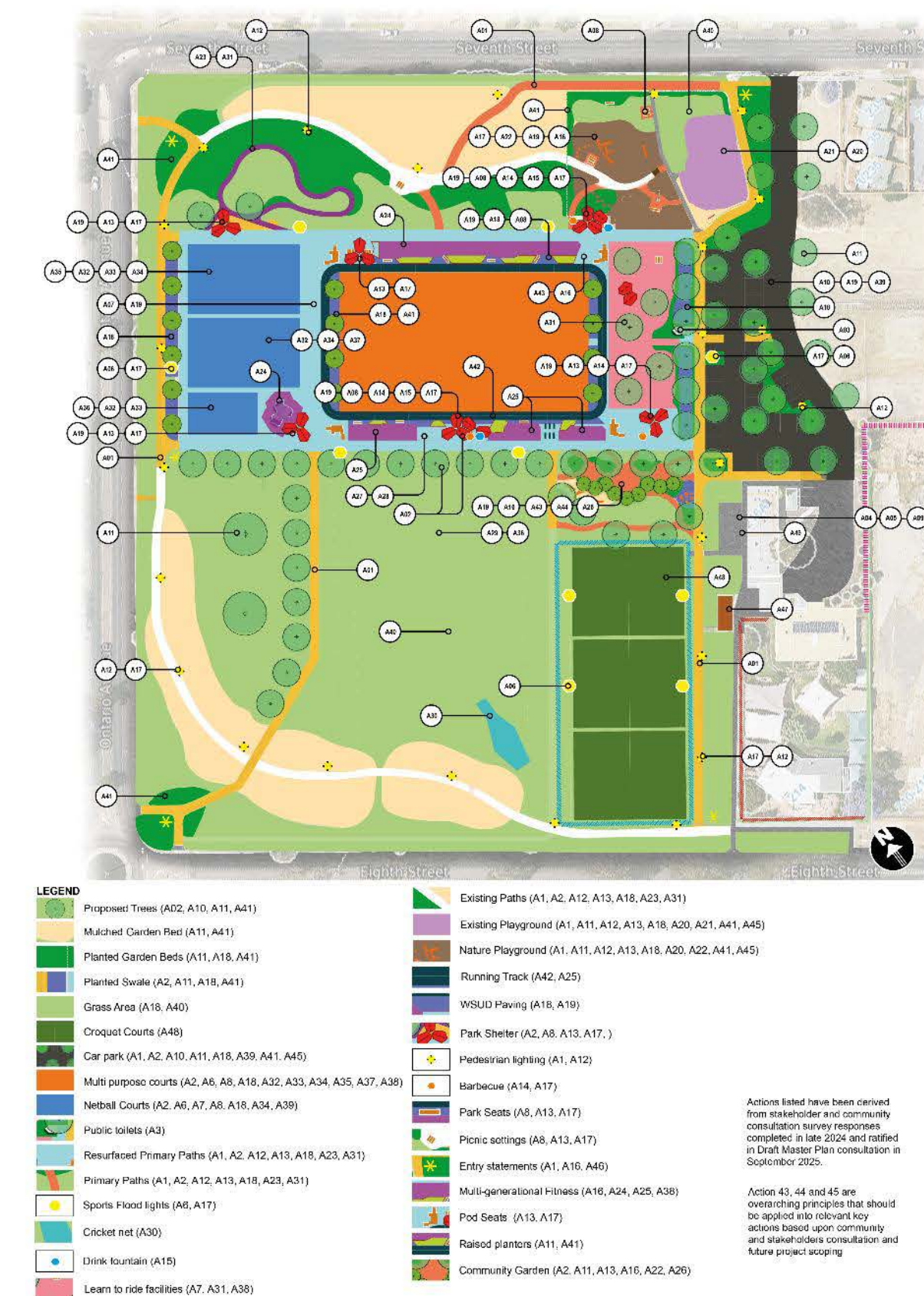
SK03 MANSSELL RESERVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE - PRECEDENT IMAGES, NOVEMBER25

FINAL MASTERPLAN FOR COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT

NOTE: A MASTERPLAN PROVIDES A STRATEGIC ADOPTED VISION TO BE ACHIEVED OVER A PLANNED TIME FRAME AND IS BASED UPON COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PRIORITIES. THE FINAL OUTCOMES AND TIME FRAMES ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION, COUNCIL APPROVAL, FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, REFINED CONCEPT AND DETAILED DESIGN.



