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# OUTDOOR SPORT PLAN

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Purpose

The purpose of the Outdoor Sport Plan is to guide prioritised provision, development and activation of new and existing outdoor sports facilities to meet the diverse and changing needs of the Hume community.

The Plan identifies opportunities to increase participation of Hume residents in sport by taking a planned and sustainable approach to the future development of outdoor sporting infrastructure.

Of equal importance, the plan promotes implementation of innovative and evidence based programs that support increased participation of under-represented groups such as older adults, women and girls, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with a disability.

## Strategic Alignment

The Outdoor Sport Plan responds to key objectives identified in the Hume Leisure Strategy targeted at supporting organised sport. They are:

- implementing initiatives to increase clubs' ability to provide for women and girls
- building clubs' capacity to be welcoming and inclusive of all people
- supporting the establishment of new clubs where demand and interest is evident
- supporting clubs and others to respond to growing community pressure for access to sports that meets lifestyle demands such as limited overs 20:20 cricket and mid-week night tennis competitions
- providing facilities and supporting the delivery of programs that respond to the demand for modified junior sport participation programs.

Hume City Council's existing strategic planning framework has been reviewed to ensure Council's strategic direction and intent is evident in the Outdoor Sport Plan.



## Methodology

The diagram below represents the methodology followed to develop the Outdoor Sports Plan.



## Key Findings

The following key areas for focused implementation and prioritisation have been identified from research and analysis:

- land for active open space and facilities developed for outdoor sport currently provide a high level of service to Hume City residents
- current trends impacting sport participation require redesign of existing and design of new facilities to allow flexible use of the same space by different sports, as well as casual use and social games
- there is an opportunity to promote existing facilities for increased use including casual, social and competition games
- there is an opportunity to increase participation in sport by Hume City residents to contribute to personal health as well as greater community connection
- Hume City has an opportunity to ensure new facilities planned for growing suburbs have universal design principles applied to the design to maximise use
- there is an opportunity to use sport as a tool to further Hume City's development as an inclusive community
- Hume City's proactive approach to strategic and precinct planning has ensured continued access to outdoor sport opportunities for the foreseeable future.

## Conclusion

Hume City is providing adequately for outdoor sport currently, based on the current population, available active open space and current participation rates. Hume City forms part of the northern growth corridor and has a number of areas currently being developed, or being planned for development. Precinct Structure Plans over these growth areas nominate active open space for further sport facility development to provide sport participation opportunities for the future population. Hume's population is relatively young compared with Greater Melbourne and Victoria and is culturally and linguistically diverse. Planned provision of active open space land is projected to cater for future sport requirements, conditional on reserves being designed for flexible use.



# INTRODUCTION

Located 15 kilometres north of the centre of Melbourne, Hume City is one of the fastest growing and most culturally-diverse communities in Australia. Spanning a total area of 504 square kilometres, Hume City is built around the established suburbs of Broadmeadows, Tullamarine and Gladstone Park in the south, the developing residential suburbs of Craigieburn, Greenvale and Roxburgh Park in the north-east and the Sunbury Township in the north-west. The City is expanding rapidly in the north east with new developments in the suburbs of Mickleham and Kalkallo and additional residential growth pending east of Sunbury.

Home to 232,709 residents in 2019, Hume City's population is expected to grow to 372,000 by the year 2041. Hume's residents come from more than 160 different countries and speak over 140 languages. In comparison to Metropolitan Melbourne, Hume City residents are relatively younger in age, and there is a higher proportion of 'family households'.

Hume City Council currently manages 52 established outdoor reserves and facilities utilised for active sport participation. There are a number of new sports reserves planned or currently under development in the growth areas of Sunbury, Craigieburn, Mickleham and Kalkallo. Active recreation reserves and facilities are highly valued by the community and are an integral component of active open space and recreation provision.

Map 1 - State of Victoria and location of Hume City Council and Melbourne City Council local government areas



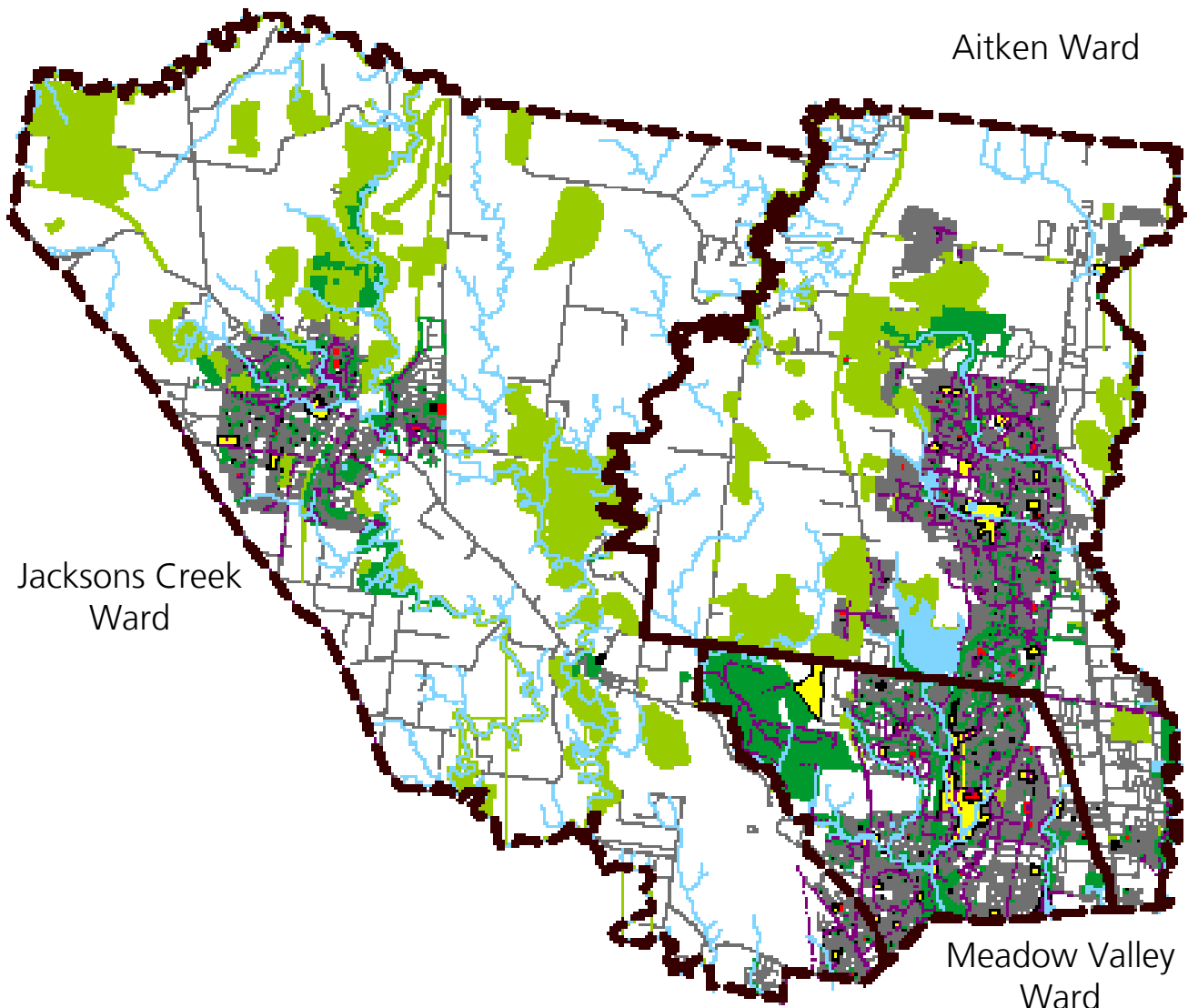
Three wards - Aitken Ward, Meadow Valley Ward and Jacksons Creek Ward - span the Hume local government area with elected Councillors from each ward representing residents of Hume. For the purpose of the Outdoor Sport Plan, Wards have been used to group reserves and facilities used for outdoor sport for ease of reference and to align with other Council planning processes.

Wards and suburbs are summarised below.

Table 1 - Hume City Wards and Suburbs

Aitken Ward	Jacksons Creek Ward	Meadow Valley Ward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Campbellfield</li> <li>▪ Craigieburn</li> <li>▪ Fawkner (part)</li> <li>▪ Greenvale (north of Somerton Road)</li> <li>▪ Kalkallo</li> <li>▪ Mickleham</li> <li>▪ Oaklands Junction (south of Deep Creek)</li> <li>▪ Roxburgh Park</li> <li>▪ Somerton</li> <li>▪ Yuroke</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bulla</li> <li>▪ Clarkefield (part)</li> <li>▪ Diggers Rest (part)</li> <li>▪ Keilor (part)</li> <li>▪ Melbourne Airport</li> <li>▪ Oaklands Junction (north of Deep Creek)</li> <li>▪ Sunbury</li> <li>▪ Tullamarine</li> <li>▪ Wildwood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attwood</li> <li>▪ Broadmeadows</li> <li>▪ Coolaroo</li> <li>▪ Dallas</li> <li>▪ Gladstone Park</li> <li>▪ Greenvale (south of Somerton Road)</li> <li>▪ Jacana</li> <li>▪ Westmeadows</li> <li>▪ Meadow Heights</li> </ul>

Map 2 - Hume City Council area showing Wards





## Sports

Hume City Council nominated the following sports for inclusion in the Outdoor Sport Plan:

- Australian Football
- Baseball
- Cricket
- Football (Soccer)
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball (outdoor)
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Softball
- Tennis
- Touch Football.

For each of the sports listed, the following information has been provided:

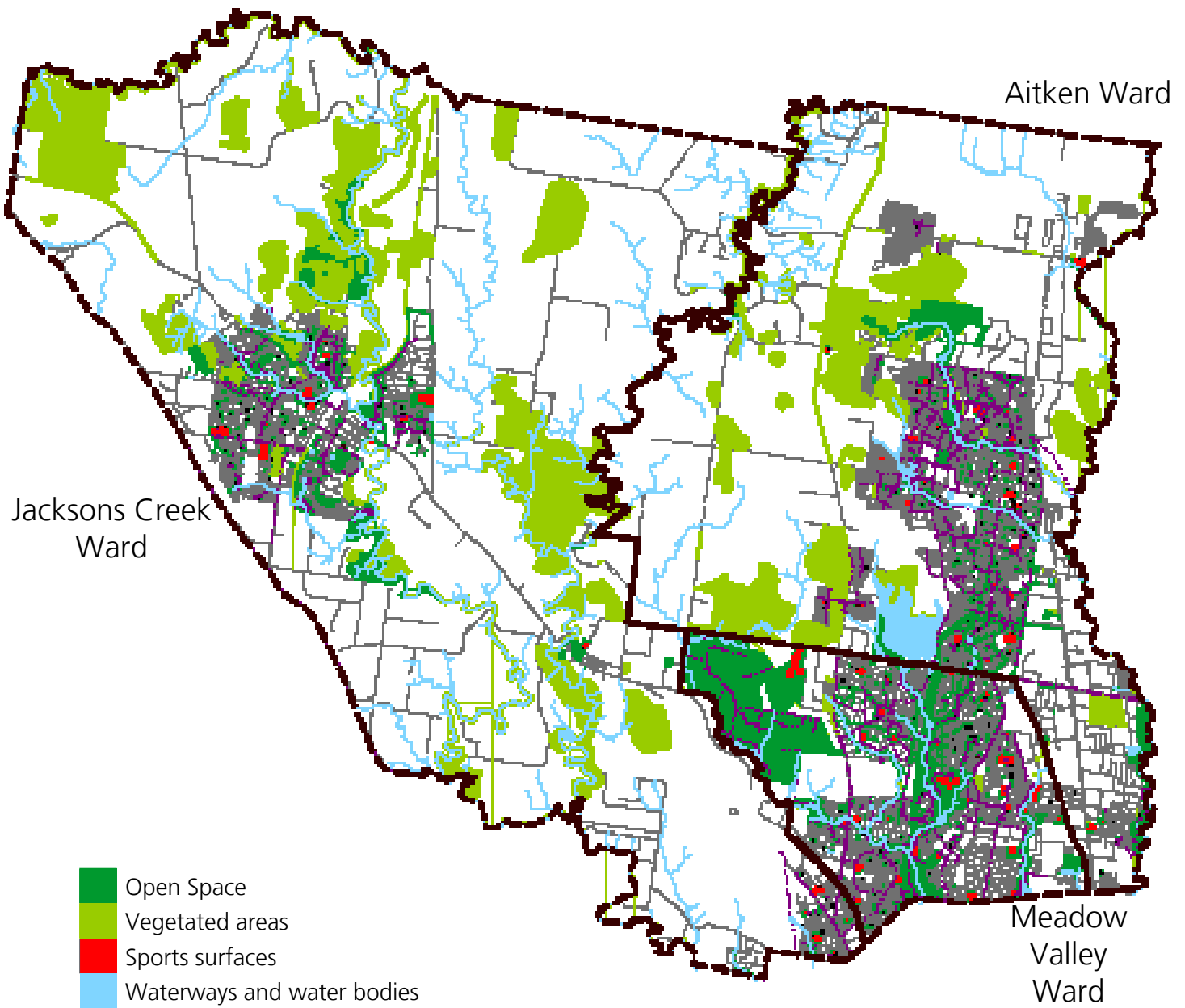
- Participation: a summary of the number of clubs and analysis of participation trends - increasing, decreasing or stable
- Existing facilities: existing facilities have been identified with data on State Sporting Association's plans for facility development as well as future facility development needs from the clubs' perspectives. Existing master plans have been referenced where applicable as well as relevant facility audits
- Peak body input: a short summary of input received by the relevant governing body of the sport (e.g. Cricket Victoria), including any relevant trends that may guide the future development of the sport within the Hume LGA and to ensure that it aligns with that State Sporting Association's strategic direction
- Carrying capacity: facility use, club growth and carrying capacity have been analysed to provide an initial assessment of existing reserve carrying capacity to accommodate future growth in participation and use of existing and planned future facilities
- Precinct Structure Plans: additional direction has been provided on specific sport facility development in identified Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) areas, based on participation trends, population growth, existing facility carrying and project future needs.



## Current supply of outdoor sport facilities

Hume City has a sound provision of active open space sites distributed throughout suburbs. The maps below and on accompanying pages show the current distribution of sport facilities developed on active open space parcels across the LGA.

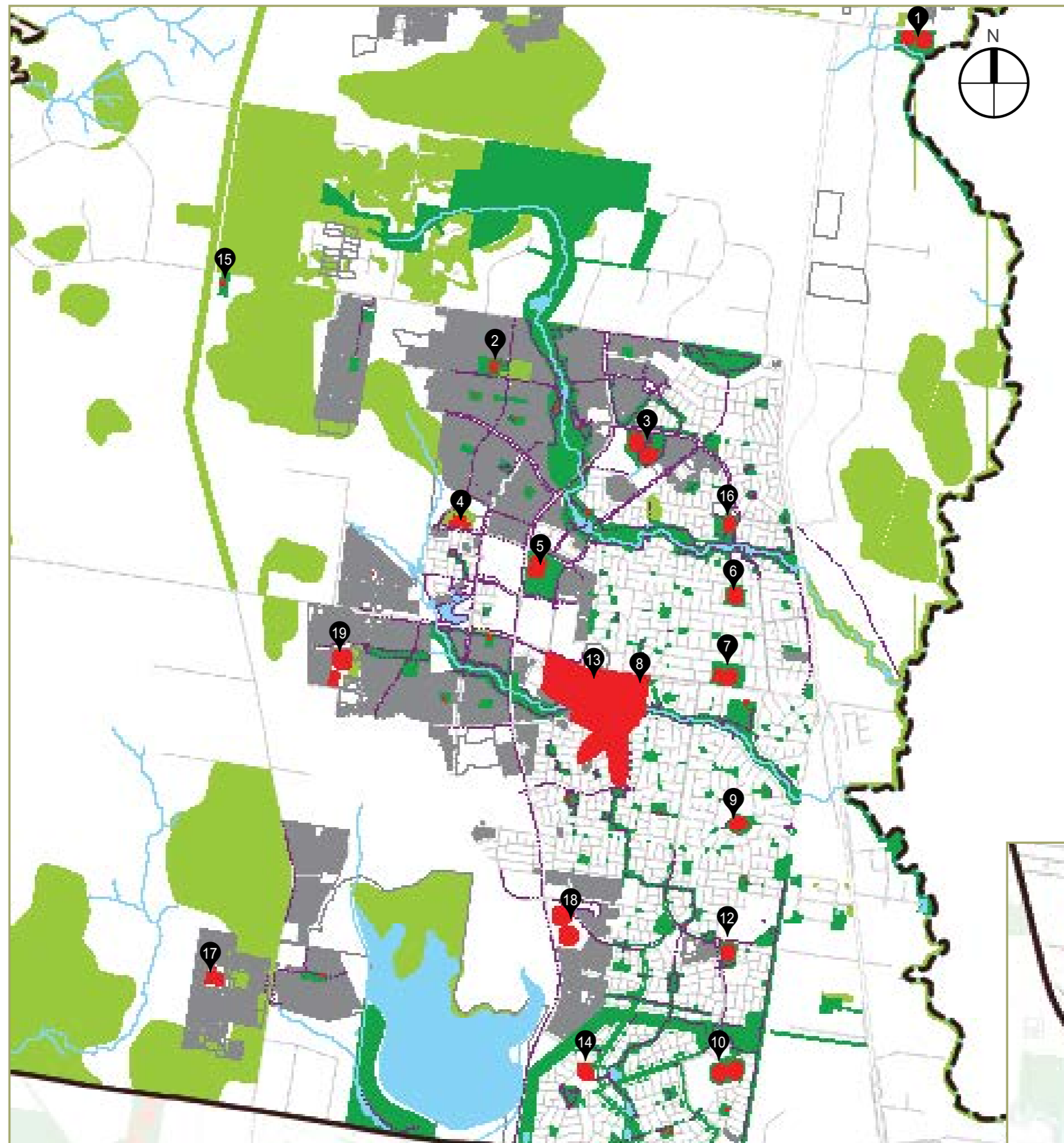
Map 3 - Hume City Council current supply of outdoor sport facilities



