



Latrobe Council
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Latrobe Recreation Area Development Plan has been commissioned by Latrobe Council with financial support from Sport and Recreation Tasmania, to guide the future development and public use of the area.

The 'Latrobe Recreation Area' refers to the precinct of Cotton, Stanley, Last and Bradshaw Streets in Latrobe and includes Perkins Park and the Swimming Pool, Bosworth Park, the Recreation Ground and the Latrobe High School area. The Latrobe Cemetery also sits within the project area.

This precinct is currently well developed with the establishment of the Latrobe Youth Centre, Latrobe Swimming Pool, Sassafras Cricket Club and grounds, Latrobe Hockey and Softball clubrooms and grounds, Latrobe Recreation Ground, Latrobe Tennis Club, Latrobe High School and associated facilities including car parking.

1.1 Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the development plan is to consider and address the social, economic and environmental issues associated with the Latrobe Recreation Area and provide guidance to Council and the community for future development and public use.

More specifically, the plan considers the following issues:

- Options to make best use of existing facilities including their physical structure and management arrangements.
- Future needs and priorities for the area.
- Potential conflict / risk associated with sports / activities conducted in close proximity to residential properties.
- Vehicular access, egress and drop-off and pick-up points.
- Future car parking needs.
- Future lighting of the area.
- Options to close George Street as a through road.
- Provision or otherwise of a children's playground, outside exercise equipment, skate park and gymnasium.
- Environment management issues such as energy efficiency and minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Other issues that arise during stakeholder and community consultation.

1.2 Methodology

The following methodology has been used in the preparation of the Latrobe Recreation Area Development Plan:

- Site inspections, current condition and provision analysis.
- Analysis of participation trends, relevant literature and demographic data.
- Community and stakeholder consultation including forums, meetings and interviews.
- Demand analysis (current and future) and development of utilisation model.
- Identification of design principles and development proposals.
- Preparation of Draft Development Plan and Report.
- Community consultation on Draft Plan and Report.
- Final Development Plan and Report.

The development of the plan for the Latrobe Recreation Area has involved the collaboration and engagement of a diverse range of stakeholders through a variety of methods including forums, meetings, interviews and submissions. The following stakeholders have been engaged as part of this process:

- Latrobe Council;
- Tasmanian Government of Sport and Recreation;
- Perkins Park Precinct Working Group;
- Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre;
- Latrobe Swimming Pool Committee;
- Sassafras Cricket Club;
- Latrobe Hockey Club – invited to participate;
- Latrobe and District Softball Association;
- Latrobe Sport and Recreation Management Committee;
- Lions and Rotary Clubs;
- Skate Representatives; and
- The Latrobe community in general.

2. BACKGROUND REVIEW

A detailed background review was undertaken in the preparation of the Latrobe Recreation Area Development Plan, to provide an overview of the planning and policy context of the project.

2.1 Literature Review

A number of documents were reviewed to provide background information about the Latrobe Recreation Area and to ensure that the development plan is consistent with Council's strategic directions and planning processes.

Latrobe Township and Environs – Strategic Plan 2009

The purpose of this plan is to guide future use and development in the Latrobe Township and surrounding rural and rural residential areas. This plan states that Latrobe contains adequate provision of open space for structured activities at tennis courts, football, hockey, softball and cricket fields as well as a 25m heated swimming pool. The Plan also states that the town has ready access to extensive areas for passive recreation and leisure activities both in natural and landscaped environment. Linkages between these areas are well developed in the western section of the town, however the eastern area is poorly serviced in regard to open space within a walkable distance, amenity, and connectivity to existing open space areas within the town.

The Plan recommends that all future public open space be developed in accordance with the Latrobe Open Space Strategy Plan and that guidelines be formulated in regard to the design and landscaping of all open space areas and streetscapes within the Municipality.

Latrobe Pool Complex Business Plan 2008

This plan presents options for the further development of the Latrobe Swimming Pool, which includes two main components including 1) the incorporation of a new dedicated toddler's pool, adjacent to the main pool area; and 2) the enclosure of the main pool and toddler's pool area and associated alterations to link this construction to the existing kiosk and change rooms area.

Cradle Coast Recreation Advisory Group Regional Aquatic Research Project, 2002

This project concluded that the provision of one Regional Aquatic Complex in the Cradle Coast Project area would not be successful due to pool usage rates and the geographic population spread. Specific to Latrobe Council, the study identified the Latrobe Swimming Pool as the most well used pool in the Latrobe Council area and recommended that a 'two facility strategy' would best suit existing swimmers through improvements to the Latrobe Swimming Pool and Devonport Olympic Pool.

George Street Road Closure - Preliminary Draft Plans, 1996

Four separate options have been proposed for the closure of George Street. These options outline the implications of this road closure on surrounding facilities and the provision of car parking etc.

Other documents that were reviewed as part of this project include:

- Creating Opportunities – A Strategic Direction 2006 – 2011.
- Latrobe Planning Scheme No 1 of 1994, Updated May 2010.
- Draft Tasmanian Open Space Policy and Planning Framework 2010.
- Council Minutes (November 1997) re: Latrobe and Districts Junior Cricket Association – Proposed development Stanley Street / Cotton Street.
- Correspondence from EPA Tasmania re: Request for Information – Corner of Gilbert, Cotton and Stanley Streets, Latrobe Tasmania (July 2010).

2.2 Demographics

Latrobe Council

The population of Latrobe Council / Local Government Area (LGA) was 8,630 in 2006, which had increased by 7.6% since 2001. As shown in the following table, Latrobe Council has a higher proportion of adults aged 55 years and over (30.2%) compared to the national average (24.3%). The majority of residents were born in Australia (87.2%), and 5% are Indigenous persons (compared to 2.3% in Australia).

The following table provides a summary of the age profile and comparative information for Latrobe Urban Centre / Locality, Latrobe LGA and Australia.

Age Cohort	Latrobe Urban Centre / Locality		Latrobe LGA		Australia
	No.	%	No.	%	
0 – 4 years	188	6.6	494	5.7	6.3
5 – 14 years	381	13.4	1,170	13.6	13.5
15 – 24 years	316	11.1	930	10.8	13.6
25 – 54 years	1,124	39.5	3,431	39.8	42.2
55 – 64 years	341	12.0	1,222	14.2	11.0
65 + years	496	17.4	1,382	16.0	13.3
Median age	39		41		37

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census Data, Place of Usual Residence.

Latrobe Urban Centre / Locality

The following demographic characteristics have been noted for the Latrobe Urban Centre / Locality based on ABS Census Data and other related publications (i.e. Institute for Regional Development 2009).

Latrobe Urban Centre / Locality has:

- A total population of 2,843 persons.
- A higher proportion of children aged 0-4 years and young people aged 15 to 24 years compared to Latrobe LGA.
- A higher proportion of adults aged 65 years and over compared to Latrobe LGA and Australia.
- A lower median age (39 years), compared to Latrobe LGA (41 years).
- Approximately 38% of Latrobe working residents work in Devonport and 38% work in Latrobe.
- Latrobe is one of four existing urban centres predicted to receive the majority of settlement growth in the region (in addition to Penguin, Ulverstone and Port Sorrell).

Population Growth

The population of Latrobe Council will continue to increase, with figures released by the ABS¹ indicating that Latrobe has been the fastest growing Council in Tasmania from 2001-2010, with a growth rate of 4.2%. The 2010 population of Latrobe Council was 10,020 exceeding earlier population projections for the area.

Population analysis indicates that Latrobe's youth population is projected to decline, its working age population to increase slightly, whilst its elderly population will grow substantially. More specifically, the number of people aged 65 years and over is expected to increase from 1,382 in 2006 to approximately 2,351 by 2021, representing an increase of 70.1% over this period.² This figure could be even higher in light of the above information revealed by the ABS regarding significant population growth in Latrobe.

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics – Regional Population Growth, Australia 2009 -10

² Source: Jackson, N.O. and Felmingham, b. (2004) CEDA LGAT Population Ageing Project

2.3 Participation

An analysis of the 2009 Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) results provides valuable information about the participation trends for persons aged 15 years and over in Australia, and more specifically, Tasmania. A summary of some of the key findings is provided below.

- In 2009, 82.0% of Australians participated at least once in physical activity for exercise, recreation or sport. (This is referred to as the ‘total’ participation rate.)
- Tasmania has a similar rate of total participation (81.5%) as Australia, which has increased from 77.2% in 2001.
- The Tasmanian rate of ‘regular’ participation in physical activity (three or more times per week) increased from 42.6% in 2006 to 48.3% in 2009. This is higher than the national rate of 47.7%.
- Females in Tasmania have a higher regular participation rate than males (50.6% compared to 44.8%).
- In Tasmania, total participation remains the highest among those aged 15-24 years (88.7%) and declines to 69.5% for people aged 65 years and over.
- In 2009, the 15-24 year age group had the highest rate of regular participation in Tasmania (52.6%), followed by the 35-44 year age group (49.3%). Both of these participation rates are higher than the national rate (of 51.1% and 48.0% respectively).
- Tasmania has a similar participation rate to Australia for total participation in physical activity organised by a club, fitness centre or other organisation (39.9% compared to 39.8% in Australia). However this rate has declined from 42.7% in 2001.

The following table provides a list of the top ten physical activities undertaken in Australia and Tasmania in 2009.

Australia			Tasmania		
Rank	Activity	Participation rate (%)	Rank	Activity	Participation rate (%)
1	Walking	36.1	1	Walking	41.4
2	Aerobics / Fitness	22.9	2	Aerobics / Fitness	16.5
3	Swimming	14.1	3	Swimming	11.6
4	Cycling	11.1	4	Cycling	8.9
5	Running	11.0	5	Running	7.8
6	Golf	6.4	6	Bushwalking	7.7
7	Tennis	6.4	7	Golf	6.6
8	Football (soccer)	5.1	8	Australian Rules Football	5.3
9	Bushwalking	5.0	9	Cricket (outdoor)	4.0
10	Netball	4.0	10	Tennis	3.8

Source: “Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport – Annual Report 2009”.