17. Appendix F – SK04 Key Actions Plan, November 25



SK04 MANSSELL RESERVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE - KEY ACTIONS, NOVEMBER 25

Masterplan Actions and Timeline
Create a hierarchy of accessible path connections. Strengthen linkages to surrounding streets and external destinations. Paths to be designed for all abilities and provide recreational opportunities. Paths should have a clear hierarchy and be supported by wayfinding. Apply crime prevention through environmental design principles. Primary paths to be located where possible close to roads and car parks to increase passive surveillance. Undertake a signage review and identify signage requirements for key entry nodes and internal intersections. Include key facilities, attractions and site services in the signage outcomes.
Increase natural canopy coverage to reduce urban heat island effect especially in areas featuring heat absorbing surfaces i.e. asphalt. Increase artificial shade for play, sports, and fitness facilities. In alignment with RCE Urban Forest Strategy objectives, public open space should aim for a target canopy coverage of min 30-50% for open space and 30% for car park areas. Provide additional shelter locations to cater for large and small groups strategically located at key facilities.
Provide DDA accessible toilet facility in alignment with NRC Public Toilet Strategy. These should be designed to meet Changing Places guidelines. Consider options to provide accessible toilet facility in the media room to be located closer to public playground, learn to ride facility, courts or car park.
Provide universal change facilities that cater for the needs of all participants that parks in sport and recreation. These should be designed to meet Changing Places guidelines. Infrastructure should be designed to promote equitable and inclusive use, capable of sharing facilities and usage times. Any built form should include analysis for a robust and resilient facility. Refer to Sports and Recreation Victoria 'Design for Everyone' guide and 'Female-friendly sports infrastructure' guidelines. See also a longer-term options with activities to be located in permanent building upgrades.
Provide additional sports storage based upon current and future need analysis. Longer term option to have the storage facility co-located in long term consolidated building upgrades.
Consider to install a storage for line sports like, sport to the demand and support casual recreation i.e. Sport Rec or similar.
At end of the replacement towers with 100m high towers. Investigate solar power alternative. Review lighting requirements in accordance Australian Standards AS2550 sports lighting Part 1, AS 2550 Part 2 and AS 4282. Provide 200m lux level for Netball Club Compound. A detailed lighting design is required to ensure adequate lighting is achieved in accordance with sporting site requirements. Implement approved fire extinguisher for Co. and base water monitoring and control.
Provide sports lighting for Croquet Club in accordance with Croquet hockey guide. 200 lux to 1-2 courts. Will include all year round competition and support social night games, and membership growth.
The existing court surface is at end of life and in poor condition (reference: Mansell Reserve Netball Courts Facility Condition Inspection and Audit Report - 2018 Consulting, 2020). Resurfacing the major part of the existing pavement provides a feasible option that meets the community and stakeholders' aspirations for the site. Propose to use existing subbase and resurface with asphalt graded to minimum 1% to reflect the existing surface to further engineering investment. The netball and croquet courts will be replaced with a new surface of dedicated dedicated netball courts. Resurfacing 4 dedicated netball courts safeguards the continued use of the reserve for competition and as a training facility. The remaining surface area is designed to cater for multi-purpose and alternative recreation. This will complement the netball facility and encourage broader community activation.
Provide comfortable seating options, when in proximity to active recreation areas. Provide seating that provides additional support for elderly and disabled users. Also provide a diversity of seating, able to be used during informal play for all ages and genders. Location to consider: Safe Park and CPTED initiatives and to provide shelter from weather, UV, and heat.
Intended to be located in future shared facility. Works subject to stakeholder consultation and needs analysis.
Regulate, resurfaced and line mark internal car park area, create new car park spaces to the southern car park area. Include soft landscaping, water sensitive urban design and tree planting. Car parking requirements for the southern and central area to be reviewed in consideration of future building works. Secure acquisition of existing access road from Seventh Street in negotiation with Vic Road.
Plant predominantly native and endemic species to support local habitat and enhance biodiversity. Work with local biodiversity groups, stakeholders to encourage environmental stewardship. Project could aim for up to 50% of native species, 20% of native plants and 30% of native fauna. Moderate edge of native vegetation by capturing and reusing site generated runoff. All plant selections to be based upon biodiversity and amenity values, climate resilience, maintenance requirements and CPTED.
Provide accent lighting to primary walking and cycling paths. Entry and exit points, and key facilities should be well lit and easy to identify. Lighting design should highlight accent areas so users can predict a safe path of travel. Investigation use of solar bollard and pole-top lighting. Lighting that is also a renewable source of movement sensor should be considered as reduces power consumption and light pollution. Refer to Safe Park Guidelines and apply CPTED principles. Consult with a stakeholder reference group and develop lighting design to finalise lighting technology.

