



AVON REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (AROC)

Minutes

7 August 2017

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Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer
AROC Secretariat

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Attachments that formed part of the Agenda, in addition to those tabled at the Meeting are incorporated into a separate attachment to these Minutes.

Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on *2-10-17*.....

Signed: *David R. Dow*.....

Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.

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MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr D Dow, Chairperson, declared the meeting open at 9.35am.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members:

Cr D Dow	Shire President, Shire of Toodyay
Mr S Scott	CEO, Shire of Toodyay
Mr C Kerp	CEO, Shire of Goomalling
Cr B Haywood	Shire President, Shire of Goomalling
Mr J Whiteaker	CEO, Shire of Northam
Cr S Pollard	Shire President, Shire of Northam
Mrs A Selvey	CEO, Shire of Dowerin
Cr D Metcalf	Shire President, Shire of Dowerin
Mrs R Hawkins	Acting CEO, Shire of Chittering
Mrs G Teede	CEO, Shire of Victoria Plains
Cr D Lovelock	Shire President, Shire of Victoria Plains
Mr P Martin	CEO, Shire of York
Cr D Wallace	Shire President, Shire of York

3.1 Apologies

Mr A Sheridan	CEO, Shire of Chittering
Cr G Houston	Shire President, Shire of Chittering

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 June 2017

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 10/08/17

MOVED: Cr S Pollard

SECONDED: Cr Lovelock

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 12 June 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

MOTION CARRIED

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4.2 Notes of the CEO Meeting held on 3 July 2017.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 11/08/17

MOVED: Cr S Pollard

SECONDED: Cr Wallace

That the Unconfirmed Notes from the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils Chief Executive Officer's Meeting held on 3 July 2017 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 Minutes of the AROC Chief Executive Officer's Meeting held on 12 June 2017.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 12/08/17

MOVED: G Teade

SECONDED: Cr Pollard

That the Unconfirmed Notes from the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils Chief Executive Officer's Meeting held on 12 June 2017 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Minutes of the AROC Waste Management Group Meeting held on 3 July 2017.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 13/08/17

MOVED: Cr Wallace

SECONDED: Cr Pollard

That the Unconfirmed Notes from the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils Waste Management Group Meeting held on 3 July 2017 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 From the Minutes of the last AROC meeting.

5.1.1 Funding for Stage II – Shire of Goomalling (lead)

Minister McTiernan will confirm whether there is funding for this second stage by the end of November 2017 after the State Government's Budget has been adopted.

Been advised through Department Sport and Recreation that the third instalment pool subsidy is not being awarded.

Revisit in December 2017.

5.1.2 Avon Link Update – Shire of Goomalling

Trans WA contract being discussed with Tim Woolerson from the Public Transport Authority in respect to a

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Thursday service between Perth and Goomalling; in the next couple of weeks.

5.1.3 Stage I AROC Housing Project – Shire of Toodyay

Tender very competitive. Contract signed. Units to be completed by April / May 2018.

5.2 From the Notes of the last CEO Meeting (when available)

5.2.1 Regional Prospectus

Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) are interested in preparing a document inviting investment in the region through a “regional prospectus”.

Liaison with the Minister confirmed the change of focus of the WDC, who are currently planning a relocation of offices.

5.2.2 AROC MOU

Copies of the MoU available for signing.

5.3 From the Minutes of the last AROC WMG meetings.

5.1.4 Action List

Scope and scale seems more ambitious than was aimed.

Waste Management and AROC – decisions to continue to pursue outcomes on the action list so progress can be seen by the Shire Presidents.

Suggestion that the Committee report back through the CEO’s AROC group so that feedback can be provided and the CEO’s can look at their own respective budgets for the 2018/2019 financial year with respect to outcomes that may be pursued.

The main aim of the working group was to work collaboratively in respect to tendering strategies for waste management.

MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 14/08/17

MOVED Cr Pollard

SECONDED Cr Haywood

That the Regional Waste Minimisation Strategy process be referred back to the AROC CEO’s group to manage the process.

MOTION CARRIED

5.4 From the Action List

The Action list was reviewed and revised.

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6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6.1 Financial Report

MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 15/08/17

MOVED Cr Lovelock

SECONDED Cr Haywood

That the financial report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1.1 Shire of York

Invoice to be sent to the Shire of York for their membership payment.

6.2 AROC Sport & Recreation Facility Audit Report 2017

MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 16/08/17

MOVED Cr Pollard

SECONDED Cr Metcalf

That the 2017 AROC Sport and Recreation Facility Audit report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2.1 Responses to the AROC Sport & Recreation Facility Audit

Updates required for facilities in York. The Shire of York will provide their input into the report while other local governments are checking their information is correct in the report.

This report was to lead to a "Regional Recreation Plan (RRP)" (i.e. what have you got; what do you need; and who will have it.).

The RRP will then assist in funding applications and addressing the potential opportunities available between communities.

As a region a consistent fee structure could then be devised in respect to recreation.

Points raised as follows:

- Surprising that population decreases are identified in the AROC Sport and Recreation Facility Audit Report (the report), given the 2016 census. Uncertainty as to what is driving the numbers.
- Decline in participation trends in sports identified in the report.
- Realignment of hockey and football sporting associations occurring at present.
- Facilities are required in the region so as to attract young families to the regional area.

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Action:

Mechanics of updating the report is to be as follows:

- Each local government is to look at the report and make sure what is in the report is accurate. Any amendments that are required to be made to the report should be sent through to the Consultant.
- The Shire of Northam will advise the Consultant that information will be coming **before the deadline of 31 August 2017**.

6.3 Signing of AROC MOU

Seven copies of the AROC MOU were tabled and signed. The Shire of Chittering took all copies back to Chittering to be signed by the Shire President and CEO.

These copies are being returned by 9 August 2017.

6.4 Shire of Chittering

The letter was discussed. The AROC MoU requires 12 months' notice. How would Chittering respond if AROC releases them now? Tourism alliance with the AROC group. Confirmation from the President in respect to an acceptance of release from AROC liaison.

Action:

Mr S Scott, CEO Shire of Toodyay, to write to the Shire of Chittering, acknowledging their letter, and providing options for withdrawal from AROC.

MOTION/AROC RESOLUTION NO 17/08/17

MOVED Cr Haywood

SECONDED Cr Pollard

That AROC acknowledge receipt of the withdrawal notice and offer the Shire of Chittering the option to withdraw before 30 June 2018 including the distribution of its share of assets at the conclusion of the Recreation Audit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

7.1 Joint Chamber of Commerce – Regional Forum

Discussion Points as follows:

- York Chamber of Commerce;
- Issues discussed already have groups dealing with these matters;

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- Business people need to get together to discuss strategies they want to progress and if they need help from local government approaches can be made then through the joint CCI's;
- Small business development corporation has a role to play in small business solutions regionally;
- AROC could discuss what to take to the next meeting;
- COC's and local government discussion – regional economic development issues – rather than “business related issues”;
- Could be a way about how to deal with air B&B's or uber, or how those types of businesses get embraced regionally. Deliver consistency in direction;
- Some businesses not embracing the internet and social media opportunities;
- Expertise within the community as a collective is not always apparent, yet there is local expertise present if one knows where to look;
- The TCCI wants to bring businesses together and it will evolve into what it will be as they talk with more people;
- The meeting has had good outcomes – i.e. a regional prospectus opportunity with the WDC and local government;
- Before the next Regional Forum in 2018, suggest that the TCCI meet with businesses so as to discern what the businesses' top five issues are which can then be addressed at the Regional Forum. Question: how they'd like the local governments to be involved ;
- AROC to continue its support of this forum;
- Differential rating in Northam supporting COC financially. Ongoing relationship with Northam COC has Elected Member on the board.

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7.2 D Metcalf

7.2.1 Removal of support for Community Resource Centres

Clarification sought.

Discussion Points were as follows:

- In Goomalling the CRC is fairly strong. They do quite a lot within the community and are very active. Uncertainty in its position but Council has identified it will support the retention of the CRC in Goomalling;
- Toodyay CRC very active. Not much liaison between the branch and the Shire of Toodyay;

Action:

All members of AROC to provide information back to the CEO, Shire of Toodyay before 18 August 2017 about their respective CRC's for consideration October 2017 AROC Meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of AROC CEOs will be held on 4 Sept 2017.
- The next meeting of the AROC Waste Management Group will be held on 4 September 2017.
- The next meeting of AROC will be held on 2 October 2017.

9. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.20am.



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Action List comprising of Status Report and Project List

Action List / Status Report			
Date	Details	Name	Latest Comments
Ongoing	<p><i>Specialty Staff Meetings</i> to be convened by the nominated Host of Specialty Staff as follows:</p> <p>Rates Officers – Shire of Dowerin Planning Managers – Shire of Chittering. Rangers Meeting – Shire of Toodyay Sharing Opportunities EO/EHO/CESM</p> <p>*Meetings can coincide with the AROC CEO meetings.</p>	CEO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of AROC reason for being. Meetings occur on an ad hoc basis. Promoting at CEO Level the importance of talking to neighbours, Resource Sharing, etc. Networking.
Ongoing	<p>Stage I and II Aged Housing Project</p> <p>Written updates to be provided to all other Members of AROC to keep them abreast of all information in relation to the project.</p>	CEO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (3 year plan) Goomalling the lead local government for Stage II funding. Announcement through Mia Davies Office – approved and will be coming through in due course to Goomalling. Awaiting response from A MacTiernan's office regarding approval for funding. Should be advised November 2017. Contract signed for design and construction of units (Stage I) with Pindan Consulting Pty Ltd on Friday 28 July 2017.
06/02/2017 Recommendation made in April 2017	<p>AROC Planning for 2016/2017 - discuss AROC priorities</p> <p><i>Include Transport as an issue and need for adequate funding for commodities but grain freight (Ag-line route) throughout the Wheatbelt (including AROC). Include Education in Wheatbelt.</i></p>	AROC	MOU to be signed officially – now all member Councils have endorsed the MOU.

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Date	Details	Name	Latest Comments
3/4/2017	Dementia Care Unit <i>(first discussed at the February 2017 AROC Meeting)</i>	CEO Goomalling	CEO Goomalling to invite the Department of Health representative to come have a chat with up-to-date statistics if possible as Verso stats may be out-of-date. <i>This will be deferred until the October 2017 AROC Meeting.</i>

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Project List				
Funding	Project Name	Project Manager(s)	Current Stage of Project	Done/Yet to do
11/12	Steam Train Project Opened on 30 April 2017	Shire of Dowerin	Acquittal being worked on at present.	<p>\$600,000 to 800,000 required to get a train on the track.</p> <p>Insurance costs would vary on timetables (Vicinity of \$75,000/year)</p> <p>Huge interest in people wanting to travel on heritage trains for tourism purposes.</p> <p>Third party involvement in project welcomed by the Shire of Dowerin.</p> <p>The line at Minnivale needs to have new sleepers installed before trains can run on the line.</p>
12/13	Aged Housing Funded through CLGF	Shire of Toodyay		<p>Spend the CLGF Money first.</p> <p>Information on the interest allocations held in trust have been put into relevant accounts.</p> <p>2017/2018 fees are payable as per the agreement.</p>

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Funding	Project Name	Project Manager(s)	Current Stage of Project	Done/Yet to do
2016/2017	Regional Recreation Plan / Strategy <i>AROC to develop a Regional Recreation Strategy as part of its 2016/2017 program of activities.</i>	AROC CEO's CEOs agreed at their meeting held on 13 March 2017 that AROC should proceed with the Audit and consider the remainder of the project when the audit has been completed.	AROC Resolution: 1. Shire of Northam get quotes; and 2. AROC CEO's be the Working Group to decide on the engagement of a Consultant for Stage One to a maximum value of \$15,000.	Regional Facilities Audit completed and circulated.

