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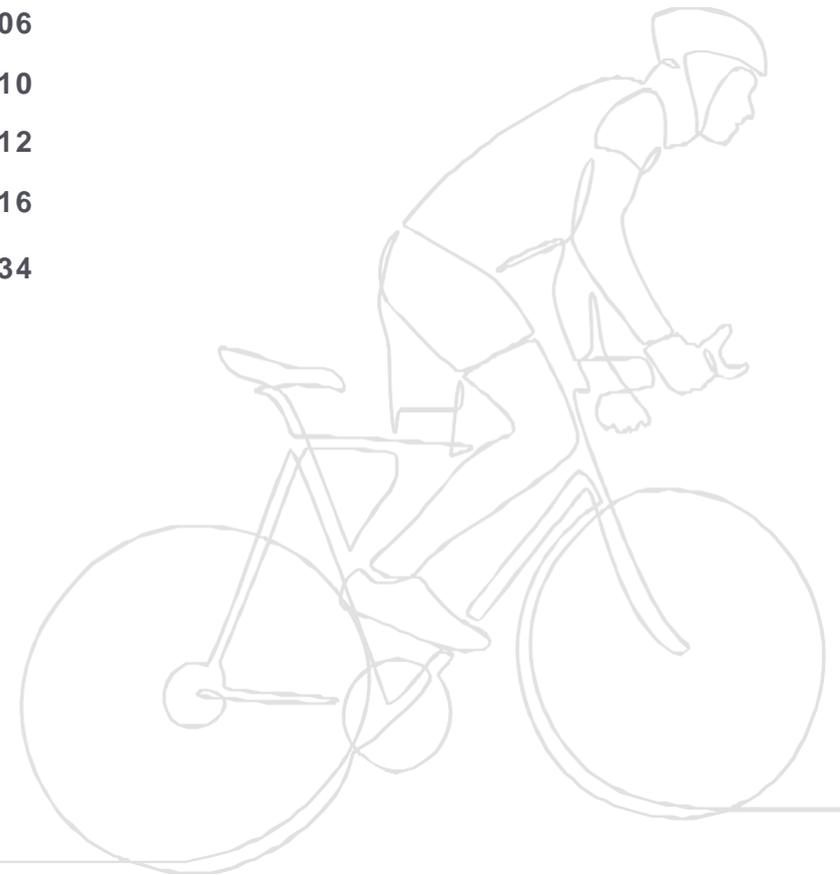
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“ Quality sport and recreation facilities and services that enhance community capacity to provide diverse participation opportunities and encourage active lifestyles

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Introduction to the plan

Sport and recreation is a proven vehicle for creating active communities with the potential to realise many social, health and economic benefits across the whole of the Cowra Shire. The contribution of sport and recreation to improving individual health and wellbeing has been well-documented with increasing evidence supporting the significant physical and mental health benefits to be gained from regular participation across all life stages. Similarly, the social benefits are also widely known with many rural communities such as ours, grounded in a strong sporting culture and community pride in the performance of our sporting teams and athletes. The diversity of sport and recreation opportunities available in Cowra Township, and also within our many villages, undoubtedly contributes to the appeal of living in the Shire, enriching the lifestyles of our residents.

Cowra Council plays a fundamental role in leading planning for the provision and management of facilities to enable sport and recreation activities to operate and flourish within the Shire. An active, sustainable sport and recreation community relies on strong partnerships between Council, the Cowra Sport and Recreation Committee, and the dedicated community volunteers that run sport and recreation clubs in the region. Similarly, partnerships must be maintained with other relevant government and sport and recreation industry providers. A co-operative approach led by Council will provide well-planned, co-ordinated and integrated facilities and programs that stimulate community involvement and participation and ensure sport and recreation continues to prosper across the Cowra Shire.

The 2021-2031 Cowra Sport and Recreation Plan builds on a strong history of local government sport and recreation planning and extends the planning horizon to a more strategic ten year term. The Plan outlines Cowra Council's aspirations and strategies for supporting the provision of infrastructure and delivery of sport and recreation services across the Shire. The associated Implementation Plan details the key actions Council will commit to undertaking to achieve our community aspirations in the sport and recreation sphere.

The Cowra Sport and Recreation Plan 2021 aims to provide strategic direction for the Cowra Shire's primary sporting facilities and recreation precincts. The scope of this plan does not, and is not intended to cover small parks and other areas used primarily for passive recreation, such as the Cowra Peace Precinct, and does not apply to sporting facilities and recreation areas which are not under the care and control of Cowra Council.