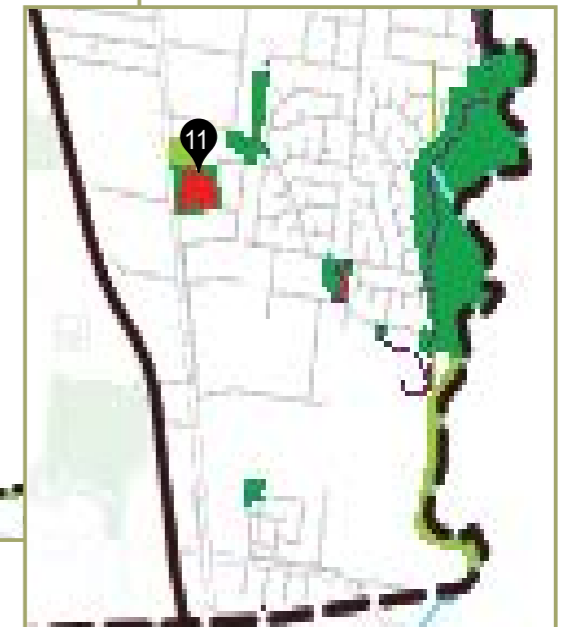
# AITKEN WARD

- 1 John Laffan Memorial Reserve
- 2 Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre
- 3 Highgate Recreation Reserve
- 4 Hume Tennis & Community Centre
- 5 Sprint Athletics Centre
- 6 Vic Foster Reserve
- 7 D.S. Aitken Reserve/Craigieburn Tennis Club
- 8 Craigieburn Bowling Club
- 9 Hothlyn Drive Reserve
- 10 Roxburgh Park Reserve
- 11 Seth Raistrick Reserve
- 12 Patullos Lane Reserve
- 13 Craigieburn Golf Course
- 14 Roxburgh Park Homestead Reserve
- 15 Mickleham Tennis Club
- 16 Malcolm Creek Reserve
- 17 Greenvale Gardens
- 18 Arena Recreation Reserve
- 19 Aston Recreation Reserve

- Open Space
- Vegetated areas
- Sports surfaces
- Waterways and water-bodies



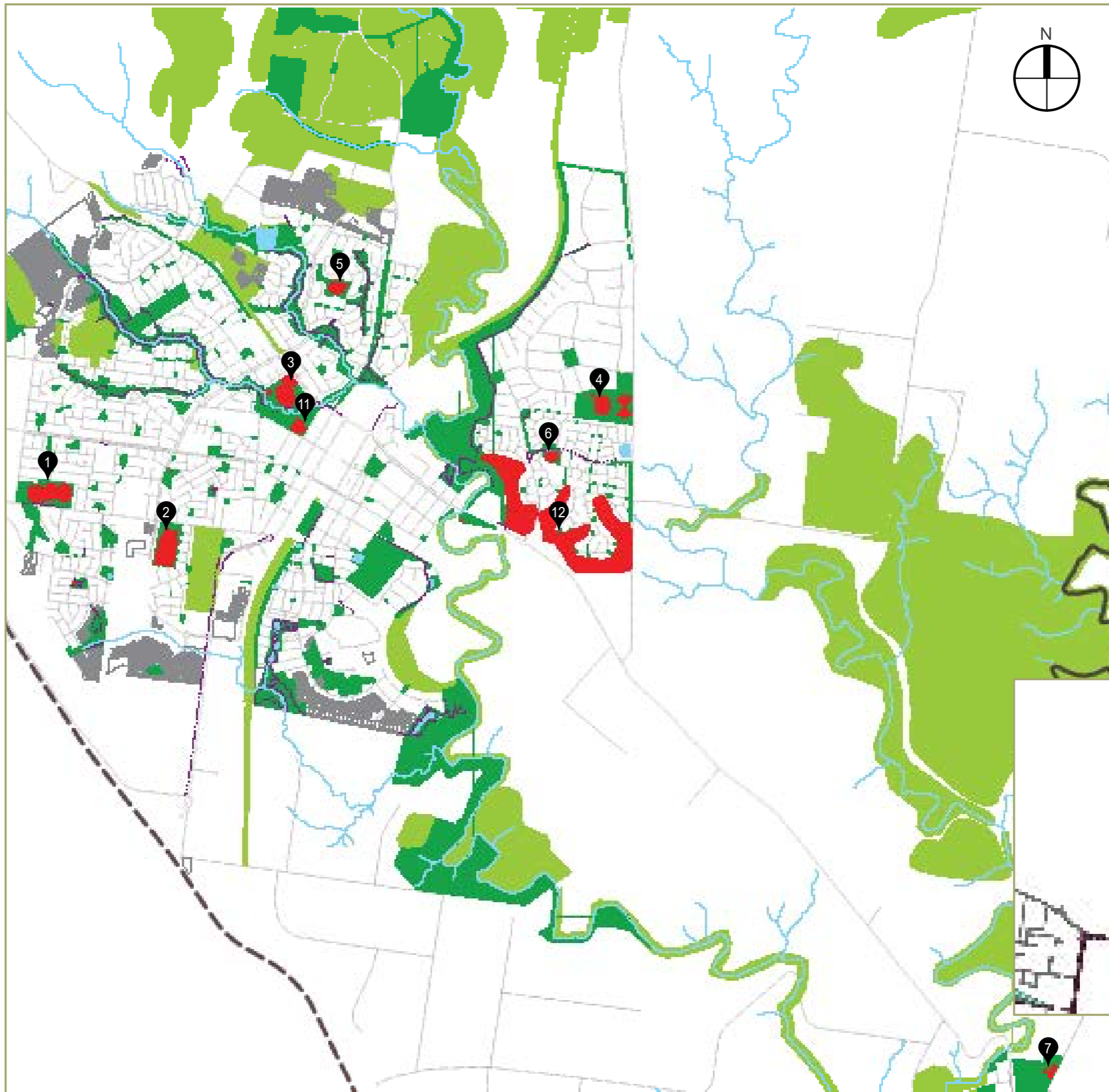
## AITKEN WARD (SOUTH)



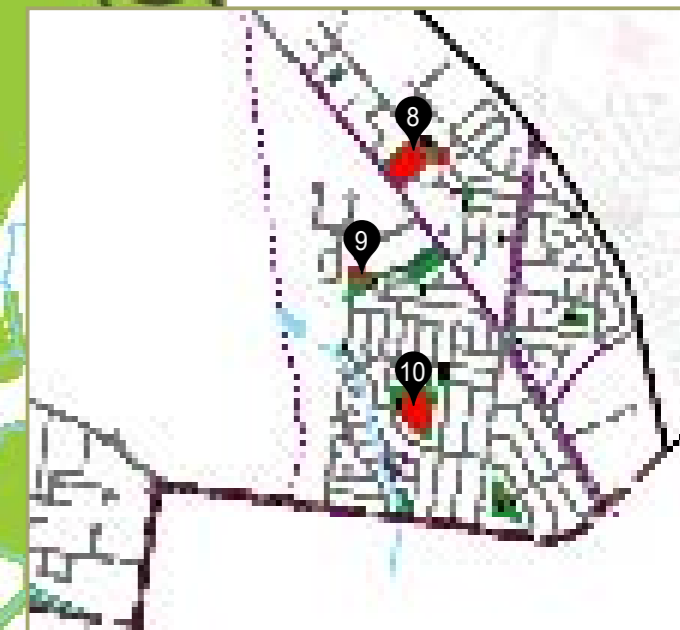
# JACKSONS CREEK WARD

- 1 Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve
- 2 Langama Park
- 3 Sunbury Recreation Reserve
- 4 John McMahon Reserve
- 5 McEwen Drive Reserve
- 6 Tulsa Drive Reserve
- 7 Bulla Recreation Reserve/  
Bulla Tennis Club
- 8 Tullamarine Reserve
- 9 Tullamarine Tennis Club
- 10 Leo Dineen Reserve
- 11 Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club
- 12 Goonawarra Golf Course

- Open Space
- Vegetated areas
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- Waterways and water-bodies



## JACKSONS CREEK WARD (SOUTH)

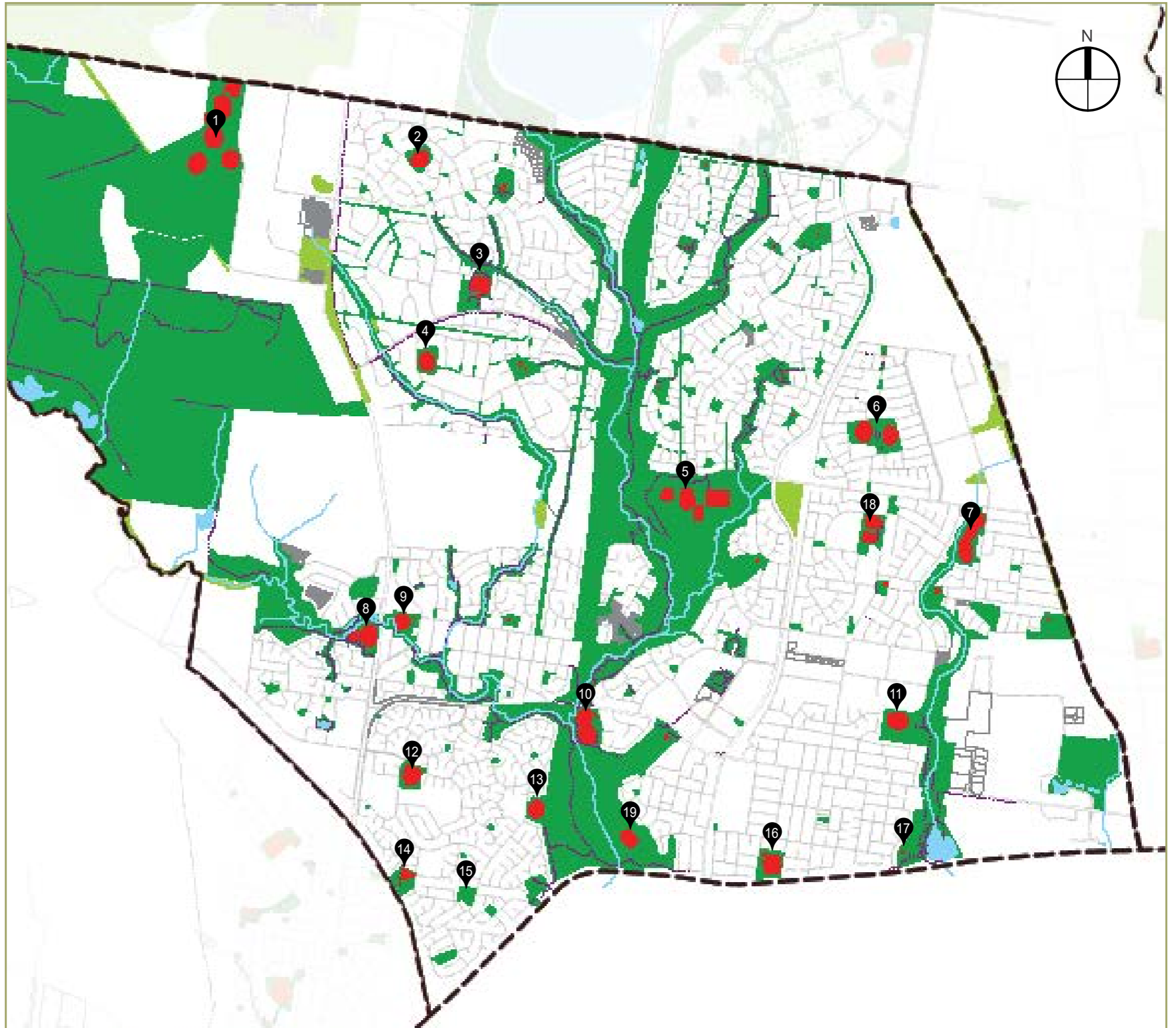


Map 5 - Jacksons Creek Ward current supply of outdoor sport facilities

# MEADOW VALLEY WARD

- 1 Greenvale Recreation Reserve/Greenvale Tennis Club
- 2 Bradford Avenue Reserve
- 3 Barrymore Road Reserve
- 4 Drummond Street Reserve
- 5 John Ilhan Memorial Reserve
- 6 Progress Reserve
- 7 Laura Douglas Reserve
- 8 Willowbrook Reserve/Westmeadows Tennis Club
- 9 Westmeadows Reserve
- 10 Jacana Reserve
- 11 Seabrook Reserve
- 12 Gladstone Park Reserve
- 13 Jack Ginifer Reserve
- 14 Gladstone Park Tennis Club
- 15 Gladstone Park Bowls Club
- 16 Anderson Reserve
- 17 Jack Roper Reserve
- 18 Gibb Reserve
- 19 Broadmeadows Bowls Club

Open Space  
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Map 6 - Meadow Valley Ward current supply of outdoor sport facilities



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

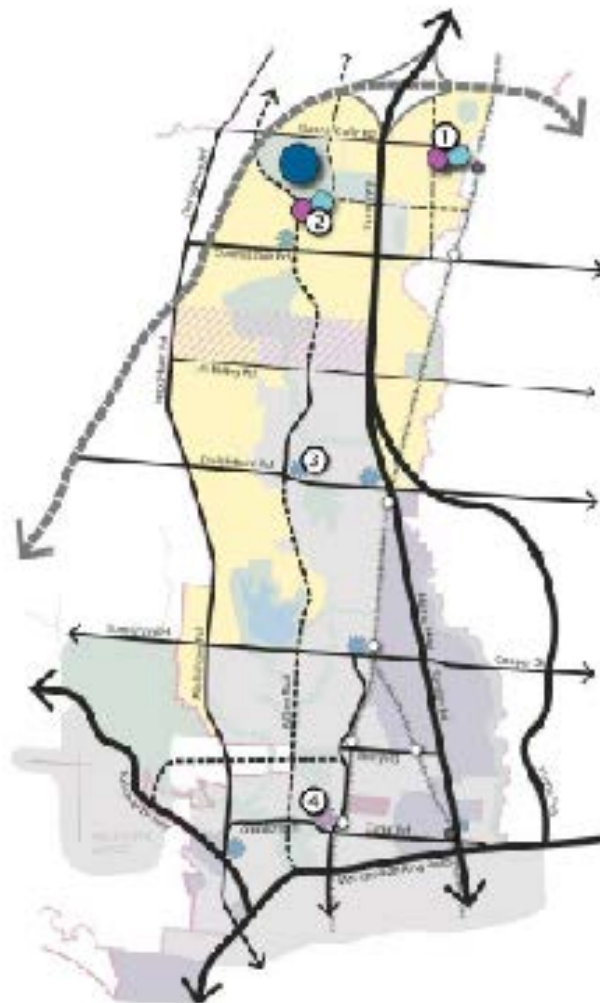
The way in which a community uses the surrounding open space and participates in active recreation and sport activities is largely influenced by age. Understanding the spatial and demographic variations in communities, such as concentrations of older residents or youth, is fundamental to responding to, and planning for, the future provision of active recreation and sports facilities.

## Population and growth



The current population of Hume City is 215,260<sup>1</sup>, with a median age of 33 years. A relatively young population, an analysis of Hume City’s age structure shows that there is a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 17) and a lower proportion of people in the older age groups (65 plus years), compared to Greater Melbourne and Victoria. This trend is forecast to continue till 2041.

## Hume growth corridor



Between 2016 and 2041 Hume City’s population is expected to reach 372,627 people. A third of the growth will be observed in the young workforce and parent and homebuilders service groups (those aged between 25 to 49 years). Consistent with this trend, there will be a 78% increase in youth aged 17 years and under<sup>2</sup>.

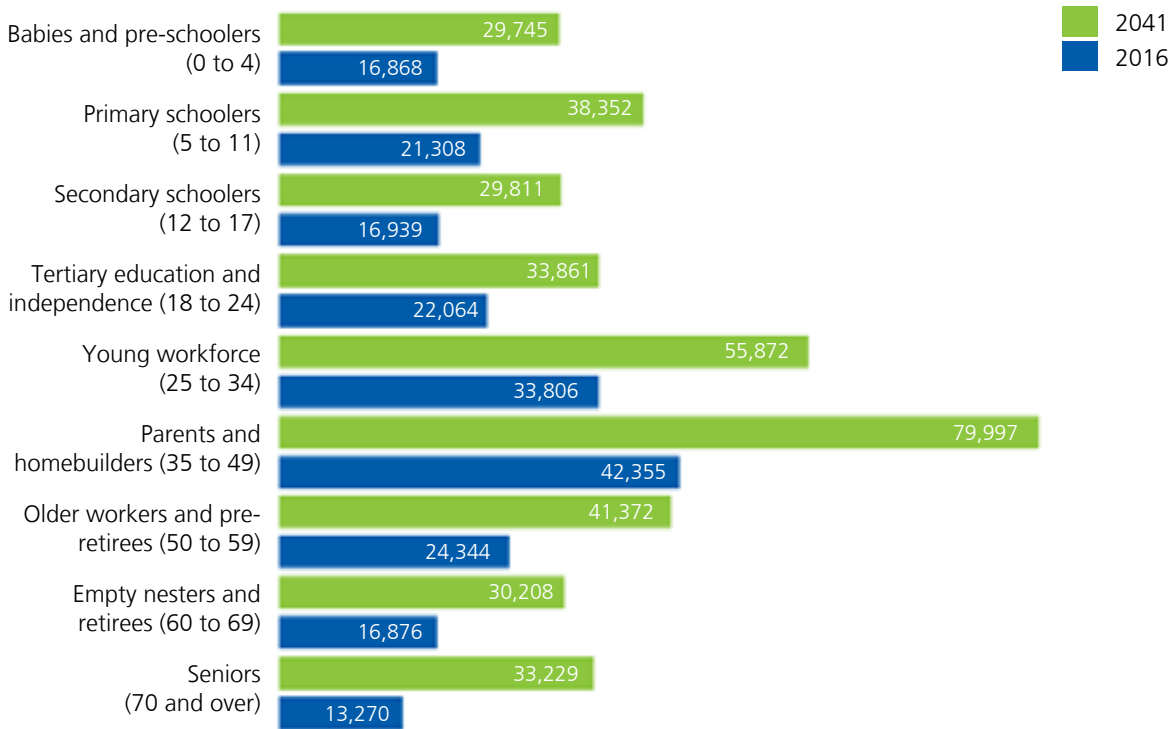
Knowing where the future youth reside is important for strategic sports planning, particularly as participation rates are higher among youth. Between 2016 and 2041 the top five areas to experience significant growth in youth (17 years and under) include:

1. Mickleham (currently in Airport Rural): +15,595 youth
2. Sunbury: +13,963 youth
3. Kalkallo (currently in Airport Rural): +5,837 youth
4. Greenvale, Oaklands Junction and Yuroke (sections in Airport Rural): +3,850 youth
5. Broadmeadows: +2,805 youth<sup>3</sup>.