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Administered by Shire of Northam

	Opening Balance	01.07.2016					
	13.12.2016	13.12.2016	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Brought Forward	96,252	95,655	101,543	134,108	80,618	59,367	49,202
Revenue							
Member Contributions	30,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	48,000	-
Grants					25,000	26,604	26,604
WDC Contribution							
Fees & Charges			5,391	2,459	636	2,364	9,318
Interest Earnings		597	1,914	2,299	2,219	2,611	2,830
Other Revenue			-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	30,000	597	37,305	34,759	57,855	79,579	38,752
Expenses							
Insurance			846	1,158	1,445	1,575	1,488
Equipment Expenditure			5,897	3,081	2,919	69	495
Shared Services Aged Care Planning						30,000	-
Shire of Chitterung BCF							13,302
Shire of Toodyay BCF						26,684	
Shire of Toodyay Administration	7,500		7,500	7,500			
Shire of Dowerin BCF min 3.2.2 12.3.12)							13,302
WB Infrastructure Conway Highbury				12,000			
WB Infrastructure refund to WDC				17,273			
Localise Aged Friendly Audit				26,312			
Strategic Waste Management Plan			28,950				
Other Expenditure							
Total Expenditure	7,500	0	43,193	67,324	4,364	58,328	28,587
Net Result	22,500	597	- 5,888	- 32,565	53,491	21,251	10,165
Accumulated Funds on hand 30/06/2017	118,752	96,252	95,655	101,543	134,108	80,618	59,367
Represented by Bankwest Trust Account	118,752						

Maria Rebane

From: Jason Whiteaker <ceo@northam.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 20 July 2017 4:20 PM
To: Stan Scott
Subject: ICR46177 - Regional Recreation Audit
Attachments: AROC Sport & Recreation Facility Audit Report 2017.pdf

SynergySoft: ICR46177

Stan/Maria

I have attached the draft Regional Recreation Audit for AROC, it is ready to be tabled at our next meeting. Speaking with Rebecca, who did the report, she made mention that compiling it was made more difficult as a number of local governments did not complete / provide all of the required information. In fact York did not respond or provide any information at all as far as I am aware. I will mention this when we meet.

Regards

Jason Whiteaker

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SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES AUDIT

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INTRODUCTION

The Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC) is comprised of the Shires of Northam, Toodyay, Goomalling, Chittering, York, Victoria Plains and Dowerin. Amongst the AROC Shires, there is a common (although varied) requirement for further investment in sport and recreation facilities. There is also an identified gap in coordination across the AROC region in terms of planning for and consolidating sport and recreation infrastructure.

The AROC Shires commissioned an audit of existing sport and recreation facilities with the aim to provide a region wide perspective on available infrastructure and to determine how best the AROC Shire's can move forward in supporting sustainable sport and recreation development. The audit forms the first stage of a broader process to develop an AROC Sport and Recreation Facilities Development Strategy. The real impetus behind this process, is to ensure that cohesive planning provides the best foundation for attracting State and Federal Government investment in future sport and recreation development within the AROC region.

The full scope of work for the AROC Sport and Recreation Facilities Development Strategy has been divided in to three distinct stages:

Stage 1: The Audit

- Review existing background information, including but not limited to the separate Shire's recreation development plans;
- Physical review of existing recreational facilities and assessment against industry or agreed benchmarks to determine adequacy of the region's facilities;
- Facility utilization audit/review for agreed facilities;
- Regional demographic and trend analysis;
- Identification of which Local Governments and sporting leagues should be acknowledged in a regional plan.

Stage 2: Opportunities

- Identify sports and facilities not provided for;
- Stakeholder consultation to gain a clear understanding of the areas sporting, recreation and social needs, aspirations and expectations. Consultation with both the Department of Sport and Recreation and Wheatbelt Development Commission is viewed as essential.

Stage 3: The Strategy

- Facilities and existing facility quality report. To be based on the background research and consultation findings in the earlier stages of the study, a comprehensive schedule of community facilities required to meet the future recreation needs of the area is to be developed.
- Cost estimations. Based on the outcomes of the above an estimated cost of facility development/improvements. Comments on the necessity of conforming to prescribed standards for individual sports to minimise lifecycle costs also to be considered.
- The potential for the co-location of facilities.

This report relates to stage one, the Audit, only. The need for progression with stages two and three will be determined by the AROC member Shires, post completion of the audit.

REGIONAL PROFILE

The AROC region largely sits on the most Western border of the Wheatbelt and on the eastern fringe of Perth. The Shire of Dowerin is the most distant from Perth, of all AROC Shires (approximately 156 kilometers to the north and east of Perth).

The estimated resident population of the AROC region at June 2015 is 27,438. The Shire of Northam has the greatest population density of the AROC Shires with an estimated 11,555 people residing in this Shire (approximately 42% of the whole of this region's population). On the opposite end of the spectrum, Dowerin is the least populated of the AROC Shires with a population of 679 (2.5% of the region's population).

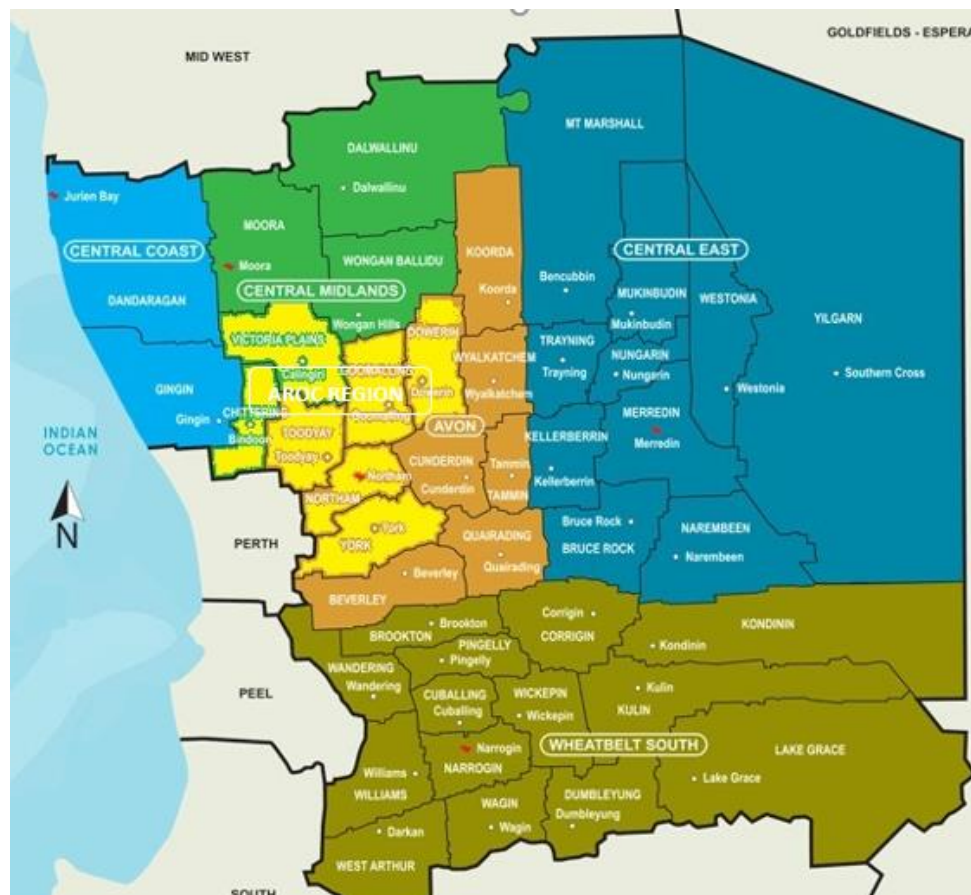


Figure 1. AROC Region Map (depicted in yellow)

DEMOGRAPHICS

As represented in Figure 2, the age profile of the region is characterised by a concentration of young people (aged 5 to 19) and people in middle age (45 to 65), with the highest age range being 55 to 59 (8% of the total population) followed closely by 50 to 54 (7.9% of the total population)¹.

¹ ABS Category 3235.0 Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia. Released August 2016

The AROC region is characterised by much lower than State averages of people aged 20 to 29 (4.8% in AROC compared to 7.6% for Western Australia) and higher than State averages of people in all age ranges over 55, with the greatest discrepancy in the 55 to 59 age bracket (8% in AROC compared to 5.9% for Western Australia). Demographic data for each Shire is provided in [Appendix 1](#).

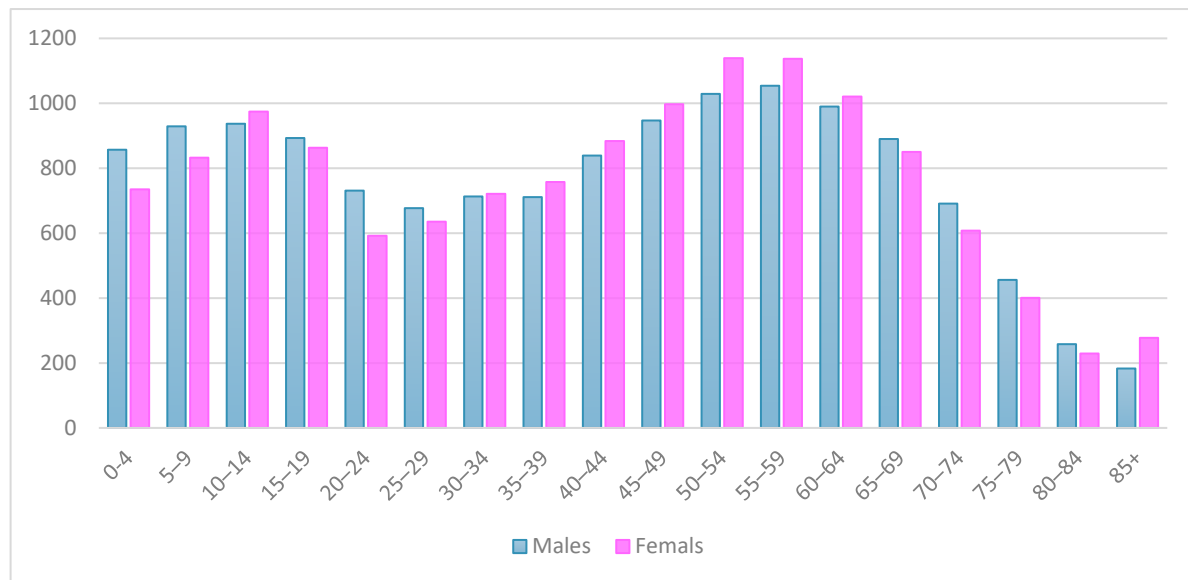


Figure 2. Estimated Resident Population of AROC region by Age and Gender.

