

# Kaniva Recreation Reserve

## Strategic Master Plan



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## Executive Summary

Kaniva Recreation Reserve is at the heart and soul of Kaniva. It is a place where people come together to play, watch or officiate sport such as football, netball, tennis and hockey; take part in active recreation such as skateboarding, informal play, walking or jogging; and participate in meetings, events and community gatherings such as the annual Kaniva Agricultural Show. The reserve is highly valued by both user groups and the broader community.

This 10-year strategic master provides a blueprint for further enhancing the sport, active recreation and community activities available at Kaniva Recreation Reserve and ensuring that the facilities where these activities occur are sustainable, flexible, accessible and fit-for-purpose. Priorities have been identified through extensive engagement with user groups, state sporting associations, West Wimmera Shire Council staff, State Government agencies and local residents. This strategic master plan will be used by the Kaniva community to guide their decision making in relation to infrastructure developments over the next ten years.

In order to prioritise proposed developments at Kaniva Recreation Reserve, these potential developments have been assessed against the vision and planning principles identified for the site. The vision for the reserve is:

### *Kaniva Recreation Reserve:*

*A welcoming, sustainable and inclusive active community space for everyone to enjoy.*

The nine principles that guide future development and programming are:

1. Promotes participation, connection and liveability
2. Demonstrated by an evidence base and community need
3. Builds community capacity
4. Sustainable (to develop and operate)
5. Accessible and inclusive
6. Encourages partnerships and collaborations
7. Multipurpose / adaptable in design
8. Improves safety  
Maximises usage.

Key issues that the master plan addresses are:

- Lack of change facilities for netballers and hockey players, and existing change rooms that do not meet standards (netball and away football / cricket team)
- Poor condition of netball court surface, hockey field surface and existing public toilet block
- Lack of infrastructure to support sports participation and training, e.g. cricket practice nets and lighting
- Opportunities to provide additional sport and active recreation opportunities at the site as well as social facilities

- Improved accessibility for people with disabilities
- Need for clearly defined pathways, roads and parking throughout the site
- Drainage issues.

Key priorities of the master plan include:

### **High priorities**

- Undertake necessary repair of netball court surface in the interim, with the view to relocate netball courts closer to the hub as soon as funds are available (accompanied by a fenced sandpit for children to play in)
- Extend the community hub to accommodate netball change facilities and to bring the existing change rooms up to standard
- Improve drainage near the Community Hub
- Develop an irrigated kick about area to the south-west of the Community Hub
- Construct a 2-bay cricket practice net on the irrigated kick about area accompanied by a storage shed or storage facility in the upgraded Community Hub
- Install AFL approved goal posts on the oval
- Install solar panels on the roof of the hub.

### **Medium priorities**

- Construct a wheeled park comprising of the existing skate park, a pump track, a bike education course and a central gathering space with BBQ, picnic settings and drinking water
- Enhance existing play space near the existing netball courts
- Develop change facilities, an irrigation system and lighting for hockey, along with a fence around the second field
- Upgrade the Sports Complex
- Relocate the Animal Nursery closer to the Poultry and Ag Pavilions and install power
- Construct / formalise internal roads
- Construct internal pathways
- Change entry and exit points to the reserve (retain the current entrance as an alternative entrance so that event organisers can manage traffic flow and pedestrian interaction and consider the extension of Farmer Street footpath and sealing of this road).
- Relocate the ticket box.

### **Low priorities**

- Construct a golf driving range and putting green
- Convert the existing site of the netball courts into a basketball court and play area
- Paint a mural onto Barney's Bar depicting sporting champions of Kaniva
- Remove / relocate sheds with rounded roofs next to hockey (if no longer structurally sound)
- Relocate shot gun club to the rifle range
- Create footpath connection to town.

## Introduction

Kaniva Recreation Reserve is situated on Crown Land and is located on Budjik Street, Kaniva. Kaniva itself is located within West Wimmera Shire, 417 km north-west of Melbourne and 25km east of the South Australian border.

The reserve offers opportunities for football, netball, cricket, tennis, hockey, basketball, badminton, gym, fitness classes, skateboarding, informal play and events such as the annual agricultural show. It also offers opportunities for informal non-organised activities such as walking, jogging / running and bike riding. Other organisations and community groups use the Community Hub for meetings and events such as Kaniva Car and Bike show and weddings.

Some of the key issues, challenges and opportunities faced by Kaniva Recreation Reserve (identified in previous plans and from general observation) include:

- Lack of change facilities for netballers and hockey players
- Lack of lighting on the hockey fields and poor-quality surface
- Poor condition of netball courts
- Poor condition of public toilets
- No cricket nets
- Poor pathway connections to other parts of Kaniva.

Sport and active recreation is of significant value to rural communities such as Kaniva – not only for physical activity and health benefits, but for the social connections that can be made through both participating and spectating. To give sport and recreation opportunities the very best chance of surviving and ensuring the community can achieve the benefits that sport and active recreation offer, it is important to identify community needs in terms of their desired activities; provide the types of facilities and infrastructure required to enable these activities to occur; and support the clubs and organisations that deliver sport and recreation opportunities.

West Wimmera Shire Council has commissioned this strategic master plan in order to identify the key actions that need to occur to ensure that the reserve continues to flourish and meet the sport and active recreation needs of the community both now and in the future.

## Vision and planning principles

To help guide the future development and management of the Kaniva Recreation Reserve, a shared vision and nine planning principles have been developed. The vision is contained within the centre circle and the surrounding circles highlight the planning principles which all future works should be assessed against. This vision and associated planning principles align with West Wimmera Shire's Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2024-2034:



## Context

In order to understand the context and policy directions associated with Kaniva Recreation Reserve, six strategies have been reviewed, i.e.

1. West Wimmera Shire Council Community Vision 2021
2. West Wimmera Shire Council Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2024-2034
3. West Wimmera Shire Asset Management Plan 2022-2032
4. West Wimmera Shire Council - Recreational Trails Strategy (2018)
5. Kaniva Social Infrastructure Study 2014
6. Wimmera Development Association (2020) Wimmera Southern Mallee Community Sport – securing the future of sport through COVID-19 and beyond.

Key learnings from these strategies are:

- That Council is keen to promote physical activity and highlight its role in contributing to community life.
- The overall framework for sport and active recreation facility and program development focuses on a welcoming environment that promotes a diversity opportunities and participation. Community connections, safety and empowerment are also key attributes.
- Various potential works at Kaniva Recreation Reserve have been identified through existing strategies, e.g.
  - Update master plan for the Kaniva Recreation Reserve
  - Design and install lighting for hockey fields
  - Design and construct hockey change room facility
  - Upgrade hockey field surfaces and fencing
  - Upgrade netball courts and lighting (with potential for 3<sup>rd</sup> court)
  - Upgrade public toilets
  - Design and construct netball change rooms
  - Construct junior footy oval
  - Design and construct cricket training nets
  - Improved pedestrian links from the town to the reserve
  - Various other projects that have been completed, e.g. power and water upgrade, new lights on the oval, community hub, 2<sup>nd</sup> hockey field, new playground
- That Council will minimise expenditure on new assets and limit upgrades with concentration on renewal. However, upgrades and renewal of buildings will occur when external sources of funding are available, for which Council will provide the required contribution.
- Recognition that strategic planning, financial management, diversification of income stream and volunteer management are important for sports club survival.

## Our community

The following statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Census<sup>1</sup>, creates a picture of the people of Kaniva.



### Age

At the time of the 2021 Census, Kaniva had a population of 891 people. Females make up 47.6% of the population and males make up 52.4%. The median age is 51. Compared with Victoria, Kaniva has a similar percentage of children 0-4 years of age; a lower percentage of people aged 5-49 years of age; and a higher percentage of people over 50 years of age.

Population growth in West Wimmer Shire is expected to decrease marginally from 3,978 people in 2021 to 3,597 people in 2036<sup>2</sup>. By 2036, the largest two age cohorts are anticipated to be people 60-75 years of age (making up 21.7% of the population) and people aged 75+ (making up 20.4% of the population). The ageing of the population needs to be considered when planning for suitable activities and infrastructure at the Recreation Reserve.



### Cultural background

There are 7 people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders living in Kaniva (0.8% of the population compared with 1.0% for Victoria). 88.6% of the population was born in Australia, compared with 65.0% of Victorians. Of those born overseas, the five top countries of birth recorded in the Census statistics are England (1.9%); Germany (0.4%); Greece (0.4%); Philippines (0.4%); and Scotland (0.3%).



### Employment

There is a smaller percentage of people in Kaniva who are in the workforce compared with Victoria (57.0% compared with 62.4%) – most likely to do with the fact that it is an ageing community. Of those who are in the workforce there is a slightly higher percentage of people working full time in Kaniva as in Victoria, slightly less working part time and slightly less away from work. The unemployment rate at the time of the 2021 Census was considerably lower in Kaniva than for Victoria overall (3.7% compared with 5.0%).

From an industry perspective, Kaniva is a mix of farming, health, education and government services. Its key industries of employment include:

- Grain-Sheep or Grain-Beef Cattle Farming
- Hospitals (except Psychiatric Hospitals)
- Other Grain Growing
- Combined Primary and Secondary Education
- Local Government Administration.

