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1. Introduction

Latrobe Council has commissioned an update of the Latrobe Recreation Precinct Development Plan (LRPDP) to guide the future strategic development of the precinct, improve public access, and strengthen safe connections to sport and recreation for the whole community. The precinct encompasses the area bounded by Cotton, Stanley, Last and Bradshaw Streets, including Perkins Park and the Swimming Pool, Bosworth Park, the Recreation Ground, Latrobe High School, and the Latrobe Cemetery.

The precinct is already a well-established hub of community activity, featuring key assets such as the Youth Centre, Swim Centre, Perkins Park Clubrooms and grounds, Latrobe Croquet Club, Latrobe Recreation Ground and its associated facilities, Latrobe Tennis Club, a Commercial Gym, Bosworth Park, and surrounding open spaces and community infrastructure.

The LRPDP is typically reviewed on a five-year cycle to ensure it remains aligned with municipal growth, Council's broader strategic priorities and the evolving needs of the community.

2. Latrobe Recreation Precinct



3. Purpose of the Update

The objective of the LRPDP is to guide the ongoing transformation of the precinct into a fit-for-purpose, vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable hub for community sport and recreation. It is designed to cater to both current and future users by enhancing facility utilisation, accessibility, safety, and encourages the shared use of spaces.

The Plan prioritises strategic investment in new infrastructure, alongside the repurposing and adaptive re-use of existing assets, ensuring the precinct continues to respond effectively to changing community demands. It prioritises needs, wants and greater opportunities for collaboration between sports and organisations.

LRPDP will provide the following outcomes:

1. Updated Strategic Vision and Objectives

- a. Clear articulation of the future vision for the precinct aligned with council's strategic plans.
- b. Defined goals and objectives that reflect current community needs, demographic trends, and policy directions.

2. Needs and Gap Analysis

- a. Identification of current and future demand for sport and recreation facilities to serve the needs of Latrobe, and to a lesser extent the municipal and regional areas
- b. Assessment of existing facilities' usage, condition, and suitability
- c. Identification of service gaps, overlaps and opportunities for shared use

3. Land Use and Infrastructure Assessment

- a. Review of land capacity, zoning constraints, and existing infrastructure
- b. Assessment of access (pedestrian, cycling, public transport, parking) and connectivity within the precinct

4. Inclusive and Accessible Facility Planning

- a. Design guidelines that ensure facilities cater to all ages, abilities, genders, and cultural backgrounds.

5. Prioritised Infrastructure and Facility Improvements

- a. Clear, prioritised list of recommended upgrade areas, redevelopments or new facilities
- b. Focus of repurposing, reusing, upgrading of existing facilities
- c. Emphasis the sharing of facilities by user groups

6. Compliance with Relevant Strategies, Plans and Policies

- a. Alignment with local, regional, and state planning frameworks.
- b. Integration with broader council documents such as open space strategies, health and wellbeing plans, or urban growth strategies



4. Methodology

The LRPDP will deliver a comprehensive review and strategic assessment of all sport, recreation, and relevant non-sporting assets within the precinct. This includes evaluating the status and outcomes of the 2011 Development Plan and 2020 Update, alongside current and proposed infrastructure, environmental considerations, and key learnings. The scope incorporates analysis of Latrobe's demographic profile, and the current and projected participation trends across diverse community groups, supported by stakeholder engagement, user group consultation, and insights from the 2024 Customer Satisfaction Survey. Alignment with Council strategies, governance structures and broader planning frameworks will also be considered.

The LRPDP will assess all facilities and assets within the precinct, including condition, fitness for purpose, accessibility, safety, usage patterns, and maintenance requirements, as well as traffic and car parking considerations. This includes facilities not previously captured, and consideration of relevant standards for sporting codes such as AFL, cricket, and basketball. Opportunities to enhance the precinct will be identified, including shared use, increased utilisation, improved inclusivity, and the repurposing or upgrade of existing infrastructure.

The scope also includes a financial and funding analysis to support future implementation. This will consider Council budgets, external grant opportunities, and potential contributions from sporting bodies and partners, alongside revenue streams such as user fees, sponsorship, and advertising. The LRPDP will ultimately provide a prioritised, evidence-based framework to guide investment, funding applications and the staged delivery of improvements across the precinct.

The key communication intentions with the stakeholders are to capture the wants, needs, issues and future development opportunities for the precinct. A comprehensive contribution of this information will build a balanced and inclusive plan to guide the prioritisation and implementation of the identified actions. Without this valuable level of detail, the plan can be unfairly prioritised, therefore providing guidance for development that is not a true representation of the needs in the area.

The prioritisation of outstanding and new projects has been conducted in an unbiased manner across multiple departments from Latrobe Council Officers. Developing the projects was sourced from the connection of details from consultation, yet to be completed initiatives and Council's asset management responsibilities. Following the identified project levels, they were assessed against the following criteria:

Strategic Alignment	Alignment with Council, organisational or community strategic plans, master plans and long-term objectives.	35%
Asset Condition, Age and Risk	Whether the project addresses ageing infrastructure, compliance issues, safety risks or asset renewal priorities	35%
Community Need, Benefit and Usage Outcomes	The extent to which the project responds to demonstrated community demand, improves accessibility,	20%



	participation, wellbeing or quality of life. Ability to increase participation, attract new users, support population growth or improve facility utilisation and versatility.	
Stakeholder Support	Demonstrated support from clubs, community groups, residents, governing bodies or partner organisations.	10%

5. Related Publications

- Latrobe Council Strategic Plan 2020-2030
- Economic Development Strategy
- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Master Plan
- Open Space Master Plans
- Cycling and Shared Use Trails Plan
- Latrobe Town CBD Master Plan
- Latrobe Structure Plan
- Community Satisfaction Survey 2025