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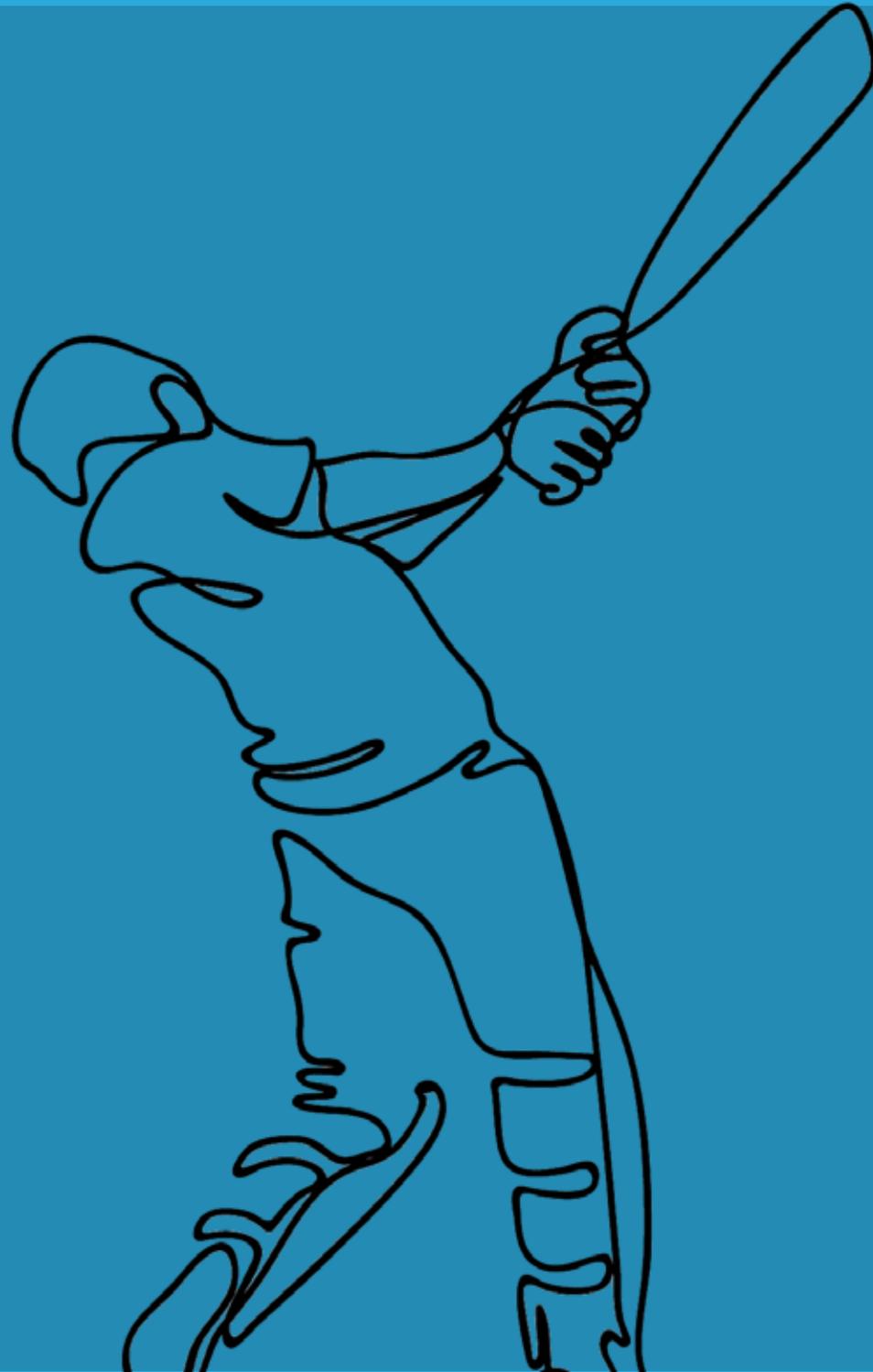


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Alignment with Cowra Community Strategic Plan

The Cowra Community Strategic Plan (2006-2036) provides the long-term direction for the Cowra Shire Council in serving the Cowra community. The alignment of sport and recreation objectives with the Community Strategic Plan is essential to ensure that efforts to improve sport and recreation infrastructure and services are contributing to the achievement of these broader community goals.



Health + well-being

The contribution that sport and recreation makes to the health and wellbeing of the community is evident in many areas. It is widely acknowledged that maintaining healthy levels of regular physical activity can contribute to improved physical and mental health outcomes and overall feelings of wellbeing. Connection to our natural environment through accessing pathways and trails to enjoy walking, running or cycling is also a significant contributor to positive health outcomes and complements the benefits of more structured sports participation. To enjoy our unique country lifestyle and be fit and healthy, we need a range of community facilities, services and programs that cater for all age groups and abilities. The provision of inclusive, accessible sport and recreation infrastructure and services that cater for a diversity of interests will enhance the health and wellbeing of the Cowra Shire community.



Lifestyle

Cowra has a distinctive country lifestyle. Access to and enjoyment of our sporting, recreational, cultural and heritage facilities together with our natural environment is key to a sense of community and wellbeing. Effective asset management of our sport and recreation infrastructure to maintain quality standards, combined with investing in our sporting clubs and volunteers, will build participation in community life and increase opportunities for sport and recreation participation. Capitalising on the lifestyle benefits of sport and recreation also presents Cowra as an attractive place to live, especially for families, and increases the likelihood of our young people returning to live in the region.



Governance

Communication between Council, other levels of government and the sport and recreation community is fundamental for effective consultation. Purposeful partnerships are needed between Council and other sport and recreation stakeholders to share responsibility for planning and service provision. Council aims to improve governance and sustainability in the sector by supporting clubs to prepare strategic plans and facilitating the Cowra Sport and Recreation Committee as a consultative body. Funding opportunities for sport and recreation will be maximised to enable infrastructure renewal and development, and enhance the sustainability and performance of the sector.



Business + industry

Cowra needs a strong and vital economy to provide opportunity and build its desirable country lifestyle. Sport and recreation activities and infrastructure development contribute to the local economy through generating employment, increasing the customer base for local businesses and attracting visitors to Cowra. Exploration of opportunities to create tourism and economic growth through sport and recreation programs, services and events also holds the potential to provide both positive economic and social outcomes for the Shire.