1 ABS Estimated Resident Population  
 2 id population forecast  
 3 id population forecast population age structure map

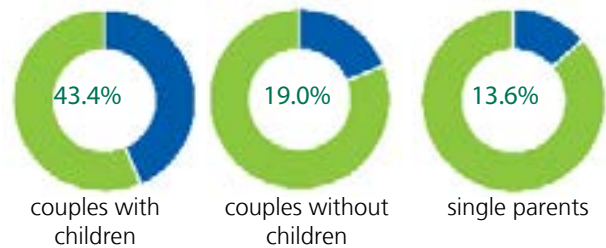
## Population forecast - five year age groups

The following graph provides a visual representation of the projected population growth to 2041 by five year age groups.



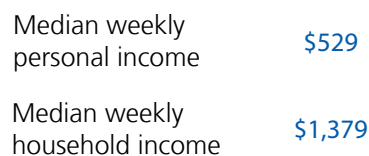
## Households

In contrast to many cities in Australia, Hume's families are younger than average. More than half of the City's households have children. In Hume City, 43.4% of households were made up of couples with children in 2016, compared with 31.4% in Victoria.



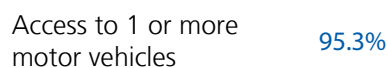
## Income

The cost of participation in sport activities continues to rise and it is important for Council to understand what the community can afford. Median incomes of individuals and households in Hume is lower than the Victorian average of \$644 for individuals and \$1,419 for households.



## Vehicle ownership

Unless there is a centralised facility, participation in sports competition involves travel due to home and away games. People often drive to sports parks and therefore access to a car is important. The majority of households in Hume City have access to at least one motor vehicle.



## Internet

Most sporting clubs now use social media platforms (such as Facebook) and email for communication. Current and potential participants need to have access to the internet to receive or find information on the types of sporting codes and clubs available within Hume City. Approximately 84.4% of households in Hume City have access to the internet and this is consistent with State and Greater Melbourne trends.

Households with access to the internet

84.4%

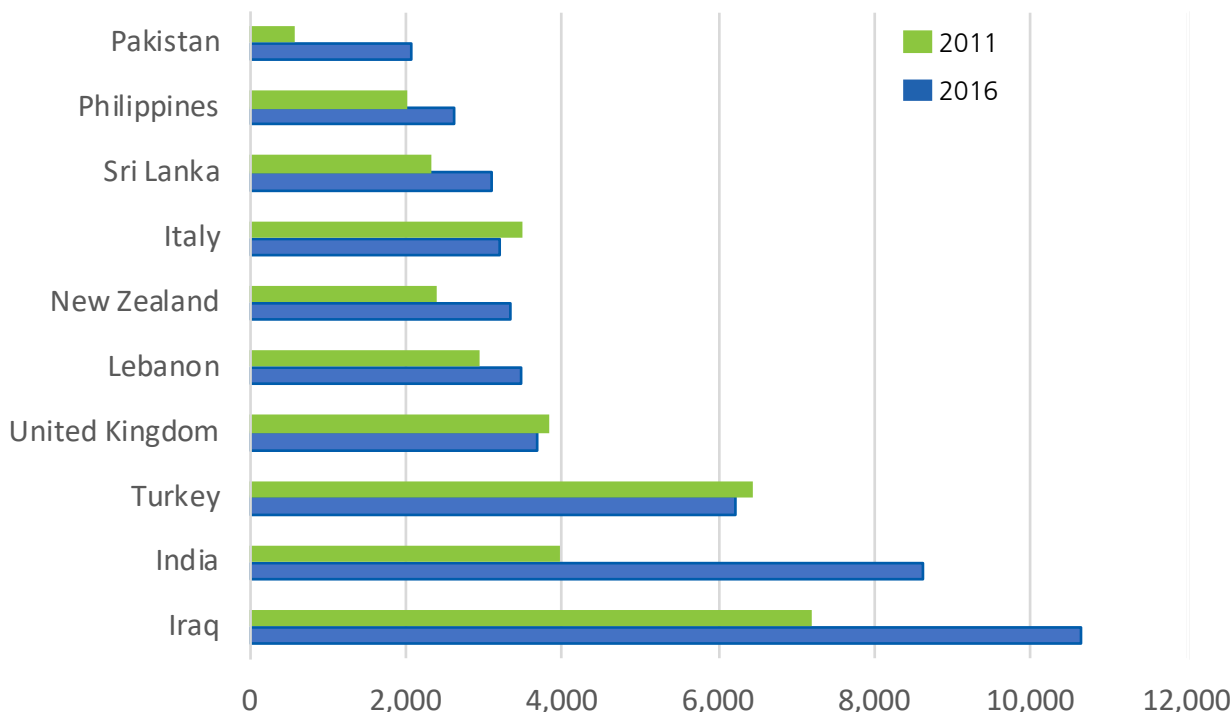


## Country of birth

Hume City is one of the most diverse municipalities in Australia. Around one third of Hume City's population were born overseas. In 2016, 35.7% of people living in Hume City were born overseas with the two largest groups from Iraq, with 5.4% of the population (10,637 people) and India, with 4.4% of the population (8,625 people).

The following table summarises the top 10 birthplaces for Hume residents born overseas for 2011 and 2016. Increases in the number of people born in India (+4,670), Iraq (+3,444) and Pakistan (+1,505) are most apparent, along with increasing number of people born in New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Lebanon. Interestingly, the number of people born in Syria and now living in Hume has also seen a relatively sharp increase from 596 people in 2011 to 1,457 in 2016 (not shown in the graph).

Ensuring equitable access, encouraging and supporting participation in sport by people who are culturally and linguistically diverse is an opportunity for Hume City to use sport as a tool to build social connections and a cohesive community. Inclusive practices are necessary for sporting clubs to ensure that barriers to participation for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are identified and minimised or eliminated.





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# STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Hume City Council approaches strategic planning proactively and with a clear and consistent vision for the community. Consistent themes link Council's various strategies, plans and policies effectively and assist to guide additional planning activities. Relevant Council planning documents have been reviewed to establish the strategic context for the Outdoor Sport Plan and are summarised in this section.



## Hume Horizons 2040

Hume City Council conducted extensive community consultation to develop Hume Horizons 2040. The plan provides clear direction for the future characteristics of the city and sets ambitious and strategic actions to achieve its vision. Social justice and sustainability principles underpin the plan and are outlined under five key themes and strategic objectives.

There are five key themes and strategic objectives for Hume Horizons 2040, including:

- Theme 1: A well-educated and employed community
- Theme 2: A Healthy and safe community
- Theme 3: A culturally-vibrant and connected community
- Theme 4: A sustainably built and well-maintained city with an environmentally engaged community
- Theme 5: A well-governed and engaged community

The actions of the Hume City Council Plan 2017-2021 have been developed to address the themes and strategic objectives of Hume Horizons 2040.

## Hume City Council Plan 2017-2021

The Council Plan includes the Disability Action Plan and Strategic Resource Plan and was developed in a collaborative manner with the community.

Council's vision is to be recognised as a leader in achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes with a common goal of connecting our proud community and celebrating the diversity of Hume.

Relevant to development of the Hume Outdoor Sport Plan, Council commits to advocate for:

- facilities and spaces that provide formal and informal leisure and recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities
- the provision of local health and social support services and facilities
- the promotion of healthy, safe and sustainable living practices and programs
- world-class sporting facilities to meet demand in growth areas.

2018/2019 actions include:

- implement the Sports Ground Lighting Strategy including commencement of lighting upgrades to at least six priority sites
- support sports development through the provision of pavilion upgrades and implement the Sports Pavilion Plan including:

- construction/renovation of pavilions at DS Aitken, Roxburgh Park, Aston, Arena, Willowbrook and John McMahon Reserves and the Craigieburn Tennis Club
- commence scoping works for Bulla Village Tennis Club, Greenvale Equestrian and Seth Raistrick pavilions.
- implement capital works at leisure facilities, including:
  - planning for development of Aitken Hill Recreation Reserve
  - construction of a regional BMX and Skate facility at Sunbury Reserve
- Continue development and implementation of master plans including:
  - Greenvale Recreation Reserve
  - Sunbury Park
  - John McMahon Recreation Reserve
  - Willowbrook Recreation Reserve
  - DS Aitken Recreation Reserve
- commence development of a Master Plan for the former Craigieburn Leisure Centre (and Craigieburn Gardens) to consider future use of the site and facilities.

## Disability Action Plan

According to the 2016 Census, there were 7,238 Hume City residents aged 0–64 years and 5,201 residents aged 65 years or older, who identified as requiring a need for assistance with core activities.

This equates to 6.3 per cent of Hume residents that have a need for assistance with day-to-day activities including self-care, mobility and communication because of a disability, long-term health condition (lasting six months or more) or old age.

In comparison to other Melbourne Metropolitan Councils, Hume City Council has the highest proportion of residents aged 0–64 years and fifth highest proportion of residents aged 65 years or older who identified as requiring a need for assistance with core activities.

Relevant to development of the outdoor sport plan, 2018/19 actions include:

2.1.1 Support sports development through the provision of pavilion upgrades and implement the Sports Pavilion Plan.

3.1.2 Undertake actions to maximise use of facilities, ensuring equitable and appropriate access.

3.1.4 Undertake accessibility works at Council facilities.

## Hume Growth Corridor Integrated Growth Area Plan 2014

The Hume Corridor is one of the most substantial areas of growth in Melbourne. Its expansion forms part of the State Government's strategy to manage the population and economic growth of the Melbourne North Region.

Hume City Council's long term strategy for the municipality called Hume Horizons 2040 identifies growth of the Hume Corridor as the greatest influence on the city in the coming 40 years. Appropriately managing the change it creates underpins much of the strategy.

Relevant to the Hume outdoor sport plan, the plan identifies preferred locations for new or expanded state and regional community facilities including:

- Lockerbie Town Centre - location for regional sports and civic facilities serving Lockerbie, Donnybrook and Woodstock
- Merrifield Park/Town Centre - site for state sports and leisure hub.

The plan recognises that the diversity of services and recreation opportunities being demanded by the community is increasing, as well as when they want to use facilities. Upgrading existing facilities to expand the choice on offer and retaining flexibility in how new community and recreation facilities are developed is acknowledged as important to meet this continual change in community expectations and needs.

- A State scale sports and leisure hub is identified adjoining Mickleham Town Centre on land owned by Melbourne Water.

Known as Merrifield Park, the land has been identified as a potential location for a range of sports, water and leisure facilities similar to Albert Park. It is subject to further planning and significant State funding but offers a unique opportunity to broaden the sports and leisure offer of the Northern Region and Melbourne as a whole

- Greenvale Recreation Reserve will be expanded to provide additional sports grounds and associated facilities to meet existing demand and demand from the new residential development in the area. There is also potential to further expand Greenvale Recreation Centre to widen the activities of this facility
- Two additional sports facilities are identified for the area immediately to the south of Highlands Estate in Craigieburn to service the growing population and changing community.

Further detailed design and feasibility work is required but initial work has identified that 70ha of land could be utilised for such a facility and could include:

- regional scale hockey centre
- State scale cycling centre
- water based recreation and boating activities
- sports fields and grounds for a range of sports and activities
- indoor and outdoor recreation facilities
- a golf course.

Precinct Structure Plans have been developed for these growth areas and are detailed on the following pages.

## Precinct Structure Plans

The Victorian Planning Authority have developed Precinct Structure Plans (PSP's) guiding future infrastructure development of Hume City's growth areas.

The proposed sporting reserves and infrastructure detailed in the PSP's has been reviewed. Refer section 9 for further information.

## Hume Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021

The Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 outlines how Hume City Council will work with its partners to promote and protect the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives, works, learns and plays in Hume. Health and wellbeing priority areas relevant to development of the Hume Outdoor Sport Plan include:

- 10% increase in sufficient physical activity amongst Hume City adults by 2025
  - support the provision of land and infrastructure that encourages physical activity
  - promote and support participation in active travel, sports, active recreation and leisure
  - encourage participation in parks and open space.
- 5% decrease in the proportion of Hume residents who report being highly or very highly socially isolated by 2025
  - Develop and deliver events that build and enhance community and social networks
  - promote and develop safe and gender equitable communities, cultures and organisations where relationships are equal, non-discriminatory and respectful
  - enhance the real and perceived safety and amenity of public places and spaces.

## Hume Social Justice Charter 2014

The Hume City Council Social Justice Charter 2014 provides a framework for organisations to ensure the rights of the Hume community are upheld. This framework not only meets the obligation of The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic) but strengthens Councils commitment to social justice by providing a policy platform from which Council can work to address disadvantage. This guide aims to assist organisations to use a human rights and social justice framework to add value to remove the barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, religion, culture or disability.

## Hume Multicultural Action Plan 2014-2018

The Hume City Council Multicultural Action Plan 2014 – 2018 (MAP) advances the 'One City, Many Cultures' Action Plan, which was developed in 2007.

The MAP is a Council Plan that provides direction through both targeted and general actions to improve information, engagement, access and participation for residents from migrant, refugee and multicultural backgrounds. It also provides a number of actions that aim to build and increase inter-cultural awareness and community connection across Hume City.

## Open Space Strategy 2010-2015

The Hume Open Space Strategy provides a framework for the planning and provision of open space within the Hume local government area. It aims to provide the basis for equitable distribution of a diverse range of open space opportunities and facilities for residents and visitors.

The Plan defines sporting areas as providing for active recreation (informal and organised sport) with facilities including playing fields and pavilions. The hierarchy of open space includes neighbourhood, sub-district, district, regional and state level spaces. The Plan nominates a minimum land area of 10.25 hectares (ha) per 3000 households for district sporting open space and 15 ha for regional sporting open space. Land areas for sub-district and State level sporting open space depend on the sport. An audit of existing sporting open space determined that many did not meet minimum site size requirements (10.25 ha). However, the 59 ha of sporting open space available in Hume City at the time, exceeded the required 53 ha. The Plan recommended that 122 ha would be required by 2030 to meet the needs of the forecast population.

The Plan recommended review of master plans over the following sporting open space areas:

- Broadmeadows Valley Park - John Ilham Reserve
- Jack Roper Reserve
- Progress Reserve Coolaroo
- Greenvale Recreation Reserve
- Bulla Recreation Reserve
- Sunbury Recreation Reserve
- Boardman Reserve, Sunbury.

# Leisure Strategy 2013-2018

The Leisure Strategy vision states that:

**Hume City will be more physically active, healthier, connected and happier community where more people participate more frequently in a greater range of leisure activities.**

Principles underpin this vision focused on: participation; access, equity and inclusion; diversity of opportunity; sustainability; partnerships, collaboration and engagement; quality facilities; safety and wellbeing. Further, strategic priority area themes have been identified as:

- choice and participation
- leisure for health and wellbeing
- quality places and spaces
- working together.

The Strategy identifies leisure providers including Council, community, government, education, health and private sectors and a range of strategies to increase participation in leisure activities. The Strategy identified a range of actions to remove barriers and increase participation including specific strategies to support organised sport include:

- implementing initiatives to increase clubs' ability to provide for women and girls
- building clubs' capacity to be welcoming and inclusive of all people
- supporting the establishment of new clubs where interest is evident
- support clubs and others to respond to growing community pressure for access to sports that meets lifestyle demands
- provide facilities and support the delivery of programs that respond to the demand for modified junior sport participation programs.

Since finalising the Strategy, Hume City Council has delivered the Hume Regional Tennis and Community Centre and the Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre, both in Craigieburn, and completed development of the John Illhan Memorial Reserve regional soccer facility and the Highgate Recreation Reserve Australian football and cricket facility.

## Master plans

At a micro level, the following sporting reserve master plans have been reviewed as part of the process to develop the outdoor sport plan. Recommendations of the master plans are either confirmed and supported, or justification provided when an alternative to the master plan is proposed.

- DS Aitken Reserve master plan
- Lakeside Sport Facilities master plan
- Eric Boardman Reserve master plan
- Greenvale Recreation Reserve master plan
- John McMahon Recreation Reserve master plan (also known as Goonawarra Recreation Reserve)
- Sunbury Reserve management plan
- Jacana Valley Reserve master plan
- Jack Roper Reserve master plan
- Willowbrook Reserve master plan.

## Outdoor Sports Lighting Plan

The Hume Outdoor Sports Lighting Plan aims to contribute to the continued health, wellbeing and safety of the Hume community by increasing participation in physical activity. The policy identifies a six-year program of works to upgrade or install new lighting systems assessed at Hume sporting reserves.

The policy recommends lighting standards that reflect regional, district and sub-district categories for sporting grounds and facilities. Minimum levels of lighting provision are nominated for outdoor sports as well as the quantity of competition level sports ground and facility lighting. The policy provides for consideration of lighting additional sporting grounds and facilities for clubs with significant playing membership levels and sustained growth or where sporting grounds and facilities are reaching capacity.

## Sports Pavilion Plan

The Hume Sports Pavilion Plan aims to contribute to the continued health, wellbeing and social connection of the Hume community through participation in active sport. An audit of 58 buildings utilised for active sports participation resulted in a prioritised program of upgrades based on assessed criteria including size, condition, aged, female and family friendly amenity, environmentally sustainable design and utilisation.

The plan has identified a seven-year program of works that will upgrade or replace 22 sporting facilities with identified priorities being completed over a three-year period recognising time required for project scope, design and construction stages. Five new pavilions are also planned in growth areas including Mount Aitken, Mickleham and Kalkallo.

## Overview

In addition to physical inspections of all outdoor sporting facilities within Hume, a range of stakeholders were consulted to provide further relevant information. These stakeholders included:

- Council officers
- Sporting clubs
- State Sporting Associations/ Organisations
- comparable local government authorities for benchmarking purposes
- relevant State government agencies.

A range of tools and techniques were used to engage these stakeholders:

- emails explaining the project and seeking input
- online surveys
- personal interviews
- telephone interviews.

State Sporting Associations for the nominated sports were contacted to provide comparative participation numbers and strategic plans for facility and organisational development, and any other information relevant to the development of the Plan.





## Council Officers

Council officers identified a number of key strategic issues relevant to future development of outdoor sport in Hume.

Rapid population growth is creating pressure on Council to deliver new facilities for use by growing numbers of participants. The growth in Hume has resulted in demand for additional sport facilities, even for those sports that statistically are declining at National and State levels.