Within these industries, key occupations include:

- Managers
- Professionals

<sup>1</sup> ABS QuickStats 2021: Kaniva: <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL21295>

<sup>2</sup> Victoria in Future: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/Data-spatial-and-insights/discover-and-access-planning-open-data/urban-development-program/victoria-in-future>

- Labourers
- Community and Personal Service Workers
- Technicians and Trades Workers
- Clerical and Administrative Workers
- Sales Workers
- Machinery Operators and Drivers.



### **Income and housing**

The median weekly household income in Kaniva is substantially less than for Victoria overall, i.e. \$1,121 compared with \$1,759. Given the ageing of the population, this may be as a result of a significant proportion of the population receiving an aged pension. The median weekly rent in Kaniva is \$125 compared with \$370 for Victoria and the median monthly mortgage repayment is \$715 compared with \$1,859. 78.3% of houses are owned outright or owned with a mortgage (compared with 68.3% for Victoria). 14.4% of homes are rented in Kaniva compared with 28.5% in Victoria. Other forms of tenure make up 5.3% for Kaniva and 3.2% of tenures in Victoria.



### **Family composition**

In terms of family composition, 62.1% of households are made up of families (with or without children) and 35.6% of households are single (or lone) person households. This compares with 70.1% and 25.9% respectively for Victoria. Group households in Kaniva make up 2.3% of all households compared with 4.0% for Victoria.



### **Volunteering**

Volunteer rates for an organisation or group over the last 12 months are significantly higher in Kaniva than in Victoria, i.e. 40.0% compared with 13.3%. It is highly likely that many of Kaniva's volunteers offer their services to activities held at Kaniva Recreation Reserve.



### **Health**

Residents of Kaniva report poorer health overall than Victorians, with 47.9% of Kaniva residents having some form of long-term health issues, compared with 39.0% of Victorians. The ageing of the community will have had some impact on this figure. Health conditions more prevalent in Kaniva than Victoria as a percentage include arthritis, asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, lung conditions and mental health issues (including depression or anxiety).



### **Car ownership**

The average number of cars per dwelling is 2.1.

## The benefits of sport and active recreation

Whilst individuals benefit from sport and active recreation from a health and wellbeing perspective and greater connections within their community, the whole community benefits from a greater sense of community cohesion, economic opportunities, improvement to the environment, reduction in crime and a more liveable and vibrant community. Some of the benefits that may occur through participation in sport and active recreation are:

Social Benefits	Health Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a greater sense of community</li> <li>• Creates stronger, more self-reliant and resilient communities</li> <li>• Encourages greater social and friendship networks</li> <li>• Helps to improve liveability</li> <li>• Helps to reduce anti-social behavior and vandalism</li> <li>• Helps to develop shared attitudes, values and codes of behaviour in the community</li> <li>• Helps to break down barriers between different sectors of the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protects against certain diseases and health conditions, e.g. cardiovascular disease, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, musculoskeletal impairments, obesity and some cancers</li> <li>• Helps to promote positive mental health</li> <li>• Improves balance and coordination, resulting in fewer falls</li> <li>• Develops stronger muscles, joints and bones</li> <li>• Improves confidence and self-esteem</li> <li>• Improves body image</li> <li>• Improves motor skills</li> <li>• Helps to reduce stress, depression and anxiety</li> <li>• Creates a sense of achievement</li> <li>• Increases energy and concentration levels</li> <li>• Reduces incidence and severity of illness and disability</li> <li>• Increases life expectancy.</li> </ul>
Environmental Benefits	Economic Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourages a greater appreciation and awareness of the natural environment (i.e. develops environmental stewardship)</li> <li>• Encourages the protection of areas of conservation or cultural heritage value</li> <li>• Reduces carbon emissions, air pollution and noise pollution (through activities such as active transport in place of vehicular transportation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attracts visitors and generates tourism</li> <li>• Attracts businesses and creates employment</li> <li>• Attracts events that generate income locally</li> <li>• Creates higher market value of properties near public open space</li> <li>• Improves viability of local businesses through the sale of sport and recreation equipment, services and programs</li> <li>• Reduces government expenditure on health care as a result of physical inactivity (and therefore premature death from inactivity)</li> </ul>

## Sport and active recreation participation and trends

### Victorian physical activity participation rates for adults and children

In recent years, there has been a shift away from organised sport to more informal recreational activities that can be undertaken in small groups, alone, or at varying times of the day. The following table<sup>3</sup> shows the most popular physical activities (organised and non-organised) for people 15 years of age and over in Victoria between January and December 2024 and the most popular activities for children during that time:

Rank	Activity - adults	% of people over 15	Rank	Activity – children (organised outside of school hours)	% of children aged 0-14 years
1	Walking (Recreational)	51.8%	1	Swimming	23.9%
2	Fitness/Gym	30.4%	2	Football / soccer	10.2%
3	Running / jogging	16.9%	3	Basketball	10.0%
4	Bush walking	15.3%	4	Australian Football	8.9%
5	Swimming	13.0%	5	Gymnastics	6.4%
6	Cycling	8.9%	6	Dancing (recreational)	5.4%
7	Pilates	6.7%	7	Netball	4.7%
8	Basketball	6.0%	8	Tennis	4.6%
9	Tennis	5.9%	9	Walking (Recreational)	4.5%
10	Yoga	5.3%	10	Cricket	4.3%

<sup>3</sup> Clearinghouse for Sport. Ausplay Data Victoria 2023-24:  
<https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/research/ausplay/results>

## Trends

The sport and active recreation landscape is constantly changing. The table below describes some of the trends currently occurring in the industry and within rural Victorian communities which should be considered when planning facilities, programs and services in the future:

<b>Trend</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Individual lifestyle activities</b>	<i>There has been a movement away from many traditional organised sports such as football, cricket, netball and tennis to more individual or small group non-organised activities, e.g. walking, gym workouts, fitness classes, cycling, swimming and running.</i>
<b>Growth of female participation in specific sports</b>	<i>Participation by girls and women in AFL, soccer and cricket has increased in recent years. This growth is accompanied by the need to find suitable sports grounds and change facilities for training and games. The growth in participation in ALF, soccer and cricket may or may not result in a decrease in participation by girls and women in other sports.</i>
<b>Events and tourism</b>	<i>There has been greater demand on sporting facilities and public open spaces such as parks for special events, e.g. sports tournaments, markets, festivals, weddings, fun runs and cycling events. These can create a positive economic impact for the municipality. Some recreation reserves have developed caravan and camping facilities to cater for visitors to the area.</i>
<b>Programming</b>	<i>There is a growing focus by Local Government on providing or facilitating programs in open spaces to attract greater levels of participation in physical activities, e.g. summer activities and ParkRun.</i>
<b>Dog parks</b>	<i>There has been an emergence of off leash dog parks in response to the desire to connect with other dog walkers and the desire for dogs to socialise with one another.</i>
<b>Informal play</b>	<i>There has been greater investment in developing destination play spaces in open space areas, designed to attract people from both within and outside municipalities. Within these play spaces there may be a greater focus on providing quality landscaping and more natural spaces which utilise loose materials, rocks and logs. Nationally there is also demand for half basketball courts, water play and pump tracks within community play spaces.</i>
<b>Outdoor fitness equipment</b>	<i>There has been a growth in the installation of outdoor fitness equipment in public open spaces in recent years, either clustered together in one location or spread along a linear pathway.</i>
<b>Active transport and linkages</b>	<i>There is a greater focus on ensuring that sport, recreation and open space areas are connected to existing walking / cycling networks.</i>
<b>Accessibility and inclusion</b>	<i>There is greater awareness of the need to ensure that people of all ages and all abilities can safely and easily utilise areas of open space. Universal Design Principles and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements provide guidance in this area. Infrastructure to encourage participation by people of all abilities includes ramps, unisex toilets with change tables, single story buildings to allow for wheelchair access and Braille signs.</i>

<b>Trend</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Multi-purpose design and diversity</b>	<i>Parks and open spaces are being used for a variety of different purposes including sport, markets and festivals; hence spaces need to be as multi-purpose as possible to cater for community needs and may include the needs for additional power outlets for food trucks or performances.</i>
<b>Safety</b>	<i>There is a greater awareness of safe design when it comes to sport and recreation facilities, parks and open spaces to ensure safety and perceived safety issues do not act as a barrier to usage. Clear sight lines, lighting, one-way roads, pedestrian-safe zones, vegetation that can be seen through, passive surveillance and shade are all tools that can be used to improve safety.</i>
<b>Sustainability</b>	<i>There has been a greater focus on the development of environmentally responsible practices such as solar hot water, recycled water systems, double glazed windows, passive heating / cooling, wetlands, community gardens, synthetic surfaces, use of recycled materials and use of locally sourced materials to reduce the impact of facilities / spaces and their users on the environment and to potentially reduce operating costs of facilities.</i>
<b>Climate change</b>	<i>There is a greater focus on climate-proofing areas of open space as much as possible to reduce water usage, provide shade and to retain some green space during periods of low rainfall.</i>
<b>Community hubs</b>	<i>There has been a trend to co-locate several sporting facilities to form recreation precincts to maximise limited resources and to cross- market activities.</i>
<b>Modified versions of existing sports</b>	<i>A variety of traditional sports have developed a modified version (or several modified versions) of their game to keep older players playing longer, to involve children at an earlier age or to attract new participants, e.g. pickleball (a form of tennis played on a smaller court), cardio tennis, walking soccer, walking netball, AFL 9's, T20 cricket.</i>
<b>Technology</b>	<i>The majority of recreation reserves will have implemented some level of technology in its activities such as electronic scoreboards, online registrations / communications, use of ipads and electronic payment systems at the gate, moisture sensors for irrigation of grass playing fields and conference / telehealth technology within its meeting spaces.</i>