- The top 10 activities participated by Tasmanians in 2009 were similar to the national top ten. The only exceptions were the inclusion of Australian Rules football and cricket and the exclusion of football (soccer) and netball.

Tasmanian participation trends for sport and recreation activities that are specifically relevant to this project are summarised in the following table:

Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation rate of 2.7% in Tasmania, which is lower than the national rate of 3.9%. • Similar participation rates for males (2.7%) and females (2.8%). • Significant decline in participation from 4.7% in 2001 to 2.7% in 2009.
Cricket (outdoor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A higher participation rate in Tasmania (4.0%) compared to Australia (3.2%). • Significantly higher participation rate for males (7.4%) than females (0.6%). • Growth in participation from 3.2% in 2001 to 4.0% in 2009.
Football - Australian Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation rate of 5.3% in Tasmania, which is significantly higher than the national rate of 2.8%. • Higher participation rate for males (10.4%) than females (**0.3%). • Growth in participation from 3.4% in 2001 to 5.3% in 2009.
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation rate of 2.2% in Tasmania, which is higher than the national rate of 0.9%. • A higher participation rate for males (2.7%) than females (1.7%) in Tasmania. This is different to the national rate, in which females have a higher level of participation than males (1.1% compared to 0.7% respectively). • Participation rates have remained stable from 2001 (2.3%) to 2009 (2.2%).
Skateboarding / Rollerblading / Riding a Scooter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49% of Australian children (aged 5-14 years) participate in skateboarding, rollerblading or riding a scooter. • The participation rate is higher for boys (56%) than girls (42%) • In Tasmania, 40.9% of children participate in skateboarding, rollerblading or riding a scooter.
Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar participation rates in Tasmania (**0.3%) and Australia (0.4%). • Higher participation rate for females (**0.6%) than males (**0.0%). • Decline in participation from *0.6% in 2006 to **0.3% in 2009.
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation rate of 11.6% in Tasmania, which is lower than the national rate of 14.1%. • Significantly higher participation rate for females (14.4%) than males (8.6%). • Decline in participation from 12.1% in 2001 to 11.6 in 2009.
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation rate of 3.8% in Tasmania, which is significantly lower than the national rate of 6.4%. • Higher participation rate for males (4.5%) than females (3.0%). • Decline in participation from 5.9% in 2001 to 3.8 in 2009.

Source: "Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport – Annual Report 2009" and the Australian Bureau of Statistics' "Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australia 2009"

** Estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution.

** Estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use.

2.4 Benefits of Participation and Open Space

Sport, recreation and the outdoors form an integral part of Australian culture. Sport and recreation is believed to be an important part of a well-balanced lifestyle and the benefits associated with participating in sport and physical activity include enjoyment, social interaction, health, personal achievement, national pride and community involvement.

There are five key benefits attributed to participation in recreation / physical activity that are widely recognised within the leisure industry, these being:

- Health benefits;
- Personal benefits;
- Community benefits;
- Economic benefits; and
- Environmental benefits.

2.5 Barriers to Participation

Understanding the barriers to participation in physical activity is important when planning and assessing facilities and services. The following is a list of the barriers to participation that have been identified across Australia:

- Lack of knowledge
- Perceived lack of safety
- Fear of injury or health problems
- Lack of self confidence
- Inadequate transport
- Lack of physical skills
- Lack of facilities
- Poor design
- Lack of time or motivation
- Affordability
- Lack of support

Source: "The Benefits of Leisure" (2003), *Parks and Leisure Australia*

3. LATROBE RECREATION AREA

The Latrobe Recreation Area is a significant precinct in Latrobe that is bounded by Bradshaw Street to the west, Last Street to the north, Stanley Street to the east and Cotton Street to the south as far west as George Street.

3.1 Facilities

The Latrobe Recreation Area includes the following recreation facilities and key features:

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| Perkins Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Softball Diamond / Hockey Ground ▪ Cricket Oval ▪ Hockey and Softball Clubrooms ▪ Sassafras Cricket Clubrooms ▪ Youth Centre / Sports Centre ▪ Latrobe Swimming Pool ▪ BBQ Area |
| Latrobe Recreation Ground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sports Oval ▪ Cycling Track around Oval ▪ Sports Pavilion ▪ Tennis Courts x 3 ▪ Tennis Club / Scout Hall ▪ Wood Chopping Area ▪ Picton Grange Community Centre (including gym and indoor cricket nets) ▪ Band Room / Grandstand |
| Bosworth Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vacant Site |
| Latrobe High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sports Oval ▪ Soccer Pitch ▪ Rectangular Field ▪ Tennis Courts x 2 ▪ Gymnasium / Hall ▪ External Basketball Court |
| St Patricks Primary School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Playground |
| Latrobe Cemetery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passive Open Space |

3.2 Management

The Latrobe Recreation Area includes the following management arrangements:

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| Perkins Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Council owned land.▪ Sports field users (Cricket, Hockey and Softball) form the Perkins Park Precinct Working Group.▪ Youth Centre – Council Committee.▪ Latrobe Swimming Pool – Council Committee. |
| Latrobe Recreation Ground | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Crown land. In the process of being handed over to Council.▪ Special Committee manages the site including the wood chopping area and the cycling track around the oval (previously managed by a Controlling Authority). |
| Bosworth Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vacant land is owned by Council.▪ There is no management structure. |
| Latrobe High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Site is owned by the Department of Education.▪ School Executive Officer manages all regular and casual community use bookings. |
| St Patricks Primary School | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Site is owned by the Catholic Education Department.▪ There is no formal public access outside school hours. |
| Latrobe Cemetery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Council owned land.▪ Cemetery Working Group. |

3.3 Existing Conditions

This section of the master plan document describes the condition of various elements and facilities at the Latrobe Recreation Area. The condition report has been developed from visual inspections of the key assets at the reserve and subsequent discussions with key stakeholders.

The condition assessment is divided into the following themes:

- Sporting Infrastructure
- Built Infrastructure
- Open Space and Linkages
- Traffic Management and Car Parking

Sporting Infrastructure:

Perkins Park	Latrobe Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The centre includes two pools, the main pool is 25m x 10m and a toddlers pool which are heated by a state of the art heat pump system. ▪ The area includes a lap clock, a variety of aquatic play equipment, a fenced children's play area, kiosk, first aid facilities, covered seating areas, a basketball hoop, BBQ facilities and extensive grassed areas. Amenities comprise male and female change rooms and change rooms for people with a disability. ▪ The pool is open from October to March each year.
	Softball / Hockey Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rectangular field formerly used for hockey and now used as a softball diamond. ▪ Field has two lights. ▪ Area is undersized for male softball competition. (Fly balls are hit onto the road / car park.) ▪ Problem with cricket wicket in the outfield (can be slippery).
	Cricket Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cricket oval with a synthetic cricket pitch. Also used for some football training in winter. ▪ Ground is wet in winter.
	Youth Centre / Sports Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stadium has the ability to cater for basketball, badminton, netball and volleyball. An additional meeting room is also available.
Latrobe Recreation Ground	Sports Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full size football / cricket oval with turf wicket and two light towers, surrounded by a cycling track. ▪ Oval is very wet in the winter. Existing drainage is not very effective. ▪ Irrigation is planned. ▪ Improved lighting is needed.
	Cycling Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Surface is a base of concrete with plexipave.
	Tennis Courts (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plexipave surface. Lighting has recently been installed.
	Wood Chopping Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Located in the south-east corner of the reserve. ▪ Area has not been used for at least the past two years.
	Small Cricket Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small ground with synthetic cricket pitch, located north of Picton Grange.
Latrobe High School	Sports Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open space area with informal oval (with synthetic cricket pitch) orientated north-west / south-east.
	Soccer Pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informal rectangular field with soccer goals at each end.
	Open Space Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drained and level surface located in the south-west corner of the high school.
	Tennis Courts (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Asphalt surface.
	Outdoor Basketball Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Asphalt surface.

Built Infrastructure

Perkins Park	Softball / Hockey Clubrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building was constructed in the 1970s. Facility includes a small meeting room, change rooms with 2 toilets and 1 shower and a small storeroom. Sewerage pipe from building has recently been redone.
	Sassafras Cricket Clubrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubrooms have been reported to be in poor condition however it is understood that the cricket club has recently completed a minor upgrade.
Latrobe Recreation Ground	Grandstand, Sports Pavilion and Bandroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport pavilion includes change rooms / clubrooms for cricket and football, cricket social room and football social room. Storage area under grandstand is used by softball and cricket clubs (shared space). Area for Federal Brass Band includes a senior and junior band room, trailer and canopy storage, instrument storage, cafeteria / kitchen, toilets, additional space (for uniforms).
	Tennis Club / Scout Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared building providing separate facilities for tennis club and scout group.
	Picton Grange Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre includes indoor cricket nets (approximately 20 years old) and a gym (recently constructed).

Open Space and Linkages

Perkins Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perkins Park is reportedly well used for informal recreation activities.
Latrobe Recreation Ground		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While Latrobe Recreation Ground is formalised for competitive sport and fully fenced, the gates are open at all times and the general community makes use of the ground and surrounds.
Cemetery		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemetery provides links and visual amenity.
Precinct - General		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need for more safe, lit streets with footpaths leading to and through the precinct.

Traffic Management and Car Parking

Perkins Park	Access and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Street splits the park between the swimming pool and youth centre. There is an opportunity to partially or fully close the road and explore traffic calming measures such as traffic islands, bollards for closure at designated times, etc. Car parking is currently at capacity during peak times.
Latrobe Recreation Ground	Access and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and parking at numerous points throughout the ground. Peak times would include annual Boxing Day Carnival when the high school grounds are utilised for overflow car parking. No particular issues raised.