Integration with Council policy

The Cowra Sport and Recreation Plan 2021-2031 is intended to be read in conjunction with other relevant Council policy and planning documents ensuring an integrated and streamlined approach to managing the maintenance, renewal and replacement of sport and recreation infrastructure, initiation of new sport and recreation infrastructure projects and the provision of programs and activities. Related documents include:

- Delivery Program (2017/18-2021/22) and Operational Plan (2021-2022)
- Long Term Financial Plan (2021-2030)
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2017)
- Cowra Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020)
- Cowra Shire Village Action Plans (2020)
- Cowra Community Participation Plan 2020
- Asset Management Framework 2021-2030 (Draft)





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Community consultation

The stakeholder consultation and engagement phase of the strategic planning process was led by sport and leisure consultants, Otium Planning Group. Consultations were undertaken with a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders including sport and recreation clubs, primary and secondary schools, local government Councillors and employees, neighbouring Councils, NSW Office of Sport Western and Orana Region, youth and seniors groups, and the general community.

Consultation methods were planned to maximise participation in the engagement process and included the use of one-on-one interviews, user-group surveys, community surveys, school surveys and workshops.



Stakeholder engagement has included a diverse range of internal and external sport and recreation stakeholders across the Cowra Shire



Building on our strengths

In presenting a new ten year strategic plan for Sport and Recreation in the Cowra Shire, it is important to acknowledge the work that has been done up to this point in time as it provides a strong foundation for moving forward and building on the sport and recreation opportunities available to the Cowra community.

We aim to build on our strengths of:

- Facilities that support participation in a diverse range of sport and recreation activities
- Well-maintained ovals, playing surfaces, aquatic centre and parks
- Effective bookings procedures for sports facility users
- Co-located sporting facilities that enable efficient precinct management of assets and support multi-use principles of operation
- Access to natural environments with Lachlan River frontage, Wyangala Dam foreshores, and plenty of open spaces
- Affordable sport and recreation for children and families through the provision of playing fields for junior sport free of charge and reduced entry fees to the Aquatic Centre for low income households
- A diverse network of sport and recreation clubs servicing the Cowra community with a committed volunteer base and strong history of producing talented athletes.

Planning Principles

The following key principles underpin Council's planning for the provision of sport and recreation facilities, services and programs:

- A holistic planning approach – sport and recreation crosses over many areas of Council governance requiring an integrated management approach.
- Access and equity – all members of the community will have the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation.
- Innovation – seeking innovative solutions to new challenges that emerge due to population change and sport and recreation trends.
- Minimise duplication of resources. Efficient use of community assets is critical to maximising the benefits of limited resources. Where possible, opportunities will be explored to increase sharing of existing facilities.
- Environmental and economic sustainability – ensuring sport and recreation initiatives preserve natural resources, achieve sustainable environmental outcomes and support the local economy.
- Responsible asset management – a sustainable approach to sport and recreation asset management with a focus on supporting multi-use and shared facilities and being financially viable.
- Social and cultural wellbeing – using sport and recreation as a vehicle for bringing the community together and providing opportunities for social interaction and healthy lifestyles.
- Positive partnerships with individuals and groups – working collaboratively with the community, government agencies, sport and recreation bodies and the private sector in planning provision and management of sport and recreation.

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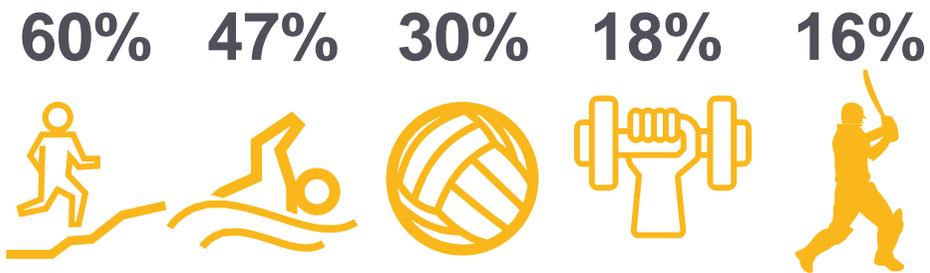
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Understanding sport + recreation participation

Consideration of the nature of sport and recreation participation in Cowra informs decisions about where to focus our efforts and invest resources to maximise the benefits to the community.

National trends in sport and recreation participation in Australia show a growing preference for participation in individual, informal sport and recreation activities that fit around busy lifestyles. This trend appears to be reinforced through our community survey results where three out of five of the most popular activities for regular participation fell into this category. Of all people surveyed, participation rates were highest in the following sport and recreation categories:

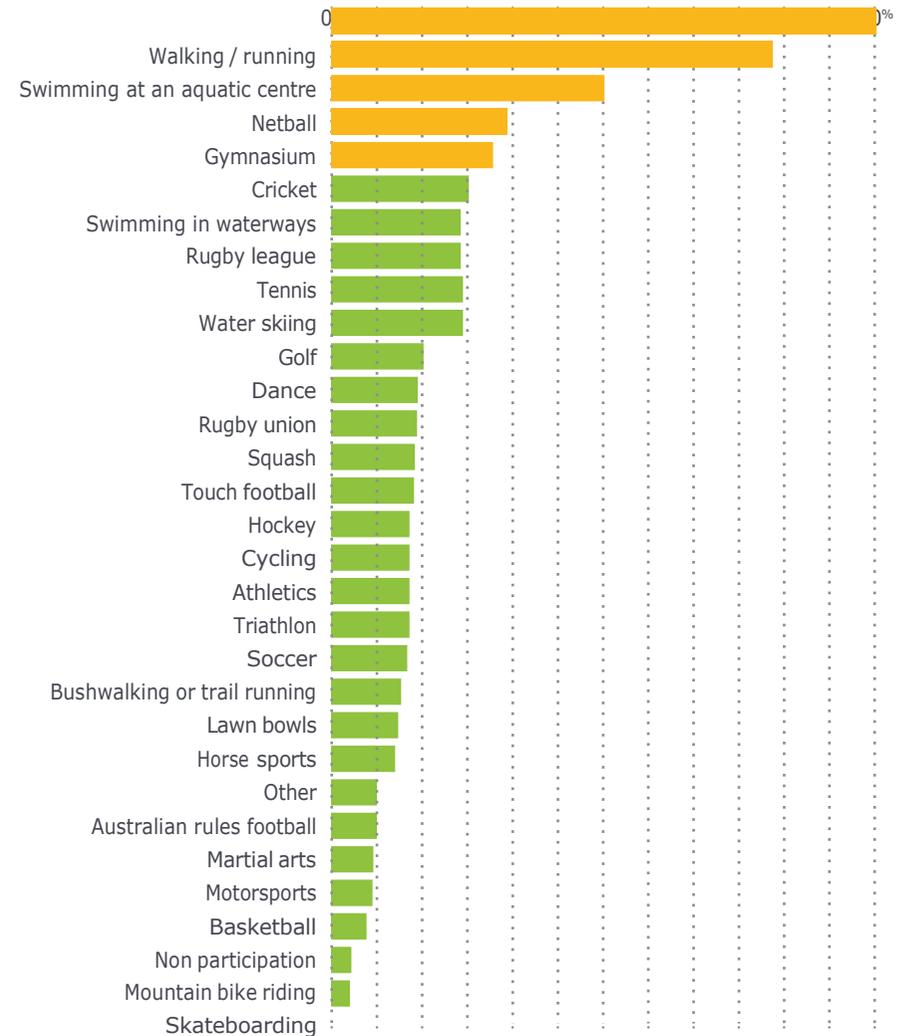


The graph to the right of page shows the total activity and the percentage of people who participated regularly in each of the activities. Activities listed in the "other" category included, yoga, league tag, fishing, camping, kayaking, target/rifle shooting, aqua zumba, table tennis and horse riding. Some people responded that they didn't participate in sport or recreation activities. The reasons indicated were they're spectators, watched television, played computer games or spent time with their animals.

Statistics on club membership obtained through sports organisation surveys demonstrate strong club participation continues to be a feature of the Cowra sport and recreation landscape. Generally, most club membership remained fairly stable between 2017-2019 with growth seen in motorcycling, tennis and netball. Declining membership was reported in junior soccer, most noticeably in female players in the 13-18yr age bracket, and in senior cricket. Based on the 16 membership survey responses (2019 membership year), the highest participation sports in Cowra were:

- Cowra Netball – 350
- Cowra & District Junior Rugby League - 280
- Cowra & District Junior Soccer - 277

Participation Rates - Survey Respondents



Further insights into sport and recreation participation in the Cowra Shire can be gained through considering the uptake of the NSW Government's Active Kids Vouchers – The Active Kids Voucher scheme provides up to two \$100 vouchers per child for school aged children to help with the costs of participating in sport. 2019 was used as the comparative year due to the unknown impact of the COVID pandemic lockdown measures on 2020 participation.

5,717

Vouchers created since program started

1,833

Vouchers created in 2019

62%

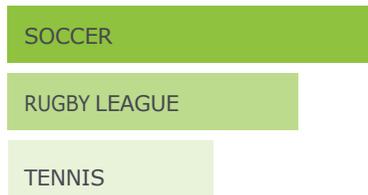
Population uptake in 2019



Gender Breakdown
Active Kids Voucher Use



Top Voucher Use - Girls



Top Voucher Use - Boys



Top Girl Activities



Top Boy Activities



“ The NSW Government’s Active Kids Voucher scheme identified rugby league as one of the top activities for both males and females in the Cowra Shire. ”