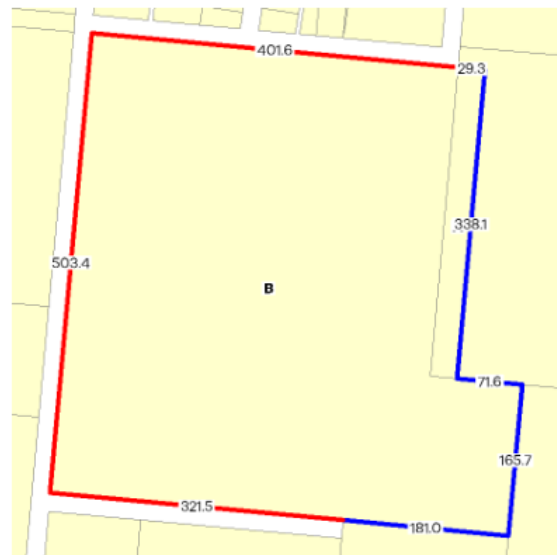
## Existing site and usage

### Management and ownership

Kaniva Recreation Reserve is located in Budjik Street, Kaniva, opposite Kaniva College, on Crown Land. Council is responsible for management of the reserve. A community Committee of Management oversees the day-to-day operations of the sporting complex.

### Zones and overlays

The land on which the Recreation Reserve and Sporting Complex is located is zoned FZ (Farming Zone). There is an Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) impacting the site, and the site is located in a designated Bushfire Prone Area. Native plants that are indigenous to the region and are important for biodiversity may be present on this property. The site is 22.88 hectares in size and has a perimeter of 2012 metres.



Existing features of Kaniva Recreation Reserve



Key features of the Kaniva Recreation Reserve are:

<p><b>Kaniva Community Hub</b></p> 	<p>The Kaniva Community Hub was constructed in 2018. It features a function room with bar; commercial kitchen; office; football / cricket and netball change rooms; umpire change room; disabled toilet; disability access and a corporate box and timekeeper's office on the first floor with a platform lift.</p> <p>The netball change rooms feature 4 showers and one bench – which are shared by all netball teams at the same time. There are no toilets for netballers. Instead, netballers have to queue up and share toilets with the general public. The netball change rooms are therefore not compliant with Netball Victoria standards.</p> <p>The away football / cricket team change room features 4 showers, but there are no partitions. There are also both pans and urinals located in the home and away rooms. Therefore, the away team change facilities are not suitable for female or junior team usage.</p> <p>The hub can seat up to 150 people but has a partition which enables a smaller meeting space capable of seating 40 people to be set up. There is a data projector and screen inside the meeting / function space at the Community Hub.</p>
<p><b>Barney's Bar and BBQ</b></p> 	<p>Next to the hub is a shed, known as Barney's Bar, that houses a bar, fridges and a BBQ. There is also an external wood heater. The veranda is used on game day as a gathering place to watch football.</p>
<p><b>Kaniva Sporting Complex</b></p>	<p>Located within the Recreation Reserve grounds near the corner of Budjik Street and Farmer Street, the Kaniva Sporting Complex is a large building (combination of besa blocks and corrugated iron sheeting) that includes a multi-lined indoor sports court which is used for</p>



activities such as basketball and badminton, as well as for hockey training. Kaniva College also use the stadium for its sports program. There are also two racquetball / squash courts, a viewing gallery, a foyer, two offices, a gym, changerooms, a canteen and two storerooms within the building. The Sporting Complex has its own community-based committee of management.

**Sports oval**



The grass sports oval features new lighting (lights and light poles on the sports oval were upgraded in 2025 and are compliant with AFL standards); electronic scoreboard; chain wire fencing with galvanised posts; two coach’s boxes; goal posts (which don’t currently meet AFL regulations - one set of posts has netting installed behind it); an artificial cricket wicket; and an inground irrigation system. The oval is on a slope. Parking is available around the outside of the oval (although many people choose to sit under the Hub veranda or in front of Barney’s Bar), and there are also bench seats installed around the perimeter. There is artificial grass in front of the hub for viewing also. Around the perimeter of the oval on the opposite side to the hub are sponsorship signs. The timekeeper’s box is incorporated into the hub. There are no cricket nets at the reserve. Instead, the cricket club uses the cricket nets at Kaniva College (senior campus).

**Netball / tennis courts**



There are two multi-lined acrylic hard courts used for netball. One of these courts is not compliant due to the overhang of the pavilion eave.

According to a recent report<sup>4</sup>, the court pavement is in reasonable condition but has a few hairline cracks; drainage issues on the northern end; areas where silt accumulates; and issues with construction joints between the courts (caulking is required urgently to rectify this problem). The existing acrylic surface is also due for a resurface.

<sup>4</sup> Idwala (2025) Kaniva Recreation Reserve Report on Condition of Acrylic Netball Courts

	<p>There is a shelter on the western side of the courts incorporating a small office. There is a rebound wall next to it and another shelter with seating on the east side. To the north-west of the courts there is a small practice ring over grass.</p> <p>Although there is provision for tennis poles and nets to be inserted into the surface of the courts, tennis is not played on the courts as there is no perimeter fence around the courts (there are 8 tennis courts in town). The existing fence line should be removed or replaced due to its poor condition.</p> <p>There are four non-compliant halide lights on the netball courts. Netball change rooms are located within the hub (not located adjacent to the netball courts) and include 4 showers and some benches, but the toilets are shared with the general public.</p>
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**Hockey fields**



There are two grass hockey fields located at the reserve, supported by corrugated iron shelters and storage areas. There are no lights on the hockey fields, no irrigation system and no change rooms. The surface of the fields is poor.

**Play spaces**



There are two play areas at Kaniva Recreation Reserve.

The first one, located near the netball courts, features a combination unit with various balancing, climbing and upper body components, a sandpit and fencing.

The second one features a combination unit with a wave slide, tunnel, ladder, fireman’s pole and steering wheel, as well as a double swing with strap seats (no toddler seats).



### Skatepark

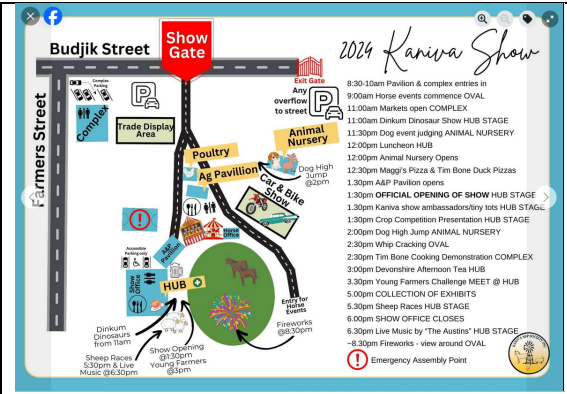


The skate park features a large concrete pad with a ramp, half pipe, hubba and pyramid. It is located along the northern frontage of the Reserve, i.e. along Budjik Street, between the ticket box and Kaniva Sporting Complex.

### Showground facilities



The Kaniva Agricultural and Pastoral Society holds its annual show on the second Saturday of October each year. It utilises the Sporting Complex, the Community Hub, the oval, the public toilets and various sheds located around the Recreation Reserve. There are free-standing power outlets located to the north of the existing public toilets where food vans and side show alley set up for the show.



**Public toilets**



There is a set of public toilets located to the north of the oval, constructed of yellow bricks. These toilets are in poor condition, with roofing absent over some sections of the facility. There are 2 urinals, 2 pans and 1 basin in the male toilets and 5 pans and 2 basins in the female toilets. There are no facilities to change babies and no disabled toilets. These toilets are the primary toilets for the show and also used by skateboarders, hockey players, football / netball spectators and visitors who stop at the recreation reserve for a break, lunch or toilet stop (although most visitors to Kaniva would use one of the two sets of public toilets in town).

**Kaniva Rifle Club**



At the south end of the Recreation Reserve there is an old tin shed which is the home to the Kaniva Rifle Club. The shooting range itself is not technically part of the reserve. It is accessed by a road to the south of the reserve.

**Entrance to the Reserve**

The main entrance to the Recreation Reserve is located on Budjik Street near the intersection of Webb Street. The speed limit along this street is 40km per hour. There are no footpaths or marked bike lanes along the frontage of the Recreation Reserve, i.e. along Budjik Street between Farmers Street and Webb Street. The entrance to the Reserve is relatively unassuming and incorporates a small



yellow brick ticket box located right at the entrance.