For sports with increasing participation rates, this pressure is exacerbated as Council officers attempt to keep abreast of the demand for new facilities by new and existing residents.

In addition to the demand for new facilities to cater for the growing population, the need to renew and replace current (and ageing) sport facilities is pressing. This is essential work to ensure existing sport facilities remain fit-for-purpose and meet current standards as well as recognising universal design principles to encourage participation by a broad cross-section of Hume's diverse population.

The rising profile of successful elite female athletes and teams as well as increasing female participation at grass-roots levels, particularly in traditionally male dominated sports such as football (soccer), cricket, Australian football and rugby league, has highlighted the immediate need for access to appropriate ancillary facilities (e.g. change/toilet cubicles rather than open plan facilities) and equitable access to playing surfaces.

Sports are expanding the pre-training and playing season and providing members with year-round sporting competitions, resulting in conflicting demands on sport facilities previously shared by summer and winter sports.

Council's commitment to supporting social inclusion and equity requires careful and considered planning and design to ensure inclusive design of sporting infrastructure as well as providing practical support to sport clubs, associations and leagues to adopt inclusive practices particularly by sporting personnel.

It is important that Council recognises the resources required in order to create an environment where participation in outdoor sport is encouraged, accessible and inclusive.

## State Sporting Associations

State Sporting Associations (SSA) were interviewed with follow up correspondence (via email) to seek information relevant to Hume LGA including:

- registered player numbers for Hume and Victoria as well as participation trends for the sport
- strategic planning, particularly participation and plans for facility development including local, district and state standard facilities
- identified needs to increase participation
- sport events held in Hume that contribute to the sport's profile in the community and increased participation
- sport facility standards and provision rates (activity space per head of population)
- emerging sport and recreation trends
- practical support provided to clubs, particularly relating to increasing participation and inclusion strategies for women and girls, older adults, people with a disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The type and level of information provided by SSAs in response to the interview questions varied.

Individual SSA feedback is incorporated in section 9 (Future Sport Demand).

## Sporting club survey responses

Of the 70 individual sporting clubs in Hume using outdoor sports grounds, 38 responded to the on-line survey.

Clubs were asked a series of questions related to various issues that may be affecting their ability to provide sporting opportunities to the community.

The following is an analysis of those responses.

### Issues being faced

Clubs were asked to indicate the extent that the following issues are having on their organisation on a scale of high, medium or low. Responses have been collated and ranked in the table below. The higher the number indicates the number of clubs that ranked the issue as relevant.

Table 2 - Club issues in rank of high, medium and low

Number of clubs ranking issue as:			Issues
High	Medium	Low	
17	12	7	Declining number of volunteers
14	17	4	Same people volunteering/no new volunteers
13	15	6	Competition from other sports
12	9	13	Cost of playing or participating is increasing
10	9	10	Lack of facilities to accommodate the needs of the club
10	8	11	Lack of female friendly facilities
9	7	13	Lack of female participation
8	18	8	Poor parent support of club and/or competition
8	16	7	Difficulty in accessing grant funding
7	11	9	Increasing insurance costs
7	9	15	No knowledge of/access to technological advancements for club
6	12	13	Unable to attract new members
6	11	17	Lack of training and development opportunities for coaches and officials
6	13	9	Cost of maintaining the venue for the activity
5	7	19	Cannot accommodate growing demand (too many people wanting to play)
5	6	16	(Lack of) disability access to facilities
4	14	10	Lack of youth participation
4	11	15	Lack of access to training opportunities for volunteers and committee members
3	11	16	Lack of qualified coaches or officials
2	13	16	Falling membership
2	16	13	Relationship with local schools
2	12	15	Lack of risk management knowledge/processes
1	10	20	Constant changes in committee

## Summary of club responses

Inferences can be drawn from the top five issues ranked 'high' by sport clubs responses including the following:

- sport clubs in the Hume LGA are not immune to the worldwide trend of reducing volunteers to manage, officiate and coach
- aligning with decreasing volunteering is the difficulty clubs face attracting and recruiting new volunteers resulting in very limited numbers of new volunteers
- competition from other sports includes extension of training and competition seasons increasing the cross-over of summer and winter sports
- while almost a third of responding clubs identified 'cost of playing or participating is increasing' as impacting the club to a high extent, just as many indicated this was a low ranking issue which may indicate cost differences for various sports based on registration fees, subsidies and incentives
- lack of facilities to accommodate the needs of the club and lack of female friendly facilities gained almost equal rankings of high, medium and low, most likely reflecting clubs' individual circumstances depending on the facility they play and train at.
- lighting and new/upgraded clubrooms were high priorities for many clubs, and, to a lesser extent, improved change facilities incorporating female friendly amenities
- in regard to the suitability of facilities:
  - clubs were generally satisfied with the number of fields, canteens, access and circulation, and car parking
  - the highest levels of dissatisfaction were regarding clubhouses, storage and seating/shade/water
- the vast majority of clubs are optimistic that membership numbers will increase over the next five years
- although current trends indicate growing community expectations for social/casual activities, only one third of clubs are offering them
- almost 75% of clubs have initiatives in place to raise female participation and over 50% of clubs also have initiatives in place to increase participation for older adults and culturally diverse groups
- over 75% of clubs would like increased Council support to undertake facility upgrades.



# SPORT TRENDS AND PLANNING PRINCIPLES

## Megatrends

In 2013, CSIRO and the Australian Sports Commission published “The Future of Australian Sport - Megatrends shaping the sports sector over coming decades”. The six identified Megatrends are summarised below:

### A perfect fit:

The trend where people are increasingly participating in individual sport and fitness activities (running, aerobics, gym, etc) that more easily fit their personal lives and time constraints than the traditional organised sporting activities.

### From extreme to mainstream:

Sports that offer adventure and risk elements are also on the rise, especially with younger generations. These sports are also closely linked to social media, greatly raising awareness. Sports/activities such as BMX, skateboarding and rock climbing are relevant examples.

### More than sport:

The broader benefits of sport are increasingly being recognised by governments, business and communities. These benefits include achieving mental and physical health, crime prevention, and social development.

### Everybody's game:

Given the ageing population, sports of the future will need to cater for older participants. Further, the ever-increasing multi-cultural nature of our communities will also result in the need to provide activities that are attractive to a diverse range of cultures.

### New wealth, new talent:

Relating to international sports markets, this trend is not relevant to this Plan.

### Tracksuits to business suits:

Given the enormous amounts of money involved in some sports at the elite level, many community clubs are likely to be replaced in the future by more formally structured, corporate organisations. The rising cost of participating in organised sport is also a growing barrier to participation.

## Facility design

### Sport precinct provision

There are acknowledged benefits of developing dedicated multi-use sports precincts (rather than single-field facilities).

Large flexible-use sites provide opportunities for shared use of infrastructure and maintenance requirements and enhanced ability to attract funding given the range of users. There are a number of existing (and planned) multi-use facilities across Hume. These larger facilities are important in attracting high-level events that often require large numbers of playing fields and courts.

### Lengthening seasons and field sharing

There is a clear move toward sports providing ‘year-round sport’ through lengthening seasons and providing ‘off-season’ alternatives. This season lengthening impacts opportunities for recreation time choices and will place additional capacity and timing pressures on sporting facilities.

With many sports extending the lengths of pre-season and season fixtures, sharing of field space is becoming more difficult.

### Field and court quality

Facility providers face an increasing trend to develop and re-develop sporting fields and courts to a higher standard in order to increase carrying capacity. Upgrades, such as lighting, field irrigation and turf varieties allow training and competition times to be extended and increases the ability of turf playing fields to cope with the resulting wear and tear. Further, to achieve ongoing field quality, fields need ‘rest periods’ (of up to four weeks) where necessary maintenance can be undertaken.

Synthetic surfaces are increasingly popular for some sports as use of the facility can increase up to three times that of a turf field. In locations with limited land for facility expansion, synthetic surfaces can increase carrying capacity significantly.



## Choice and challenge

### Move towards indoor sport and recreation

Anecdotally, there is an emerging trend toward sport participation indoors (e.g. basketball, netball and fitness). Potentially, this move may be a result of a preference for activities in a controlled climate and/or greater mid-week opportunities (compared with outdoor activities and traditional Saturday or Sunday fixtures).

### Diversification of sport

Road cycling, mountain biking and eco-tourism activities are all growing as non-traditional physical activities, while modified sports such as T20 cricket and 7s rugby are burgeoning. Changes are placing additional pressure on councils with regard to playing field capacity, facility flexibility and the need to plan for additional demand.

## Participation trends

At a national-level, the reduction in available leisure time has resulted in a trend for adults to move away from organised sport toward physical activity and non-organised (social) sport. The ABS has conducted a nation-wide Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation Survey for adults over 15 years of age in 2005/06, 2009/10 and 2011/12. The survey shows that participation in organised sport reduced slightly while non-organised sport reported increases.

## Facility management

Councils across Australia and Victoria employ various management structures over their sport and recreation facilities.

Where resources allow, there is a growing trend towards Councils taking on more responsibility for the overall management (and maintenance) of facilities. This involves users (tenant clubs) paying higher user fees, but being able to focus more on their core function of providing the relevant sport/activity, not facility management (and maintenance).

## Gender equality

There is a current focus on the role of sport in promoting gender equality from all levels of government.

The Victorian Government's 'Inquiry into Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation- A Five Year Game Plan for Victoria' contains 9 recommendations for the sport and recreation sector, state and local governments and other partners to bring about change. This is known as the 'Change Our Game' campaign. One of the most relevant themes for this Strategy is 'Change the Environment', with the following two recommendations:

- Deliver gender equitable built environments and facility usage policies
- Build an enabling environment through education and training.

Table 3 - Summary of the national, state and local participation trends (across the last 3-5 years where data was available)

Sport	National participation trends		State participation trends		Hume City's participation trends	
	Children	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Adults
Australian football	steady	steady	increasing	steady	steady	steady
Baseball	decreasing	decreasing	increasing	increasing	establishing	establishing
Cricket	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	increasing	decreasing
Football (soccer)	increasing	increasing	increasing	increasing	increasing	increasing
Golf	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	increasing	increasing
Hockey	decreasing	decreasing	steady	decreasing	increasing	increasing
Lacrosse	steady	steady	increasing	steady	establishing	establishing
Lawn bowls	increasing	decreasing	increasing	decreasing	increasing	decreasing
Netball	decreasing	decreasing	increasing	increasing	increasing	increasing
Rugby league	increasing	increasing	increasing	increasing	establishing	establishing
Rugby union	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	establishing	establishing
Softball	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	increasing	decreasing
Tennis	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	increasing	increasing
Touch football	increasing	decreasing	decreasing	decreasing	establishing	establishing

Participation trend data for Australia and Victoria was sourced from various annual reports of national sporting bodies. Hume City participation data was provided by clubs/associations or the State Sporting Association. Information in this table reflects a point in time only and should not be used in isolation of current participation trend data by recognised sources.



## BENCHMARKING

Provision rates for sporting facilities are dependent on a range of factors and can vary considerably between local government areas. Two comparable Council areas were selected to allow benchmarking of provision rates and test assumptions. Provision rates for the City of Melton and Wyndham City Council are provided to assist the analysis of current provision rates for Hume City Council.

### Provision ratios

For more than seven decades, councils have attempted to quantify the need for community open space using provision ratios. The most common method has been to provide council-wide desired land standards for the network of open space (i.e. land for recreation and sport parks and facilities). This has been taken a step further for sport facilities through articulating population-based provision ratios and detailing facility (and therefore land) requirements for each sport. Planning for the provision of sport facilities using a per person ratio provides a benchmark guide to ensure sufficient land is designated for future growth and where more detailed planning and analysis is not available.

The sport provision ratio approach (e.g. 1 Australian football field per 5,000 residents) has been widely used throughout Victorian councils. However, it is not typical in Queensland or New South Wales. A small number of Queensland councils use a ratio approach for the provision of indoor sport and aquatic facilities. Two large city councils in Queensland that trialled a similar approach have since ceased using facility ratios for planning purposes. These Councils found that this approach was cumbersome to manage as field dimension requirements changed, reflecting increased facility needs during peak use times was difficult, and changes in club membership and club direction were difficult to match<sup>1</sup>.

The following considerations are worthy of noting for this approach:

- defining what is 'one facility' and appreciating potential for codes to change facility requirements (e.g. AFLX, T20 cricket, Pickleball)
- opportunities to increase carrying capacity by provision of synthetic facilities (as opposed to natural turf)
- opportunities to increase available hours of usage through field lighting
- impacts of stand-alone year-round facilities compared with shared multi-use facilities
- field shape and changing preferences - it can be difficult to convert ovals into rectangular playing fields.

In a younger city such as Hume, the provision of sports facilities is important for future communities. However, in an ageing LGA, increasing demand for recreation facilities (rather than formal sport) will require an alternate provision approach.

Regardless, Council Officers have contributed significant effort to develop ratios as a planning tool to be used in association with the considerations above.

<sup>1</sup> Moreton Bay Regional Council and Gold Coast City Council

As demonstrated by the information in the following table, this method can result in significant variations for provision rates. This is a reasonable expectation as participation rates in sport will vary across communities.

The table below summarises the sport facility per person ratios currently used by Hume, Melton and Wyndham Councils to plan sport facility provision. State Sporting Association provision ratios have also been listed where one is provided by the relevant SSA.

Table 4 - Planning benchmark comparison of facility per person ratio for Melton, Wyndham and Hume City Councils and Victorian SSAs

Sport	Planning benchmark - facility per persons ratio			
	Melton	Wyndham	Hume	State Sporting Association
Australian football	5,000	10,000	5,000	4,000
Baseball	75,000	27,000	none	No ratio
Cricket	5,000	6,000	5,000	4,000
Football (soccer)	6,000	6,000	5,000	No ratio
Golf	none	86,000	none	No ratio
Hockey	80,000	57,000	100,000	100,000 (synthetic)
Lacrosse	none	none	100,000	No ratio
Lawn Bowls	none	41,000	10,000	No ratio
Netball*	none	7,000	3,500	No ratio
Softball	75,000	35,000	25,000	No ratio
Rugby league	60,000	285,000	none	No ratio
Rugby union	60,000	218,000	none	No ratio
Tennis	2,500	4,000	2,500	1,500 persons
Touch football^	none	124,000	none	No ratio

\*Includes courts on Council and education land

^predominantly utilises rugby league/union fields

Sources: Hume Leisure Strategy 2013 - 2018, Melton Open Space Strategy 2016-2026, Wyndham Sports Strategy 2045, Victoria State Sporting Associations

Table 5 - Comparison of Melton outdoor sport facility provision

Sport	2018 Melton population 156,713	2018 Wyndham population 255,322	2018 Hume population 223,329	2030 Hume projected provision
	Existing facility provision	Existing facility provision	Existing facility provision	
Australian Football	21	27	28	36
Baseball	2	4	0	0
Cricket	25	37	42	61
Football (soccer)	21	19	29	44
Golf	2	2	3	3
Hockey	1	1	1	2
Lacrosse	0	1	1	2
Lawn Bowls	3	2	7	7
Softball	2	13	2	4
Rugby League	3	2	6	12
Rugby Union	3	1	0	2
Tennis	48	59	77	111
Touch Football	0	1	0	3



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## PARTICIPATION MODELING

Analysing population and demographic forecasts as well as participation data and trends allows modelling to assist guide facility provision across suburbs in the Hume LGA. This section provides this analysis for the Hume LGA and individual suburbs.

Involvement in organised sport and physical activity generally decreases with age. Across Australia, people aged 15-24 years had the highest rate of involvement in a playing role (43%) and the highest rate of involvement overall (44%). In comparison, people aged 55-64 and 65 years and over had the lowest rate of involvement in a playing role (18% and 17% respectively) and the lowest involvement overall (19% and 18% respectively)<sup>1</sup>.

The following table details the Hume population in five year age groups, both currently and forecast to 2026 (8 years hence) and 2041 (23 years hence). Separating the population into age groups allows scrutiny of the number of people statistically most likely to participate in sport and this information contributes to planning for sport facility provision. It should be noted that this analysis is limited and does not consider the impact of additional programs that may be implemented to increase participation in other age groups.

Age groups circled in blue below are those with the highest number of individuals in each year, further demonstrating the relative youth of the Hume City population. Interestingly, by 2041 there will be 131,949 people aged between 0 and 25 living in Hume (circled in orange below), with almost 50,000 aged between 15 and 24 years - those currently recording the highest levels of sport involvement.

Table 6 - Forecast age structure - 5 year age groupings

Age group (years)	2016		2026		2041		Change between 2016 and 2041
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
0 to 4	16,868	8.1	23,692	8.3	29,745	8.0	12,877
5 to 9	15,531	7.5	21,794	7.7	27,950	7.5	12,419
10 to 14	14,107	6.8	19,790	7.0	25,769	6.9	11,662
15 to 19	14,709	7.1	18,546	6.5	24,180	6.5	9,471
20 to 24	15,964	7.7	19,158	6.7	24,305	6.5	8,341
25 to 29	17,156	8.3	22,251	7.8	26,745	7.2	9,589
30 to 34	16,650	8.0	24,292	8.5	29,127	7.8	12,477
35 to 39	14,732	7.1	23,310	8.2	28,778	7.7	14,046
40 to 44	13,687	6.6	20,227	7.1	26,470	7.1	12,783
45 to 49	13,936	6.7	17,637	6.2	24,749	6.6	10,813
50 to 54	13,176	6.3	15,321	5.4	22,064	5.9	8,888
55 to 59	11,168	5.4	14,210	5.0	19,308	5.2	8,140
60 - 64	9,207	4.4	12,581	4.4	16,364	4.4	7,157
65 to 69	7,669	3.7	10,379	3.7	13,843	3.7	6,174
70 to 74	5,377	2.6	8,125	2.9	11,846	3.2	6,469
75 to 79	3,636	1.7	6,219	2.2	9,691	2.6	6,055
80 to 84	2,405	1.2	3,863	1.4	6,708	1.8	4,303
85 and over	1,852	0.9	2,914	1.0	4,985	1.3	3,134
Total persons	207,830	100.0	284,307	100.0	372,627	100.0	164,797

<sup>1</sup> ABS Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation, Australia 2013-2014



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# INCLUSION INITIATIVES

Being socially included means that people have the resources, opportunities and capabilities they need to:

- learn by participating in education and training
- work by participating in employment, unpaid or voluntary work including family and carer responsibilities
- engage by connecting with people, use local services and participate in local, cultural, civic and recreational activities
- have a voice by influencing decisions that affect them.