Action 13 - Provide additional seating and picnic opportunities
Provide comfortable seating opportunities for individuals and groups gathering. Provide seating that provides additional support for elderly and disabled users. Also provide a diversity of seating styles that is traditional and informal appealing to all ages and genders. Location to consider: Safe Park and CPTED initiatives and to provide shelter from weather, UV, and heat.
Action 14 - Upgrade existing electric BBQ's and improve accessibility
Locate barbecue facilities near primary accessible paths and key activation areas. All barbecues to be designed for DDA access. Investigate solar powered barbecue options where existing power is not available. Ensure barbecue areas are positioned adjacent to key walking and picnic nodes. Consider maintenance access.
Action 15 - Upgrade drink fountain and improve accessibility
Locate drink fountain near primary accessible paths and key activation areas. All drink fountains to be designed for DDA access. Provide drink bottle filler and dog bowl. Ensure adequate signage is located for.
Action 16 - Provide opportunities for community interaction i.e. community
Seek community planning opportunities with new housing developments to create vibrant, healthy, and social communities. Create a community garden space that celebrates the site's sporting history and significance for women's sport and inspires future generations.
Action 17 - Provide infrastructure that provides sustainable benefits including solar
In alignment with MRC Community Climate Resilience Plan, seek opportunities to integrate renewable energy in part of infrastructure to encourage innovative sustainable practice that can inspire and illustrate practical technology.
Action 18 - Incorporate opportunities to capture, treat and reuse site generated stormwater for passive irrigation prior to discharge into town's stormwater system. Large areas of sealed surfaces including asphalt require a car park to be designed for WSUD objectives.
Action 19 - Recycle, Reuse and Upcycle facilities
Advocate innovative sustainable practices that can inspire and illustrate community leadership. Project outcomes reflect circular economy in facilities that can create not just green, but also natural spaces, and capital local business.
Action 20 - Existing playground location
Retain existing play area in its current location where provides natural space. Improve safety with fencing to mitigate the hazard posed by the adjacent road.
Action 21 - Provide more inclusive play experiences
The existing playground based upon the 2014 PlaySpace audit identified the condition of most elements as in poor condition. The combination unit closer to seventh street was installed in 2008. When the combination unit closer to the car park was installed in 2021. Playground lifespan tend to be on average 15 years. It is proposed to replace the existing play area with new equipment, and replace it with equipment that provides inclusive play experiences. Include play areas for children and non-verbal community members.
Action 22 - Provide nature play experiences
A significant response in the community survey favoured the inclusion of nature play experiences and challenges in future play upgrades. It is proposed to extend the play area including fencing to the west of the existing playground to create nature play experiences. This will create a diversity of play opportunities focused on imaginative and creative play, whilst complementing the gross motor experience already provided by the existing play equipment.
Action 23 - Provide a pump track for bikes and scooters
A significant number of responses supported adding a pump track element for bikes and scooters. The reserve has developed a strong play culture for wheeled recreation on the masterplan. This is by creating a facility that offers ideal challenges and activates children about road safety. A sealed pump track has been identified adjacent to the northern corner of the courts. This will appeal to more confident children, whilst younger children can utilise the proposed learn to ride facility.
Action 24 - Parkour / Ninja Warrior Opportunities
Parkour / Ninja Warrior obstacle courses provide a gross motor challenge that is generally enjoyed by children aged 8 years and greater. It can also be designed with a dual focus to also be utilised for general fitness and strength conditioning. The majority of Council playgrounds are focused on, or prior play. This site provides opportunities to provide more challenging play experiences with a fitness focus.
Action 25 - Fitness opportunities
A significant response favoured the inclusion of fitness equipment. It is proposed to locate fitness equipment in proximity to the sports courts and primary walking/fitness paths to complement ongoing training and increase community health and wellbeing. The equipment should also provide fitness experiences for post the aging and well adults.
Action 26 - Community Garden
Provide opportunity in the masterplan to designate a location that could be considered for a future community garden to celebrate the site's history and significance for local women's sport. Garden to provide a shady garden tree-out space from the pavilion. Appeal to families with inclusion of some low nature play challenges.
Action 27 - Community chess boards
A majority of respondents indicated this as a low to medium priority. Provide a flexible space that can allow for pop up games to be played with access controlled by local stakeholders and during community events.
Action 28 - Community ping pong
A majority of respondents indicated this as a low to medium priority. Provide a flexible space that can allow for pop up games to be played with access controlled by local stakeholders and during community events.
Action 29 - Foosball goals in grass area
Provide foosball goals to sport grass area to increase activation. Final goal location to be set based on primary paths and needs.