Precinct - General	Traffic, Parking and Way Finding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential for traffic calming measures and increased priority given to pedestrians. ▪ Overflow parking is an issue for the precinct. On-street parking and overflow parking at Latrobe High School are commonly used solutions. ▪ Signage is limited.
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3.4 Key Users

Perkins Park:

User / Club	Membership Numbers / Participation Trends	Issues / Comments
Sassafras Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of Mersey Valley Cricket Association. ▪ 59 playing members, 28 social members ▪ 16 players in the U18 section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A-grade cricket played on ground ▪ Club has improved clubrooms over the past three years
Latrobe Womens Hockey Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 36 players (6 junior and 30 senior) and 6 volunteers. ▪ Membership has remained stable over past five years. ▪ Predicted future membership to be stable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clubrooms and ground facilities were built by club through fundraising and volunteer labour. ▪ Facility is shared with the Latrobe Softball Club.
Latrobe and District Softball Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 76 players (35 junior and 41 senior). ▪ Increased membership over the past five years. Club was established in 2007. ▪ Predicted future increase in membership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilities are too small for expanding numbers. Opportunities for tournaments are restricted due to lack of space. ▪ Concern about 'big hitters' hitting balls on to Gilbert Street.
Latrobe Youth Centre Latrobe Basketball Association Squash, Raquetball and Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 215 players (90 junior and 125 senior) and 20 volunteers. ▪ Membership has remained stable over past five years. ▪ Predicted future membership to be stable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Floor replacement is almost complete and Council has painted and cleaned the stadium. ▪ Purchase of scoreboard and uniform replacements. Backboard replacement is required. ▪ Would like to be able to lower height of backboard for juniors. Need to look at sound system. ▪ Can also cater for badminton, volleyball and indoor netball (lines).
Latrobe Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deepwater Swim School, School learn-to-swim program, Latrobe Swmming Club / Cradle Coast Aquatic, Port Sorell Surf Club, swimmers and general public. 	

Latrobe Recreation Ground:

User / Club	Membership Numbers / Participation Trends	Issues
Latrobe Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 130 players (100 junior and 30 senior), 25 social members and 20 volunteers. ▪ Increased membership over the past five years. ▪ Predicted future increase in membership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ageing facilities and size of clubrooms. Would like to extend rooms to encompass all of grandstand that they occupy. ▪ Seeking funds to modernise indoor net facilities (nets, carpet wicket and lights are over 20 years old). ▪ Increasing difficulty securing funds through sponsorship, grants, etc.
Latrobe Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation is reported to be strong in Latrobe. ▪ Membership has been stable in the past and is predicted to remain so in the future. Membership is estimated at 120 playing members (U14, U17, U19, Reserves and Seniors) plus social members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club also uses Perkins Park for warm-up activities ▪ Training also occurs at Coles Beach
Latrobe Tennis Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 42 members. 	Concerned with condition of court surface.
1 st Latrobe Scout Group Latrobe Cubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 members – moving into Devonport on a temporary basis. It is hoped that the Club will be re-formed at Latrobe in 2012. ▪ 6 active members. 	
Latrobe Federal Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 members (20 junior and 30 senior). ▪ Membership has remained stable over past five years. Band has been in operation since 1876. ▪ Predicted future membership to be stable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Junior band room has been upgraded. ▪ Band has exclusive space which is a very good area. ▪ It is not feasible to share the facility with other users. A Brass Junior Program is conducted with all local schools.
Latrobe Bicycle Race Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual event on Boxing Day, attracting in the past up to 15,000 people but over recent years this has declined to 2,000 - 5,000 per year 	

3.5 Existing Conditions Plan



EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN

4. COMMUNITY INPUT / CONSULTATION

Community consultation was undertaken to assist with the identification of issues and opportunities and to understand community expectations regarding the future use and development of the Latrobe Recreation Area.

The following table provides a summary of the consultation results which have been grouped under key themes.

Theme	Issue / Feedback
Precinct - General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need good strategic plan for the precinct to capitalise on funding available for regional development. It will be important for clubs / committees to work together and combine resources. ▪ Objective is to increase utilisation of all facilities and reduce duplication. Multi-use facilities result in increased benefits for the broader community. (Sport and Recreation Tasmania.) ▪ Adhoc development has occurred across all sites. Need to maximise use of facilities. Available land to be used to its full potential. ▪ There is a need to expand uses and usability of precinct. ▪ Rotary helped set-up Youth Centre and junior band room. Lions Club assisted with the pool. Current project for Lions includes outdoor seating / shelters at the school, and for Rotary, the bushland area adjacent to Camp Banksia. ▪ St Patricks Primary School, Latrobe Primary School and Wesley Vale Primary School are no longer available for community use. ▪ Lighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ground lighting is only needed at Perkins Park if needing to cater for soccer. ○ Low level lighting for training at either junior cricket ground. ○ Safe street lighting is needed. ○ Improved lighting is needed on the main ground. The Telstra Tower would provide a 3rd light tower, but still need one more. ▪ Signage is needed, particularly to direct people to car parking. ▪ Consider streetscape on streets internal to the precinct.
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential for a single management structure for the Recreation Area (Latrobe Recreation Ground, Pool, Youth Centre, and Perkins Park). ▪ There are currently separate committees for the Latrobe Recreation Ground, Pool, Youth Centre and working groups for the Cemetery and Perkins Park. ▪ Consideration of a caretaker for the precinct. ▪ Support from Perkins Park Committee and other management groups to combine management arrangements. ▪ Stadium is running more efficiently now with more volunteers and less reliance on Council. Stadium now has a budget surplus.
Informal Recreation Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is interest in outdoor exercise / fitness equipment. ▪ There are no play opportunities on the eastern side of town. The Recreation Area could be a destination for such activities. (New proposed subdivision to the east to bring more families.) ▪ Skate park to be considered within the precinct. A few sites have been investigated. ▪ The parkland area beside the sports stadium is not well used. ▪ There are mixed views on the need for a playground, such as investing in one good playground, putting more resources into the two existing playgrounds or possibly relocating the existing playground from the town centre. A few locations have been considered. ▪ BBQ shelter is in a poor location as it is exposed to prevailing winds.

Theme	Issue / Feedback
Skate Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter / petition in favour of skate park sent to Council with 530 signatories. ▪ Existing skate parks are located at Devonport (10 -15min away) and Shearwater (20 - 25min away). ▪ The need for a local skate facility is justified, however it may need to be a smaller scale. (<i>Sport and Recreation Tasmania.</i>) ▪ Perception that Shearwater gets everything and Latrobe misses out. ▪ There are many young people (estimate 40) on scooters and skateboards in the main street and behind the Council Offices, etc. ▪ Infrastructure requirements include public toilets, seating, drinking fountain and shelter / shade. ▪ Sites that could be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next to the Youth Centre on the corner of Percival and Cotton Streets. ○ Close proximity to Sports Centre – it is popular (basketball / squash). Could open-up back door of stadium. ○ Latrobe Recreation Ground, corner of Percival and Last Streets / Corner of reserve near woodchopping area. ○ On Gilbert Street central in Perkins Park between oval and hockey/softball field. ○ Potential to use hockey ground if softball is relocated or Bosworth Park (north-east corner). ○ Location of current museum building for the Cycling Club, between Recreation Ground entrance and tennis courts. ○ Along George Street between the pool, cricket pavilion and Youth Centre. ○ South-east corner of Latrobe High School would also be a high profile site.
Sport Specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Football participation is reasonably strong. Football club needs to train on other grounds, like Perkins Park because main ground gets very wet in winter. ▪ There is another football team (Latrobe Saints) - Railton is their current venue. ▪ Soccer is an emerging sport, currently provided at a centralised venue in Devonport. Latrobe High School is the main ground for a school based team. ▪ Latrobe Basketball Stadium provides well for the area. ▪ Netball is provided at Spreyton (6 - 7min away), reducing the need for netball to be specifically provided in Latrobe. ▪ Softball participation is in decline on the coast due to issues with the Association. Participation in Latrobe is growing. The provision of a single softball diamond would be sufficient. There is a current problem with the cricket pitch in the outfield (slippery). ▪ Hockey: Question priority for local facilities due to current arrangement of playing and training at Devonport. ▪ Cricket: A major redevelopment of Devonport oval is being considered (seeking international standard). Support for Latrobe to remain at a 'District' level. Junior cricket is very strong. ▪ Junior cricket needs more grounds (particularly if hockey ground is unavailable). ▪ "Boxing Day – Christmas Carnival Series" is a cycling and running carnival that has previously attracted 15,000+ people. Has a long history and heritage. ▪ Cycling track is made of concrete and plexipave. "A large investment for one day a year." ▪ Swimming is popular and well provided for in Latrobe with the outdoor year round pool and also in Devonport with an indoor pool.