POPULATION FORECAST

Population forecasts for the AROC region (Table 1) indicate that the population will grow at between 1.65% and 1.73% annually over the next decade, increasing from 28,290 in 2016 to 33,230 in 2026². The largest growth is predicted to occur in the Shire’s of Chittering and Northam. The other Shire’s on Perth’s urban fringe (York and Toodyay) are also expected to experience growth, while the populations of the more eastern Shire’s are forecast to stagnate or decline.

Year	Chittering	Dowerin	Goomalling	Northam	Toodyay	Victoria Plains	York	TOTAL
2016	5 390	710	950	12 250	4 760	880	3 350	28290
2021	6 350	690	930	13 550	5 040	820	3 470	30850
2026	7 300	680	900	14 760	5 280	750	3 560	33230
Average Annual Growth Rate								
2021	3.44%	-0.14%	-0.92%	2.27%	1.07%	-1.25%	0.03%	1.73%
2026	3.23%	-0.19%	-0.83%	2.09%	1.03%	-1.42%	0.19%	1.65%

Table 1. Population Forecast for AROC Shire’s. Source: WA Planning Commission’s Population Report No. 10, Band C data.

² WA Tomorrow Population Report number 10. Western Australian Planning Commission, 2015. Band C data.

The age and gender distribution of the population of the AROC region is expected to experience a shift over the next decade (illustrated in Figure 3). Consistent with regional and State trends, the AROC region can expect an ageing of the population. There will be more people aged 70+ and a decline in the population of young people aged 10 to 19. An increase to the population of persons aged 20 to 30, which is currently the most underrepresented demographic group in the AROC region, is also forecast.

Considering these population forecasts in conjunction with current and predicted participation trends will be imperative to effective planning for future sport and recreation development for the AROC region.

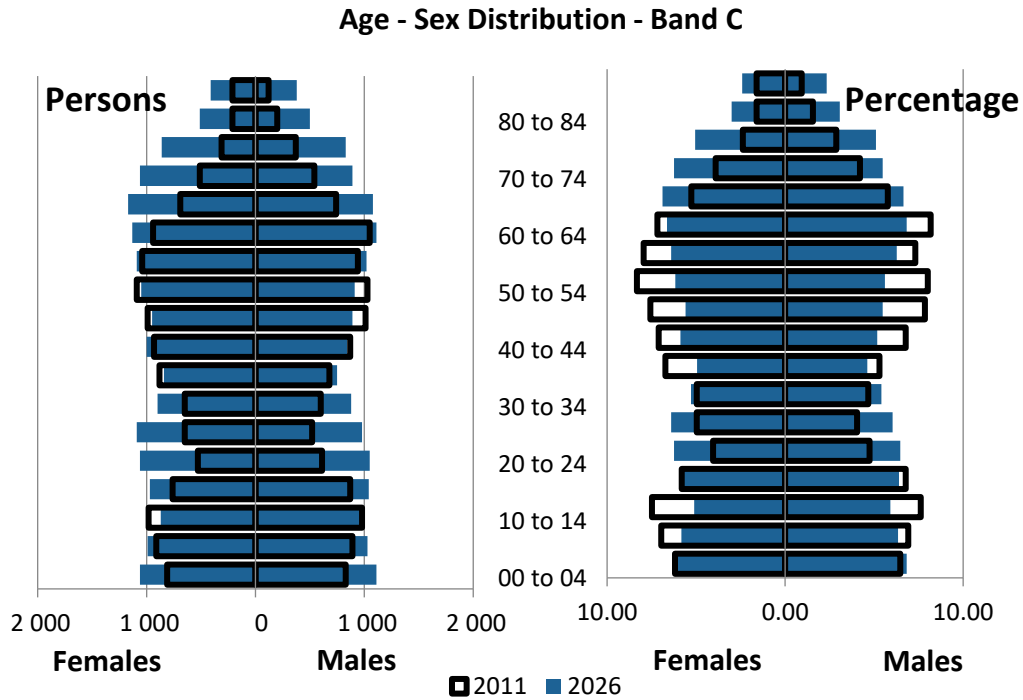


Figure 3. Population Pyramids for AROC, 2011 to 2026. WA Population Report No. 10

SPORT & RECREATION TRENDS

PARTICIPATION TRENDS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AusPlay is a national population tracking survey funded and led by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The survey was introduced to fill the information gap for the sports sector created by the Australian Bureau of Statistics when it stopped collecting sport and recreation data in 2014.

The AusPlay survey results for Western Australia indicate that physical activity remains important throughout life with 83% of adults (15+), across the age spectrum, participating in some form of activity at least once per week in the 12 months from January to December 2016.

Participation rates in children (0-14) increases with age and for female’s peaks at 9 to 11 years of age and for males at 12 to 14 years of age. Adult men and women participate at similar levels across the life stages. As a rule, the frequency of activity in adults diminishes as we age. Detailed participation data for Western Australia is provided in [Appendix 2](#).

The most popular form of physical activity for Western Australian adults generally, and adult women in particular, is walking. For adult men, the most popular activity is gym/fitness training (refer to Figure 4). For children aged 0 to 14, swimming is by far the most popular form of physical activity regardless of gender (refer to Figure 5).

The most popular club/facility based sports in Western Australia are golf, Australian Rules Football, football (soccer), tennis and basketball.

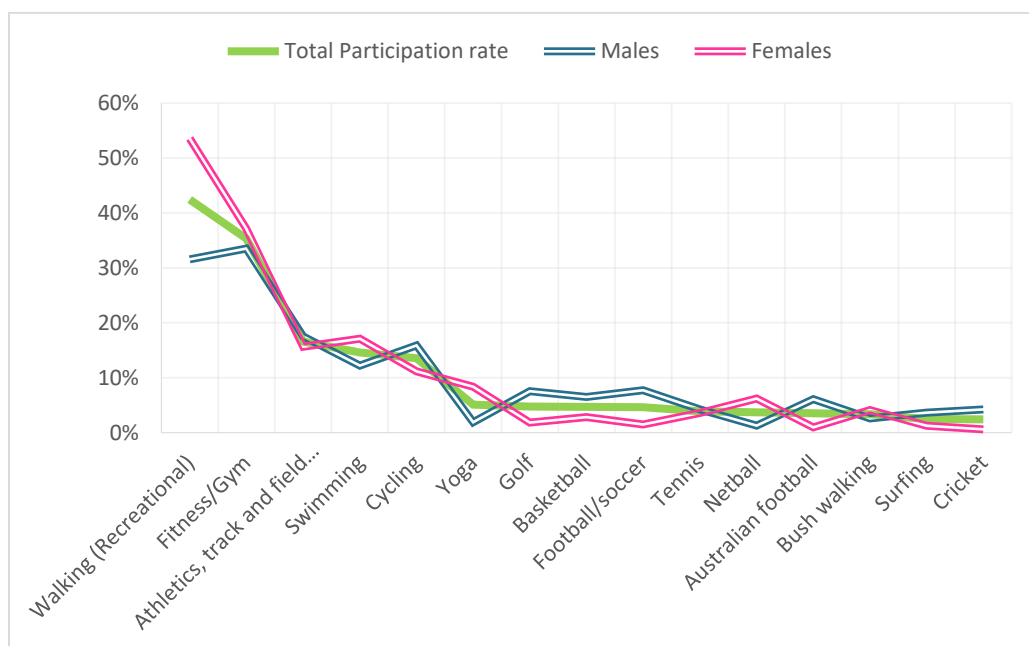


Figure 4. Top 15 physical activities for adults (15+) in WA, January to December 2016³

³ AusPlay survey data tables for Western Australia January 2016 - December 2016. Australian Sports Commission, April 2017.

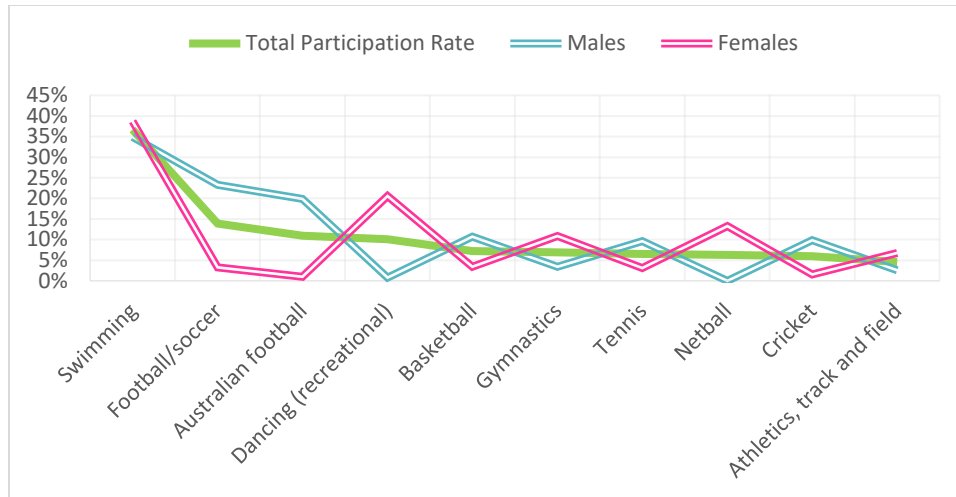


Figure 5. Top 10 physical activities for children (0-14) in WA, January to December 2016⁴

A comparison of data from the 2010 Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) report⁵ indicates that preferences for physical activity in Western Australia have remained relatively consistent over time (refer to Table 2). There is an evident increase in the popularity of non-organised and flexible forms of physical activity, particularly aerobics/gym fitness (participation increased by 9.9%), running and walking. Golf has remained the most popular club (organised) sport for adults over this time.

Activity	Rank		% Change in Participation rate
	2010	2016	
Walking	1	1	4.1%
Aerobics/fitness	2	2	9.9%
Swimming	3	4	-0.9%
Cycling	4	5	-0.7%
Running	5	3	6.2%
Golf	6	7	-0.87%
Australian Rules Football	7	12	-1.8%
Tennis	8	10	-1.0%
Basketball	9	8	-0.1%
Football (soccer)	10	9	0.0%
Netball	11	11	-0.4%
Yoga	12	6	1.1%

Table 2. Comparison of participation rates in the top 10 most popular physical activities for adults in Western Australia 2010 and 2016

⁴ AusPlay survey data tables for Western Australia January 2016 - December 2016. Australian Sports Commission, April 2017.

⁵ Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport Annual Report 2010, State and Territory Tables for Western Australia. Australian Sports Commission, 2010

NATIONAL PARTICIPATION TRENDS

AusPlay⁶ participation data at a National Level indicates that 87% of Australian's aged 15 or over and 69% of children aged 0 to 14, participate in some form of sport or physical activity. Over half (59%) of the adult population participate in sport or non-sport related physical activity three or more times a week. Children do not participate as frequently but 54% are active at least once per week through organised sport or physical activity outside of school hours.

Adult men and women participate at similar levels across the life stages and while participation through an organisation/venue is important across all life stages it decreases with age. Self-organised based participation becomes more important as we get older.

Sport clubs are the primary avenue for children to be active (except for children aged 0–4, who are more likely to be active through other organisations). They are not however, the main choice of participation in sport or physical activity in Australia for adults aged 18 years and over.

Recreational walking is the most popular physical activity for Australian adults with a participation rate of 42.6% (refer to AusPlay national data tables in [Appendix 2](#)). Fitness/gym activity is the second most popular form of physical activity amongst adults (participation rate of 32.1%) and is by far the most preferred activity involving some type of organisation or with access to a venue. Swimming and football (soccer) are the most popular forms of out of school physical activity for children (participation rates of 30% and 14.7% respectively).

