



# **Latrobe Council**

## **Latrobe Recreation Precinct**

## **Development Plan Update**

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## Introduction

The Latrobe Recreation Precinct (formerly Latrobe Recreation Area) Development Plan update has been commissioned by Latrobe Council to guide the future development and public use of the area. This report recommends adoption of the new title for the sport and recreation space.

The ‘Latrobe Recreation Precinct’ refers to the area bordered by 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 precinct.

The precinct is currently well developed with the establishment of the Latrobe Youth Centre, Latrobe Swimming Pool, Sassafras Cricket Club and grounds (Perkins Park), Latrobe Croquet clubrooms and grounds, Latrobe Recreation Ground, Latrobe Tennis Club, Latrobe High School and associated facilities including car parking.

The revised plan provided the opportunity to update several aspects of the original study that contained outdated information.

## Purpose of the Update

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

Specifically, the updated 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
- Future car parking requirements
- Other issues that arise during stakeholder consultation

## Methodology

The development of the updated plan for the precinct has involved the collaboration and engagement of a diverse range of stakeholders via meetings and interviews. The following stakeholders have been engaged as part of the process:

- Latrobe Council
- Latrobe Basketball Club
- Latrobe Squash Club
- Latrobe and Districts Youth Centre Management Committee
- Latrobe Swimming Pool Manager
- Sassafras Cricket Club
- Latrobe Croquet Club
- Latrobe Cricket Club
- Latrobe Football Club
- Latrobe Tennis Club
- Latrobe Bicycle Race Club
- Latrobe Federal Band
- Latrobe Sport and Recreation Management Committee

- Fresh Fitness
- Latrobe High School
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
- Latrobe Bowls Club

## Facilities

As of October 2020, the Latrobe Recreation Precinct includes the following facilities and key features:

Perkins Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croquet clubrooms and lawns</li> <li>• Cricket Oval</li> <li>• Sassafras Cricket Clubrooms</li> <li>• Cricket nets</li> <li>• Youth Centre / Sports Centre (basketball, badminton, squash)</li> <li>• Latrobe Swimming Pool</li> <li>• Skate Park</li> </ul>
Latrobe Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main sports oval</li> <li>• Cycling Track around Oval</li> <li>• Sports Pavilion incorporating cricket and football clubrooms</li> <li>• Junior ground (used for cricket and football training)</li> <li>• Tennis Courts x 3</li> <li>• Tennis Clubrooms</li> <li>• Wood Chopping Arena</li> <li>• Picton Grange Community Centre (with gym &amp; indoor cricket nets)</li> <li>• Main Grandstand with changerooms</li> <li>• Grandstand with band rooms</li> <li>• Scoreboard</li> <li>• LBRC building</li> <li>• Hill Bar</li> <li>• Baldock Memorial Gates</li> <li>• Private Gymnasium</li> </ul>
Bosworth Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's playground (south east corner construction)</li> <li>• Dog Exercise Area (under construction)</li> <li>• Jump and Pump Park (construction due to commence in November 2020)</li> </ul>
Latrobe High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Oval with concrete cricket pitch</li> <li>• Soccer Pitch (full size and half size)</li> <li>• Rectangular Field</li> <li>• Tennis Courts x 2</li> <li>• Gymnasium / Hall / Changerooms</li> <li>• External Basketball Court x 2</li> </ul>
St Patricks Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Playground</li> </ul>
Latrobe Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive Open Space</li> </ul>

## Development Proposals that have been achieved (from 2011 plan)

Out of 19 proposed actions, the following four (4) have been achieved:

- Drainage and irrigation work at Latrobe Recreation ground
- Upgrading of main oval lighting
- Installation of a skate park near Youth Centre (different location to initial plan)
- Traffic control measures and parking in front of swimming pool)

## Development Proposals that have been achieved (from 2017 update)

The 2017 update proposed 18 actions, with the following six (6) achieved:

- Second oval developed at Perkins Park to complement the main oval (including drainage works, irrigation, surface improvements, concrete wicket and lighting).
- Installation of additional turf wicket within the main oval.
- Change room and toilet facilities improvements at Latrobe Recreation Ground
- Bosworth Park – construction of children’s playground and public toilets. Dog exercise areas under construction and about to commence construction of a Jump and Pump Park with a learn to ride/scooter component.
- Redevelopment of the Hill Bar
- Installation of a concrete pathway from Sassafras Cricket clubrooms connecting to Gilbert Street.

The following two (2) actions are no longer relevant to the precinct:

- Closure of George Street to through traffic has been removed as an issue by Council following some additional traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing and parking upgrade in front of the swimming pool.
- Softball is no longer played at Latrobe and is not considered to be an emerging sport in coming years.