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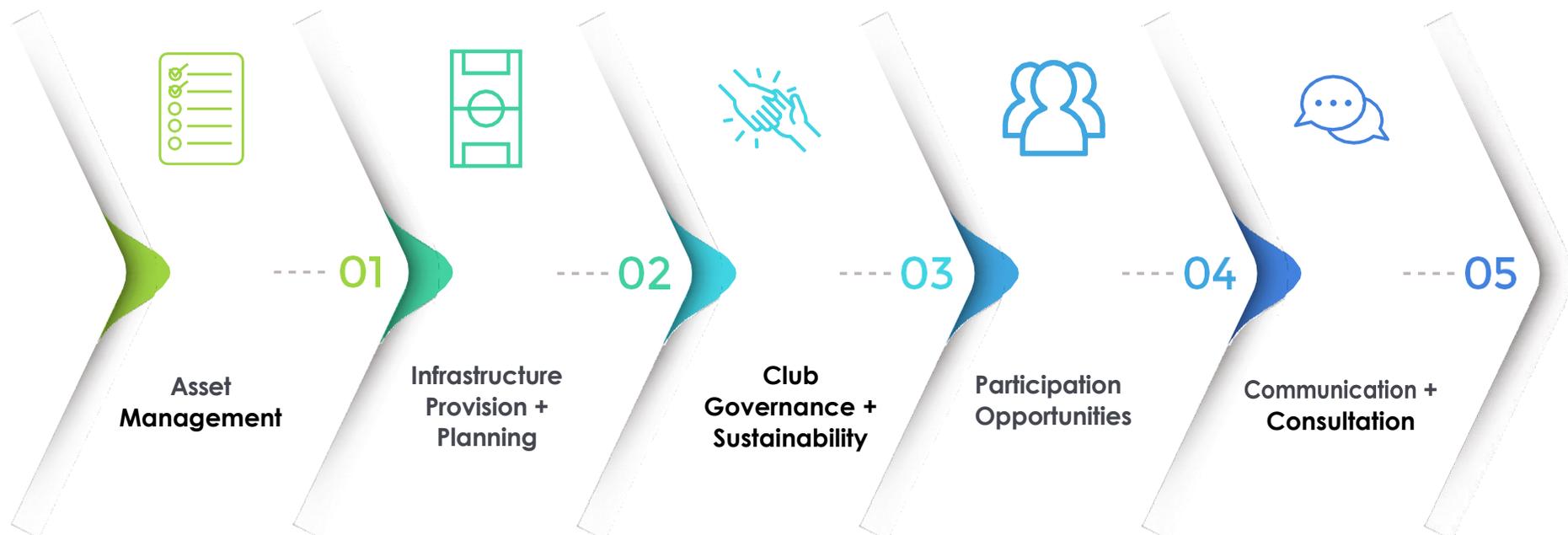
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Strategic Planning Themes

Five strategic themes were identified through the stakeholder consultation and engagement process, providing the framework for the 2021-2031 Cowra Sport & Recreation Plan and guiding future actions towards the achievement of clear sport and recreation aspirations for the Cowra Shire community.





Strategic Planning Theme 1

Asset Management

“ Our aspiration for Asset Management is to provide safe, accessible sport and recreation infrastructure proactively maintained to a high standard



Rationale

Well-managed assets provide the foundation for sport and recreation activities supporting safe participation, enhancing enjoyment and standards of performance. Council maintains a broad network of sport and recreation assets across the Shire ensuring the Cowra community and visitors to the area have a wide variety of activities to choose from.

Our assets

The scope of asset management in the current plan is defined by Council-owned and managed assets that provide for sport and active recreation pursuits within the Shire. A description of these assets, including a location map, is shown in the following pages.

Council also acknowledges the importance of walking and cycling pursuits to the Cowra Shire community and remains committed to ensuring residents and visitors can continue to enjoy these vital sport and recreation activities. Strategic infrastructure planning for walking paths and cycling routes in the Cowra Shire has already been completed and is outlined in the following Council policy documents:

- Lachlan River Masterplan (2011)
- Cowra Shire Pedestrian & Cycleways Plan (2014)
- Cowra Peace Precinct Environmental Management Plan + Masterplan (2010)

Implementation Plan

No.	Action	Timeframe	Responsibility	Performance Measure(s)
1.1	Prepare asset management plans for individual sporting precincts in accordance with Council's Asset Management Framework	1-3 years	Infrastructure and Operations	Asset Management Plans for Edgell Park Precinct, River Park Precinct, Mulyan Recreation Precinct, West Cowra Recreation Ground and Col Stinson Park Recreation Precinct
1.2	Undertake bi-annual audits (autumn and spring) of sport and recreation facilities to ensure safety & accessibility standards, user's needs and regulatory standards are being met.	Bi-annually	Infrastructure and Operations	Facilities are deemed fit-for-purpose High standard of playing surfaces is maintained Safety issues are rectified within one month of reporting

West Cowra Recreation Ground

The West Cowra Recreation Ground is Cowra's primary sporting facility for senior rugby league. The playing field is surrounded by a greyhound racing track. The Edgar Newham Grandstand overlooks the sporting ground. The ground also contains a number of on-site amenities and a large undercover area used by spectators of sporting activities.

Sport and Recreation Activities

Rugby League
Tag Summer
Soccer
Greyhound racing
Touch Football
Training / various sports

Key Site Features

1. Site entry
2. Edgar Newham Grandstand
3. Site amenities
4. Canteen facilities / Undercover arena
5. Scoreboard
6. Greyhound racing track
7. Greyhound boxes
8. Perimeter access road
9. Rugby league playing field (Sid Kallas Oval)
10. Site amenities
11. Lighting towers
12. Greyhound storage/office
13. Greyhound storage



River Park Precinct + Aquatic Centre

The River Park Precinct is an expansive precinct of land adjoining the eastern banks of the Lachlan River and used for a multitude of sporting and recreation purposes. The northern end of the precinct is occupied by Holman Oval (cricket) and three junior rugby league fields. The southern end of the precinct is used primarily for cricket (Twigg Oval), basketball and athletics. Located centrally within the precinct is the Cowra Aquatic Centre, which contains an Olympic-sized swimming pool and a smaller pool for children. Parking in the area occurs formally within a dedicated area accessed from Taragala Street, however there is also a perimeter access road on the western side of the precinct that also provides for parking opportunities.