Gaps in resources, opportunities and capabilities can lead to people not fully participating in society. People may be at risk of social exclusion if they are experiencing multiple disadvantages.

Hume City Council is committed to supporting an inclusive community with strategic plans and policy statements setting out key actions and community expectations including the Hume Social Justice Charter, Disability Action Plan and Community Safety Plan. Participation in sport is one practical tool that communities can use to encourage and support inclusive practices and the following information is provided to further the goals of Council.

The level of participation in sport by people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and the barriers limiting their involvement has been the subject of research by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in 2006. More recently, a report was published in March 2018 on 'Participation versus Performance: Managing (dis)ability, gender and cultural diversity in junior sport'<sup>1</sup>. The report examined the barriers and successful actions by clubs to eliminate these.

A range of research has been undertaken on aspects of social inclusion in Australian community sport resulting in outputs including:

- Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation
- The future of Australian Sport: Megatrends shaping the sports sector over coming decades
- Australian Sports Commission - Play by the Rules.

<sup>1</sup> Spaaij, R., Farquharson, K., Gorman, S., Jeanes, R., Lusher, D., Guerra, C., White, S., & Ablett, E. (2018). *Participation versus Performance: Managing (dis)ability, gender and cultural diversity in junior sport. Summary Report*. Melbourne: Centre for Multicultural Youth.

## Research

### Participation versus Performance: Managing (dis)ability, gender and cultural diversity in junior sport<sup>2</sup>

Key findings of this research include:

- clubs understand diversity in different ways and don't always have a clear definition of diversity from state or national bodies
- clubs typically respond to single aspects of diversity rather than multiple aspects
- most junior sports recognise the benefits of diversity including increased membership and volunteers, club capacity and sustainability, social and health benefits to the community
- resources and capacity of clubs is a barrier to promoting and supporting diversity
- commitment to diversity is often dependent on an individual champion driving change
- clubs that supported a participation ethos ('sport for all') were more supportive of diversity
- junior sports clubs are organised and structured in a way that tends to devalue certain forms of diversity
- there is a lack of specific guidance and support for junior sport clubs in improving diversity and inclusion
- supporting participation and focusing on performance can be conflicting goals for clubs.

The research revealed that sporting clubs at a local level require:

- information explaining what diversity is and what practical actions clubs can take
- varying degrees of support and at different stages as they embrace diversity
- policies that include specific guidance and resources on how clubs can engage with and embed diversity
- support identifying individuals to champion diversity and long-term change
- access to success stories when clubs have developed and implemented diversity related strategies.

<sup>2</sup> Centre for Multicultural Youth, 2018



An outcome of the research included identified positive practices for clubs to implement such as:

- changing club culture through management structures that distribute the administrative workload of club committee members and support better communication and inclusive practices
- undertaking an internal assessment to determine current club practices and what could be done differently to recruit and retain players from different cultural backgrounds, and increase parents and carers in volunteering
- practical assistance for low income families such as ride share to assist with transport and recycling sport equipment, shoes and uniforms between club members
- actively seeking equal representation on committees by males and females to promote gender equity, particularly when promoting female participation
- encouraging and mentoring club members to take up roles on the committee and providing mentoring and support

- seeking assistance from state sporting associations regarding all-abilities participation and teams, attending an organised event aimed at connecting disability service providers with sport clubs and targeting skilled people in the community to champion the activity e.g. teacher from the local special school
- regular social events that are culturally sensitive and celebrate different cultures
- production of newsletters and marketing in relevant languages for the local community
- establishing a role for a person to act as an intermediary between the club and newly arrived migrant people.

Major recommendations from the research fall under the following themes:

- Policy
- Developing and managing diversity champions
- Club culture and balancing participation and performance
- Sharing good practice.

## Policies

In 2006 the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission recommended that national sporting organisations should consider implementing dedicated Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) sports programs to promote a greater diversity of participation, and allocate appropriate time, staff and resources to these programs.

A growing number of National Sporting Organisations (NSO) and State Sporting Associations (SSA) now have policies provide direction regarding inclusive practices. Increasingly, NSOs and SSAs are actively supporting management within the sport to implement similar policies at all levels of the sport.

Clubs at the grassroots level do not always have the time or resources to manage the change process required to increase diversity. NSOs and SSAs are becoming increasingly aware of the need to actively work alongside clubs and Councils to drive change in this area.

## Practical ways to promote inclusion in sport

The following section has been compiled after review of successful case studies and research, and provides eight focus areas for Hume to assist sport to actively promote inclusive practices at the grassroots club level. These focus areas are:

1. Providing essential information
2. Learn the language
3. Building community through food
4. Uniform and clothing flexibility
5. Change rooms with privacy
6. Stand up to inappropriate behaviour
7. Reach out to community centres and religious organisations
8. Educational sessions for coaches, officials and volunteers

## Essential information

The Australian Sports Commission's most recent report on children's organised physical activity outside of school hours<sup>1</sup> found that children with a parent who speaks a language other than English (LOTE) at home have below-average participation rates, with these parents more likely to cite other commitments or lack of time as a reason for their child's non-participation.

Given the already significant and increasing proportion of people living in Hume that speak a language other than English, a key focus should be on ensuring language is not a barrier to participation for children and their parents.

The following actions are proposed to encourage clubs to acknowledge and welcome people from diverse cultures to participate in sport:

- ensure signs use symbols as well as words and consider providing names, directions and/or information in languages representative of Hume residents
- actively assist clubs to provide information about membership, training and competition schedules and social events in multiple languages
- support clubs to teach their members basic greetings, appropriate exclamations (e.g. when scoring a goal) and phrases in languages representing different residents - hello, welcome, my name is...

## Learn the language

In Hume, 44.9% of people speak a language other than English at home<sup>1</sup> indicating the cultural diversity of the population and the desire of these residents to retain their language. Between 2011 and 2016, the number of people who spoke a language other than English at home increased by 19,893 or 29.0%<sup>2</sup>.

The top ten languages (other than English) spoken at home in Hume and a comparison to the Greater Melbourne population is provided below:

Table 7 - Number of Hume City residents and language spoken (other than English)

Language	No. of people in Hume	Hume %	Greater Melbourne %
Arabic	16,296	8.3	1.7
Turkish	13,485	6.8	0.7
Assyrian/ Aramaic	11,931	6.0	0.3
Italian	5,699	2.9	2.3
Punjabi	5,053	2.6	1.2
Sinhalese	3,175	1.6	0.8
Greek	2,805	1.4	2.4
Hindi	2,686	1.4	1.1
Urdu	2,630	1.3	0.5
Filipino/ Tagalog	2,243	1.1	0.8



1 Ausplay Focus, Children's participation in organised physical activity outside of school hours, April 2018

1 ABS Census 2016

2 idcommunity demographic resources Hume City

## Building community through food

The notion of building community by sharing food may not seem a new or innovative idea, but it can have long lasting effects on developing a cohesive community. Considering the type of food provided after training and competition days, at social events, and food sold at canteens and kiosks could have a significant impact on people from diverse cultural backgrounds feeling welcome and included.

Country of birth, language and religion are historically linked to culture and need to be considered when identifying practical actions for sports to be inclusive. The role of food in cultural practices and religious beliefs is complex and varies among individuals and communities. Understanding the role of food in cultural and religious practice is an important part of showing respect and responding to the needs of people from a range of religious communities.

In Hume City in 2016 the largest religious group was Western (Roman) Catholic (29%) followed by Islam (16.5%), Anglican (5.5%), Hinduism (2.8%), Greek Orthodox (2.6%) and Christian (2.6%).

Providing regular social activities for club members allows people to make friends and sharing food is an essential element supporting connections between people.

## Uniform and clothing flexibility

A flexible uniform policy allows people to dress in accordance with their cultural and religious traditions. Simple policies promoted at club level can assist to dispel preconceptions regarding sport uniforms through simple statements including:

- we support members wearing traditional head scarves in colours of the team/club
- we support members wearing leggings or tracksuits and long sleeves tops.

## Change rooms with privacy

There is growing demand for privacy in change rooms by providing lockable cubicles for toilets and showers.

Group showers and open changing areas without option are no longer considered appropriate, particularly when encouraging sport participation by women and girls, culturally and linguistically diverse people, people with a disability and trans-gender and cis-gender people.

Change rooms designed to provide privacy will cater for everyone regardless of gender, cultural or religious tradition.

Combinations of female, male, unisex and family change rooms are all options for investigation and application when amenities are refurbished or designed for construction.

## Standing up

Building an inclusive environment at club level may take considerable time and effort and can be undermined by a single inappropriate comment or incident that is not handled well. Unintentionally offensive comments or ill-chosen humour can be damaging and it is important for club members to stand up and speak out when comments 'cross the line'.

Coaches, officials and volunteers involved in clubs need to model the club's code of conduct particularly for junior sport teams.

## Reaching out

Rather than expecting people to reach out to the local sports club, clubs should reach out to local community centres and religious organisation to welcome new members and encourage attendance at sign-on days, social events and exhibition games.

## Education sessions

Education sessions for club members that are fun to participate in and increase awareness of other cultures is one way of fostering understanding and acceptance. More formal training and education for coaches, officials and committee members is also essential to help clubs evolve and create management, strategy and policy frameworks that underpin member behaviour and practices.

## Coaches

The onus of inclusion rests with the coach according to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). The AIS advise that being inclusive means adapting and modifying coaching practices and activities to ensure every participant, regardless of age, gender, ability level, disability and ethnic background has the opportunity to participate if they choose to. Good coaches adapt and modify aspects of their coaching and create an environment that caters for individual needs and allows everyone to take part.

## Officials, umpires and volunteers

As role models, mentors and people in positions of trust, club officials, umpires and volunteers are in a unique position to influence the policies, practices and culture of local sport teams. Education sessions on inclusive practices delivered in a social, relaxed environment to encourage discussion and information sharing will allow clubs to assess what they are currently doing and what can be improved to support inclusive practices. Club officials and volunteers will also be better able to support club coaches to create an inclusive environment.

## Recommendations

While the inclusive practices discussed are primarily the responsibility of sport clubs and associations, Council can facilitate education, information and improvement in these areas. A number of recommendations are detailed in the following table aimed at Council providing support to clubs and associations becoming more inclusive.

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>City-wide</b>				
II1	Review the Hume City Council Sports Aid Grant Program	Operational action	Participation	C
II2	Continue implementation of the Sports Club Development & Training program including a schedule of quarterly development sessions available to Hume Clubs	Operational action	Participation	C
II3	Prepare a Club Resource Kit to assist the development of newly formed Hume Sport Clubs	Operational action	Growth	M
II4	Produce a series of Club Development/ Inclusion Fact Sheets and resources for Hume Sports Clubs in partnership with relevant SSAs and community organisations	Operational action	Participation	M
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Southern AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
II5	Establish a new inclusive Sports Association including an Australian rules football club and tennis club	Operational action	Participation	M
II6	Facilitate the relocation of the Donnybrook Cricket Club (DCC) from John Laffan Reserve. DCC to form part of new Sports Association	Operational action	Participation	M
<b>Central AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
II7	Establish a new inclusive Sports Association including a soccer club, cricket club and tennis club	Operational action	Participation	M



Eastern Hub AOS, Mickleham				
II8	Establish a new inclusive rugby union/touch club	Operational action	Growth	L
Aitken Hill Activity Centre, Craigieburn				
II9	Development of the Craigieburn Softball Club	Operational action	Participation	M
Northern Hub AOS, Mickleham				
II10	Establish a new inclusive Sports Association including an Australian rules football club, cricket club and tennis club	Operational action	Participation	M
Southern Hub, Mickleham				
II11	Establish a new inclusive Sports Association including a soccer club, cricket club and tennis club	Operational action	Participation	M
John Laffan Reserve, Kalkallo				
II12	Develop a new junior soccer club	Operational action	Participation	M
Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre, Craigieburn				
II13	Partner with Lacrosse Victoria to establish a Hume Lacrosse Club	Operational action	Participation	M
Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
Central Hub AOS, Craigieburn				
II14	Establish a new inclusive Sports Association including a Rugby League Club, Touch Football Club and Cricket Club	Operational action	Participation	M
Jacksons Creek Ward				
Lancefield Road LR-SR-03 AOS, Sunbury				
II15	Relocation of Sunbury United Rugby League Club from Langama Park	Operational action	Growth	L
Meadow Valley Ward				
II16	Partner with AFL Victoria to establish a new Auskick Program	Operational action	Participation	C

C = CURRENT YEAR, M = MEDIUM 1-4 YEARS, L = 4 YEARS +



# FUTURE SPORT DEMAND

Using the current participation numbers of sports across the Hume LGA and the forecast population growth, it is possible to project participation rates to plan for potential future demand for sporting opportunities and facilities to support participation. The table below summarises current participation and forecast increases based on applying the past and current Hume participation rate and the Victorian participation rate to the expected population of the Hume LGA in 2041<sup>1</sup> (estimated 372,627 people) for each sport. Projections have been based on current participation rates without factoring any participation trends for individual sports as there are a range of variables involved that are complex to predict with certainty.

Table 8 - Sport participation projections

Sport	2016 Participation <sup>§</sup>	2018 Participation <sup>*</sup>	2041 Participation based on current participation and forecast population <sup>#</sup>
Australian football	3,000	3,445	6,612
Baseball	-	-	currently establishing
Cricket	1,950	2,100	3,504
Football (Soccer)	1,880	2,235	4,106
Golf	986	1,165	1,944
Hockey	55	143	239
Lacrosse <sup>%</sup>	12	22	37
Lawn Bowls	383	437	729
Netball <sup>^</sup>	2,306	1,653	2,758
Rugby League	621	650	1,084
Rugby Union <sup>%</sup>	66	94	157
Softball	297	177	295
Tennis	2,000	2,265	3,779
Touch Football	-	-	currently establishing

<sup>§</sup>Registered player numbers provided to Council by clubs <sup>\*</sup>Registered player numbers provided by the relevant State Sporting Organisation.

<sup>#</sup>Projected participation calculated using 2018 participation and percentage forecast population increase for period 2018-2041 (66.85%).

<sup>^</sup>Netball figures reflect both indoor and outdoor participation. <sup>%</sup>Figures for Lacrosse and Rugby Union reflect the number of registered players that live in Hume LGA however are members of clubs in neighbouring local government areas

With no established and registered clubs within the Hume LGA, Baseball Victoria and Touch Football Victoria were unable to provide accurate participation data. Despite this, it can be assumed that both these sports, as well as Lacrosse which is currently establishing in the City, will have a presence in Hume in the future. It is likely there are currently baseball players living in Hume and playing for clubs located in neighbouring LGAs (regardless that this data is not currently captured by the SSA). Touch Football's strategic alliance with Rugby League and the development of a Rugby League State and Community Centre for the sport in Hume provides strong impetus for further development and promotion of Touch Football in Hume.

## Key considerations

The above analysis can assist to guide the provision of sporting facilities, however needs to be used in conjunction with other tools. It is important to note that obtaining consistent and accurate data from sport clubs and state sporting organisations was difficult. Other factors to consider when planning for sport include:

- local communities/LGAs often have markedly different participation rates than the State participation rates, thus the inclusion of both methods of calculations in the above table
- sporting participation rates change regularly, and even a minor increase or decrease in those rates can significantly affect sustainability at club, league and sometimes state levels
- the current most popular sports that Council will need to continue to provide significant support to, include: Australian football, cricket, football (soccer), tennis, golf and netball.

A summary of implications for each individual sport is provided in the outdoor sport analysis section.

<sup>1</sup> Hume City population forecast idcommunity demographic resources



## Growth Area Planning

The Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) works closely with Councils and local communities to assess the infrastructure required to support the future population in growth areas. The location and indicative size and form of the infrastructure is displayed in a plan, often known as a Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), that guides the development of the growth area.

The VPA have completed PSP's for the Hume growth corridor which contain guidance on the type of future active open space and sporting infrastructure required in those areas (table 2).

There are still areas identified in Hume for future development that have not had a PSP prepared or are in early phase of PSP development.

Sometimes, after these PSP's are prepared, the requirements and aspirations of the community change. To manage this change and continue to meet community expectations variations are made to the size and form of the infrastructure.

Table 2 outlines recommended changes to identified PSP growth area sporting infrastructure for Council consideration. The changes have been identified to meet the needs of the growing community and to provide a balance of sporting opportunities to new and existing residents.