## Demographics

- The population of the Latrobe Council was recorded as 10,699 people in the 2016 Australian Census. This has increased from 8,630 people in 2006.
- Latrobe Council has a higher median age than Tasmania (47 years compared to 42 years).
- Latrobe Council has a higher proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (5.2%) compared to Tasmania (4.6%).
- The population of adults aged 55 years and over is higher in Latrobe Council (39.4%) compared to Tasmania (33.6%) and Australia (27.6%)
- 84.2% of Latrobe Council residents were born in Australia.

	Latrobe Council <sup>2</sup>	Tasmania <sup>1</sup>
<b>Population</b>	10,699	509,965
<b>Male</b>	49.1%	48.9%
<b>Female</b>	50.9%	51.1%
<b>Median Age</b>	47 years	42 years
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples</b>	5.2%	4.6%

The following table provides a summary of the age profile of Latrobe Council, Tasmania and Australia.

Age	Latrobe Council <sup>2</sup>		Tasmania <sup>1</sup>		Australia <sup>3</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4 years	539	5.0	28,469	5.6	1,464,779	6.3
5-14 years	1257	11.7	61,733	12.1	2,899,829	12.4
15-24 years	998	9.3	60,943	12.0	2,988,388	12.8
25-54 years	3687	34.4	187,909	37.0	9,618,391	41.2
55- 64 years	1670	15.6	72,156	14.1	2,753,729	11.8
65+ years	2544	23.8	98,753	19.5	3,262,273	15.8

<sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2017). *2016 Census QuickStats: Tasmania* [https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census\\_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/6?opendocument](https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/6?opendocument)

<sup>2</sup> Ian Waller. (2020). *Latrobe Council Area Profile*. Data compiled by <https://home.id.com.au/>

<sup>3</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2016). 3101.0 - Australian Demographic Statistics, Jun 2016. <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/3101.0Feature%20Article1Jun%202016>

## Sport, Exercise and Recreation Participation

An analysis of the 2020 Sport Australia, AUSPLAY™ results covering data collected in the 2019 calendar year. The results focus on the number of people participating in sport and physical activity and how they participate. A summary of the National and Tasmanian participation trends is detailed below.<sup>1,2</sup>

- In 2016, Australians rate of total participation was 90.5%. Total participation rate means individuals participated at least once in physical activity for exercise, recreation, or sport within the past year.
- Tasmania has a total participation rate of 91.4 % which is above the national participation rate. In 2009 the total participation rate was 81.5%.
- Tasmanian participation rates of ‘regular’ participation (three or more times per week) was 62.5% in 2016, an increase from 48.3% in 2009. This is slightly below the national regular participation rate of 63.7%.
- Females in Tasmania have a higher regular participation rate than males (65.8% compared to 59.1%).
- In Tasmania, the regular participation rate is highest in the age group 35-44 years at 65.4% while 25-34 years had the lowest regular participation rate at 57.3%. This differs from the national results with the 15-17 years age group having the highest regular participation rate of 67.5%, followed by the 45-54 years age group with 66.3%.

The following tables provides a list of the top ten physical activities undertaken in Australia and Tasmania in 2016. Latrobe Council only had enough data to reliably provide the top 3 activities.

Australia <sup>2 ^</sup>		
Rank	Activity	Participation Rate %
1	Walking (Recreational)	43.3
2	Fitness/Gym	36.7
3	Running/Athletics	16.4
4	Swimming	15.6
5	Cycling	11.5
6	Bush Walking	6.3
7	Yoga	5.5
8	Football (Soccer)	5.3
9	Golf	4.2
10	Tennis	4.2

<sup>^</sup> Based on respondents who provided a valid postcode and therefore overall state numbers may not match other parts of this report.

Tasmania <sup>1</sup>		
Rank	Activity	Participation Rate %
1	Walking (Recreational)	50.5
2	Fitness/Gym	25.5
3	Swimming	15.0
4	Cycling	13.3
5	Athletics/Running	12.7
6	Bushwalking	11.1
7	Yoga	5.1
8	Basketball	4.5
9	Football (Soccer)	4.3
10	Netball	4.1

<sup>1</sup> Based on respondents who provided a valid postcode and therefore overall state numbers may not match other parts of this report.

The top 10 activities participated in by Tasmanians in 2019 were similar to the national top ten. The only exceptions were the inclusion of netball and basketball and the exclusion of golf and tennis.

Latrobe Council <sup>1</sup>		
Rank	Activity	Participation Rate %
1	Walking (Recreational)	37.4
2	Swimming	19.7
3	Fitness/Gym	18.7

Latrobe Council had a higher rate of participation in swimming (19.7%) compared to Tasmania (15.0%) and Australia (15.6%).

The following table provides the Tasmanian participation trends for relevant sports. The following tables consider the adult population (defined by AUSPLAY™ as 15+) as it provides more comprehensive and reliable data.