Theme	Issue / Feedback
Traffic Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential for traffic calming measures and increasing the priority for pedestrians throughout the precinct. ▪ Gilbert Street is not used as much as it used to be, due to the increasing profile of Cotton Street. Footpath is provided on the south side of Gilbert Street. ▪ Gilbert Street traffic calming needed, just west of Percival Street through the precinct (between main ground and the park). ▪ Percival Street is popular for north – south traffic movement. ▪ Car parking is an issue occasionally. Need to deal with overflow parking issues. Cricket ground is unsuitable. School car parking is available for cycling on Boxing Day and for the grand final. ▪ Car park at Perkins Park is okay, but at capacity. Join car parks with an access road. ▪ Closure of George Street is the best option. Potential to combine pool and stadium by closing George Street. ▪ Signage is needed to assist with people using correct car parking areas. ▪ Hedge at Latrobe Recreation Ground needs to be removed to increase visibility into the ground and improve connections throughout the whole area.
Pedestrian Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access / connections for residents to the east to walk into town. ▪ Safe and lit streets with footpaths leading to and through the area. ▪ Footpath improvements are needed on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cotton Street from Stanley to Percival (also lighting). ○ Gilbert Street (and lighting). ○ Percival Street. ○ Stanley Street (and lighting). ▪ Cotton Street is a priority. ▪ Consider Last Street to Gilbert Street – formal walking path through Picton Grange on Noone Street.
Bosworth Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cricket and Softball are considering the potential future use of Bosworth Park for their sports. ▪ Need to consider any potential implications of previous disposal of medical waste at the site – it is regarded as a contaminated site until further testing is completed. ▪ Possible need for open space to service south eastern residential area. Consideration to be given to the provision of a play space / local park. ▪ Site has previously been used for events (i.e. circus). ▪ As it is a large site, there is potential room for two junior cricket grounds, one senior cricket ground. There is also potential for softball.
Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cemetery provides links and visual amenity. ▪ Dogs off-leash can be a problem in the cemetery. ▪ Need to consider future space of cemetery and future requirements.
Perkins Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Well used for informal recreation. Also used as a warm up area for visiting teams who use Latrobe Recreation Ground. ▪ Ground is wet in winter. Drainage problems. ▪ Lighting of grounds at Perkins Park is a consideration for increasing use of the park. ▪ Softball park is too small and facilities are not big enough. Fly balls are hit onto the road and car park. Options for relocation include Bosworth Park (do not want a cricket pitch in the outfield.) ▪ Sports stadium includes basketball, badminton and has provision for netball and volleyball. Additional meeting room is used for quilting and an occasional basketball meeting and swim club AGM. Centre has capacity for some more use, particularly the meeting and community rooms and the courts at off-peak times.

Theme	Issue / Feedback
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basketball is at capacity, however it is not feasible to expand the stadium - Devonport also provides well for the sport. ▪ Informal use of Perkins Park is popular. ▪ There is demand for events to be run at the Park, however facilities are insufficient. ▪ Pool: There are plans for an indoor / outdoor concept. All schools in the area use the pool for learn-to-swim programs.
Latrobe Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cricket already has maximum utilisation. The club shares facilities with football club and other cricket clubs. There is only one toilet in the change rooms. There is demand for another junior cricket ground – consider Bosworth Park? ▪ Cycling event is held once a year. Australian Cycling Federation may require a fence around track in the future. Fencing the track will be cost prohibitive and will impact on all sports by reducing visibility of sporting events, etc. ▪ Main ground has drainage but it doesn't work very well. Ground is very well used (often every day). ▪ Band room has been extended over the years to include a senior and junior band room, trailer and canopy storage, instrument storage, cafeteria / kitchen, toilets, additional space (for uniforms). Space is available for other groups.
Latrobe High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilities are used by Soccer (school team), Sassafras Cricket and Rugby 7's. Tennis courts are used by the local club. ▪ Softball training occurs in front corner of school. There is drainage on this part of the site. ▪ There are no separate amenities for the open space areas without getting access into the school. Tennis is given occasional access to the toilets. ▪ Basketball court is provided in the gym. There is no capacity for community sport here – small hall with no room for spectators. ▪ Netball is popular at the school (held in the gym and the outside court). ▪ School currently uses the pool (not available enough), stadium (for PE lessons), Latrobe Recreation Ground and grandstand for athletics carnival, Perkins Park for triathlon, Bells Parade (kayaking, picnics, swimming), Kings Park (cross country), and Speedway car park (Driver Education). ▪ School would be open to funding for amenities, parking etc. to enhance community use. ▪ There are concerns about the skate facility being located at the school due to safety, requirement for supervision, vandalism and graffiti, ownership issues. A location away from the school would be better to prevent kids from leaving school. ▪ The provision of fitness equipment at the school presents similar issues (to the proposed skate facility).

5. KEY ISSUES

This section of the report summarises the key physical and management issues arising from the background review, the condition assessment and the consultation process.

5.1 Sports Participation and Infrastructure

- Cricket participation is currently very strong and clubs report a limited number of grounds for the number of players / teams. Ground use is at capacity based on current competition schedule (particularly junior cricket).
- There is a preference to maximise the use of existing facilities and spaces within the precinct, prior to the developing of new areas.
- Soccer is an emerging sport. Whilst the current demand seems to be provided for by a school based team at the high school and competition being centralised at Devonport, there may be a future need to provide for soccer in the area.

Perkins Park

- Current softball / hockey field is too small for male competition, which causes risk management issues (associated with fly balls and long balls being hit out of the ground). The provision of a single diamond however is deemed to be sufficient. An alternate safer location for this facility needs to be considered. Given that the future demand for softball remains at one diamond, the demand for soccer is currently well accommodated at the high school and the demand for increased cricket facilities is mainly for junior competition during summer, a new development at Bosworth Park requiring the establishment of all associated infrastructure, is not justified at this time.
- The open space playing areas at Perkins Park have good potential to remain multi-use and accommodate a number of sports (including oval, rectangular and small diamond). The existing fence installed to define the edge of the hockey field reduces the flexibility of the space and could be removed.
- Plans have been prepared for the further development of the Latrobe Swimming Pool. Aquatic facilities across the region are complemented by the outdoor facility at Latrobe. Improvements to this facility should maintain its 'uniqueness' from other facilities so that it remains popular and well used.
- The stadium is well used for basketball across the peak times, but there is capacity for increased use of the stadium for a range of sporting and recreation activities at non-peak times. The community / meetings rooms also have greater capacity for use.

Latrobe Recreation Ground

- Sports oval receives a high level of use, however is believed to have drainage issues. There are plans for the installation of an irrigation system on the oval and there is a good opportunity to also install drainage at the same time.
- There are mixed views about a proposal to fence the cycling track (for the annual cycling event), due to the associated high cost and potential to reduce visibility of sporting events on the sports oval.
- Ageing clubrooms and indoor cricket net facilities are an issue. The Cricket Club would like to expand existing clubrooms into the grandstand due to the small size of the rooms.
- Improved ground lighting is reportedly required on the main oval (there are only two light towers at present).
- There are fences within the ground that restrict movement through the precinct and look unattractive. (See example image on page 23) There are opportunities to remove high fencing in favour of low barriers / bollards where vehicular movement requires restriction.

Latrobe High School

- School oval, tennis courts and the open space area in the south west corner of the site are used by local clubs. The open space on the eastern side of the school where the oval is located has potential for further sports field use.
- There are no amenities / toilets available without requiring access into the school.
- The high school has an additional area suitable for junior cricket in its south-west corner, in close proximity to Latrobe Recreation Ground – it is understood that this area is currently used for some cricket and softball training.

5.2 Community Recreation Infrastructure

- There is a high level of community interest and support for the development of a skate park within the precinct, due to a reported lack of facilities for young people in the area. The precinct is well positioned to accommodate a skate park due to its prominence as a community hub and proximity to surrounding residential areas. There are however mixed views about the best location within the precinct for a skate park. A detailed analysis has been undertaken and this is included at the end of this section to determine the most appropriate site.
- Local service clubs have expressed interest in supporting outdoor exercise / fitness equipment in the area.
- There is reportedly lack of play opportunities on the eastern side of town. The precinct therefore has the potential to be a location for a new playground.

Open Space

- Bosworth Park (located east of the cemetery) is a vacant site with potential for future development. This site however is separated from existing reserves / facilities. Council is seeking guidance about appropriate future uses of the site through more detailed technical investigation (associated with the previous disposal of contaminated waste).
- Casual access to the cemetery, walking, relaxation and reflection is popular, however it is reported that dogs off-leash can be a problem.
- Open space at Perkins Park is popular for informal recreation activities. There is reportedly demand for more events to be run at the park, however facilities are insufficient / unsuitable.

Walking Paths

- There is a need for more 'safe' lit streets with footpaths leading to and through the precinct.
- There is potential for improved linkages from the east of the precinct.
- There are many options for the development of footpaths and/or improvements to existing footpaths within the precinct (i.e. George Street, Cotton Street).

5.3 Traffic Management and Car Parking

- There is potential for traffic calming measures and increased priority given to pedestrians (particularly along Gilbert Street).
- There is general support for the closure of George Street as it is currently a barrier between the swimming pool and Perkins Park. A full or partial closure would improve traffic movement/ congestion and consolidate existing facilities and parking.
- Car parking at Perkins Park is reported to be at capacity at peak times.
- Overflow parking for major events is an issue for the precinct.
- Signage within the area is limited.
- There is a need for more street lighting within the precinct.

5.4 Management

- There are a number of different management arrangements / committees that are responsible for different reserves and facilities within the precinct. Potential exists to consolidate and expand management arrangements.
- Latrobe High School allows substantial community use of its outdoor facilities. The school is willing to discuss expansion of community use in partnership with Council and local organisations.

5.5 Landscape / Streetscape

- There is potential to improve the streetscape within the precinct.
- The existing hedge along Gilbert Street is a barrier that limits visibility between the open space areas. The hedge is also very old having been along the reserve edge for many years and could be replaced with a black cyclone fence and high canopy trees to create a new and more visible edge along Gilbert Street. This would also be more inviting to people rather than the visual barrier that exists now.

The following images show some of the issues raised in this section of the report:



Frontage (hedge) along Gilbert St



Fencing within Latrobe Recreation Ground



School open space in south-west corner



Signage within the Recreation Area

5.6 Skate Park Site Assessment

For each site, the criteria have been rated a score out of 5, then the weighting is applied. In the column under each site, there are two scores in each box – the first number is the score out of 5, the second is the final score once the weighting is applied.