6. Facilities

As of March 2026, the Latrobe Recreation Precinct includes the following facilities and features:

1) Perkins Park	▪ Croquet Clubrooms and ground ▪ Cricket Oval with concrete pitch ▪ Perkins Park Clubrooms ▪ Outdoor Cricket Nets ▪ Youth Centre ○ Basketball court, also lined with Badminton ○ Squash courts ○ Boxing room ▪ Latrobe Swim Centre ○ Four-lane outdoor 25m pool ○ 30cm deep toddlers wading pool ▪ Skate Park
2) Latrobe Recreation Ground	▪ Recreation ground with clay natural turf wicket block ▪ Outdoor velodrome (cycling track) ▪ Sports Pavillion ○ Cricket and football clubrooms ▪ Junior Cricket ground with synthetic pitch ○ Outdoor Cricket nets ▪ Tennis Courts (x3) ○ Pickleball courts on same surface (x6) ▪ Tennis Clubrooms ▪ Picton Grange ○ Gym group fitness area ○ Indoor cricket nets



	○ Commercial Gym ▪ Main Grandstand ○ Changerooms underneath ▪ Grandstand ○ Band rooms underneath ▪ Scoreboard ▪ Hill Bar ▪ Baldock Memorial Gates
3) Bosworth Park	▪ Children's playground ▪ Fenced off-leash dog exercise area ▪ Pump track ▪ BBQ shelter and picnic area ▪ Public toilets
4) Latrobe High School	▪ Sports oval with concrete pitch ▪ Soccer field (full and half size) ▪ Tennis courts (x2) ▪ Gymnasium / Hall / Changerooms ▪ Outdoor Basketball courts (x2)
5) St Patricks Primary School	▪ Children's playground ▪ Outdoor basketball court
6) Latrobe Cemetery	▪ Passive open space

7. Operation and Management

The precinct is currently represented by two committees established by Latrobe Council: the Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee and the Latrobe Youth Centre Management Committee. These committees include representatives from the various clubs and user groups within the precinct, allowing broad stakeholder input into management and operations.

The Latrobe Swim Centre is managed separately under a contractual arrangement.

Future management arrangements for the precinct will be influenced by the extent of planned developments and the level of community access opportunities that arise following the delivery of these projects.

8. Access to School Facilities

The current Minister for Education, Jo Palmer, has committed to ensuring school facilities are more accessible to the wider community and ensuring upgraded sites are actively promoted for shared use⁽⁸⁾. This commitment ensures the facilities within Latrobe High School are valuable assets to this plan. It allows the Council to potentially use existing areas within the school grounds to consider the feasibility in any suggested duplications on Council land. Lease agreements are likely to have a financial implication, and consideration will be required as to how these obligations will be funded.

To access St Patrick's Primary School outside of hours, permission is required from the Principal or Catholic Education Tasmania.



9. Demographics

The Australian Census 2021 recorded a population in the Latrobe Local Government Area (LGA) as 12,420, increasing from 10,699 in 2016. With residential development opportunities continuing in the LGA, it is expected that the population will continue to grow to an estimated 16,953 by 2046. ⁽²⁾

(1)

	Latrobe LGA	Tasmania	Australia
Population	12,420	557,569	25,422,789
Male	48.7%	49.1%	49.3%
Female	51.3%	50.9%	50.7%
Median Age	49	42	38
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	788	30,186	812,728

Latrobe LGA has a median age of 49 and this should be considered in the process of developing the Latrobe Recreation Precinct. The following table provides a summary of the age profile of Latrobe LGA, Tasmania and Australia.

(1)

Age	Latrobe (Tas.)	%Latrobe (Tas.)	Tasmania	%Tasmania	Australia	%Australia
All people						
0-4 years	566	4.6	28,277	5.1	1,463,817	5.8
5-14 years	1358	11	64,362	11.6	3,174,189	12.4
15-24 years	1169	9.4	61,089	11	3,037,351	11.9
25-34 years	1269	10.2	76,664	13.7	3,624,761	14.3
35-44 years	1243	10	65,954	11.7	3,487,665	13.7
45-54 years	1582	12.7	69,204	12.5	3,246,907	12.7
55-64 years	1842	14.8	75,388	13.5	3,010,008	11.9
65+	3,391	27.3	116,634	20.9	4,378,088	17.3



10. Sport, Exercise and Recreation Participation

The data in the following tables represent the level of participation in sport, exercise and recreation for Tasmania from July 2024 - June 2025 in accordance with data provided via AusPlay surveying.

(3)

Age Group	%Once a year	%Once a week	%Three times a week
0-4	42.5%	-	-
5-8	83.2%	-	-
9-11	86.3%	-	-
12-14	87.1%	-	-
15-17	71.6%	64.5%	40.5%
18-24	86.3%	69.5%	49.8%
25-34	92.8%	72.9%	56.3%
35-44	85.9%	66.3%	52.4%
45-54	88.8%	64.1%	48.1%
55-64	88.4%	74.1%	56.7%
65+	78.7%	67.9%	53.4%

(3)

Adults (15 Years +)		Youth (0-14 Years)	
Activity	%Participation Rate	Activity	%Participation Rate
Walking (Recreational)	52.9%	Swimming	21.1%
Fitness/Gym	29.9%	Football/soccer	15.5%
Bush walking	26.5%	Gymnastics	13.0%
Running/jogging	17.8%	Australian football	9.2%
Swimming	14.8%	Basketball	8.5%
Cycling	9.2%	Athletics, track and field	7.4%
Yoga	5.0%	Dancing (recreational)	5.5%
Golf	4.9%	Netball	4.4%
Football/soccer	3.8%	Running/jogging	3.6%
Tennis	3.7%	Cricket	3.7%

This data shows a variance in the top ten sport and recreation activities youth and adults participate in. It shows a likely correlation of school physical education programs and local roster offerings for youth.