Activity	Data
Walking (Recreational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation rate in Tasmania is 50.5%. This is above the national participation rate of 43.3%.</li> <li>Significantly more females (59.4%) participated in recreational walking than males (41.3%).</li> </ul>
Fitness/Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmanian participation rate is 25.5%.</li> <li>Significantly more females than males participate (30.3% compared to 20.6%).</li> </ul>
Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation rate in Tasmania is 15.0%.</li> <li>18.7% participation from females and 11.3% for males.</li> <li>Growth in participation from 11.6% in 2009 to 15.0% in 2019.</li> </ul>
Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation rate of 13.3% in Tasmania which is higher than the national participation rate of 11.5%.</li> <li>Much higher male participation (19.2%) compared to female participation (*7.6%).</li> </ul>
Running/Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmanian participation rate of 12.7%. This is below the national rate of 16.4%.</li> <li>Similar participation rates between males and females (13.4% and 12.1% respectively).</li> </ul>
Bushwalking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation rate in Tasmania is 11.1% well above the national participation rate of 6.3%.</li> <li>More males participate in bushwalking than females (13.4% compared to 8.9%).</li> </ul>
Yoga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmanian participation rate is 5.1%.</li> <li>Significantly higher female participation (8.2%) than male participation (*1.9%).</li> </ul>
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National participation rate is 3.7%. Ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in national participation rates.</li> <li>Tasmania had participation rate of 4.5%.</li> <li>Higher male participation (*5.8%) compared to females (*3.3%).</li> </ul>
Football/Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmanian participation rate is 4.3% in 2019. This is slightly below the national participation rate of 5.3%.</li> <li>Males participation rate is more than double that of females (*6.3% compared to *2.5%).</li> </ul>
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmanian participation rate of 4.1%.</li> <li>Much higher participation rate for females (*7.2%) compared to males (*0.8%).</li> </ul>
Other Relevant Sports not ranked in Tasmanian Top 10	
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National participation rate of 4.2%. From the 2019 data Tasmania had a participation rate of 2.7% which is below the national average<sup>4</sup>.</li> <li>There has been a decline in national participation rate dropping from 4.7% in 2016.</li> </ul>

Australian Rules Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Participation rate is 2.7%. Ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in national participation rates. Comparatively 8,426 adult participants were registered to play in Tasmania in 2019. This equates to a participation rate of 1.6%<sup>3</sup>.</li> <li>In Tasmania 15.1% of all adult participants were female. Male participation rate is much higher at 84.9%.</li> <li>751 females were involved in AFL in 2016 which has grown to 3009 in 2019. This includes girls under 15.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasmania had a participation rate of 2.5%. The national participation rate was 2.7%.</li> <li>82.6% of participants were male and 17.4% female<sup>4</sup>. The national participation rates for adults were 88% male participation and 12% female participation<sup>5</sup>.</li> </ul>

\* Estimate has relative margin of error between 50% and 100% and should be used with caution

<sup>4</sup><sup>5</sup> The female/male ratio in Tasmania includes child participants so may be different when considering adults alone.

### Potential activities

AUSPLAY™ also investigates the top activities that people are considering undertaking in the next year. The top 10 activities that adults are considering undertaking are tabled below<sup>2</sup>. Of note, is indoor activities that have been growing in popularity for the last five years including fitness/gym, Yoga and Pilates. This table is based on national results.

Activity	% of population considering Involvement
Fitness/Gym	13.6
Swimming	12.0
Cycling	5.6
Yoga	5.6
Tennis	5.0
Running/Athletics	3.8
Football/soccer	3.6
Walking (recreational)	3.0
Golf	2.9
Pilates	2.7

<sup>1</sup> SPORTAUS. (2020). *AUSPLAY™ State and Territory Participation*.

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMzlmNjI0TYtYTViNC00MzUwLTk2OWMtZTEwMDIjZTBjYzI0IiwidCI6IjhkMmUwZjRjLTU1ZjltNGNiMS04ZWU3LWRhNWRkM2ZmMzYwMCJ9>

<sup>2</sup> SPORTAUS. (2020). *AUSPLAY™ National Results*.

<https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/research/smi/ausplay/results/national>

<sup>3</sup> AFL Tasmania (2020). *AFL Tasmania – Statewide Facilities Strategy DRAFT*.

<sup>4</sup> SPORTAUS. (2019). *AUSPLAY™ Tennis State of Play Report*.

[https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/821996/State\\_of\\_Play\\_Report\\_-\\_Tennis.pdf](https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/821996/State_of_Play_Report_-_Tennis.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> SPORTAUS. (2019). *AUSPLAY™ Cricket Report*.

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMmM0ZWVmMWQtZTljYS00ZDA4LTg1NGYtMmNhNGFkMDImZTdkliwidCI6IjhkMmUwZjRjLTU1ZjltNGNiMS04ZWU3LWRhNWRkM2ZmMzYwMCJ9>

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

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

Whilst the above barriers still hold, in 2013, the Australian Sports Commission in partnership with the CSIRO released two reports: Market Segmentation for Sport Participation - Adults aged 14-65 years and Market Segmentation for Sport Participation - Children aged 5-13 years. The research reported a range of barriers to participation including that Australians:

- are increasingly time poor, have limited budgets and are being inundated by new forms of entertainment
- have new preferences for greater flexibility, more tailored products and sport that works around peoples' busy lifestyles
- are increasingly favouring more flexible, non-organised forms of physical activity, such as running with headphones on and pursuing new adventure sports
- are developing new tastes as our population becomes more culturally diverse
- adolescents (in particular) are self-conscious and embarrassed by their lack of sporting ability.