Criteria	Weighting	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6
Visually prominent and pleasant site on main road with good passive surveillance	3	4/12	3/9	4/12	2/6	1/3	2/6
High perception of safety to young people and the community	3	3/9	2/6	4/12	2/6	1/3	2/6
Area where young people can congregate easily, pass through easily	1	4/4	2/2	4/4	2/2	1/1	2/2
Central area where sufficient level land is available	2	3/6	5/10	2/4	5/10	5/10	4/8
Easy access to public transport, accessible by pathways, etc	1	5/5	5/5	5/5	4/4	3/3	4/4
Location is close to shops, existing sport and recreation facilities	2	4/8	3/6	5/10	4/8	2/4	4/8
Suitable planning zone / compatible land use	1	5/5	1/1	4/4	5/5	1/1	5/5
Adequate distance from residences and potential conflicts	3	4/12	3/9	2/6	0/0	0/0	2/6
Associated amenities: toilets, water, shelter/shade, parking	2	4/8	3/6	4/8	3/6	0/0	4/8
Emergency vehicle access	1	5/5	4/4	5/5	5/5	5/5	4/4
Restricted access at night if required	1	2/2	4/4	4/4	2/2	0/0	1/1
TOTAL		76	62	74	54	30	58
RANK		1	3	2	5	6	4

1. South-East corner of Latrobe Recreation Ground – Adjacent to Woodchop arena, with hedge removed and fencing moved further into the Reserve
2. South-West corner of Latrobe High School – currently open space and sport training area
3. South-East Corner of Latrobe Recreation Area – current location of Cycling Club Museum
4. Corner Percival and Cotton Streets – adjacent to Youth Centre
5. Corner Cotton and Stanley Streets – Bosworth Park
6. Perkins Park – central location in park adjacent to swimming pool

5.7 Other Infrastructure

At the time of preparing this report consideration was being given to providing a Darrel Baldock Memorial within the Gilbert Street fenceline area of the Recreation Ground.

While this report will provide guidance to Council and the community for future development and public use of the precinct there will always be projects and ideas that are put forward to enhance the Latrobe Recreation Area Complex.

These projects should be considered on their merits and an opportunity given for user groups and members of the community to provide feedback on developments that may occur in the future.

6. DESIGN PRINCIPLES

In response to the key issues identified in the previous section of this report a series of design principles have been developed. These principles will provide a basis for the concept design for the Latrobe Recreation Area.

Maximise the use of sport and recreation infrastructure and settings

- Ensure facilities are safe, accessible and attractive to people of all ages and abilities.
- Maximise multi-use and sharing of facilities between clubs and sports.
- Co-locate compatible facilities / user groups.
- Where possible, redevelop existing facilities prior to developing new facilities / open space areas.
- Ensure the provision of quality amenity facilities / supporting infrastructure to effectively cater for all users.

Provide a diverse range of recreation facilities in accordance with community demand

- Provide paths for access, commuting and exercise throughout the precinct.
- Increase the number and quality of playing fields within the precinct to better cater for cricket, softball and other sports as required.
- Expand the range of informal recreation opportunities for families, children, young people and groups (i.e. through the development of a skate park, playground, exercise area and picnic facilities).
- Retain open space to provide for unstructured leisure and recreation activities.

Provide effective management, support and resources

- Streamline management arrangements within the Latrobe Recreation Area.
- Continue to foster school / community partnerships.

Create an environmentally sustainable approach for the precinct

- Where possible, employ environmentally sensitive design principles within the precinct.
- Enhance the landscape and streetscape throughout the precinct.
- Establish more shade trees for reserve users.

Improve access to and within the Latrobe Recreation Area

- Encourage users to travel to the precinct using alternative means of transport, such as walking and cycling, by providing quality paths and linkages to the area.

- Promote unstructured exercise by improving the path network through the precinct. Ensure that all pedestrian access points are safe and have good visibility.
- Provide for improved interaction between all sites within the precinct.
- Improve traffic movement and car parking within the precinct (i.e. closure of George Street to vehicular traffic, use of traffic calming measures, expansion and improved definition of car parking areas, etc.).
- Install signage at key approach/entrance points to encourage use and visitation through the precinct.

7. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

7.1 Sporting Infrastructure

- Perkins Park playing field area to be a flexible space that can accommodate oval sports (cricket, AFL warm-up / training), rectangular sports (soccer, hockey) and diamond sports if needed (softball). Remove the fence that currently defines the edge of the hockey field.
- Relocate softball diamond to the Latrobe High School grounds to enable the provision of a larger playing area. This will also allow for additional diamonds to be marked out if tournaments are played at this site. In addition, a minor modification to the school change rooms behind the gym will create community access toilets without compromising school security. (This could be either an addition of extra toilets or changing some doors and locks to create external access to the toilets in the school at this location) The gym could be made available by arrangement with the school for the sporting clubs to conduct some administration and assembly of their players. It is further noted that at such time in the future when the state government and school prepares a master plan for the refurbishment of the ageing school buildings, a joint use community facility including gym, pavilion and amenities should be considered as an integrated design.
- Formalise a junior oval in the south west corner of Latrobe High School in partnership with the school for use by junior cricket and other sports as required. (Area already has drainage.)
- While the existing cricket and hockey pavilions are recommended to be retained in their current locations in this plan; in the long term, consideration could be given to consolidating all pavilion facilities at Perkins Park within a single location as an extension to the Youth Centre with shared use of amenities, community room and kitchen facilities.
- While the BBQ area at the rear of the Youth Centre is retained in this plan, once a BBQ and picnic area has been developed at the Latrobe Recreation Ground, the future of this facility could be re-considered and it might be removed if not being used.
- Undertake necessary drainage improvements and install irrigation on the sports oval at Latrobe Recreation Ground. (It is understood that planning for this project has already commenced.) Consider the installation of cut-off drains at the top of the cycling track.
- Upgrade ground lighting.
- Clubroom improvements at Latrobe Recreation Ground – increase change / toilet facilities for players in an internal refurbishment.
- Consider the viability of the cycle race in the context of the cost of installing a barrier fence to the required standard – potential issues may result from the blocking of spectators' views by fencing.

7.2 Open Space and Community Recreation Infrastructure

- Retain Bosworth Park as open space with the potential for long-term future use. (There is currently insufficient demand to develop this site due to the availability of existing spaces.) Investigate the “highest use” with regard to contact and disturbance of potential contamination. In addition, there is an existing drainage and flooding problem involving nearby properties that should be rectified in the near future.
- Develop a skate park at the Latrobe Recreation Ground between the entrance and woodchopping arena, including removal of the hedge and relocation of the reserve fence with gates providing access to the reserve, to open up the road frontage of the site. Discussions may be conducted with the Latrobe High School about access to the skate park during school hours, but it will be important to recognise this as a public use facility.
- Develop a family recreation zone at the Latrobe Recreation Ground in the south east corner of the reserve between the woodchop area and the public toilet. Reserve fencing between the skate park and this area should have sufficient (open) gate access to enable good access to this area and the public toilets. Facilities to include a children’s play space, exercise / fitness equipment and picnic facilities. Consideration of the removal of the woodchopping building (due to risk management concerns) will open up this area.
- Improve the pathways throughout the precinct to improve access to and within the area. Pathway developments / improvements to include:
 - Footpath upgrade in Gilbert Street, Cotton Street and Percival Street (footpaths to be located on residential side of road with street lighting where residential areas are opposite parkland).
- Support an upgrade to the Latrobe Swimming Pool in accordance with the plan outlined by the Committee.

7.3 Landscape and Amenity

- Improve the provision of signage throughout the precinct, including identification and directional signage.
- Improve the streetscape by planting appropriate canopy trees along streets throughout the precinct.
- Remove the hedge along the boundary of the Latrobe Recreation Ground to improve visibility between open space areas and create safer open space environments for skate, play and family recreation areas. Replace the hedge with streetscape planting of canopy trees along Gilbert Street.
- Remove high fencing and install bollards and/or landscape barriers where amenity is improved throughout the precinct.
- Improve landscaping throughout the precinct including the provision of shade trees.

7.4 Traffic Management and Car Parking

- Close George Street to vehicular traffic at the swimming pool entrance and extend existing car parking and open space area. Install bollards to allow traffic movement through the site when required.
- Improve the provision of street lighting throughout the precinct.
- Install traffic calming measures along Gilbert Street from Percival Street to Noone Street.
- Formalise car parking north of the Youth Centre at the closure of George Street.
- Formalise car parking adjacent to the swimming pool and in conjunction with the relocation of the softball diamond to facilitate the effective closure of George Street.
- Install footpaths on at least one side of each road within the precinct and consider both sides where demand exists. If one side of the road, this should be on the side of residences where possible.

8. MANAGEMENT

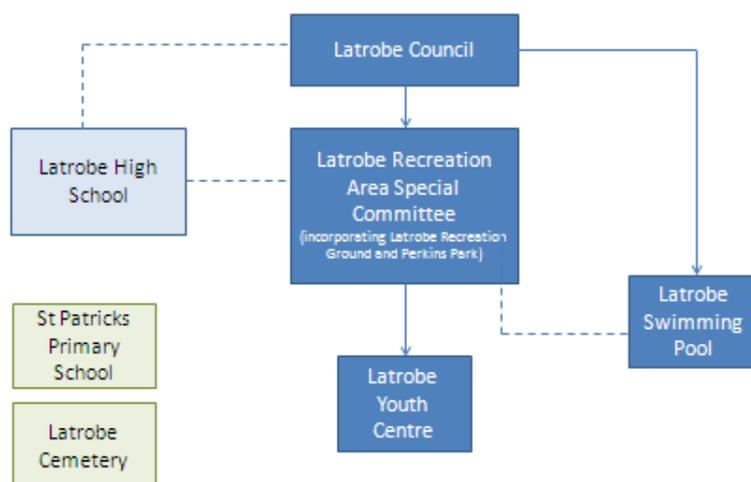
The Development Plan discusses the merit of integrating the management of the Latrobe Recreation Area into a single management entity. General support for this idea was expressed throughout the consultation period that has informed this draft plan.