Table 9 - Summary of active open space nominated in relevant Precinct Structure Plans and recommended infrastructure charges

Aitken Ward	Description of facilities in PSP	Recommendations
Craigieburn R2 (Central Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop four rugby league/touch football pitches overlaid on two cricket ovals</li> </ul>
Craigieburn R2 (Northern Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sixteen (16) tennis courts, 3 netball courts and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop skate, scooter and BMX park</li> </ul>
English Street (John Laffan Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade sports grounds and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop two soccer pitches overlaid with a cricket oval, a multi-purpose area and pavilion</li> </ul>
Highlands (Activity Centre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports fields and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop two softball diamonds and pavilion</li> </ul>
Lockerbie (Southern - Cloverton Recreation Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals, six tennis courts and two pavilions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce tennis courts to four (future proof area for future development of up to eight courts). Develop single shared pavilion.</li> </ul>
Lockerbie (Central)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two cricket ovals combined with four football (soccer) pitches, four tennis courts and shared pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change</li> </ul>
Merrifield West (Southern Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals, six tennis courts and two pavilions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop four football (soccer) pitches overlaid on two cricket ovals and a single shared pavilion</li> </ul>
Merrifield West (Northern Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals, six tennis courts and two pavilions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future proof site for up to eight tennis courts and develop a single shared pavilion</li> </ul>
Merrifield West (Eastern Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three football (soccer) pitches/one cricket oval overlay and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two rugby union/touch football pitches overlaid on one cricket oval and pavilion</li> <li>Future proof site for inclusion of third rugby union/touch football pitch</li> </ul>
Craigieburn West, Craigieburn Town Centre, Merrifield South, Merrifield Town Centre, Merrifield North, Merrifield Employment, Kalkallo Town Centre, Viva Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future PSPs yet to be developed by VPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future PSPs yet to be developed by VPA</li> </ul>

Jacksons Creek Ward	Description of facilities in PSP	Recommendations
Lancefield Road Regional Sporting Complex (LR-SR-01)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expected to accommodate Regional Sporting Infrastructure</li> <li>Balance of Reserve to be provided in Sunbury North precinct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop indoor/outdoor sports complex to service south/east Sunbury. Relocate indoor sports courts from Sunbury South (Redstone Hill MTC) and outdoor netball courts from Lancefield Road Northern Hub into a consolidated regional complex</li> </ul>
Lancefield Road Northern Hub (LR-SR-02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals, outdoor netball courts and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate outdoor netball courts to Lancefield Road Regional Sporting Complex (LR-SR-01)</li> </ul>
Lancefield Road Central Hub (LR-SR-03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two football (soccer) pitches/cricket oval and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase to four football (soccer) pitches overlaid on two cricket ovals and pavilion</li> </ul>
Sunbury South (Harpers Creek Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals, three lawn bowls greens and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate lawn bowls to Sunbury South PSP (Northern Hub) subject to demonstrated demand for additional lawn bowls facilities</li> </ul>
Sunbury South (Jacksons Creek Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two football (soccer) pitches/cricket oval, eight tennis courts and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop four rugby league pitches overlaid on two cricket ovals and pavilion. Rugby pitches relocated from Sunbury South (Northern Hub)</li> <li>Relocate tennis courts to Sunbury South PSP (Northern Hub)</li> </ul>
Sunbury South (Redstone Hill MTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Australian football/cricket ovals, pavilion and four court indoor stadium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate indoor sports courts to Lancefield Road Regional Sporting Complex (LR-SR-01)</li> </ul>
Sunbury South (Northern Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two rugby/football (soccer) pitches and pavilion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate tennis from Jacksons Creek Hub and lawn bowls from Northern Hub to this Reserve</li> <li>Relocate rugby to Lancefield Road Central Hub (LR-SR-03)</li> </ul>
Sunbury West, Sunbury North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future PSPs yet to be determined by VPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future PSPs yet to be determined by VPA</li> </ul>
Meadow Valley Ward	Description of facilities in PSP	Recommendations
Greenvale Central (Greenvale Recreation Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian football/cricket oval (oval 3) and pavilion</li> <li>Additional tennis courts at Greenvale Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change</li> </ul>
Greenvale Central (Bradford Avenue Reserve)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade of oval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convert oval to accommodate football (soccer)/cricket post completion of oval 3 at Greenvale Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
Woodlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future PSPs yet to be determined by VPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future PSPs yet to be determined by VPA</li> </ul>

## Informal sport considerations

There is evidence that an increasing number of people are participating in social sport and individual fitness activities that suits their lifestyle, and that participation in formal sport is declining<sup>1</sup>. In addition, the multicultural nature of Hume's population will necessitate provision of activities that are attractive to people from a diverse range of cultures. The rising cost of participating in sport is an identified barrier for community members and social sport games provides an alternative way of enjoying sport without the financial commitment inherent to participation in club sport. The increasing number of people participating in informal sport and recreation activities requires recognition, proactive planning and accommodation for the future.

Opportunities for social and informal sports participation at active reserves is limited due to the usage of sports grounds for active organised sport during peak times. Council has a number of single sporting grounds with quality surfaces that are under-utilised due to lack of basic amenities including toilets, shade shelter and drinking fountains. These sites are ideal to accommodate both social and informal sports participation and also provide opportunity for pre-season training activities for sports clubs which will relieve pressure on existing over-utilised grounds. It is recommended that Council consider the installation of accessible public toilets, shade and drinking water provision at these sites to increase opportunities for community participation. Council should also consider the use of synthetic sports surfaces in growth area reserves to increase the carrying capacity and all year round flexibility of use for competition and training, pre-season training and social sporting use.

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Patullos Lane Reserve, Roxburgh Park</b>				
IS1	Activation of reserve to facilitate informal sports participation and club pre-season training including the establishment of an accessible public toilet, shade shelter and drinking fountain	Hume Capital Works Program	Participation	C
<b>Greenvale Gardens Reserve</b>				
IS2	Activation of reserve to facilitate informal sports participation and club pre-season training including the establishment of an accessible public toilet, shade shelter and drinking fountain	Greenvale Central PSP	Participation	C
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Tulsa Drive Reserve, Sunbury</b>				
IS3	Activation of reserve to facilitate informal sports participation and club pre-season training including the establishment of an accessible public toilet	New action	Participation	M
<b>Meadow Valley Ward</b>				
<b>Drummond Street Reserve, Greenvale</b>				
IS4	Activation of reserve to facilitate informal sports participation and club pre-season training including the establishment of an accessible public toilet, shade shelter and drinking fountain	Hume Capital Works Program	Participation	C
<b>Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows</b>				
IS5	Activation of reserve to facilitate informal sports participation and club pre-season training including the establishment of an accessible public toilet, shade shelter and drinking fountain	New action	Participation	M
<b>Citywide</b>				
IS6	Implement a reserve car park upgrade program to increase reserve safety	New action	Renewal	ML

<sup>1</sup> AusPlay Survey, 2019; ABS Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation, Australia, 2013-2014; Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS), 2010



## OUTDOOR SPORT ANALYSIS

An analysis of each of the following sports has been undertaken in order to inform future provision, facility development and support to increase participation, particularly by under-represented groups in the community.

For each sport the following elements have been assessed:

- existing facilities and the number of courts/fields/ovals
- clubs and associations
- registered player numbers
- pattern of growth or decline in participation
- carrying capacity
- distribution of facilities across the LGA
- future direction of the sport
- relevant actions from Council planning and precinct structure plans
- relevant inclusion initiatives
- key issues for clubs and the sport.

The following pages document this assessment and are provided alphabetically by sport:

- Australian Football (AFL)
- Baseball
- Cricket
- Football (Soccer)
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Softball
- Tennis
- Touch Football





# AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

## Supply overview

Existing Australian Football facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Fields
Aitken Ward	Craigieburn	DS Aitken Reserve	Craigieburn Football Club Craigieburn Superules Football Club	1
		Highgate Recreation Reserve	Calder Cannons Craigieburn Football Club Craigieburn Auskick Craigieburn Football Club	2
		Patullos Lane Reserve	no current tenant	1
		Vic Foster Reserve	Craigieburn Football Club Hume Bombers Football Club	1
	Kalkallo	John Laffan Reserve	no current tenant	2
	Roxburgh Park	Lakeside Reserve	Roxburgh Park Football Club	2
Jackson Creek Ward	Bulla	Bulla Reserve	East Sunbury Sporting Group	1
	Sunbury	Boardman Reserve	Sunbury Kangaroos Junior Football Netball Club Sunbury Football Netball Club Sunbury Lions Football Netball Club (Juniors)	2
		John McMahon Reserve (Goonawarra Recreation Reserve)	East Sunbury Sporting Group	2
		McEwen Drive Reserve	no current tenant	1
		Sunbury Recreation Reserve (Clarke Oval)	Sunbury Masters Football Club Sunbury Football Netball Club	1
		Tulsa Reserve	East Sunbury Sporting Group	1
	Tullamarine	Leo Dineen Reserve	Tullamarine Football Club	1
Meadow Valley Ward	Broadmeadows	Jacana Reserve	Jacana Football Club	2
	Greenvale	Bradford Avenue Reserve	Greenvale Football Club	1
		Drummond Reserve	Greenvale Football Club	1
		Greenvale Recreation Reserve	Greenvale Football Club	3
	Gladstone Park	Ginifer Reserve	no current tenant	1
	Westmeadows	Westmeadows Reserve	Westmeadows Football Club Westmeadows Auskick	1
		Willowbrook Reserve	Westmeadows Football Club	1
Total number of existing fields				28

## Australian football participation

The Australian Football League (AFL) Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	3,000	3,445	6,612

## Existing facility carrying capacity

There are twenty-eight existing Council owned sports grounds in Hume that contain infrastructure for Australian Football. Twenty-one of those grounds are district or regional level facilities utilised for both club competition and training. The remaining seven grounds are utilised for overflow competition, Auskick, training and/or pre-season training dependent upon the suitability of ground size for competition, surface condition and the level of ancillary infrastructure available i.e. pavilions, irrigation, sports light etc.

Playing surfaces are generally in very good condition across Hume which demonstrates the success of Councils investment in warm season turf conversion and ongoing maintenance practices and that tenant clubs are managing ground utilisation to avoid excessive wear.

While Hume currently do not meet accepted provision ratios of 1 oval per 5000 residents, there is no evidence to suggest that the current provision is not meeting the requirements of the municipality. This has been further demonstrated by the conversion of some Australian Football ovals to accommodate soccer and rugby demand in areas of Hume.

## State Sporting Association input

Due to increasing participation in Australian football, particularly by children and women, it is expected that additional facilities for Australian football will be required in Hume's population growth areas (albeit not as many as mentioned in the previous section).

It is noted that the historical alignment of Australian football and outdoor netball requires greater recognition and sufficient netball facilities should be planned in Hume.

## Australian football facilities in growth areas

The Victorian Planning Authority Precinct Structure Plans identify fourteen (14) new Australian football ovals to be developed in Hume growth areas over the next 10 years. While the construction of new Australian Rules ovals in Hume growth suburbs of Mickleham, Kalkallo and Sunbury will be required to meet future participation demands, it is estimated that only 11 new AFL ovals will be required to meet demand during this period. Some active open spaces identified for Australian Football should be considered for development to meet demand for other sports in these regions including soccer and rugby.

The following future provision by Suburb is recommended for consideration:

- Mickleham 2 Ovals
- Kalkallo 2 Ovals
- Sunbury 6 Ovals
- Greenvale 1 Oval

## Australian football in Hume

Australian football is the most popular code of football in Australia and current provision of fields and facilities in Hume reflect the ongoing popularity and growth of the sport. As the outdoor sport with the current highest participation rate in Hume, Australian football is projected to increase in the municipality, particularly due to the rapid increases in female participation since the launch of the Women's Australian Football League.

Australian football participation remains strong in the Jackson Creek and Aitken wards and Hume is well placed to accommodate future participation in these areas through developing growth area facilities and development of additional infrastructure at existing grounds if required. There has been a historical decline noted in participation in areas of Meadows Valley Ward including Broadmeadows and Jacana where some facilities have been re-purposed to accommodate other sporting codes. The current provision of facilities within these areas is adequate to accommodate requirements over the next 10 years.

In addition to new facilities Council has recognised the need to renew ageing infrastructure to meet contemporary facility standards and expectations, particularly to accommodate the growth of female participation. The continued implementation of the Sports Pavilion Plan and Sports Lighting Plan is important to meeting this demand. Equally important is the need to renew and maintain Council sports ground irrigation and drainage infrastructure and condition auditing and development of a renewal program should be considered.



## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Football:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Southern AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
AF1	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>four tennis courts and pavilion</li> </ul>	Lockerbie PSP	Growth	M
<b>Northern AOS, Mickleham</b>				
AF2	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>six tennis courts and pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	M
AF3	Upgrade of Highgate Recreation Reserve Oval 1 including 2 new change rooms and gymnasium extension of pavilion and public toilets and shade shelter to west side of oval	New action	Growth	M
<b>Vic Foster Reserve, Craigieburn</b>				
AF4	Sports lighting upgrade	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
AF5	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Plan	Renewal	ML
Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>John McMahon Recreation Reserve, Sunbury</b>				
AF6	Upgrade oval 1 sports lighting	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
<b>Boardman Recreation Reserve, Sunbury</b>				
AF7	Upgrade oval 2 sports lighting	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
AF8	Upgrade pavilion 2	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
AF9	Upgrade pavilion 3 and social room	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Citywide</b>				
AF10	Audit the condition of all existing sports ground irrigation and drainage systems and develop a renewal schedule for consideration	New action	Renewal	CM
<b>Leo Dineen Reserve, Tullamarine</b>				
AF11	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Harpers Creek Hub AOS, Sunbury</b>				
AF12	Development of new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L

Redstone Hill MTC AOS, Sunbury				
Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
AF13	Development of new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L
Lancefield Road (LR-SR-O2), Sunbury				
AF14	Development of new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Lancefield Road PSP	Growth	L
Meadow Valley Ward				
Greenvale Recreation Reserve				
AF15	Upgrade oval 2 sports lighting	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
AF16	Construction of Australian football/cricket oval (oval number 3) and oval 3 pavilion	Greenvale Central PSP	Growth	M
AF17	Construct car parking for oval 3	Greenvale Central PSP	Growth	M
Jacana Reserve				
AF18	Upgrade pavilion and social room	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
West Meadows Reserve				
AF19	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML

C = CURRENT YEAR, M = MEDIUM 1-4 YEARS, L = 4 YEARS +



# BASEBALL

## Supply overview

There are currently no Baseball facilities within the Hume LGA, with participants living in Hume competing in clubs at facilities in neighbouring local government areas.

## Baseball participation

Membership numbers of baseball players living in Hume were not provided by Baseball Victoria.

Participation in baseball increased nationwide by 24% up to 2011 and currently 61,000 players are registered Australia wide. If participation in the sport by Hume residents reflected state trends, approximately 745 people living in Hume would be baseball players.

## Existing facility carrying capacity

Boeing Reserve in Essendon (neighbouring Moreland City Council) provides a district level baseball facility. The Reserve is located near the Calder Freeway and Western Ring Road corridors to service the existing inner western Melbourne suburbs and the new growth projected through Brimbank, northern Melton and north Hume.

While there are no dedicated baseball facilities in the Hume LGA, the existing softball facilities at John McMahon Reserve (also known as Goonawarra Recreation Reserve) consist of two softball diamonds with provision for a third, if warranted in the future. Softball diamonds are ideal for baseball little league and the current facilities have capacity if a junior baseball competition was initiated.

## Baseball facilities in growth areas

With limited participation there is no demonstrable need for development of dedicated baseball facilities in Hume LGA. However, participation in the sport should be monitored and if participation starts to increase, consideration could be given to reserving land in the north-east or north-west of the LGA for development of baseball diamonds.

## Baseball in Hume

Key issues for Baseball include:

- Little League can utilise existing softball facilities in Sunbury if demand is generated
- currently, there is limited evidence of promotion and awareness of the sport in Hume schools
- there is an opportunity to promote T-ball as a social game able to be modified to include most people regardless of age, gender and ability, which can be played in any open space.

Baseball facilities do not currently exist in Hume and there has been no demonstrated demand for facilities in the near future. Baseball facilities are located in both Essendon and Melton and it is likely that these sites are providing for participation by Hume residents. Participation in the sport statewide is relatively low, therefore participation numbers would need to clearly justify investment prior to facility development. Junior development through Little League could operate from the Sunbury Softball facility until demand warrants a dedicated baseball facility.

## Recommendations

The following recommendation is proposed to investigate facility development in Baseball:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
BB1	Undertake a feasibility study on development of baseball facilities in Hume	Operational action	Growth	M

C = CURRENT YEAR, M = MEDIUM 1-4 YEARS, L = 4 YEARS +



# CRICKET

## Supply overview

Existing Cricket facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Ovals
Aitken Ward	Campbellfield	Seth Raistrick Reserve	Genesis Cricket Club	1
	Craigieburn	Aston Recreation Reserve	Craigieburn Cricket Club Hume Cricket Club	1
		DS Aitken Reserve	Craigieburn Cricket Club	1
		Highgate Recreation Reserve	Craigieburn Cricket Club	1
		Hothlyn Reserve	Craigieburn Cricket Club	1
		Vic Foster Reserve	Craigieburn Cricket Club Hume Cricket Club	1
	Mickleham	John Laffan Reserve	Donnybrook Cricket Club Craigieburn Cricket Club Melbourne Eagles Cricket Club	2
	Roxburgh Park	Arena Recreation Reserve	Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club Hume Cricket Club Chargers Cricket Club	2
		Lakeside Reserve	Roxburgh Park Broadmeadows Cricket Club	2
Patullos Lane Reserve		no current tenant	1	
Jackson Creek Ward	Bulla	Bulla Reserve	Sunbury United Cricket Club	1
	Sunbury	Boardman Reserve	Sunbury Kangaroo Cricket Club Sunbury United Cricket Club	2
		John McMahon Reserve	East Sunbury Cricket Club	2
		Langama Park	Sunbury United Cricket Club	2
		McEwen Drive Reserve	no current tenant	1
		Sunbury Recreation Reserve (Clarke Oval)	Sunbury Cricket Club	1
		Tulsa Reserve	no current tenant	1
	Tullamarine	Leo Dineen Reserve	Tullamarine Cricket Club	1
		Tullamarine Reserve (Melrose Drive)	Tullamarine Cricket Club Gladstone Park Cricket Club	2
Meadow Valley Ward	Broadmeadows	Anderson Reserve	no current tenant	1
		Seabrook Reserve	Northern Lions Sports Club	1
	Coolaroo	Progress Reserve	Northern Lions Sports Club Sunbury Cricket	2
	Dallas	Gibb Reserve	Genesis Cricket Club	1
	Greenvale	Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve	Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club	1
		Bradford Avenue Reserve	Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club	1
		Drummond Street Reserve	Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club	1
		Greenvale Reserve	Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club	3
	Gladstone Park	Ginifer Reserve	Gladstone Park Cricket Club	1
		Gladstone Park Reserve	Westmeadows Cricket Club Melbourne Eagles Cricket Club	1
	Jacana	Jacana Recreation Reserve	Jacana Cricket Club	1
	Westmeadows	Westmeadows Recreation Reserve	Westmeadows Cricket Club	1
		Willowbrook Recreation Reserve	Westmeadows Cricket Club	1
Total number of existing fields				42



## Cricket participation

Cricket Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018*	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	1,950	2,100	3,504

## Existing facility carrying capacity

There are forty-two existing Council owned sports grounds in Hume that contain infrastructure for cricket. Across the LGA, playing surfaces are generally in good condition and coping with the current level of use.

Some ancillary facilities (practice nets, club houses, change facilities, etc) have been noted by user groups, and by facility inspections, as requiring upgrades and/or extensions. This is particularly relevant when considering the projected growth of female participation in the sport.

It should be noted that approximately only one third of the current venues have more than one playing field/ oval and the majority of the remaining venues have no opportunities for expansion. However, many reserves are adjacent to school facilities where there may be opportunities to utilise school facilities to increase the carrying capacity of the sites.

New sites will need to be developed to cater for the projected significant population growth. If the generally accepted provision rate of one oval per 5,000 residents were to be applied, an additional 34 cricket ovals would be required by the year 2041. It should be noted that these provision rates are only one tool to be referenced for future planning of sporting facilities and should not be treated as a definitive number. Further, improved design and more effective management practices by tenants and Council may significantly reduce this number.