The most popular club sports at a National level are golf, football (soccer), tennis, cricket and netball. Golf's high ranking in club sport is underpinned by a very high proportion of adult participation. Football (soccer) has the highest club participation overall due to its popularity among both adults and children. Swimming and to a lesser extent athletics rank highly in club sports thanks to club participation of children.

MEGATRENDS

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) collaborated with the ASC to identify six megatrends likely to shape the Australian sports sector over the next 30 years⁷. A megatrend represents an important pattern of social, economic or environmental change. Megatrends occur at the intersection of multiple trends and hold potential implications for policy and investment choices being made by community groups, industry and government. The six megatrends in sport are likely to be:

A perfect fit: Individualised sport and fitness activities are on the rise. People are fitting sport into their increasingly busy and time-fragmented lifestyles to achieve personal health objectives. Participation rates in aerobics, running, walking, along with gym membership, have all risen sharply over the past decade while participation rates for many organised sports have held constant or declined.

People are increasingly opting to go for a run with headphones and a music player when the opportunity arises, rather than commit to a regular organised sporting event.

⁶ AusPlay Participation data for the sport sector. Summary of key national findings. *October 2015 to September 2016 data (Australian Sports Commission, 2016)*.

⁷ The Future of Australian Sport, Megatrends shaping the sports sector over coming decades, ASC and CSIRO, April 2013

From extreme to mainstream: This megatrend captures the rise of lifestyle, adventure and alternative sports which are particularly popular with younger generations. These sports typically involve complex, advanced skills and have some element of inherent danger and/or thrill-seeking. They are also characterised by a strong lifestyle element and participants often obtain cultural self-identity and self-expression through these sports.

More than sport: The broader benefits of sport are being increasingly recognised by governments, business and communities. Sport can help achieve mental and physical health, crime prevention, social development and international cooperation objectives. Sport for children and adults is an effective means of reducing the rising rates of obesity and chronic illness.

Everybody's game: Australia and other countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) face an ageing population. This will change the types of sports we play and how we play them. There are indications that Australians are embracing sport into their old age. To retain strong participation rates, sports of the future will need to cater for senior citizens. They will also need to cater for the changing cultural make-up of Australia. Australian society has become, and will continue to become, highly multicultural. Different cultures have different sporting preferences and recreation habits. Sporting organisations will be challenged with capturing the interest and involvement of diverse cultures.

New wealth, new talent: Population and income growth throughout Asia will create tougher competition and new opportunities for Australia both on the sports field and in the sports business environment. This may create new markets for sports television, sports tourism, sports equipment, sport services and sports events.

Tracksuits to business suits: Market forces are likely to exert greater pressure on sport in the future. Loosely organised community sports associations are likely to be replaced by organisations with corporate structures and more formal governance systems in light of market pressures. The cost of participating in sport is also rising and this is a barrier to participation for many people.

REVIEW OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION IN SPORT & RECREATION IN THE WHEATBELT

The Wheatbelt Provision of Community Sport report⁸ explored the key factors affecting the development of sport, and participation in sport in the Wheatbelt region. The report indicated that Wheatbelt individuals and families participate in sport for the same reasons as “the overwhelming majority of the population”.

Factors that were found to impact on community sport in the Wheatbelt include population (or lack of) work commitments, travel times and access to facilities, coaches, officials and other volunteers. Competition boundaries and fixturing was not found to have as significant an impact overall but streamlining fixtures was presented as an opportunity to increase participation (particularly through encouraging families to play sport together) and reduce volunteer burn out.

⁸ Wheatbelt Provision of Community Sport. Solum, 2013.

The consultation undertaken as part of this research identified a number of measures being implemented by Wheatbelt communities in an effort to improve participation in sport. These included:

- Adjusting age limits for competitions;
- Encouraging junior boys to play in senior women's competitions;
- Combining teams across town and Shire boundaries;
- Playing winter sports all on one day to reduce travel;
- Women's clubs working with men's clubs to cross promote (and vice versa);
- Senior players supporting junior players through structured mentoring and coaching;
- Fundraising for improved surfaces, which have in turn attracted more members and spectators; and
- Creating a positive club culture centered on families.

The report also noted the importance of sport and recreation infrastructure in improving participation rates in sport. Having good sport and recreation facilities within close proximity to individuals and families, the report states, can be a key enabler to sporting participation and in the wider sense, community interaction. In addition, the recent increased investment by Shires in sport and recreation facilities with multipurpose surfaces has enabled fixturing to be improved as multiple sports can be played at the same venue on the same day, greater opportunities for fundraising through improved canteen and bar facilities and quality playing surfaces to attract and retain players.

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE PARTICIPATION

The ASC commissioned market segmentation research intended to assist sporting organisations to better understand the factors that are driving participation in sport and other types of physical activity.

The research, which was undertaken by the ASC and GfK Blue Moon, found that Australians are becoming increasingly time-poor, have limited budgets and are being inundated by new forms of entertainment⁹. Sport and activity preferences have also changed over time, with an increase in non-organised or time-flexible pursuits (e.g. running, cycling or going to the gym) and a stagnation of participation numbers in organised (club) sport. To reverse this trend and engage or re-engage adults and children in organized sport, the research suggests that it is important to understand what motivates and inhibits participation.

According to the 2016 AusPlay national survey, physical health or fitness is the strongest motivation for non-sport related physical activity. And whilst this is also the lead motivation for playing sport, people are significantly more likely to also play sport for the fun/enjoyment and social aspects. Women are more likely to participate in sport or physical activity for physical and mental health reasons and to lose or maintain weight than men. Men are more motivated by fun/enjoyment and social reasons than women.

The AusPlay survey combined with the findings of the ASC and GfK research suggest that the primary barriers to participation in club based physical activity for adults are:

- Time pressure;
- Inflexible schedules;
- Poor health or injury;
- Clubs being too cliquey leaving people feeling excluded;

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https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/research/smi/market_seg/market_segmentation_-_adults

- Cost; and
- Limited opportunities for beginners.

The main barriers to participation for children in organised out of school hours sport or physical activity are:

- Wrong age fit to available sport or activities (this declines as an important issue among older children);
- Not enough time or too many time commitments;
- Don't like sport or physical activity;
- Can't afford the cost of sport; or
- Transportation issues.

The research also suggests that whilst some children love the competitive side of sport many do not and so to attract and retain children in sporting clubs there needs to be an environment based around fun, enjoyment and being with friends.

Considering the research findings, the ASC in its participation game¹⁰ plan proposes that developing or adapting sporting products that are more relevant, is required to help attract more people to sport and keep them playing sport. Encouraging membership in sport can be achieved by¹¹:

- Providing sport delivery that focuses on fun and enjoyment rather than competition;
- Providing products and services that are inclusive, promote equal treatment, and focus on fun and participation regardless of skill level and ability;
- Providing a variety of pricing packages and different types of membership that allow for flexibility of attendance and time commitment;
- Identifying the potential for growth opportunities in sport club membership by understanding the needs of different segments and the products they may be attracted to.

FACILITIES PLANNING & USE

Evidence suggests that the provision of appropriate and sufficient sports facilities has considerable influence on participation in sport. The availability of suitable sports facilities, access to those facilities, and the conditions under which a facility operates can either encourage participation or act as a barrier to participation¹².

Sporting facilities can present a barrier to participation if there exist certain geographical, environmental and/or population factors that create conditions which restrict use. Such factors include:

- a) Location: Ease of access by public or private transportation;
- b) Community reach: Catering to the age and socio-economic profile of the community;

¹⁰ Play.Sport.Australia. The Australian Sports Commission's participation game plan. Australian Sports Commission, 2015.

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https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/knowledge_base/sport_participation/community_participation/sport_participation_in_australia

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- c) Design: Indoor, outdoor, year-round or seasonal;
- d) Management practices: accessible hours of operation; and
- e) Sustainability: regular maintenance and planned upgrades.

There is no one-size fits all approach, to sport and recreation facility development. The characteristics of a sporting facility can vary greatly from one community to the next: the size may range from small to very large; community reach may be central (catering for the community) or widespread (a regional facility); it may cater to multiple sports or a single sport, and; the ownership/management structure may be public, private, or a hybrid model. Applying best practice planning principles is imperative to ensure that sports facilities service the widest possible participant base.

AROC SPORT & RECREATION PLANS

Most of the Shires in the AROC region have completed or are in the process of completing, Sport and Recreation Plans for their communities (refer to Table 3). The following section provides a brief synopsis of existing Shire Plans. Where a standalone plan does not exist, the Shire’s Community Strategic Plan has been referenced.

Local Government Authority	Current Status of Plan
Shire of Victoria Plains	Out of Date
Shire of Goomalling	New plan in progress
Shire of Northam	Current
Shire of Dowerin	Current
Shire of Toodyay	Current
Shire of Chittering	Current
Shire of York	Unknown

Table 3. Status of AROC Shire Sport and Recreation Plans

YORK

The Shire of York does not have a standalone plan or strategy for Sport and Recreation that is publicly available (i.e. there is no plan on the list of council documents on the Shire website). The York Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026 states that the focus for sport and recreation facilities is to “repair failed or failing assets as a priority and prioritise youth based projects to follow”.

TOODYAY

The Toodyay Recreation Strategy was prepared by SGL Consulting Group and was completed in 2014. Managing population growth and development pressures associated with the expansion of the Perth metropolitan area, are stated as significant influencers on planning for sport and recreation facilities in Toodyay. The greatest deficit for the Shire of Toodyay in sport and recreation provision is the lack of a swimming pool and an indoor sports hall. Deficiencies in the facilities at the major sporting hub in Toodyay, the Showgrounds, are restrictive both to existing sports and to any potential new sporting competitions (e.g. netball).

The primary goal for the Shire of Toodyay is to develop a major multi-purpose recreation and sport precinct. The Strategy identifies the need to have a staged approach to the development of the precinct given possible funding constraints. A cost-effective approach optimizing use of facilities at the Toodyay school is recommended with a focus on;

- Constructing a football oval with turf cricket wicket and training lights and associated club room with function room, bar, change rooms and toilets; and
- Upgrading the school oval to a standard sufficient for hockey and floodlighting the school netball/basketball courts.

The next highest priority is the development of an outdoor aquatic center.

NORTHAM

The Shire of Northam Recreation Facilities Development Plan, completed by CCS Strategic in 2016, identified a vision that the Shire of Northam would support:

- The provision of an agree suite of regional standard facilities over time that are high quality, multi-purpose, non-exclusive and suitable for all ages; and
- Opportunities for participation in the broadest possible range of sport, recreation and leisure pursuits.

The changing demographic profile of the Northam Shire, suggests that there will be a growing demand for traditional adult sports (football, cricket, netball and basketball) and the need to accommodate older adults particularly the well-aged and those requiring rehabilitation (walking, gentle exercise, strength training, hydrotherapy).

The key priorities for the Shire in the next 10 years are to respond to the swimming needs of the community and to provide a turf hockey field, which will be the only one of its type in the AROC region and one of few in the whole of the Wheatbelt.