These statistics can be used to help guide the development of the precinct; however, it should be noted that the level of participation is likely related to the facilities and infrastructure already offered within the State. Therefore, it is expected that investment into a particular growth sport and recreation facility would most likely result in an increase of participation in that sport.



11. Participation Barriers

Understanding the barriers to participation in physical activity is important when planning and assessing facilities and services.

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)⁽⁴⁾ reported the following barriers to participation identified:

- **Time:** Australian families are increasingly busy and search for convenience.
- **Cost:** Significant investment associated with sports, often becoming a major barrier for Australian families
- **Access:** Location of activity, lack of infrastructure and transport availability, and building accessibility
- **Enjoyment:** Preference of fun and fitness with less competitive activities
- **Self-esteem:** Lack of confidence in ability, pressure of team result, poor body image
- **Risk:** Fear of injury, child safety concerns, safety of facilities and equipment
- **Awareness:** Lack of knowledge of offerings, facilities or may have a poor association with a sport or brand
- **Environment:** Inaccessible infrastructure, unwelcoming environments, poor venue conditions and poor safety
- **Delivery:** Poor designed sessions, products or services

Strategies can be implemented to help minimise and address the impact of these barriers during the initiation of the identified development projects, likely enabling greater participation in recreational activities within the precinct.

Barriers identified from the community consultation phase were in line with the data sourced from AIS. Additional barriers found throughout this phase included facilities are no longer fit for purpose, or considered outdated, the sports on offer within the precinct, and the age and health of community members.

12. Consultation

Consultation is a vital part of the success of this development plan. It creates the foundation of community insight, offering lived experience to gauge the needs and desires for the precinct. Although not all stakeholders provided input, the information collected addresses all relevant areas within the precinct and forms a good basis for the major projects within this plan.

Consultation was conducted with three key components:



12.1 Primary Key Stakeholder Interviews

Primary Key Stakeholder Interviews were conducted with individual clubs and organisations, and Council Officers to capture relevant participation, operation, improvement ideas and issues. The individuality of this allowed the groups to speak freely and provide an unbiased voice to help capture information and details directly.

12.2 Committee Meeting Consultation

Council called for both relevant Council Committees to meet and cover the listed improvement ideas as a collective from the stakeholder interviews. This allowed for a collaborative discussion regarding different items proposed for the areas within the precinct and created an informal assessment on the feasibility of some changes.

12.3 Public Community Survey

An online Public Community Survey was open for responses for four weeks in May 2026 and received a total of 93 submissions. This information helped guide the prioritisation of projects and allowed for a broader perspective of both minor and major suggestions for changes in the precinct. This survey relied on proactivity to submit individual ideas and opportunities for the precinct.

13. Stakeholders

The key stakeholders for the LRPDP are:

- Latrobe Council
- Latrobe Basketball Association
- Latrobe Squash Club
- Latrobe Youth Centre Management Committee
- Latrobe Swim Centre Management
- Sassafras Cricket Club
- Latrobe Croquet Club
- Latrobe Cricket Club
- Latrobe Football Club
- Latrobe Tennis Club
- Latrobe Federal Band
- Latrobe Sport and Recreation Committee
- Fresh Fitness Co
- Latrobe High School
- St Patricks Catholic Primary School
- Latrobe Bowls Club
- Latrobe Boxing Club
- Latrobe Pickleball Club
- Department for Education, Child and Young People
- Pickleball Tasmania
- AFL Tasmania
- Cricket Tasmania
- Latrobe Community
- Woodchopping Festival



14. Primary Key Stakeholder Feedback

Group Name	Participation*	Improvement Ideas
Croquet Club	53	- Shelter installation for ground, and additional shelters connecting to clubroom - Security cameras and lighting - Clubroom kitchen upgrade - Bathroom renovation - Indoor function area
Sassafras Cricket Club	112	- Fencing off existing undercover area - Installation of playground area where old nets were - Car parking improvements - Bathroom renovation - Transportable ablution block - Fob access control system for after-hours use managed by Council - Bar extension
Latrobe Football Club	350	- Clubroom toilet and kitchen renovation - Remaining grandstand renovation - Removal of bike track around the recreation ground - Expansion of clubrooms - Larger function area - Increased storage capacity - Removal of hedges for goal post nets - Pre-season training facility
Latrobe Tennis / Pickleball Club	12/30	- LED lighting towers - Wind prevention - Roof structure for weather durability over the courts / fully enclose the courts / indoor multi-court facility - Clubroom extension to provide bathrooms - Concreting under cover area (replace pavers)
Badminton Club	15	- Change room renovation - Centre renovation - New and second court - Court line marking increase visibility - Condensation / moisture problems in the stadium - Lighting upgrade
Latrobe Cricket Club	150	- Neighbouring grandstand improvements - Kitchen upgrades - Ground lighting upgrades - Secondary ground - Pitch replacement on Junior ground - Sponsor signage - CCTV - Hill deck with changerooms, kitchen and bar underneath - Clubroom accessibility – elevator / ramp - Wi-Fi connectivity for scoreboard - Car parking improvements and speed limitations - Reorientation of outdoor nets



		Storage capacity increase
Latrobe Bowls Club	118	- Carpark expansions - Signage for recreational promotion - Multi-use facility that is open all the time
Latrobe Boxing Club	40	- Accessibility to building and individual rooms - Purpose built boxing room and functional fitness area
Latrobe Basketball Association	200	- Improvements to change rooms - Seating upgrades for back support - Disabled viewing areas - Canteen upgrades - Storage facilities - Meeting rooms - Facility redevelopment to create a second court
Latrobe Federal Band	60	- Car parking and access to the band rooms - Pedestrian crossing over Gilbert Street - Fob access control system - Exterior security lighting - Town signage for promotion - Minor maintenance requests
Fresh Fitness Co	350	- Building extension to allow for reformer Pilates, recovery, athletes/elites training space - Car park expansion - Boxing relocation

*Participation refers to the general collation of members, participants, players and social members of each individual club/organisation.