## State Sporting Association input

Cricket Victoria recognises that Hume is in a growth corridor and part of its priority planning area - the North West Metro Region (which includes Hume, Melbourne, Moonee Valley, and Moreland City Council LGAs). The planning and development of new facilities in conjunction with Council, other peak sporting bodies and local cricket stakeholders within the City of Hume is important to Cricket Victoria due to forecast population growth.

Applying Cricket's national provision ratio of 1:3,300 people, the North West Metro Region is projected to require an estimated 100 plus additional cricket grounds by 2031 (assuming demand for cricket aligns with population growth). A more conservative approach to facility provision is recommended by this plan.

## Cricket facilities in growth areas

Participation in cricket is in decline across Australia and Victoria. In contrast, participation in Hume has increased in recent years.

Similar to Australian Football, areas of Meadow Valley Ward have experienced a decline in cricket participation in recent years and it is projected that existing facilities are sufficient to meet the current and future demand in these areas. Focus should remain on renewal of existing infrastructure in these areas. However, additional facilities will be required in Hume's population growth areas within the Aitken and Jacksons Creek Wards and 21 additional grounds are proposed for development in these growth areas. These include:

- Craigieburn 2 Ovals
- Greenvale 1 Oval
- Kalkallo 4 Ovals
- Mickleham 5 Ovals
- Sunbury 9 Ovals.

The historical alignment of cricket and Australian football may change due to lengthening seasons for both sports and social competitions. The growth of female participation within the sport will also need to be planned for, especially in respect to the development of appropriate ancillary facilities.

## Cricket in Hume

A high participation sport in Hume, cricket is expected to increase into the future. This increase is expected partly due to a rise in female participation and the introduction and popularity of shorter and more social competitions such as twenty20 cricket. Cricket is the most popular sport in India and Pakistan and its similar popularity in Australia provides an opportunity for participation by residents with these cultural backgrounds.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Cricket:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Eastern Hub AOS, Mickleham</b>				
C1	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two rugby union pitches/one cricket oval</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	L
<b>Southern AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
C2	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>four tennis courts</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Lockerbie PSP	Growth	CM
<b>John Laffan Reserve, Kalkallo</b>				
C3	Redevelop reserve to accommodate junior cricket and soccer	English Street PSP contribution	Renewal	M
C4	Pavilion replacement	Hume Sport Pavilion Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Southern Hub, Mickleham</b>				
C5	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>six tennis courts</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	M
<b>Northern Hub AOS, Mickleham</b>				
C6	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>six tennis courts</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	M
<b>Central Hub AOS, Craigieburn</b>				
C7	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four rugby league pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Craigieburn R2 PSP	Growth	M
<b>Vic Foster Reserve, Craigieburn</b>				
C8	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Central AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
C9	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>four tennis courts</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Lockerbie PSP	Growth	M
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Boardman Reserve, Sunbury</b>				
C10	Pavilion 2 upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
C11	Pavilion 3 and social room upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Langama Park, Sunbury</b>				
C12	Pavilion 2 upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Tullamarine Reserve</b>				
C13	Pavilion and changeroom upgrades	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML
<b>Harpers Creek Hub AOS, Sunbury</b>				
C14	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L
<b>Jacksons Creek Hub AOS, Sunbury</b>				
C15	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four rugby pitches / touch pitches</li> <li>two cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	M
<b>Redstone Hill MTC AOS, Sunbury</b>				
C16	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L
<b>Lancefield Road (LR-SR-02) AOS, Sunbury</b>				
C17	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Lancefield Road PSP	Growth	L
<b>Lancefield Road (LR-SR-03) AOS, Sunbury</b>				
C18	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Lancefield Road PSP	Growth	L

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Meadow Valley Ward</b>				
<b>Seth Raistrick Reserve, Campbellfield</b>				
C19	Pavilion and social room upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Progress Reserve, Coolaroo</b>				
C20	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Gladstone Park Reserve</b>				
C21	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
<b>Ginifer Reserve, Gladstone Park</b>				
C22	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Greenvale Recreation Reserve</b>				
C23	Construction of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ one Australian football/cricket oval (oval number 3)</li> <li>■ oval 3 pavilion.</li> </ul>	Greenvale Central PSP	Growth	M
C24	Construct car parking for oval 3	Greenvale PSP	Growth	M
<b>Jacana Reserve</b>				
C25	Pavilion and social room upgrade	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Anderson Reserve, Broadmeadows</b>				
C26	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML
<b>West Meadows Reserve</b>				
C27	Pavilion upgrade	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML

C = CURRENT YEAR, M = MEDIUM 1-4 YEARS, L = 4 YEARS +





# FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

## Supply overview

Existing Football facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Fields
Aitken Ward	Campbellfield	Seth Raistrick Reserve	Sunbury United Soccer Club	1
	Craigieburn	Aston Recreation Reserve	Craigieburn City Football Club	3
	Roxburgh Park	Arena Recreation Reserve	Roxburgh Park United Soccer Club	4
Jackson Creek Ward	Sunbury	Langama Park	Sunbury United Soccer Club	4
	Tullamarine	Tullamarine Reserve (Melrose Drive)	Tullamarine Football Club	1
Meadow Valley Ward	Broadmeadows	Jack Roper Reserve	No current tenant	1
	Greenvale	Barrymore Road Reserve	Greenvale United Soccer Club	2
	Meadow Heights	Broadmeadows Valley Park (John Ilhan Memorial Reserve)	Hume City Football Club	4
	Dallas	Gibb Reserve	Upfield Soccer Club	2
	Gladstone Park Reserve	Gladstone Park Reserve	Meadow Park Soccer Club	2
	Dallas	Laura Douglas Reserve	Hume United Soccer Club	3
	Coolaroo	Progress Reserve	Broadmeadows Stars Soccer Club	2
Total number of existing fields				29

## Football (Soccer) participation

The sport of football (soccer) has been experiencing significant growth at a national, state and local level over recent years. It should be noted that this growth rate is even more significant for female participation with 2018 numbers being approximately five times that of 2011.

Football Federation Victoria (FFV) provided participation figures for the Hume LGA.

Hume LGA	2016	2018	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	1880	2235	4,106

## Existing facility carrying capacity

There are twenty-nine existing Council owned sports grounds in Hume that contain infrastructure for football (soccer). Football fields across the LGA are in good condition and currently adequately cater for the sport. However, given the sport's significant projected growth, current facilities do not have the capacity to cope with future demand. This is particularly relevant in regard to increased female participation, with development of facilities that meet female friendly guidelines a key consideration.

## Football facilities in growth areas

Fifteen (15) pitches have been identified for future provision in growth areas of Hume and are projected to accommodate Hume participation requirements for the next 10-15 years. These include:

- Mickleham 4
- Kalkallo 6
- Sunbury 4
- Greenvale 1

Two of the proposed pitches in Kalkallo require the re-purposing of John Laffan Reserve which will no longer be of suitable size for Australian Football due to the planned duplication of Donnybrook road.

It is proposed to re-purpose the existing Bradford sports oval at Bradford Avenue Reserve, Greenvale to soccer upon the completion of the fourth AFL/Cricket oval at Greenvale Recreation Reserve. The Bradford Avenue Reserve facility will accommodate future soccer participation in the suburb and relieve overuse of the existing Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve.

## Football (Soccer) in Hume

Football (soccer) is one of the top five sports in Hume and strong youth participation is expected to swell numbers as Hume's population grows.

While Australian football remains the highest participation outdoor sport in Hume, national and state level increases in soccer participation and changes in Hume's cultural demographic and diversity have seen a participation demand shift toward soccer in areas of the city over the past two decades. This shift has been evident from the required re-purposing of a number of Hume sports ovals, traditionally utilised for Australian Football, to soccer e.g. Tullamarine Reserve, Gladstone Park Reserve, Gibb Reserve Dallas and Progress Reserve Coolaroo.

Hume identified a shortfall in soccer facility provision in the north of the city and developed 9 new soccer pitches over the past 8 years to meet existing demand. The high utilisation of these facilities indicate that this trend will continue with new facilities required in the growth areas of Mickleham, Kalkallo and Sunbury in coming years.

Similar to other sports, soccer in Hume has experienced significant increases in female participation and the inclusion of gender equitable facilities will be a high priority for Council. Council should also give consideration to the inclusion of synthetic sports grounds in growth areas and infrastructure for small sided versions of soccer to enable greater carrying capacity of use and opportunities for informal sport participation.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Football:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>John Laffan Reserve, Kalkallo</b>				
F1	Redevelop reserve to accommodate junior cricket and soccer	English Street PSP	Renewal	M
F2	Pavilion replacement	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Southern Hub, Mickleham</b>				
F3	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four soccer pitches, two cricket ovals (consideration of the use of synthetic surfaces and small sided facilities)</li> <li>▪ six tennis courts</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	M
<b>Central AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
F4	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals (consideration of the use of synthetic surfaces and small sided facilities)</li> <li>▪ four tennis courts</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Lockerbie PSP	Growth	M
<b>Arena Recreation Reserve, Roxburgh Park</b>				
F5	Install new sports lighting system on pitches 3 and 4	New action	Growth	L
<b>Aston Recreation Reserve, Craigieburn</b>				
F6	Install new sports lighting system on pitch 3	New action	Growth	L
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Langama Park, Sunbury</b>				
F7	Lighting upgrade to pitch 1	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
F8	Pavilion 2 upgrade	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
F9	Lighting upgrade to pitch 2 and 3	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
F10	Lighting upgrade to pitch 4 and 5	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Tullamarine Reserve</b>				
F11	Lighting upgrade	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
F12	Pavilion and change room upgrade	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML

Lancefield Road (LR-SR-03 ) AOS, Sunbury				
F13	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals (consideration of the use of synthetic surfaces and small sided facilities)</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L
Meadow Valley Ward				
Gibb Reserve, Dallas				
F14	Upgrade sport lighting on the south pitch	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
F15	Upgrade sport lighting on the north oval	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
Seth Raistrick Reserve, Campbellfield				
F16	Upgrade pavilion and social room	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
Progress Reserve, Coolaroo				
F17	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
Gladstone Park Reserve				
F18	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
Laura Douglas Reserve, Dallas				
F19	Upgrade sport lighting on pitch 2	Hume Sport Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows				
F20	Upgrade sport lighting on pitch	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Bradford Avenue Reserve, Greenvale				
F21	Upgrade sport lighting	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
F22	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML
F23	Upgrade sports oval and convert from Australian football to Football (soccer)	Greenvale Central PSP	Renewal	M
City Wide				
F24	Conduct a feasibility study on development of synthetic and small sided pitches in Hume	New Action	Growth	M

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# GOLF

## Supply overview

Existing Golf facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Course
Aitken Ward	Craigieburn	Craigieburn Public Golf Course	Craigieburn Sporting Club	18 hole course
Jackson Creek Ward	Tullamarine	Melbourne Airport Golf Course	Tullamarine Country Club	18 hole course
	Sunbury	Goonawarra Public Golf Course	Goonawarra Golf Club	18 hole course

## Golf participation

Golf Australia provided participation figures for golf clubs located in the Hume LGA.

Hume LGA	2016	2018*	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	986	1,165	1,944

## Existing facility carrying capacity

There are currently three golf courses located in Hume. Two of the courses, the Goonawarra Golf Course and the Craigieburn Golf Course, are owned by Council while the third course, the Melbourne Airport Golf Course, is privately operated by the golf club on leased land.

All three facilities are 18 hole competition courses and are in good condition.

## Golf facilities in growth areas

Additional golf facilities are not currently identified in precinct structure plans for growth areas in Hume.

## National Sporting Association input

Golf Australia has developed a strategic plan responding in part to trends impacting participation in golf. Strategic priorities are:

- establish a unified governance structure
- improve the capability and sustainability of clubs and facilities
- make golf easier for all Australians to access, learn and play
- lead the transformation of golf for women and girls
- engage and connect with all golfers and potential golfers
- showcase and promote the game across all levels of the sport.

## Golf in Hume

Relative to other sports, golf participation in Hume is strong particularly when consideration is given to social player numbers in addition to registered club members. Similar to lawn bowls, golf provides opportunity for participation by older residents of Hume in low impact active sport and is important to the health, wellbeing and social connectedness of this age group.

The 3 clubs in the municipality are well distributed for access and residents also have access to a large number of clubs within neighboring LGA's including Northern, Gisborne, Growling Frog, and Keilor golf courses. Golf Australia is responding to demand for short-course and social games to increase participation by a broad cross-section of the community. While additional competition golf courses are not required, opportunities for participation in informal versions of the sport within the municipality should be explored, particularly within areas of Meadow Valley ward.

A detailed review of the current operations and future direction of the two Council owned courses is required. It has been identified that the existing player club-rooms at the Craigieburn Golf Course are in very poor condition and require renewal.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Golf:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
G1	Conduct a detailed review of the Goonawarra and Craigieburn Golf Courses and the provision of golf facilities and services in Hume	Operational action	Renewal	M
G2	Renewal of player clubrooms and amenities at the Craigieburn Golf Course	New action	Renewal	M



# HOCKEY

## Supply overview

Existing hockey facilities in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Fields
Aitken	Craigieburn	Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre	Craigieburn Falcons HC Hume Hockey Club United Khalsa HC	1

## Hockey membership

Hockey Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018*	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	55	217	472

## Existing facility carrying capacity

The existing pitch at the Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre is in excellent condition. The pitch has a synthetic turf surface which significantly enhances its carrying capacity. Due to the growth in hockey participation in the area, usage of the current pitch is nearing peak capacity during the winter hockey season.

## Hockey facilities in growth areas

Additional hockey facilities are not currently identified in precinct structure plans for growth areas in Hume. The construction of a second synthetic hockey pitch and associated amenity at the existing Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre in Craigieburn is crucial to meeting the growing demand for the sport. It is anticipated that the second pitch will meet provision for hockey in Hume in the immediate future and participation should be closely monitored to determine any future growth area developments.

## State Sporting Association input

Hockey Victoria (HV) is currently working with the three Hockey Clubs in the Hume LGA to grow hockey in Hume. This includes facilitating the 'Hockey In Hume' Committee to provide a collaborative platform for all stakeholders, to ensure coordinated growth of hockey in the Hume LGA and more specifically, at the Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre (Newbury Park).

HV initiatives provided in Hume have included 'J-Ball', a brand new social, all-inclusive version of hockey developed by Hockey Victoria's in partnership with VicHealth.

HV sees Hume as a major growth area and want to work with Council and existing clubs to increase the presence of hockey in the region. Hume, along with Cardinia/ Casey, are identified priority areas for HV.

HV priorities for the Hume LGA include:

- Hookin2Hockey and Stick2Hockey delivered by all three existing clubs
- J-Ball and Hockey Sixers (more social forms of the game) being promoted and implemented
- Hockey 7's being played in the local schools.

## Hockey in Hume

The Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre, Craigieburn was planned as a two stage development with the first stage commencing in 2015 with the construction of the synthetic hockey & lacrosse pitch with sports lighting and concluding with the completion of the sports pavilion in 2018. Land on the site was allocated for the second and final stage of the development, a second pitch and additional change room facilities, as participation and demand justified the investment.

The significant growth in hockey participation since the activation of the centre has seen the establishment of 3 hockey clubs. Two of the clubs are primarily composed of residents with Indian sub-continental heritage demonstrating the popularity of the sport, along with cricket, with that cultural demographic in Hume's growth regions.

Usage of the current facilities is close to reaching peak capacity and it is expected that the construction of the second stage of development will be required with 2 years to meet that demand.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Hockey:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre, Craigieburn</b>				
H1	Development of a second synthetic hockey and lacrosse pitch including sports lighting	New action	Growth	M
H2	Development of Stage 2 of the pavilion to include 2 x additional player change rooms and club storage	New action	Growth	M

C = CURRENT YEAR, M = MEDIUM 1-4 YEARS, L = 4 YEARS +





# LACROSSE

## Supply overview

Existing Lacrosse facilities in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Fields
Aitken	Craigieburn	Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre	no current club	1

## Lacrosse membership

There are currently no registered players in Hume and therefore a club has not yet formed.

## Existing facility carrying capacity

Construction of the Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre at Newbury Park in Craigieburn was completed in 2018. The synthetic pitch with lighting provides an all-weather surface that can be used up to 60 hours per week.

An area immediately adjacent the new synthetic pitch has been reserved for a second pitch which is anticipated to be required to be constructed in coming years to meet hockey demand and Council should continue their partnership with Lacrosse Victoria to establish an active club from the site.

## Lacrosse facilities in growth areas

Additional lacrosse facilities are not currently identified in precinct structure plans for growth areas in Hume.

## Lacrosse in Hume

Establishment of a club providing exhibition, social and competition games in Hume LGA will contribute significantly to participation in the sport. Lacrosse Victoria identified that it needs to improve its data collection, which is currently based on input from the clubs (there are currently no players registered in Hume). There are currently 1,500 players registered across Victoria. The sport struggles to attract volunteers, especially in the role of officials and coaches.

Lacrosse has a new synthetic turf pitch for training and competition however the sport is currently in early initiation stages with exhibition matches and promotion of the sport to school students underway. Lacrosse Victoria is working in the community and with Council to establish the sport. Lacrosse Victoria is planning to undertake a strategic facilities audit in identified growth areas such as Wyndham, Footscray, Melton and Casey.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Lacrosse:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Hume Hockey and Lacrosse Centre, Craigieburn</b>				
L1	Development of a second synthetic hockey and lacrosse pitch including sports lighting	New action	Growth	M
L2	Development of stage 2 of the pavilion to include 2 x additional player change rooms and club storage	New action	Growth	M

C = CURRENT YEAR, M = MEDIUM 1-4 YEARS, L = 4 YEARS +



# LAWN BOWLS

## Supply overview

Existing Lawn Bowls facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Greens
Aitken Ward	Craigieburn	Craigieburn Golf Course	Craigieburn Bowling Club	2
Jackson Creek Ward	Sunbury	Sunbury Recreation Reserve	Sunbury Bowling Club	3
Meadow Valley Ward	Gladstone Park	Elmhurst Road Reserve	Gladstone Park Bowls Club	1
	Jacana	Broadmeadows Sporting Club	Broadmeadows Bowling Club	1
Total number of existing fields				7

## Lawn Bowls membership

Bowls Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	383	437	729

Participation in lawn bowls is in decline nationally with 25% less participants in the sport in 2016 (233,000) compared with 2001 (312,000). Participation in Hume has been steady with slight increases demonstrated in recent years.