To ensure that the Northam Recreation Centre remains a prominent regional facility there will also be a focus on maintaining, diversifying and enhancing this venue to maximize utilization. Including a swimming facility at the recreation complex, and in particular an in-door heated swimming pool, is viewed as a means to address the changing demographic, meet the swimming needs of the community and diversify the sport and recreation offering at the recreation center.

DOWERIN

The Dowerin Recreation Strategy 2015-2025, was completed in late 2015. The Strategy identifies a number of existing and emerging factors that will impact on the provision of sport and recreation facilities in Dowerin. Such factors include:

- No predicted change in population numbers or preferences in Dowerin;
- An increasing demand for unstructured recreation opportunities; and
- A shortage of recreation opportunities for youth and seniors.

The Strategy identifies five immediate priorities for Dowerin:

- 1) *Aquatic facilities*: decommissioning of the Dowerin Memorial Swimming Pool after construction of a 25m new aquatic facility located adjacent to the Dowerin Community Club;
- 2) *Play Experiences*: development of a play space planning framework that incorporates the revitalisation of existing facilities and an investigation in to the development of a nature play area;
- 3) *Grounds and pitches*: development of a sports ground maintenance plan;

- 4) *Changeroom and ablution facilities*: modernisation of facilities within the Dowerin Recreation Centre; and
- 5) *Active transport*: development of plans for walking trails and a bike plan.

CHITTERING

The Shire of Chittering Sport and Recreation Plan 2012-2022, was developed in 2013 and reviewed in 2015. The Plan sets out a vision for “Chittering to be a dynamic, thriving community that values its diverse range of sport and recreation opportunities”. The Plan also articulates three clear goals for sport and recreation in the Shire:

Goal 1: Ensure that facilities support and enhance sport and recreation into the future.

Goal 2: Club Sports – Continue processes to address issues confronting sport and recreation organisations through appropriate club development programs and services.

Goal 3: Ensure recreation facilities and public open space is made available to meet the needs of the growing community.

VICTORIA PLAINS

The Shire of Victoria Plains does not have a current sport and recreation plan. The Community Strategic Plan 2013-2023 does however have the following strategies that relate to sport and recreation:

Strategy 2.3.2: Develop a ‘Recreational Facilities and Equipment Need Study’ that includes outlining potential funding sources for the Shire, emergency and voluntary services across the Shire.

Strategy 2.3.3: Support the development and maintenance of community facilities in the Shire.

Strategy 2.3.5: Review the usage of the community halls to determine the specialist use of each facility, and build on its comparative advantage.

GOOMALLING

The Shire of Goomalling is in the process of finalizing its sport and recreation plan. The 2013 Goomalling Strategic Community Plan provides the following priorities for sport and recreation:

SOCIAL - S 3 Provide active and passive recreation facilities and services:

S 3.1 Develop a broad recreation master plan for the Shire (short term).

S 3.2 Develop, maintain and support appropriate recreation facilities throughout the Shire (ongoing).

S 3.3 Facilitate and develop a regional recreation facility in the town of Goomalling (medium term).

S 3.4 Partner with stakeholders to achieve greater community participation in recreational facilities and services (short term).

AROC MAJOR SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS

A summary of the major sporting associations aligned to the Shires in the AROC region is provided in Table 4. Whilst there is not complete alignment of sporting associations across the AROC Shires, association boundaries have generally been determined based on geography with consideration given to the proximity between the respective townsites within each association. Boundaries have also, in some instances, been influenced by other sporting codes to enable family participation in multiple sports.

The feasibility and desire for consolidation of sporting associations within AROC and/or bordering the AROC region, is worth further consideration but may prove fruitless given that research undertaken for the Wheatbelt suggests that competition boundaries and fixturing are not the most significant influencers of club sport participation. Furthermore, sporting association boundary realignment is also not an easy process nor will it necessarily be a popular or well supported measure. This is largely due to clubs having invested substantially in their associations in the way of financial and volunteer hour contributions. What might be more important is to facilitate a discussion on fixturing alignment to ensure that conflicts are managed and not restrictive to participation across sporting disciplines.

An opportunity that AROC could consider exploring in the near term, is the consolidation of the Avon Hockey Association with the East Avon Women’s Hockey Association. East Avon will be losing two of its seven teams in 2018. The remaining towns, Meckering, Cunderdin, Tammin, Kellerberrin and Quairading are all affiliated with the Avon Football league, which presents an opportunity for a similar level of cross-sport alignment that has been achieved in the Mortlock associations.

	Chittering	Dowerin	Goomalling	Northam	Toodyay	Victoria Plains	York Plains
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL							
Avon Football League				X			X
Mortlock Football League		X	X		X	X	
HOCKEY							
Avon Hockey Association	X			X			X
Mortlock Hockey Association		X	X		X	X	

	Chittering	Dowerin	Goomalling	Northam	Toodyay	Victoria Plains	York
CRICKET							
Northam Cricket Association				X	X		
Wyalkatchem Cricket Association		X	X				
South Midlands Cricket Association	X						
LAWN BOWLS							
Avon Valley Bowling League		X	X	X	X	X*	X
Moore Districts Bowling League	X						
Central Midlands Bowling League						X*	
BASKETBALL							
Chittering Basketball Association	X						
Northam Basketball Association			X	X	X		X
TENNIS							
Central Districts Zone		X		X			X
Moore Districts Zone			X		X	X	

*Bolgart falls within the Avon Bowling League and Calingiri in the Central Midlands

	Chittering	Dowerin	Goomalling	Northam	Toodyay	Victoria Plains	York
NETBALL							
Northam Netball Association				X	X		
York Netball Association							X
Mortlock Netball Association		X	X				
South Midlands Association	X						
Central Midlands Association						X	

Table 4. Major Sporting Associations in the AROC region¹³

¹³ Wheatbelt Provision of Community Sport. Solum, 2013.

REVIEW OF EXISTING SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

A summary of sport and recreation facilities/venues for the AROC region as they align to the most popular club/facility based physical activities in Western Australia, is provided in Table 5. As a region, AROC has provision for all forms of popular physical activity, however the range of facilities does vary considerably from Shire to Shire. Unsurprisingly with the Shire of Northam having the greatest population of the AROC Shires, it also has the largest number and variety of sport and recreation facilities.

Yoga, which has emerged as an increasingly popular form of physical activity amongst adults in Western Australia, has very limited provision in the AROC region. However, whilst not strictly having a provision for Yoga, all AROC communities offer a similar form of physical activity such as Pilates.

Despite the popularity of soccer and basketball at both a State and National level, within the AROC region there are only limited Shires which provide a competition level for these club based sports.

Swimming pools are located in the Northam, Goomalling, Dowerin and York Shires. Existing pools vary in size from 25m to 50m in length. There are no indoor aquatic facilities in the AROC region which imposes seasonal limitations on participation in this form of physical activity within the region.

	Chittering	Dowerin	Goomalling	Northam	Toodyay	Victoria Plains	York	Total # of Facilities
Fitness/Gym		1	1	2	1	1	1	7
Swimming		1	1	2			1	5
Yoga				1				1
Golf		1	1	4	1	3	1	11
Basketball	1	1		3	1		1	7
Soccer				4	1			5
Tennis	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	13
Netball	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Australian Rules Football		1	1	4	1	1	1	9
Cricket	1	1	1	1	1		1	6

Table 5. Sport and Recreation Facilities in AROC aligned to the Top 10 Club/Facility Based Physical Activities for adults in Western Australia

AROC SPORT & RECREATION PROVISION

The following tables provide an overview of sport and recreation provision for the principal club/facility based sporting activities within the AROC region¹⁴. Information on other sport and recreation facilities in the region is provided for each Shire in [Appendix 3](#).

BASKETBALL

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Northam Recreation Centre	Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women	Sprung wood indoor, asphalt outdoor	3 Indoor 4 Outdoor
	Wundowie	Outdoor courts	Social	Hardcourts	1
	Bakers Hill	Outdoor courts	Social	Hardcourts	1
Toodyay	Toodyay	Multi Use Courts	Social	Courtflex Tiles	2
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Recreation Centre	Social		3 enclosed courts
Chittering	Bindoon	Chinkabee Complex	Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women	Acrylic	4
York	York	York Recreation Centre	Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women	Wood	1

LAWN BOWLS

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Northam Bowling Club	Men's, women's and social	Synthetic	4
	Wundowie	Wundowie Bowling Club			1

¹⁴ Please note that the information provided in these tables is based on input provided by the AROC Shires as well as desktop research. Every effort has been made to identify all facilities in the region, however there may be some that are not represented here.

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Toodyay	Toodyay	Toodyay Bowling Club	Men's, women's	Synthetic grass	6
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Community Club	Men's, women's	Synthetic	
Victoria Plains	Bolgart	Bolgart Sports Club	Men's, women's	Synthetic	
	Calingiri	Calingiri Sports Club	Men's	Grass	
Goomalling	Goomalling	Goomalling Recreation Grounds	Men's, women's	Synthetic	8
Chittering	Bindoon	Chinkabee Complex	Men's, women's	Synthetic turf	
York	York	York Bowling Club	Men's, women's and social	Synthetic	

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Henry St and Jubilee Ovals	Juniors & Senior Men	Grass	1
	Bakers Hill	Bakers Hill Oval		Bakers Hill Oval	1
	Wundowie	Wundowie Football Club		Wundowie Oval	1
Victoria Plains	Calingiri	Calingiri Sportsgrounds & Pavilion	Junior and senior men	Grass	1
Toodyay	Toodyay	Toodyay Sports Ground & Pavilion	Junior and senior men	Grass, turf	1
Goomalling	Goomalling	Goomalling Recreation Grounds	Junior and senior men	Grass	1
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Community Club	Junior and senior men	Grass oval	1
York	York	York Recreation & Convention Centre	Junior and senior men	Grass oval	1

NETBALL

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Northam Recreation Centre	Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women	Sprung wood indoor, asphalt outdoor	3 Indoor 4 Outdoor
	Wundowie	Wundowie Primary School Netball Courts	Juniors and senior women		
Victoria Plains	Calingiri	Calingiri Sportsgrounds & Pavilion	Juniors and senior women	Asphalt with acrylic surfacing	1
Toodyay	Toodyay	Multi Use Courts	Social	Courtflex Tiles	2
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Recreation Centre	Juniors and senior women		3
Goomalling	Goomalling	Goomalling Recreation Grounds	Juniors and senior women	Plexipave	2
Chittering	Muchea	Muchea Hall		Acrylic	5
	Bindoon	Chinkabee Complex	Juniors, Senior Women	Acrylic	4
York	York	York Recreation Centre	Senior Women	Wood	1

HOCKEY

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Bert Hawke Reserve	Juniors, Senior women, Senior Men	Grass	5
		Northam Recreation Centre	Indoor Senior Men and Senior Women	Sprung wood	2
Victoria Plains	Calingiri	Calingiri Sportsgrounds & Pavilion	Juniors and senior women	Grass	1

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Toodyay	Toodyay	Toodyay Sports Ground & Pavilion	Juniors and senior women	Grass	
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Community Club	Senior women	Grass oval	1
Goomalling	Goomalling	Goomalling Recreation grounds	Juniors and senior women	Grass	1
York	York	York Recreation & Convention Centre	Juniors, Senior women, Senior Men	Grass	2