15. Public Community Survey Feedback

Perkins Park Facilities

- Renovation and expansion to the clubrooms to accommodate membership growth
- Addition of female change rooms at Perkins Park
- Larger facility to accommodate membership growth
- Higher security of facilities
- Disability compliant facilities
- Larger kitchen
- Public amenities near the skate park
- Indoor / Outdoor bowls club relocated to the current Croquet Club.
- Explore the return of the Hockey field
- Upgrade to the clubrooms where Croquet holds a lease

Latrobe Recreation Ground

- Better cricket nets and club for Latrobe cricket the
- Back junior cricket grounds need revamping
- Extra alternative ground for training and games when football and cricket overlap
- Better lighting, especially in winter, and across all grounds
- Better drainage
- Removal of the velodrome
- Removal of the cement and railing
- Goal post nets
- Larger area for functions, larger bar and larger history
- Accessibility improvements to facilities, review of the stairs
- Canteen upgrades



▪ Accessibility toilet upstairs ▪ Sealed road around the recreation ground ▪ Kitchen upgrade ▪ Improved practice wickets ▪ Athletics Track
Tennis / Pickleball Courts ▪ Viewing stands to the side and rear of the tennis courts
Gym Facilities ▪ More gym services ▪ Modernised gym facilities ▪ Family friendly gym ▪ Larger gym
Youth Centre ▪ Modern renovation of basketball stadium ▪ A space for pursuits such as, Pilates, yoga, tai chi, Yoga and meditation room ▪ Inclusion of a community gym within the facility ▪ Second basketball court to enhance basketball use but offer an area for multi-use: tennis, netball, table tennis, pickleball. ▪ Changeroom renovations ▪ Increase storages ▪ Viewing area over the basketball court ▪ Tidy up of the skate park with seating and BBQs in this area ▪ Rock climbing / bouldering facility ▪ Outdoor double basketball courts ▪ Relocate the skate park to Bosworth Park ▪ A facility that encompasses nearby sporting clubs including Sassafras Cricket Club, Croquet Club, enhance spaces for the Boxing Club and the Squash/Racquet Ball Club ▪ Addition of a sauna inside the Youth Centre ▪ Water bottle filling stations ▪ Shooting rooms for individual shooting practise while courts are utilised by teams ▪ Trampolining centre ▪ Fun indoor play centre for all ages ▪ Extend skate park ▪ Accessibility viewing areas ▪ Revamp the seating stand. ▪ Pole dancing
Swim Centre ▪ More shaded areas ▪ More seating for spectator ▪ Indoor facilities: 25m 8 lane pool, hydrotherapy pool, 17m LTS pool, 50m pool ▪ Interactive water-play equipment ▪ Indoor pool to use all year round ▪ Outdoor Splash pad for summer use. ▪ A bigger pool to swim laps ▪ Wider range of food at the kiosk ▪ Waterslide
Bosworth Park ▪ Larger bike track / park ▪ All ages equipment ▪ Pretend play area such as roads with traffic lights and signs ▪ Dirt jumps lines for bikes ▪ More shade



▪ Smaller toddler equipment lower to the ground ▪ A basketball hoop ▪ Skate Park ▪ All abilities, accessible, playground ▪ Maybe an outdoor golf driving range practice area. ▪ Mountain bike skills park next to pump track ▪ Flat learn to ride area for young children ▪ Lighting
Overall ▪ Soccer pitch ▪ Concrete multi-purpose court ▪ Outdoor basketball courts ▪ A bike track or loop around the perimeter ▪ A sensory-style walking area ▪ More trees, greenery and shaded spaces ▪ Nature play areas ▪ Space for food vans/pop-up vendors and community music evenings ▪ Blue Tree Project ▪ More storage facilities for the sporting clubs
Traffic Management ▪ Open Noone Street for traffic flow and formal parking pays ▪ Parking bays and drop off/collection points on Bradshaw Street ▪ Formal parking bays on Percival Street ▪ Parking along Gilbert Street surrounding the High School grounds

16.Environmental Sustainability

Council is committed to encourage land use and development strategies which create a connected, sustainable, and accessible community. Council is striving to improve liveability, health and the quality of life of our residents through a range of recreational opportunities and quality open spaces.⁽⁵⁾

Identifying opportunities for repurposing materials, consolidating and maximising facility usage, and delivering asset improvements that directly reduce waste, lower emissions, and improve long-term operational efficiency, is an important concept for consideration across projects created in-line with this Development Plan.

Items for consideration for the precinct include:

- Solar system installations for energy efficiency
- Repurposing relocatable structures across the precinct (i.e. shade structures)
- Installation of sensor lighting inside facilities
- Safe pedestrian access ways and crossings to reduce the use of vehicles
- Salvaging and repurposing suitable construction materials, where safe and practical to do so
- Installing recycled outdoor furniture (i.e. seating, bollards)
- Installation of LED sport lighting and pathway lighting



- Ensure procurement activities for projects reflect requests and requirement of alignment with sustainable practices for contractors

17. Improved Access

17.1 Child and Youth Safety

Council cares about the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and are working towards full compliance with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 and are committed to creating environments where children feel safe, supported and heard.