Action 30 - Cricket practice net
A majority of respondents indicated this as a low to medium priority. To cater for the plan a potential future location for cricket practice net should be identified in the future increase.
Action 31 - Bike, scooter and skating opportunities
Create a variety of wheeled sports experiences that appeal to all ages, gender, and abilities. Provide learn to ride facility with junior challenges. Include real street signage and line marking to educate children about road rules. Provide a pump track experience to beginner and intermediate users.
Action 32 - Opportunities for multipurpose courts
Provide multipurpose courts that include the activation of the courts area. Provide options to reflect community aspirations. The Draft Masterplan Service adds the community which sports should be included: basketball and netball were the most popular, closely followed by soccer, football and tennis.
Action 33 - Basketball Hoops
Provide basketball experience on multipurpose courts. Provision to consider all ages and allow for junior provision.
Action 34 - Netball Hoops
Install four dedicated netball courts. Additional netball provision to be proposed in multipurpose courts.
Action 35 - Tennis Court
Provide line marking for tennis in multipurpose court and infrastructure for netball, soccer and tennis usage.
Action 36 - Soccer / Futsal
Provide multipurpose court and infrastructure including dual purpose goals that include junior basketball and soccer access to futsal.
Action 37 - Pickleball
Provide line marking for Pickleball in multipurpose court and infrastructure for netball, soccer and tennis usage.
Action 38 - Line marking games
Seek opportunities for line marking games and play experiences to encourage multi-generational play. Discrete line marking and turning circuits to track activity.
Action 39 - Car parking
Regulate, seal and line mark existing car park area and create new car park spaces to the southern area. Include soft landscaping, water sensitive urban design and tree planting. Car parking requirements for the southern and central area to be reviewed in consideration of future building works. In addition, improve post construction to on street parking street.
Action 40 - Irrigated Grass Areas
Seek opportunities to include additional areas of grass where practical for recreation and to reduce urban heat island. Create grass areas to be retained in the site only. Develop moderate pedestrian connections and recreation opportunities to improve activation including hilly footy goals. Upgrade irrigation to meet current and future needs.
Action 41 - Planting
Seek opportunities to include additional areas for planting to increase amenity, biodiversity and reduce urban heat island. Select native plants that can adapt to climate change and are low maintenance.
Action 42 - Running track
Provide opportunities for dedicated and shared running, jogging and walking circuits. Include distant line marking that also includes number of steps etc.
Action 43 - Provide opportunities for art and interpretation to support diversity and culture
An eyes on local history enriching the cultural fabric and community spirit of Mansell. It is proposed in the masterplan to seek community driven art and place-making opportunities that celebrate the site's history, sport, community, and culture. There can be integrated to create a sense of place and identity.
Action 44 - Create landscape and built forms that are welcoming and support
Gender equity in urban design is crucial for creating inclusive, safe, and accessible reserves for everyone. By incorporating gender-inclusive principles and safe design initiatives the masterplan will provide a safe and equitable provision for all members of the community. All future stages of the design shall be governed by a Gender Impact Assessment and reference best practice in gender equitable space space.
Action 45 - Create a safe environment for all during the day and night
Ensure that the design and implementation of the masterplan is in accordance with Council's Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Policy (CPTED) and safety park guidelines.
Action 46 - Invest in community cohesive projects such as community gardens, little
Identify in collaboration with the community and key stakeholders, opportunities to enhance alternative activation of the reserve. Identify areas that increase community ownership, stewardship and support social cohesion, activation, and healthy living.
Action 47 - Croquet Club Shelters
Provide the a new Croquet Club shelter and seating to allow for player and spectator results and social gathering space. Locate a prominent position for views of playing surface and connectivity to clubhouse. Installation to allow for future relocation in consideration of future clubhouse, community and sports hub. Consult with key stakeholders to further define scope. Upgrade existing croquet club shelter to improve comfort and a safe benefit.
Action 48 - Croquet Courts Irrigation
Croquet club owns upgrade to irrigation system and improvements to fence surrounds. Consult with key stakeholders to further define scope.
Action 49 - Pavilion Verandah
Under take interim improvements to pavilion to improve safety and usability for stakeholders and broader community. Identify opportunities to improve external spaces for stakeholders use. Consult with key stakeholders to further define scope.

