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I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2022
Time: 6.00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace
Mount Gambier

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting **15 March 2022**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Philpott', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sarah Philpott
Chief Executive Officer
10 March 2022

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That leave of absence from Cr Ben Hood be noted.

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

[Ordinary Council Meeting - 15 February 2022](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 February 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.



5 MAYORAL REPORT

5.1 MAYORAL REPORT - MARCH 2022 – REPORT NO. AR21/70993

- Meeting with Jason Wallace – ac.care
- Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre Site Tour
- EM Briefing with SA Ombudsman Mr Wayne Lines
- Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting
- Briefing / National Farmers Federation Regionalisation Precincts Launch
- RSLTank Painting
- With CEO, meeting with Mr Tony Pasin, Member for Barker, re Regional Development Plan
- Virtual Meeting with LCLGA – National Farmers Federation Regionalisation
- Weekly Virtual LCLGA Mayor’s Meeting
- Audit and Risk Committee Workshop
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
- EM Briefing – Public Art Strategy
- EM Briefing – Remuneration Tribunal
- Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee Meeting
- Planet Youth Limestone Coast Workshop 2 – 2022 – Information Session - Virtual
- Plant Youth Limestone Coast Workshop – Virtual
- Weekly Virtual LCLGA Mayor’s Meeting
- Association of Eisteddfod Societies Bi-Annual Conference
- Vision for Regional South Australia Webinar with Hon Peter Malinauskas MP
- Webinar ALGA Pre-Federal Election with Hon Shadow Minister for Local Government Hon Jason Clare MP
- Live Music Roundtable
- Local Government Reconciliation Industry Network Group Virtual Meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidates – Mix and Mingle
- WiBRD International Women’s Day Breakfast
- Weekly Virtual LCLGA Mayor’s Meeting



6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS



7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

7.1 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - LED STREET LIGHTING PROGRAM

Meeting: Council
CM9 Reference: AF21/496
Member: Paul Jenner, Councillor

The following question on notice was received from Councillor Paul Jenner.

Question

Where is the LED Street Lighting Program at as far as planning with Ironbark and expectation of a start and finish date on project?

Response

To be provided at the meeting.

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the response to the question regarding the LED Street Lighting Program raised by Councillor Paul Jenner be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

11 NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND OR AMEND

Nil



12 ELECTED MEMBERS WORKSHOPS

12.1 ELECTED MEMBER INFORMATION/BRIEFING SESSIONS FROM 11/02/2022 TO 09/03/2022 – REPORT NO. AR21/71014

Meeting: Council
CM9 Reference: AF21/496
Author: Tahlee Chant, Executive Administrator City and Community Growth

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Report No. AR21/71014 titled 'Elected Member Information/Briefing Sessions from 11/02/2022 to 09/03/2022' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Information/Briefing Session - Elected Members - Record of Proceedings - 28/02/2022 - Audit and Risk Committee [↓](#)
2. Information/Briefing Session - Elected Members - Record of Proceedings - 01/03/2022 - Public Art Strategy [↓](#)
3. Information/Briefing Session - Elected Members - Record of Proceedings - 22/02/2022 - Briefing with SA Ombudsman Mr Wayne Lines [↓](#)



**DESIGNATED INFORMAL GATHERING
AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
4:30 PM MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
4:30 pm, Monday 28 February 2022
Committee Room (Level 4), Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

GUESTS:-

Nil

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Mayor Martin
Cr Mezinac
Belinda Johnson
Paul Duka (*virtual*)
Alexander Brown (*virtual*)

STAFF PRESENT:-

Chief Executive Officer
General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
Manager Financial Services

MEMBERS APOLOGIES:-

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:-

Nil

DISCUSSION:

Overview of budget process, Audit and Risk Committee introduction for new members and procurement review.

Discussion closed at 5:20 pm.



**DESIGNATED INFORMAL GATHERING
PUBLIC ART STRATEGY
5:30 PM TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
5:30 pm, Tuesday 1 MARCH 2022
Council Chamber, Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

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GUESTS:-

Nil

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Mayor Martin
Cr Mezinac
Cr Jenner
Cr Morello
Cr Bruins

STAFF PRESENT:-

Chief Executive Officer
General Manager City and Community Growth
General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
General Manager City Infrastructure

MEMBERS APOLOGIES:-

Cr Greco
Cr Amoroso
Cr Perryman

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:-

Cr Hood

DISCUSSION:

Public art strategies and beacon arts project discussion.

Discussion closed at 6:30 p.m.



**DESIGNATED INFORMAL GATHERING
BRIEFING WITH SA OMBUDSMAN MR WAYNE LINES
4:00 PM TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
4:00 pm, Tuesday 22 February 2022
Council Chamber, Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

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GUESTS:-

Mr Wayne Lines, Ombudsman
Ms Grace Oliver-Dearman, Legal Officer

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Mayor Martin
Cr Mezinac
Cr Morello
Cr Jenner

STAFF PRESENT:-

Chief Executive Officer
General Manager Corporate & Regulatory Services (virtual)

MEMBERS APOLOGIES:-

Cr Perryman
Cr Bruins
Cr Greco
Cr Amoroso

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:-

Cr Hood

DISCUSSION:

Presentation to Councillors on changes to the Local Government Act and Elected Members Behavioural Standards.

Outline of the role of Ombudsman in complaints investigations and audits.

Discussion closed at 4.55 p.m.



13 ELECTED MEMBERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil



14 COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

14.1 COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS - 15/02/2022 – REPORT NO. AR21/71030

Meeting: Council
CM9 Reference: AF21/496
Author: Tahlee Chant, Executive Administrator City and Community Growth

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Report No. AR21/71030 titled 'Council Action Items - 15/02/2022' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Action Items - 15/02/2022 [↓](#)



Division:	15/02/2022
Meeting: Council	Date From:
Officer:	Date To: 15/02/2022
Action Sheets Report	Printed: 9 March 2022 8:59 AM

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	McCarthy, Michael Barber, Darren	Deputations	Deputation - Mr Dirk Verschure - General Medical Services in Mount Gambier
REPORT RECOMMENDATION			
1. That Council Report No. AR22/638 titled 'Deputation - Mr Dirk Verschure - General Medical Services in Mount Gambier' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.			
01 Mar 2022 11:03am McCarthy, Michael - Completion			
Action completed by McCarthy, Michael			

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Council 15/02/2022	Wilson, Sally Cemovskis, Barbara	Notice of Motion to Rescind or Amend	Notice of Amendment - Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program 2021/2022																												
RESOLUTION 2022/20																															
Moved: Cr Paul Jenner																															
Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman																															
1. That Council Report No. AR21/82252 titled 'Notice of Amendment - Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program 2021/2022' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.																															
2. That part 2 of resolution 2021/365 titled Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program 2021/2022 - Applications that was passed on 16 November of meeting be amended from:																															
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To: 2. That \$113,000 be endorsed for distribution for the 2021/2022 Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program as follows: That the additional \$13,000 be reconciled in budget review 3.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">South Gambier Football Club Inc</td> <td style="width: 10%;">14</td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$ 25,000.00</td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$ 18,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Gambier Netball Club Incorporated</td> <td>14</td> <td>\$ 9,431.00</td> <td>\$ 9,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Gambier Football Club Incorporated</td> <td>9</td> <td>\$ 13,150.00</td> <td>\$ 13,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$ 145,747.00</td> <td>\$ 100,000.00</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;"><u>Applicant</u></th> <th style="width: 10%;"><u>Priority</u> (Score)</th> <th style="width: 20%;"><u>Requested</u></th> <th style="width: 20%;"><u>Approved</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated</td> <td>12</td> <td>\$ 21,993.00</td> <td>\$ 13,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Gambier Cricket Club</td> <td>14</td> <td>\$ 5,307.00</td> <td>\$ 5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mount Gambier Bowls Inc</td> <td>15</td> <td>\$ 14,000.00</td> <td>\$ 14,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mount Gambier Gun Club</td> <td>15</td> <td>\$ 17,915.00</td> <td>\$ 14,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club</td> <td>11</td> <td>\$ 3,950.00</td> <td>\$ 2,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Gambier Football / Netball Club</td> <td>11</td> <td>\$ 35,000.00</td> <td>\$ 25,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Gambier Football Club Inc</td> <td>14</td> <td>\$ 25,000.00</td> <td>\$ 18,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Gambier Netball Club Incorporated</td> <td>14</td> <td>\$ 9,431.00</td> <td>\$ 9,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Gambier Football Club Incorporated</td> <td>9</td> <td>\$ 13,150.00</td> <td>\$ 13,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$ 145,747.00</td> <td>\$ 113,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	South Gambier Football Club Inc	14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	South Gambier Netball Club Incorporated	14	\$ 9,431.00	\$ 9,000.00	West Gambier Football Club Incorporated	9	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 145,747.00	\$ 100,000.00	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Priority</u> (Score)	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>	Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated	12	\$ 21,993.00	\$ 13,000.00	East Gambier Cricket Club	14	\$ 5,307.00	\$ 5,000.00	Mount Gambier Bowls Inc	15	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	Mount Gambier Gun Club	15	\$ 17,915.00	\$ 14,000.00	Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club	11	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 2,000.00	North Gambier Football / Netball Club	11	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	South Gambier Football Club Inc	14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	South Gambier Netball Club Incorporated	14	\$ 9,431.00	\$ 9,000.00	West Gambier Football Club Incorporated	9	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 13,000.00			\$ 145,747.00	\$ 113,000.00
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21 Feb 2022 10:57am Wilson, Sally - Completion
 Action completed by Wilson, Sally
02 Mar 2022 12:11pm Wilson, Sally
 Forwarded to Manager Financial Services to include \$13,000 in Budget Review 3.



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Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Wilson, Sally Cemovskis, Barbara	Elected Members Workshops	Elected Member Information/Briefing Sessions from 19/01/2022 to 10/02/2022
RESOLUTION 2022/21			
Moved: Cr Max Bruins			
Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec			
1. That Council Report No. AR21/71013 titled 'Elected Member Information/Briefing Sessions from 19/01/2022 to 10/02/2022' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.			
CARRIED			
21 Feb 2022 10:57am Wilson, Sally - Completion			
Action completed by Wilson, Sally			

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Wilson, Sally Cemovskis, Barbara	Council Action Items	Council Action Items - 18/01/2022
RESOLUTION 2022/22			
Moved: Cr Sonya Mezinec			
Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman			
1. That Council Report No. AR21/71029 titled 'Council Action Items - 18/01/2022' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.			
CARRIED			
21 Feb 2022 10:56am Wilson, Sally - Completion			
Action completed by Wilson, Sally			



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Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Kilsby, Ben Coote, Tim	Council Reports	Dual Naming Policy
RESOLUTION 2022/23			
Moved: Cr Paul Jenner			
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council Report No. AR21/83599 titled 'Dual Naming Policy' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted. That the Dual Naming Policy be adopted as attached to Council Report No. AR21/83599 That Council administration commences work on the implementation of the Dual Naming of local sites of cultural significance, as per the Dual Naming Policy. 			
CARRIED			
01 Mar 2022 10:03am Kilsby, Ben - Completion			
Action completed by Kilsby, Ben			

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Scheidl, Jo Barber, Darren	Council Reports	2022 Local Government Election - Council Voters Roll
RESOLUTION 2022/24			
Moved: Cr Paul Jenner			
Seconded: Cr Max Bruins			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council Report No. AR22/4634 titled '2022 Local Government Election - Council Voters Roll' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted. 			
CARRIED			
01 Mar 2022 12:22pm Scheidl, Jo - Completion			
Action completed by Scheidl, Jo			



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Council 15/02/2022	McCarthy, Michael Barber, Darren	Council Reports	Local Government Reform Update
RESOLUTION 2022/25			
Moved: Cr Frank Morello			
Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinec			
1. That Council Report No. AR22/5937 titled 'Local Government Reform Update' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.			
2. That the commencement of local government reform changes and actions be noted.			
CARRIED			
01 Mar 2022 12:41pm McCarthy, Michael - Completion			
Action completed by McCarthy, Michael			

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Porter, Jessica Coote, Tim	Council Reports	Local Affordable Housing Plan Toolkit
RESOLUTION 2022/26			
Moved: Cr Sonya Mezinec			
Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso			
1. That Council Report No. AR22/5088 titled 'Local Affordable Housing Plan Toolkit' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.			
CARRIED			
28 Feb 2022 9:04am Porter, Jessica - Completion			
Action completed by Porter, Jessica			



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Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Scoggins, Julie Barber, Darren	Council Reports	Budget Review 2 2021/22
RESOLUTION 2022/27			
Moved: Cr Paul Jenner			
Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council Report No. AR22/7344 titled 'Budget Review 2 2021/22' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted. That Council adopts the attached revised budget for the year ending 30 June 2022 as at 31 December 2021 (Budget Review 2). 			
CARRIED			
07 Mar 2022 4:08pm Scoggins, Julie - Completion			
Action completed by Lavia, Ashlee			

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	McCarthy, Michael Barber, Darren	Council Reports	Request for Internal Review of Council Decision
RESOLUTION 2022/28			
Moved: Cr Steven Perryman			
Seconded: Cr Christian Greco			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council Report No. AR22/6009 titled 'Request for Internal Review of Council Decision' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted. That consideration of this matter be deferred until the April meeting of Council. That the Chief Executive Officer provide further information to Elected Members on the potential impacts of decision making processes for an internal review request. 			
CARRIED			
01 Mar 2022 11:02am McCarthy, Michael - Target Date Revision			
Target date changed by McCarthy, Michael from 01 March 2022 to 30 April 2022 - Matter deferred to April Council Meeting			



Action Sheets Report	Division:	Date From:	15/02/2022
	Meeting: Council	Date To:	15/02/2022
	Officer:	Printed: 9 March 2022 8:59 AM	

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Philpott, Sarah Philpott, Sarah	Motions with Notice	Notice of Motion - Question style event for state election candidates
RESOLUTION 2022/29			
Moved: Cr Paul Jenner			
Seconded: Cr Frank Morello			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council Report No. AR21/82255 titled 'Notice of Motion - Question style event for state election candidates' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted. Council provides support for State Election Candidate Question and Answer events, in the form of a subsidy or fee waiver on the City Hall as a venue for these events (provided that they are open to all candidates to attend). 			
CARRIED			
24 Feb 2022 5:47pm Philpott, Sarah - Completion			
Action completed by Philpott, Sarah			

Meeting	Officer/Authoriser	Section	Subject
Council 15/02/2022	Telford, Melissa Philpott, Sarah	Mayoral Report	Mayoral Report - February 2022
RESOLUTION 2022/18			
Moved: Mayor Lynette Martin			
Seconded: Cr Christian Greco			
That the Mayoral report made on 15 February 2022 be received.			
CARRIED			
09 Mar 2022 8:59am Telford, Melissa - Completion			
Action completed by Lavia, Ashlee			



15 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

16 PEOPLE AND PLACE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

17 COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL MINUTES

Nil



18 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE (SECTION 41) COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

18.1 MINUTES OF THE JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND HELD ON 2 MARCH 2022 - [Go to Attachment](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund meeting held on 2 March 2022 as attached be noted.

18.2 [Correspondence Received](#) – Report No. AR22/13971

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13971 titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.

18.3 [Statement of Revenue and Expenses - as at 31 January 2022](#) – Report No. AR22/13972

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13972 titled 'Statement of Revenue and Expenses - as at 31 January 2022' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.
2. The financial statement of the Fund as 30 September 2021 be received, noting a cash balance of \$126,036.64.

18.4 [Applications for Financial Assistance for Juniors and Payments from the Fund - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022](#) – Report No. AR22/13973

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13973 titled 'Applications for Financial Assistance for Juniors and Payments from the Fund - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.



18.5 [Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donation to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons](#) – **Report No. AR22/13974**

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13974 titled 'Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donation to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.
2. The following funding be made available to the Member Organisations named below to assist the identified junior(s) to achieve their fullest participation with the donation from the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons initiative, to be used strictly in accordance with their respective confidential application:
 - (a) Blue Lake Y Swim - \$300
 - (b) Basketball Mount Gambier - \$600



19 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

19.1 [MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2022 - Go to Attachment](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 February 2022 as attached be noted.

19.2 [Correspondence Received](#) – Report No. AR21/74812

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/74812 titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.

19.3 [External Audit Management Report](#) – Report No. AR21/69921

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/69921 titled 'External Audit Management Report' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. The Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that:
 - (a) A report be provided to the Audit and Risk Committee at least on a quarterly basis throughout the financial year to provide an update on the progress against the recommendations raised by the External Auditors.



19.4 [Audit and Risk Committee Work Program & Meeting Schedule 2022](#) – Report No. AR21/85164

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/85164 titled 'Audit and Risk Committee Work Program & Meeting Schedule 2022' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that the Audit and Risk Committee meet on the following dates in 2022 noting that the meeting dates are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required:
 - (a) Monday 28 February 2022;
 - (b) Monday 28 March 2022;
 - (c) Monday 2 May 2022
 - (d) Monday 25 July 2022
 - (e) Monday 19 September 2022
 - (f) Monday 28 November 2022
3. That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that the draft work program for the Audit and Risk Committee for calendar year 2022 (attached) be adopted, noting the meeting dates and schedule are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required.

19.5 [Presiding Member Nomination](#) – Report No. AR22/12567

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR22/12567 titled 'Presiding Member Nomination' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. The term of office for the position of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member be 2 year(s).
3. That Mr Paul Duka be the Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee on and from 15 March 2022 subject to endorsement by Council.



**20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nil



21 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

21.1 MINUTES OF THE BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 MARCH 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Building Fire Safety Committee meeting held on 7 March 2022 as previously circulated be noted.



22 COUNCIL REPORTS

22.1 REVIEW OF VALUATION AND RATING SYSTEM 2022/2023 – REPORT NO. AR21/72784

Committee:	Council
Meeting Date:	15 March 2022
Report No.:	AR21/72784
CM9 Reference:	AF21/496
Author:	Jo Scheidl, Team Leader Revenue
Authoriser:	Darren Barber, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
Summary:	The purpose of this report is to review Council’s Valuation and Rating System for 2022/2023 financial year
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People
	Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy
	Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Report No. AR21/72784 titled ‘Review of Valuation and Rating System 2022/2023’ as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.
2. That the rating assumptions and directions referred to in Report No. AR21/72784 be used to prepare Council’s draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2022/2023 for Council’s future consideration.



TYPE OF REPORT

Legislative

BACKGROUND

- 1. Annual Report** - This report is prepared annually in alignment with Council's policy R105 Rating to provide Council with an overview of the assumptions that will underpin the proposed 2022/23 budget.
- 2. Valuation and Rating Methodology** - Council's current Valuation and Rating methodology adopted in March 2004 includes the following principle elements:
 - **Valuation Method** - Capital Valuation (changed from Site Value).
 - **Differential Rating** - Based on land use (using the Local Government Land use codes).
 - **Fixed Charge** – Applied instead of a minimum charge.
 - **Proportion Of Revenue Raised By The Fixed Charge** - Fixed charge cannot exceed 50% of all revenue raised by the council from general rates. Previously 45% of Council's general rate revenue was raised by the fixed charge – the remainder by the traditional valuation-based rate in the dollar (to avoid rate increases as a result of periodic fluctuations in valuations).
 - **Rate Capping** – Is applied for certain ratepayer classes.
- 3. Waste Service Charge** - Further, for the 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget, a Waste Service charge was introduced with the principle for that year only, that the Fixed Charge & the Waste Service charge would raise approximately 45% of Council's overall rates and charges revenue.

PROPOSAL

Rating Strategy Basis - There are a number of rating assumptions used as a basis for Council's rating strategy that in accordance with Council's *Policy R105 Rating*, require confirmation on an annual basis for incorporation in rates modelling and the annual budgeting process. These include:

1. Fixed Charge:

- **Fixed Charge FY 2023** - Council's fixed charge will be approximately 45% of the Council's overall general rate revenue.
- **Fair and Equitable** - This principle continues to be accepted as fair and equitable system rather than the historic methodology where the entire rate base was calculated on the property valuation multiplied by a rate in the dollar principle
- **Stability** - By maintaining this principle, Council achieves its initial aim of 'future proofing' its rating structure against the periodic vagaries of the property valuation system.

2. Differential General Rates:

Council's differential general rates have been set on the following basis:

- **Residential rate** = 100%
- **Commercial, Industrial and Vacant Land differential** - Is set at +170% of the Residential rate.
- **All other land uses** - Primary Production and Other are set at the Residential differential.



FY 2022 Comparison - Recent South Australian Local Government rates comparison provides the following average comparative figures:

	Mount Gambier 2020/2021	Mount Gambier 2021/2022	Metro 2021/2022	Rural 2021/2022	State 2021/2022
Residential	\$1,247	\$1,112	\$1,702	\$1,461	\$1,527
Fixed Charge	\$682	\$518	\$669	\$419	\$455
Average Increase	\$9	(\$135)	\$44	\$38	\$40

Source: Local Government Association 2021/2022 Rating Survey – **Rates only does not include WSC**

3. Service rates and service charges:

- **Legislation** - According to the LGA 1999 s155 A Council may impose a service rate, an annual service rate, or a combination of a service rate and an annual service charge on rateable land within its area for a **prescribed service**. A prescribed service is described as treatment or provision of water, collection, treatment or disposal of waste, a television transmission service or any other service prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.
- **Service Charge** - A service charge may vary depending on provisions as identified in the Act and may be applied for purpose specifically identified in the Council's annual business plan as being the purpose for which the funds will be applied.

4. Waste Levy Rates – Waste Service Charge (WSC):

- **Cost Shifting** - State Government legislates both the Solid Waste Levy and Liquid Waste Levy, Council pays the Levies as charged. There has been a significant increase over the last couple of years of which Council budget has worn the financial burden.
- **WSC Introduction** - Council's desire to focus on environmentally sound waste management practices and become more responsive to waste management related costs and share the costs and benefits within the community drove the introduction of a Waste Service Charge.
- **WSC Implementation Date** - As of 1st July, 2021 Council implemented the WSC to highlight the cost of waste management on rate notices. The \$200 charge was not an additional cost to most ratepayers as it was introduced by reducing the Fixed Charge component of rates.
- **Fee for Service** - The WSC is charged on the basis of the service being available at the property. It excludes vacant land and primary production where there is no dwelling on the land and is charged irrespective if the land owner/occupier is using the service or not.

5. Rate Capping – Residential (Principal Place of Residence):

- **15% Rate Cap** - Inequities that may arise in the way residential rates are raised across the Council are addressed via a 15% 'rate cap' that is applied to any residential (principal place of residence) properties. Conditions apply. Refer Council's *Policy R155 Rate Rebate* section 10.1.

6. Vacant Land Rate Rebate:

- **Rationale** - Council introduced this rebate to assist ratepayers who have purchased land for residential purposes (as opposed to purchase for speculation) and to encourage development.
- **Rate Applied** - The vacant land rate is + 170% on residential land rate.



- **Rebate** - If the ratepayer can demonstrate to the Council that the vacant land is to be used for residential purposes in the short term (i.e. owner intends to develop in the short term as their principal place of residence) as opposed to holding for speculation purposes, then a rebate is available.

7. Other Rate Relief Options:

- **R155 Rates Rebate** - Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Rebates, Postponement of Rates for Seniors and Hardship provisions continue to be available in accordance with the Local Government Act and Council's *Policy R155 Rates Rebate* criteria where applicable.

8. Rate Rebates:

- **Legislation Changes** - Since the State Government amended the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to mandatory rate rebate provisions, which essentially gave community housing associations and land being used by universities who provide accommodation support to students automatic rate rebates, there has been a steady growth in the number of properties and value of rebates required to be provided by Council.
- **Community Housing** - Such properties, many of which are former South Australian Housing Trust properties have been transferred to the Community Housing sector are able to claim the mandatory 75% rate rebate on Council rates due to the amended legislation. This has had a financial impact on Council's budget.
- **Rebates** – The influence of COVID-19 has also seen a surge in not-for-profit Community Service organisations within the Council area supporting residents in need. Rate rebates can be applicable on application for these organisations.

9. Regional Landscape Levy:

- **The Regional Landscape (RL) land levy** - Replaced the NRM Levy in the 2020/2021 financial year. It is a State Government imposed levy which funds the operations of the Limestone Coast Landscape (LCL) Board in accordance with the Act.
- **South Australian Legislation** - Requires the levy to be collected by Local Government in SA as a separate rate via Council rate notices.
- **Role of Council** - Councils act as a revenue collector only, do not retain any proceeds from the levy, all RL levy revenue is on paid to the LCL Board who determine how the revenue is spent.
- **FY 2022** - For the 2021/2022 financial year the City of Mount Gambier is required, by law to contribute \$1,215,649 to the LCL Board. An increase of \$36,580 or 3.1% on the previous year.

Other Considerations

10. Lands Titles Office:

- **Land Services SA** - The South Australian Government finalised a \$1.6 billion deal to privatise the State's Lands Titles Office in 2016. A commercial consortium known as Land Services SA was awarded the contract to manage the State's land services system of land titles and registry for the next 40 years, including the right to commercialise related data, subject to government approval.
- **Registry of Property Titles** - The Lands Titles Office holds the registry of the State's property titles, including information about who owns property, when it was purchased and its valuation. The State Government continues to set fees and charges for title searches and other land services. Whilst the valuation of South Australian properties is undertaken by the new owners, Land Services SA; the Valuer-General of South Australia remains the State's independent authority on property valuations and will continue to oversee all significant government property valuations and council rating valuations.



- **Objections** - Council has the ongoing issue of large capital value 'objections' being processed which may pose a risk to Council revenue once processing of the objections is complete.