Council encourage everyone in our community to adopt a “see something, say something” approach. This applies across all Council-owned and managed spaces. For this Development Plan update, a ‘facility’ means any Council-owned, managed, leased, or controlled building, reserve, open space, or venue where activities, programs or events take place.

Statement of Commitment

- We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people while enabling participation as valued community members of the community.
- We have zero tolerance to child abuse and harm. Our people are obliged to prioritise the safety of the children they interact with in the performance of their role and to report conduct of concern.
- We recognise the importance of child safety in the provision of quality community services. All children who attend services, programs, events and community spaces (including online environments) that are delivered, owned, contracted or managed by Council, have the right to feel safe, be safe, and be heard.
- We recognise our legal and moral responsibilities in keeping children and young people safe and have robust policies and procedures in place to meet this commitment that are aligned with the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.
- We want children to thrive, be safe, happy, and empowered. We are dedicated to ensuring their views are listened to and respected, and they are given the opportunities to contribute to how we plan and deliver our services that affect them.
- We are committed to being a Child Safe Organisation.

Working Together

For this Development Plan update, Council will work collaboratively with leaseholders, clubs, user groups, and community organisations to ensure that sport and recreation activities align with our Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.



Managing Safety Risks

Council is committed to identifying and managing child safety risks across its facilities. This includes undertaking child and youth safe risk assessments across council owned facilities to identify potential risks and put appropriate controls in place. These assessments will be reviewed in line with Council's procedure, including when:

- Laws or standards change
- A facility or how it is used changes
- New risks or issues are identified.

This approach ensures our facilities continue to improve and align with the Child and Youth Safe Framework.

What this means in Practice

We want children and young people to feel confident that Council spaces are safe and supportive. This includes:

- Clear, welcoming, and inclusive signage that promotes child safety
- Easy to find information on how to raise concerns
- Creating environments where children and young people feel comfortable to speak up.

17.2 Accessibility

There are 5.5 million people (21.4% of the population) living with disability in Australia⁽⁶⁾. 75% of these people want to participate in sport but feel there are limited opportunities⁽⁷⁾. It is important for future development to include design principles to improve equitable access to sport and recreational activities, while supporting increased participation and social inclusion. Where possible, new and upgraded infrastructure, including facilities for spectating, should exceed minimum compliance standards to create a precinct that is safe, comfortable and easy to navigate for all users.

Undertaking an Access Audit across existing recreation facilities will provide Council with a clear understanding of current accessibility compliance requirements and identify opportunities for improvement. The findings can then be used to help guide prioritisation of future upgrade projects and guide investment decisions to ensure facilities become progressively more inclusive over time.

Improved accessibility will strengthen opportunities for participation in sport and recreation across the municipality, allowing for inclusive groups to become new users, supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged community members through sport and social connection.



17.3 Work Health and Safety

The development of recreational public facilities must be compliant with the relevant Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation and associated Regulations and Codes of Practice.

WHS obligations require that risks to workers, contractors, volunteers, and members of the public are systematically identified, assessed, and eliminated or minimised so far as is reasonably practicable. This includes ensuring that design choices consider safe access and egress, safe maintenance practices, appropriate separation of public and construction zones during works, and the selection of materials and infrastructure that reduce long-term operational risk. Clear documentation, including risk assessments, safety management plans, and maintenance schedules, must be established and retained to demonstrate compliance and support ongoing safety assurance throughout planning, construction and commissioning of facility development.

Ultimately, integrating WHS principles into the development of recreational public facilities is essential not only for legal compliance, but for ensuring that these community assets are safe, accessible, and sustainable for long-term public use.

18. Funding Sources

Possible funding sources for the Development Plan Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Latrobe Council Capital Works and Operating Program
- Local Club and Stakeholder Contributions
- State Government programs (including Active Tasmania, Department of State Growth initiatives, Infrastructure Tasmania programs, and sector-specific grants)
- Commonwealth Government funding programs (including Financial Assistance Grants, infrastructure, and regional development programs)
- Election Commitments and ad-hoc budget announcements



19. Previous Development Plan Achievements

2011 Plan – four actions complete of 19.
▪ Drainage and irrigation work at Latrobe Recreation Ground
▪ Upgrading of main oval lighting
▪ Installation of a skate park new Youth Centre (different location to initial plan)
▪ Traffic control measures and parking in front of swimming pool
2017 Update – six actions complete of 18.
▪ 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, public toilets, dog park and pump track
▪ Redevelopment of the Hill Bar
▪ Installation of a concrete pathway from Sassafras Cricket clubrooms connecting to Gilbert Street
The following project is no longer relevant:
▪ Softball is no longer played at Latrobe and is not considered as an emerging sport
2020 Update – eight actions complete of 23.
▪ Develop additional change room facilities under the main grandstand at the Latrobe Recreation Ground
▪ Resurface the three tennis courts including extending the side run-off, to bring courts in line with current standards
▪ Install irrigation for croquet lawns and construct sun shelters adjacent to the lawns
▪ Create additional changeroom and toilet improvements at the Latrobe Recreation Ground under the main grandstand
▪ Upgrade ground lighting for training and playing at the Recreation Ground (election commitment in progress)
▪ Amalgamate grounds staff equipment into one storage location (except for the roller)
▪ Resurface the three tennis courts
▪ Install a fob system for all facilities (partially complete – Youth Centre)
▪ Alter fence line near the gym and seal section east of the fence