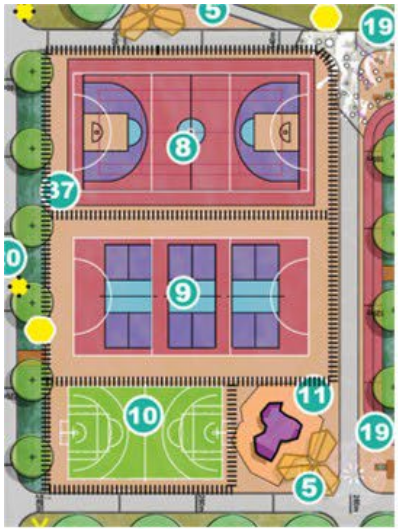
FINAL MASTERPLAN - FOR COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT

NOTE: A MASTERPLAN PROVIDES A STRATEGIC ADOPTED VISION TO BE ACHIEVED OVER A PLANNED TIME FRAME AND IS BASED UPON COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PRIORITIES. THE FINAL OUTCOMES AND TIME FRAMES ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION, COUNCIL APPROVAL, FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, REFINED CONCEPT AND DETAILED DESIGN.



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18. Appendix G – Precedent Images and Supporting Artist Illustrations.



Artists Illustration – Multipurpose Courts and climbing boulder. Lined mark sports included are basketball, tennis, netball, futsal (mini soccer) pickle ball. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding and consultation.



Artists Illustration – Junior/ Intermediate Pump Track.
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Artists Illustration – Fitness equipment and fitness loop
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Artists Illustration – Ninja Warrior / Parkour and fitness loop
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Artists Illustration – Community Garden space to celebrate the sites history and inspire future sporting generations.
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Artists Illustration – Parklets social hangout spaces. Opportunities for arts / games. Investigate social partnerships between tertiary education, local industry, and council to create popup park infrastructure and art. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding and consultation.



Artists Illustration – Learn to Ride facility. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding, and consultation.



Artists Illustration – Existing playground to be extended to include nature play and inclusive play experiences. Improve safety of playspace by fully fencing the boundary. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding, and consultation.



Artists Illustration – Carpark to be formalised incorporating water sensitive urban design solutions. Proposed standalone public toilet closer to playground, carpark and learn to ride facility. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding, and consultation.



Artists Illustration – Retain 4x dedicated competition netball courts that will be utilised for training and event overflow. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding and consultation.



Artists Illustration – Open grass area to be preserved. Provide recreational footy goals and cricket practice net. Provide path connection to Ontario Store and Mildura West Primary School. Potential to plant iconic legacy trees shade and character. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding and consultation



Artists Illustration – Future planning opportunity for a Community Hub Building to provide for early years, sports, health, and community groups. Note Illustrations are for illustrative purposes only and final design is subject to approvals, funding and consultation

19. Appendix H – Site History

Sunraysia Daily Saturday 2 October 1920

The home of Mr H Ransome, secretary of the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, which is situated on the corner of Eighth St. and Ontario Ave. has just been sold through Messrs DeGaris and Co. to Mr John Oxley Senior of Trymple. The price received for the property, 7 acres, was approximately \$500 per acre, the record to date for Mildura horticultural property.

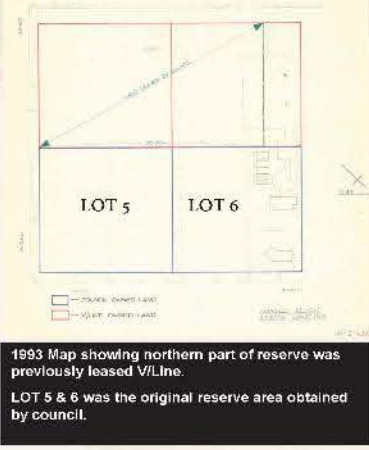
"Mr Ransome originally took up two and a half acres at the corner of Ontario Ave. and built a substantial house. He then added another block, bought at a Trust sale for arrears of rates, and two years ago added still another two and a half acres through which the Mildura-Merbein railway line runs. On this he erected racks and planted lucerne etc.