Because of the complexity of the site, it is proposed that an integrated management model recognise a separate entity for the management of the swimming pool and a sub-group that looks after the youth centre. However, regular communication between the management bodies should ensure that common goals and issues are addressed regularly.

The cemetery is currently managed separately by a Working Group and given the direction of this plan not to develop Bosworth Park as an active recreation site at this time, it is suggested that the Cemetery Working Group remain autonomous from this management structure.

The Latrobe High School is obviously owned by the State Government and managed by the school under Education Department structures. Because the school open space is used by the community under agreement with the school and this report recommends further strengthening of this school / community relationship, it is proposed that the management structure recognises effective lines of communication and regular liaison with the school.

The following diagram indicates a recommended management model for the Recreation Area:



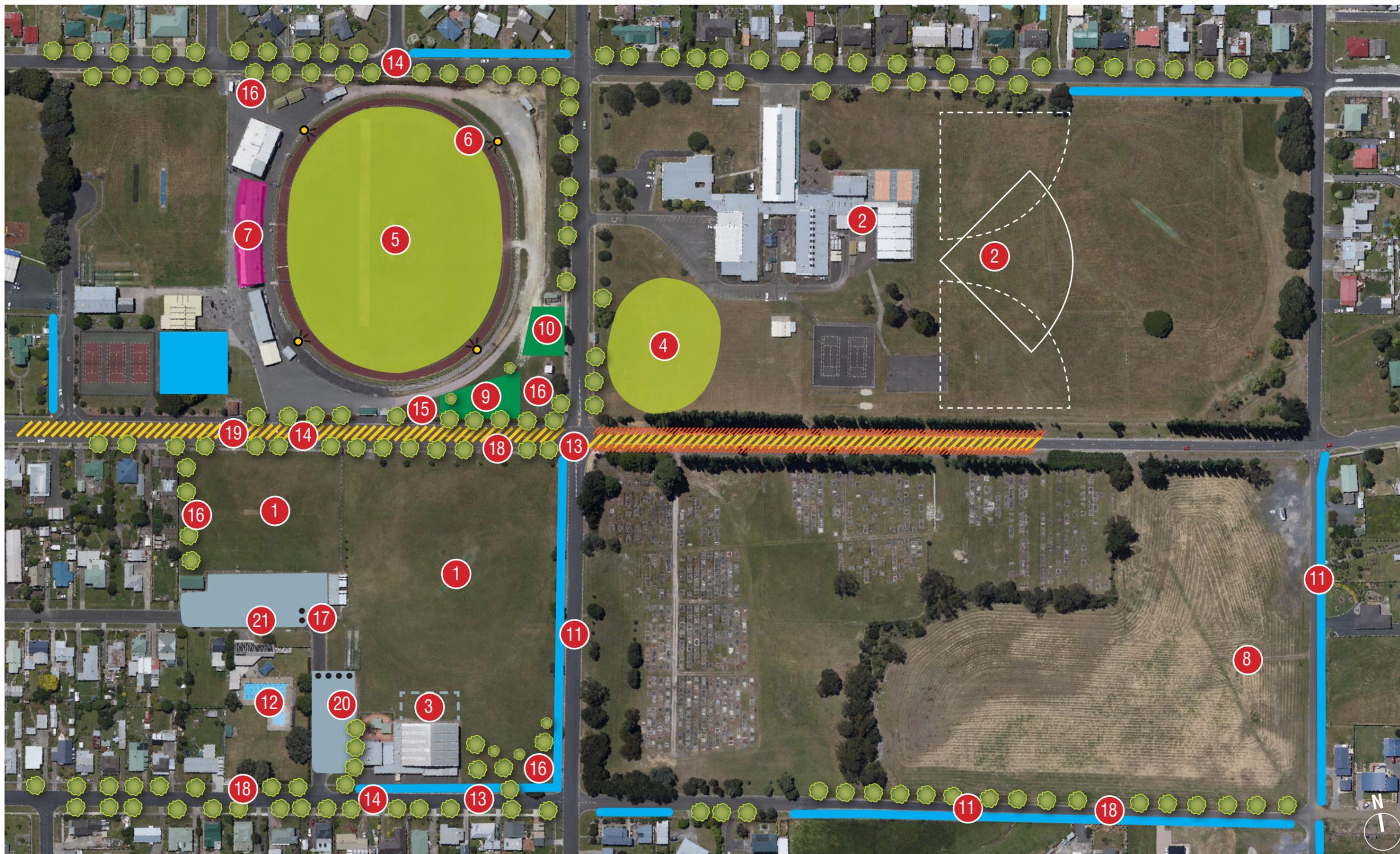
This management structure involves the following considerations:

- Latrobe Recreation Area Special Committee expands its responsibility to include management of Perkins Park and an overseeing role with the management of the Youth Centre. Representatives from all user groups to be appointed to this committee.
- Existing Council Committee for the Latrobe Swimming Pool remains with a formal line of communication to the Latrobe Recreation Area Special Committee (e.g. representative on committee with monthly reports regarding the pool).
- Existing Youth Centre Committee remains with a formal line of communication to the Latrobe Recreation Area Special Committee – regular monthly reports on the management and performance of the Youth Centre are to be made available.
- Regular communication with Latrobe High School regarding community use of school facilities.

9. MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan for the Latrobe Recreation Area is shown on the following page.

RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN



-  Street tree & shade planting
-  Proposed footpaths
-  Playing field development/upgrade
-  Car Parking
-  Traffic calming measures
-  Formalised unsealed parking between trees
-  Potential space for future tennis court expansion
-  Bollards

SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1 Perkins Park playing field area to be a flexible space for oval and rectangular sports.
- 2 Develop a softball diamond at the high school with potential for two or more diamonds. Community access to toilets for use of sports fields.
- 3 Long term potential for consolidation of pavilions for sports fields to be built as an extension to youth centre.
- 4 Formalise a junior oval Latrobe High School
- 5 Undertake drainage improvements and install irrigation at Latrobe Recreation Ground.
- 6 Upgrade ground lighting.
- 7 Clubroom improvements at Latrobe Recreation Ground.

OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- 8 Retain Bosworth Park as open space with the potential for long-term future use. Resolve drainage and flooding issues in and surrounding Bosworth Park.
- 9 Develop a skate park at the Latrobe Recreation Ground.
- 10 Develop a family recreation zone at the Latrobe Recreation Ground.
- 11 Improve the pathways throughout the precinct to improve access to and within the area.
- 12 Support an upgrade to the Latrobe Swimming Pool.

LANDSCAPE AND AMENITY

- 13 Improve the provision of identification and directional signage.
- 14 Improve the streetscape by planting appropriate canopy trees.
- 15 Remove the hedge along the boundary of the Latrobe Recreation Ground and replace with low cyclone fence and high canopy trees for good visibility through precinct.
- 16 Improve landscaping throughout the precinct.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CAR PARKING

- 17 Close George Street to vehicular traffic at the swimming pool entrance and extend existing car parking and open space area.
- 18 Improve the provision of street lighting throughout the precinct.
- 19 Install traffic calming measures along Gilbert Street.
- 20 Formalise car parking north at the closure of George Street.
- 21 Formalise car parking adjacent to the swimming pool.

10. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The table below details a total of 19 actions and these can be summarised as follows:

Priority	Indicative total cost	Potential external contributions
5 high priority actions	\$321,000	Potential government and club funding for multi-use sporting facilities
9 medium priority actions	\$550,000	Potential government and club funding for multi-use sporting facilities, skate / BMX and family recreation area
5 low priority actions	\$211,500	Funding for swimming pool (tbc) may attract government funding support
TOTAL	\$1,082,500	

The following table itemises the actions required to implement the Master Plan. Each action has indicative costs and priorities noted which provides a guide for Council's budget process and for seeking funding opportunities. (Note: the community response column outlines changes made to the plan in response to comments and feedback from stakeholders and community).

Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Sporting Infrastructure				
Re-orientate softball diamond.	It is agreed that the softball diamond would be relocated to High School where there is more space	Level and create space / mark lines for one or more softball diamonds extending out from the gym at the high school. Liaise with high school to undertake levelling works and line marking as needed.	\$80,000	High
Modify school facilities or construct a minor addition to school to provide community access toilets.	Supported as part of above recommendation	Allowance of \$30,000 if a structure is proposed. This will be less if modifications to school doors and locks is agreed in place of a building.	\$30,000	High
Formalise a junior oval at the Latrobe High School in conjunction with school.	Agreed	Liaise with the school regarding installation of a cricket wicket and formalising user agreements with cricket clubs.	\$20,000	Low
Undertake drainage and irrigation works at the Latrobe Recreation Ground.	Agreed	Irrigation works are already planned – existing drainage should be upgraded at the same time.	\$140,000	High
Upgrade ground lighting.	Agreed	Install a fourth tower and upgrade lighting to a high standard for training.	\$30,000	Medium
Upgrade clubrooms at Latrobe Recreation Ground.	Agreed	Increased change and toilet facilities in an internal refurbishment, maximising access to existing amenities in detailed design. Assume 50m ² @ \$2,500 = \$125,000 + 10% allowance for design.	\$137,500	Medium

Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Open Space and Community Recreation Infrastructure				
Develop a skate park at the Latrobe Recreation Ground.	Agreed although the site was moved to a more suitable location.	Assume a modest skate / BMX facility, approximately 200m ² @ \$475 = \$95,000 + allowances for seating and other park installations (eg fencing).	\$100,000	High / Medium
Develop a family recreation zone in the south-east corner of the Latrobe Recreation Ground adjacent to the woodchop area.	Agreed although the site was moved to allow for the skate park location.	Install play equipment, exercise / fitness equipment and picnic facilities including BBQ, picnic tables, shelter and seating.	\$90,000	Medium
Improve the footpaths throughout the area.	Agreed	Install and/or improve footpaths in Percival, Gilbert and Cotton Streets – assume 900m of pathway @ \$150 per lineal metre.	\$135,000	Medium
Support an upgrade to the Latrobe Swimming Pool.	Agreed	Funding to be arranged separately for this project.	tbc	Low
Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Landscape and Amenity				
Improve signage throughout the Recreation Area.	Agreed	Assume 4 signs @ \$1,000 including directional and information signage for the entire area.	\$4,000	Medium
Tree planting.	Agreed	Streetscape planting throughout the precinct – assume 50 trees @ \$300 for planting and establishment. Allowance of \$2,500 to remove hedge along Gilbert Street.	\$17,500	Medium
Shade tree planting within the parkland of the area.	Agreed	Shade tree planting – assume 20 trees @ \$300 for planting and establishment.	\$6,000	Medium
Install bollards at selected sites across the area.	Agreed	Installation of bollards for traffic and parking control and removal of superfluous fencing – allow for 100 bollards @ \$45 plus \$2,000 to remove fencing.	\$6,500	Low
Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Traffic Management and Car Parking				
Close George Street to vehicles at the swimming pool entrance and reinstate parkland.	Agreed, and this area was expanded on the plan.	Allowance for removal of road surface, developing turf and creating a narrow controlled vehicle access that can be opened at agreed times. Estimated allowance for works.	\$60,000	High
Improve street lighting throughout precinct.	Agreed.	Street lighting to be installed – allowance for works.	\$30,000	Medium
Traffic calming measures along Gilbert Street.	Agreed and extended further east as well.	Allowance – estimate only.	\$120,000	Low
Formalise car parking north of youth centre.	Agreed.	Allowance for 600m ² of sealed car parking @ \$90 + 20% allowance for design.	\$65,000	Low
Formalise car parking in front of swimming pool.	Agreed, and this area was expanded on the plan.	Allowance for 100m ² of sealed car parking @ \$90 + 20% allowance for design.	\$11,000	High

11. ATTACHMENT

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

A forum was held on Monday 6th June, 2011 to present and discuss the draft report. This forum was attended by 24 people who represented community stakeholder groups, Council, State Government and residents in the local area. In addition a site visit to the high school, the Latrobe Recreation Ground and meetings with four representatives of stakeholder groups were conducted on July 8, 2011, in preparation for the finalisation of the Plan.

A total of 10 submissions were received during the public exhibition stage for the Latrobe Recreation Area Development Plan - Draft Report. The submissions, summarised in the table below, identified a number of issues that were considered in the revised draft report including:

- Difficulty in positioning the softball diamond in the proposed location, leading to relocation of the diamond to the high school. This would require a minor extension to the school amenities in the short term to accommodate after hours and weekend use. A long term view would be to incorporate shared use school / community facilities in a redevelopment of the gym and eastern part of the school buildings (when refurbishment works are planned).
- More justification for the removal of the hedge along Gilbert Street and the replacement of landscape.
- Description of future traffic flow into Latrobe being encouraged from Cotton Street when residential development and road construction is complete.
- Concern about the proposed location of the skate park and consideration for it to be located closer to the corner of Percival and Gilbert Streets.
- Addition of the need to resolve flooding and drainage issues in Bosworth Park that are impacting on nearby residents' properties.

No.	SUBMISSION FROM	ISSUES
1	Latrobe and District Softball Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outlined history, association structure, times and days for training and games, and requirements for the sport to provide clarification for final plan ▪ Outlined that a temporary barrier would need to be installed to remain at current site ▪ Generally supportive of a move to the high school
2	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General support for plan and the closure of George Street ▪ Strong disagreement to the removal of the hedge along the Gilbert Street edge of the Latrobe Recreation Ground – historic part of Latrobe and a pleasant entry into the town ▪ Strong disagreement with the report indicating less traffic along Gilbert Street – it is the main eastern entrance into town – supports speed limit reduction to 50kmh ▪ Suggests consideration to access for emergency vehicles ▪ Suggests careful consideration to tree planting due to problems with tree roots lifting pavement
3	Sassafras Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supports relocation of the softball diamond to the high school and the retention of the cricket facilities at Perkins Park in their current location ▪ Provided details about player numbers and club's popularity
4	Latrobe Bicycle Race Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerned about and opposed to a proposed location of skate park being considered at the corner of Percival and Gilbert Streets at the woodchopping arena site

No.	SUBMISSION FROM	ISSUES
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussed the popularity of woodchopping and the plan to conduct a chopping carnival at the site this year even though it has not taken place for the past two years
5	Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerned about the treatment of the Bicycle Race Club and the recent talk about removing the woodchopping arena to place a skate park on the site ▪ Very opposed to skate park replacing the woodchopping arena and suggests that other vacant lots and areas east of the cemetery be considered for a skate park
6	Latrobe Tennis Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Object to the location of a skate park taking up land that may be required in the future for an expansion of the tennis club to a 5-court facility
7	Council - Engineering and Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request for inclusion of an issue involving Bosworth Park into the plan - fill placed in the park many years ago blocked an overland flow path, exposing neighbouring properties to substantial flooding
8	Latrobe High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provided plans of school buildings near playing fields for consideration about multi-use community sport at high school ▪ Issues about maintenance and cleaning of facilities would need to be resolved for community access, however school is happy to work through discussions with Council and clubs ▪ Requested improved roadside car parking along Gilbert Street to provide safe and adequate parking for community sport
9	Latrobe Woodchoppers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief comment about importance of woodchopping arena being retained somewhere if it is agreed that a skate park needs to be located at the corner of the recreation ground where the woodchopping arena is currently sited
10	Latrobe Swimming Pool Management Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requested additional information regarding facilities, users and consultation that includes the swimming pool and swimming as an activity ▪ Generally supportive of master plan with requested changes for: softball diamond better suited at high school; consider fitness equipment where softball diamond is now; move skate park closer to corner of recreation ground where woodchopping arena is now; closure of George Street open to future review and extended traffic calming measures further along Gilbert Street

ADDENDUM TO THE RECREATION AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Design Principles

The design principles identified in 2011 remain valid for the Latrobe Recreation Area:

- Maximise use of the sport and recreation infrastructure and settings
- Provide a diverse range of recreation facilities in accordance with community demand
- Provide effective management, support and resources
- Create an environmentally sustainable approach for the precinct; and
- Improve access to and within the Latrobe Recreation Area.

Facilities

As at June 2017, the Latrobe Recreation Area includes the following facilities and key features:

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| Perkins Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Croquet clubrooms and lawns▪ Cricket Oval▪ Sassafras Cricket Clubrooms▪ Cricket nets▪ Youth Centre / Sports Centre (basketball, badminton, squash)▪ Latrobe Swimming Pool▪ Skate Park |
| Latrobe Recreation Ground | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Main sports oval▪ Cycling Track around Oval▪ Sports Pavilion incorporating cricket and football clubrooms▪ Junior ground (used for cricket, softball and football training)▪ Tennis Courts x 3▪ Tennis Clubrooms▪ Wood Chopping Arena▪ Picton Grange Community Centre (with gym & indoor cricket nets)▪ Main Grandstand with changerooms▪ Grandstand with bandrooms▪ Scoreboard▪ LBRC building▪ Hill Bar▪ Baldock Memorial gates |
| Bosworth Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Children's playground (south east corner construction) |
| Latrobe High School | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sports Oval with concrete cricket pitch▪ Soccer Pitch (full size and half size)▪ Rectangular Field▪ Tennis Courts x 3▪ Gymnasium / Hall / Changerooms▪ External Basketball Court (x1 with another under construction) |
| St Patricks Primary School | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Children's Playground |
| Latrobe Cemetery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Passive Open Space |

Revised Development Proposals

The following strategic developments contained in the 2011 Plan were **raised most frequently** by the sporting and community representatives as being important for implementation:

PRIORITY # 1: Fully develop a second oval, with amenities.

PRIORITY # 2: Retain majority of Bosworth Park for future sporting use and commence with recreation-style developments (playground, outdoor exercise equipment, cycle paths).

PRIORITY # 3: Equal number of mentions were given to close George St to through traffic and convert to parking; install standardised signage (club and precinct); and upgrade main stadium change-rooms with female amenities.

PRIORITY # 4: Equal number of mentions were given to install a pathway between croquet and cricket grounds connecting to pedestrian crossing; construct family zone/ playground in Perkins Park; and relocate the skate park to a more open area.

Areas Under Consideration

Three areas within the four-block precinct have potential to be developed as a second oval, with full amenities: Perkins Park, Latrobe High School oval, and Bosworth Park.

Bosworth Park is the least desirable location for a second oval owing to its current state of development; all amenities would need to be built, in addition to ground surface improvements and lighting. Development of the Park as an oval also is against the current Committee preference to allocate this space for recreational, informal use such as playgrounds, cycle paths and picnic areas and instead focus organised sporting use on currently underutilised areas within the precinct.

Latrobe High School has come into greater consideration since the release of the 2011 Plan following construction of gym, change room and toilet facilities at the eastern end of the school (towards the oval). The school has also expressed an interest in sharing facilities and a desire to see its sporting infrastructure used outside of school hours. The School has existing playing surfaces for soccer and cricket which should be maintained to accommodate future growth in usage.

Both Perkins Park and Latrobe High School have merits and disadvantages in their development as a second oval.

To objectively consider these options, assessment criteria have been identified and assigned a weighting.

- Available space Weighting: 5%
- Playing surface Weighting: 15%
- Drainage and irrigation Weighting: 5%
- Playing field lighting Weighting: 10%
- Clubrooms Weighting: 10%
- Change rooms and toilets Weighting: 15%
- Parking and access Weighting: 10%
- Fencing Weighting: 5%
- Viewing Weighting: 5%
- Proximity to main oval Weighting: 5%
- Council control Weighting: 10%
- Other community use Weighting: 5%

Each assessment criterion is considered on a scale of 0 to 10.