People visiting the Kaniva Sporting Complex in the north-west corner of the Reserve enter via a sealed road leading off Farmers Street on the west side of the reserve. This is a one-way road that exits onto Budjik Street. Some car parking is provided at the Sporting Complex. Footpaths are located along Farmers Street to the Sporting Complex.

There is a second entrance to the Reserve off Farmers Street about half-way down the parcel of land, just after the speed limit on this street increases from 40km per hour to 100km per hour. It is a dirt road and leads directly to the Kaniva Community Hub.

**Internal roads**



The roadway leading into the reserve from Budjik Street is sealed. There is a speed hump located fairly close to the entrance with a 10km per hour sign located next to it. The zebra crossing needs repainting.

The sealed roadway creates a loop around the oval and the Kaniva Community Hub, however both netball / tennis, hockey and the play spaces are located outside this loop (meaning that people, including children, have to cross the internal road to go to these locations). Spectators / participants park their cars around the perimeter of the oval. There are no paths for pedestrians.

**Landscaping**



Minimal landscaping exists at Kaniva Recreation Reserve. Along the western boundary there is a row of trees that provide a windbreak. South of the oval there is an area of open space. There are scattered trees throughout the reserve, including a row of trees leading from the Kaniva Sporting Complex to the northern tip of the oval (presumably an old road way planted with trees).

There is one tree along the main entrance road that has a plaque located underneath it to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2 in 1953.

**Fencing**



Fencing along the front of the reserve comprises of steel posts and mesh fencing. Along the western boundary there are wooden fence posts and wire (some of which have fallen over).

**Electricity supply**



400-amp three phase power was installed at the Reserve when the Hub was constructed. This has eliminated the requirement for the Kaniva Agricultural and Pastoral Society to use multiple large capacity generators to run its events (although it still uses a generator for the animal nursery). It also provided sufficient power to enable sports lighting to be installed on the oval and netball / tennis courts for training and competitions, as well as night-time events. The Hub itself has a 250-amp switchboard. Power is accessed from Farmers Street. There is a power board near the small playground. There is potential to use solar lighting along walking tracks.

**Water supply**



The water supply at the reserve was updated recently. This has enables more efficient and cost-effective watering of the existing playing surfaces and enables opportunities for additional playing surfaces to be constructed and maintained. Water tanks are located behind the Sporting Complex, next to the Community Hub. The fire service tank holds 120k litres. There is also a bore that services the site. It provides 500 litres per minute free flow and has an 18kw submersible pump.

## User groups

User groups of Kaniva Recreation Reserve include:

User Group	Spaces used and when	League and teams
Kaniva Leeor United Football Netball Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports oval - training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons / evenings and games every second Saturday between April and September. Auskick held on Thursday nights from 5.30pm-6.30pm.</li> <li>Netball courts - training on Thursday afternoons and evenings and games every second Saturday between April and September.</li> <li>Community Hub and change rooms – Tuesday and Thursday from and every second Saturday between April and September</li> </ul>	<p>Competes in the Horsham District Football Netball League.</p> <p>Football: Fields mixed gender teams in U11 and U14; and male teams for U17, reserves and seniors.</p> <p>Netball: A grade, B grade, C Grade, C Reserve, Moddies</p>
Kaniva Hockey Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hockey field or indoor stadium - training held on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm from April to September and games held at the site twice each year between April and September (each of the 6 clubs in the association play at the one venue each week).</li> <li>Shelter next to the hockey fields and public toilet block used on training nights and match days.</li> <li>Storage shed next to hockey fields used to store equipment</li> </ul>	<p>Competes in the Wimmera Hockey Association</p> <p>Teams: Open men's, women's, mixed U16's and U12 Development Program.</p>
Kaniva Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaniva P-12 - training held on Thursday afternoons / evenings from October to March</li> <li>Kaniva Recreation Reserve - games held every second Saturday between October to March.</li> <li>Community Hub and change rooms – used every second Saturday between October to March.</li> </ul>	<p>Competes in the Tatiara District Cricket League.</p> <p>Teams: A grade, U16 Mixed C Grade and Mixed U12</p>
Kaniva Agricultural and Pastoral Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaniva Agricultural Show is held in October each year. Facilities used include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Hub / Show Office</li> <li>Sports Complex</li> <li>A&amp;P Pavilion</li> <li>Animal nursery</li> <li>Poultry pavilion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A

User Group	Spaces used and when	League and teams
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ag pavilion</li> <li>○ Oval</li> <li>○ Horse Office</li> <li>○ Public toilets</li> <li>○ Other spaces for side show alley; car and bike show; trade display area; horse warm ups; parking.</li> </ul>	
Kaniva Basketball Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kaniva Community Sporting Complex – junior workshops held as well as a basketball tournament on Monday nights from 4pm-7.15pm.</li> </ul>	In-house competition. Juniors (grades 3-6); Seniors (grades 7-12).
Kaniva Social Badminton Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kaniva Community Sporting Complex – Social badminton programs held on Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm. Can sign up for the full 6-week periods or play on a casual basis.</li> </ul>	In-house social competition
Kaniva Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kaniva Community Sporting Complex - Fitness classes such as boxing, abs and circuit training are held on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays in the mornings from 5.45am) and the gym is available for members to use 24/7. Squash courts are also available for hire. Fitness class instructors come from Feel Alive Fitness in Bordertown.</li> </ul>	Casual attendance or gym membership
Kaniva College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kaniva College uses the Sports Complex for indoor sports; the Community Hub for events; and open space for the annual inter-school Cross Country event.</li> </ul>	School-based activities
General community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The general community uses the Community Hub and oval for a range of events; the skate park for skating; the play spaces for play; and open space for walking and cycling.</li> </ul>	Casual activities and events

## Sport and active recreation opportunities available in Kaniva

Sport and active recreation opportunities available in the town and district include:

Activity	Location
<b>Badminton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Sporting Complex</li> </ul>
<b>Basketball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Sporting Complex</li> </ul>
<b>Croquet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Bowls and Croquet Club</li> <li>• Serviceton Bowls and Croquet Club</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Gentle Exercises for older people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shire Hall Supper Rooms</li> </ul>
<b>Golf</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Golf Club</li> <li>• Serviceton Golf Club</li> </ul>
<b>Group Fitness / gym</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Sporting Complex</li> </ul>
<b>Gym – outdoor fitness equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Wetlands and Fauna Park</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Bowls and Croquet Club</li> <li>• Serviceton Bowls and Croquet Club</li> </ul>
<b>Netball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Play</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Wetlands and Fauna Park</li> <li>• Rogerson Street Playground</li> </ul>
<b>Shooting (Kaniva Gun Club and Kaniva Rifle Club)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Gun Club</li> <li>• Kaniva Rifle Club</li> </ul>
<b>Squash / racquet ball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Sporting Complex</li> </ul>
<b>Swimming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Memorial Swimming Pool</li> </ul>
<b>Tennis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaniva Tennis Club in town</li> <li>• Kaniva Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Walking / cycling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town</li> <li>• Kaniva Wetlands and Fauna Park</li> <li>• Kaniva Recreation Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Yoga</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shire Hall Supper rooms</li> </ul>

**Existing site plan**

## Community and stakeholder engagement

A variety of community engagement sessions were held including:

- 2 Councillor briefings and workshop attended by 5 Councillors and 5 staff
- 2 club / user group workshop attended by 9 people - representing 6 organisations (1<sup>st</sup> session) and 10 people – representing 5 organisations (2<sup>nd</sup> session)
- A community survey filled out by 107 people (on behalf of 270 people)
- Two drop-in sessions at Kaniva IGA and Kaniva Recreation Reserve involving 52 people
- Meetings with 5 key stakeholder organisations involving 8 participants.
- A West Wimmera Shire staff workshop involving 5 staff
- 6 written submissions.

Key outcomes of the community and stakeholder engagement include the need to consider the following:

<i>Hockey</i>	<p>Potential works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upgrade the turf hockey field surface and install inground irrigation system</li> <li>• install lights on hockey fields</li> <li>• construct a hockey change room next to the hockey fields. This facility needs to have home and away change rooms, umpire change, disabled toilet, baby change facilities, basic kitchenette and canteen, small meeting space / office, storage space and verandas and external public toilets.</li> <li>• fence around second hockey field</li> <li>• remove / relocate sheds with rounded roofs next to hockey (if no longer structurally sound)</li> </ul>
<i>Netball</i>	<p>Potential works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• undertake necessary repairs to existing netball courts to enable them to meet safety requirements for the 2026 season, with the view to construct 2 new courts with lights and player shelters as soon as possible behind the Community Hub</li> <li>• construct a basketball court and play area over the existing netball court concrete pad.</li> <li>• construct a netball change rooms within the Community Hub. These rooms need to incorporate home and away change rooms, umpire change, small office, storage space and verandas.</li> <li>• consider placing a shelter over one of the two netball courts</li> </ul>
<i>Football</i>	Install AFL approved goal posts
<i>Cricket</i>	Develop a 2 bay cricket practice nets accompanied by a storage shed
<i>Show Society</i>	Consider relocating Animal Nursery closer to Poultry and Ag pavilions
<i>Community Hub</i>	<p>Potential works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• convert existing netball change facility in the Hub into disabled toilet</li> <li>• develop new netball change facilities</li> <li>• formalise parking around the Hub and include disabled car parking and lighting</li> <li>• install partitions in the away change room at the Hub, remove urinals and replace with cubicles.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• install solar panels on the roof of the Hub</li> </ul>
<i>Barney's Bar</i>	Develop a mural on the rear of the bar depicting famous sports people from Kaniva
<i>Sports Complex</i>	Upgrade interior of sports complex
<i>Wheeled Park</i>	Develop a pump / BMX track and bike education course (near the skate park), accompanied by a picnic table, shelter, BBQ and drinking fountain.
<i>Public toilet</i>	Upgrade the existing public toilet block and build another near the wheeled park
<i>Entrance</i>	Develop new entrance off Farmer's Street with a ticket box (connected to power)
<i>Playgrounds</i>	Enhance the play space next to the existing netball courts Construct nature-based play opportunities near the new netball courts for children to play
<i>Walking / running tracks</i>	Formalise walking / running trails around the reserve and install solar lights
<i>Internal roads</i>	Formalise internal roads
<i>Car parking</i>	Formalise car parking at key locations around the reserve
<i>Drainage</i>	Improve drainage near the Hub
<i>Gun Club</i>	Relocate the shot gun club to the rifle range
<i>Golf</i>	Develop a golf driving range and a putting green on eastern side of oval

Details of surveys, workshops and key stakeholder meetings are included in a separate Community Engagement Report.

## Community needs

### Design principles

The design principles for Kaniva Recreation Reserve (which support the planning principles) include:

<b>Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ensure accessibility throughout the reserve is achieved with excellent connectivity between all activities</li></ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>support a broad variety of sport and active recreation pursuits</li></ul>
<b>Amenities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ensure public amenity of water, bins, dog bags, seating, shade and general comfort is achieved to promote the reserve to a broader visitor base</li></ul>
<b>Definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ensure playing areas are clearly defined</li></ul>
<b>Lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>support lighting of key night-time precincts as necessary</li></ul>
<b>Linkages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>clearly defined pathways, improved sightlines</li></ul>
<b>Movement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of clearly defined access for pedestrians and vehicles through wayfinding signage</li></ul>
<b>Play</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>reinforce the value of play through the variety and diversity of play opportunities that can be promoted throughout the region</li></ul>
<b>Sense of place</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>identifiable and memorable entry and exits - consider art installations</li></ul>
<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of a range of picnic and rest area facilities - including BBQ, shelters, shaded and irrigated lawns</li></ul>
<b>Spectators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provision of spectator opportunities for all sporting events with permanent and temporary seating options - including opportunities for a range of seating - freeform, open space for picnic rugs etc., seats with backs, shelters, etc</li></ul>
<b>Wayfinding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ensure wayfinding signage is carefully located at all junctions/ intersections throughout the reserve</li></ul>

## Key priorities

Based on outcomes of community engagement activities and background research, the key priorities required to ensure that Kaniva Recreation Reserve achieves its vision are:

### *Community facilities*

#### KANIVA COMMUNITY HUB

- Construct a netball change rooms within the Community Hub. These rooms need to incorporate home and away change rooms, umpire change, small office, storage space and verandas.
- Convert existing netball change facility in the Hub into disabled toilet.
- Install partitions in the away change room at the Hub, remove urinals and replace with cubicles.
- Install solar panels on the roof of the Hub.

#### SPORTS COMPLEX

- Upgrade interior of sports complex (after identifying exact requirements).

#### BARNEY'S BAR

- Paint a mural onto Barney's Bar depicting sporting champions of Kaniva.

### *Sports facilities*

#### HOCKEY

- Construct a hockey change room next to the hockey fields. This facility needs to have home and away change rooms, umpire change, disabled toilet, baby change facilities, basic kitchenette and canteen, small meeting space / office, storage space and verandas and external public toilets.
- Upgrade the turf hockey field surface and install inground irrigation system.
- Install lights on hockey fields.
- Install a fence around the second hockey field.

#### NETBALL

- Undertake necessary repairs to existing netball courts to enable them to meet safety requirements for the 2026 season, with the view to construct 2 new courts with lights and player shelters as soon as possible behind the Community Hub.
- Consider placing a shelter over one of the two netball courts.
- Provide a fenced sandpit adjacent to the netball kids for children to play in

#### FOOTBALL

- Install AFL approved goal posts on the sports oval.

#### CRICKET

- Construct a 2-bay cricket practice net on the irrigated kickabout area and storage facilities (either as a stand-alone shed or incorporated into the Community Hub redevelopment).

### *Active recreation facilities*

#### PUMP / BMX TRACK

- Develop a pump / BMX track in the northern section of the reserve near the skate park.

#### CHILDREN'S BICYCLE EDUCATION COURSE

- Develop a children's education course featuring t-intersections, give way signs, stop signs, etc near the skate park.

#### BASKETBALL AND HARD COURT PLAY

- Convert the existing site of the netball courts into a basketball court and play area.

#### PLAY SPACES

- Enhance the play space next to the existing netball courts.
- Construct nature-based play opportunities near the new netball courts for children to play.
- Develop an irrigated kick about area to the south-west of the Community Hub for informal play, cricket practice and football warm-ups.

#### GOLF DRIVING RANGE AND PUTTING GREEN

- Construct a golf driving range and putting green on the eastern edge of the reserve, with some fencing to prevent golf balls from straying onto the oval, hitting oval lights or straying onto walking / running tracks.

#### WALKING / RUNNING TRACKS

- Formalise walking / running tracks around the reserve, ensuring that provision is made for 1.5km and 5km circuits (suitable for school cross-country events and Parkrun).
- Create footpath connection to town.

### *Reserve infrastructure*

#### PUBLIC TOILETS

- Retain existing public toilet block and construct new public toilet block near the proposed wheeled park at the north end of the reserve.

#### BBQ / PICNIC FACILITIES

- Develop BBQ, picnic facilities and drinking water near the proposed wheeled park at the north end of the reserve.

#### SHOT GUN CLUB

- Relocate the shot gun club to the rifle range.

#### DRAINAGE

- Improve drainage at the reserve, specifically in the area near the Hub.

#### SHOW GROUNDS BUILDINGS

- Consider relocating Animal Nursery closer to Poultry and Ag pavilions and installing power in this shed.

#### ROUNDED SHEDS NEAR HOCKEY FIELDS

- Remove / relocate sheds with rounded roofs next to hockey (if no longer structurally sound).

#### TICKET BOX

- Install a new ticket box at the proposed new entrance at Farmer Street.

### *Vehicle movement*

#### ENTRANCE

- Create a new entrance to the reserve off Farmer Street and an exit east of the hockey fields. Retain the current entrance as an alternative entrance so that event organisers can manage traffic flow and pedestrian interaction. Consider the extension of Farmer Street footpath and sealing of this road.

#### INTERNAL ROADS

- Formalise internal roads and create a new road south of the hockey fields to connect to a new exit point to the east of the two hockey fields on Budjik Street.

#### CARPARK AREA

- Formalise parking around the reserve and near the Hub and include disabled car parking, emergency vehicle parking and lighting.

## Action Plan

The following action plan identifies the key works and initiatives to be undertaken at Kaniva Recreation Reserve in order for it to meet the existing and future needs of the Kaniva and District community. The majority of these works will require a partnership approach and external funds, i.e. grants.

Actions are prioritised as high (0-3 years); medium (4-7 years), and low (8+ years). The timing of works will be impacted by:

- How easy works are to achieve
- Whether or not they are dependent on other things happening first
- Whether or not they need to happen before other things happen
- Available resources (human, financial, equipment, materials, etc)
- Funding opportunities
- Lifespan of existing facilities
- Consequence of action not occurring.

Facility / location	Details	Partners	Resources	Priority
<b>Netball courts</b>	Undertake necessary repairs to existing netball courts to enable them to meet safety requirements for the 2026 season, with the view to construct 2 new courts with lights and player shelters as soon as possible behind the Community Hub. Install nature-based play opportunities next to the netball courts and a fenced sandpit. Consider placing a shelter over one of the two netball courts.	Kaniva Leeor United Football Netball Club	\$1,904,580	High
<b>Community hub</b>	Construct a netball change rooms within the Community Hub. These rooms need to incorporate home and away change rooms, umpire change, small office, storage space and verandas. Convert existing netball change facility in the Hub into disabled toilet.	Kaniva Leeor United Football Netball Club	\$2,465,000	High