## Management

Management for the precinct involves three committees established by Council: the Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee, Latrobe Youth Centre and the Latrobe Swimming Pool and the Education Department responsible for Latrobe High School grounds and facilities. The Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee, developed from recommendations in the 2011 development plan, has been an improved management system for the precinct. The committee comprises representatives from all user groups of the precinct except for those groups based at the Youth Centre, as they are represented by a member of the Youth Centre Committee.

Management structure moving forward involves the following considerations:

- Create an additional smaller committee that has responsibility for looking at strategic sport and recreation developments across all parts of the municipality and greater accountability for achievement of projects.
- Include a Latrobe Basketball Club representative on the current Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee.

- Disband the Youth Centre Committee following construction of the newly revamped facility and include representatives from the user clubs as part of the Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee.
- Continue regular communication with Latrobe High School regarding community use of school facilities.

## Existing Conditions

The condition of various elements and facilities at the Latrobe Recreation Area is described in the attached table. The condition report has been developed from visual inspections of the key assets and 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"> <li>▪ The pool centre includes two pools, the main pool is 25m x 10m and a toddler's pool which are heated by a state-of-the-art heat pump system.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ The pool is open from October to March each year.</li> </ul>
	Croquet Lawns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rectangular field formerly used for hockey and now used for croquet.</li> <li>▪ Field is fully fenced and has two lights.</li> <li>▪ Problem with surface drying out due to current watering method.</li> </ul>
	Cricket & Football Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cricket oval with a synthetic cricket pitch. Also used for some football training in winter.</li> <li>▪ Recent drainage and irrigation work are settling. Lights have been installed.</li> </ul>
	Cricket Nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two (2) practice cricket nets</li> </ul>
	Youth Centre / Sports Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stadium has one court which currently caters for basketball and badminton. Has the ability to cater for netball and volleyball. An additional meeting room is also available.</li> <li>▪ Squash courts (2) are used for racquetball twice a week.</li> </ul>
	Skate Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Simple concrete skate park and BBQ area</li> </ul>
Latrobe Recreation Ground	Sports Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Full size football / cricket oval with turf wicket and four (4) light towers, surrounded by a cycling track.</li> <li>▪ New drainage and irrigation</li> <li>▪ Improved lighting is desired.</li> </ul>
	Cycling Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surface is a base of concrete with plexipave – relatively poor condition – issues with joins in surface.</li> </ul>
	Tennis Courts (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plexipave surface &amp; four light towers</li> <li>▪ Courts in very poor condition with subsurface issues.</li> </ul>
	Wood Chopping Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Located in the south-east corner of the reserve. Stairs are unsafe and area has not been used for 11 years</li> </ul>
	Small Cricket Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Small ground with synthetic cricket pitch, located north of Picton Grange.</li> </ul>
	Cricket Nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Three (3) practice cricket nets including one (1) turf wicket.</li> </ul>
Latrobe High School	Sports Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open space area with informal oval (with synthetic cricket pitch) orientated north-west / south-east.</li> </ul>
	Soccer Pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Informal rectangular field with soccer goals at each end.</li> </ul>
	Open Space Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drained and level surface located in the south-west corner of the high school.</li> </ul>
	Tennis Courts (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sand filled artificial grass</li> </ul>
	Outdoor Basketball Court (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Asphalt surface.</li> </ul>
	Exercise equipment	

## Built Infrastructure

Perkins Park	Croquet Clubrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Building was constructed in the 1970s.</li> <li>▪ Facility includes a small meeting room, change rooms with 2 toilets and 1 shower and a small storeroom.</li> </ul>
	Sassafras Cricket Clubrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clubrooms with minor upgrade completed approximately 10 years ago.</li> </ul>
Latrobe Recreation Ground	Main Grandstand, Sports Pavilion, Band room and Latrobe Bicycle Race Club (LBRC) rooms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Main grandstand: area under grandstand includes 2 change room/toilet facilities, all abilities toilet, junior cricket facility including small kitchen, Caretaker office and storage space for ground equipment.</li> <li>▪ Sport pavilion includes clubrooms for cricket and football, commercial kitchen, social spaces for both sports and toilet amenities. Football club has office space and a memorabilia room.</li> <li>▪ Building housing the Latrobe Federal Band includes a senior and junior band room, trailer and canopy storage, instrument storage, cafeteria / small kitchen, toilets, additional space (for uniforms) and a storage shed currently used by grounds staff and the Latrobe Bicycle Club.</li> <li>▪ LBRC have two buildings – clubrooms and history room.</li> </ul>
	Tennis Club/Gym (old scout hall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shared building providing separate facilities for the Tennis Club and commercial gym.</li> </ul>
	Picton Grange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Centre includes indoor cricket nets (approximately 20 years old), a toilet and a room used by the gym for group classes.</li> </ul>