20. Outstanding Strategic Actions

20.1 Perkins Park

- Install temporary (relocatable) toilets/change facility behind Perkins Park clubrooms
- Redevelop/Extend Youth Centre to include a minimum of two indoor courts and refurbish all amenities. Relocate Sassafras Cricket Club to the Youth Centre. Develop space for a commercial gymnasium facility and relocate the Squash Courts to the Latrobe Recreation Ground
 - If the Sassafras Cricket Club can be accommodated into the Youth Centre, convert existing Perkins Park clubrooms to use by the Croquet club, storage and public toilets

20.2 Recreation Ground

- Develop designs for upgraded cricket/football clubrooms
- Reorientate practice cricket nets at Latrobe Recreation Ground.
- Develop storage facilities for clubs
- Upgrade and extend tennis clubrooms
- Remove hedges along the boundaries of Latrobe Recreation Ground and replace with black chain fencing
- Implement annual maintenance of velodrome

20.3 Bosworth Park

- Continue planned redevelopment at Bosworth Park
- Relocate the skate park to Bosworth Park (action item in Open Spaces Masterplan, not represented in concept diagram)

20.4 Landscaping

- Upgrade all fencing to black chain mesh on an as required basis
- Improve landscaping throughout the precinct
- Improve the provision of signage throughout the precinct

20.5 Traffic Management

- 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
- Parking Gilbert Street / Latrobe High School - Formalise unsealed parking between trees along Gilbert Street between Bosworth Park and Latrobe High School
- Recreation Ground Parking – Formalise car parking in place of the previous woodchopping arena
- Recreation Ground Vehicle Track - Improve surface of vehicle track around stadium on eastern end (to match quality of western surface)



21. New Identified Projects

21.1 Perkins Park

- Playground area in place of previous outdoor nets
- Fencing off Perkins Park Club rooms undercover area
- Fob access control system
- Reconfiguration of licensed bar area

21.2 Recreation Ground

- Renovation of football / cricket clubroom toilets
- Renovation of kitchens
- Renovation of remaining grandstand areas
- Renovation of seating
- Large function centre with cafeteria and restaurant
- Extension of football / cricket clubrooms
- Accessibility elevator / ramp for the second storey clubrooms
- Hill deck for viewing with kitchen, bar and changerooms underneath

21.3 Picton Grange

- Fitness facility expansion to encompass a larger tennis clubroom, bathroom facilities and undercover elevated seating and fit-for-purpose boxing room. Addition of reformer Pilates studio, recovery spaces, athletes/elites' performance training area
- LED lighting for outdoor tennis / pickleball courts
- Roof structure over outdoor tennis / pickleball courts

21.4 Latrobe High School

- Council to explore a lease arrangement with Department for Education, Children and Young People to gain and maintain community access for the Latrobe High School Oval. Creating an alternative training, pre-season and game ground for Cricket and Football.

21.5 Latrobe Swim Centre

- Enclosing the swimming pool to allow for yearly swimming access

21.6 Latrobe Youth Centre

- Storage capacity improvements
- Male and female referee changerooms
- Changeroom renovations to improve aesthetic, functionality and accessibility

21.7 Landscaping

- Community symbolism projects: The Blue Tree Project

21.8 Traffic Management

- Pedestrian crossing for Gilbert Street to connect two spaces of the Precinct
- Car parking review as a whole



22. Priority Project Areas

To develop the prioritisation of project areas, Council hosted a Key Stakeholder Workshop in June 2026. This workshop enabled participants to review, rank and assess all improvement ideas suggested from the stakeholders, community and Council for the entire precinct. Using this method, the stakeholders were able to provide their interpretation, assessment and justification collaboratively, taking ownership of building a crucial component of this Plan.

The Key Stakeholder Workshop included representatives from Latrobe Council, Latrobe Basketball Association, Badminton Club, Latrobe Cricket Club, Latrobe Football Club, Latrobe Federal Band, Latrobe High School, Latrobe Swimming Club and Sassafras Cricket Club.

The contribution provided a vital ranking of priority project areas, enabling an average weighting to be applied and resulting in the final prioritisation list of project areas:

- 1. Youth Centre Redevelopment**
- 2. Cricket Club / Football Club Renovation**
- 3. Removal / Relocation of the Skate Park**
- 4. Perkins Park Clubrooms Expansion**
- 5. Renovation of Main Grandstands**
- 6. Indoor Swimming Pool**
- 7. Gym Facility Renovation and Expansion**



23. Stakeholder and Council Officer Prioritisation

	Council	Basketball / Badminton	Cricket Club / Football Club	Federal Band / High School	Swim Centre	Sassafras Cricket Club
Priority Project 1	Redevelopment of the Youth Centre	Redevelopment of the Youth Centre	Redevelopment of the Youth Centre	Access and promotion for existing clubs and programs	Indoor Pool	Sassafras clubroom expansion or inclusion into Youth Centre redevelopment
Priority Project 2	Major renovations of the 2x older grandstands	Indoor Pool	Renovation of the existing Cricket Club rooms to allow for greater accessibility with a larger function centre underneath	Removal of bike track, expansion of club rooms (including potential shared space with cricket club), upgrade of the back footy / cricket ground	Redevelopment of the Youth Centre	Redevelopment of the Youth Centre
Priority Project 3	Relocate/remove the Skate Park from the rear of the Youth Centre	Remove Skate Park	Sassafras clubroom expansion or inclusion into Youth Centre redevelopment	Redevelopment of the Youth Centre	Renovation of the existing Cricket Club rooms to allow for greater accessibility with a larger function centre underneath	
Priority Project 4	Renovation of the existing Cricket Club rooms to allow for greater accessibility with a larger function centre underneath	Parking Gilbert Street / Latrobe High School – Formalise unsealed parking between trees along Gilbert Street between Bosworth Park and Latrobe High School	Indoor Pool	Renovated gym facility to create more active program offerings, and encompass tennis amenities		
Priority Project 5	Combination of the Croquet Club and Sassafras Cricket Club	Sassafras clubroom expansion or inclusion into Youth Centre redevelopment	Collaboration for The Blue Tree Project within the precinct.			
Priority Project 6	Extension and renewal of the existing gym building to allow for a larger gym and more suitable amenities for Tennis					
Priority Project 7	Development of an indoor swimming facility with existing pool assets					

A capital budget of \$145,200 has been committed for the 2026/27 financial year to design and plan the developments across the priority project areas.