11. Debt Recovery – COVID-19 and other implications:

- **2020/2021 Outstanding Rates** - As the world continues to tackle COVID-19 and its health and financial implications, to date the impact on Council rate revenue has been minimal. Outstanding rates for year ending 30/06/2021 were 1.98% of the overall rates raised (compared to 3.00% in 2019/20 and 2.32% in 2018/19).
- **2021/2022 Forecast** - Whilst ratepayers have been able to access superannuation, Government Incentives and financial assistance from Jobseeker and Jobkeeper, rate revenue is expected to be in line with the previous financial year. That is not to say some sectors are not suffering hardship. In particular businesses associated with tourism and entertainment continue to adjust their payment arrangements to ensure continuing financial sustainability.
- **Rates Postponement Requests** - A number of local businesses have requested that their rates be postponed whilst they place their properties/leaseholds on the market.
- **Debt Recovery Approach** - In the interim, Revenue staff will continue to take a proactive approach to Debt Recovery, where possible contacting ratepayers with arrears directly by encouraging ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulties to discuss options for alternative payment arrangements.
- **Future** - Unfortunately, at the moment it is a "wait and see approach" to the impact on individuals and businesses and ultimately Council revenue.

12. Local Government Reform:

- **Review** - Over the last few years, South Australia's system of local government has been under review. The *Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Act* passed Parliament and received the Governors assent on 17 June, 2021.
- **Staged Approach** - The Local Government reforms commenced in stages, the first being 20 September 2021 and the second 10 November 2021.
- **Key Reforms** - To date key reforms include:
 - A new conduct management framework for Council members;
 - An expansion of expert, independent advice to councils in a range of critical financial and governance matters;
 - A modern approach to public consultation; and
 - A range of improvements to regulation to reduce Council's costs.
- **Rate reforms** - Have included nominal amendments to "public consultation" and "declaration due dates altered from 31 August to 15 August".
- **Section 184 Amendment** - Council lobbied and together with LGA was successful in amending section 184 of LGA – Sale of Land for non-payment of rates. Councils are no longer required to give consideration to caveats before selling land in pursuance of this section.
- **Basis of Rating** - Discussions between the LGA and Office of Local Government have also indicated that "Changes in the basis of rating will commence in time for the 2024-2025 year". Information provided by the LGA has indicated this change will only effect Councils who rate using Site Value. Therefore, this change will have no impact on Council.
- **Rates – Annual Business Plans** – Pursuant to LGA 123(2)(g) Annual Business plan must now include:



- **Total Revenue Statement** - A statement on the total expected revenue from general rates for the financial year compared to the total expected revenue from general rates for the previous financial year as set out in the annual business plan for that previous financial year (excluding rebates and remissions on rates that are not discretionary rebates or remissions);
- **Percentage Change** - A statement on the percentage change in the total expected revenue from general rates for the financial year compared to the total expected revenue from general rates for the previous financial year as set out in the annual business plan for that previous financial year (excluding rebates and remissions on rates that are not discretionary rebates or remissions);
- **Average Change** - If relevant, a statement on the average change in the expected rates for the financial year (expressed as a whole number of dollars) for each land use category declared as a permissible differentiating factor compared to the expected rates for each category for the previous financial year as set out in the annual business plan for that previous financial year;
- **Growth** - And, if an annual business plan sets out a growth component in relation to general rates, it may only relate to growth in the number of rateable properties (and must not relate to growth in the value of rateable properties).

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

STRATEGIC PLAN

Considerations to Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032 key assumptions:

- **General Rates** – Revenue indexed by 4.5% p.a. over the life of the LTFP
- **Waste Service Charges** – indexed by 4.5% p.a. in line with the increase in general rate revenue

COUNCIL POLICY

Council Report No. AR21/72784 titled 'Review of Valuation and Rating System 2022/2023

Supported by the following Policies:

[R105 - Rates – Rating Policy](#)

[R130 - Rates – General Matters](#)

[R155 - Rate Rebate Policy](#)

[P195 - Community Consultation and Engagement Policy](#)

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Evaluate the effectiveness of all service delivery initiatives against the returns and/or benefits to the community. The Council should, in making any decision, take into account the financial effects of the decision on future generations. Rating strategies must be made fairly and in accordance with principles and practices that apply on a uniform basis across the area of Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Well-coordinated and collaborative decision-making process will help to ensure the protection of the environment through the financial management of environmental issues within the City.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Well managed financial management and delivered decision making process will provide certainty and clarity to the community in the long-term ensuring Council services are maintained.

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A



RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Financial sustainability in local government ensures that each generation pays their way rather than any one generation living off their assets and leaving the responsibility for infrastructure/asset renewal to future generations.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Rates constitutes a system of taxation for local government purposes in this instance based on the Capital Value of the land.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Rating strategies should make reasonable provision with respect to strategies to provide relief from rates (where appropriate), and any such strategies should avoid narrow or unreasonable restrictive criteria and should not require ratepayers to meet onerous application requirements.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

In accordance with LGA 1999 s153 (5) a Council must not declare a general rate until after it has adopted its annual business plan and its budget for the financial year to which the rate relates.

Before a council adopts an annual business plan, the council must prepare a draft annual business plan and consult with the community as set out in the Local Government Act and follow the relevant steps as set out in its public consultation policy.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The rating assumptions and directions referred to are recommended for consideration to be used in preparing Annual Business Plan draft Budget.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The rating assumptions and directions referred to in this report will provide initial information and parameters for the forthcoming 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget workshops to be held in April 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**22.2 ALGA JUNE 2022 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CALL FOR MOTIONS -
REPORT NO. AR22/11605**

Committee:	Council
Meeting Date:	15 March 2022
Report No.:	AR22/11605
CM9 Reference:	AF21/496
Author:	Jessica Porter, Strategy, Development and Research Co-ordinator
Authoriser:	Tim Coote, General Manager City and Community Growth
Summary:	Three (3) Motions have been prepared for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2022 National General Assembly. These Motions address regionalisation; housing affordability; and waste and circular economy It is recommended all three (3) Motions be endorsed for submission to the ALGA.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Report No. AR22/11605 titled 'ALGA June 2022 National General Assembly - Call for Motions ' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.
2. That:
 - (a) the Regionalisation Motion;
 - (b) the Housing Affordability Motion;
 - (c) the Waste and Circular Economy Motion; and
 - (d) the submission of the Motions as listed above (recommendations 2 (a),(b) & (c)) to the ALGA's 2022 National General Assembly.as attached to Report No. AR22/11605 be endorsed.



TYPE OF REPORT

Other

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting held 18 January 2022, resolved the following:

1. *That Council Report No. AR22/657 titled 'ALGA June 2022 National General Assembly - Call for Motions' as presented on 18 January 2022 be noted.*
2. *That draft motions for the June 2022 ALGA NGA be prepared and presented to Council on the following issues of strategic national importance:*
 - (i) *Housing Affordability - ALGA NGA Transport and Community Infrastructure*
 - (ii) *Waste and Circular Economy - ALGA NGA Creating a Circular Economy*
 - (iii) *Regionalisation - inter governmental relations*

PROPOSAL

In accordance with the above resolution, Council staff have prepared three (3) motions for the ALGA 2022 National General Assembly, regarding regionalisation; housing affordability; and waste and circular economy.

Council endorsement of all three (3) motions is required prior to submitting the Motions to the ALGA NGA for debate.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications have been identified.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The submission of Motions to the ALGA NGA aligns with all five (5) Goals as identified in the City of Mount Gambier Strategic Plan. Further, the submission of Motions to the ALGA NGA aligns with the advocacy related objectives and actions as contained within the City of Mount Gambier Strategic Plan.

COUNCIL POLICY

Both the Regionalisation and Housing Affordability Motions have indirect links to a number of Council Policies. The Waste and Circular Economy Motion has direct links to the following Council Policies:

[W115 - Waste Management Reveal Of Waste - Caroline Landfill](#)

[W125 - Waste Management - Refuse Collection](#)

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

No economic implications have been identified.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications have been identified.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No social implications have been identified.

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

No cultural implications have been identified.



RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No resource implications have been identified.

VALUE FOR MONEY

There are no financial requirements for this item.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No risk implications have been identified.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

No equalities and diversity implications have been identified.

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

There are no engagement and communication strategy requirements for this item.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

There are no implementation strategy requirements for this item.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended all three (3) Motions, as presented, be endorsed for submission to the ALGA 2022 National General Assembly.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2022 National General Assembly Motion - Regionalisation [↓](#)
2. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2022 National General Assembly Motion - Housing affordability [↓](#)
3. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2022 National General Assembly Motion - Waste and Circular Economy [↓](#)





ALGA NGA – Regionalisation

Motion from the City of Mount Gambier, SA

Background

As Australian businesses adopted physically decentralised approaches to their operations and more of Australia's population experienced the benefits of regional and rural lifestyles, the enormous opportunities for the regionalisation and decentralisation of the Australian economy are now presented to the Australian Government to maximise.

To facilitate a regionalisation agenda, strengthened regional centres, through a place-based model provides a mechanism to drive collaboration and joint investment between all three tiers of government within a particular location.

Public policy and legislative agendas are optimised to meet the needs urban communities and metropolitan-based and operated businesses with reforms rarely integrating regional and rural experiences. Consequently, in Australia, non-geographic specific policies provide disproportionate benefit to urban centres to which the limits of a model which concentrates Australia's economic capacity in major capital cities have been demonstrated in the past but never more clearly than over the past two years.

Through a place-based model economic development becomes sustainable in regional centres which would not otherwise happen without government intervention. This place-based development is an operational and effective form to better leverage investment in infrastructure and government spending to spur economic growth in areas with low population and economic activity densities and redresses the public policy focus imbalance between regional and rural communities.

Regionalisation has three pillars: providing for liveable and vibrant local communities; ensuring a skilled and fulfilled workforce; and providing for ongoing economic development. Strengthened regional centres provide economic and social amenities with key indicators of liveability such as health and education services contributing to lifestyle and connection to community which ensures people are making purposeful decisions in living, working and developing the economy of regional centres and the surrounding towns and rural communities. These surrounding areas benefit from the amenities and have the physical and digital connectivity to be connected to the infrastructure required for thriving regions.

Motion

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish and appropriately resource effective implementation of the regionalisation agenda through strengthening regional centres.





ALGA NGA – Housing Affordability

Motion from the City of Mount Gambier, SA

Background

Housing affordability challenges continue to exist across Australia. Increasingly, these challenges are becoming evident across regional and rural Australia. Whilst housing affordability and the provision of affordable housing is not specifically a local government responsibility - local governments are often expected to facilitate affordable housing supply. This occurs through state/territory land use planning systems and other financial or legislative requirements. Housing challenges differ across communities and local government areas. How a council responds to their housing challenges depends upon a number of factors, such as:

- Having an understanding (by elected members and council's professional staff) of housing and the housing challenges within their LGA;
- The priority that is given by the council to understand and address local housing challenges; and
- The resources available to the council.

The National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) provides a means for the Commonwealth to provide financial assistance to the States and Territories to deliver programs, services and reforms with respect to housing, homelessness and housing affordability. Two of the key outputs of the NHHA, are for State and Territory governments to develop publicly available housing and homelessness strategies.

To strengthen the relevance of State level strategies, local governments across Australia need the support and guidance of the higher tiers of government, to develop their own LGA specific housing and homelessness strategies. Many local government bodies do not have the capacity, capability, resourcing, funds or expertise to research and develop these types of housing plans. To assist local governments in addressing housing challenges within their LGA, the Commonwealth Government should consider:

- Developing and implementing a collaborative program, involving Federal, State, Territory and Local levels of governments, to address housing challenges across Australia.
- Committing to implementing a funding stream, specific to local government, allowing them to undertake LGA specific housing research; and to prepare and implement LGA specific housing plans (aligning to the relevant State Housing and Homelessness Strategies prepared under the NHHA).

MOTION

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- Fund further national housing research, specific to understanding housing affordability; housing supply and demand; and housing accessibility across rural and regional Australia.
- Develop and implement a collaborative program, involving Federal, State, Territory and Local levels of governments, to address housing concerns in rural and regional Australia.
- Commit to implementing a funding stream, specific to rural and regional local governments, allowing them to undertake LGA specific housing research; and to prepare and implement LGA specific housing plans (aligning to the relevant State Housing and Homelessness Strategies prepared under the NHHA).





ALGA NGA – Waste and Circular Economy

Motion from the City of Mount Gambier, SA

Background

According to the national waste account published by the ABS, in 2018-2019 Australia sent 20.5 million tonnes of waste to landfill. A significant proportion of this material could have been circulated back through the national economy, generating revenue and jobs through reuse and recycling.

A substantial amount of the cost of processing waste and recycling is born by local councils and their ratepayers. The majority of recyclable materials are sorted and then sent to other locations. Much of this material could be retained in local communities, and utilised to stimulate local economies, generating jobs and valuable products. This is particularly the case in regional areas, where the tyranny of distance often significantly reduces the viability of recycling operations, as materials have to be transported long distances in order to be utilised.

It is estimated that for every 10,000 tonnes of waste recycled, 9.2 jobs are created, compared with only 2.8 jobs when the same amount of waste is sent to landfill. Investing in circular economy projects will create local jobs and stimulate local economies – as well as reduce waste to landfill.

Motion

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a fund of \$100 million per annum over four years to support local government circular waste innovation projects. A significant portion of the fund should be dedicated to supporting projects in regional areas. Due to resourcing constraints in regional areas any grants provided through the program should not require matched funding.



22.3 MOUNT GAMBIER SPORT, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY – REPORT NO. AR22/16103

Committee:	Council
Meeting Date:	15 March 2022
Report No.:	AR22/16103
CM9 Reference:	AF21/496
Author:	Jessica Porter, Strategy, Development and Research Co-ordinator
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Summary:	Following the community consultation period, the Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy (SROSS) has been updated and is presented for endorsement.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People
	Goal 2: Our Location
	Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy
	Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage
	Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council Report No. AR22/16103 titled 'Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.
2. That the Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy as attached to Report No. AR22/16103 be endorsed.



TYPE OF REPORT

Corporate

BACKGROUND

The *Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy* (SROSS) provides strategic direction for the future provision, development and management of Council's open spaces including: twenty-six (26) recreation spaces; ten (10) sporting spaces; fourteen (14) nature spaces; and eight (8) public realm spaces. The SROSS is based on a supply and demand analysis – involving an audit of each open space area, whilst taking into consideration the sport, recreation and community needs for the City.

Specifically, the SROSS:

- Addresses the current gaps in sport, recreation and open space provision across the City, based on the needs of the community now and into the future.
- Provides an audit of each open space area. This provides Council with the most up to date research and information relating to sport, recreation and open spaces within the City.
- Develops a vision and six (6) guiding principles to provide a framework as to how sport, recreation and open spaces within the City can be delivered.
- Proposes short-, medium- and longer-term recommendations to provide and/or improve the City's spaces. This includes the development of further site/precinct specific master plans and strategies; undertaking scoping projects for future works; and modifications to council administration processes and practices.
- Develops an investment prioritisation framework, to guide decision making on Council and non-Council investments.
- Outlines capital project planning processes, to support clubs in preparing their projects to be shovel ready.

Council, at its meeting held 18 January 2022, resolved the following:

1. *That Council Report No. AR21/80906 titled 'Draft Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy' as presented on 18 January 2022 be noted.*
2. *Council endorses the draft 'Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy' and the 'Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy - Background and Needs Analysis Report'.*
3. *Council endorses the commencement of the community consultation period. Community consultation is to commence on Thursday 20 January 2022 and close at 5:00pm Tuesday 8 February 2022.*

PROPOSAL

The draft Sport Recreation and Open Space Strategy (SROSS) was presented to the community and stakeholders, enabling them to review and provide feedback on the draft SROSS. Community and stakeholder consultation occurred between 20 January 2022 and 8 February 2022.

As a result of the consultation, 32 submissions were received. Submissions were received from a range of stakeholders, including State Sporting Organisations, local sporting associations and clubs, and the community. Approximately 43% of the submissions were received from those involved with Mountain Biking. A copy of the submissions received is attached for Members perusal.

All feedback received was collated and considered by the project team and the draft SROSS was amended accordingly. Amendments to the draft SROSS included:



- Wording clarity to remove ambiguity on key recommendations and recommended space hierarchies.
- Additional wording to highlight the importance of the Crater Lakes area as a key recreation and open space within Mount Gambier and the priority development of a masterplan that considers the needs and interests of all stakeholders.
- Strengthening of the recommendations to ensure community aspirations were clarified including:
 - *Prepare a strategic response to the identified over- or under- supply of sport and recreation provisions in Mount Gambier. For example, tennis, soccer and athletics.*
 - *Acknowledging its integral role and function for our community, undertake a master plan for the Crater Lakes Precinct, in consultation with all current and future key stakeholders.*
 - *Aligning to the hierarchy, review open space assets to ensure equitable provision across the City. Seek opportunities within legislative frameworks and Council's own policy provisions, to improve the future quality of open space.*

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil legal implications have been identified.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The SROSS aligns with the following Goals and Actions as detailed in the *City of Mount Gambier Strategic Plan 2020-2024*.

GOAL 2 – OUR LOCATION

2.1 Infrastructure development and managing our current assets - We will commence work on meeting the community's aspirations for future infrastructure development, whilst managing our existing infrastructure and assets in a manner that demonstrates the pride we take in our environment.

2.4 Recognition of our indoor and outdoor sporting assets and our adventurous opportunities - We will work on capitalising on the delivery of the Community and Recreation Hub to highlight the opportunities for sporting and other community events in Mount Gambier and we will seek to leverage the adventure sports market through support to potential providers to develop activities, effective marketing and working with our partners to raise the profile of our City and region.

GOAL 4 - OUR CLIMATE, NATURAL RESOURCES, ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

4.2 Open Space - We will ensure that future growth is planned in a manner that provides access to, and does not detract from, the community's environmental values.

4.4 Recreational and cultural pursuits - We will ensure that community members are provided with opportunities for cultural growth and development through provision of innovative services and programs.

GOAL 5 - OUR COMMITMENT

COUNCIL POLICY

[A900 - Asset Management Policy](#)

[B150 - Building Sewer Connections, Waste Management Control and the Provision of Toilet Facilities](#)

[C355 Council Land - Irrigation](#)

[Memorials Policy](#)

[P195 – Community Consultation and Engagement Policy](#)



[P415 - Prudential Management](#)

[R200 - Community Land \(Reserves\) Lease / Licence / Rental Arrangements Policy](#)

[S115 - Fencing of Stormwater Retention Basins](#)

[T120 - Tree Policy](#)

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

The SROSS provides Council with a strategic direction for the future provision, development and management of Council's open spaces. It will influence future Council's Long-Term Financial Plan, Business Plan and Budget, Asset Management Plans and Works and Maintenance Plans.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Throughout the preparation of the SROSS, consideration of environmental implications was paramount. The SROSS identifies the protection and retention of natural spaces that are important to, or hold significance for, our community.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The SROSS seeks to build on the facilities provided by Council to and find improved ways to engage residents in healthy physical activity. The SROSS shows a commitment by Council to the health and wellbeing of our community and through its strategic direction, it will positively impact the health and quality of life of residents across the City.

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

Mount Gambier has a robust sporting and recreation culture. It was evident throughout the community engagement process that there is strong club culture and sense of exclusivity associated with a number of key sporting facilities across the City. It is envisaged the endorsement, and subsequent implementation of the SROSS, will assist in lessening "exclusivity" of spaces, by creating spaces that allow our community to develop a sense of place and ownership across the sport, recreation and open spaces throughout the City. The SROSS acknowledges the importance of sites of cultural significance in contributing to our identity as a community.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

As noted above, the SROSS will influence a range of Council strategic and financial plans. Further it will have impact on the current cross-council resources relating to the development, management and maintenance of Council's open spaces and facilities.

Recommendations and indicative timelines in the SROSS for consideration will be in accordance with budget process dependant on Council's prioritisation across the organisation.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Not applicable.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The SROSS is a significant piece of strategic work for Council. To date, there has been no strategic plan undertaken by Council that will have a significant impact on the way in which council plans, develops and maintains its open spaces.

Should Council not proceed with the finalisation, endorsement and implementation of the SROSS, open spaces will continue to lack strategic direction and current processes and procedures will continue in their current form.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The SROSS identifies areas in which currently present inequalities and diversity implications for our community and users of our sports, recreation, and open spaces. Noting Strategic Principle 2 - We



will strive for our spaces to reflect the principles of universal design by promoting physical access for all abilities and genders. Further Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) will inform the implementation of the SROSS.

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Not applicable.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The SROSS highlights several key recommendations and priorities that should be undertaken in the short term. These relate to:

- Undertaking master plans at key recreation and sporting sites across the city, including the Crater Lakes precinct.
- Developing a Sport Facilities framework to address the gaps in off-field amenity provision.
- Developing neutral Premier sites for the City that can host a range of sporting finals, exhibition games and other activities.
- Developing a playground strategy to guide the provision, upgrade and management of all play spaces across the city.
- Developing a central youth space that could incorporate a skate park and other supporting amenities such as 3 x 3 basketball court and /or parkour.
- Exploring opportunities for strategically located dog related facilities across the City.
- Establishing maintenance service levels for all open spaces that are consistent with the open space hierarchy.
- Prepare a strategic response to the identified over- or under- supply of sport and recreation provisions in Mount Gambier. For example, tennis, soccer and athletics.
- Acknowledging its integral role and function for our community, undertake a master plan for the Crater Lakes Precinct, in consultation with all current and future key stakeholders.
- Aligning to the hierarchy, review open space assets to ensure equitable provision across the City. Seek opportunities within legislative frameworks and Council's own policy provisions, to improve the future quality of open space.

The SROSS provides a recommended implementation plan that identifies each area of open space within the City, provides a list of site-specific recommendations and allocates a priority level to each space.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended Council endorses the 'Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy'.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Submissions received through Have Your Say [↓](#)
2. Submission from Tennis SA [↓](#)
3. Submission from SANFL [↓](#)
4. Submission from SACA [↓](#)
5. For endorsement - Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy [↓](#)
6. Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy - Schedule of Amendments [↓](#)



Submission Number	Feedback
1.	Have recently moved to Mount Gambier and I really notice the amount of suburb development based around cul de sacs and dead ends (including the area we purchased our home) with 2 young teens that are striving for independence, this type of planning and development really impacts the walkability of local neighbourhoods. Wherever possible, more walking access/cut through/connecting green spaces (I'm not sure what you can them exactly) need to be included. Teens don't always need a destination like the proposed skatepark 3ball site - they need general accessibility for bikes and walking to increase their independence, and more interest in local areas they can access. Also- my son added "more basketball hoops" in local parks.
2.	The promise for this master plan to be put in place for the valley lake area has been ongoing for years and has made no real progress or benefit for anything to do with the mtb community. When people arrive to the town and go the lady Nelson there needs to be flyers, official tracks maps, proper signage around the area for them to follow. At the moment it is a wild goose chase to find any trail to suit their needs unless they're with a local to show them around. The pathetic signage in the area is causing a lot of problems with non-bike users, with ignorant runners and oblivious tourists we are constantly having issues of people being on a dedicated bike trail. As well as lack of control on the area with motorbikes and motorised scooters ruining the trails, there is dog droppings left everywhere all the time there is low presence in the area for people to be able to get away with effectively whatever they want. This area for bike riders is a massively untapped potential for you guys, the only time it brings people to the town is if we hold an event, any other time of the year people come here to get lost. With the addition of more family friendly trails as well as climbing trails separate to the road and walking trails. As well as if there was flyers, official maps, big trail head signs, signage scattered around the area showing difficulty and length of trail this would be absolutely amazing for the everyday rider which would mean the area would be used by people every weekend!
3.	Cycling was mentioned but not mountain biking which brings in a substantial amount of travellers and money each year , However the trails need further development and better signage for mtb tourists. A good example of what mtb can do for a town is derby Tasmania (look it up).
4.	Safer and more sustainable mountain bike tracks around the valley lakes.
5.	As a recreational mountain bike rider, I am quite surprised that council is not focussing on the growth of the MTB community in their planning. This is a growing tourism sector and has put other areas on the map. This is a missed opportunity, we need tracks for beginners through to competition level, and mostly the local tracks are for more experienced riders. It's a fast growing sport and recreational activity..... don't be short sighted on this, this sport potentially could bring more money into our region. The rail lands are awesome not critical of the trails, but a mtb skills park and some easier trails could make Mount Gambier a mtb destination.
6.	As a rate payer that has grown up in this region, I have noticed the lack of forward thinking and progress in relation to alternative sport facilities. Obviously all your stick and ball sports are well catered for, but not for the likes of Skateboarding, Mountain Biking and Motocross. You only have to visit other regional towns throughout Australia to see the contrast in amount and quality of facilities. All three of these sports are some of the biggest in the world for participation and like the old adage goes 'if you build it, they will come'. The biggest issue for me is the lack of progressive skatepark/s and lack of interest in Mountain Bike Trail facilities as these are two of my main pastimes. And



	not just for us locals, visitors also can't believe our lack of facilities considering our location.
7.	As a very frequent user of the Crater Lakes I would like to see more dedicated Mountain bike trails that are not a shared space and also more maintenance on the existing trails, better signage needs to be implemented so people are aware of where they can and cannot use trails. Also a dedicated Mountain Bike skills park would be a great addition to the town something near the current BMX and pump track would be a perfect location. Mountain biking is a huge sport and recreation activity nationally and with the other trails in the region I believe it would be a great destination and would benefit tourists and local businesses alike.
8.	I think you have captured the needs of the local community very well - except for safety of users. I agree that there needs to be a more centrally located skate park - but it must be very well monitored for safety of its users (especially younger children) and that the equipment is not damaged. I would go so far to say that CCTV would be a great idea at a new facility. The Millicent skate park is one my children use regularly and I find it to be open, easy to access and not frequented by undesirables (safe for small children!). It's also in a great location next to the playground and nature play spaces. I also love the art work on the ramps and seats next to it for parents to sit. I also think the safety of users getting to these outdoor spaces needs to be addressed - it is very unsafe for children to cross Bay Road or Wehl Street (for example) to get to the Rail Lands. There really needs to be push button traffic lights! My 6 year old son fell off his bike whilst crossing Bay Road (I was with him) and it was terrifying not knowing if the cars were going to stop to give me time to help him up! There are also a few footpaths around town that need upgrading for the safety of people walking on them. For example - Crouch St South (on the western side) is in a terrible condition. I really enjoy using all the outdoor play spaces Mount Gambier has to offer, and I hope that this plan will only go to improve and enhance these experiences.
9.	There are multiple places around Carindale park where the sidewalk just ends onto nothing. The curbs are built to allow a sidewalk to come up from the road, and the land is flattened beside the road with an obvious intention to put in a footpath, but this has not been done - James Cook Avenue. The footpath also end just after Matthew Flinders Way meets Hume Court coming from Woodlands Drive. There are many people each day walking on the road, and with the current construction of the new development site between Matthew Flinders Way and Wehl Street North, I have watched a few 'almost' accidents occur with pedestrians and traffic as people try to get to Carindale Park. Also there is another safety issue at the park, which is people driving around on Carindale park with their vehicles. I have seen a few dogs almost get hit by cars, many vehicles driving recklessly quickly and doing dangerous manoeuvres in the park in the winter which is dangerous for those using the park for recreation as well as disturbing all of the residents that live beside the park. Can we please put up some barriers to prevent vehicle entering this area? Again extremely dangerous as kids are also playing out there and people are paying more attention to driving around with their dog than where they are going (yes people actually drive their dog for a walk which is absolutely unbelievable). This would make this a much safer play area for families kicking a football, playing backyard cricket, going for a walk, etc. Finally, it would be great to see some more mountain bike trail development. Derby Tasmania is a great example of mountain biking bringing millions of domestic and international tourism dollars into a town. Mountain bikers these days are often high income earners with high levels of dispensable income. Thanks for your consideration in these matters.
10.	While the draft strategy is excellent. I feel that the city is not making the most of the tourism sector that it can. Mountain biking is booming at the moment and having the