TENNIS

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Northam Country Club	Juniors, senior men, senior women, social	Grass	8
	Northam	Northam Recreation Centre	Social	Sprung wood	1
	Bakers Hill	Bakers Hill Tennis Club		Hard courts	4
	Wundowie	Wundowie Tennis Club		Hard courts	2
Toodyay	Toodyay	Toodyay Tennis Club	Juniors, senior men, senior women	Acrylic	4
Victoria Plains	Yerecoin	Yerecoin Tennis Club		Synthetic grass	4
	Bolgart	Bolgart Sports Club		Synthetic grass	4
	Calingiri	Calingiri Sportsgrounds & Pavilion	Juniors, senior men, senior women	Asphalt with acrylic surfacing	1
Goomalling	Goomalling	Goomalling Recreation grounds	Juniors, senior men, senior women	Plexipave	6

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Community Club	Juniors, senior men, senior women	Synthetic	
Chittering	Bindoon	Chinkabee Complex	Senior Men, Senior Women	Acrylic	4
	Wannamal	Wannamal Tennis Club		Synthetic Grass Courts	4
York	York	York Recreation & Convention Centre	Juniors, senior men, senior women	Synthetic grass	8

GOLF

Shire	Facility Location	Facility Name	Competitions	Playing Surface	Number of courts/fields
Northam	Northam	Northam Country Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
	Bakers Hill	Bakers Hill Golf Course & Country Club	Men's	Sand Greens	9-hole course
	Wundowie	Wundowie Golf Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
	Wooroloo	El Cabello	Men's, Women's	Grass Greens	18-hole course
Toodyay	Toodyay	Toodyay Golf Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
Dowerin	Dowerin	Dowerin Golf Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
Victoria Plains	Bolgart	Bolgart Sports Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
	Yerecoin	Yerecoin Golf Club	Men's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
	Calingiri	Calingiri Sports Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
Goomalling	Goomalling	Goomalling Golf Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course
York	York	York Golf Club	Men's, Women's	Sand Greens	18-hole course

BENCHMARKS

Benchmarks against which to assess the adequacy of the type or number of sport and recreation facilities for a region/Shire do not exist in any formalised way. Parks and Leisure Western Australia¹⁵ have provided a suite of guidelines for consideration in planning for the development and provision of community infrastructure. Those that relate specifically to sport and recreation have been extrapolated in to Table 6. The benchmarks provided for each facility type are provided as a guide to thresholds which should be met for a facility to be considered.

If these benchmarks are used as a guide to the adequacy of sport and recreation facility provision in the AROC region it could be said that there is an over provision of infrastructure in some respects. However, it is imperative to note that these are a guide only and in the absence of absolute standards for facility provision, community needs must be established on a case by case basis.

Facility Type	Benchmark	Number of Facilities in AROC Region
Indoor Sport & Recreation Centre (generic)	1: 50,000 – 100,000	5
Regional Sports Facility (including aquatics)	1: 250,000	0
Aerobics/Fitness/Gym (Local Government)	To be developed as an integral part of a district or regional leisure facility.	7
AFL Oval	3: 15,000 with at least one oval being capable for supporting a senior football game (AFL strategic plan standard)	9
Soccer pitches	1: 3,000 - 4,000 depending on demographics	5 (1 is an indoor court)
Cricket Ovals	1: 8,000 – 10,000	6
Netball Courts	1: 3,000 – 4,000 (outdoor) for training purposes District/Sub-Regional Facility - 16 outdoor courts minimum for an association	7
Basketball Courts	1: 3,000 – 4,000 (outdoor) for training purposes Regional/Sub-Regional Facility – 4 plus indoor courts	7 Northam Recreation Centre as a sub-regional facility is the largest facility with 3 indoor courts and four outdoor courts

¹⁵ Guidelines for the Provision of Community Infrastructure. Parks & Leisure Australia, 2012.

Tennis (multi-surface hard courts and grass)	8 court club facility minimum for a population of 15,000 (based on Tennis Australia’s 2020 facility development and management framework)	13 There is one 8 – court facility in the region located in Northam
Golf course	1: 30,000	11 (4 in the Shire of Northam)
Hockey	1: 75,000 for synthetic (WA Hockey Strategy) Grass provision to be area/location specific	7 (including 1 indoor facility in Northam)
Local Government Aquatic Facilities indoor/outdoor (various configurations)	District – 1: 75,000 (25m or 50m pool for recreational, club, water polo, diving and competitive swimming) Neighbourhood – 1: 30,000 (25m and leisure pools)	5 (3 x 50m pools - Dowerin, York and Northam)

Table 6. Comparison of Parks & Leisure WA Benchmarks against AROC Sport & Recreation Facility Provision

FACILITY UTILIZATION AUDIT/REVIEW FOR MAJOR FACILITIES;

An audit of the major sport and recreation facilities for the AROC Shire’s was undertaken via a questionnaire. The audit focused on the following key areas:

- Key design features of the facility;
- Provision for sporting competitions;
- Current capacity versus utilization; and
- Condition of the facility, including identification of any major projects.

A summary of the responses provided by each Shire to the audit questionnaire is provided in [Appendix 3](#).

Most of the primary sport and recreation facilities within the AROC region are new or near new construction and are in good condition, with only minor projects and maintenance required. The exception to this is the Toodyay Sports Ground and Pavilion and the Northam Swimming Pool, both of which have exceeded their expected lifespan and are now in need of major repair or complete replacement/refurbishment.

Facilities are generally well equipped with a range of ancillary services including kiosks, bars, playgrounds and conference/function facilities. All facilities have some provision for people with disabilities although this is limited to toilets and designated disabled car parking in most cases. Showers and access ramps are also provided at some of the newer construction facilities.

Multi-purpose and co-located sport and recreation facilities are a focus for funding bodies such as the Department of Sport and Recreation, based on the premise that facility sharing and rationalization reduces infrastructure required to meet similar needs and increase sustainability. In line with this rationale, all of the major sport and recreation facilities in the AROC region are multi-purpose and

capable of accommodating a range of popular sporting activities. There are, however no combined wet (aquatic) and dry facilities in the AROC region.

All sport and recreation facilities in the AROC region are able to support a local level of sporting competition but only half of the Shire's indicated that their major facility has the capacity to host regional level sporting competition (refer to Figure 6). The Shire's of Dowerin, Chittering and Toodyay indicated that whilst there is evident demand to host regional level competition, they do not currently have the capacity. The Northam Sport and Recreation Centre, is the only facility in the AROC region that has current capacity to host both state and national level sporting competition, with the Wheatbelt Flames Netball Club being based at the Centre, a West Coast Fever pre-season netball game hosted at the Centre and the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball team playing a regular season game each year.

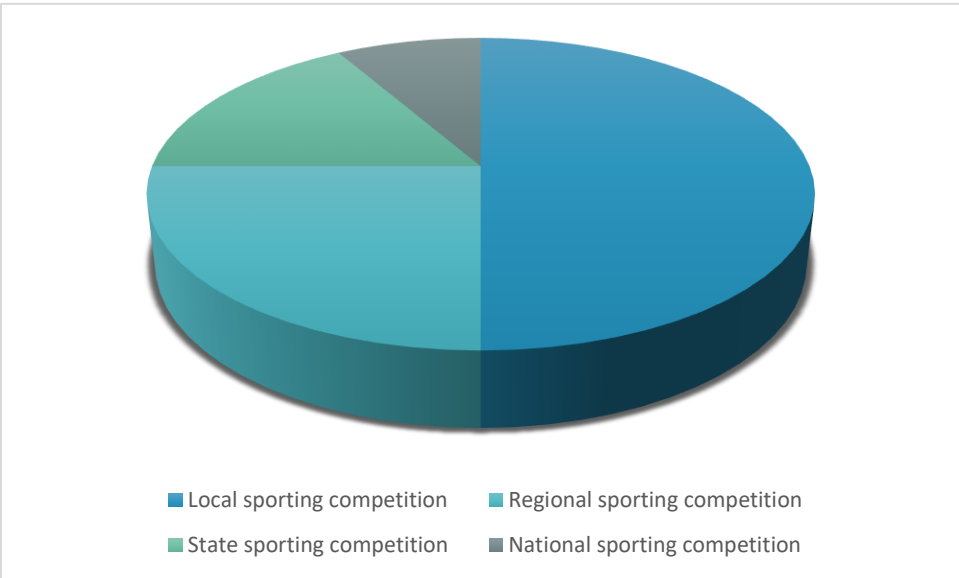


Figure 6. Level of Sporting Competition

UTILISATION

AROC Shires were asked to provide a rating of their facility utilisation compared to its capacity, on a scale of very low (usage less than 18% of capacity) to very high (usage over 90% of capacity) on a range of activities. In responding to this question, Shires were asked to consider the hours/days of the facilities operation as well as the number of fields/courts/rooms available for use at any given time and how often the facility is being used to its capacity.

As per Table 7, most facilities have average to high levels of utilization over the range of activities offered. The primary use of sport and recreation facilities is for local level sporting competitions, training and non-sporting activities/ancillary services.

Type of Activity	Dowerin	Goomalling	Victoria Plains	Northam	Toodyay	Chittering
Local sporting competitions	A	H	A	A	VH	H
Regional sporting competitions	VL	NA	A	L	A	NA
State sporting competitions	NA	NA	NA	VL	NA	NA
National sporting competitions	NA	NA	NA	VL	NA	NA
Training	A	H	L	A	VH	H
Gym/other fitness	A	H	VL	NA	NA	NA
Non-sporting activities and ancillary facilities	A	A	VL	H	VH	L

Very Low
Low
Average
High
Very High

Table 7. AROC Major Sport and Recreation Facility Utilization

PRIORITY PROJECTS

The AROC sport and recreation audit questionnaire asked Shires to list up to ten priority sport and recreation projects (infrastructure and non-infrastructure) for the next one to five years. These projects are itemised in the following table. Additional sport and recreation works/projects for each Shire are provided in [Appendix 3](#).