## Open Space and Linkages

Perkins Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perkins Park is well used for formalized sporting activities.</li> </ul>
Latrobe Recreation Ground		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>
Cemetery		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cemetery provides links and visual amenity.</li> </ul>
Bosworth Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's playground with toilet facilities and proposed dog exercise area and Jump and Pump park.</li> </ul>

## Traffic Management and Car Parking

Perkins Park	Access and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ George Street splits the precinct between the swimming pool and Youth Centre. Traffic calming measures outside the pool facility have occurred since the 2011 development plan.</li> <li>▪ Car parking is currently at capacity during peak times.</li> </ul>
Latrobe Recreation Ground	Access and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access and parking at numerous points throughout the ground. Peak times include NWFL grand Final and the annual Christmas Cycling/Athletic Carnival when the high school grounds are utilised for overflow car parking.</li> <li>▪ Lack of parking space is considered an ongoing issue.</li> <li>▪ Assessment work has been undertaken to remove the turning circle in Noone Street, make the street one way and continue it through to Last Street which would allow for additional parking in this area.</li> </ul>
Precinct - General	Parking and Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overflow parking is an issue for the precinct. On-street parking and overflow parking at Latrobe High School are commonly used solutions.</li> <li>▪ Signage is poor and very limited.</li> </ul>

## Key Users

Perkins Park:

User / Club	Membership Numbers / Participation Trends	Issues / Comments
Sassafras Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Member of Mersey Valley Cricket Association.</li><li>▪ 56 playing members, 29 social members</li><li>▪ 9 players in the U18 section</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A-grade cricket played on ground</li><li>▪ Club has plans to improve club room but project has not progressed for some years.</li></ul>
Latrobe Croquet Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 51 members</li><li>▪ Membership growing steadily and predicted future membership to be stable.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Club with assistance of Council are looking to apply for funding for irrigation system.</li></ul>
Latrobe Youth Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Latrobe Basketball Association</li><li>▪ Squash and Racquetball</li><li>▪ Badminton</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 255 players (135 junior and 120 senior – 50% females and 50% males) and 111 officials.</li><li>▪ Approximately 25 players on a weekly basis.</li><li>▪ Player numbers have remained stable.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Centre can also cater for volleyball and indoor netball (lines).</li><li>▪ Issues with flooring in basketball stadium and moisture in squash facilities. One court limits training and competition. Clubrooms are too small and are split level.</li><li>▪ No squash played for at least three years, but racquet ball played weekly.</li><li>▪ Centre aged, lots of wasted space, meeting space under-utilised and the Centre in need of significant upgrade</li></ul>
Latrobe Swimming Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Deepwater Swim School, School learn-to-swim program, Latrobe Swimming Club / Cradle Coast Aquatic, Port Sorell Surf Club, swimmers and general public.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pool management happy with recent work and current condition</li></ul>

Latrobe Recreation Ground:

User / Club	Membership Numbers / Participation Trends	Issues
Latrobe Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 200 players (124 junior and 76 senior), 50 social members and 12 Life members.</li> <li>▪ Approximately 70 female players</li> <li>▪ Increased membership over the past few years particularly due to female participation.</li> <li>▪ Predicted future increase in membership.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ageing facilities and size of clubrooms. Would like to extend rooms to encompass the grandstand area. Require a lift for disability access. Have had to carry people up the stairs.</li> <li>▪ Require upgrade to lighting for indoor nets.</li> <li>▪ Require additional change rooms due to increase in playing numbers</li> <li>▪ Good working relationship with the Football Club.</li> </ul>
Latrobe Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 245 playing members (133 juniors and 112 seniors) and 180 social members.</li> <li>▪ Approximately 65 female players</li> <li>▪ Approximately 90 Auskick participants and this number continues to increase.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Club uses Perkins Park for warm-up activities and junior grades.</li> <li>▪ Lights on main oval need upgrading both in terms of lux levels and energy efficiency.</li> <li>▪ Require additional change rooms. Would like upgraded clubrooms as clubrooms are tired and lacking adequate space especially for growth in junior members; unable to cater for all club members for a whole of club function. A high priority project for the Club</li> </ul>
Latrobe Tennis Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 65 members (42 adults and 23 juniors).</li> <li>▪ Junior ages 6-16.</li> <li>▪ Division 2 ladies team competes in the North West Mid-Week Pennant.</li> <li>▪ 3 teams competing in the North West Saturday competition – 1 x A Reserve team and 2 x B Grade teams. Hoping to add another B grade team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Very concerned with condition of court surface</li> <li>▪ Applying for funding for court resurfacing.</li> <li>▪ No change room facility within clubroom – members change in small kitchen area or need to use toilet facility in Picton Grange building.</li> </ul>
Fresh Fitness (commercial gym)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approximately 270 members for the Latrobe facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commercial enterprise</li> <li>▪ Approximately 130 members at Port Sorell site</li> <li>▪ Anticipates an increase of approximately 600 members if able to secure an extension to the Latrobe building to provide additional activities.</li> </ul>
Latrobe Federal Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 50 members (20 junior and 30 senior).</li> <li>▪ Band has been in operation since 1872.</li> <li>▪ Predicted future membership to be stable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facility needs a major upgrade or new facility</li> <li>▪ Band has exclusive use of the space</li> <li>▪ Junior band room has been upgraded (used as umpires' room on occasions)</li> </ul>
Latrobe Bicycle Race Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10 members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Annual event during Christmas period attracting 1500 people.</li> <li>▪ Track needs resurfacing to fix old surface and issue with joins in track</li> </ul>