"The whole property comprises four acres of vines and one acre of sundry trees, the rest being lucerne, rack-yards, cow paddock, etc.

"...The property is an exceptionally nice little home fruit block, the frontage being partly planted with umbrella trees." "...Mr Oxley sold his own place in the morning and bought the Ransome property in the afternoon. He will make his home at the newly purchased place."



The reserve was named after Councillor Stephen Robert Mansell. S.R Mansell was a councillor between 1925-1931 and 1934 - 1955. S.R Mansell Died in 1957



During his tenure as a Councillor S.R Mansell had been advocating for an area of land for women's sporting use.

Sites at the northern end of Deakin Avenue and on Cureton Avenue were investigated without success.

It is assumed that as Stephen Mansell was familiar with the Ransome, Oxley, Ward property, the chance to use this land for the sporting ground was an option.

Stephen died in 1957 and it is believed his service to the community and advocacy for Women's Sport was why the reserve was named after him.

Councils Extracted Meeting Minutes from 1953 - 1959, referencing Woman's Sport and the future Mansell Reserve

12 March 1953 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

26 March 1953 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

28 January 1954 *Minutes of Council*

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28 January 1954 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

28 February 1954 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

9 December 1954 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

27 January 1955 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

8 October 1959 *Minutes of Council*

The Mayor reported to the Council that the area between the main road and the railway line, which was previously used for the purpose of a sports ground, was now available for use as a sports ground. The Council decided to purchase the land and to develop it as a sports ground.

Lot 5, 6, and 7 were purchased by John Oxley (J Oxley is Father in Law of S.R Mansell) on 8th November 1920 from the secretary of the FMIT Herbert Ransome. Reported in Sunraysia Daily 2nd Oct 1920 @ \$500 per Acre.

Herbert Ernst Ward bought the land on the 19 March 1926. The Title lists, "Herbert Ernest Ward of Mildura Contractor is the new proprietor of the within described estate by transfer from Stephen Robert Mansell registered on 19th March 1926 and numbered 1257995."

8 February 1946 Lot 5 and Lot 6 were transferred to "The Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of Mildura."

In January 1955 the City Engineer was authorised to proceed with the construction of the sports area.

S.R Mansell died in 1957

In 1979 Council built a new Pavilion with a grant provided by Sports and Recreation Victoria.

In 2004 Mildura Netball Association and Council bought the VicTrack Leased area for \$800,000. Following the purchase of the land Council commissioned a masterplan to plan for future upgrades.

In 2021 the Mildura Netball Association relocated to the new Mildura Sporting Precinct.

Land purchased Lot 6 Section 31 Block D subdivision plan No 21444 (on and near corner of 8th St & Ontario) by Herbert Ransome. He also owned and built his house on Lot 5 which is located on the corner of Ontario and 8th Street.

J. Oxley died 19 March 1924. His son in law Stephen Robert Mansell continued to manage the property for the family

Herbert Ernest Ward died on 1st February 1945. Probate of his Will has been granted to John Ernest Ward and Herbert Rowland Ward both of Rockbank Farmers and Address Martin Aldous (sic) of 124 Cooper Street Essendon Married Woman. Dated 20th November 1945.

Woman's sport had become of age after the war and three associations were looking for grounds. In 1951 Mildura Netball Association met with Council and stressed the need for grounds for woman's sport.

In February 1954 Council informed the Woman's Sporting Organisations that it is anticipated sufficient areas will be available again this year to meet their needs and that council has in mind the provision of a Woman's Sports Oval adjacent Rio Vista Park for future use. In December that year tentative approval be given for the proposal of the development land at the corner of 8th Street and Ontario Ave.

In 1959 to meet the sporting club needs the Old Mayors Room was relocated to Mansell Reserve to be refurbished as the main Pavilion. The building was opened by Cr Syd Mills in April 1959. The building also served as a health centre for the community. On the 10th October Council passed a resolution "that the Girls recreation ground be named S.R Mansell Recreation"

Mildura Croquet Club relocate to Mansell Reserve. Hockey Association relocated to Aero Ovals permanently from 1991.

Council through negotiations with V/Line leased the northern portion of what is now Mansell Reserve.

A recreation facilities feasibility study in 1995 identified the need for Mansell Reserve to have durable hardcourt sports surface to meet demand.