Sport and Recreation Activities

Rugby League
Swimming
Athletics
Cricket / Cricket Nets
Basketball
Playground

Key Site Features

1. Junior rugby league fields
2. Cricket - Holman Oval
3. Cricket - Twigg Oval
4. Cricket practice nets
5. Athletics - Track
6. Athletics - Jump
7. Athletics - Throw
8. Basketball COLA outdoor learning area
9. Cowra Aquatic Centre
10. Car parking areas
11. Playground area
12. Triathlon Storage
13. Perimeter access road
14. Club storage shed
15. Junior League Canteen & Amenities Block





Edgell Park Precinct

The Edgell Park Precinct is an expansive precinct of land adjoining the western banks of the Lachlan River and used for a multitude of sporting and recreation purposes. The northern end of the precinct is occupied by Oliver Oval (cricket) and two grassed hockey fields. The southern end of the precinct is used primarily for junior and senior soccer, cricket (Raudonikis and McPherson Ovals) and also a golf practice range. There is an existing amenities facility located centrally within the precinct. Car parking is situated along the Lachlan Valley Way (Boorowa Road) also within dedicated areas at the northern end of the precinct.

Sport and Recreation Activities

- Soccer
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Golf practice
- Passive recreation (shared paths)

Key Site Features

1. Carparking areas
2. Amenities building
3. Driver reviver shed
4. Hockey fields
5. Soccer fields
6. Cricket - Raudonikis Oval
7. Cricket - McPherson Oval
8. Cricket - Oliver Oval
9. Walking and cycling paths
10. Golf practice area
11. Caravan dump site
12. Electric vehicle charging station





Col Stinson Park Recreation Precinct

Col Stinson Park is a beautiful precinct of land located within north Cowra and is used for multiple sporting and recreation purposes including netball, soccer and skateboarding / BMX and scooter riding. There are a total of 9 hard surface netball courts, and these are supplemented by a further 9 grassed surface netball courts. The soccer field is a full-sized playing field. The Cowra Skate Park is located within the existing stormwater detention basin between the soccer field and Binni Creek Road. Car parking occurs in a dedicated parking area to the west of the canteen building, and also informally along the internal access road.

Sport and Recreation Activities

Netball
Soccer
Skateboarding / BMX / Scooter riding

Key Site Features

1. Site entry
2. Internal access road
3. Car parking areas
4. Hardstand netball courts
5. Grassed netball courts
6. Skate park
7. Site amenities
8. Soccer field
9. Detention basin
10. Lighting





Mulyan Recreation Precinct

The Mulyan Recreation Precinct is comprised of two separate sporting facilities - Mulyan Oval and Rodwell Oval. Mulyan Oval is Cowra's primary sporting facility for junior and senior AFL. Mulyan Oval is also used for junior and senior cricket, and contains an existing canteen building and informal car parking area. Rodwell Oval is a dedicated cricket oval and contains a cricket practice net facility as well.

Sport and Recreation Activities

Cricket
Cricket practice
Australian rules football

Key Site Features - Mulyan Oval

1. Site entry
2. Site amenities
3. AFL playing field
4. Cricket Oval
5. Car parking area

Key Site Features - Rodwell Oval

1. Site amenities
2. Cricket oval
3. Cricket practice nets







Strategic Planning Theme 2

Infrastructure Provision + Planning

Rationale

The provision of suitable infrastructure and effective planning for future needs is essential to maintain and grow sport and recreation within the Cowra Shire. This strategic theme is concerned with how we can improve the utilisation and suitability of community sport and recreation infrastructure and better plan for infrastructure development to meet future participation demand.

It is acknowledged that the responsibility for managing, maintaining, upgrading and renewing the breadth of sport and recreation infrastructure across the Shire is a shared responsibility. However, as the major provider, Council is well-positioned to work co-operatively with the sport and recreation sector and schools to make the best use of limited resources, avoid duplication of facilities, and maximise the capacity of our infrastructure to support sport and recreation services.

A fundamental consideration in infrastructure provision is the current and future trends in sport and recreation participation and how well our existing infrastructure caters for these types of participation.

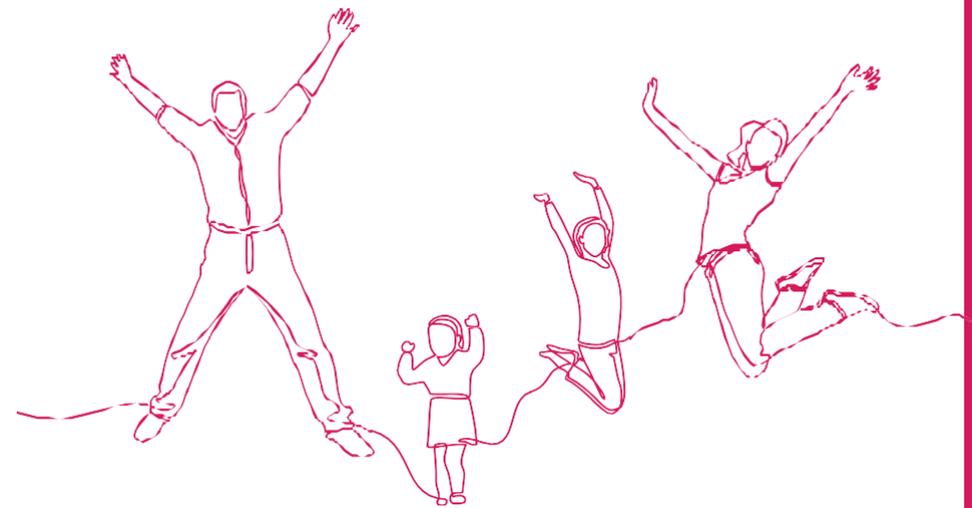
Effective planning for infrastructure provision will ensure Council can:

- Continue to provide infrastructure that supports current activities and maintains quality standards;
- Improve the suitability and access of our existing infrastructure to ensure that people of all ages and abilities can use the facilities and participate in the activities on offer.
- Address gaps in sport and recreation infrastructure arising from changing participation needs.