## Existing Conditions Plan



## Revised Development Proposals

The following strategic developments were raised commonly by the sporting and community representatives as a priority for implementation:

PRIORITY # 1: Relocate the Federal Band to the Latrobe Memorial Hall.

PRIORITY # 2: Redevelop the Youth Centre to incorporate at least two indoor courts and ascertain the feasibility of incorporating space for other users including cricket and a commercial gym. Until this occurs, install temporary toilet/change facilities near the Sassafras Cricket clubrooms.

PRIORITY # 3: Develop additional change room facilities under the main grandstand at the Latrobe Recreation Ground.

PRIORITY # 4: Resurface the three tennis courts including extending the side run-off to bring courts in line with current standards.

PRIORITY # 5: Equal number of mentions were given to relocate the skate park and extend Noone Street through to Last Street, make it one way and remove the existing turning circle.

Along with the five priority projects listed above, consultation with sporting and community members has identified 18 other projects of significance that will also need to be analysed and costed for implementation. All projects and the rationale are detailed below under the relevant infrastructure category.

### Relocation of the Federal Band to the Latrobe Memorial Hall

The band has been in its current location for a considerable period having moved from the Druids Hall. Relocation of the band has been on the agenda since 2012 given that it is not a sporting organisation and the space could be better utilised for sporting organisations in the precinct. The band likes the current location, but the space is in very poor condition and requires significant work and funds to upgrade the facility. The band is not opposed to moving if the new location meets its basic requirements. Options that have been explored have been a new facility proposed for the south eastern corner of the Latrobe Recreation Ground, a move to Latrobe High school utilising the new music facility rooms but would require an additional facility to be added to the complex and a move to the Latrobe Memorial Hall which will require modifications and an extension to the southern end of the building.

Rationale and drivers for change: fit for purpose facility with capability to hold concerts; most cost-effective solution as cost to upgrade current facilities, build a new facility and add facilities on education department land would most likely be far greater than modifications to an existing facility in good condition and that contains many of the group's requirements; health and safety benefits due to state of current facility and accessible by group members at all times.

Redevelop the band room facility into separate storage spaces for precinct users. Northern end can be utilised as umpires' rooms if necessary.

## Development Proposals by Infrastructure Category

The following sections highlight the development priorities carried over from the 2011 Plan and 2017 addendum plus incorporate new priorities arising from changed sporting requirements, community needs and expectations, and/or health and safety needs. They include priority projects 2 - 5 as listed above and are organised alphabetically within the development categories.

### Sporting Infrastructure

- **Perkins Park - Croquet Lawns** - Install irrigation system for croquet lawns and construct sun shelters adjacent to the lawns to service the four playing areas.  
Rationale and drivers for change: improve the lawns for all year round use and reduce water wastage. Health and safety requirement to protect players and spectators from sun damage (and occasional rain) during summer playing season.
- **Perkins Park - Toilet/Change facilities** - Install temporary (relocatable) toilets/change facility behind Sassafras Cricket clubrooms whilst design work/ redevelopment of Youth Centre occurs.  
Rationale and drivers for change: reduces duplication of expensive facilities until needs are fully determined. In the event the Sassafras Cricket Club facilities and toilet/change facilities for Perkins Park do not form part of the new Youth Centre footprint, develop toilet/change facilities on either side of the current cricket clubrooms for general/public use. Clubroom redevelopment would be better served by multiple users.
- **Perkins Park - Youth Centre** - Redevelop/Extend Youth Centre to include a minimum of two indoor courts and refurbish all amenities. Consider relocating Sassafras cricket clubrooms into the Youth Centre redevelopment, with addition of training/warm-up area, amenities accessible from outdoors, clubrooms (x2) and viewing onto oval. Also consider development of space for a commercial gymnasium facility and relocating the squash courts to the Latrobe Recreation Ground. If the Sassafras Cricket Club can be accommodated into the redeveloped complex, convert existing cricket clubrooms to use by the Croquet club, storage and public toilets. Leave relocation/reorientation of practice cricket nets until planning and redevelopment of the Youth Centre is complete. Also consider renaming the new centre to better reflect use.  
Rationale and drivers for change: Current facility is dated, dysfunctional and contains underutilised spaces. Latrobe municipality needs a larger and more functional indoor space that can accommodate sporting, community, and possible commercial opportunities. This needs to be considered as the Latrobe Memorial Hall will be 'lost' as a major community facility to some degree with the move of the Latrobe Federal Band. There has been growth in basketball playing numbers and there is insufficient warm-up space for basketball, other indoor sports, and sport training activities. More efficient to centralise clubroom spaces and amenities into a single facility, rather than dilute efforts over multiple, stand-alone facilities. Some funding for design work and concept plans allocated in the 2020-2021 Council budget.
- **Recreation Ground - Bike Track** - 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. Work required while ongoing viability of the track and other options explored.