2005 12x Synthetic Netball Courts Completed

2024/25 Masterplan Update commences



SPORTING HISTORY OF MANSELL RESERVE

Woman's sport in Mildura grew in popularity following World War 2. The most popular associations were Netball (originally referred to as Woman's Basketball), Softball and Hockey. Mildura Recreation Reserve was at capacity and the Netball Association took the lead in lobbying council to find new grounds that could accommodate woman's sport.

In 1957 Council developed Mansell Reserve to meet this demand. The grounds were utilised for Hockey and Netball in the winter and softball in the summer. Council donated the Old Mayors Room for a pavilion on condition the clubs could pay for the refurbishment. The netball association was the most successful in raising funds to pay for seating, wall covering, curtains etc.

The pavilion was opened in 1959 by Cr Syd Mills, this building later relocated to Aero Oval became the home of Mildura West Cricket Club following a new pavilion upgrade in 1979.

The reserve was also popular for little athletics and marching girls, who were able to have lights installed for evening practise.

The continuing growth and popularity of hockey, softball and netball forced council to look at planning and investment at Aero Ovals. Hockey and Softball were attracted by the relocation and additional space provided.

A group of woman started to plan netball on Monday evenings and provided a crèche in the pavilion. The event of twilight competition commenced and Sunraysia Netball Association was formed. A grant for extra lights on the railway lease gave the Twilight competition room to expand playing Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The use of the courts was in much demand for netball but with Sunraysia playing summer and Mildura Netball Association playing winter the grass courts were able to be rested.

When croquet relocated to the upper terrace at Mansell Reserve this reduced the amount of netball courts available. Consultants suggested relocation to Aero Ovals, but this would have resulted in less courts, no pavilion or lights. The Association turned their sights on the leased railway portion of the reserve. However no grants were available for land that was not owned by council. With support from MP Russell Savage the Mildura Netball Association and Sunraysia Netball Association undertook a merger in 2004 to strengthen its position and was able to raise \$400,000 to match councils funds to purchase the leased land; and secure netball's future at Mansell Reserve.

A masterplan was undertaken in 2004, with one of the key actions to build 12x Synthetic netball courts which were completed in 2005. In 2021 The Mildura Netball Association relocated to the new Mildura Sporting Precinct and ending nearly 65 years connection with Mansell Reserve.

Help inform the Mansell Reserve Masterplan!

Mildura Rural City Council is seeking feedback from key stakeholders and the community to update the Mansell Reserve Masterplan.

What ideas do you have for Mansell reserve that can improve its potential?



Scan here to learn more!

Council wishes to thank the Mildura Historical Society, Gebhart and the Mansell Family for the research and information provided.



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MANSELL RESERVE MASTERPLAN UPDATE RESERVE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