	<p>infrastructure to support this would be a big positive. Areas like Fox creek in the Adelaide hills have done this and are seeing a huge increase in people visiting the area as well as National promotion via social media and magazines. This is also happening interstate with places like Derby, Tasmania which has a population of 180 people and is seeing 30,000 visitors a year from just mountain biking. Although the Mount Gambier mountain bike club may look small on paper the SA mountain bike community is quite large and a lot of people like myself make the trip from Adelaide to specifically ride the current trails.</p>
11.	<p>Hi, the strategy has failed to address cycling opportunities, and particularly mountain biking, one of the fastest growing activities in Australia, and failed consider factors external to the Mt Gambier population. The small but active MTB club develop and manage trails in the lakes area which attract hundreds of out of town riders and their families to MTB events 3-4 times per year, with significant social and economic outcomes - accommodation, meals, tourism, etc. This needs to be recognised and addressed in the Strategy.</p>
12.	<p>I don't think you have included mountain biking in your plan. There are trails that bring in money for mountain bike events, caravan parks fill up, bring tourists, last event the caravan parks were all full. This is for the youth of Mt Gambier.</p>
13.	<p>It appears more focus has been given to walking which is according to the survey more popular which is fine but we have a lot of walking trails already. I would like to see a focus on the mountain bike trails in the Crater Lake Area. There is an existing trail network that needs to be formalized and checked over by an expert company to meet certain requirements. I don't believe these trails need to be dumbed down, they just need to be officially categorized with a rating. If that rating is black diamond or double black diamond an alternate track should be built with around the same entry and exit points that all riders can ride so mountain biking continues to grow in the area starting with families and especially young children. The feeling of being out in nature, descending downhill on a safe trail as a child is exhilarating and it will bring families back until they are old enough or skilled enough to advance to the harder trails. An expert trail builder company like World Trails can work with the natural environment to make the trails sustainable and less of a footprint on the local area. The North/West area of the Crater Lakes needs a trail out of the Crater Lakes that both walkers, runners and mountain bikers can use that winds it's way out and takes in the untapped volcanic rock areas that most people cannot access due to heavy brush or unstable footing. It would also be important keeping the walkers and runners safe who often risk being hit by a descending mountain bike on the unofficial mountain bike trails. If this exit trail is located correctly and more of a concentration of descending trails in the West side are built it would keep the mountain bikers to that unused area and away from the rest of the Crater Lakes area. I hope my opinion is given some thought as the idea is to get young people off the couch or out of trouble and into a sport that has thrills, a great social environment, good times, seeing our beautiful Crater Lakes area and outside enjoyment that has pathways to many future endeavours.</p>
14.	<p>I am an avid mountain biker and bmx rider. I'm am glad to see that more skateparks will be being constructed but would love to see the mount gambier mountain bike trail system to be further developed. Some proper flow trails would be exceptional.</p>
15.	<p>Further development and planning is required into the crater lakes area as a mountain biking destination. The location (Crater Lakes) already has an existing trail network, that can be further developed to assist with users getting off walking/ trail running trails. Developing additional single tracks will boost the sport of mountain biking in the area. New beginner friendly trails would allow families to explore the crater lakes area by bike. Mount Gambier already holds a couple of mountain bike events yearly at this</p>



	location which demonstrates people are travelling to the area for this outdoor activity. There are a lot of local cyclists and mountain bikers that do not represent a mountain bike club as this outdoor activity can be performed without having the requirements to be a member and hence numbers of cyclists in the area are possibly under estimated.
16.	I do not play sport in Mount Gambier anymore and have never liked the AFL culture (so not surprised if it is in decline). I did play hockey as a child but things are different now and I do not like being locked into participating at specified times. Instead, I enjoy walking around the town multiple times a week and also do a lot of bike riding. I use the rail trail almost daily and I alternate weekends riding around the town (normally 40-50km at a time) and riding the mountain bike trails around the lake area.
17.	As I am over 50 I have a fair degree of self-preservation now when riding the trails, but I definitely get my heart rate up and have lost 20KG in the last 18 months. The rail trail is excellent and well used, but the trails around the lake require some updates and maintenance that could promote even more use and competitive use from Adelaide. Some sections of the 'nurses curses' section are borderline dangerous if the rider is not skilled. There are also many walkers that use the trails around the lakes, so having more sections separated between walkers and riders would be ideal (and signposted of the potential danger). Luckily, when I have been riding the bike specific trails, the walkers hear me coming and stand to the side. I have heard that some walkers are not as respectful. The amount of mountain bikes with people staying at the Queen Elizabeth caravan park highlights that any trails with varying difficulty would be used in the lakes area. Maybe a tourist map could be placed at the old laundry and/or lakes entrance (top carpark) that highlighted the available trails with another bike repair station (similar to the rail lands?) I feel very lucky to be able to ride from my house up to the lakes in 5 minutes to use the trails, and do appreciate what is available and maintained by the group and council.
18.	Doesn't talk of strategy for mountain biking trail development and maintenance
19.	I like the focus on the youth with upgrade to Dimjalla and looking at 3x3 basketball at Railway Lands with security cameras for safety
20.	I am not a resident, live in Glencoe however spend the weekends riding the Mount Bike Trails in Valley Lakes the trails are a wonderful asset and seems to not get a mention and I see a number of others riding these trails. They need urgent signage to address some no rider use and walkers and runners and also could be further developed to increase usage as most trails are designed for more experienced riders.
21.	Very comprehensive. Good to see there is growth in some sports, but it shouldn't be at the expense of other sports. Excellent decision to look at the consolidation and management of a Diamond Sports facility. I see the key components of this plan as having an independent facility manager, Artificial/Synthetic playing surfaces, combined clubrooms with meeting room/function space and bar/canteen facilities to ensure sustainability for the venue for future improvements as well as upkeep, sufficient changerooms including for umpires. You're on a winner with this plan. Softball SA can support the sport but we need more response from the local community to our Participation Officer. Although based in Adelaide, he has the capability to make regional visits, attend meetings, provide advice and support for the running of the competition and even run clinics if required but most importantly train others to do the same.
22.	I am very interested in the council identifying that football (soccer) requires a hub facility and a facility that caters for synthetic usage. Also that football (soccer) according to the Ausplay data has the biggest growth capability . This needs to be captured in Mount Gambier.
23.	I believe the strategy captures the needs and interests of the community, and agree with the recommendations made. I would welcome further discussion on how different



	sports can collaborate to create and utilise new facilities, particularly with a focus on athletics.
24.	The draft strategy does a very good job of collating and presenting data from which informed decisions can be made - without actually making any decisions. The document may be a key part of the process towards the CoMG designing and renovating our community open spaces to transform them from tired and pedestrian to new and exciting. Given that our local populace leads the State in obesity any way that we can get people of all ages involved and moving will be a great investment. The BLSPAG has been working together for over 3 years to highlight the opportunity of redeveloping BLSP. To have 32 hectares on our doorstep, so close to the city centre, is a magnificent gift from our city forefathers of which it is incumbent on us to make the best future use. Not only can we have a huge impact on our resident's fitness and participation levels, we can also drive huge financial benefits by the hosting of State and National sporting events in a range of sports and activities. No other open space in Mount Gambier has the combination of features that BLSP offers and that all existing tenants are committed to improving for the benefit of all. We eagerly await the publication of the draft redevelopment plan for the park.
25.	Rail land development with an enclosed basketball court.. Dimjalla Park upgrade of track as its now more accessible via rail track for bikes. Adventure playground at Lakes area.
26.	In regards to the plan in creating a new multipurpose sporting facility base at blue lake sport parts. Most clubs already have the basic infrastructure that can be upgraded or increased. In relation to extra playing and training surfaces. Apollo is surrounded by Cunningham reserve and the old railway turntable vacant block. Due to its central location and easy access via the rail land there is a great opportunity to create extra playing surfaces for multiple sports.
27.	The NGFNC would like to congratulate Council on producing the draft Strategy Report and look forward to working with Council in developing Vansittart Park (VP) so it is complying and fit for its current use. We note the Report suggests a 'neutral' Premier venue and assume VP will be considered for same. If VP is ultimately selected, given our history and investment at the site, I would hope that we can remain a tenant, noting we are happy to share the facilities with other suitable users/occupiers. As Council is aware, we rent clubrooms offsite (at significant cost), which places us at a significant disadvantage compared to other football/netball clubs and ultimately we would love to be able to have club rooms at VP (that we know that we would have to share to make it viable).
28.	I think this is a great start. It is really pushing for sporting organisations to band together to achieve the best outcome for the community as a whole, not just looking at their own needs. The Mt Gambier & District Tennis Association & Lakes Junior Tennis Association are very open to working with other sport and recreational organisations to achieve the most efficient spaces possible.





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City of Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy
Tennis SA Comments Paper

As the governing body in South Australia, Tennis SA has an ongoing interest in the health, participation and future growth of Tennis in Mount Gambier and the broader surrounding areas.

Over the last decade, Tennis SA has sought to address the declining participation rates by various means including upskilling and mentoring the Mount Gambier and Districts Tennis Association (MGDTA), audits of tennis facilities in the area, introduction of new programs for all ages and genders and communications and meetings with the Council at operational, executive and elected member levels.

Tennis SA has presented to the City of Mount Gambier proposals to address the state of the tennis facilities in the area and has, with the support of Council, focused on the opportunity to consolidate facilities and upgrade the Olympic Park Tennis Complex into a modern, vibrant, managed, and viable tennis facility.

Of particular importance and relevance is the *"Mount Gambier and District Tennis Strategy"* prepared by Tennis SA with the support of the MGDTA, the City of Mount Gambier and Tennis Australia in November 2016. The document identified the potential future demand for tennis across the region, reviews of the current network of tennis facilities, management and use, and future infrastructure requirements.

A key driver of the strategy was the need to better understand the constraints on local tennis participation and development. A key outcome was to establish a framework that provides for the long-term sustainability of tennis clubs, venues, programs and activities.

Of particular importance, the strategy considers the following:

- The governance and operation of the MGDTA
- The deterioration of tennis courts and venues within the region and lack of plan to improve the current offerings
- The impost that the Olympic Park Tennis Complex is having on the MGDTA

As you may be aware, a point of the strategy was to encourage the consolidation of venues and co-location of clubs into the Olympic Park Tennis Complex. Centrals Tennis Club have

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taken this step and others are in constant discussions with the MGDTA and have expressed an interest in co-locating to the site.

Further, the MGDTA have entered a positive working relationship with the adjoining netball association to manage the facility and to achieve maximum, but mutual benefits to both associations. We believe both associations recognise and acknowledge the benefits and strategies surrounding multi-use surfaces and are keen to work towards a workable solution for both codes, while maintaining high-level playing and spectator opportunities.

Summary and Recommendations

Much of the tennis statistics and information relevant to tennis in the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy distributed by Council is supported by Tennis SA discussions with the MGDTA and clubs in the region.

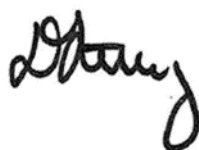
It is understood that a detailed process needs to be undertaken by Council to use the information gathered through the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy to inform and guide the City of Mount Gambier to a full costed Strategic Plan for implementation with timelines.

However, with the momentum of the clubs in the area shifting to towards the tennis vision as outlined in the strategy, the declining state of many of the tennis facilities in the area and the need to urgently address the falling participation levels, the time is right for Tennis SA to present a vision and proposal that transforms where and the way tennis is played in the district.

Tennis SA has developed an enhanced, multi-use (including netball) tennis facilities plan for Olympic Park Tennis Complex that is fully costed and, subject to appropriate funding, could be implemented over the next two years.

Consequently, Tennis SA requests that this Comments Paper be formally included in the stakeholder responses for the City of Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and that it is specifically brought to the attention of the Council Executive and Elected Members.

Tennis SA remains prepared to meet Council with a view to being 'the first cab off the rank' with the development of new facilities for the Olympic Park Tennis Complex, with an appropriate operational model matched to the community, client and user profile.



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Dear Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy Project team,

RE: Draft Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. As per our meeting on 15 December 2021, SANFL priorities in Mount Gambier are participation, improvement of existing facilities and master planning of the four AFL sites. We are also interested in working collaboratively with Council and other sporting organisations to create a sporting destination in Mount Gambier that can cater for local finals day and night, regional events such as the SA Country Football Championships, SANFL matches and present as an option to host preseason matches for AFL and AFLW.

Overall, the draft Strategy aligns to the SANFL priorities outlined in our Infrastructure Plan 2021-2031 (currently in draft). The below feedback illustrates the importance of the priorities and how they are addressed in your Strategy.

Participation

SANFL remains focused on growing participation in the Mount Gambier region and has invested in a dedicated Game Development Coordinator to undertake school-based programs and club-based Auskick clinics that utilise club facilities. In addition, SANFL and local leagues have invested in a local Football Operations Coordinator who assists Leagues to ensure competitions are delivered to a high quality and there is optimum participation and facility utilisation.

Female participation in AFL continues to grow in popularity in Mount Gambier and surrounding areas with 248 players and 35 coaches/officials registered for the 2022 Limestone Coast Women's Football League. The Open Women's competition's 9 teams (including South Gambier and North Gambier) utilise Mount Gambier facilities, Vansittart Park and Blue Lakes Sports Park, to host their matches, often as double headers attracting at least 200 players, volunteers and spectators throughout the day. The inaugural Under 16 female competition is due to commence 13 February and will be made up of 4 teams (including South Gambier and North Gambier). These matches are also scheduled to be played at Mount Gambier sites.



The work that has gone in to creating a pathway for female football in the Southeast is incredible and has been rewarded with local players this year being drafted to AFLW and SANFL clubs. Having these successful local players as role models will no doubt inspire more girls and women across Mount Gambier to join their local football club.

Facilities

SANFL supports City Wide Strategic Priority 4 – *Our sport and recreation facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden on our volunteers* particularly regarding being fit for purpose and sharing of resources where possible. However, I would encourage you to be conscious that clubs provide an integral sense of place, identity and belonging for many people and losing this identity to make a place non-exclusive can have a detrimental effect on the club and their volunteers and members.

The Strategy's key recommendation '*Develop a Sport Facilities Framework to address the gaps in off-field amenity provision especially female friendly change facilities and make sure facilities are fit for purpose aligning with their relevant hierarchy/classification*' aligns with SANFL priorities as illustrated previously. Female friendly facilities for players and umpires are a high priority not only for the growing number of female participants, but also to create a safe environment for all users including junior players and volunteers. Blue Lake Sports Park (South Gambier Football Club) is the only facility to offer closed showers and more than one pan toilet in each changeroom. SANFL would like to see changeroom facility upgrades prioritised to have a direct and immediate benefit to all users.

Whilst changerooms are the obvious quick win for our football sites, I recommend that lighting and spectator experience is also prioritised. Minimum standard lighting means that night-time training can take place utilising the whole oval. It also allows greater flexibility in the scheduling of training times to accommodate all teams. Competitive matches can be scheduled at night-time to provide clubs and communities with an evening activity to attend that provides community members a place to connect, have a meal and watch sport.

Contemporary community expectations, particularly around spectator experience, demand more from our football sites. Facilities need to be welcoming and accessible and provide a level of amenity through seating, shelter and food and beverage to meet a diverse range of needs. Reviewing sites to ensure they are pram friendly and DDA compliant should be a high priority. So too should the availability of shelter, viewing, pedestrian lighting, car parking and safe entry/exit points at each site.

Masterplans

SANFL is supportive of the key recommendation to undertake master planning particularly at the four AFL sites (Malseed, Vansittart, McDonald and Blue Lake Sports Park) and to implement this as a high priority. We support a collaborative planning approach with all stakeholders at the site to ensure the site is functional and fit for purpose. We also support the future proofing of field sports by identifying additional oval space where possible. With the growth of female football in the area there is now an overlap of cricket and football seasons making oval space difficult to find in the later summer months. Whilst the Strategy identifies cricket as having an oversupply of ovals, it is imperative to maintain these as sporting fields to future proof the growth needs of football and cricket in the future.



Once again, thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Strategy. I look forward to continuing SANFLs involvement in the review and development of Sport and Recreation in the City of Mount Gambier.

If you would like to discuss this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0438 408 305.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Ben

City of Mount Gambier – Draft Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy on behalf of the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA).

SACA is responsible for managing, promoting and developing the game of cricket in South Australia.

SACA congratulates the City of Mount Gambier on the development of a Draft Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and acknowledges that the Draft Strategy will strategically guide the future provision, development and management of open space in Mount Gambier over the next 10 years and beyond.

The South Australian Infrastructure Strategy 2019-2029 provides a strategic and integrated approach to the future provision of and investment in cricket facilities in metropolitan and country South Australia for the next ten years. A copy of the Strategy can be found at:

<https://www.saca.com.au/community/grants-and-scholarships/sa-cricket-infrastructure-strategy>

Please see below specific comments regarding the Draft Strategy.

- SACA supports the Vision (page 4):
"Create a network of accessible and connected high quality open spaces that encourage a range of physical activities and social opportunities for the Mount Gambier community."
- SACA supports the six Guiding Principles, specifically relating to #4 (page 4):
"Our sport and recreation facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden on our volunteers"
- The draft Strategy identifies there are seven cricket ovals in Mount Gambier. Of these seven cricket ovals, five are turf wickets which are maintained to an extremely high standard. The other two hard wickets require upgrading. All of the seven cricket ovals have little to no supporting infrastructure. Simple infrastructure such as running water and toilets are a must; and inclusive change rooms; canteen facilities; and practice facilities should also be considered a high priority. A good example of non-existent supporting infrastructure is at the Blue Lake Sports Park. SACA sees this supporting infrastructure as imperative to increasing participation rates, particularly in female cricket.
- In Mount Gambier, cricket as a participation sport is not listed in Top 9 sports participated (page 13). From a participation perspective, Mount Gambier and District Cricket Association is Top 10 in participation across South Australia (refer page 28 of SACIS).
- SACA would like cricket participation to increase in the near future and believes the upgrade of cricket and associated facilities will assist in increasing participation rates.



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- SACA supports the provision of an indoor cricket training facility. There is no mention of such a facility in the Draft Strategy.
- The draft Strategy identifies 63% of change facilities are not female friendly and that 37% in poor condition (page 15). SACA supports the upgrade of female friendly change facilities as a high priority as detailed as a "Strategic Priority Implementation" (page 27).
- The Draft Strategy states that industry provision (sourced by Parks & Leisure Australia) that in accordance with Mount Gambier's population, there needs to be only five cricket ovals provided. Regarding provision of ovals – cricket as a sport provision of ovals is 1:3,500 population and is this due to length of the game often with full day length rather than 2-3 hours per game. The draft Strategy indicates that there are seven cricket ovals provided in Mount Gambier, therefore there is an over catering of cricket ovals (page 19). SACA does not support any reduction in the number of cricket ovals in Mount Gambier, particularly with the predicted growth of female participation.
- SACA endorses the analysis of "Sportsgrounds" detailed in page 20: *"Best practise is to provide sports fields in a double format to support summer and winter sports as well as senior and junior club based participation."* and *"It is not recommended to develop any additional sports spaces, rather make sure the spaces provided are fit for purpose and flexible in their use."*
- SACA endorses the reference to *"facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO's facility guidelines..."* (page 25)
- Point 6 Strategic Direction – SACA recommends to incorporate specific consideration of opportunities for sportsground surface maintenance review i.e. similar to what has occurred in Whyalla which considers oval capacity, sports training loads etc. (page 26)
- SACA endorses the seven "Key Recommendations" and, in particular, supports the *"development of Masterplans at key recreational and sporting sites"* as well as *"Develop sports facilities framework"* and believes this is an important process in securing funding and gaining community and other key stakeholder support (page 27). SACA would like to be considered as a key stakeholder in the development of these Masterplans.
- SACA requests the Marist Park changeroom upgrade recommendation to be 'High' rather than 'Medium' priority.
- SACA supports to provision of appropriate lighting at cricket oval. It is envisaged that lighting will be addressed in the *"Sports Facilities Framework"*?

In terms of grant opportunities, SACA and Cricket Australia have partnered to provide clubs, associations, schools, councils and cricket facility managers with the opportunity to apply for funding for cricket facility projects. This funding is called the 'Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund' (ACIF). Projects must be focused on growing cricket participation and/or providing welcoming and inclusive environments of pitches, ovals, practice facilities, change rooms, pavilions and supporting infrastructure. A copy of the ACIF guidelines can be found at:

<https://www.saca.com.au/community/grants-and-scholarships/australian-cricket-infrastructure-fund>

All projects submitted to the ACIF must be compliant with Cricket Australia's 'Community Cricket Facility Guidelines'. These guidelines aim to provide a consolidated resource of community cricket facility planning, development, management and maintenance information for use by community, government and national cricket industry partners and stakeholders. A copy of the guidelines can be found at:

<https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/running-your-club/facilities-and-infrastructure>



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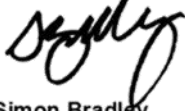
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Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. Please contact me if you would like further information.

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Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy

March 2022



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

The City of Mount Gambier recognises the Boandik people as the traditional owners and custodians of this local government area.

We respect their spiritual relationship with the land and recognise the deep feelings of attachment Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have with this land.

The City of Mount Gambier is committed to working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the process of reconciliation.

We will cooperate to ensure the preservation of cultural practices, traditional sites and significant places. The City of Mount Gambier supports expressions of cultural identity, strongly champions social justice and will advocate for enriching the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Together, we seek to build a society where acceptance and understanding, respect and diversity are cornerstone values, where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples feel a strong sense of belonging and are able to participate in the life of the community



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Executive Summary

The Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy (the Strategy) provides a strategic direction for Councils 58 open spaces including 26 recreation spaces, 10 sporting spaces, 14 nature spaces and 8 public realm spaces.

The strategy is based on an audit of each open space area in the City of Mount Gambier (supply), taking the sport and recreation and community needs (demand) into consideration.

This Strategy will strategically guide the future provision, development and management of open space in the City over the next 10 years and beyond. The Strategy will provide directions that respond to potential community needs, issues, gaps and opportunities associated with open space and the public realm and support existing and future communities and visitors.

This Strategy document includes:

- Background Information
- A vision
- Guiding principles
- Strategic priorities
- Key recommendation and individual open space recommendations

The City of Mount Gambier is generally well serviced by its open space network, with 9.18 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents. The suburb catchments of North East, North West and West have the lowest percentage of open space within the City of Mount Gambier.

Almost all of the playgrounds provided are 'off the shelf' equipment with few being natural playspaces. These playspaces generally only cater for the younger age groups. Creating facilities that provide new and interesting opportunities will attract new participants. 'Unique attractor' facilities such as skate parks, climbing and parkour facilities, or obstacle courses create interest and engage residents in different ways.



The vision for Open Space across the City of Mount Gambier is to:

Create a network of accessible and connected high quality open spaces that encourage a range of physical activities and social opportunities for the Mount Gambier community.

Six guiding principles have been developed to provide a further framework for the Strategy. The principles relate to:

1. Our open spaces will be well distributed, safe and accessible by everyone in our community, regardless of where they reside or frequent within the city.
2. We will strive for our spaces to reflect the principles of universal design by promoting physical access for all abilities and genders.
3. Local stories, heritage and culture are considered and interpreted through design, strengthening our identity and fostering community ownership and pride of place.
4. Our sport and recreation facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden on our volunteers
5. Provide unique play experiences including youth spaces that are attractive to a range of ages.
6. Responsive and sustainable management practices of open space across the City.



The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy comprises of 2 main reports as outlined below. The reports should be read in conjunction with each other to understand the full context of the project. The Background + Needs Analysis Report outlines all background information, findings, community consultation and needs analysis, while the Strategy document (this document) focuses on providing direction and site recommendations for open space across the City.