## Existing facility carrying capacity

Given the overall decline of the sport across Australia, the existing facilities within the Hume LGA are likely sufficient to cater for the sport now and into the future.

The two greens at the Craigieburn Bowling Club have been identified as requiring sub-surface remedial works to ensure their future usability.

## Lawn Bowls facilities in growth areas

A future lawn bowls facility has been identified in the Sunbury South Precinct Structure Plan and a second green proposed at the Gladstone Park Bowling Club. The need for the development of these site should be reviewed during detailed planning to determine need in line with demonstrated sustained participation growth. Should demand justify future provision, consideration should be given to the development of synthetic greens to reduce maintenance cost and increase carrying capacity.

## Lawn Bowls in Hume

Lawn bowls provides opportunity for participation by older residents of Hume in low impact active sport and is important to the health, wellbeing and social connectedness of this age group.

While traditionally considered a sport for older aged participants, clubs in Hume have recognised the need to attract younger people to the sport through both social and traditional competition avenues e.g. barefoot bowls.

While lawn bowls is declining overall in Australia, the fact that the sport has established facilities that are predominantly family-friendly may contribute to increased participation consistent with the rise in the projected population.



## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in lawn bowls:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Craigieburn Bowls Club</b>				
LB1	Repair the existing synthetic turf green and re-level the synthetic green	Capital works program	Renewal	C
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Northern Hub AOS, Sunbury</b>				
LB2	Development of new sporting reserve including: six tennis courts; one lawn bowls green; and pavilion (subject to demand)	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L
<b>Meadow Valley Ward</b>				
<b>Gladstone Park Bowls Club</b>				
LB3	Construction of a second green (subject to demonstrated sustained growth)	Capital works program	Growth	M

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# NETBALL (OUTDOOR)

## Supply overview

Existing outdoor Netball facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Courts
Jackson Creek Ward	Sunbury	Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve	Sunbury Kangaroos Football Netball club	1
		John McMahon Reserve	East Sunbury Sporting Group	1
		Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre	Sunbury Football Netball Club	3
Meadow Valley Ward	Coolaroo	Progress Reserve	No tenant	2
Total number of courts				7

## Netball membership

Netball Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA (statistics represent participation in both indoor and outdoor facilities):

Hume LGA	2016	2018*	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	2,306	1,653	2,758

There are three clubs offering outdoor netball across the Hume LGA. Netball in Hume City is predominantly indoor based offering limited outdoor netball opportunities. Total netball participation in 2018 in Hume was approximately 1,653. Netball played outdoors in Hume is typically linked with an Australian rules football club. Participation is remaining steady or slightly declining at a national and state level.

## Existing facility carrying capacity

Sunbury Recreation Reserve has a single netball court located at the north-west corner of the site, to the rear of the oval and buildings. The court has lighting and access to dedicated player change rooms. An additional court with lighting is planned to accommodate the growth in participation by the Sunbury Lions Football Netball Club. There are an additional two netball courts marked on the public tennis courts at the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre. These courts are in poor condition.

Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve has a single lit netball court located next to oval one and the athletics facility.

A new court and lighting has been recently constructed at John McMahon Recreation Reserve that is being utilised for training by the East Sunbury Sporting Group.

There is an existing facility at Progress Reserve with capacity for two courts, however these courts are in poor condition and there is no demand for use of these facilities for training or competition.

## Netball facilities in growth areas

The Craigieburn R2 Precinct Structure Plan identifies 3 outdoor netball courts to be co-located with tennis courts in the Northern Hub AOS. There is no evidence that these facilities are required in the proposed location and the site is recommended for development as a skate, scooter and BMX park..



## Outdoor Netball in Hume

Netball participation in Hume is primarily an indoor sport. Netball played outdoors is closely aligned with Australian football and courts are usually co-located with ovals. It is noted that the majority of Australian football clubs located in Hume are competing in district competition that does not require compulsory alignment with a netball club. Outdoor netball competition associated with this league is often played at dedicated outdoor netball sites in other municipalities. Council should give consideration to the feasibility of development of an outdoor netball complex within the municipality to service multiple clubs. A facility of this nature would potentially align with the provision of indoor sports courts and could be considered at regional sporting sites identified for indoor stadia.

As participation in the sport is predominantly female, there is an opportunity to promote netball to girls and women, particularly from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, to increase participation and community connection.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in outdoor Netball:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Mickleham Growth Area</b>				
N1	Conduct feasibility study on development of outdoor netball complex co-located with new indoor sports court infrastructure	Operational action	Growth	M
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Sunbury Recreation Reserve</b>				
N2	Upgrade sport lighting for outdoor netball courts	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	C
N3	Develop second outdoor netball court with lighting	Capital works program	Growth	C
N4	Conduct a feasibility study on development of an outdoor netball complex collocated with indoor court infrastructure	New action	Growth	M

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# RUGBY LEAGUE

## Supply overview

Existing NRL facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Fields
Aitken Ward	Craigieburn	Hothlyn Drive Reserve	Hume City Bulldogs Rugby League Club	1
Jackson Creek Ward	Sunbury	Langama Park	Sunbury United Rugby League Club	2
Meadow Valley Ward	Broadmeadows	Seabrook Reserve	Northern Thunder Rugby League Club	2
		Anderson Reserve	NRL Victoria	1
Total number of existing fields				6

## Rugby League membership

NRL Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018	Projected participation 2041
All Hume Clubs	621	656	1,084

## Existing facility carrying capacity

Similar to soccer, many of the sports grounds being utilised for Rugby League in Hume have been converted from Australian football/cricket ovals. The playing surfaces are generally in good condition and are coping with the current use.

## Rugby League facilities in growth areas

Eight new pitches have been identified for future provision in growth areas of Hume and are projected to accommodate Hume participation requirements for the next 10-15 years. These include:

- Craigieburn 4
- Sunbury 4

The Rugby League State and Community Centre development in Broadmeadows will provide an additional two pitches bringing the total available pitches at the site to four.

## Rugby League in Hume

Hume City Council has strong participation in Rugby League in comparison to many Victorian municipalities. The sport remains particularly popular with Hume residents of Polynesian heritage.

While numbers have been steady in the past three years, the development of the Rugby League State and Community Centre in Broadmeadows is expected to continue to raise the profile and participation of the sport in Hume.

Additional facilities will be required in the growth areas of Hume and it is recommended to establish a dedicated seasonal rugby league facility in both Sunbury and Craigieburn in addition to the State facility to accommodate a maximum of four pitches per hub.

Given the high level of demand on pitch and facility access at Langama Reserve, Sunbury, it is recommended that the Sunbury United Rugby League relocate to the growth area facility when constructed which will also allow the existing Langama facility to be dedicated to soccer and cricket participation.



## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Rugby League:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Hothlyn Drive Reserve, Craigieburn</b>				
RL1	Upgrade sports lighting	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Central Hub AOS, Craigieburn</b>				
RL2	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four rugby league and touch pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Craigieburn R2 PSP	Growth	M
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Langama Park, Sunbury</b>				
RL3	Upgrade pavilion 2	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	CM
RL4	Upgrade sport lighting on pitch 4 and 5	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
<b>Jacksons Creek Hub AOS, Sunbury</b>				
RL5	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four rugby league pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Lancefield Road PSP	Growth	M
<b>Meadow Valley Ward</b>				
<b>Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows</b>				
RL6	Development of the Rugby League State and Community Centre	NRL Victoria and Victorian State Government	Growth	CM
<b>Anderson Reserve, Broadmeadows</b>				
RL7	Upgrade sports lighting	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
RL8	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sport Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML

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# RUGBY UNION

## Supply overview

There are currently no dedicated Rugby Union pitches in Hume. Rugby Union can be accommodated on fields developed for sports with higher participation.

## Rugby Union membership

There are currently no rugby union clubs in Hume.

Rugby Victoria currently has 26 clubs and competitions for seniors, juniors, women and masters. The clubs in closest proximity (within 25km) to Hume include Northern, Eltham, Melbourne University, Footscray and Brimbank Rugby Clubs. A strategic goal of Rugby Victoria is to expand the sport in the population growth corridor that includes Hume and neighbouring local government areas.

It should be noted that rugby union is recording recent declines in participation at a national level, and also at state levels, even in its traditional 'strong holds' of New South Wales and Queensland.

- Total female Participation in Victoria increased 44% in 2017 with 5,588 female participants representing 32% of total participation. Female Rugby (XVs and 7s) continues to be a significant area of growth for Victoria
- 68% of club players identify themselves as being Pacific Islander people\*
- Although there is no Rugby Union Clubs within the Hume LGA, 91 club participants live in the City
- RV would like to see the development of a new regional level sporting precinct that could cater for rugby.

\*Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia - Maori, Samoan, Papua New Guinean, Fijian, Cook Islander, Tongan

## Rugby Union facilities in growth areas

While immediate development of Rugby Union fields is not required, it is proposed to develop a future Rugby Union facility in the Mickleham growth area to accommodate opportunity for participation. A demand analysis will be required to be conducted in coming years to determine the viability of this facility.

## Rugby Union in Hume

The key priorities for Rugby Victoria are:

- raising the profile of the sport
- establishment of teams and club(s) in Hume City
- recruiting and retaining players.

While there are currently no Rugby Union clubs operating in the Hume LGA, the sport is actively promoting participation through schools. Expansion into the northern growth corridor is a strategic goal of Rugby Victoria. As noted previously, training and competition is expected to be accommodated on fields developed for other sports (Australian football and/or Rugby League).

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Rugby Union:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Eastern AOS, Mickleham</b>				
RU1	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ two rugby union pitches/one cricket oval</li> <li>▪ pavilion (subject to demand analysis)</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	L

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# SOFTBALL

## Supply overview

Softball in Hume is catered for at the John McMahon Reserve (also known as Goonawarra Recreation Reserve). The facility consist of two softball diamonds with provision for a third, if warranted in the future.

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Diamonds
Jackson Creek Ward	Sunbury	John McMahon Reserve (Goonawarra Recreation Reserve)	Sunbury Softball Association	2

## Softball membership

Softball Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018	Projected participation 2041
Sunbury Softball Association	297	177	295

## Existing facility carrying capacity

The existing softball facilities at John McMahon Reserve are adequate to provide opportunities to participate in the sport in the Sunbury region for the foreseeable future, given current and projected participation trends. The programmed installation of sports lighting to the second diamond at the reserve will assist relieve overuse.

## Softball facilities in growth areas

A new facility at Mt Aitken, Craigieburn is currently being developed to accommodate softball participation in the Aitken Ward.

## State Sporting Association input

Softball Victoria has a new Strategic Plan under development and will looking at how it can best engage in new markets to raise participation levels. It was noted that Masters competitions are the largest events held by associations.

The key priorities for Softball Victoria are:

- raising the profile of the sport
- communication and marketing
- recruitment and retention.

## Softball in Hume

Softball’s current two diamond facility at the John McMahon Reserve in Sunbury is considered adequate for current demand. This venue has capacity and a master plan including an additional diamond when participation warrants, which is not expected for at least 3-5 years.

There is demonstrated demand for softball facilities in the Craigieburn growth area with the formed club in this area traveling outside of the municipality to compete in softball.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Softball:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Mount Aitken Activity Centre AOS, Craigieburn</b>				
S1	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ two softball diamonds</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Highlands PSP	Growth	CM
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>John McMahon Reserve, Sunbury</b>				
S2	Install sports lighting on diamond 2	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Growth	M
S3	Conduct demand analysis on the establishment of a third diamond	Operational action	Growth	M

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# TENNIS

## Supply overview

Existing Tennis facilities and the associated clubs in Hume City are located at:

Ward	Suburb	Venue	Club/Association	Courts
Aitken Ward	Craigieburn	Hume Tennis and Community Centre	Complete Tennis Services	14 synthetic 2 clay
		Craigieburn Tennis Club	Craigieburn Tennis Club	6 synthetic
	Mickleham	Mickleham Community Centre and Tennis Club	no current club	2 synthetic
Jackson Creek Ward	Bulla	Bulla Tennis Club	Bulla Village Tennis Club	5 synthetic 2 bitumen
	Sunbury	Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club	Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club	12 synthetic 4 grass
	Tullamarine	Tullamarine Tennis Club	Tullamarine Tennis Club	6 synthetic
Meadow Valley Ward	Greenvale	Greenvale Tennis Club	Greenvale Tennis Club	9 synthetic
	Gladstone Park	Gladstone Park Tennis Club	Gladstone Park Tennis Club	9 synthetic
	Westmeadows	Westmeadows Tennis Club	Westmeadows Tennis Club	6 synthetic
Total number of existing courts				77

## Tennis membership

Tennis Victoria provided participation figures for the Hume LGA:

Hume LGA	2016	2018*	2041
All Hume Clubs	2,000	2,265	3,779

## Existing facility carrying capacity

The existing provision of tennis courts in Hume is sufficient to meet current demand.

## Tennis facilities in growth areas

Twenty-eight (28) tennis courts have been identified for future provision in growth areas of Hume and are projected to accommodate Hume participation requirements for the next 10-15 years. These include:

- Mickleham 12
- Kalkallo 8
- Sunbury 6
- Greenvale 2.



## Tennis in Hume

The provision and distribution of tennis courts in Hume at the current time is sufficient and Council should continue with their implementation of pavilion and lighting plans to upgrade existing club facilities.

Additional courts will be required in the growth areas of Hume and the 28 additional courts planned in these areas accommodate this growth. Council should ensure that tennis sites in new active open spaces are future proofed for further court development as participation grows which will assist in the development of strong sustainable clubs in growth areas.

The development of stage 2 of Councils regional performance facility, the Hume Tennis and Community Centre, will likely be required in four to five years based on current participation rates. The second stage would see the development of an additional 6 courts at the complex and an extension of available car parking at the site.

A review of the existing two courts at the Mickleham Tennis and Community Centre will be required to determine the future of this site, particularly due to the planned establishment of new courts in the growth areas of Mickleham. The current location, number and condition of these courts are not conducive to maintaining a sustainable club base.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Tennis:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Southern AOS, Kalkallo</b>				
T1	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ four tennis courts</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Lockerbie PSP	Growth	CM
<b>Mickleham Tennis and Community Centre</b>				
T2	Undertake a detailed operational review of the facility	Operational action	Renewal	M
T3	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1 and 2 (subject to facility operational review)	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
T4	Upgrade pavilion (subject to outcome of facility operational review)	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	ML
<b>Northern Hub AOS, Mickleham</b>				
T5	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ two Australian football/cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ six tennis courts</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	M
<b>Southern Hub, Mickleham</b>				
T6	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ six tennis courts</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Merrifield West PSP	Growth	M
<b>Craigieburn Tennis Club</b>				
T7	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-6	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M

Central AOS, Kalkallo				
T8	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four soccer pitches/two cricket ovals</li> <li>four tennis courts</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Lockerbie PSP	Growth	M
Hume Tennis and Community Centre				
T9	Development of stage 2 including six new tennis courts, car park extension and landscaping	New action	Growth	ML
Jacksons Creek Ward				
Bulla Village Tennis Club				
T10	Replace pavilion	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	C
T11	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-4	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Tullamarine Tennis Club				
T12	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
T13	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-6	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Sunbury Tennis Club				
T14	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-4 and 9-16	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Northern Hub AOS, Sunbury				
T15	Development of new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>six tennis courts</li> <li>one lawn bowls green</li> <li>pavilion</li> </ul>	Sunbury South PSP	Growth	L
Meadow Valley Ward				
Gladstone Park Tennis Club				
T16	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
T17	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-3	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Greenvale Tennis Club				
T18	Upgrade pavilion	Hume Sports Pavilion Upgrade Plan	Renewal	M
T19	Development of additional tennis courts	Greenvale Central PSP	Growth	M
T20	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-9	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Westmeadows Tennis Club				
T21	Upgrade sports lighting on courts 1-6	Hume Sports Lighting Plan	Renewal	M
Citywide				
T22	Renew condition audit of Hume Tennis court surfaces and implement annual replacement schedule	New action	Renewal	ML

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# TOUCH FOOTBALL

## Supply overview

Touch Football playing surfaces are (preferably) grass and are 70m long and 50m wide from scoreline to scoreline. Touch Football is usually played on fields developed for other field sports including rugby league, rugby union or Australian football. The venues identified previously for these fields sports can potentially cater for Touch Football as the sport continues to become established in the LGA.

## Touch Football membership

There are no established clubs currently in the Hume LGA. NRL Touch Football Victoria was unable to provide data on registered players who may be residents of Hume City Council participating in Touch Football in neighbouring LGAs.

National Rugby League (NRL) and Touch Football Australia have formed a strategic partnership to provide opportunities for year-round involvement in rugby league and touch football.

## Existing facility carrying capacity

Existing fields in the Hume LGA are considered to have sufficient carrying capacity for Touch Football. Collocation with other field sports can be appropriately managed through Council's field booking system.

## Touch Football facilities in growth areas

The Rugby League Hubs proposed for Broadmeadows, Craigieburn and Sunbury will be suitable for the establishment of Touch Football in Hume. It is estimated that only one pitch per site will be required.

## Touch Football in Hume

The planned presence of Touch Football Victoria at the Rugby League State and Community Centre in Broadmeadows will contribute to the profile of touch football in Hume and establish opportunity for participation.

Touch Football Victoria is actively promoting participation through schools and, as a predominantly social game with rules that are less complex compared to other field sports, touch football could be an excellent tool to promote inclusiveness and community connectedness.

## Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to guide facility development and increased participation in Touch Football:

Item	Recommendation	Reference	Category	Priority
<b>Aitken Ward</b>				
<b>Central Hub AOS, Craigieburn</b>				
TF1	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four rugby league/touch pitches overlaid on two cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Craigieburn R2 PSP	Growth	M
<b>Jacksons Creek Ward</b>				
<b>Jacksons Creek Hub, Sunbury</b>				
TF2	Development of a new sporting reserve including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ four rugby league/touch football pitches overlaid on two cricket ovals</li> <li>▪ pavilion</li> </ul>	Lancefield Road PSP	Growth	L
<b>Meadow Valley Ward</b>				
<b>Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows</b>				
TF3	Development of the Rugby League State and Community Centre	NRL Victoria and Victorian State Government	Growth	CM

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