Facility / location	Details	Partners	Resources	Priority
	Install partitions in the away change room at the Hub, remove urinals and replace with cubicles to bring change rooms up to standard. Install solar panels on the roof of the Hub. Create disabled car parking and emergency vehicle access at the Hub, supported by lighting.			
<b>Drainage</b>	Improve drainage near the Community Hub	DEECA West Wimmera Shire Council	\$25,000	High
<b>Kickabout area</b>	Develop an irrigated kick about area to the south-west of the Community Hub for informal play, cricket practice and football warm-ups	Kaniva Leeor United Football Netball Club Kaniva Cricket Club	\$136,000	High
<b>Cricket practice net</b>	Construct a 2-bay cricket practice net on the irrigated kick about area accompanied by a storage shed (or storage space in the upgraded Community Hub)	Kaniva Cricket Club	\$108,000	High
<b>Public toilets</b>	Retain existing public toilet block and construct new public toilet block near the proposed wheeled park at the north end of the reserve	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management West Wimmera Shire Council	\$281,350	High
<b>Goal posts</b>	Install AFL approved goal posts on the oval	Kaniva Leeor United Football Netball Club	\$44,800	High
<b>Wheeled park</b>	Construct a wheeled park comprising of the existing skate park, a pump track, a bike education course (featuring t-intersections, give way signs and stop signs) and a central gathering space with BBQ, picnic settings and drinking water	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	\$402,500	Medium

Facility / location	Details	Partners	Resources	Priority
		West Wimmera Shire Council		
<b>Play space</b>	Enhance existing play space near the existing netball courts	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$208,480	Medium
<b>Hockey facilities</b>	Construct a hockey change room next to the hockey fields. This facility needs to have home and away change rooms, umpire change, disabled toilet, baby change facilities, basic kitchenette and canteen, small meeting space / office, storage space and verandas and external public toilets. Upgrade the turf hockey field surface and install inground irrigation system. Install lights on hockey fields. Install a fence around the second hockey field.	Kaniva Hockey Club	\$1,974,500	Medium
<b>Sports Stadium</b>	Upgrade interior of sports complex (gym, stadium, squash, basketball and badminton) and also the surrounds (carpark and landscaping).	Sports Stadium Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council.	\$3,675,000	Medium
<b>Show society buildings</b>	Relocate the Animal Nursery closer to the Poultry and Ag Pavilions and install power in this shed.	Kaniva Agricultural and Pastoral Society	\$58,000	Medium
<b>Internal roadways</b>	Formalise internal roads and create a new road south of the hockey fields to connect to a new exit point to the east of the two hockey fields on Budjik Street.	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	\$720,000	Medium

Facility / location	Details	Partners	Resources	Priority
		West Wimmera Shire Council		
<b>Car parking</b>	Formalise parking around the reserve.	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$746,500	Medium
<b>Internal pathways</b>	Formalise walking / running tracks around the reserve, ensuring that provision is made for 1.5km and 5km circuits (suitable for school cross-country events and Parkrun).	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$442,500	Medium
<b>Entry and exits</b>	Create a new entrance to the reserve off Farmer Street and an exit east of the hockey fields. Retain the current entrance as an alternative entrance so that event organisers can manage traffic flow and pedestrian interaction. Consider the extension of Farmer Street footpath and sealing of this road.	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$249,000	Medium
<b>Ticket box</b>	Install a new ticket box at the proposed new entrance at Farmer Street.	Kaniva Leor United Football Netball Club	Included above	Medium
<b>Golf driving range</b>	Construct a golf driving range and putting green on the eastern edge of the reserve, with some fencing to prevent golf balls from straying onto the oval, hitting oval lights or straying onto walking / running tracks.	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$196,000	Low

Facility / location	Details	Partners	Resources	Priority
<b>Basketball court</b>	Convert the existing site of the netball courts into a basketball court and play area	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$48,000	Low
<b>Barney's Bar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paint a mural onto Barney's Bar depicting sporting champions of Kaniva</li> </ul>	Kaniva Leeor United Football Netball Club	\$15,000	Low
<b>Round roof sheds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove / relocate sheds with rounded roofs next to hockey (if no longer structurally sound)</li> </ul>	Kaniva Recreation Reserve Committee of Management  West Wimmera Shire Council	\$54,000	Low
<b>Rifle range</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate shot gun club to the rifle range</li> </ul>	Kaniva Rifle Club  Kaniva Shot Gun Club	Pending requirements / details	Low
<b>Town connection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create footpath connection to town.</li> </ul>	West Wimmera Shire Council	\$11,745	Low
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$13,765,955</b>	

# Site plans

## Site plan - entire site



# Site plan - north-west quadrant

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REV - C





# Site plan - south-west quadrant

MP10 OF 11  
REV - C



**NETBALL COURTS**  
Provide 2 netball courts & 2 tennis courts to meet match standards. Provide standard runoff & fencing. Renovate existing hub to provide netball change facilities and viewing of netball, lights, player shelters & optional shelter over courts. Provide a landscape setting with irrigated lawn, shade trees and low key natureplay activities with a fenced play area.

Tennis courts to remain on Baker Street, but could potentially co-locate here in the future if required.

**WALKING TRACK IN OPEN WOODLAND**  
Provide walking/running/cycling tracks to extend opportunities for sunning/shaded trails & cycling. Provide solar powered lights and regular watering opportunities.

**CRICKET PRACTICE NETS - BICKLEBUSH AREA**  
Cricket practice nets to be designed in accordance with Cricket Australia guidelines. Potential location adjacent irrigated lookabout oval. Path, seating, shade trees and additional storage as required.

AFL and Netball Australia Facilities Guidelines to direct design of clubrooms & change facilities to become compliant, including netball change facilities & disabled toilets. Additional storage facilities for multiple sports. Partitions in away change rooms/replace urinals with cubicles. Install solar panels and create a mural on rear wall of bar.

**LEGEND**

BUILDING & BOUNDARY	LAWN (NOT IRRIGATED)	COMPACTED GRANITE SAND SURFACE
ROAD LAYOUT	LAWN (IRRIGATED)	ASPHALT DRIVE
FENCED PERIMETER	CONCRETE PAVING	COMPACTED SAND
VEGETATION	ASPHALT PAVING	SAND
BUSHES/BELLOWS	ASPHALT PAVING	PLAYGROUND MELB (IMPACT ATTRIBUTING TO A&AS)
TREES		



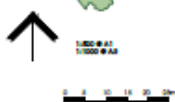
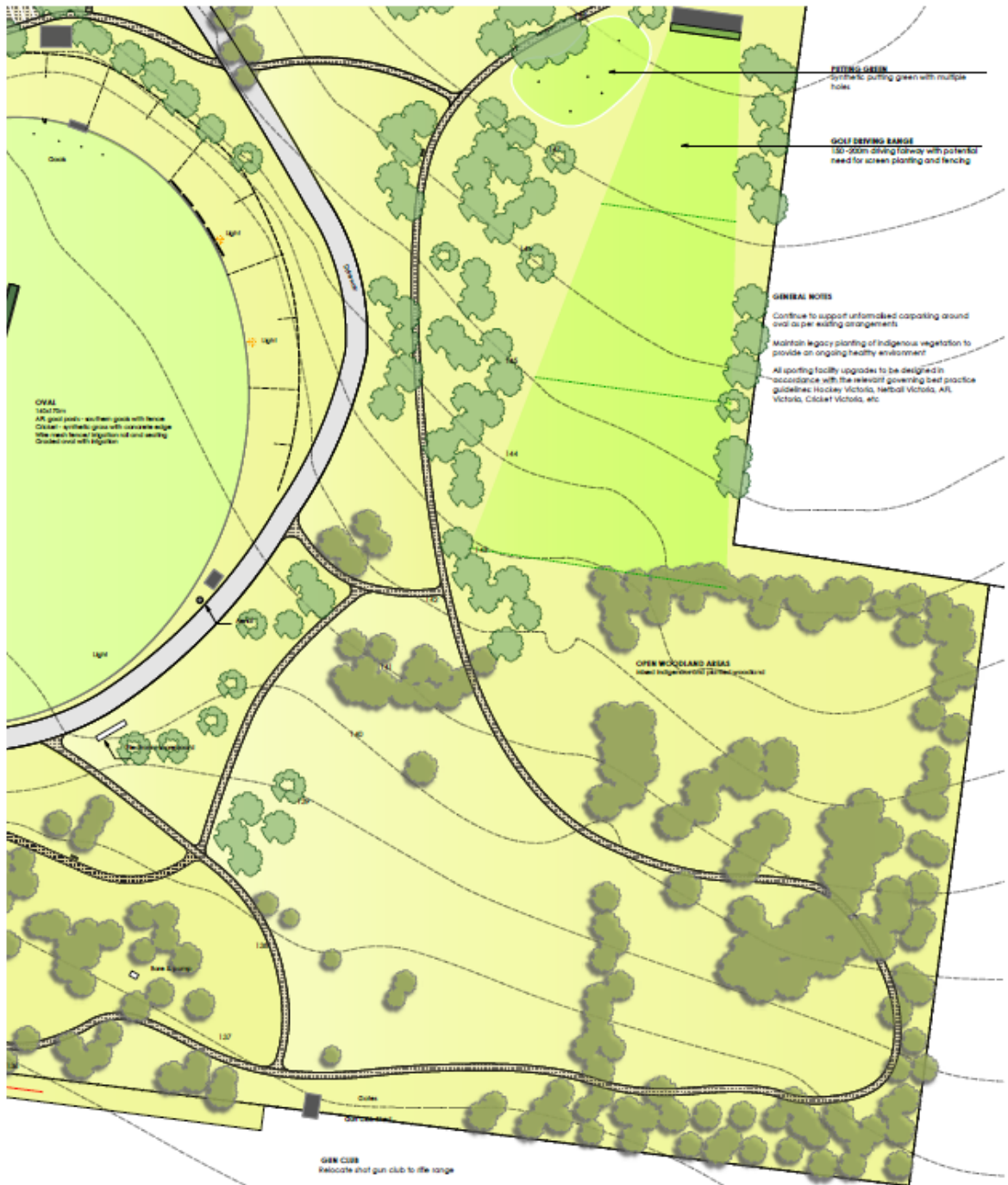
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## Appendix

### Literature Review

Six strategies have been reviewed in order to understand the context and policy directions associated with Kaniva Recreation Reserve. A summary of each of these documents follows. A full literature review is included in the appendix.