24. Development Strategic Actions

The following table of Development Strategic Actions outlines the improvement projects of both small and large sizes, to be completed across the life of this plan to meet asset requirements, community demand and align with Council's Annual Plans and Strategic Plan.

Area	Improvement Projects
Youth Centre	▪ Redevelop the Youth Centre through a staged redevelopment or a new integrated facility, including the addition of a second indoor court, upgraded existing courts, modernised changerooms (including referee and all-access facilities), improved grandstands, meeting and function rooms, expanded storage, canteen/kitchen upgrades, first aid facilities, and flexible multipurpose spaces to enhance functionality, supporting basketball, pickleball, badminton, netball, volleyball, boxing, bouldering/indoor rock climbing and other indoor sports, including warm-up areas, shooting/training rooms, improved court layouts and line marking, and increased programming opportunities. ▪ Improve accessibility, compliance and spectator amenities, including wheelchair access throughout the precinct, accessible grandstands and viewing areas, enhanced seating, upgraded visitor amenities, water refill stations, soundproofing, painting and general facility improvements. ▪ Investigate complementary precinct improvements, including integrating boxing facilities within the redevelopment, accommodating the Sassafras Cricket Club within the Youth Centre where practical, expanding the building towards Gilbert Street, and investigating the closure of George Street to facilitate a larger and more functional car park. ▪ Relocate the existing skate park to Bosworth Park (or another suitable location) or remove it from the Latrobe Recreation Precinct if relocation is not feasible. Promote a more family-friendly environment and support the Youth Centre redevelopment. Timing should align with the redevelopment project where practical or occur earlier if required due to asset condition. ▪ Renovation to the existing changerooms to improve functionality, hygiene and child safety. ▪ Explore the inclusion of Sassafras Cricket Club within the Youth Centre building, and practicality of expanding in the direction towards Gilbert Street.
Football / Cricket Clubrooms	▪ Redevelop and modernise clubroom facilities to better support current and future sporting needs, including upgraded amenities, kitchens, canteens, storage, changerooms, and shared-use spaces that improve functionality and operational efficiency. ▪ Develop a larger multi-purpose function facility incorporating flexible meeting and event spaces, expanded bar and hospitality areas, and opportunities for café or restaurant-style operations to support increased community use and sporting events.



Area	Improvement Projects
	▪ Improve accessibility and inclusion across the facilities through upgrades to the second floor including ramps, lift access, safer stairways, accessible toilets, improved viewing areas, and facilities that meet contemporary accessibility standards. ▪ Explore spectator and event amenities through the development of elevated viewing areas/hill decks with integrated kitchen, bar and supporting facilities, while maintaining vehicle access and improving the overall experience. ▪ Undertake priority renewal works to ageing infrastructure including renovation of existing clubrooms, addressing asset condition issues, improving safety, and ensuring facilities are fit-for-purpose for long-term community and sporting use.
Perkins Park	▪ Redevelop and expand the clubroom facilities through either an extension or new building to provide a larger, modern, fit-for-purpose community facility supporting sporting clubs, functions, meetings and wider community use. This should include upgraded kitchen facilities, improved bar layout and functionality, increased storage, and additional indoor spaces where required, for shared use across Perkins Park. ▪ Upgrade changerooms and amenities to provide contemporary, accessible and DDA-compliant facilities, including multiple female changerooms, accessible toilets and showers, reconfigured male amenities, new referee/change facilities where appropriate. ▪ Improve site accessibility, safety and security through the installation of secure fencing and gated access to the undercover areas. ▪ Enhance external infrastructure including installation or relocation of player and spectator shelters around grounds, weather protection and concreting between buildings, and sealing of the rear car park. ▪ Investigate future precinct opportunities, including indoor or undercover facilities for bowls and croquet, site reconfiguration to accommodate changing sporting needs (including the potential return of hockey).
Recreation Ground	▪ Upgrade sporting infrastructure and playing surfaces through improved drainage, turf quality, ground lighting, and maintenance upgrades across the main and secondary grounds to support training, competition and community use. ▪ Enhance cricket facilities through upgrades to the junior cricket ground, practice wickets and training areas, including reconfiguration of cricket nets and investigation of site and access changes to improve functionality. ▪ Increase football training capacity through the development of a dedicated summer training facility, including investigation of a shared-use arrangement with Latrobe High School and Council, with installation of AFL goal posts as supplied by AFL Tasmania. ▪ Improve ground functionality, safety and accessibility through renewal of fencing and drainage, removal of redundant structures, railings and obstructions, installation of goal post netting, and improvements to pedestrian movement and operational efficiency. ▪ Undertake a condition and safety assessment of the existing bicycle racing track, including surface deterioration, joint movement, user safety risks and future maintenance requirements. In consultation with stakeholders and user groups, investigate the long-term future of the facility, including retention, renewal, re-purposing or removal. Should removal be