A key action for infrastructure provision and planning will be the preparation of detailed Precinct Master Plans for each of the major sporting precincts in the Shire. The plans will detail the level and nature of use, suitability standard of the facilities, and priorities for infrastructure refurbishment and renewal, providing a strong foundation for Council to scope future capital works projects and source external funding. Master Plans will be informed by recent and future community consultation, asset management plans, utilisation audits, participation data and Council resources.

“ Our aspiration for Infrastructure Provision + Planning is to provide a sustainable network of sport and recreation infrastructure that meets diverse needs of sporting organisations, schools and recreational users and anticipates future demand.





Implementation Plan

No.	Action	Timeframe	Responsibility	Performance Measure(s)
2.1	Manage the equitable allocation of sport and recreation facilities to ensure they remain accessible for the whole community	Ongoing	Infrastructure and Operations	Satisfaction with booking system Satisfaction with access to facilities
2.2	Develop an objective assessment framework to prioritise proposals for major infrastructure projects across the Cowra Shire	<1 year	Corporate Services	Prioritisation Framework completed Major Capital Works assessed against framework
2.3	Develop Precinct Master Plans for major sporting precincts with specific consideration to providing facilities that encourage female, youth and senior's participation and increase connectivity	1-3 years	Infrastructure and Operations	Precinct Master Plans completed for River Park, Cowra Aquatic Centre, Edgell Park, Col Stinson Park, West Cowra Recreation Ground and Mulyan Oval
2.4	Monitor implementation of Village Action Plans with respect to sport and recreation facilities and programs	Ongoing	Infrastructure and Operations	Relevant sport and recreation actions in Village Action Plan addressed
2.5	Investigate construction of a mountain bike facility to support the new club in Cowra	1-3 years	Infrastructure and Operations	Recommendations presented to Cowra Sport & Recreation Committee (CSRC) and Council
2.6	Undertake an Indoor Sports Facility study to assess supply and demand and identify strategies to increase accessibility to indoor facilities, including aquatic facilities	3-5 years	Infrastructure and Operations	Study report presented to CSRC and Council
2.7	Monitor implementation of MOU agreements and club lease arrangements for sport and recreation facilities located on Council-managed Crown Lands.	Ongoing	Infrastructure and Operations	MOU agreements and lease arrangements in place that support sport and recreation activities to operate effectively



Strategic Planning Theme 3

Club Governance + Sustainability



Our aspiration for club governance and sustainability is a local sport and recreation sector with the capacity and capability to maintain and grow participation



Rationale

Many sport and recreation opportunities in Cowra are made available to the community through volunteer-based sports clubs. The dedication of these volunteers in shouldering responsibility for club administration, coaching and officiating roles ensures that sporting activities and events can continue to run.

From the feedback received through consultations, it is clear that clubs are seeking further support from Council to assist them to maintain and improve the governance of their clubs and access more funding through grants. The Cowra Sport and Recreation Committee can also play a role in supporting new clubs to get established and assisting struggling clubs to revitalise their activities.

Implementation Plan

No.	Action	Timeframe	Responsibility	Performance Measure(s)
3.1	Maximise funding opportunities for sport and recreation through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations Policy • Community Grants Program • Sourcing external funding to deliver on plans • Assisting Clubs to source grant funding 	Ongoing	Corporate Services General Manager	No. of Donation applications submitted & amount of funding allocated No. of Community Grant applications submitted & level of funding allocated Level of external funding secured for sport and recreation projects No. of club applications supported
3.2	Develop a club sustainability program to build club capacity & capability to deliver sport & recreation activities for the Cowra Shire with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club-level strategic planning • Grant-writing skills • Volunteer management 	1-3 years	Corporate Services	Club Sustainability Program developed Level of Club participation Satisfaction of clubs with support provided



Strategic Planning Theme 4

Participation opportunities

“ Our aspiration for participation opportunities is accessible sport and recreation activities and events that cater for all ages, abilities and a diversity of interests



Rationale

The Cowra community benefits from a diverse range of sport and recreation activities and services that support participation in active recreation, health and fitness programs, social sport and competitive sport.

Council supports local sports organisations and community health services to promote active living and deliver sport and recreation activities and events. The provision of financial and in-kind assistance to support community health and wellbeing programs and high-level representative athletes will also be maintained.