Mount Gambier Context

Mount Gambier lies halfway between Adelaide and Melbourne. It is the heart of the Limestone Coast and second largest city in South Australia. It's a thriving progressive community, where residents enjoy a quality lifestyle, with city facilities and services. Home to the Blue Lake, craters, caves, sinkholes, underground waterways, beautiful gardens, combined with wineries, markets, galleries, festivals and events, fresh local produce and food. Experience the best of the country, while enjoying all the facilities of a thriving cosmopolitan city, with great shopping, award winning restaurants, and world class natural attractions.

The City has a population of just over 27,000 and also services the surrounding towns and districts. Mount Gambier enjoys a temperate Mediterranean climate; it is between 40-75 metres above sea level. The volcano's crater rim is 190 metres and the surface of The Blue Lake 12 metres above sea level. The annual rainfall is between 450mm - 820mm per year.

The largest industry is the timber industry, supported by milling operations. Dairy, beef, lamb and wool are important exports. Limestone is quarried locally, and a large Rock Lobster fishing fleet operates out of nearby Port MacDonnell.

The Mount Gambier region has a strong sporting culture aided by a number of high-level facilities that draw competitors from far afield.



Strategy Development



What does the Strategy include?

What is Open Space?

Public open space encompasses a variety of spaces within the urban environment that are readily and freely accessible to the wider community for recreation and enjoyment (Healthy Active by Design, Heart Foundation).

Open space can support a range of activities, from less structured activity (walking, cycling, playing with friends) through to more structured activities (team sport competition, training and elite sport). Open Space is generally categorised based on its main function or activity occurring at the site and its size.

Open Space in Mount Gambier

Open space in Mount Gambier contains two central categories – function and catchment hierarchy. These include:

Function (primary use and expected activity)

- Recreation
- Nature
- Sport
- Public Realm

Catchment Hierarchy (typical size and how far a user might travel)

- Local
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Regional

These two central categories can dictate what should and should not be provided at the site, as well as the catchment. It should also align with the maintenance service levels for each open space area.

It should be noted that sports facilities can be located in Regional Open Spaces, but are not necessarily of a regional standard. They will generally have more of a district level value and be dependent on the level of competition played and facility hierarchy of the relevant sports body.

Public open space is the focus of this Strategy and private open space such as private lawn bowls, golf courses, fitness and aquatic centres have not been included in this Strategy. Education facilities have not been included.

Recreation	Accessed by all to play, socialise, exercise, celebrate or participate in other activities that provide personal satisfaction or intrinsic reward. Recreation spaces enhance physical and mental health through activity that provides relaxation, amusement or stimulation.
Sport	Formal structured sporting activities. Activities are organised and generally in a team or competitive environment for either playing or training. Facilities are designed with specific infrastructure requirements such as playing surfaces, buffer zones, on and off field amenities.
Nature	Low impact recreation in a setting where people can enjoy nature and protect local biodiversity and natural areas. Sites are managed to enable recreational access while protecting local ecological and biodiversity values.
Public Realm	Includes shared spaces in a city for its visitors and residents to socialise and interact with others. These spaces can include cultural and historical sites, event spaces, plazas, memorials and public art areas. These areas are generally free and open for all.

Source: Department of Sport and Recreation, WA



Development of the Strategy

The development of this Strategy included the following and was undertaken in 5 key stages :

- Review of relevant strategies, plans, policies and research relevant to sport, recreation and open space.
- Demographic and population data of the Mount Gambier Community including projected populations.
- Facility audits of existing open space areas and analysis of findings.
- Review of local government and industry benchmarking.
- Review of key trends and influences in sport, recreation and open space participation.
- Community and stakeholder engagement.
- Identification of a hierarchy model for open space within Mount Gambier.
- Development of the Strategic Framework including a vision, guiding principles, and strategies for the provision of open space and recreation facilities.
- City wide strategic priorities and individual site recommendations.



Open Space in the City of Mount Gambier

A baseline inventory of open space provision was established via the auditing of 58 open space areas across the City of Mount Gambier.

The City of Mount Gambier is made up of the following open spaces:

- 26 Recreation Open Space
- 10 Sporting Open Spaces
- 14 Nature Open Space
- 8 Public Realm Spaces

Facility audits were not carried out on private open spaces such as private golf courses / tennis facilities, schools or trails and pathways.

26	10	14	8
Recreation Open Spaces	Sporting Open Spaces	Nature Open Spaces	Public Realm Open Spaces
33	9	9	7
Local Level Open Spaces	Neighbourhood Level Open Spaces	District Level Open Spaces	Regional Level Open Spaces
29	2	3	1
Playgrounds	Skate Parks	BMX / Pump Tracks	Golf Course
4	7	33	8
AFL Oval	Cricket Oval	Tennis Courts	Diamond Sports
1	4	14	1
Synthetic Hockey Pitches	Soccer Fields	Netball Courts	Lawn Bowls



Strategic Context

The Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy is influenced by a range of strategies, plans, policies and research developed by the City of Mount Gambier, government authorities and other agencies.

The following provides a high-level overview of strategic documents which guide and support the development of the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. It should be noted that a number of these strategies may not reflect the recent impacts of COVID-19. These documents however still provide critical context from a policy perspective and will continue to guide and support future Strategy recommendations.

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Plan 2020-2024• A Futures Paper for City Development• Charter for Children• Youth Engagement Strategy• Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2022• Public Art Strategy• Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024• Regional Public Health Plan• Limestone Coast Regional Plan• Greater Mount Gambier Master Plan• Culture and Heritage Plan• Infrastructure Asset Management Plan• Building and Structures Asset Management Plan• Long Term Financial Plan• Digital Strategy and Action Plan• Crater Lakes Management Plan• Memorial Policy

STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Sport Plan 2030• Ausplay 2019-2020• Recreation, Sport and Racing Strategic Plan 2021-2025• Game On: Getting South Australia moving• State Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Plan 2020-2040• SportAus emerging issues and opportunities for sport participation• South Australian Regional Level Recreation and Sport Facilities Planning Guidelines

SPORT, RECREATION + OPEN SPACE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Value of Community Sport Infrastructure• Heart Foundation Healthy by Design website• Parks and Leisure Australia (WA) Guidelines for Community Infrastructure• Various National Sporting Bodies Facility Guidelines• Various State Sporting Bodies Infrastructure Strategies



The Mount Gambier Community

POPULATION The City of Mount Gambier has seen a 11% growth in population since 2006. The current population of 27,433 is expected to grow to 29,684 by 2036 (+2,251).

48.5% are male and 51.5% are female

2.2% Identified as being Aboriginal or Torrens Strait Islander people.



AGE

The median age of people in Mount Gambier is 40 years. 23.6% of the population was aged between 0 and 17, and 24.5% were aged 60 years and over.

Mount Gambier has a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17 years) and a lower proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years) compared to the Limestone Coast Region.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY The three largest ancestries in Mount Gambier are Australian, English and Scottish.

10.8% of people in the City of Mount Gambier were born overseas.

88.5% of the population spoke English only, and 6.0% spoke a non-English language. The dominant language spoken at home, other than English, was Karen (1.2% of the population)

EMPLOYMENT 11,614 people living in the City of Mount Gambier in 2016 were employed, of which 59% worked full-time and 39% part-time.



The median weekly personal income for people aged 15 years and over in Mount Gambier was \$583, which is lower than the State average of \$600.

Housing Tenure



28.3% were owned outright, 33.0% were owned with a mortgage and 34.5% were rented.

Of all households, 64.6% were family households, 32.8% were single person households and 2.5% were group households

ASSISTANCE



6.5% require assistance in their day-to-day lives due to disability

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Profile.id has been used as the primary data source for the purpose of developing the community profile of the City of Mount Gambier. Profile.id is generally based on data obtained during the latest census (2016).

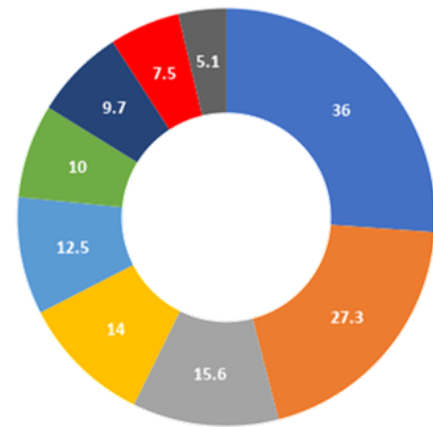


Participation Trends in Mount Gambier

The 2019-2020 Ausplay survey results outlined the following for people living in Mount Gambier:

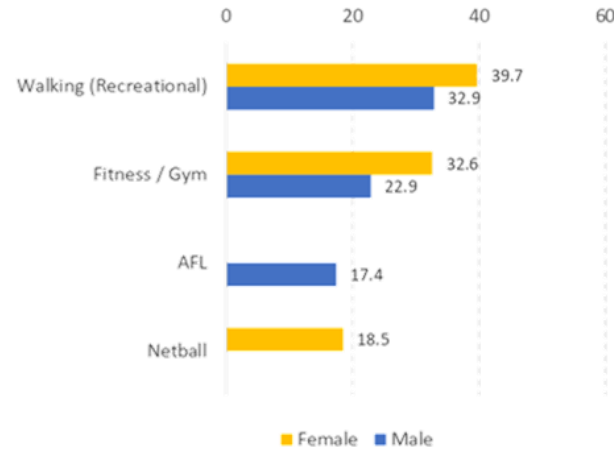
- the most popular physical activity was walking (recreational), followed by fitness/gym, AFL and running/athletics for all ages.
- Walking (recreational) was the most popular for both female and male participation.
- AFL was the top activity for sporting club related participation for males (all ages) and netball was the most popular for female (all ages) participation.

% Top Activities in Mount Gambier LGA (All Ages)

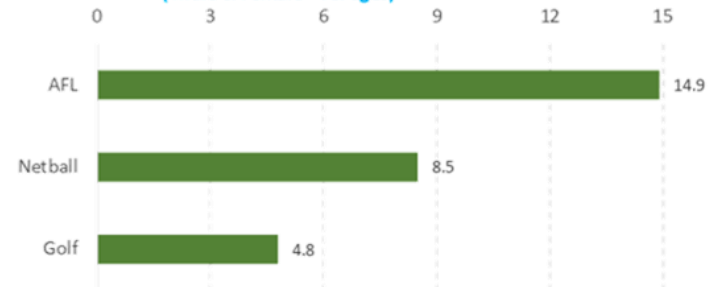


- Walking (recreational)
- Fitness/Gym
- AFL
- Running/ Athletics
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Netball
- Tennis
- Golf

% Top 4 Activities by Gender in Mount Gambier LGA (All Ages)



% Top Activities for sports club participation in Mount Gambier LGA (Male & Female – All ages)



*Please note that there was limited data on children's participation in Mount Gambier through the Ausplay survey.



What We Have Heard From Our Community

- 89% of survey respondents stated that the number and range of open spaces, parks, sport and recreation facilities were as good as or better than similar regional cities.
- 75% of survey respondents stated that the quality of open spaces, parks, sport and recreation facilities were as good as or better than similar regional cities.
- Mount Gambier has strong participation in a diverse range of sports.
- Our open spaces are generally well maintained and we have access to a wide range of spaces.
- We highly value the Railway Lands and the shared use Rail Trail.
- Our Crater Lakes precinct, being so close to the city, are a unique point of difference and provide a much-loved natural environment for many recreational uses for our community.
- Generally, our sporting grounds (such as the actual ovals and pitches) are known to be of reasonably high quality.
- New developments such as the Mount Gambier Pump Track are well supported as positive and productive use of open space.
- Many sporting codes report strong ongoing participation and growth in junior numbers
- Women’s sporting participation is diversifying and particularly increasing across football, soccer and cricket.
- The Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy is successfully providing new pathways for elite local sporting talent.

13 pop up sessions

300+ comments on consultation frames

123 resident / city user surveys

50 digital map comments

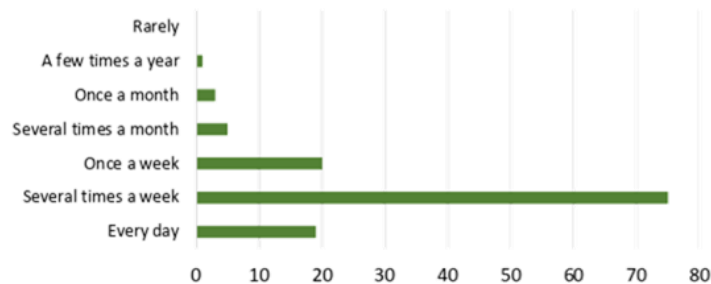
10 round table and facilitated sessions

30 local sporting club surveys

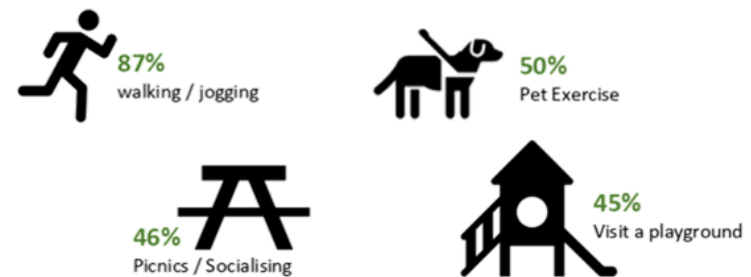
16 state sporting body surveys

20+ interviews

93% of survey respondents visit / use open space at least one a week or more in Mount Gambier



98% of survey respondents participate in outdoor recreation activities other than organised sport.



Open Space Inventory

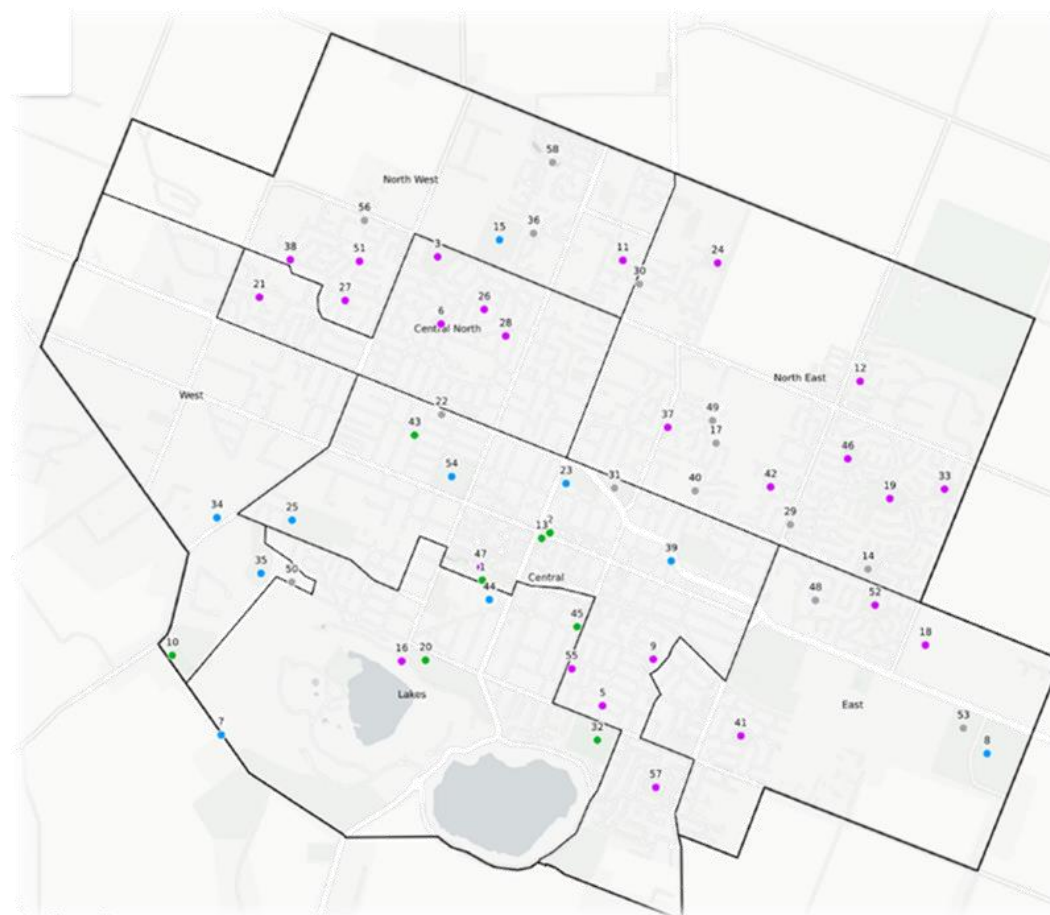
58 open space areas were audited across the City of Mount Gambier as part of the project.

The audit of selected parks and reserves using *Sports Facility Auditor* collated data on active recreation facilities, supporting infrastructure and site characteristics. Part Two of the Background Report (Framework + Needs Analysis) examined open space provision across the City. Facility audits were not carried out on private open space such as private golf courses / tennis facilities, schools or trails and pathways.

Site names for each reserve can be found on the following page which relate to each number on the adjacent map.

Key Findings:

- The City of Mount Gambier is generally well serviced by its open space network, with 9.18 hectares of open space per 1,000 residents
- The suburb catchments of North East (3.0%), North West (3.4%) and West (6.5%) all have a lower percentage of open space to total land than the average provision within the City of Mount Gambier (7.44%).
- 110.3ha is classified as sporting, 98.7ha is recreation, 24.7ha is Public Realm and 17.9ha is Nature open space. The Lakes suburb catchment has the most total open space area of all the suburb catchments (60.68ha).
- Almost all of the playgrounds provided are 'off the shelf' equipment with few being more natural playspaces. There are no playgrounds in the west suburb catchment.
- 63% of change facilities provided at sporting open spaces are not female friendly. 37% are in poor condition.
- Majority of sporting sites that provide either tennis and/or netball courts are not compliant in terms of their runoff.
- Provision of active recreation facility components is generally limited, particularly for activity-specific facilities such as skate parks, BMX tracks, fitness equipment and multiple courts.
- The Crater Lakes Precinct is a significant area of natural open space within the City, providing an integral recreational, cultural and social destination for the community.



Open Space Type:

- Recreation
- Nature
- Sport
- Public Realm



No.	Site Name	No.	Site Name	No.	Site Name
1	24 Margaret Street – Walkway	25	Hastings Cunningham Reserve	49	Saint Martins Drive Reserve
2	29 Commercial Street East - Walkway	26	Hayes Crescent Reserve	50	Sealey Reserve
3	AF Sutton Memorial Park	27	Heaver Drive Reserve	51	Stiles Street Reserve
4	Akuna Reserve	28	James McArthur Reserve	52	Tumut Drive Reserve
5	Argyle Pl Reserve	29	Kennedy Avenue Reserve 316	53	Umpherston Sinkhole
6	Banksia/Acacia St Reserve	30	Kywong Court Reserve	54	Vansittart Park
7	Blue Lake Golf Links	31	Lady Nelson Park	55	William A Crouch Reserve
8	Blue Lake Sports Park	32	Lake Terrace Cemetery	56	Wireless Road West Reserve
9	Boandik Terrace Blowhole	33	Lakewood Reserve	57	Wirrina Park
10	Carinya Garden Cemetery	34	Malseed Park	58	Woodlands Drive Drainage Reserve
11	Carmel Drive Reserve	35	Marist Park		
12	Carnoustie Court Reserve	36	Matthew Flinders Way Reserve		
13	Cave Gardens	37	Max Young Memorial Park		
14	Conroe Drive Reserve	38	Maxwell Street Reserve		
15	Corriedale Park	39	McDonald Park		
16	Crater Lakes	40	McDonald Park School Reserve		
17	Dalkeith Drive Reserve	41	Melaleuca Reserve		
18	Dimjalla Skate Park	42	Michielan Reserve		
19	Don McDonnell Reserve	43	National Servicemans Memorial Park		
20	Elizabeth Knight Reserve	44	Olympic Park		
21	Elm Avenue Reserve	45	Pioneer Park		
22	Engelbrecht Cave	46	Quarry Reserve		
23	Frew Park	47	Railway Lands		
24	Gladigau Park	48	Ramsay Avenue		



Needs Analysis

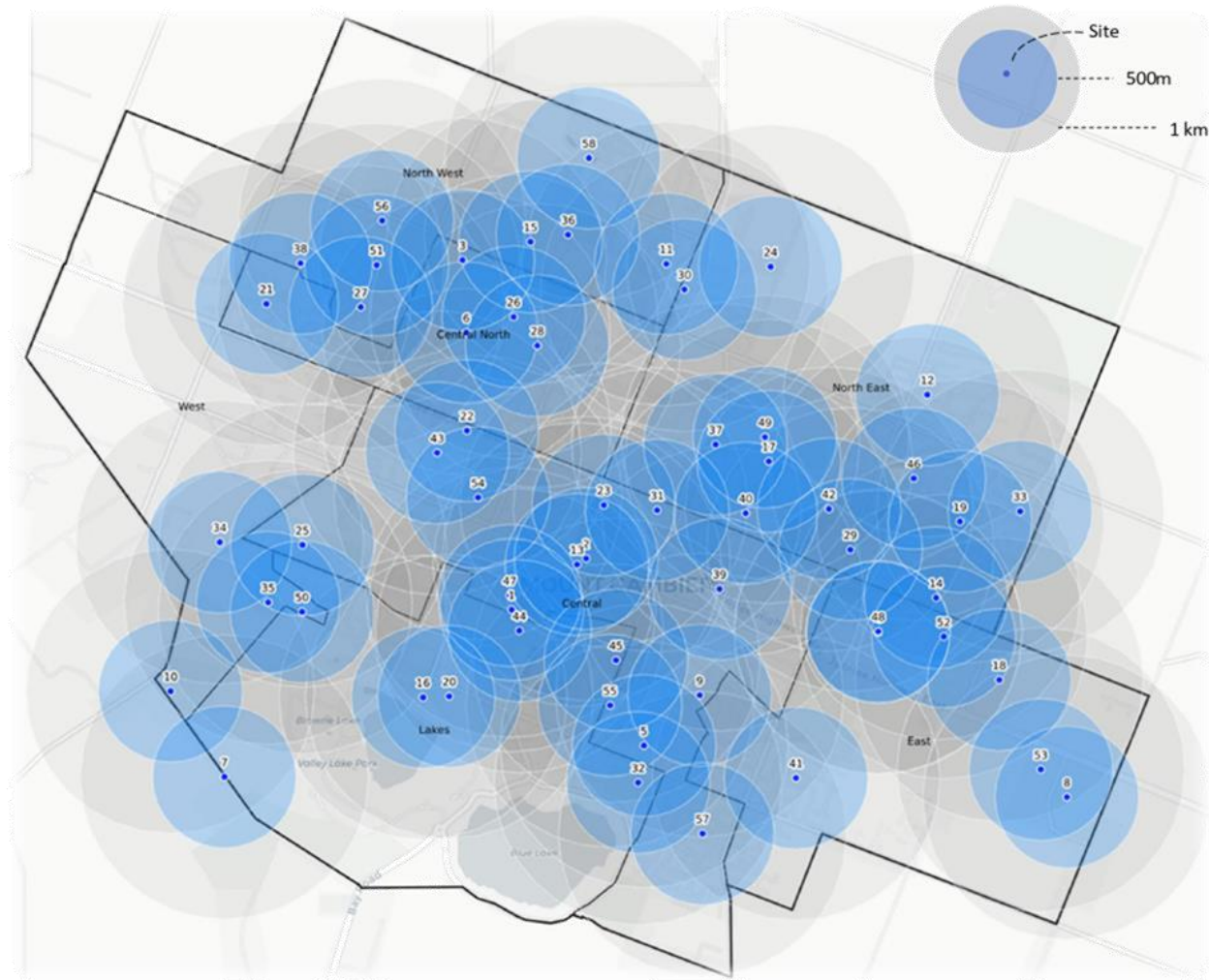
The Open Space Needs Analysis identified gaps in provision, areas of need and opportunities for development.

The Key findings include:

- The inner suburb catchments have a good provision and distribution of open space sites with only a few gaps. The further you disperse out from the CBD, especially around the edges the provision lessens. It should be noted that population also is lower in these areas.
- Provide additional active recreation facilities in local open space where there are gaps in provision, particularly in the outer edges of the LGA
- Examine the playground and youth space provision and type, and ensure diversity and variety of options across the network
- Identify reserves that can support neighbourhood / district level active recreation nodes that support multipurpose use and provision of activity-specific facilities with larger catchments (e.g. skate parks).
- The suburb catchments of **North East**, **North West** and **West** all have a lower percentage of open space to total land than the average provision within the City of Mount Gambier.

Further detail is available in the Background + Needs Analysis Report.

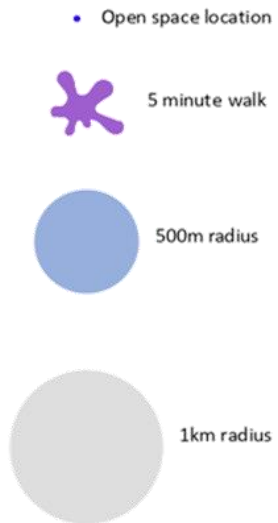
Additional open space provision maps can be found in Appendix 1.



Walkability to Open Space

Provision of publicly accessible open space within a walkable catchment (500 metres / 5-minute walk) influences uptake of physical and active recreation activities, including high participation rate activities such as walking, running, cycling and exercise/fitness activities.

The adjacent map outlines all the audited sites and a 5 minute walk access ring. Not all residents near sites can access them within a 5 minute walk. This could be due to roads, fencing and other access issues.