#### *West Wimmera Shire Council Community Vision 2021*

Through the engagement undertaken to develop a community vision, children and young people stated that the sport and active recreation facilities that they would like to see improved or developed in the Shire include bike tracks, BMX bike track, heated indoor pool (with waterslides), the skatepark, a hockey field, basketball stadium, new netball courts, ninja warrior course, water park, minigolf course, a cinema, bigger and better playground.

The key future direction statement identified in this vision is “Sport and recreation – facilities that encourage participation in physical activity and add to community life.”

#### *West Wimmera Shire Council Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2024-2034*

The vision contained within this strategy is:

A welcoming integrated network of safe sport and active recreation facilities, promoting diversity in opportunities and participation. Our programs foster strong community engagement. Through diverse and localised management arrangements, we empower local communities to take ownership of their recreational spaces.

The seven planning principles are:

1. Promotes and encourages physical activity, liveability and connections
2. Demonstrated by an evidence base and community need
3. Supporting community capacity
4. Sustainable
5. Geographical spread
6. Accessible, inclusive and safe
7. Partnerships and collaboration.

Key recommendations identified for Kaniva Recreation Reserve in this strategy include:

- Update master plan for the Kaniva Recreation Reserve
- Design and install lighting for hockey fields
- Design and construct hockey change room facility
- Upgrade hockey field surfaces and fencing
- Upgrade netball courts and lighting
- Upgrade public toilets
- Design and construct netball change rooms, possibly including tennis
- Construct junior footy oval

- Design and construct cricket training nets.

Several other projects identified for Kaniva, but without a confirmed location include:

- Construct a pump track
- Construct a dog park
- Construct a changing places facility.

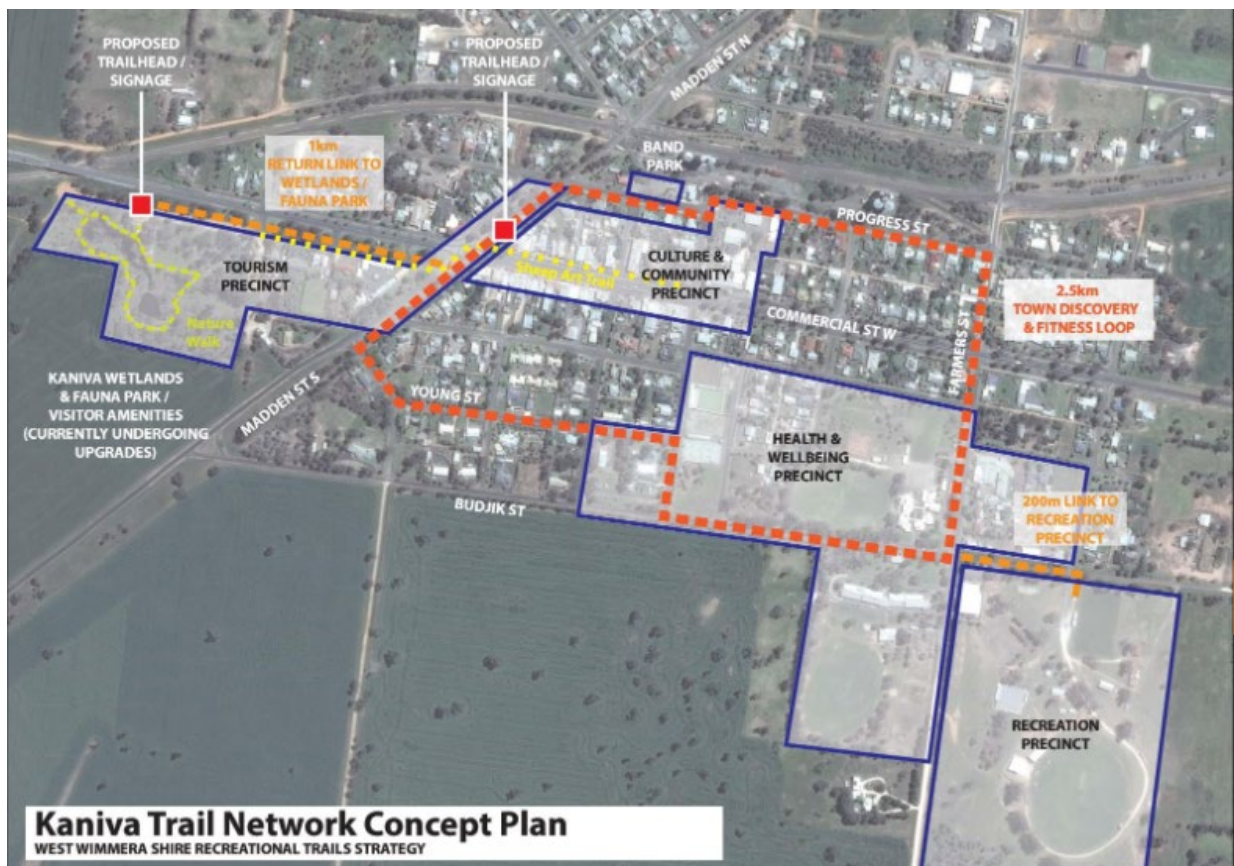
#### ***West Wimmera Shire Asset Management Plan 2022-2032***

Council has stated in this document that:

- It won't upgrade footpaths or roads if incompatible with Road Hierarchy
- It won't undertake new construction or major upgrade to buildings without significant external funding
- It will minimise expenditure on new assets and limit upgrades with concentration on renewal.
- Upgrades and renewal of buildings will occur when external sources of funding are available which Council will provide the required contribution.
- If the Crown appoints Council as the Committee of Management (COM) for crown land, Council inherits the responsibility for the management of facilities on that Crown land, and Council then manages the facilities as if they were the owner. This includes situations where Council has entered into Agreements with third parties for occupation of all or part of these reserves.
- If the Crown appoints a local COM for crown land, the local COM inherits the responsibility for the management of facilities on that Crown land, and not Council.

#### ***West Wimmera Shire Council - Recreational Trails Strategy (2018)***

The strategy notes the need to create a link from the Kaniva Recreation Reserve entrance (corner of Budjik Street and Webb Street) to Farmers Street. This pathway would then join a 2.5km town discovery and fitness loop and provide a link all the way to the Kaniva Wetlands and Fauna Park.



## Kaniva Social Infrastructure Study 2014

Priority projects identified as Kaniva Recreation Reserve as part of this plan include:

### Kaniva Recreation Reserve

- Upgrade the power and water supply at the Reserve to support the provision of major events and increased demand from existing and future sporting groups uses
- A new children's playground within the Recreation Reserve
- Upgraded AFL compliant lighting on the existing Oval to at least 100 lux.
- Create stronger pedestrian linkages to the adjoining Health and Wellbeing Precinct and the Kaniva township

### Sporting and Community Facility

- New change rooms, function space, commercial kitchen and flexible meeting rooms to support community and business uses
- A new, flood-lit Multi-Sport Facility to accommodate hockey and tennis clubs (relocated from existing sites) and future use by other sports