Implementation Plan

No.	Action	Timeframe	Responsibility	Performance Measure(s)
4.1	Provide support to clubs seeking to grow or re-invigorate participation and establish new sport and recreation activities in the Cowra Shire	Ongoing, as required	Corporate Services	Clubs report increase in participation
4.2	Promote the Active Kids Voucher Scheme to encourage children and young people to participate in sport and recreation	Bi-annually	Corporate Services	Improvement in uptake of Voucher Scheme in Cowra Shire
4.3	Plan and deliver place activation events to increase the use of sport & recreation facilities (eg. Skate Park competition)	Annually	Corporate Services	Minimum of one event conducted per year
4.4	Provide support within available resources for community health and wellbeing initiatives aimed at increasing physical activity	As required	Corporate Services	Minimum of one initiative supported per year
4.5	Plan and implement promotional strategies to encourage increased physical activity and sports participation	Ongoing	Corporate Services	Promotional plan completed Promotional strategies implemented
4.6	Develop a Cowra Sports Tourism Strategy and Sports Event Package to support clubs to host events in Cowra	3-5yrs	Corporate Services	Sports Tourism Strategy developed Sports Event Package developed and utilised by clubs



Strategic Planning Theme 5

Communication + consultation



Our aspiration for communication and consultation is an informed sport and recreation sector that shares resources and expertise



Rationale

Effective communication and working relationships between Council and the sport and recreation sector are central to achieving our aspirations for sport and recreation across all strategic themes. Feedback from sports clubs, schools and service providers showed strong support for the re-establishment of the Cowra Sport and Recreation Committee. This body will provide a forum for regular consultation, information sharing and collaboration on sport and recreation initiatives.

Implementation Plan

No.	Action	Timeframe	Responsibility	Performance Measure(s)
5.1	Re-establish an expanded Cowra Sport and Recreation Committee as a consultative body to Council with broad representation from the sector	Immediate	Corporate Services	Instrument of delegation completed Members appointed to Cowra Sport & Recreation Committee Minimum of 3 meetings held per year & minutes reported to Council Broad representation from sports facility user-groups maintained
5.2	Maintain effective communication and working relationships between Council and sport and recreation stakeholders at local, regional and State levels	On-going	Corporate Services, Infrastructure and Operations	No. of meetings held Satisfaction with Council service levels
5.3	Collate sports participation and facility utilisation data across the Shire annually to inform infrastructure and service delivery plans	Annually	Corporate Services	Report presented to Cowra Sport & Recreation Committee
5.4	Inform sport and recreation organisations about grant funding opportunities, cross-sport program initiatives, implementation of the Cowra Sport & Rec Plan and other relevant Council projects	Ongoing	Corporate Services	Information distributed in a timely manner Updates on Sport & Recreation Plan implementation provided to stakeholders annually
5.5	Investigate platforms to facilitate sharing of information within Cowra's sport & recreation community, including the establishment of an online Cowra Sports Hub	3-5 Years	Corporate Services	Report presented to Cowra Sport & Recreation Committee

“ A priority action for Council is to develop a club sustainability program to build club capacity and capability to deliver sport and recreation activities for the Cowra Shire. ”



Summary

Sport and Recreation

Facility Priorities 2021-2031

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	River Park Precinct & Cowra Aquatic Centre	Edgell Park Precinct	West Cowra Recreation Ground	Col Stinson Park Recreation Precinct	Mulyan Recreation Precinct	Additional Priorities
<1 yr	<p>RP1. Construction of COLA for new basketball court (Funded and due for completion Aug 2021)</p> <p>RP2. Construction of paths from basketball court to toilets (disability access)</p> <p>RP3. Renewal of athletics long jump track at Twigg Oval</p>					<p>AP1. Croquet Ground, Brougham Park: Minor kitchen renovations, brickwork repairs to external Clubhouse walls, and installation of a disabled access toilet facility.</p>
1-3 yrs	<p>CAC1. Replacement of 50m and toddler's pools due to significant structural issues (Council approved and 50% funding allocated in LTFP)</p> <p>CAC2. Installation of splash pad to provide increased recreation for young children (Council approved and 50% funding allocated in LTFP)</p>		<p>WCRG1. Renovations to existing change rooms to improve suitability for female use</p>	<p>CSP1. Major Netball facility upgrade including relocation of 6 bitumen courts, construction of new amenities building incorporating club room, additional parking and public toilets for Skate Park users</p>	<p>MP1. Lighting upgrade to improve access for training and competition</p>	<p>AP2. Mountain Bike Facility: Investigate construction of a mountain bike facility to cater for the new Club in Cowra</p>
3-5 yrs	<p>RP4. Installation of lighting at Holman &/or Twigg Ovals for training (Rugby league) and twilight competition (Cricket, Little Athletics)</p>	<p>EP1. Installation of lighting to support evening training for soccer and hockey</p>		<p>CSP2. Installation of covered picnic tables and additional shade structure at Skate Park</p>	<p>MP2. Mulyan Oval amenities upgrade to refurbish facilities and improve suitability for female use</p>	
5-10 yrs	<p>RP5. Refurbishment of Holman Oval amenities</p> <p>RP6. Upgrade of amenities for Twigg Oval</p>	<p>EP2. Major upgrade of amenities building to accommodate female change facility, additional toilets, storage and shared club room</p> <p>EP3. Increase parking spaces on Edgell Park side of Lachlan Valley Way</p>	<p>WCRG2. Investigate major upgrade of grandstand and associated amenities due to ageing infrastructure</p>	<p>CSP3. Upgrade Cowra Skate Park to incorporate new components and increase complexity of park</p>	<p>MP3. Upgrade of Rodwell Oval public toilet block</p>	<p>AP4. Investigate construction of a bridge between River Park and Edgell Park to develop a connected, multi-use sporting precinct and improve accessibility to the Lachlan River foreshores and recreational pathways.</p>

NB: Masterplans are to be developed for each precinct and future projects will be assessed against Council's Sport and Recreation Prioritisation Framework. These factors, combined with the nature and availability of funding opportunities, will influence the overall scope of developments and prioritisations of projects.

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