Sport + Recreation Provision

Sport and Recreation provision and benchmark analysis provides the City of Mount Gambier a guide as to the number of facilities it should provide based on their population. The below table outlines the current provision of sport/recreation facilities across the city and how these stack up to the benchmark. Overall, the City of Mount Gambier provides an acceptable level for its population. Athletics and soccer pitches are slightly under the benchmark, while playgrounds, diamond sports, cricket ovals, netball and tennis courts are over supplied. A catchment of 70,000 has also been included in this table as this is the City of Mount Gambier's reach and should be taken into consideration. This is due to some facilities being used by associations/clubs who have teams that travel to Mount Gambier from other parts of the Limestone Coast to compete and use the facility.

Sport/Recreation	Industry Benchmark	Provision based on Mt Gambier population 27,433	Mount Gambier Existing Provision	Variance	Provision needed based on catchment population of 70,000
BMX Facility (Formal - Regional)	1: 50,000	1	1	-	1
Indoor Sports/Recreation Centre (Minimum 3 courts + ancillary amenities)	1: 50,000-100,000	1	1	-	1
Regional Sports Facility (aquatic and indoor sports 6/7 court facility)	1: 250,000	1	Currently being built	-	1
AFL Oval	1: 8,000	3-4	4 (not including schools)	-	8
Athletics (grass infrastructure)	1: 40,000	1	1 school site currently used	-1	1
Diamond Sports	1: 10,000-14,000	3	8	+5	7
Soccer Pitches	1: 4,800	5-6	4	-2	14
Cricket Oval	1: 5,000 - 8,000	5	7 (not including schools)	+2	14
Hockey Pitch	1: 100,000 (1 x synthetic + 2-3 turf)	1	1 synthetic pitch 2 turf pitches	-	1 synthetic pitch 2 turf pitches
Netball	1: 3,500	8	14	+6	15
Lawn Bowls	1: 25,000 – 50,000	1	1 (+ 1 not on council land, separate croquet facility)	-	1
Tennis	1: 1,875	15	33 (not including private courts)	+18	37
Golf Course	1: 30,000	1	1 (+ private course)	-	2
Playgrounds	1:2,000	13	29	+16	35



What we have and what we need

Playspaces

Providing opportunities to play is a priority for the City of Mount Gambier. Best practice is to provide an assortment of play opportunities for a variety of ages including adventurous / nature play based to support children in their social and physical development, as well as connecting them to nature. It is also important to provide inclusive play for all abilities.

What we have – There are currently 29 playgrounds across Mount Gambier. This equates to approximately 6.9 playgrounds per 1,000 children (0-11 years). Parks and Leisure Australia indicate a benchmark of 1 playground for 2,000 residents.

There are a high number of sites that offer single pieces of equipment that don't connect to other equipment or parts of the reserve. Footpaths and access points are often lacking, as well as supporting amenities such as shelters, seating, BBQs and toilets.

What we need – While the city is well supplied with playgrounds (1: 945), there is a lack of unique / adventurous playgrounds. Crater Lakes Playground is an opportunity to provide a Regional playspace that offers a variety of different play (including all abilities) that will attract people from outside the catchment area. There is an opportunity to redevelop several playgrounds into District level playgrounds also in those areas lacking open space areas.

Outdoor Community Courts

Outdoor courts provide space for formal, informal and social sports and are becoming increasingly popular. Multi-purpose courts allowing for a range of users should be considered as best practice.

What we have – Mount Gambier has an over supply of outdoor courts. There are 33 tennis courts, 14 netball courts and a small number of community courts across the City (majority are basketball).

What we need – Parks and Leisure Australia indicate a benchmark of 1: 1,875 for tennis courts and 1: 3,500 (8) for netball courts. Based on these benchmarks Mount Gambier currently provides a ratio of court per population for tennis of 1: 831 and 1: 1,959 for netball.

Skate and Youth Spaces

Providing youth spaces for the community is vital to the social and physical health of the youth community. These spaces are not limited to skate parks or BMX tracks but also play areas of interest to teens that are inclusive regardless of age or gender.

Best practice youth recreation spaces are designed for safety including lighting; located close to public transport, shops, schools and other facilities; include amenities such as seating in groups, shelter, shade and bins; and involve young people (including girls, and culturally diverse young people) in the design and management of these places.

What we have – Mount Gambier currently has 2 skate parks (AF Sutton + Dimjalla) and 3 pump tracks (Dimjalla, Hastings Cunningham + Melaleuca) across the City.

What we need – Parks and Leisure Australia indicate a benchmark of 1 BMX (dirt track) for 5,000 to 10,000 people. They also recommend the following for skate parks; Neighbourhood 1: 5,000-10,000, District 1: 10,000 – 25,000, Regional 1: 25,000 -50,000. Mount Gambier is undersupplied in youth spaces especially a centrally located regional skate space.

Sports Grounds

Multi-purpose sports grounds are generally provided at a District level open space. Best practice is to provide sports fields in a double format to support summer and winter sports as well as senior and junior club based participation. Off-field amenities should also be present and include clubroom (canteen, storage, change rooms and toilets), spectator viewing areas, play spaces, car parking and other facilities such as cricket practice nets and outdoor courts.

What we have – There are 10 sporting open space areas, including 15 oval/pitches, 8 diamond sport areas, synthetic hockey field and a golf course.

What we need – Parks and Leisure Australia indicate a combined benchmark of 1 sports space for 4,000-5,000 residents. Mount Gambier well and truly meets this benchmark. It is not recommended to develop any additional sports spaces, rather make sure the spaces provided are fit for purpose and flexible in their use. Additional soccer pitches should be considered on a participation demand assessment given the current undersupply along with Athletics.

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Framework + Strategic Priorities





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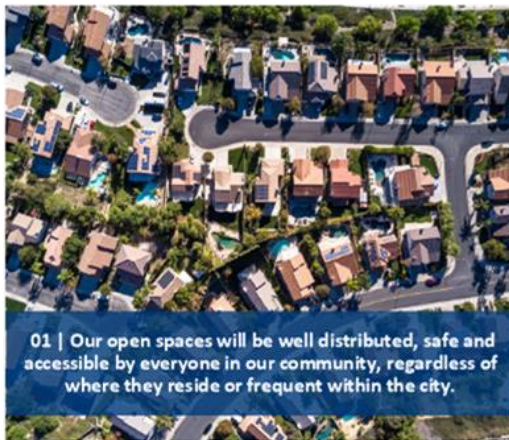
Create a network of accessible and connected high quality open spaces that encourage a range of physical activities and social opportunities for the Mount Gambier community.



Strategic Priorities and Principles

The Mount Gambier Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy establishes six strategic priorities that aim to create a network of accessible and connected high quality open spaces that encourages a range of physical activities and social opportunities for the Mount Gambier community

The following principles should be considered in the planning, design and management of any new or existing open spaces across the City of Mount Gambier. These principles are based on best practice approaches to the provision of open space and the needs of the Mount Gambier community.



Sport, Recreation + Open Space Framework

The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Framework outlines open spaces by a number of key characteristics. These characteristics relate to the purpose/function of the site, accessibility (catchment), activities and site infrastructure. It recognises that not all open space can or should be developed and maintained at the same level and will vary according to its hierarchy catchment. The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Framework will assist Council in developing agreed service levels that align with this hierarchy.

Characteristics	Local	Neighbourhood
Purpose / Function	Small park that services recreation needs of the immediate surrounding residential population. Unlikely to be used for sport.	Serves as the recreational and social focus of a community. Residents are attracted by a variety of features. Can be used for junior sport or training if appropriate in size.
Access	Within 500m or 5 min walk	Within 1km or 10 min walk
Size	0.4ha to 1ha	1ha to 5ha
Length of Stay (approx.)	30-45 minutes	45-60 minutes
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play, dog walking, picnics, socialising. • Relaxation and rest stops. • Walking, running and cycling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play that accommodates a range of ages. • Other recreation opportunities i.e. basketball court, small pump track. • Open parkland and nature spaces.
Site Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard play equipment and combination system. • Seating. • Natural shade. • Irrigated grass areas. • Plantings. • Pathways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment and nature play elements. • Seats and picnic facilities. • Drinking fountain. • Shelter structure. • Natural shade and vegetation plantings. • Youth spaces which could include multi-purpose court.
Sport Infrastructure	N/A - Formal sport is not recommended to be developed in local level open spaces.	<p>Facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO's facility guidelines based on site classification for the sport.</p> <p>These sites generally cater for regular training and competition needs of a club. Majority of these sites will be single club or seasonal sport (summer/winter) sport use with one user at a time. Facilities and playing surface are provided to a "home and away" competition standard (not large events or finals).</p>



Characteristics	District	Regional
Purpose / Function	Principally designed to provide for organised formal sport. Likely to include substantial recreation space and some nature space. Serves several neighbourhoods with players and visitors travelling from surrounding districts. Multiple activities can be played at one time.	Can accommodate important recreation and organised sport spaces as well as significant conservation and/or environmental features. May provide substantial facilities for organised sport, play, social interaction, relaxation and enjoyment of nature.
Access	Within 3 kilometres or 5 minute drive.	Serves one or more geographical or social regions and is likely to attract visitors from outside any one local government area. Users not living within close proximity will use either private vehicles or public transport.
Size	5ha+	Size is variable and dependent on function. When sporting space is identified as a necessary regional function, allocations for playing fields and sports facilities should be assessed on a case by case basis.
Length of Stay (approx.)	60-90 minutes	60-120min +
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient space to accommodate a variety of concurrent uses, including organised sports, children's play, picnicking, exercising the dog, social gatherings and individual activities. Includes a combination of bushland, open parkland for casual play and space for organised sport. Accommodate multiple user groups, clubs and associations. 	Should be large enough to accommodate various concurrent uses, including organised sports, children's play, picnicking, bush walking, and protection of natural features.
Site Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play equipment , combination system, climbing structures, potential basketball/netball half court, natural play elements, iconic features. Seats, multiple picnic facilities, BBQ, drink fountain. Shade and Shelter. Amenity landscaping and large turf area for a kick about depending on site constraints. Car parking. Integrated Public Art. Public Toilet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive play equipment with opportunity for site specific play elements. Seats, multiple picnic facilities, BBQs, drink fountains. Landscaping treatments including adequate plantings for shade. Internal and connected pathways. Shade and shelter. Potential for artificial shade over play equipment. Large turf area for a kick about depending on site constraints. Multipurpose courts / Rage Cage. Integrated Youth Spaces. Car parking / storm water works. Integrated Public art. Lighting. Public Toilet.
Sport Infrastructure	Facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO's facility guidelines based on site classification for the sport. Facility caters for regular training and competition needs of a club. Facilities and playing surface are provided to a "home and away" competition standard (not large events or finals). Depending on size of the site multiple sport could be accommodated at the same time.	Facilities to be developed and maintained at the appropriate standard set out by the relevant SSO's facility guidelines based on site classification/ competition played for the sport. These spaces are often used for Association level competitions. Facilities should cater for more than one code or activity. These facilities ideally have the capacity to host finals and representative games and have high quality playing surfaces which are maintained to a high standard along with the appropriate off-fields amenities such as clubrooms and spectator viewing areas.



City Wide Strategic Priorities

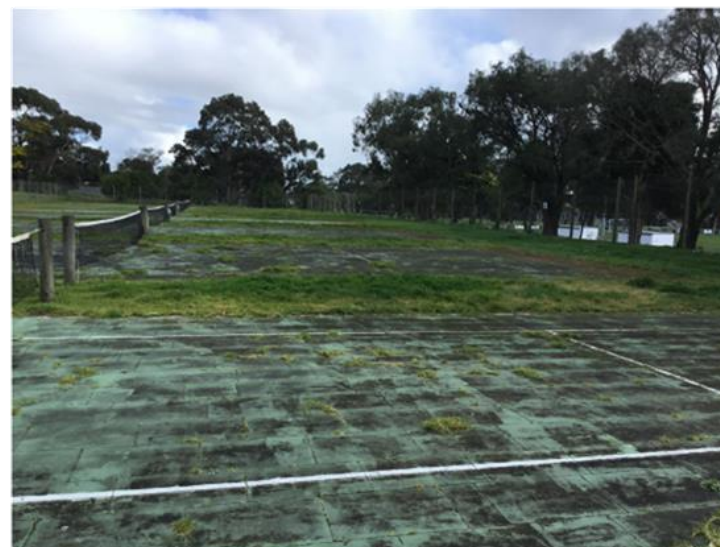
No	Strategic Priority	Strategic Priority Implementation
1	Our open spaces will be well distributed, safe and accessible by everyone in our community, regardless of where they reside or frequent within the city.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure any new open space is developed based on the appropriate hierarchy, function and is accessible by the immediate community. 2. Provide circuit paths within reserves to encourage walking and running within open spaces. 3. Investigate opportunities to increase access to open space through active trail networks in those areas that have gaps. 4. Develop multipurpose facilities at each open space site that cater for a range of activities. 5. Consider opportunities for older people in any open space renewal or improvement activities. 6. Incorporate CPTED principles in the design and upgrade of open space and recreation facilities. 7. Seek to deliver Neighbourhood open space to areas of undersupply. This will be achieved by raising an existing local open space to Neighbourhood standard – increasing size may be problematic but increasing the level of enhancement is valid. 8. Develop Master Plan for key recreation and sporting sites across the City such as Hastings Cunningham Reserve, Olympic Park Malseed Park, Vansittart Park, Don McDonnell Reserve, Frew Park and McDonald Park .
2	We will strive for our spaces to reflect the principles of universal design by promoting physical access for all abilities and genders.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address gaps in female friendly change facilities in our sporting open spaces in partnership with the local sporting clubs and State Sporting Organisations. 2. Ensure any new playspace design considers and includes play elements for all abilities and genders.
3	Local stories, heritage and culture are considered and interpreted through design, strengthening our identity and fostering community ownership and pride of place	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult with the local Aboriginal community about opportunities to share and celebrate local Aboriginal heritage and significant sites throughout the City. 2. Implement public art and other cultural initiatives in parks and open spaces. 3. Reflect the diverse community of Mount Gambier in the naming or renaming of open space and recreation facilities (for example, new facilities named for local persons or reflecting local cultures and languages).
4	Our sport and recreation facilities will be non-exclusive, fit for purpose and share resources to reduce the burden on our volunteers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the diversity of sport and recreation opportunities in parks and reserves especially for those sports that currently do not have a home ground. 2. Co-locate active recreation facilities with existing recreation opportunities such as playspaces and playing fields. 3. Identify opportunities to incorporate unique facility components into multipurpose design. 4. Partner with peak bodies, clubs, community organisations and private operators to deliver sport and recreation opportunities targeting new participants in parks and reserves.
5	Provide unique play experiences including youth spaces that are attractive to a range of ages.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a Playground Strategy for the City of Mount Gambier to guide the provision, upgrade and management of public playgrounds, ensuring that there is diversity and variety across the City. 2. Develop a centrally located youth space that incorporates a skate park and other suitable elements which could include a 3 x 3 basketball court, parkour and socializing areas. 3. Provide supporting infrastructure to support extended length of stay at neighbourhood-level open space sites including bins, BBQs and toilets. 4. As part of a Play Space Strategy, identify opportunities for nature and adventure based play especially at the Crater Lakes Precinct.
6	Responsive and sustainable management practices of open space across the City.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and establish new service standards to better reflect use, profile and hierarchy of open space. 2. Deliver a best practice design manual for new and existing open space to advocate for the delivery of high quality spaces. 3. Seek funding opportunities for sport, recreation and open space developments from new and existing sources.



Key Recommendations:

The following key recommendations are city wide priorities and should be undertaken in the short term:

- Undertake master plans at key recreation and sporting sites across the city as Hastings Cunningham Reserve, Olympic Park (+ surrounding areas), Malseed Park, Vansittart Park, Don McDonnell Reserve, Frew Park, McDonald Park and Blue Lakes Sports Park.
- Acknowledging its integral role and function for the community, undertake a master plan for the Crater Lakes Precinct, in consultation with all current and future key stakeholders.
- Develop a Sport Facilities Framework to address the gaps in off-field amenity provision especially female friendly change facilities and make sure facilities are fit for purpose aligning with their relevant hierarchy/classification. This will include a strategic response to the identified over- or under- supply of sport and recreation provisions in Mount Gambier for sports such as tennis, soccer and athletics.
- Develop at least one (1) sporting reserve into a neutral Premier site for Mount Gambier that can host finals and exhibition games, making sure the site is linked to economic benefits such as commercial areas / central hub of the City.
- Develop a playground strategy to guide the provision, upgrade and management of all playspaces across the City.
- Develop a central youth space that could incorporate a skate park and other supporting amenities such as 3 x 3 basketball court and /or parkour.
- Explore opportunities for strategically located dog facilities across the City.
- Establish maintenance service levels for all open spaces, that are consistent with the open space hierarchy.
- Aligning to the open space hierarchy, review open space assets to ensure equitable provision across the City. Seek opportunities within legislative frameworks and Council's own policy provisions, to improve the future quality of open space.



Implementation

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Implementation

The development of sport, recreation and open spaces usually requires funding from a range of sources. The following stakeholders are identified as potential sources of funding to help deliver and implement this Strategy:

- Local Government.
- State Government (i.e. Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing).
- Federal Government.
- State Sporting Organisations.
- Private sector.
- Trusts and Foundations (i.e. Australian Sports Foundation).

Not all strategies, projects and works are the same priority, and it may not be feasible for Council and other stakeholders to commit to achieving every item. A strategic approach to the implementation that considers the priorities, ensures equitable outcomes across the community and reflects available funding is therefore required.

An Implementation Plan has been developed to summarise the potential projects and works identified in the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. This includes a 10 Year Implementation Plan that identifies higher priorities and potential projects for implementation over the next 10 years.

The Implementation Plan aims to guide Council and other stakeholders in future decision making and resource allocation. Having a Strategy that clearly indicates what needs to be done and what the priorities are is extremely important.

Establishing programs and initiatives that activate facilities and build partnerships with stakeholders will ensure that the impact of investment in sport and recreation facilities is maximised.



The following site recommendations aim to guide the prioritised delivery of recommendations of the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy. The recommendations outlined in the below table are based on the assessment of opportunities at the time of the development of the Strategy and may change over time depending on funding and other relevant factors. The implementation of these recommendations will be undertaken in accordance with Council's budget process and will be dependent on Council's prioritisation across the organisation.

Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-2 years Medium = 3-5 years Low = 5+ years
24 Margaret Street – Walkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
29 Commercial Street East - Walkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
AF Sutton Memorial Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance playspace and broaden age focus including nature play. Upgrade toilets and install a BBQ. 	Medium
Akuna Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Establish new path that connect the roadside footpath to the play space. Provide seating near play space. 	Low
Argyle Pl Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. 	Low
Banksia/Acacia St Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove playspace. 	High
Blue Lake Golf Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Blue Lake Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	High
Boandik Terrace Blowhole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide seating connected to the play space. Install a bin. 	Low
Carinya Garden Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Carmel Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the play space and broaden age focus including nature play. Provide drinking fountain. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. Provide additional seating linked to shady areas. Install a bin. 	Medium
Carnoustie Court Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase landscaping treatments. Provide shade and seating. 	Medium
Cave Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Conroe Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish natural surface pathways that guide use of the area and provide safe and accessible walking opportunities. 	Low
Corriedale Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. Investigate a District level play space to increase open space catchment in the area. 	High

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Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-2 years Medium = 3-5 years Low = 5+ years
Crater Lakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site focusing on a regional playspace that is connected to the surrounding nature areas. This master plan should seek to enhance the precinct as a recreational, cultural and social destination, integral to the identity of our community. Consideration must be given to the co-existence of a variety of recreational pursuits, such as walking, disc golf, mount biking, aquatic activity and adventure play. 	High
Dalkeith Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Dimjalla Skate Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine if this space stays long term. If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating gathering and rest area opportunities including picnic facilities and seating. Improve grass areas and landscape. Install lighting for twilight use. Consider other youth components such as a multipurpose half court facility. 	Medium
Don McDonnell Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of community recreation infrastructure ensuring it will meet the needs of the community now and into the future. 	High
Elizabeth Knight Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Elm Avenue Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. 	Low
Engelbrecht Cave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Frew Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and community infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	High
Gladigau Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. 	Low
Hastings Cunningham Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	High
Hayes Crescent Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. 	Medium
Heaver Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. Consider a shade structure with seating. 	Low
James McArthur Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove playspace. 	High
Kennedy Avenue Reserve 316	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Kywong Court Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Lady Nelson Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Lake Terrace Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Lakewood Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In time consider relocating play space away from trees. Enhance play space. Provide additional seating. 	Low



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Malseed Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	High
Marist Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade club building ensuring facilities are fit for purpose and provides unisex change facilities. 	Medium
Matthew Flinders Way Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish natural surface pathways that guide use of the area and provide safe and accessible walking opportunities 	Low
Max Young Memorial Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Provide additional seating connected to play space. 	Low
Maxwell Street Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect space to rail trail via a shared use path. 	High
McDonald Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	High
McDonald Park School Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Melaleuca Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. Install a drinking fountain. 	Medium
Michielan Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish natural surface pathways that guide use of the area and provide safe and accessible walking opportunities. 	Low
National Servicemans Memorial Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove playspace. 	High
Olympic Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users that incorporates the whole precinct such as the school and old goal site, community garden and the connections to the new Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. 	High
Pioneer Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Quarry Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. Provide additional seating linked to shady areas. Install a drinking fountain. 	Low
Railway Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and develop a youth recreation space including a Skate Park, 3 x 3 basketball court, ping pong tables and other youth components at the site. Locate the youth space at the Bay Road end to provide passive surveillance. Invest in wind mitigation technologies/installations/innovations to increase viability of the site as a premier event space. 	High
Ramsay Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Saint Martins Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Sealey Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Stiles Street Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space including nature play. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. 	Low



Open Space Site	Recommendation	Priority Level High = 0-2 years Medium = 3-5 years Low = 5+ years
Tumut Drive Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space including nature play. Considers a path around edge of reserve and include strategically places fitness equipment. Provide additional seating linked to shady areas. Explore the opportunity to provide a dog park in a section of this reserve. 	Medium
Umpherston Sinkhole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Vansittart Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a master plan for the site in partnership with site users, that will provide a coordinated and strategic planning approach to the provision and development of sport and recreation infrastructure ensuring it is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the community. 	High
William A Crouch Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance play space. Provide shelter with seating. 	Low
Wireless Road West Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain space as is. No improvement needed. 	-
Wirrina Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide shelter with seating. Broaden the multi-use value of the court. Considers a path around edge of reserve and include strategically places fitness equipment. Consider increasing this reserve to a district recreation space to assist in gap provision of open space in the area. 	Medium
Woodlands Drive Drainage Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish natural surface pathways that guide use of the area and provide safe and accessible walking opportunities that connect with current seating. 	Medium



Appendices



Open Space Provision Breakdown

Suburb Catchment	No. of Open Space	Total Land Area (ha)	Open Space Land (ha)	% of Total land (ha)	Population 2020	Open Space per 1,000 residents
Mount Gambier LGA	58	3,387	251.7	7.44%	27,404	9.18
Central	15	545	42.6	7.8%	6,379	6.7
Central North	5	248	43.2	17.4%	4,822	9.0
East	7	471	41.4	8.8%	2,727	15.2
Lakes	6	544	60.7	11.2%	2,750	22.1
North East	13	680	20.7	3.0%	6,484	3.2
North West	8	489	16.5	3.4%	3,356	4.9
West	4	410	26.6	6.5%	886	30.1



Open Space Provision by Function

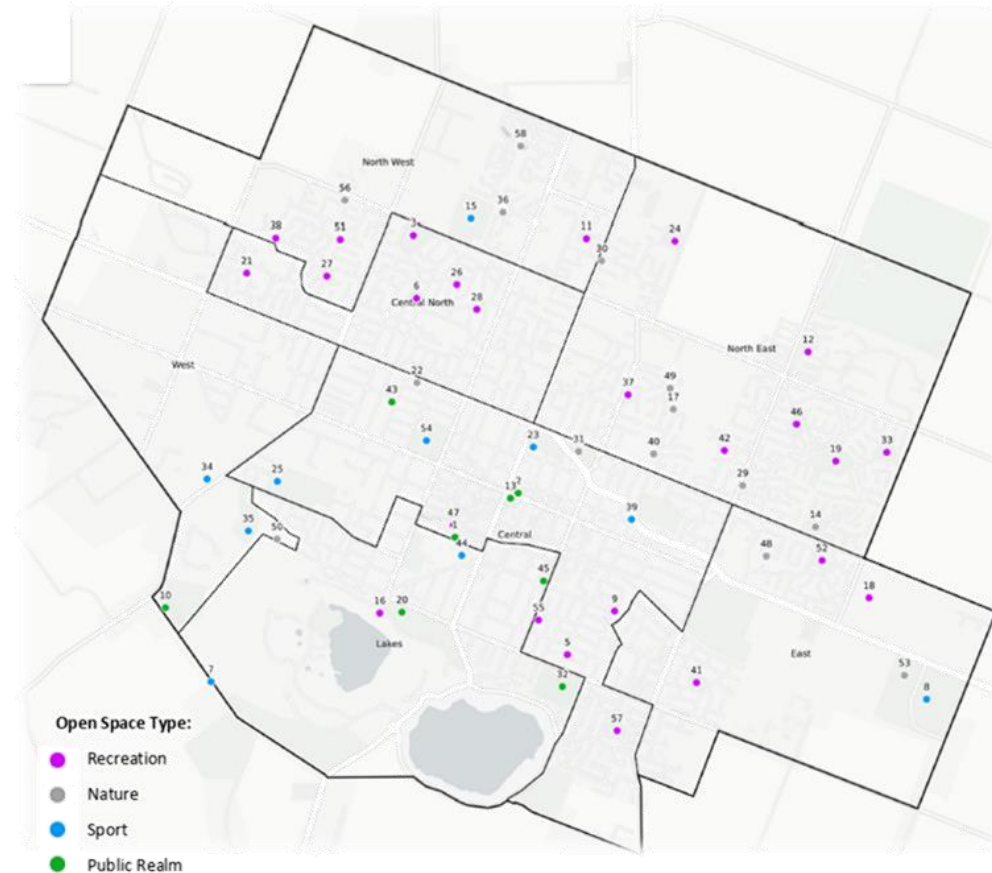
Of the 58 sites audited the total open space provision for the City of Mount Gambier is 251.7ha. 110.3ha is classified as sporting, 98.7ha is recreation, 24.7ha is Public Realm and 17.9ha is Nature open space. The Lakes suburb catchment has the most total open space area of all the suburb catchments (60.68ha).