### Netball

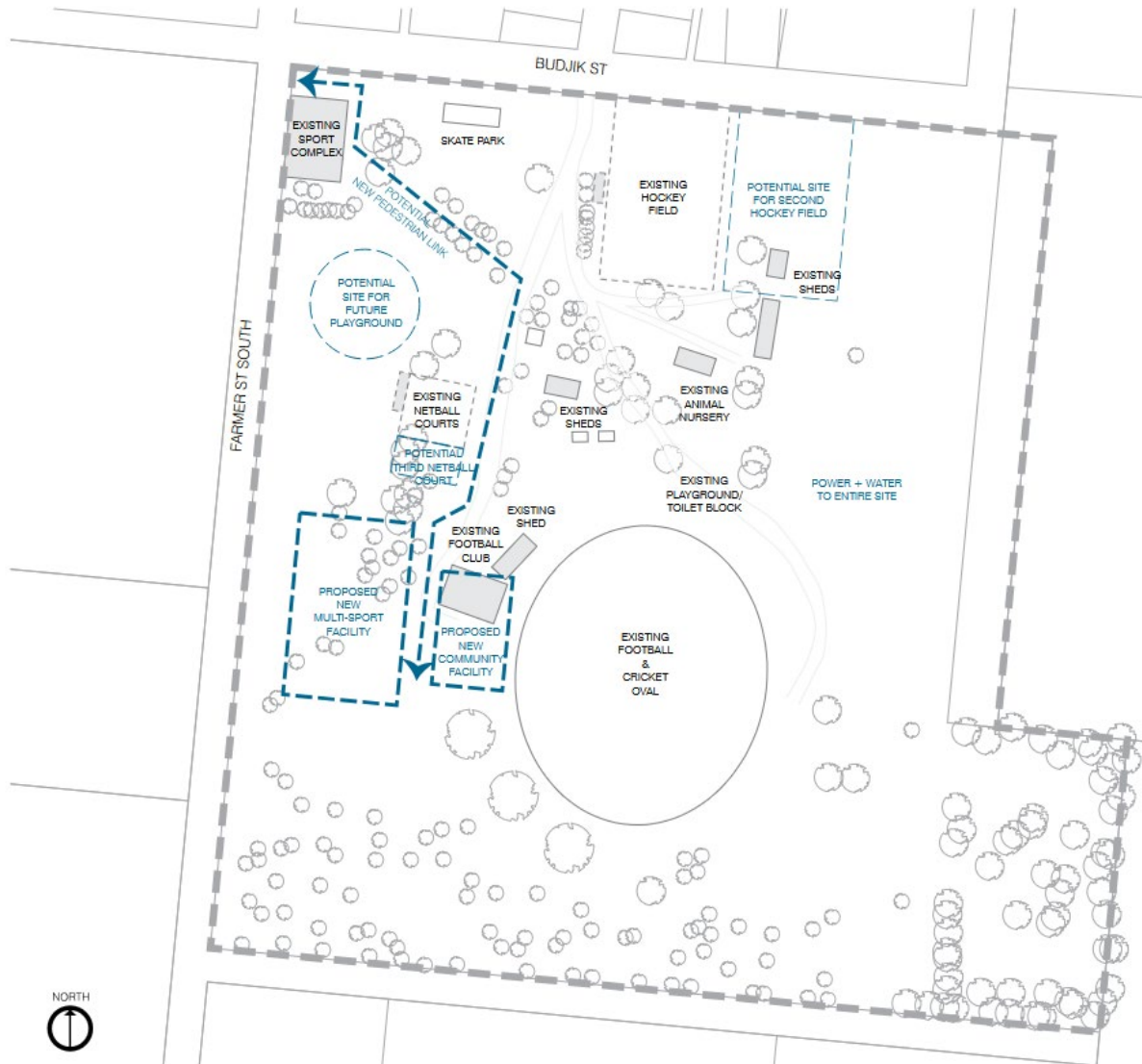
- Construction of a third netball court adjoining the existing courts
- Provide separate change room facilities within the new Sporting and Community Facility

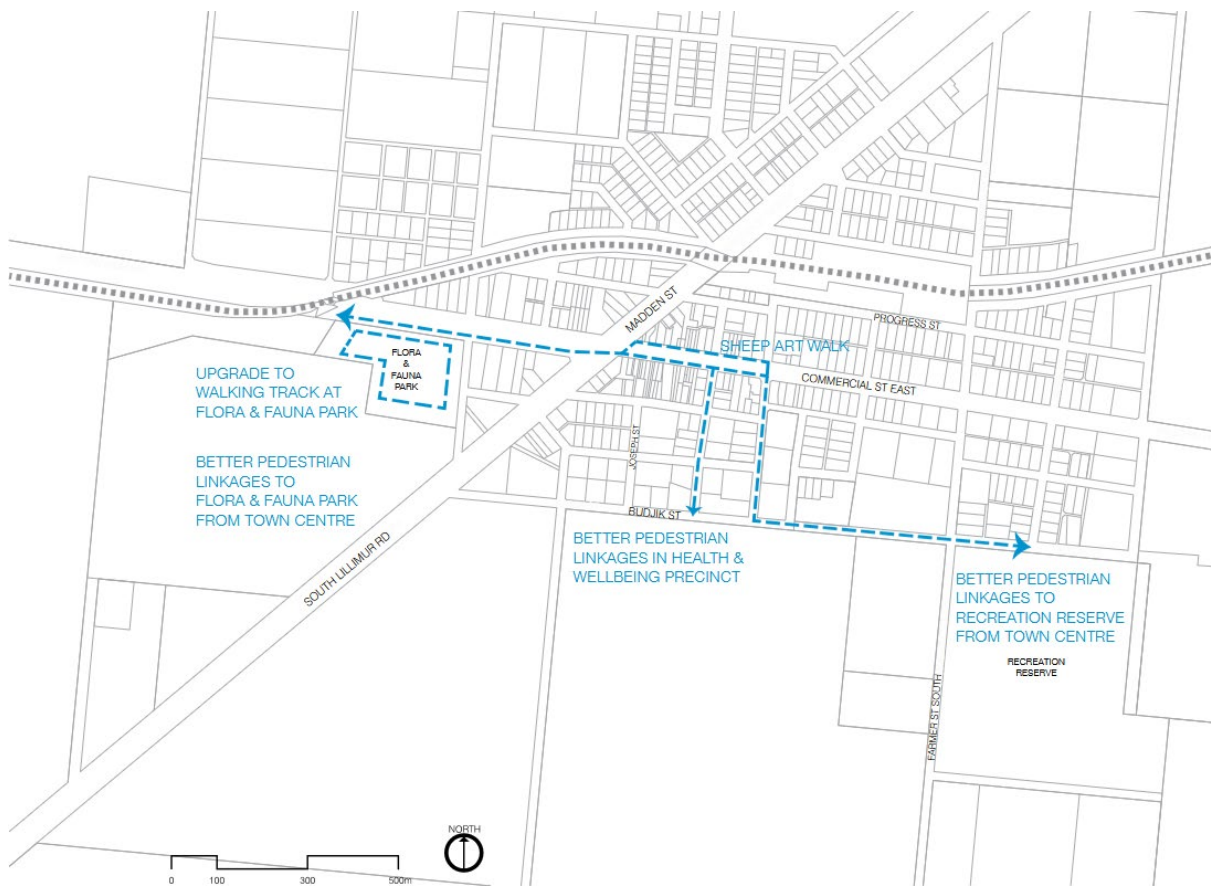
### Hockey

- A second playing field and change rooms adjoining the existing playing field; or access to a single, flood-lit playing field within a new Multi-Sport Facility

### Governance

- The Sports and Recreation Precinct Working Group to become the lead agent for devising and delivering local Priority Projects within the Recreation Reserve.





**Wimmera Development Association (2020) Wimmera Southern Mallee Community Sport – securing the future of sport through COVID-19 and beyond**

The four key recommendations identified in this report to ensure that sports survive post COVID-19 include strategic planning, financial management, diversification of income stream and volunteer management.

**Clearinghouse for Sport (2023) Ausplay Sport and Physical Activity Reports**

Ausplay has compiled reports for selected sports<sup>5</sup>. The following is a quick snapshot of national data as it pertains to the organised sport that takes place at Kaniva Recreation Reserve. It tells us that nationally, netball has a higher participation rate for adults than any of the other sports at Kaniva Recreation Reserve, with 3 out of 5 adults playing club-based netball. For children, the sport with the highest level of participation is Australian Rules Football.

The peak age for playing the majority of sports is 15-17 years for adults, and typically 9-11 years of age for children. Unsurprisingly, more males play Australian Rules Football and Cricket in comparison

<sup>5</sup> Clearinghouse for Sport. Ausplay Sport and Physical Activity Reports: [https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/research/ausplay/results-2015-2023#sport\\_and\\_physical\\_activity\\_reports\\_br\\_2015-2023](https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/research/ausplay/results-2015-2023#sport_and_physical_activity_reports_br_2015-2023)

with females and more females play netball and hockey compared with males. The main reason people choose to play a particular sport is for fun and enjoyment and social reasons.

Factor	Australian Football	Netball	Cricket	Hockey
No. of adult participants in Australia	566,700	623,900	563,100	178,600
No. of child participants in Australia in organised out of school activity	386,800	315,400	233,200	89,500
% of participation by people 15+	2.7%	3.0%	2.7%	0.9%
% of participation by people 0-14	8.0%	6.5%	4.8%	1.8%
Of those who play, % of participation by males 15+	78%	14%	88%	52%
Of those who play, % of participation by females 15+	22%	86%	12%	48%
Of those who play, % of organised out of school participation by boys aged 0-14	83%	3%	88%	42%
Of those who play, % of organised out of school participation by girls aged 0-14	17%	97%	12%	58%
Peak participation by age (adult males)	15-17 years	18-24 years	15-17 years	15-17 years
Peak participation by age (adult females)	15-17 years	15-17 years	15-17 years	15-17 years
Peak participation by age (male children)	9-11 years	9-11 years	9-11 years	12-14 years
Peak participation by age (female children)	12-14 years	12-14 years	9-11 years	9-11 years
Largest male cohort of players	15-24 years (34%)	15-24 years (5%)	25-34 years (24%)	15-24 years (19%)
Largest female cohort of players	15-24 years (12%)	15-24 years (41%)	15-24 years (5%)	15-24 years (20%)
Participation through a club	63.6%	60.7%	55.1%	81.9%
Participation level 1-11 times per year for adults in 2023	21%	21%	32%	13%
Number of people considering playing this sport in Victoria	299,500	299,000	219,000	84,000
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