Area	Improvement Projects
	supported, seek external funding opportunities to facilitate removal of the track and associated infrastructure and improve the functionality, safety and accessibility of the Recreation Ground. Renew ageing spectator and supporting infrastructure through major refurbishment of the older grandstands to address safety concerns, water ingress and asset condition, replacement of seating around the recreation ground, and completion of outstanding rectification works.
Swim Centre	- Redevelop the Latrobe Swim Centre into a year-round regional facility through the development of an indoor aquatic centre that incorporates existing pool assets where practical, enabling all-weather operation, increased public accessibility and extended opening hours. - Enhance family recreation opportunities through the inclusion of water play attractions such as waterslides, interactive splash play areas and a water park. - Improve visitor amenity and customer experience through increased shade, seating, expanded canteen facilities, upgraded supporting amenities and ongoing improvements to customer service and overall patron experience.
Picton Grange	- Expand the commercial gym building, encompassing the tennis clubroom facilities, to create a centralised health, fitness and indoor recreation hub, including modern equipment, group fitness studios, reformer Pilates, recovery spaces, elite athlete training facilities, and flexible multi-use spaces for use within the precinct where appropriate. - Expand and modernise tennis facilities through the building expansion allowing shared changeroom and amenity facilities, undercover grandstand seating. - Consider upgrading court lighting and offer undercover areas for evening use and weather protection. - Improve precinct access and supporting infrastructure through expansion towards Gilbert Street, and additional car parking. - If suitable, consider the relocation of the ablution block from Perkins Park (if no longer required) to be at this site.
Bosworth Park	- Development of Bosworth Park in alignment with the Open Spaces Master Plans. - Expand and enhance cycling facilities through the extension of the existing pump track, development of larger bike and dirt tracks, a dedicated learn-to-ride area, and a perimeter bike loop to support riders of all ages and abilities while complementing the Wild Mersey trail network. - Develop an inclusive recreation and play precinct featuring an all-abilities playground, toddler-safe and nature-based play spaces, and an outdoor basketball court to increase informal recreation opportunities for the broader community. - Relocate the existing skate park to improve safety, functionality and integration with surrounding recreation facilities and open space. - Improve Park amenities, accessibility and wellbeing outcomes through the creation of a walking loop suitable for older adults and rehabilitation, additional BBQ facilities, seating, landscaping, shade, and upgraded lighting to enhance comfort, safety and year-round use.



Area	Improvement Projects
	Explore the addition of CCTV within the area to reduce vandalism and further anti-social behaviour.
Community Initiatives	Opportunities for collaboration on community wellbeing initiatives, including Blue Tree Project.
Traffic Management and Car Parking	- Expansion of car parking capacity across the precinct to accommodate peak demand from multiple user groups. - Implementation of parking management measures, including speed restrictions, bollards, and improved traffic flow controls to enhance safety and accessibility. - Review of Noone Street configuration, including potential reopening or redesign to improve traffic circulation and parking availability. - Investigation of additional parking bays along Percival Street (graveyard side) and improved parking layout along Gilbert Street near school grounds - Development of overflow parking solutions at the Youth Centre, including potential pedestrian crossing across Gilbert Street, connecting the two areas of the Precinct. - Installation of bollards and improved parking controls to prevent obstruction of facility access points and exits
Entire Precinct	- Implementation of a fob-based access system to reduce reliance on manual keys and improve facility security and management. - Installation of CCTV across the precinct to reduce vandalism and improve public safety. - Upgraded wayfinding and promotional signage throughout the town and precinct to improve visibility of clubs, facilities, and opportunities. - Establishment of a connected network of accessible walking paths suitable for wheelchairs, skating, and recreational use. - Integration of climate-responsive design features such as solar power, rainwater harvesting, EV charging stations, and other sustainability measures. - Consideration of public facility leasing arrangements to support activation and long-term viability of precinct spaces



25. Related Action List

Ref.	Action	Responsible Person/s	Frequency / Deadline
1.	Actively explore opportunities to increase sustainability for all facilities within the Recreation Precinct	Building and Facilities Officers, Project Officers	Bi-monthly
2.	Actively pursue funding opportunities, including submitting documentation for election commitments	Director Infrastructure & Assets, Project Officers	Monthly
3.	Conduct building condition assessments	Team Leader Property Services	Bi-annual
4.	Raise work requests for maintenance	Community Members, Sporting Clubs, Council Officers	As required
5.	Scope project components and include in Forward Works Program	Buildings and Facilities Officers	Quarterly
6.	Seek quotations for improvement ideas	Sporting Clubs, Buildings and Facilities Officers	As required
7.	Maintain asset register including accurate useful life information and replacement values	Asset Data Specialist	Four-yearly, or as required
8.	Conduct risk assessments for facilities and grounds within precinct	Work, Health and Safety Officers	Annual
9.	Reassess and reprioritise projects following completion and need	Project Officers	As required
10.	Explore lease arrangement with DECYP	Project Officer, Team Leader Property Services	December 2026



Ref.	Action	Responsible Person/s	Frequency / Deadline
11.	Design concepts for priority projects	Project Officer, Contractor	June 2027
12.	Complete precinct relevant projects as per capital budget	Project Officers	Financial Year end: 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031
13.	Complete community consultation and stakeholder engagement before completing projects within the precinct	Project Officers	As required
14.	Identify and execute community projects to enhance the precinct and facilitate collaboration	Project Officers	As required
15.	Complete maintenance activities on existing assets as per maintenance schedule	Team Leader Property Services	As scheduled
16.	Provide progress updates to Council and committees	Director Infrastructure & Assets, Team Leader Property Services, Project Officer	As required
17.	Discuss traffic management and vehicle parking improvements with necessary landowners for action while major projects are seeking funding	Director Infrastructure & Assets, Project Officers	Progressively, yet complete before financial year end 2031.



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