The East suburb catchment has the largest sports open space provision (31.23ha) closely followed by Central (30.6ha), Lakes 25.63ha.

The Central North catchment has the largest recreation open space provision (43.17ha), followed by the Lakes (21.39ha).

The Lakes have the most Public realm open space (13.66ha) and the Central area has the most Nature open space (3.26ha).

Suburb Catchment	Total Open Space (ha)	Sporting Open Space (ha)	Recreation Open Space (ha)	Public Realm Open Space (ha)	Nature Open Space (ha)
Mount Gambier LGA	251.7	110.3	98.7	24.7	17.9
Central	42.57	30.6	7.88	0.83	3.26
Central North	43.17	-	43.17	-	-
East	41.38	31.23	6.42	-	3.73
Lakes	60.68	25.63	21.39	13.66	-
North East	20.70	-	15.43	-	5.27
North West	16.46	9.5	4.41	-	2.55
West	26.61	13.32	-	10.23	3.06



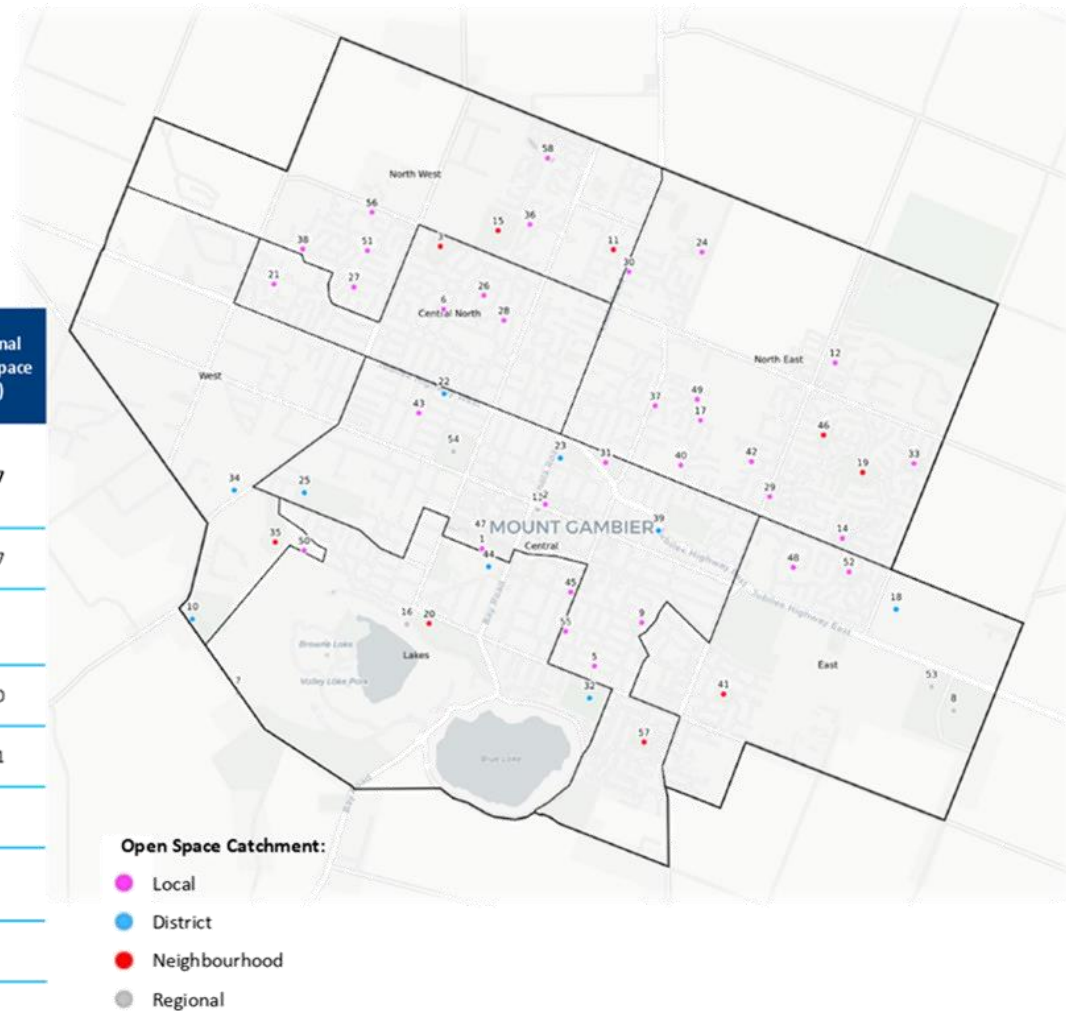
Open Space Provision by Catchment

There is the following distribution of open space per catchment across the City of Mount Gambier:

- Local Level – 32.6ha
- Neighbourhood Level -71.3ha
- District Level – 56.1ha
- Regional Level – 91.7ha

The North East catchment has the most hectares of Local level open space (11.8ha), Central North has the most Neighbourhood open space (41.1ha), Central has the most District level (23.4ha) and the Lakes has the most Regional Open Space (45.1ha).

Suburb Catchment	Total Open Space (ha)	Local Open Space (ha)	Neighbourhood Open Space (ha)	District Open Space (ha)	Regional Open Space (ha)
Mount Gambier LGA	251.7	32.6	71.3	56.1	91.7
Central	42.6	4.9	1.7	23.4	12.7
Central North	43.2	2.1	41.1	-	-
East	41.4	4.6	1.6	1.2	34.0
Lakes	60.7	0.3	3.6	11.6	45.1
North East	20.7	11.8	8.9	-	-
North West	16.5	5.9	10.6	-	-
West	26.6	3.1	3.8	19.8	-





SROSS Section	Amendment	Notes
Open Space Inventory (pg 15)	Additional dot point under key findings: <i>The Crater Lakes Precinct is a significant area of natural open space asset within the City, providing an integral recreational, cultural and social destination for our community.</i>	Several submissions identified the Crater Lakes Precinct was not adequately represented in the draft SROSS.
Sport, Recreation & Open Space Framework (pg 24)	Additional wording to opening paragraph above table: <i>The Sport, Recreation and Open Space Framework will assist Council in developing agreed service levels that align with this hierarchy.</i>	Clarifies role of SROSS framework and its connection to the hierarchy.
Key Recommendations (p 27)	Additional key recommendation: <i>Prepare a strategic response to the identified over- or under-supply of sport and recreation provisions in Mount Gambier. For example, tennis, soccer and athletics.</i>	Further engagement with key stakeholders has highlighted the value in prioritising a strategic and holistic response as a City to the over- and under-supply of sport and recreation provisions.
Key Recommendations (pg 27)	Additional key recommendation: <i>Acknowledging its integral role and function for our community, undertake a master plan for the Crater Lakes Precinct, in consultation with all current and future key stakeholders.</i>	There was a resouction of Council prior to SROSS to pursue a Crater Lakes Activation Plan. Council is committed to completing this work; and this addition reflects the strong community aspiration and attachment to this space.
Key Recommendations (p 27)	<i>Aligning to the hierarchy, review open space assets to ensure equitable provision across the City. Seek opportunities within legislative frameworks and Council's own policy provisions, to improve the future quality of open space.</i>	It was noted that though assessment was done of the equitable provision of open space across the city was completed as part of SROSS, there was no direct action identified. A recommendation was required to address the concerns raised about stormwater retention areas and their identified use as "open space".
Key Recommendations (p 27)	Amendment to existing Key Recommendation: Develop 1 sporting reserve into a neutral Premier site for Mount Gambier that can host finals and exhibition games, making sure the site is linked to economic benefits such as commercial areas / central hub of the City. Change to: <i>Develop at least one (1) sporting reserve into a neutral Premier site for Mount Gambier that can host finals and exhibition games, making sure the site is linked to economic benefits such as commercial areas / central hub of the City.</i>	This was altered to allow for a feasibility study to inform the most appropriate provision of premier sporting facilities in Mount Gambier.
Key Recommendations (pg 27)	Amendment to existing Key Recommendation: Explore opportunities for strategically located off leash dog areas across the City. Change to: <i>Explore opportunities for strategically located dog facilities across the City.</i>	The project team noted that the scoping of additional dog facilities should not be limited to those that are "off leash".
Recommendation Table (pg 31)	Delete portion of sentence, as per: <i>Develop a master plan for the site focusing on a regional playspace that is connected to the surrounding nature areas. that offers a variety of play including adventure play.</i> Add to Crater Lakes: <i>This master plan should seek to enhance the precinct as a recreational, cultural and social destination, integral to the identity of our community. Consideration must be given to the co-existence of a variety of recreational pursuits, such as walking, disc golf, mount biking, aquatic activity and adventure play.</i>	This was modified to reflect the broader needs and aspirations attached to the site in consideration of the numerous emerging recreational activities and pursuits at the Crater Lakes.
Recommendation Table (pg 32)	Add to Railway Lands: <i>Invest in wind mitigation technologies/installations/innovations to increase viability of the site as a premier event space.</i>	Clarification of recommendation to reflect the feedback from the community.



23 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

23.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - HARD WASTE TRIAL

Meeting: Council
CM9 Reference: AF21/496
Member: Paul Jenner, Councillor

I, Councillor Paul Jenner, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 15 March 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

1. That Council Report No. AR22/16524 titled 'Notice of Motion - Hard Waste Trial' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.
2. That a report be provided to Council to make recommendations about the Hard Waste trial which was conducted during COVID, with the report to include considerations of cost, budget, long term financial plan implications, staff levels needed, any additional capital required as well as the overall impact on waste reuse, recovery or disposal.
3. The Report should consider different alternatives to program.
 - (a) Done yearly.
 - (b) Done every 2 years.
 - (c) Done yearly with options for reducing staff costs associated with the service.
 - (d) Done every 3 years.
 - (e) Not done at all.
4. That all of the alternatives should consider impacts on the community and on waste to landfill.
5. A copy of the Hard Waste Trial Report and the end Covid Report (that mentions Hard Waste) be attached.

RATIONALE

The trial was conducted and results reported some months ago. A workshop is to be held in coming months which will consider waste management and look at a range of strategies for waste reduction, and it will be useful to consider the Hard Waste trial alongside other initiatives. The community is also interested to understand what the future of such a service might be.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



23.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - PIONEERS AND OTHER SPORTING GROUPS DISPLAY OF TROPHIES AND FLAGS

Meeting: Council
CM9 Reference: AF21/496
Member: Paul Jenner, Councillor

I, Councillor Paul Jenner, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 15 March 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

1. That Council Report No. AR22/16531 titled 'Notice of Motion - Pioneers and other sporting groups display of Trophies and Flags' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.
2. That Council engage with the Pioneers and other sporting clubs and groups as appropriate, to consider appropriate display of pennants, trophies and flags in the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.
3. That this is to be planned and implemented prior to the official opening of the centre.

RATIONALE

The Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre will provide facilities for sporting competitions at a regional, state and national level. Consideration with the relevant stakeholders of how best to represent their success when "home games" are played in the facility is important to consider.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



23.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - LARGE GUM TREES ON THE CORNER OF JUBILEE HIGHWAY EAST AND RAMSAY AVENUE

Meeting: Council
CM9 Reference: AF21/496
Member: Paul Jenner, Councillor

I, Councillor Paul Jenner, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 15 March 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

1. That Council Report No. AR22/16538 titled 'Notice of Motion - Large Gum Trees on the corner of Jubilee Highway East and Ramsay Avenue' as presented on 15 March 2022 be noted.
2. That a report be provided to Council to consider the removal of the large gum trees on the corner of Jubilee Highway East and Ramsay Avenue.
3. That the report consider the condition of the trees, the resourcing implications of removal, and options for plantings for the area if the trees are removed or retained, and include consultation with the impacted business.

RATIONALE

A nearby business has raised concerns about the remaining trees, including branches dropping, noting that some trees which were impacted by borers have already been removed.

Please find attached photographs of the reserve and business property.

This has been an ongoing process exceeding 1 year with a number of different decisions about the tree's removal being conveyed to the business owner over that time.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Photographs - Reserve and Business Property [↓](#)



Photographs - corner of Jubilee Highway East and Ramsay Avenue



Photographs - corner of Jubilee Highway East and Ramsay Avenue



24 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF COMMITTEES

Nil



26 NEW CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

26.1 PROJECT CONTROL GROUP (PCG) PROGRESS REPORT #15 - AS AT 07/03/2022 – REPORT NO. AR22/16061

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and (Council Officers) be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Agenda Item 26.1 AR22/16061 Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #15 - As at 07/03/2022.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) (b), (d) and (g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is
 - conducting business; or
 - proposing to conduct business; or
 - to prejudice the commercial position of the Council
- commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected:
 - to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or
 - to confer a commercial advantage on a third party
- information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not:
 - breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law,
 - breach any duty of confidence, or
 - breach any other legal obligation or duty

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information contained within the report and attachments presents matters relating to contracts between Council and contractors associated with the construction and operation of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. The disclosure of information contained in this report and attachments could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or the third parties and is considered on balance to be contrary to the public interest as it could prejudice the Council's position in obtaining best value project delivery on behalf of the community.

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the report 26.1 AR22/16061 Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #15 - As at 07/03/2022 and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under Section

90(2) & (3) (b), (d) and (g) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until 12 months after completion of the project.

2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

27 MEETING CLOSE



COMMITTEE MINUTES

AND

REPORTS / ATTACHMENTS

**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT
GAMBIER
ON TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Sonya Meziniec, Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr Max Bruins, Cr Christian Greco, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Steven Perryman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:	General Manager City Infrastructure	- Ms B Cernovskis
	General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services	- Mr D Barber
	General Manager City and Community Growth	- Mr T Coote
	Manager Governance and Property	- Mr M McCarthy
	Manager Finance	- Mrs J Scoggins
	Manager Libraries and Community Development	- Mrs G Davison
	Strategic Development and Engagement Coordinator	- Mr B Kilsby
	Executive Administrator	- Ms S Wilson

OFFICERS AS OBSERVERS:	Chief Executive Officer (<i>virtual</i>)	- Mrs S Philpott
	Media and Communications Coordinator (<i>virtual</i>)	- Ms S McLean

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLUTION 2022/16

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

That leave of absence from Cr Ben Hood be noted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2022/17

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 January 2022 and the Special Council meeting held on 8 February 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

5 MAYORAL REPORT

5.1 MAYORAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2022

- Weekly Virtual LCLGA Mayor's Meeting
- Radio Interview with Ewan Grant - Australia Day Awardees
- Meeting with Ash Salardini - Chief Economist & General Manager Trade, and Caroline Rhodes - CEO of Primary Producers SA re National Farmers Federation Regional Development
- Recording for Summer Reading Club (SRC) Finale Party
- Radio Interview with 5GTR-FM
- Australia Day Awards Ceremony
- Citizenship Ceremony
- With CEO, Barbecue Lunch with Members of the Men's Shed
- Weekly Virtual LCLGA Mayor's Meeting
- Radio Interview with Ewan Grant re Crater Lakes Fire
- Elected Member Briefing - Dual Naming Policy
- In Confidence Elected Member Briefing - Crater Lakes Project Proposal
- Weekly Virtual LCLGA Mayor's Meeting
- Interview with Lifestyle 1
- Installation of Pastor Mitchell Kitson - St Martin's Lutheran College
- Special Council Meeting
- Elected Member Briefing - Budget Workshop 1
- With CEO, Meeting with Adrian Puust, Mount Gambier Metropolitan Fire Service

- LCLGA Board Strategic Planning Workshop and Dinner
- LCLGA AGM & GM

RESOLUTION 2022/18

Moved: Mayor Lynette Martin
Seconded: Cr Christian Greco

That the Mayoral report made on 15 February 2022 be received.

CARRIED**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- Cr Sonya Mezinec Annual Dinner of Mount Gambier Sub Section of the Naval Association of Australia, Mount Gambier Health Advisory Council.
- Cr Paul Jenner Limestone Coast Regional Roads and Transport Management Meeting.
- Cr Frank Morello Elected Member Briefing - Dual Naming Policy, Elected Member Briefing - Budget Workshop 1.

RESOLUTION 2022/19

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman
Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

That the reports made by Councillors on 15 February 2022 be received.

CARRIED**7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 DEPUTATIONS**10.1 DEPUTATION - MR DIRK VERSCHURE - GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES IN MOUNT GAMBIER****REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council Report No. AR22/638 titled 'Deputation - Mr Dirk Verschure - General Medical Services in Mount Gambier' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.

11 NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND OR AMEND**11.1 NOTICE OF AMENDMENT - SPORT AND RECREATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2021/2022****RESOLUTION 2022/20**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That Council Report No. AR21/82252 titled 'Notice of Amendment - Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program 2021/2022' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That part 2 of resolution 2021/365 titled Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program 2021/2022 - Applications that was passed on 16 November of meeting be amended from:
 2. That \$100,000 be endorsed for distribution for the 2021/2022 Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program as follows:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Priority (Score)</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated	12	\$ 21,993.00	\$ 0
East Gambier Cricket Club	14	\$ 5,307.00	\$ 5,000.00
Mount Gambier Bowls Inc	15	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Mount Gambier Gun Club	15	\$ 17,915.00	\$ 14,000.00
Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club	11	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 2,000.00
North Gambier Football / Netball Club	11	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
South Gambier Football Club Inc	14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
South Gambier Netball Club Incorporated	14	\$ 9,431.00	\$ 9,000.00
West Gambier Football Club Incorporated	9	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 13,000.00
		\$ 145,747.00	\$ 100,000.00

To:

2. That \$113,000 be endorsed for distribution for the 2021/2022 Sport and Recreation Capital Works Program as follows:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Priority (Score)</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated	12	\$ 21,993.00	\$ 13,000.00
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South Gambier Football Club Inc	14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
South Gambier Netball Club Incorporated	14	\$ 9,431.00	\$ 9,000.00
West Gambier Football Club Incorporated	9	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 13,000.00

			\$ 145,747.00	\$ 113,000.00
That the additional \$13,000 be reconciled in budget review 3.				
CARRIED				

12 ELECTED MEMBERS WORKSHOPS

12.1 ELECTED MEMBER INFORMATION/BRIEFING SESSIONS FROM 19/01/2022 TO 10/02/2022

RESOLUTION 2022/21

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council Report No. AR21/71013 titled 'Elected Member Information/Briefing Sessions from 19/01/2022 to 10/02/2022' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

13 ELECTED MEMBERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14 COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

14.1 COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS - 18/01/2022

RESOLUTION 2022/22

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That Council Report No. AR21/71029 titled 'Council Action Items - 18/01/2022' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

15 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee in Recess

16 PEOPLE AND PLACE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee in Recess

17 COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL MINUTES

Nil

18 JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE (SECTION 41) COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

19 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

21 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nil

22 COUNCIL REPORTS**22.1 DUAL NAMING POLICY****RESOLUTION 2022/23**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Sonya Mezinac

1. That Council Report No. AR21/83599 titled 'Dual Naming Policy' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That the Dual Naming Policy be adopted as attached to Council Report No. AR21/83599
3. That Council administration commences work on the implementation of the Dual Naming of local sites of cultural significance, as per the Dual Naming Policy.

CARRIED**22.2 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION - COUNCIL VOTERS ROLL****RESOLUTION 2022/24**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That Council Report No. AR22/4634 titled '2022 Local Government Election - Council Voters Roll' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

22.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2022/25**

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That Council Report No. AR22/5937 titled 'Local Government Reform Update' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That the commencement of local government reform changes and actions be noted.

CARRIED**22.4 LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN TOOLKIT****RESOLUTION 2022/26**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec
Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

1. That Council Report No. AR22/5088 titled 'Local Affordable Housing Plan Toolkit' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.

CARRIED**22.5 BUDGET REVIEW 2 2021/22****RESOLUTION 2022/27**

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That Council Report No. AR22/7344 titled 'Budget Review 2 2021/22' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That Council adopts the attached revised budget for the year ending 30 June 2022 as at 31 December 2021 (Budget Review 2).

CARRIED**22.6 REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

1. That Council Report No. AR22/6009 titled 'Request for Internal Review of Council Decision' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That, having received a request under section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999 for a review of Council's June 2021 decision in Resolution 2021/154 relating to the Mitchell Street trees:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) engage an external provider to conduct a review under section 270 of the process and decision associated with Resolution 2021/54;
 - (b) the reviewer present a preliminary and final report to Council for consideration, having undertaken a natural justice phase;
 - (c) the review also consider and make recommendations on appropriate action regarding alleged nuisance associated with the Mitchell Street trees.
3. If a reviewer engaged under (2) is unable to perform the step in (2)(c), that the preparation of a separate report addressing matters of alleged nuisance associated with the Mitchell Street trees be deferred until Council has considered the report(s) in (2)(b).

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Perryman

Seconded: Cr Greco

1. That Council Report No. AR22/6009 titled 'Request for Internal Review of Council Decision' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That consideration of this matter be deferred until the April meeting of Council.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer provide further information to Elected Members on the potential impacts of decision making processes for an internal review request.

The Amendment was put and

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion

RESOLUTION 2022/28

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman

Seconded: Cr Christian Greco

1. That Council Report No. AR22/6009 titled 'Request for Internal Review of Council Decision' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. That consideration of this matter be deferred until the April meeting of Council.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer provide further information to Elected Members on the potential impacts of decision making processes for an internal review request.

CARRIED

23 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

23.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - QUESTION STYLE EVENT FOR STATE ELECTION CANDIDATES

RESOLUTION 2022/29

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That Council Report No. AR21/82255 titled 'Notice of Motion - Question style event for state election candidates' as presented on 15 February 2022 be noted.
2. Council provides support for State Election Candidate Question and Answer events, in the form of a subsidy or fee waiver on the City Hall as a venue for these events (provided that they are open to all candidates to attend).

CARRIED

24 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

26 NEW CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

26.1 EPA NOTICE – REPORT NO. AR22/7711

RESOLUTION 2022/30

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers B Cernovskis, D Barber, T Coote, M McCarthy, J Scoggins, G Davison, S Philpott (*virtual - observer*) and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Agenda Item 26.1 AR22/7711 EPA Notice.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) (g), (h) and (i) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not:
 - breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law,
 - breach any duty of confidence, or
 - breach any other legal obligation or duty
- legal advice
- information relating to:
 - actual litigation, or
 - litigation that the Council or Council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place,
 - involving the Council or an employee of the Council

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because due to legal considerations.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 2022/31**

Moved: Cr Max Bruins
Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the report 26.1 AR22/7711 EPA Notice and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under Section 90(2) & (3) (g), (h) and (i) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until negotiations and subsequent actions arising from those negotiations have concluded.
2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

CARRIED**26.2 PROJECT CONTROL GROUP (PCG) PROGRESS REPORT #14 - AS AT 01/02/2022
- REPORT NO. AR22/7779****RESOLUTION 2022/32**

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers B Cernovskis, D Barber, T Coote, M McCarthy, J Scoggins, G Davison, S Philpott (*virtual - observer*) and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Agenda Item 26.2 AR22/7779 Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #14 - As at 01/02/2022.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) (b), (d) and (g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is
 - conducting business; or
 - proposing to conduct business; or
 - to prejudice the commercial position of the Council
- commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected:
 - to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or
 - to confer a commercial advantage on a third party

- information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not:
 - breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law,
 - breach any duty of confidence, or
 - breach any other legal obligation or duty

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information contained within the report and attachments presents matters relating to contracts between Council and contractors associated with the construction of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. The disclosure of information contained in this report and attachments could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or the third parties and is considered on balance to be contrary to the public interest as it could prejudice the Council's position in obtaining best value project delivery on behalf of the community.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2022/33

Moved: Cr Max Bruins
Seconded: Cr Christian Greco

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the report 26.2 AR22/7779 Project Control Group (PCG) Progress Report #14 - As at 01/02/2022 and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under Section 90(2) & (3) (b), (d) and (g) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until 12 months after completion of the project.
2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

CARRIED

26.3 CRATER LAKES PROJECT PROPOSAL – REPORT NO. AR22/8597

RESOLUTION 2022/34

Moved: Cr Max Bruins
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers B Cernovskis, D Barber, T Coote, M McCarthy, J Scoggins, G Davison, S Philpott (*virtual - observer*) and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Agenda Item 26.3 AR22/8597 Crater Lakes Project Proposal.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) (b), (d) and (g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is
 - conducting business; or
 - proposing to conduct business; or
 - to prejudice the commercial position of the Council
- commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected:
 - to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or
 - to confer a commercial advantage on a third party
- information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council does not:
 - breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law,
 - breach any duty of confidence, or
 - breach any other legal obligation or duty

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the attachment and information regarding Crater Lakes Project Proposal contain commercial information of a confidential nature provided to Council in-confidence, and the consideration of which if conducted in open could prejudice the position of Council or the party that provided the information or confer a commercial advantage on a third party.