Project Title	Project Description	Indicative Cost	Funding Source(s)	Progress (i.e. commenced, planned, etc.)	Barriers to Implementation
GOOMALLING					
Reticulation	Hockey & Football oval reticulation	116,000	DSR	Funding submitted	application
Hockey oval leveling	Hockey laser leveling and re-turfing	19,000	DSR	Funding submitted	application
Master plan	Recreation and youth zone master plan	20,000	Shire	EOI Advertised	
Playgrounds	Renew and establish new playgrounds in the community	60,000	Lotterywest	Commenced	Locations
Swimming Pool Upgrades	Bowl and plant room upgrades	180,000	DSR	Planning commenced	Funding
Go Kart Track relocation	Relocating the track further out of town away from the caravan park	80,000	DSR	Planning	Land clearing required

Project Title	Project Description	Indicative Cost	Funding Source(s)	Progress (i.e. commenced, planned, etc.)	Barriers to Implementation
TOODYAY					
Sport & Recreation Precinct Plan	Development of a major multi-purpose recreation and sport precinct.	\$23m	BBRF/CSRFF Shire of Toodyay Lotterywest Toodyay Swimming Pool Fund Bendigo Bank In kind donations from local business & farmers	In progress. Planned completion date is mid-2019	Pending Grant application
NORTHAM					
Hockey Turf	Installation of an artificial (turf) hockey field at the Bert Hawke precinct	\$800,000	Shire of Northam (\$400,000) Avon Hockey Association (\$150,000) Department of Sport & Recreation (\$250,000)	Planned for 2018-2019	
New swimming pool at the recreation centre	Installation of a new 50m heated swimming pool and associated equipment	\$8,000,000		2017	
Demolish Jubilee pavilion	Retain as operational until amenities replaced	\$33,000		Planned for 2021	
Jubilee Reserve	Accessible public toilets, parking off Northey street, water fountains, scoreboard/timers for internal and external courts, netting to BMX and water tanks, repair access path to change rooms	\$311,610		2017-2021	

Project Title	Project Description	Indicative Cost	Funding Source(s)	Progress commenced, planned, etc.)	(i.e. Barriers to Implementation)
NORTHAM					
Northam footpath Plan	Review and Implement Shire of Northam footpath Plan	\$420,051			
Bert Hawke Park	Shade shelter for spectators on No. 2 oval, extended shaded viewing at front of pavillion	\$76,875		2017-2019	
Youth Precinct		\$850,000		2017	
Fire services running track	Scoreboard realignment and improved storage, Resurface track and new line markings, Repair water supply under track	\$45,950		2018-2020	
Wundowie items	Various works required including marking tennis courts for basketball, shaded playground at the pool, reinstate BMX track and cover loose gravel surfaces around skate park	\$201,940		2017-2019	
Bakers Hill items	Various works required including implementation of footpath plan, new synthetic turf on cricket wicket and new shade shelter on cricket store/pavilion	\$42,230		2017-2018	

Project Title	Project Description	Indicative Cost	Funding Source(s)	Progress commenced, planned, etc.)	(i.e.	Barriers to Implementation
VICTORIA PLAINS						
Resurface Yerecoin Tennis Courts	Resurfacing of Yerecoin Tennis courts	\$100,000	Shire	Planned		Funding
DOWERIN						
Swimming Pool Upgrade	Filtration Unit	\$60,000	DSR/Shire	Planned		Funding
CHITTERING						
Bindoon Multi court resurfacing		\$37,191	Shire	Planned		nil
Muchea Court resurfacing		\$38,095	Shire	Planned		nil
Muchea Pavillion		\$60,500	Shire	Planned		nil
Sandown Park ablution block		\$232,000	Shire/ CSRFF	Planned		Funding contingent.
Regional Sports Facility		\$30,000,000	TBA	Feasibility conducted and Council considering staging of project and co-location		Funding and essential service provision – water.
Muchea (John Glenn) Dual Pump & Jump Track + water / skate furniture / gym equipment		\$100,000				

APPENDIX 1. AROC DEMOGRAPHICS

Shire	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	TOTAL
Chittering	293	314	439	468	265	155	182	244	406	474	500	431	342	278	217	144	84	65	5301
Dowerin	55	64	44	21	18	37	44	52	47	40	21	53	56	31	17	30	15	34	679
Goomalling	82	101	77	26	20	40	48	78	67	60	69	61	64	60	67	29	14	22	985
Northam	747	796	804	756	656	722	695	726	679	686	778	840	766	674	495	327	196	212	11555
Toodyay	180	249	251	270	152	162	210	183	259	395	421	448	433	397	242	168	74	50	4544
Victoria Plains	59	69	48	19	43	65	94	66	73	58	88	60	46	52	46	16	5	7	914
York	176	168	248	196	169	131	161	120	192	231	291	298	304	248	215	143	99	70	3460
TOTAL	1592	1761	1911	1756	1323	1312	1434	1469	1723	1944	2168	2191	2011	1740	1299	857	487	460	27438

Table 8. Estimated Resident Population of AROC Local Governments by Age. ABS 3235.0 Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, June 2015

APPENDIX 2. PARTICIPATION DATA

AUSPLAY SURVEY DATA FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	Total	Males	Females
	Participation rate (%)		
Walking (Recreational)	42.5%	31.6%	53.6%
Fitness/Gym	35.3%	33.5%	37.2%
Athletics, track and field	16.6%	17.5%	15.7%
Swimming	14.6%	12.2%	17.1%
Cycling	13.5%	15.9%	11.2%
Yoga	5.1%	1.9%	8.3%
Golf	4.7%	7.6%	1.8%
Basketball	4.7%	6.5%	2.8%
Football/soccer	4.6%	7.7%	1.5%
Tennis	3.9%	4.2%	3.6%
Netball	3.7%	1.3%	6.2%
Australian rules football	3.6%	6.1%	1.0%
Bush walking	3.4%	2.6%	4.1%
Surfing	2.5%	3.7%	1.3%
Cricket	2.4%	4.2%	0.6%

Table 9. Participation rates for the top 15 most popular physical activities for adults in Western Australia from January to December 2016.¹⁶

	Total	Males	Females
	Participation rate (%)		
Swimming	36.7%	34.9%	38.7%
Football/soccer	13.9%	23.3%	3.3%
Australian football	11.0%	19.9%	1.0%
Dancing (recreational)	10.1%	0.8%	20.6%
Basketball	7.3%	10.7%	3.4%
Gymnastics	6.9%	3.4%	10.9%
Tennis	6.5%	9.6%	3.1%
Netball	6.3%	0.0%	13.3%
Cricket	6.0%	9.9%	1.6%

¹⁶ AusPlay survey results, Australian Sports Commission, April 2017.

Athletics, track and field (includes jogging and running)	4.6%	2.6%	6.8%
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Table 10. Participation rates for the top 10 most popular physical activities for children in Western Australia from January to December 2016.¹⁷

Once Per Year		
	Male	Female
0-4	47.8%	51.4%
5-8	81.7%	82.5%
9-11	90.9%	95.3%
12-14	91.8%	80.5%

Table 11. Participation rates for children in Western Australia

	1+ per year	1+ per month	1+ per fortnight	1+ per week	2+ per week	3+ per week
Males	76.3%	74.5%	70.0%	53.3%	33.1%	18.7%
Females	71.1%	67.2%	63.0%	56.6%	33.5%	17.0%
Total	73.8%	71.1%	66.7%	54.9%	33.3%	17.9%

Table 12. Frequency of participation in children (0-14) in WA 2016

	1+ per year	1+ per month	1+ per fortnight	1+ per week	2+ per week	3+ per week	4+ per week	5+ per week	6+ per week	7+ per week
Males										
15-17	100%	100%	100%	99%	87.2%	75.8%	63.6%	55.6%	54.1%	51.9%
18-24	85.9%	84.7%	83.2%	80.7%	72.5%	65.1%	55.6%	43.2%	32.6%	22.0%
25-34	89.4%	88.5%	85.8%	83.9%	73.9%	62.7%	42.2%	31.2%	18.5%	11.8%
35-44	88.6%	85.9%	85.9%	82.5%	70.1%	55.2%	44.8%	37.2%	29.2%	22.9%
45-54	86.2%	81.2%	77.2%	76.1%	66.6%	59.9%	47.0%	36.5%	30.3%	22.3%
55-64	84.9%	82.8%	81.9%	77.2%	69.8%	58.6%	49.3%	42.9%	34.3%	24.6%
65+	82.9%	81.3%	80.4%	77.0%	69.2%	63.3%	55.6%	47.6%	39.7%	32.8%
TOTAL	87.1%	84.9%	83.2%	80.6%	71.1%	61.2%	48.9%	39.5%	30.6%	23.0%
Females										
15-17	100%	100%	100%	95.2%	90.0%	78.4%	69.4%	66.1%	53.8%	49.2%
18-24	83.3%	81.4%	81.4%	76.1%	71.9%	59.8%	51.8%	32.3%	24.3%	18.3%

¹⁷ AusPlay survey results, Australian Sports Commission, April 2017.

25-34	91.1%	91.0%	86.6%	84.8%	72.8%	62.2%	47.5%	37.4%	28.9%	24.6%
35-44	90.0%	88.9%	88.0%	85.6%	77.3%	67.7%	53.5%	43.4%	32.1%	24.5%
45-54	89.5%	88.2%	88.1%	85.9%	78.9%	66.1%	53.4%	45.8%	35.1%	28.7%
55-64	85.1%	83.4%	82.0%	80.2%	72.3%	66.9%	59.5%	50.7%	37.6%	30.2%
65+	81.6%	80.3%	79.1%	76.1%	69.7%	59.4%	50.1%	43.9%	34.4%	27.8%
TOTAL	87.5%	86.4%	85.0%	82.3%	74.4%	64.2%	52.9%	43.1%	32.9%	26.6%

Table 13. Frequency of Adult Participation in Physical Activity by Age and Gender, 2016

	Once Per Year		Once Per Week		At least 3 times per week	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Major cities	89.0%	86.8%	83.7%	81.6%	63.4%	64.2%
Inner regional	78.3%	91.1%	72.9%	83.4%	56.3%	58.5%
Outer regional	74.6%	87.7%	58.4%	85.2%	43.1%	63.2%
Remote or very remote	90.9%	92.0%	80.3%	85.0%	69.6%	72.1%

Table 14. Participation Rates in Western Australian adults by regional classification

NATIONAL AUSPLAY SURVEY DATA

Adult Top 20 Activities	% of Population	Children Top 20 Activities (Out of School)	% of Population
Walking (recreational)	42.6%	Swimming	30.0%
Fitness/gym	32.1%	Football	14.7%
Athletics, track and field*	15.8%	Australian football	8.0%
Swimming	14.5%	Gymnastics	7.4%
Cycling	11.7%	Netball	7.2%
Football	5.8%	Dancing (recreational)	7.2%
Bush walking	5.4%	Basketball	6.5%
Golf	5.2%	Tennis	6.1%
Tennis	4.8%	Cricket	5.6%
Yoga	4.4%	Athletics, track and field	4.4%
Basketball	3.4%	Rugby league	2.8%
Cricket	3.3%	Karate	2.6%
Netball	3.2%	Dance Sport	2.3%
Surfing	2.7%	Hockey	1.7%
Australian football	2.5%	Touch football	1.7%
Pilates	2.5%	Lifesaving surf	1.4%
Fishing (recreational)	2.1%	Fitness/gym	1.3%
Touch football	2.0%	Rugby union	1.2%
Canoeing/kayaking	1.6%	Taekwondo	1.1%
Dancing (recreational)	1.4%	Martial arts	1.0%

Table 15. Top 20 activities (at least once a year) for Australian Adults and Children 2015-2016

ERASS 2010 PARTICIPATION DATA FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Age	Males	Females	Total
15-24	52.5%	44.7%	48.7%
25-34	50.1%	57.4%	53.6%
35-44	42.6%	56.0%	49.1%
45-54	52.5%	56.6%	54.6%
55-64	58.0%	56.7%	57.4%
65+	46.5%	50.6%	48.6%

Table 16. Regular participation in physical activity in Western Australian adults

Activity	Males	Females	Total Participation Rate
Walking	28.3%	48.8%	38.4%
Aerobics/fitness	19.9%	30.9%	25.4%
Swimming	13.1%	18.0%	15.5%
Cycling	17.1%	11.3%	14.2%
Running	12.2%	8.6%	10.4%
Golf	9.9%	1.1%	5.60%
Australian Rules Football	9.1%	1.6%	5.4%
Tennis	5.4%	4.3%	4.9%
Basketball	5.8%	3.8%	4.8%
Football	6.9%	2.3%	4.6%
Netball	1.1%	7.1%	4.1%
Yoga	1.4%	6.6%	4.0%
Dancing	0.1%	6.8%	3.8%
Walking (bush)	2.9%	4.4%	3.6%
Weight training	5.0%	1.3%	3.1%