- **Recreation Ground - Change Room/Toilet facilities** - Create additional change-room and toilet improvements at Latrobe Recreation Ground under the main grandstand.  
Rationale and drivers for change: increasing numbers of female players, umpires, and officials. Inability to currently accommodate concurrent training/playing for all participants. It makes sense to provide additional changerooms/toilets in the one building where plumbing and space already exists. Consideration should be given to reconfiguration of the existing facilities at the same time to ensure the entire space under the grandstand will serve community needs well into the future. Reduces current safety risk of males and females inadvertently walking in on each other at inappropriate times. Funding available for design work and concept plans in the 2020-2021 Council budget
- **Recreation Ground - Clubrooms** - Develop designs for upgraded cricket/football clubrooms.  
Rationale and drivers for change: current facility is tired and dated but in reasonable condition. Consideration should be given to updating the facility with a focus on disability access, improved amenities, and shared function areas. Initial consideration of priorities should include installation of a lift, closing in/re-developing the grandstand and unisex amenities. Future re-development could consider shared function areas overlooking playing surfaces other amenities, club spaces and include provision for other sports including the Latrobe Bowls Club.
- **Recreation Ground - Cricket Nets** - Reorientate practice cricket nets at Latrobe Recreation Ground.  
Rationale and drivers for change: opportunity should be taken at time of change to Noone Street to reorientate the practice cricket nets and fix current installation issues. Council outdoor storage cage is not required resulting in more of the grassed area available for other uses.
- **Recreation Ground - Lighting** - Upgrade ground lighting for training and playing for current level of competition.  
Rationale and drivers for change: improve safety for players and improve playing experience for all sports using the field. Will reduce increasing maintenance costs. Ensure upgrade is pertinent for level of competition at the ground (not expected to change).
- **Recreation Ground - Storage** - Amalgamate grounds staff equipment into one storage location.  
Rationale and drivers for change: greater efficiency and frees up space for other uses.
- **Recreation Ground - Storage** - Develop storage facilities for clubs.  
Rationale and drivers for change: free up space in club room facilities that can be better utilised. This will occur once the Federal band has been relocated to the Latrobe Memorial Hall. Cheaper option for council in terms of upgrade required.
- **Recreation Ground - Tennis Clubrooms** - Upgrade and extend tennis clubrooms.  
Rationale and drivers for change: tennis participation is growing and with resurfacing of courts should lead to further growth. Current facilities are small and do not have an appropriate change facility. Recommendation is for removal of storage shed and extend facility north to end of gym if current arrangement continues or upgrade current 'scout

hall' to include two squash courts if relocated from Youth Centre and shared toilet/change facilities for tennis and squash.

- **Recreation Ground– Tennis Courts** - 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.

## Open Space and Community Recreation Infrastructure

- **Bosworth Park** - Continue planned redevelopment at Bosworth Park.

Rationale and drivers for change: Including Bosworth Park in sports precinct definition also builds connections between sports, recreation, play and fun.

- **Skate Park** - Relocate the skate park to Bosworth Park.

Rationale and drivers for change: Current location is relatively hidden and has attracted vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Current site a safety risk due to wayward cricket balls. Benefits will come from relocation to a more open area to attract more all-age use and relocation complements planned additional activities at Bosworth Park. Relocation eliminates risk of wayward ball injury from cricket training and matches.

## Landscape and Amenity

- **Access to Facilities** - Install a fob access system for all facilities

Rationale and drivers for change: trial of a fob access system has worked well and should be extended to include all Council facilities. Programming controlled by Council and reduces the cost of keys and having people no longer involved in clubs still having access to facilities. Consider a fob system on Latrobe High School toilet facilities near the gymnasium (in consultation with LHS) for use by sporting groups using the school oval.

- **Gilbert and Last Street Hedges** - Remove hedges along the boundaries of Latrobe Recreation Ground and replace with black chain fencing.

Rationale and drivers for change: improves the look of the complex, provides a visual connection between the two sporting areas on either side of Gilbert Street and reinforces the precinct concept.

- **Fencing** - Upgrade all fencing to black chain mesh on an as required basis

Rationale and drivers for change: Improves the look of the precinct and improves the connection between the sites.