The public interest in disclosure is considered to be outweighed by the community benefit arising from the proposal.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2022/35

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the report 26.3 AR22/8597 Crater Lakes Project Proposal and its attachments, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under Section 90(2) & (3) (b), (d) and (g) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until two years after the expiry of an agreement entered into in relation to the matter or two years after the proposal has been abandoned and Council has been released from its duty of confidence, whichever is the later.
2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

CARRIED

**26.4 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS –
REPORT NO. AR22/8463****RESOLUTION 2022/36**

Moved: Cr Christian Greco
Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers B Cernovskis, D Barber, T Coote, M McCarthy, J Scoggins, G Davison, S Philpott (*virtual - observer*) and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt, discussion and consideration in confidence of Agenda Item 26.4 AR22/8463 Audit and Risk Committee Appointment of Independent Members.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) (a) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because of personal information contained in the report as part of the application process.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2022/37

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec
Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the report 26.4 AR22/8463 Audit and Risk Committee Appointment of Independent Members, the discussion and the resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under Section 90(2) & (3) (a) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until appointments of the audit committee members have been confirmed.

The attachments to the report be kept confidential and that confidentiality be reviewed annually.

2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

CARRIED

27 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 March 2022.

.....
PRESIDING MEMBER

**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
JUNIOR SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022 AT 5.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Christian Greco, Cr Megan Dukalskis, Ms Karen Cunningham, Ms Felicity Walker, Ms Jenny Burston

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Administration Officer - Mrs M Telford

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christian Greco

Seconded: Jenny Burston

That the apology from Mrs Jeanette Elliott be received.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Jenny Burston

Seconded: Cr Megan Dukalskis

That the minutes of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund meeting held on 27 October 2021 and 23 February 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Karen Cunningham
Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13971 titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

5.2 STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES - AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christian Greco
Seconded: Jenny Burston

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13972 titled 'Statement of Revenue and Expenses - as at 31 January 2022' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.
2. The financial statement of the Fund as 30 September 2021 be received, noting a cash balance of \$126,036.64.

CARRIED

5.3 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR JUNIORS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Karen Cunningham
Seconded: Jenny Burston

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13973 titled 'Applications for Financial Assistance for Juniors and Payments from the Fund - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

5.4 ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES - DONATION TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED JUNIOR SPORTSPERSONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Karen Cunningham

Seconded: Jenny Burston

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13974 titled 'Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donation to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.
2. The following funding be made available to the Member Organisations named below to assist the identified junior(s) to achieve their fullest participation with the donation from the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons initiative, to be used strictly in accordance with their respective confidential application:
 - (a) Blue Lake Y Swim - \$300
 - (b) Basketball Mount Gambier - \$600

CARRIED

6 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5:50 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Junior Sports Assistance Fund held on .

.....
PRESIDING MEMBER

18.2 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – REPORT NO. AR22/13971

Committee:	Junior Sports Assistance Fund
Meeting Date:	2 March 2022
Report No.:	AR22/13971
CM9 Reference:	AF11/725
Author:	Melissa Telford, Councillor Support Officer
Authoriser:	Tim Coote, General Manager City and Community Growth
Summary:	The report provides details on correspondence received since the last general meeting of the Fund dated 27 October 2021.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13971 titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.



TYPE OF REPORT

Other

BACKGROUND

The report provides details of correspondence received since the previous general meeting of the Fund held 27 October 2021 and is provided for information.

PROPOSAL

The Secretary reported that the following correspondence has been received thanking the Fund for payments made since the last general meeting dated 27 October 2021:-

- Mount Gambier Cycling Club (letter of appreciation - Coaching Clinic Funding)
- Emily Lynch - Mount Gambier and District Little Athletics (letter of appreciation - Exceptional Junior Funding)

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund supports its member sporting organisations to develop and grow to achieve their aspirations and encourage and support participation.

- 1.1.1 Fostering and supporting community-based organisations.
- 1.1.2 Supporting programs that allow our community groups to be more effective in achieving their goals.
- 1.2.2 Helping community groups to help themselves by providing support for effective networks to develop and grow.
- 1.3.2 Providing opportunities to enable our community to be supported and involved.

COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to local junior sportspeople of Mount Gambier and District who have achieved as a minimum, selection in a formal State team and who compete at National sporting events (or equivalent) and who are a member of an Affiliated Sporting Organisation to aid in the financial burden these events place on regional families.

The Fund provides an ongoing pool of money for distribution to those juniors selected to represent the State or to represent Australia or equivalent and it also provides additional funding sourced from external sponsorship which is awarded to an exceptional junior on an annual basis.



CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund places no additional financial implications for Council.

VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Communication with Member Organisations is ongoing. Applications for funding for State or National Funding can be received at any time. Specialised programs run on an annual basis such as Specialised Coaching Clinics, Disadvantaged Juniors and Exceptional Junior and these Programs are promoted to Members Organisations of the Fund as the arise.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

N/A

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This report presents correspondence received for presentation to the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee for noting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Appreciation - Mount Gambier Cycling Club - Coaching Clinic Funding
2. Letter of Appreciation - Emily Lynch - Mount Gambier and District Little Athletics - Exceptional Junior Funding



Mount Gambier Cycling Club



Dear City of Mount Gambier,

The Mount Gambier Cycling Club wish to thank you for the recent sponsorship of \$2000.00 for our training session with Olympic and National Track Cycling Coach, Tim Decker through the Junior Sports Assistance Fund.

The session was held last weekend and each club member thoroughly enjoyed the session which was held at the Blue Lake Sports Park Velodrome. The weekend consisted of both track and road sessions with the Auscycle Coach with each recipient taking away lots of new skills and a focus for the rest of the season. We hope to hold a similar session in 2022 as Tim's guidance, leadership and support was of the highest quality.

Please accept this letter as thanks for your continued support of our club and its members.

Many thanks,

Tina Opperman

MGCC Secretary



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Dear Mrs Martin

Thank you so much for helping me with my athletics. I really appreciate receiving the city of Mount Gambier Junior Sports Assistance Fund Exceptional Junior Award.

I will use the money to attend a training camp in November and I am probably going to buy some new shoes for steepchase runs

Sincerely
Emily Lynch



18.3 STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES - AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022 – REPORT NO. AR22/13972

Committee: Junior Sports Assistance Fund
Meeting Date: 2 March 2022
Report No.: AR22/13972
CM9 Reference: AF11/725
Author: Melissa Telford, Councillor Support Officer
Authoriser: Tim Coote, General Manager City and Community Growth
Summary: This report presents the financial position of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund as at 31 January 2022.
Strategic Plan Reference: Goal 1: Our People

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13972 titled 'Statement of Revenue and Expenses - as at 31 January 2022 ' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.
2. The financial statement of the Fund as 30 September 2021 be received, noting a cash balance of \$126,036.64.



TYPE OF REPORT

Other

BACKGROUND

The financial position of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund is reported for the information of the Committee detailing revenue and expenses since the previous general meeting of the Fund.

PROPOSAL

This report provides the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee with details of the balance of funds at 31 January 2022. Provided is the revenue from the member sporting organisations, Council contributions, bank interest and any donations received during the reporting period. Payments to junior sportspersons, coaching clinics, exceptional and financially disadvantaged juniors are also provided to inform the members of the expenditure incurred during this period. This allows the Committee the ability to assess current funds and to determine whether any adjustment is necessary in relation to payments to member organisations.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund supports its member sporting organisations to develop and grow to achieve their aspirations and encourage and support participation.

- 1.1.1 Fostering and supporting community-based organisations.
- 1.1.2 Supporting programs that allow our community groups to be more effective in achieving their goals.
- 1.2.2 Helping community groups to help themselves by providing support for effective networks to develop and grow.
- 1.3.2 Providing opportunities to enable our community to be supported and involved.

COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to local junior sportspersons of Mount Gambier and District who have achieved as a minimum, selection in a formal State team and who compete at National sporting events (or equivalent) and who are a member of an Affiliated Sporting Organisation to aid in the financial burden these events place on regional families.

The Fund provides an ongoing pool of money for distribution to those juniors selected to represent the State or to represent Australia or equivalent and it also provides additional funding sourced from external sponsorship which is awarded to an exceptional junior on an annual basis.



CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund places no additional financial implications for Council.

VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Communication with Member Organisations is ongoing. Applications for funding for State or National Funding can be received at any time. Specialised programs run on an annual basis such as Specialised Coaching Clinics, Disadvantaged Juniors and Exceptional Junior and these programs are promoted to Members Organisations of the Fund as the arise.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

N/A

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The financial position of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund as at 31 January 2022 is very sound. The consolidated balance of the fund is \$126,036.64 which is more than sufficient to cover future commitments. This report is presented for noting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Junior Sports Assistance Fund - Financial Report as at 31/01/2022



CITY OF MOUNT JUNIOR SPORTING FUND
Work Order 64845
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

For Financial Year 2022
As at 31 January 2022

REVENUE

Task 984	Member Contributions		\$ -
Task 985	Council Contributions		\$ 16,000.00
	City of Mount Gambier	\$ 12,000.00	
	District Council of Grant	\$ 4,000.00	
Task 1160	Donations Income - General		\$ -
Task 1161	Donations Income - Coaching Clinics		\$ -
Task 1162	Donations Income Exceptional Juniors		\$ -
Task 1163	Donations Income - Disadvantaged Junior		\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 16,000.00

LESS EXPENDITURE

TASK 986	Payment to Sportsperson		\$ -
TASK 987	Payment to Coaching Clinic		\$ -
TASK 988	Payment to Exceptional Junior		\$ 2,000.00
	Mount Gambier & Districts Junior Cricket Association – Elwood Geary	\$ 1,000.00	
	Mount Gambier & Districts Little Athletics – Emily Lynch	\$ 1,000.00	
TASK 989	Payment to Financially Disadvantaged Junior		\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			\$ 2,000.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			\$ 14,000.00



CITY OF MOUNT JUNIOR SPORTING FUND**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**
As at 31 January 2022**This is represented by:**

Net Assets as at 30 June 2021	\$	112,036.64
Add Surplus/Defecit year ending 30 June 2022	\$	14,000.00
		\$ 126,036.64
City of Mount Gambier Reserve Account		
8900.9950.9970 Junior Sports Assistance Fund Reserve	\$	126,036.64
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 126,036.64



18.4 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR JUNIORS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022 - REPORT NO. AR22/13973

Committee:	Junior Sports Assistance Fund
Meeting Date:	2 March 2022
Report No.:	AR22/13973
CM9 Reference:	AF11/725
Author:	Melissa Telford, Councillor Support Officer
Authoriser:	Tim Coote, General Manager City and Community Growth
Summary:	This report provides detail on applications received for financial assistance from Members of the Fund and payments made from the Fund for period 01/10/2021 to 31/01/2022.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13973 titled 'Applications for Financial Assistance for Juniors and Payments from the Fund - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.



TYPE OF REPORT

Other

BACKGROUND

This report provides details on applications received for financial assistance from Members of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund and payments made from the Fund from meeting to meeting and is provided for information.

PROPOSAL

Applications for Financial Assistance

The following applications have been received and payments made from the Fund for period 1 October 2021 to 31 January 2022:

- (a) Mount Gambier Netball Association
Nil
- (b) Basketball Mount Gambier
Nil
- (c) Lower South East Hockey Association
Nil
- (d) Mount Gambier and District Baseball League
Nil
- (e) Blue Lake Y Swim Club
Nil
- (f) South Gambier Football/Netball Clubs
Nil
- (g) North Gambier Football/Netball Clubs
Nil
- (h) Mount Gambier Touch Association
Nil
- (i) Mount Gambier and District Junior Cricket
Nil
- (j) Mount Gambier Golf Club
Nil
- (k) Mount Gambier District Little Athletics



Nil

(l) Discretionary

Nil

(m) Mount Gambier and District Pony Club

Nil

(n) South East Women's Football

Nil

(o) Mount Gambier Cycling Club

Nil

(p) Limestone Coast Football Association

Nil

(q) Lakes Junior Tennis

(i) two nominees \$700

(r) Mount Gambier Swimming Club

Nil

Payments from the Fund

Payments to Member Organisations for Junior Sportsperson's financial assistance for period 1 July 2021 to 31 January 2022 amounts to \$700 and total payments since 1 July 1988 to 31 January 2022 amounts to \$495,795.

Actual payments to Member Organisations for Coaching Clinics for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 January 2022 amounts to Nil and total actual payments since 1 July 1991 to 31 January 2022 amounts to \$104,683.

Payments to Member Organisations for Financially Disadvantaged Juniors for period 1 July 2021 to 31 January 2022 amounts to Nil and total payments since 22 May 2013 to 31 January 2022 amounts to \$17,400.

Payments to Member Organisations for Exceptional Juniors for period 1 July 2021 to 31 January 2022 amounts to \$2,000 and total payments since 20th November 2013 to 31 January 2022 amounts to \$12,000. Note: this initiative was previously funded by a sponsor direct to the awardee.



Payments from the Junior Sports Fund on a quarterly basis over previous quarters for Juniors - State Selection only (not special programs) is as follows:

<i>Financial year</i>	<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Totals each quarter \$</i>	<i>Accumulative Totals \$</i>
2021/2022	J - S	Nil	Nil
	O - D	\$700	\$700
	J - 31/01	Nil	\$700
2020/2021	J - S	Nil	Nil
	O - D	Nil	Nil
	J - M	\$750	\$750
	A - J	\$1,800	\$2,550
2019/2020	J - S	7,050	7,050
	O - D	1,700	8,750
	J - M	3,400	10,550
	A - J	Nil	10,550
2018/2019	J - S	5,500	5,500
	O - D	3,750	9,250
	J - M	2,325	11,575
	A - J	4,620	16,195
2017/2018	J - S	4,100	4,100
	O - D	4,600	8,700
	J - M	2,100	10,800
	A - J	2,650	13,450
2016/2017	J - S	6,750	6,750
	O - D	2,250	9,000
	J - M	8,500	17,500
	A - J	2,850	20,350
2015/2016	J - S	3,450	3,450
	O - D	9,950	13,400
	J - M	3,900	17,300
	A - J	3,300	20,600

Other Applications Received

Since the previous general meeting of 27 October 2021:

- (a) no non-resident applications were received during this period.
- (b) no applications for financial assistance were declined during this period.
- (c) no discretionary donation was made during this period.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund supports its member sporting organisations to develop and grow to achieve their aspirations and encourage and support participation.

- 1.1.1 Fostering and supporting community-based organisations.
- 1.1.2 Supporting programs that allow our community groups to be more effective in achieving their goals.



1.2.2 Helping community groups to help themselves by providing support for effective networks to develop and grow.

1.3.2 Providing opportunities to enable our community to be supported and involved.

COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to local junior sportspersons of Mount Gambier and District who have achieved as a minimum, selection in a formal State team and who compete at National sporting events (or equivalent) and who are a member of an Affiliated Sporting Organisation to aid in the financial burden these events place on regional families.

The Fund provides an ongoing pool of money for distribution to those juniors selected to represent the State or to represent Australia or equivalent and it also provides additional funding sourced from external sponsorship which is awarded to an exceptional junior on an annual basis.

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund places no additional financial implications for Council.

VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Communication with Member Organisations is ongoing. Applications for funding for State or National Funding can be received at any time. Specialised programs run on an annual basis such as Specialised Coaching Clinics, Disadvantaged Juniors and Exceptional Junior and these Programs are promoted to Members Organisations of the Fund as the arise.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

N/A



CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report 'Applications for Financial Assistance for Juniors and Payments from the Fund - 01/10/2021 - 31/01/2022' is provided for the information and noting of the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



18.5 ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT GAMBIER LAKES - DONATION TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED JUNIOR SPORTSPERSONS – REPORT NO. AR22/13974

Committee:	Junior Sports Assistance Fund
Meeting Date:	2 March 2022
Report No.:	AR22/13974
CM9 Reference:	AF11/725
Author:	Melissa Telford, Councillor Support Officer
Authoriser:	Tim Coote, General Manager City and Community Growth
Summary:	The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes provides annual funding to the Junior Sports Assistance Fund to provide a program to assist financially disadvantaged junior sportspersons with the costs of participation in their chosen sport. Member Organisations are invited to submit confidential nominations for consideration of the Committee.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Junior Sports Assistance Fund Report No. AR22/13974 titled 'Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donation to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons' as presented on 02 March 2022 be noted.
2. The following funding be made available to the Member Organisations named below to assist the identified junior(s) to achieve their fullest participation with the donation from the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes - Donations to Financially Disadvantaged Junior Sportspersons initiative, to be used strictly in accordance with their respective confidential application:
 - (a)
 - (b)



TYPE OF REPORT

Other

BACKGROUND

The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes conducts the very successful One Forty One Plantation Blue Lake Fun Run.

The Club had previously determined its schedule of organisations to receive the benefit of the surplus funds from the event.

One of the initiatives that the Club wished to achieve was to develop a process to assist financially disadvantaged junior sportspersons with the costs of their participation in their chosen sport e.g. equipment, footwear, membership fees etc.

Member Organisations were invited to submit confidential nominations in accordance with the guidelines with applications closing 31 January 2022.

The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes sponsor up to ten \$300 grants. This is the second call to utilise funding from 2021.

PROPOSAL

As at 31 January 2022, the following nominations were received for financial assistance:

(i) **Applicant 1**

Blue Lake Y Swim Club - Nominee Aged 16 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR:

Applicant 1 is a valued member of the Blue Lake Y Swim Club. Applicant 1 now resides with his grandmother who is an aged pensioner and is solely responsible for his financial needs. The Club nominates Applicant 1 to assist him to continue to participate in his chosen sport of swimming. This funding would help relieve any financial pressure and enable the junior to compete in the upcoming 2021/2022 swimming season.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

To assist with the costs of training equipment, swimwear, training fees and Swimming SA/Blue Lake Y Swim Club Membership Fees.

(ii) **Applicant 2**

Basketball Mount Gambier - Nominee Aged 13 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR:

Applicant 2's nomination came through to Basketball Mount Gambier from a school teacher. Applicant 2 played basketball 12 months ago but due to financial restraints has not been able to register for the current season. We would really love to be able to see her return to the sport of Basketball with some financial assistance.

ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?

Registration, weekly match and insurance fees.

(iii) **Applicant 3**

Basketball Mount Gambier - Nominee Aged 11 years

REASONS FOR NOMINATING THIS PARTICULAR JUNIOR:

Applicant 3 is a registered member of Basketball Mount Gambier but unfortunately is unable to pay weekly match fees. Due to COVID and a loss of income the family have been suffering some financial constraints. Applicant 3 does not have basketball attire and would be great for him to be able to purchase some for future training and games.



ASSUME MAXIMUM DONATION IS \$300 – HOW WILL DONATION BE USED?
Match fees and basketball attire.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund supports its member sporting organisations to develop and grow to achieve their aspirations and encourage and support participation.

- 1.1.1 Fostering and supporting community-based organisations.
- 1.1.2 Supporting programs that allow our community groups to be more effective in achieving their goals.
- 1.2.2 Helping community groups to help themselves by providing support for effective networks to develop and grow.
- 1.3.2 Providing opportunities to enable our community to be supported and involved.

COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to local junior sportspersons of Mount Gambier and District who have achieved as a minimum, selection in a formal State team and who compete at National sporting events (or equivalent) and who are a member of an Affiliated Sporting Organisation to aid in the financial burden these events place on regional families.

The Fund provides an ongoing pool of money for distribution to those juniors selected to represent the State or to represent Australia or equivalent and it also provides additional funding sourced from external sponsorship which is awarded to an exceptional junior on an annual basis.

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Junior Sports Assistance Fund places no additional financial implications for Council.



VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Communication with Member Organisations is ongoing. Applications for funding for State or National Funding can be received at any time. Specialised programs run on an annual basis such as Specialised Coaching Clinics, Disadvantaged Juniors and Exceptional Junior and these Programs are promoted to Members Organisations of the Fund as the arise.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Disadvantaged Junior Funding Program was advertised with the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Member Organisations in December with applications for funding closing on 31 January 2022 for the consideration of the Committee.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This report presents the applications received for consideration of the Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee. The Junior Sports Assistance Fund Committee to determine funding awardees.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT
GAMBIER
ON MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 5.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Sonya Meziniec, Mr Paul Duka (*virtual*),
Mr Alexander Brown (*virtual*), Ms Belinda Johnson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive Officer	- Mrs S Philpott
	General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services	- Mr D Barber
	Manager Financial Services	- Mrs J Scoggins
	Executive Administrator	- Ms S Wilson

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

2 APOLOGY(IES)

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Paul Duka
Seconded: Belinda Johnson

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 8 November 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Paul Duka

Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/74812 titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

5.2 EXTERNAL AUDIT MANAGEMENT REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Alexander Brown

Seconded: Belinda Johnson

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/69921 titled 'External Audit Management Report' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. The Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that:
 - (a) A report be provided to the Audit and Risk Committee at least on a quarterly basis throughout the financial year to provide an update on the progress against the recommendations raised by the External Auditors.

CARRIED

5.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM & MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Paul Duka

Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/85164 titled 'Audit and Risk Committee Work Program & Meeting Schedule 2022' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that the Audit and Risk Committee meet on the following dates in 2022 noting that the meeting dates are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required:
 - (a) Monday 28 February 2022;
 - (b) Monday 28 March 2022;
 - (c) Monday 2 May 2022
 - (d) Monday 25 July 2022
 - (e) Monday 19 September 2022
 - (f) Monday 28 November 2022
3. That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that the draft work program for the Audit and Risk Committee for calendar year 2022 (attached) be adopted, noting the

meeting dates and schedule are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required.

CARRIED

5.4 PRESIDING MEMBER NOMINATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Belinda Johnson

Seconded: Alexander Brown

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR22/12567 titled 'Presiding Member Nomination' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. The term of office for the position of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member be 2 year(s).
3. That Mr Paul Duka be the Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee on and from 15 March 2022 subject to endorsement by Council.

CARRIED

6 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5:47 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Audit and Risk Committee held on 28 March 2022.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

19.2 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – REPORT NO. AR21/74812

Meeting: Audit and Risk Committee
CM9 Reference: AF11/863
Author: Ashlee Lavia, Executive Administrator Corporate and Regulatory Services
Authoriser: Darren Barber, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/74812 titled 'Correspondence Received' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.



BACKGROUND

The report provides details of correspondence received since the previous meeting of the Audit Committee held 8 November 2021 and is provided for information.

DISCUSSION

The following correspondence has been received since the last meeting dated 8 November 2021:

- Resignation from Audit Committee - Angela Kain received on 4 November 2021

CONCLUSION

This report presents correspondence received for presentation to the Audit Committee for noting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resignation from Audit Committee - Angela Kain



Hi Darren,

After significant consideration I would like to tender my resignation from the City of Mount Gambier Audit Committee.

I have thoroughly valued my several years as a member of the committee, but due to my current work schedule I feel I cannot contribute the time required.

Your recent work reshaping the committee is a great step forward and will be very beneficial for future members.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the next up and coming meeting.

Regards

Angela Kain



19.3 EXTERNAL AUDIT MANAGEMENT REPORT – REPORT NO. AR21/69921

Committee:	Audit and Risk Committee
Meeting Date:	28 February 2022
Report No.:	AR21/69921
CM9 Reference:	AF11/863
Author:	Julie Scoggins, Manager Financial Services
Authoriser:	Darren Barber, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
Summary:	To inform the Audit and Risk Committee of the following: - The external audit plan for the Financial Year 2022; and - Progress against Council’s External Auditor’s recommendations for the 2020/21 year.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/69921 titled ‘External Audit Management Report’ as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. The Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that:
 - (a) A report be provided to the Audit and Risk Committee at least on a quarterly basis throughout the financial year to provide an update on the progress against the recommendations raised by the External Auditors.



TYPE OF REPORT

Corporate

BACKGROUND

1. **External Auditor Recommendations** - Council's external auditor, Galpins Accountants Auditors and Business Consultants, were appointed as Council's external auditor in 2016 and undertook interim and balance date audits over the following 5 years. Recommendations for improvement were put forward by Galpins with follow up actions agreed with Council.
2. **Appointment of External Auditors** - Dean and Newbery and Partners were appointed as Council's external Auditors for a period of 5 years commencing with the audit of the financial year ending 30 June 2022.
3. **Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference** - The following sections of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference are relevant to this report:
 - 12.5.5 **Annual Audit Plan** - Review and make recommendations on the annual audit plan, and in particular its consistency with the scope of the external audit engagement.
 - 12.5.9 **Management Letter** - Review the management letter and management's response to the external auditor's findings and recommendations. Subsequent to the initial review the Committee will oversee action to follow up on matters raised by the external auditors.

PROPOSAL

1. **Action Plan** - As per Attachment 1 Council staff have prepared and are continuing to implement an action plan to address the items identified in 2020/21 Internal Controls letter.
2. **Audit Plan** - The attached audit plan is aligned with the scope of the external audit engagement as shown below (Attachments 2 and 3):

Scope of the Audit:

The scope of the engagement, per Section 129 of the Act includes the audit of the following:

- **Section 129(a)**: Council's financial statements for the financial year which is to be prepared in accordance with the requirements under the Act.
- **Section 129(b)**: Audit of the controls exercised by Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities.

Key Milestones:

- **Audit Plan to Audit and Risk Committee** - February 2022.
 - **Offsite Testing** - March 2022.
 - **Interim Audit Attendance** - April 2022.
 - **Interim Audit Report to Audit and Risk Committee** - May 2022.
 - **Balance Date Audit** - August/September 2022.
 - **Audit and Risk Committee Review** - September 2022
 - **Council Adoption** - October 2022.
3. **2020/21 Financial Year** - As shown in Attachment 1 of this report of the five activities highlighted, one has been completed, two are partially completed and two are yet to implemented pending a Business Systems review.



LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

COUNCIL POLICY[A900 Asset Management Policy](#)[B300 Budget Framework](#)[R105 Rating Policy](#)[T150 Treasury Management Policy](#)**ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

N/A

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The external audit management report indicates that overall Council has effective controls in place, with opportunity for improvements noted and action plans established to achieve best practice.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - External Audit Actions Status
2. Attachment 2 - Audit Plan
3. Attachment 3 - Scope of External Audit Engagement



External Audit Management Report and Recommendations Register

Auditor Recommendation or Comment	Risk	Progress	Target Date	Status	Officer	Completion Date
2020/21 Internal Controls Letter:						
		Executive reporting developed and presented.	31-Dec	F	JS	31-Dec
Purchase Orders raised after invoices are received.	M	Draft procurement policy reviewed with Executive, contact made with key staff members, transaction types reviewed and recommendations made to improve processes.	31-Mar	P	JS	
No formal maintenance plans supporting general maintenance strategies per the Asset Management Plan	L	Asset maintenance programs are being developed as part of the 2022/23 budget process.	31-Mar	P	BC	
Accounts Payable - Improvements required in process for uploading supplier EFT files into online banking system.	M	A business systems review is scheduled. Any direct interface would need to be considered following the completion of the review. As shown in the original response, audit checks are already in place that would identify any changes.	Jun-23	N	JS	
Payroll - Improvements required in process for uploading supplier EFT files into online banking system.	M	A business systems review is scheduled. Any direct interface would need to be considered following the completion of the review. As shown in the original response, audit checks are already in place that would identify any changes.	Jun-23	N	JS	

RISK:
H - High
M - Moderate
L - Low

STATUS:
F - Fully
P - Partially
N - Not Implemented





City of Mount Gambier – External Audit Plan

30 June 2022

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Foreword

18 February 2022

Cr Sonya Mezinac
Presiding Member - Audit Committee
City of Mount Gambier
PO Box 56
MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290

Dear Cr Mezinac

We thank you for the opportunity to present to you our Audit Plan for the City of Mount Gambier (the Council) for the financial year ending 30 June 2022.

Our audit plan is subject to continual review and update as new information and matters arise during the course of the audit. This document is intended for the Council's Audit Committee and Administration only.

Our processes and approach to audit matters will continuously be considered and updated where required to address any changes to the operating environment, identified risks and findings identified from work completed.

Our Audit Plan is tailored specifically to the Council and places a high emphasis on communicating all audit matters and findings to you and the Council on a timely basis.

I look forward to working with yourself and the other members of the Audit Committee.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me on the details provided within.

Yours sincerely
DEAN NEWBERY



Samantha Creten
Partner



Key Contacts & Information

Samantha Creten is the Lead Audit Partner appointed to lead the audit team assembled for the engagement. Samantha is highly experienced Local Government Audit Partner who has over 25 years experience auditing the Local Government sector.

The Engagement Manager assisting Samantha, Kyle Harrison is another key contact for Council and will be managing the field work component of the engagement. Samantha and Kyle are committed to ensuring that a high quality audit service is provided to the Council throughout the term of the engagement.

The engagement team will also be assisted by John Jovicevic to support the audit team on a range of specific audit issues and complex matters as/when they arise.



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Introduction

Purpose of this Document

This documents provides an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit of the financial statements for the City of Mount Gambier (**the Council**) for the financial year ending 30 June 2022.

Audit Objectives

The objective of the audit process is to undertake the necessary work that will enable us to form an opinion per Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1999* as to whether:

- the financial report is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards and the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and applicable Regulations; and,
- controls exercised by the Council in relation to the receipts, expenditure and investment of moneys, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities are sufficient to provide assurance that the financial transactions of the council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law. The opinion is to be based on the criteria established in the *Better Practice Model – Financial Internal Control* issued by the Local Government Association of South Australia.

The financial statements are to be prepared in accordance with the requirement of the *Model Financial Statements* as required by the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*. All audit procedures have been designed to be carried out by our audit staff to provide us with reasonable assurance that the financial report, as a whole, is free from material misstatement.

The scope of the audit extends only to the Council and not to any Subsidiary entities which are required to obtain their own independent external audit in accordance with the Act.

Scope of the Audit

The scope of the engagement, per Section 129 of the Act includes the audit of the following:

- Section 129(a): Council's financial statements for the financial year which is to be prepared in accordance with the requirements under the Act.
- Section 129(b): Audit of the controls exercised by Council in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities.



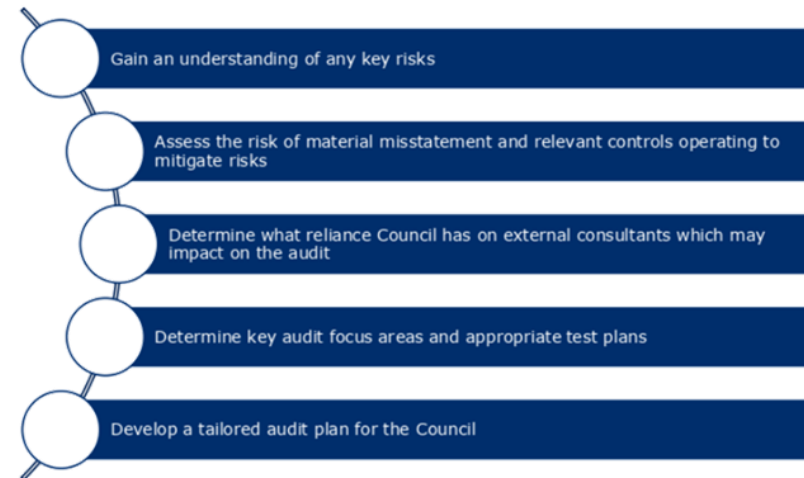
Audit Strategy

We follow a risk-based approach to audit planning that reflects our overall assessment of the relevant risks that apply to the Council. This ensures that our audit focuses on the areas of highest risk.

Our initial planning of our audit is based on undertaking the following:



In undertaking the initial audit planning tasks, we aim to achieve the following outcomes:



Materiality

Auditors use materiality to assist with making a judgement of the amount of work needed to be performed on specific balances and to evaluate the effect of misstatements on the financial report. In considering what could potentially be deemed as material, our audit considers factors which may influence the decisions of intended users and accordingly, both quantitative and qualitative matters are taken into consideration.

Materiality is therefore considered in the context of its potential impact on the decisions of intended users of the financial report if financial information individually or in aggregate was misstated, omitted and/or not disclosed. Materiality is initially calculated at the commencement of the engagement during the planning stage and subsequently, reassessed as additional information is obtained during the audit process up until the time of issuing the audit opinion. As is part of our communication strategy, we will communicate to you any material and, potentially non-material matters that may have other business improvement or governance related benefits, during the course of the audit engagement when matters arise through our audit management reports issued.

Internal Controls

A key component to the audit work we undertake is gaining an understanding of the internal controls in operation within the business that is relevant to assisting us with our risk assessment procedures. In testing the effectiveness of controls, we gather evidence by employing the following techniques:

- Inspection of systems
- Observation of control operating
- Inquire of control operations results
- Recalculation and/or re-performance of control
- Assess the Council's risk assessment process

The objective of the test of controls is to achieve the following key objectives:

- To obtain evidence as to whether controls operated as intended throughout the period
- Assess internal controls based on the criteria set in the *Better Practice Model – Financial Internal Controls* relevant for Councils in South Australia

Should we become aware of any significant deficiencies or consider there to be areas where controls could be further strengthened/improved, we will communicate these matters to the Audit Committee and Management. Completion of the above work will enable us to express an audit opinion of the Council's internal controls are required by Section 129(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Fraud

Our audit is not designed nor intended to detect whether there is any fraudulent activity occurring however, should we become aware of it, we will ensure to report any matters. As part of our audit procedures, we make enquiries of management and those charged with governance to identify any instances of known or suspected fraud.

As part of considering fraud, we also consider the risk of management overrides of controls.

Key Areas of Audit Focus

Based on our existing knowledge of the Council and the Local Government sector, we have identified the matters we think present the risk to potential material misstatements in the financial report. Our audit procedures are designed to focus our testing and review of controls on these assessed risk areas.

Throughout the engagement, we will continue to monitor and assess our risk assessment to ensure that we factor in any additional testing necessary to consider additional risk areas deemed required to be included in our audit testing.

We have highlighted below the risks we have identified along with our planned approach to respond to those risks as part of the audit work we plan to undertake.

Audit Matter	Audit Approach
Delegation of Authority	Review controls and processes relating to amending changes in authority levels for procurement and EFT payment releases.
Management override of Controls	This is a risk that is a required presumption under the Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures will involve a review of internal controls and test for any unusual transactions within our samples to determine if any transactions do not appear to be within normal business parameters.
Capital Works in Progress (WIP)	Perform sample substantive testing of WIP transactions to ensure correct treatment and classification and ageing of WIP transactions. Conduct sample transactions testing to test for correct recording and classification between capital and operating expenses.
ICT Controls	Review controls surrounding system access changes, changes in permission levels, disaster recovery and back-up procedures, data security and remote access.
Internal Control Review Assessments	Enquire with Management of the framework and program in place to undertake regular review and assessment of Council's internal controls.
Financial Policies	Key policies and registers are maintained and required policies have been reviewed within required timeframes.
Accounting for Grants	Ensure that grants income is correctly treated in accordance with AASB 1058 and the Model Financial Statements.
Procurement	Review of internal controls around Council's procurement of goods and services. Substantive testing approach to test that procured goods and services have been conducted in accordance with policies and procedures and in line with adopted budget.
Asset Valuations	Review assumptions and key estimates applied to asset valuations and depreciation expense calculations to ensure they are relevant and reliable for financial reporting purposes in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards.
Waste Management	Review the key assumptions and methodology applied for landfill amortisation and remediation provisions to ensure conformance with applicable Accounting Standards.

Audit Timetable

Our audit timetable has been formulated based on information obtained from Management along with our existing knowledge of the level of work required to be undertaken to form the audit opinions required by the *Local Government Act 1999*.

A summary of our stages of the audit program and expected milestones has been summarised below. Should there be any changes to the expected timetable below, this will be communicated with Management and the Audit Committee.

Key Audit Milestones	Timeframe
Submission of Audit Plan to Council's Audit Committee	February 2022
Commencement of Interim Audit (Off-Site Testing)	March 2022
Interim Audit (On-Site Attendance)	April 2022
Interim Management Report issued to Council's Audit Committee	May 2022
Balance Date Audit requirements checklist to be provided to Council	June 2022
Balance Date Audit requirements to be provided to auditors – <i>including all completed valuations and financial statements of Subsidiary entities</i>	August 2022
Draft financial statements to be provided to auditors	September 2022
Balance Date audit attendance to commence	August/September 2022
Exit Meeting with Council Management	September 2022
Meet with Council's Audit Committee	September 2022
Audit Report and Independence Declarations to be issued by auditors	October 2022



Communication Strategy

Our Management Letters/Reports are issued at the conclusion of each audit attendance and we will ensure to provide comments and findings as a result of testing completed on key matters reviewed. Our approach is for our Management Letters/Reports to provide only constructive feedback to any audit findings as required by Australian Auditing Standards.

All Management Letters/Reports will be provided as draft reports to the Administration for their review and comment prior to issuing a final version.

External Confirmations

To assist with the gathering of audit evidence necessary to complete the audit, we will be sending the following confirmation requests:

- External bank confirmations for all bank accounts, loans and products (including credit cards)
- Solicitor's representation letter
- Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA) balance confirmations
- External Asset Valuation(s) (where applicable)

Independence

Our audit is required to be conducted to comply with the following independence requirements:

- *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*
- APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants

As part of our audit procedures, we obtain independence declarations from all engagement staff to confirm that all engagement team members meet the above standards prior to the commencement of working on the engagement. We will annually provide Council with confirmation that we have met with our independence requirements as required by the above legislation and standards.

Should any situation arise where we become aware that an issue over our independence, we will communicate this immediately to Council's Chief Executive Office and Audit Committee.

We confirm that Dean Newbery has not provided any other services to the Council as at the time of preparing this Report.



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Annexure A Services

1. Scope of the Audit

The auditor is to:

- 1.1 Carry out such work as is necessary to form opinions as to whether:
 - (a) the accounts are properly kept and the annual financial statements:
 - (i) are prepared in accordance with the financial records; and
 - (ii) represent fairly the results of the operations and cash flows for the financial year and the financial position of the Council at 30 June in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Local Government Act 1999 (as amended) and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
 - (b) the controls exercised by the Council during the relevant financial year in relation to the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities are sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that the financial transactions of the council have been conducted properly and in accordance with law.
- 1.2 Include in his or her audit report any matters identified during the normal audit procedures such as:
 - (a) any significant adverse trends in the financial position or the financial management practices of the Council;
 - (b) any material irregularities in the Council's accounting practices or in the management of the Council's financial affairs identified during the course of the audit;
 - (c) any weaknesses in the Council's internal financial controls;
 - (d) any factors impacting on the adequacy of the depreciation charge for the year. This is after due consideration of an assessment of the depreciation methodology principles adopted by Council and the consistency of the accounting principles applied.
- a. Perform additional audit work for multiple smaller acquittals, including:
 - (a) Grant acquittals (at various times)
 - (b) Junior Sports Assistance Fund Annual Financial Report (September)
 - (c) Annual Roads to Recovery Return (30 October)
 - (d) The Local Government Workers Compensation Scheme Audit Certificate (September)
- b. Provide value adding to Council's operations by providing advice, either informally through its working with Council staff and/or formally as part of reporting this to Council as part of its documented communications, on processes, procedures, risks and controls and any other relevant areas of business where this advice will assist Council in improving its overall effectiveness and efficiency in these areas.



2. Audit Methodology and Approach

- 2.1 The auditor is required to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.
- 2.2 An audit is to be carried out in accordance with the Auditing Standards and Auditing Guidance Statements published (and amended from time to time) by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board established under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 of the Commonwealth.
- 2.3 The auditor shall not be engaged by the Council to undertake any financial and accounting work that results in financial information that will be the subject of the annual audit.
- 2.4 The auditor is to provide the Council with a general outline of his or her methodology. This may include the proposed analysis and review of internal financial controls and the extent to which these controls lead to reliance on the Council's administration and financial systems to produce accurate reports.
- 2.5 The auditor is to provide the Council with a plan for the audit including:
- timing of interim audit visits;
 - final audit visit (within 60 days of being advised that the accounts and annual financial report are available for audit);
 - a 'Prepared by Client' list of items required to be presented to the auditors by Council at the start of the (interim or final) audit work timely before the start of the audit work;
 - attendance of the Audit Committee;
 - the method of performing the audit, including likely remote or on-site audit work, expected staffing and staff experience; and
 - the method to be used to communicate with, and provide advice and information to, the Council.
- 2.6 The auditor is required to produce two opinions in compliance with section 129(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 and written advice on particular matters arising from the audit, in compliance with section 129(4).
- 2.7 Prior to handing over a final audit management letter (see Section 6 below) the auditor is to discuss the proposed contents of the letter with senior management and thereafter at a meeting of the Council's Audit Committee or the Council itself.

3. Critical Matters to be Audited

Council is of the view that the following matters are important to the proper maintenance and reporting of its financial statements. They are also important to the auditor's responsibility for providing the audit opinions and the written advice required by subsections 129(3) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1999. The auditor should include in his or her proposal the extent to which the matters outlined below will be examined in the course of forming his or her independent audit opinions of the annual financial reports and the internal financial controls of the City of Mount Gambier.

3.1 Governance and Control

- (a) Roles and Responsibilities



- (b) Delegated Authorities
 - (c) Council/Committee Minutes and Directions
 - (d) Strategic/Business/Risk Management and Planning
 - (e) Budget Management
 - (f) Internal Controls including ICT Security
- 3.2 Financial Accounting and Reporting**
- (a) Income
 - Rates revenue
 - Government grants
 - User pays revenue
 - Profit on sale of non-current assets
 - Other income
 - (b) Expenses
 - Salaries and wages
 - Depreciation
 - Materials and contracts
 - Loss on sale or revaluation of non-current assets
 - Insurances
 - Bad debts
 - Other expenses
 - (c) Current Assets
 - Cash at bank and short term investments
 - Receivables and prepayments
 - Inventories
 - (d) Non-Current Assets
 - Property, plant, furniture and equipment
 - Infrastructure and accumulated depreciation thereon
 - Other receivables
 - (e) Liabilities (current and non-current)
 - Creditors and accruals
 - Borrowings
 - Provisions for employee entitlements
 - (f) Other
 - Statement of changes in equity



- Disclosure of contingent liabilities
- Disclosure of capital commitments
- Accounting policies and notes to the financial statements
- Statement of cash flows
- Financial Indicators¹⁶ as set out in the Model Financial Statements

4. Audit Management letter – reporting on the findings of an interim Audit and a final Audit

Without limiting the scope and application of ASA 260 – “Communication of Audit Matters with Those Charged With Governance” Council requires that the auditor shall promptly after the conclusion of both the interim audit or a final audit (in compliance with section 129(4) of the Local Government Act 1999) provide to the Principal Member of the Council, the Council's Audit Committee and the Chief Executive Officer a management letter outlining the audit findings in relation to the following matters where such matters are material:

- 4.1** Any significant adverse trends in the financial performance, financial position or financial management practices of the Council and any material irregularities in the Council's accounting practices or in the management of the Council's financial affairs identified during the course of the audit. Where management has taken steps to correct or improve the financial performance, financial position, financial management practices, accounting practices or management of the Council's financial affairs, the auditor must comment on the efficacy of the correction or improvement.
- 4.2** The extent to which the internal control environment has been assessed as set out in the audit plan and any material weaknesses in the control environment, based on the application of auditing standard ASA 315 (*Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and its Environment*), other relevant auditing standards, and the LGA's *Better Practice Model –Internal Financial Controls*.¹⁷ Where weaknesses have been identified and management has proposed or adopted remedial action to rectify the weaknesses, the auditor must comment on the efficacy of the proposed or adopted course of action. Where weaknesses have not been addressed the auditor must make recommendations for addressing the weaknesses.
- 4.3** Whether the Council, through its Audit Committee, is regularly monitoring and assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of its risk management framework and activities.
- 4.4** Where the Council, Audit Committee or management have requested that a specific activity, function or operation of the Council be reviewed during an audit, the auditor must report on the scope of the review, its findings and any recommendations in relation to the activity, function or operation of the Council.
- 4.5** Where an Auditing Standard requires that the auditor must give consideration to the reporting of specific matters to those charged with governance, the auditor must comply with the Auditing Standard and report as necessary.
- 4.6** The auditor must report on the outcome of any remedial action taken by the Council as a result of previous reports. Specific attention must be drawn to situations where the remedial action is not adequate, including the failure to implement remedial action.



**19.4 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM & MEETING SCHEDULE 2022 –
REPORT NO. AR21/85164**

Committee:	Audit and Risk Committee
Meeting Date:	28 February 2022
Report No.:	AR21/85164
CM9 Reference:	AF11/863
Author:	Julie Scoggins, Manager Financial Services
Authoriser:	Darren Barber, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
Summary:	This report provides details of the proposed Audit and Risk Committee work program and meeting schedule.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People
	Goal 2: Our Location
	Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy
	Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage
	Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR21/85164 titled 'Audit and Risk Committee Work Program & Meeting Schedule 2022' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that the Audit and Risk Committee meet on the following dates in 2022 noting that the meeting dates are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required:
 - (a) Monday 28 February 2022;
 - (b) Monday 28 March 2022;
 - (c) Monday 2 May 2022
 - (d) Monday 25 July 2022
 - (e) Monday 19 September 2022
 - (f) Monday 28 November 2022
3. That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that the draft work program for the Audit and Risk Committee for calendar year 2022 (attached) be adopted, noting the meeting dates and schedule are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required.



TYPE OF REPORT

Corporate

BACKGROUND

1. **Terms of Reference** - The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) Terms of Reference was adopted by Council in November 2021, the following sections of the terms of reference are relevant to this report:

9.1 **Number of Meetings** - *The Committee have an ordinary meeting at least four times a year at appropriate times in the reporting and audit cycle and otherwise as required.*

9.2 **Additional Meetings** - *Shall be convened at the discretion of the Chairperson or at the written request of a Committee member, the CEO or the internal or external auditors.*

The Committee:

13.1 **Annual Work Program** - *The Committee must adopt an annual work program.*

2. **Purpose of the Work Program** - The Audit and Risk Committee has a work program that enables responsibilities from the Terms of Reference to be scheduled across the various committee dates.

PROPOSAL

1. **Number of Meetings** - The meetings scheduled in this report ensure that there are a minimum of four meetings per financial year aligned with the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.
2. **Meetings Schedule** - The meetings for 2022 are scheduled to occur on a Monday, the timing of which accommodates the forwarding of ARC recommendations to the next Council meeting which is held on the third Tuesday of each calendar month, except for December:
 - Monday 28 February 2022;
 - Monday 28 March 2022;
 - Monday 2 May 2022
 - Monday 25 July 2022
 - Monday 19 September 2022
 - Monday 28 November 2022
3. **Changes to Schedule** - The meeting dates and schedule are subject to change, including if an additional meeting is required.
4. **Publication of Work Program** - The program will be published on the Audit and Risk Committee's page of Council's website.
5. **Internal Audit** - At this stage no specific reports have been defined or reports allocated to particular dates. The internal audit approach and work program are currently being established for the coming financial year.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Audit and Risk Committee is required under S126 of the Local Government Act 1999.

STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A



COUNCIL POLICY

N/A

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Sitting fees are included in the annual budget.

Reports for the Audit and Risk Committee are incorporated into staff work plans.

VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk that some reports identified in the work program may be delay to a different meeting.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Audit and Risk Committee draft Work Program 2022 is sufficiently detailed and flexible to enable the Committee to fulfill its Terms of Reference.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Draft Audit and Risk Committee Work Program



Audit & Risk Committee - Draft Work Program

Month	February	March	May	July	September	November
Audit & Risk Committee Dates	28/02/2022 15/03/2022	28/03/2022 15/03/2022	2/05/2022 17/05/2022	25/07/2021 16/08/2022	19/09/2022 18/10/2022	28/11/2022 13/12/2022
Financial Reporting & Management:						
Review statutory financial statements						
Comparison of actual performance to budget as at year-end						
Review performance of investments and borrowings						
External Audit Attendance Letter						
Audit & Risk Committee self-assessment and annual report						
Internal Controls and Risk Management Systems:						
Monitor effectiveness of Council's internal controls & risk mgt systems.						
Strategic Risk Register						
Review of insurances						
Local Government Act Reform						
Work Health Safety Update						
Internal Audit (TBC):						
Internal Audit - Oversight of program planning and scope.						
Progress on internal audits						
External Audit:						
Review annual audit plan						
Meeting with auditors to review audit findings						
Review audit management report and management's response						
Review any Mgt Representation Letter before they are signed by management.						
Review of Strategic Management and Business Plans:						
Review Asset Management Plans (Forward Works Program)						
Review Long Term Financial Plan						
Review Annual Business Plan						
Budget Reviews (BR0, BR1, BR2, BR3)						
Policy Reviews:						
Procurement & Disposal Of Land and Assets P420						
Asset Accounting Policy (New)						
Asset Management Policy A900						
Other:						
Review annual work plan						
Wulanda Update						



19.5 PRESIDING MEMBER NOMINATION – REPORT NO. AR22/12567

Committee:	Audit and Risk Committee
Meeting Date:	28 February 2022
Report No.:	AR22/12567
CM9 Reference:	AF11/863
Author:	Ashlee Lavia, Executive Administrator Corporate and Regulatory Services
Authoriser:	Darren Barber, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services
Summary:	This Report is presented to enable the nomination of a Chairperson / Presiding Member for the Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference adopted on 16 November 2021.
Strategic Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That Audit and Risk Committee Report No. AR22/12567 titled 'Presiding Member Nomination' as presented on 28 February 2022 be noted.
2. The term of office for the position of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member be 2 year(s).
3. That _____ be the Presiding Member of the Audit and Risk Committee on and from 15 March 2022 subject to endorsement by Council.



TYPE OF REPORT

Legislative

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting on 16 November 2021, adopted the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.

In accordance with section 7 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference the Chairperson / Presiding Member of the Committee must be an independent member appointed by Council:

- 7.2 Appointment** - The Chairperson of the Committee must be appointed by Council resolution and be an independent member. The Chairperson will be appointed for two years.
- 7.3 Tenure** - After serving two years, the Committee may choose to appoint the Chairperson for a further one year term or the Committee may choose to nominate another Chairperson from the independent membership for a one year term. The process will be dependent on the Committee seeking nominations from the current independent membership and providing a report for noting to the Council.

PROPOSAL

The selection of a Presiding Member is from amongst its own membership.

The following process is summarised from Council's *C410 Conduct of Meetings Policy*:

- *A nominee need not be present, but must accept nomination prior to consideration.*
- *Nominees should display the qualities sought to fill the position including relevant skills and experience.*
- *Where more than one nomination is received a secret ballot shall be conducted forthwith without debate. Resolutions will be passed to endorse the voting process and appoint the Chief Executive Officer (or any other Senior Officer present at the meeting) as Returning Officer to declare the result and draw lots (if/as necessary).*
- *The Mayor may vote but a Member not in their seat at the meeting does not vote.*
- *The candidate with the highest number of votes (or where two or more candidates receive the equal highest number of votes the first name drawn in the lot) shall be declared as being nominated/appointed to the vacant position.*
- *A division cannot be called on the question of appointing a person to fill a vacant position.*
- *A motion to endorse the filling of the vacant position may be accepted (but is not required) however any failure or variation of the motion shall be of no effect on the result of the secret ballot.*

Should the Committee have only one nomination for Presiding Member then that Member may be the nominee that the Committee recommends to Council for appointment as Presiding Member.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A



COUNCIL POLICY

[Council Policy C410 - Conduct of Meetings \(s92 Code of Practice\)](#)

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

VALUE FOR MONEY

N/A

RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

N/A

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

N/A

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee may now accept nominations and endorse and conduct a ballot process - if necessary, to determine a Presiding Member recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