20. Appendix I – Masterplan Cost Plan (Rev1), Wilde & Wollard – December 2025

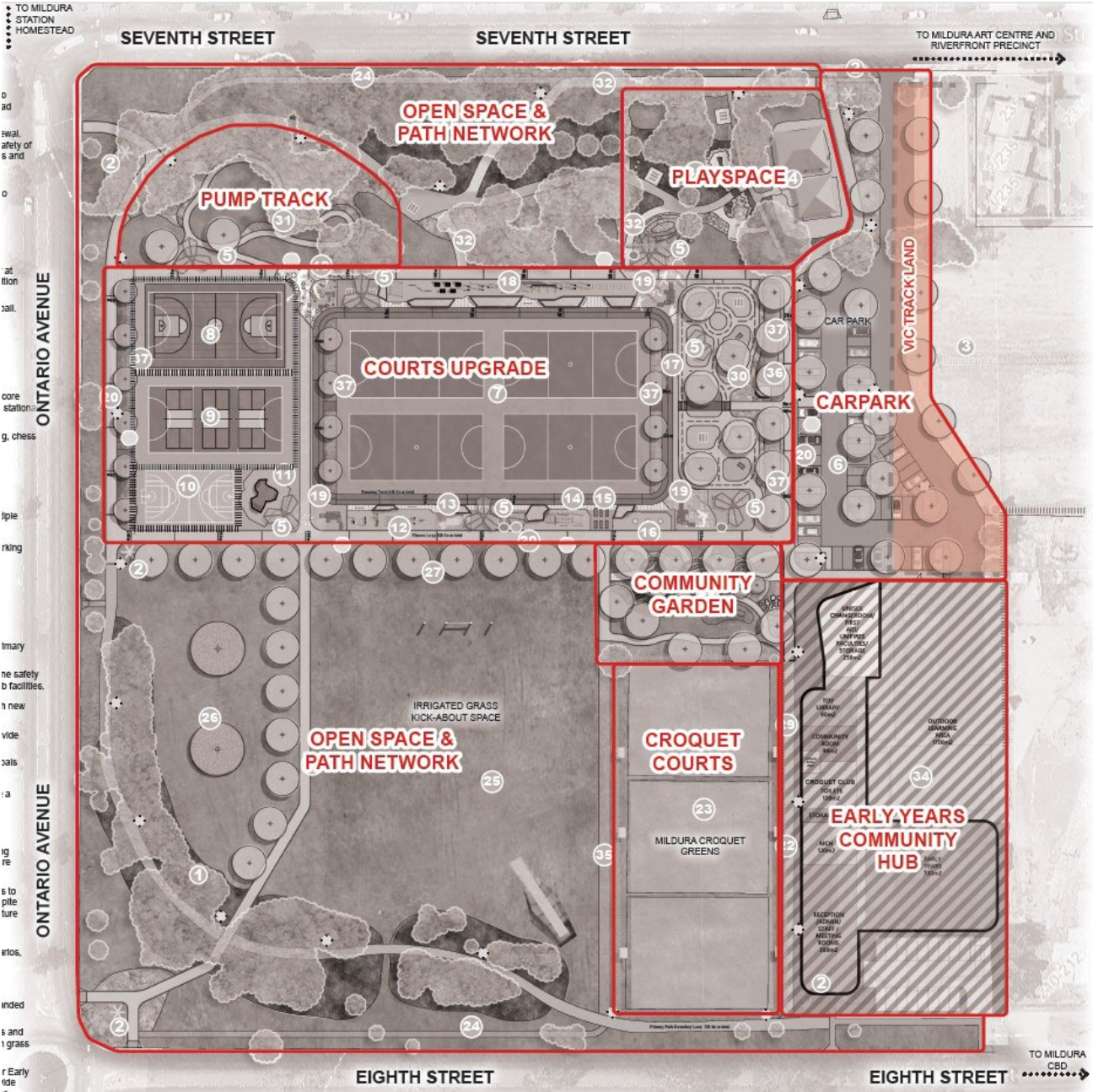
Council engaged Wilde & Wollard Quantity Surveyors to provide independent costings on the masterplan actions following completion of the Draft Masterplan consultation. The cost plan has been itemised into separable portions of works and priorities based upon asset condition, community and council needs. This allows for predicted cost escalation over the lifespan of the masterplan of approximately 10 years. However, the timeline for delivery will be subject to ongoing review in response to available funding opportunities, council and community priorities.

The cost estimate is based upon the information provided as noted in the report. A significant construction and design contingency has been applied within the report to reflect a masterplan with a broad scope and aspirational vision. As priority areas are identified, council will look further define the scope to ensure community and cost benefit. At this phase of the design process a more accurate costing.

Below schedule and corresponding plan provides a cost summary of the key separable portions of work and the applicable location.

PROJECT ELEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
1 TO 4 YEAR PRIORITIES	
1. OPEN SPACE & PATH NETWORK	\$1,511,935
2. PUMP TRACK (Actions 23 & 31)	\$394,820
3. PLAYSPACE (Actions 20-22)	\$829,000
4. CARPARK (Actions 10 & 39)	\$2,020,805
5. COURTS UPGRADE (Actions 7 & 32-38)	\$4,231,375
6. COMMUNITY GARDEN (Actions 16 & 26)	\$491,445
7. CROQUET COURTS (Action 48)	\$370,840
8. COMMUNITY HUB INTERIM WORKS (Action 49)	\$195,000
Sub-Total	\$10,045,220
5 TO 8 YEAR PRIORITIES	
9. PUBLIC TOILET FACILITY (Action 3)	\$322,000
10. UPGRADE SPORTS LIGHTING (Action 6)	\$1,111,000
11. CRICKET NETS (Action 30)	\$178,000
8+ YEAR PRIORITIES	
12. COMMUNITY HUB WORKS (Actions 4, 5 & 9)	\$20,252,240
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST EXCLUDING GST	\$31,908,460

Cost and priority summary. Wilde & Wollard, December 2025



Separable works areas