- **Landscaping** - Improve landscaping throughout the precinct.

Rationale and drivers for change: Beautifies and improves the look of the precinct.

- **Signage** - Improve the provision of signage throughout the precinct, including standardised format for 'home of....' club identification signage and '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.

## Traffic Management and Car Parking

- **Noone Street** - remove turning circle, extend through to Last Street, one-way traffic direction (heading north), extend existing footpath and install car parking on both sides of roadway.

Rationale and drivers for change: provides more room for junior oval/training ground and provides opportunity for additional parking for precinct.
- **Parking Gilbert Street/Latrobe High School** - Formalise unsealed parking between trees along Gilbert Street between Bosworth Park and Latrobe High School.

Rationale and drivers for change: improves parking overflow for large events at main oval; encourage more use of recreational and sporting facilities within each area by simplifying access.
- **Recreation Ground Parking** - Remove the woodchopping arena and formalise car parking.

Rationale and drivers for change: facility has not been used for more than 11 years; stairs are unsafe and need replacing; building has little or no use for any other purpose; would provide much needed additional parking within the Latrobe Recreation Ground. Council could attach the historically significant 'George Foster' name to the space by use of a plaque or signage.
- **Recreation Ground Parking** - Alter fence line near the gym (old scout hall) and seal section east of the fence.

Rationale and drivers for change: creates additional formalised parking within the grounds; leaves space to the west available for an additional tennis court or expansion to the current commercial gym.
- **Recreation Ground Vehicle Track** - 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.

## Other Ideas to Develop the Precinct

The following ideas were raised during the consultations:

- **Access** - Standardise the process for booking and access to the facilities within the community and for outside groups. Consider an online system like the one used by Latrobe Basketball Association that is working well.
- **Latrobe Bowls Club** - The 2017 addendum briefly mentioned relocation of the Latrobe Bowls Club to the precinct. This idea was raised in the consultations undertaken for this update and so time was given to exploring where bowls rinks and clubroom facilities could

be included in the precinct should this be given serious consideration by the Bowls Club members and Latrobe Council in future years. It was determined that only one location existed that offered both the space and realistic financial outlay for required infrastructure. Significant funding for a relocation would need to be provided by the Latrobe Bowls Club following sale of their property. *Attachment 1* outlines the one and only possible location within the precinct and potential subsequent changes for the area.

- **General Precinct** – Improve the overall look of the precinct by removing the shipping containers from the recreation ground once storage has been provided for clubs. It was observed that Council and many of the clubs have old and excess equipment that is no longer used and should be disposed of thus helping to improve the overall look of the precinct and providing additional storage capacity
- **Swimming Pool** - Improve swimming pool utilisation by exploring ways to extend the swimming season.

## Potential Funding Sources for Development Proposals

- Government grants/ Election Funding
- Communities, Sport and Recreation (Department of Communities Tasmania) Grant Funding Programs
- Tennis Australia (hardcourt funding).
- AFL Tasmania Infrastructure Fund (Latrobe Recreation Ground Change rooms)
- Cricket Tasmania / Australia

# Updated Development Plan

## Sporting Infrastructure

- 1 Redevelop Youth Centre to include a minimum of two indoor courts and possible incorporation of additional clubrooms and gym.
- 2 Install temporary (relocatable) toilet/change facility
- 3 Create additional changerooms
- 4 Resurface tennis courts
- 5 Install irrigation system and construct shelters
- 6 Amalgamate grounds staff equipment into one storage location
- 7 Upgrade and extend tennis clubrooms
- 8 Develop Storage for clubs
- 9 Upgrade ground lighting
- 10 Annual bike track maintenance
- 11 Reorientate practice cricket nets
- 12 Explore designs for upgraded cricket/football clubroom

## Open Space and Recreation Infrastructure

- A Relocate skate park to Bosworth Park
- B Continue planned redevelopment at Bosworth Park

## Traffic Management and Car Parking

- 1 Noone Street - remove turning circle, one way traffic through to Last Street - parking installed both sides of roadway
- 2 Remove woodchopping arena and formalise carparking
- 3 Seal space for parking
- 4 Create parking once Youth Centre finalised
- 5 Formalise unsealed parking between trees
- 6 Improve vehicle track to match western sides



## Landscape and Amenity

- \* Install fob systems for all facilities
- 1 Improve signage
- 2 Remove the hedges along the boundaries of Latrobe Recreation Ground and replace with black chain mesh fence
- 3 Upgrade all other fencing to black chain mesh on an as required basis
- 4 Improve landscaping throughout the precinct

Maintain for soccer use

Maintain for B-Grade training and game use.

## Attachment 1: Possible location of Latrobe Bowls Club if relocated to Latrobe Recreation Precinct

- ① Location of Bowls Rinks
- ② Proposed extension to clubrooms to accommodate Bowls Club
- ③ Additional parking for Bowls Club
- ④ Formalise a junior cricket ground at Latrobe High School