0 is poor/not likely/undesirable/expensive → 10 is excellent/very likely/desirable/inexpensive.

	Perkins Park	Weighted score	High School	Weighted score
Available space	3 Require relocation of skate park	0.15	7 Option to realign oval within available space	0.35
Playing surface	8 Cover cricket pitch	1.2	8 Cover cricket pitch	1.2
Drainage and irrigation	4 Work required	0.2	5 Irrigation work only	0.25
Playing field lighting	3 Mains connection and installation	0.3	3 Mains connection and installation	0.3
Clubrooms	6 Upgrade required	0.6	1 New facility required	0.1
Change rooms and toilets	5 Upgrade required	0.75	6 External toilets available. Change rooms available.	0.9
Parking and access	8 George St, main oval and street	0.8	8 School grounds, main oval and street	0.8
Fencing	1 Ability to charge games limited	0.05	1 Ability to charge games limited	0.05
Viewing	1 No seating, no ability to park and view from vehicle	0.05	3 No seating, ability to park and view from vehicle if track developed	0.15
Proximity to main oval	9	0.45	8	0.4
Council control	10	1.0	8 Good level of school cooperation	0.8
Other community use	7 Good access if not fenced, central	0.35	8 Good access if not fenced, student use	0.4
TOTAL		5.9		5.7

In addition to this non-financial assessment, an estimate of development costs has yet to be made for relevant criteria at each location.

Development Proposals by Infrastructure Category

The following sections highlight the development priorities carried over from the 2011 Plan plus incorporate new priorities arising from changed sporting requirements, community expectations, and/or health and safety needs.

Sporting Infrastructure

- *Phase 1:* Second oval developed to complement the main stadium. Requires drainage works, irrigation, surface improvements, concrete wicket with cover, and lighting (suitable for night time football training).
Phase 2: Relocate/reorientate Sassafras cricket practice nets to reduce congestion at existing cricket clubrooms (move to existing skate park area). Extend Youth Centre and refurbish amenities. Relocate Perkins Park cricket clubrooms into Youth Centre redevelopment, with addition of training/warm-up area, amenities accessible from outdoors, clubrooms (x2) and viewing onto oval. Convert existing cricket clubrooms to storage and public toilets with exterior signage containing booking information for all facilities within the precinct.
Rationale and drivers for change: unsustainable demand and usage of stadium oval with growing number of junior and female teams. Insufficient warm-up space for basketball. More efficient to centralise clubroom spaces and amenities into a single facility, rather than dilute efforts over multiple, stand-alone facilities. Reduce risk of wayward ball injuries and clubroom congestion caused by current position of practice nets.
- Change-room and toilet improvements at Latrobe Recreation Ground.
Rationale and drivers for change: increasing numbers of female players, umpires and officials. Inability to accommodate concurrent training/playing.
- Install additional turf wicket within the main oval.
Rationale and drivers for change: extra wicket required to enable continuity of quality match surface throughout the playing season. Reinforced in Hussey Report findings and by Cricket North West infrastructure assessment.
- Implement annual maintenance of bicycle racing track.
Rationale and drivers for change: health and safety requirements to close expansion joints and ensure track is race-ready. Avoids overcapitalising during period of carnival transition.
- Construct sun shelters adjacent to croquet lawns to service the four playing areas.
Rationale and drivers for change: health and safety requirement to protect players and spectators from sun damage (and occasional rain) during summer playing season.
- Resurface the three tennis courts. Maintain hardcourt surface (not synthetic).
Rationale and drivers for change: health and safety requirements to improve player safety. Increase professionalism of amenities; reduces rolling maintenance requirements. Hardcourt surfaces are eligible for Tennis Australia funding (not synthetic). There is sufficient court capacity owing to the ability to schedule different games/rosters on different days and at different times.
- Resurface the softball pitch; cover concrete cricket pitch.
Rationale and drivers for change: improve safety for players, improve playing experience for all sports using the field. Support growth of club as it joins a regional players association.

Open Space and Community Recreation Infrastructure

- *Phase 1:* Retain majority of Bosworth Park as an open space for recreational use. Complete construction of children's playground in south east corner. Sell portion of land for residential development; use funds to develop recreation area.
Phase 2: Expand playground to include bicycle 'learn to ride' road-rules track and connect to other shared pathways in local area. Construct commando course equipment around eastern

perimeter of high school ground and connect Bosworth Park and School with a pedestrian crossing.

Rationale and drivers for change: Current and forecast demand for oval space does not warrant creation of new oval (better to invest in developing existing oval spaces in Perkins Park and High School where other amenities already exist). Preserving majority of space does retain an area for future sports use, including option to relocate bowls club into sporting precinct. Including Bosworth Park in sports precinct definition also builds connections between playing, sports, recreation and fun. Pedestrian crossing encourages flow between areas and creates visual connection between the two facilities.

- Develop a family recreation zone as part of Youth Centre redevelopment. Facilities to include a children's play space, exercise / fitness equipment and picnic facilities (as was originally proposed within the main oval in the 2011 Plan).

Rationale and drivers for change: Raises appeal of second oval as a playing destination for junior and women's matches, as the space better caters to families.

- Relocate the skate park to either corner of main oval (original proposed location in 2011 Plan with wood chopping relocated to High School corner) or Bosworth Park.

Rationale and drivers for change: Current location is relatively hidden and has attracted vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Benefits may come from relocation to more open area (as per Devonport skate park on foreshore) to attract more all-age use. Relocation also reduces risk of wayward ball injury from cricket training and matches.

- Redevelop the Hill Bar within the stadium grounds.

Rationale and drivers for change: Health and safety concerns with current structure. Supports club revenue-raising efforts.

Landscape and Amenity

- Improve the provision of signage throughout the precinct, including standardised format for 'home of....' club identification signage (and booking instructions), 'what's on' signage located at main oval (for use promoting events throughout the precinct) and directional signage to sporting grounds at closest corners to precinct.

Rationale and drivers for change: Improve awareness and potential usage. Reinforce the precinct concept and build visual connections between the different sport and recreation facilities within the four-block area.

- Install a concrete pathway from the current cricket clubrooms in Perkins Park connecting to Gilbert St, and extending across the road with a pedestrian crossing.

Rationale and drivers for change: Reduce foot and bicycle traffic on the croquet lawns (reduce damage and maintenance requirements). Encourage more use of George St parking as overflow option for stadium events. Encourage more use of stadium parking as overflow option for Perkins Park events. Provides a visual connection between the two sporting areas on either side of Gilbert St.

Traffic Management and Car Parking

- Close George Street to through traffic and extend existing car parking.

Rationale and drivers for change: Ease parking congestion during summer when swimming, cricket and croquet seasons are underway. Encourage more use of George St parking as overflow option for stadium events. Reinforces shared amenities and connection between different precinct areas.

- Seal space adjacent to gym and tennis courts and utilise as parking. Install removable hotshots nets for practice in interim

Rationale and drivers for change: Encourage more use of stadium parking as overflow option for Perkins Park events (especially if implemented with pedestrian crossing and concrete pathway into Perkins Park). Retains space in case of future tennis expansion. Enables hotshots practice area when not used for parking.

- Improve surface of vehicle track around stadium on eastern end (to match quality of western surface).
Rationale and drivers for change: Reduce dust, rock and mud transfer onto cycling and stadium surfaces. Improve quality of parking surfaces and access for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Improve street parking along Gilbert St between Bosworth Park and School.
Rationale and drivers for change: encourage more use of recreational and sporting facilities within each area by simplifying access. Improves parking overflow for large events at main oval.

Other Ideas to Develop the Precinct

The following ideas were raised during Committee discussions, beyond the scope of infrastructure:

- Improve the facility booking procedures and awareness of procedures. Standardise the process for booking and collecting / returning keys as much as possible. Consider option of a hub office located within the facility to centrally manage bookings or display booking information. Upgrade facility keys to a swipe card system, centrally programmed via the Council office.
- Improve swimming pool utilisation by exploring ways to extend the swimming seasons.
- Remove the turning circle near the primary school and extend this road to be a through-road to Last Street. Provides more room for junior oval / training ground.
- Formalise procedure and responsibilities for cleaning toilet amenities shared by gym, tennis and cricket clubs; required to improve efficiency of operations and reduce double-up or inaction.

Potential Funding Sources for Development Proposals

- Sell section of Bosworth Park.
- Tennis Australia (hardcourt funding).
- AFL Tasmania Infrastructure Fund (Perkins Park development, female amenities)
- Cricket Tasmania / Australia (turf wicket)
- Sport and Recreation Tasmania – minor and major grant rounds (Perkins Park development)
- Government Grants/ Election funding.

Sporting infrastructure

- 1 Develop second oval. Consolidate amenities and clubrooms in youth centre extension.
- 2 Improve/extend toilets and changerooms.
- 3 Install additional turf wicket.
- 4 Annual bike track maintenance.
- 5 Install weather shelters.
- 6 Hardcourt resurfacing.
- 7 Resurface pitch, cover concrete wicket.

Open space and recreation infrastructure

- A Develop Bosworth Park as passive recreation and play area.
- B Install family recreation and play area.
- C Relocate skate park.
- D Redevelop Hill Bar.

Traffic management and car parking

- 1 Close George St to through traffic, extend parking.
- 2 Seal space for parking and removable hotshots tennis.
- 3 Improve vehicle track to match western side.
- 4 Improve street parking.

Landscape and amenity

- a Improve signage, including 'home of...' and 'what's on'.
- b Install concrete pathway and pedestrian crossing.
- c Relocate practice nets.



Maintain for future soccer club use.

Maintain for B-Grade training and game use.