Table 17. Top 15 most popular physical activity for adults (15+) in WA, 2010

APPENDIX 3. AROC SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES SUMMARY

NORTHAM

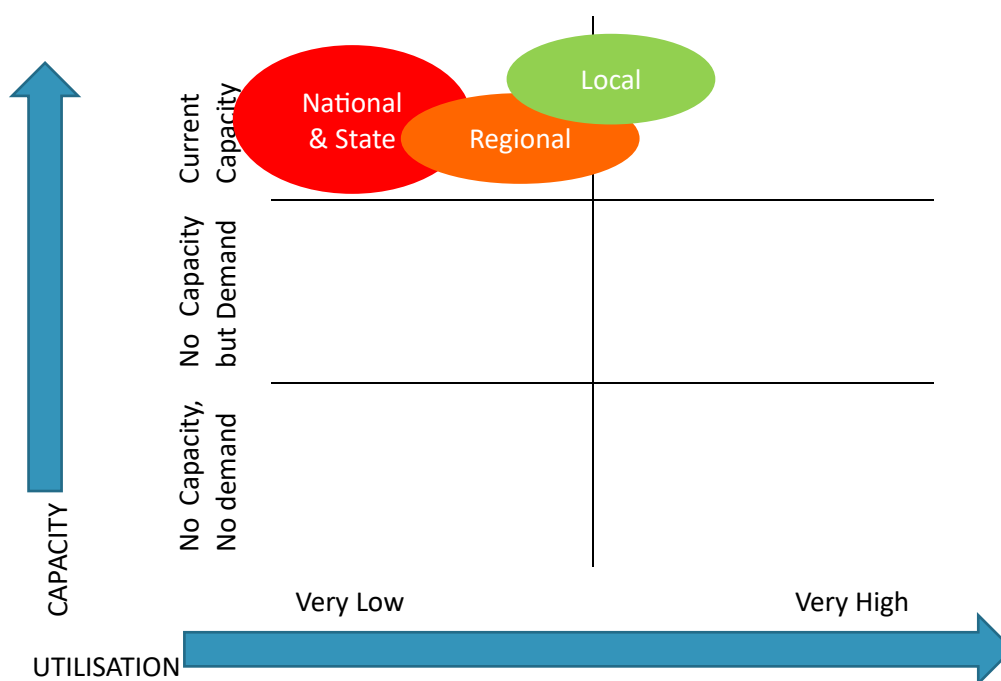
MAJOR FACILITIES SUMMARY

Name of Facility:	Northam Recreation Centre
Facility Owner:	Shire of Northam
Facility Type:	Dry Facility Indoor and Outdoor Multi-Purpose
Year of Construction:	2011
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	40 years
Current (replacement) value:	\$10million
Current Condition:	In good condition. Requires routine and breakdown maintenance and some minor repair
Construction/Design Features:	Facility comprises of three meeting rooms (two adjoining), 3 indoor multi-purpose courts marked, grandstand, four sports offices, four outdoor courts, crèche, function room and kitchen, two sets of toilets (male, female and disabled) one set of changerooms, two significant storage areas.
Primary Users of Facility:	Northam Netball Association, Northam Amateur Basketball Association, Northam Indoor Hockey Association, Volunteering WA, Northam Senior Citizens Social Club
Hours of Operation:	Open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Available for hire outside of normal hours of operation.
Major Sporting Competitions	Basketball: Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women Netball: Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women Hockey: Senior Men, Senior Women Soccer: Senior Men, Senior Women Floorball: Senior Men, Senior Women Badminton: Senior Men, Senior Women
Spectator Seating:	Grandstand with bench seating. Approx. capacity of 220 Ground Seating with bench seating and individual chairs. Approx. capacity of 50
Lighting:	Lighting sufficient to enable night competition
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, childcare facilities, toilets/changerooms, event management facilities, conference/function facilities, office facilities, bar facilities.
Accessibility:	Disability access via ramps. Disabled toilets provided.
Hire:	All components available for hire.

COMPETITION SURFACES:

Sport	Surface type (e.g. sprung wood, grass, turf, etc.)	Playing surface dimensions (m ²)	Number of Courts/Fields on playing surface	Multi-use surface
Basketball	Sprung wood indoor, asphalt outdoor	Indoor approx. 60m x 40m Outdoor approx. 80m x 400m	Three indoor and four outdoor	Yes
Netball	Sprung wood indoor, asphalt outdoor	Indoor approx. 60m x 40m Outdoor approx. 80m x 400m	Three indoor and four outdoor	Yes
Hockey	Sprung wood	Indoor approx. 60m x 40m Outdoor approx. 80m x 400m		Yes
Soccer	Sprung wood	Approx. 60m x 40m	3	
Tennis	Sprung wood	Approx. 20m x 40m	1	

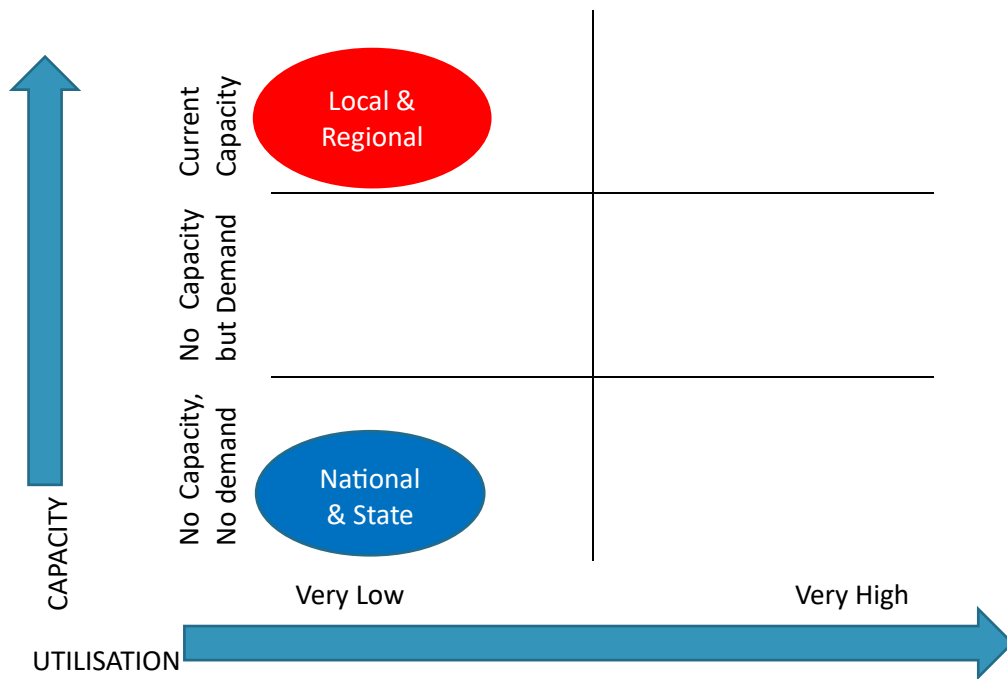
FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



Activity	Average number of days' facilities booked per annum	Peak use period	Number of affiliated teams/groups that regularly use the facility
Basketball	33	5:30-9:30pm	Approx. 50
Netball	58	8am – 5:30pm	Approx. 50
Hockey	18	5:30-8:30	10
Soccer	18	5:30-8:30	4
Ancillary facilities	350	9-5	30

Name of Facility:	Northam Swimming Pool
Facility Owner:	Shire of Northam
Facility Type:	Wet (aquatic) Facility Outdoor Single Purpose
Year of Construction:	1950s
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	50 years
Current (replacement) value:	\$8million
Current Condition:	In need of major repair. Substantial repair and backlog maintenance required. Possible structural faults require remedying.
Construction/Design Features:	One 50m x 8 lane pool; two 10 x 10 recreational pools – a leisure pool and toddler pool. Swimming club rooms; toilet/change facilities; recreational basketball quarter court.
Primary Users of Facility:	Northam Swimming Club
Hours of Operation:	Open 6.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Friday 12.00pm to 7.00pm Saturday and Sunday
Major Sporting Competitions	Swimming: juniors, senior men, senior women
Spectator Seating:	Ground with bench seating and individual chairs. Approx. capacity of 100
Lighting:	Lighting sufficient to enable night competition
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, changeroom/toilets, sports shop
Accessibility:	Lift access for people with disabilities
Hire:	Lap lanes available to hire

FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

Project Title	Project Description	Cost	Status
Swimming pool	Building of new swimming pool to develop synergies at the Northam Sport & Recreation centre	\$8million	Required but not currently approved/funded

OTHER SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility Owner	Sporting and Recreation Activity(ies)	Playing surface type	Playing surface size (m ²)	Number of fields/courts	Competition Level Played	Required works for the Facility
Northam Bowling Club	Northam Bowls Club	Mens Bowls Womens Bowls Penants Bowls Corporate Bowls	Turf		4		
Northam Country Club	Private ownership	Golf, squash, tennis	Grass tennis courts	18 hole golf course	18 hole golf course 8 tennis courts 4 squash courts		
Bakers Hill Recreation Centre	Shire of Northam	Martial arts, aerobics/yoga/pilates, volley ball (indoor)			1 indoor volleyball court 1 indoor soccer court		
Henry Street Oval	Shire of Northam	AFL					Improve playing surface, repair access path from changerooms, toilets on Peel terrace side of the ground, improve timekeepers & commentary box, second jump pit for athletics, permanent shot & discus circle, tiered grandstand for spectators, water

							fountains, electronic scoreboard/timeclock outside, grandstand seating to outdoor hard courts, demolish jubilee pavilion
Jubilee Oval	Shire of Northam	AFL, touch football, rugby union/league					Demolish BMX track, formalise parking on BMX site, formalise parking off Northey St, accessible public toilets
Southern Brook Hall	Shire of Northam	Aerobics/Pilates, dancing					
Clackline Hall	Shire of Northam	Aerobics/Pilates					
Euphoria Health	Private ownership	Fitness/weight training					
In Balance Fitness	Private ownership	Fitness/weight training					
Wundowie Oval	Shire of Northam	AFL, touch football, hockey, rugby league/union					
Bakers Hill Oval	Shire of Northam	AFL, soccer, Touch football, rugby union/league					
Outdoor courts (Bakers Hill & Wundowie)	Shire of Northam	Basketball, tennis					
Bert Hawke Reserve	Shire of Northam	Soccer, touch football, hockey, cricket					Repair practice cricket wicket surface, additional storage at the pavilion,

							shade shelter for spectators No. 2 oval, install lights for night cricket/hockey, synthetic hockey pitch, protecting netting to carpark, extended shaded viewing in front of pavillion
Bakers Hill Golf Club		Golf					
Wundowie Golf Club		Golf					
PCYC		Dancing, aerobics, martial arts					
Wundowie pavilion	Shire of Northam	Dancing					
Wundowie bowling club		Lawn bowls			1		
Northam Swimming Pool	Shire of Northam	Swimming		8 lane x 50m	8 lane x 50m toddlers pool		Relocation to Recreation Centre
Wundowie Aquatic Centre	Shire of Northam	Swimming		5 lane x 33m	5 lane x 33m toddlers pool		Add partly shaded playground, replace gravity fed sand filter
Northam BMX club							BMX track relocation

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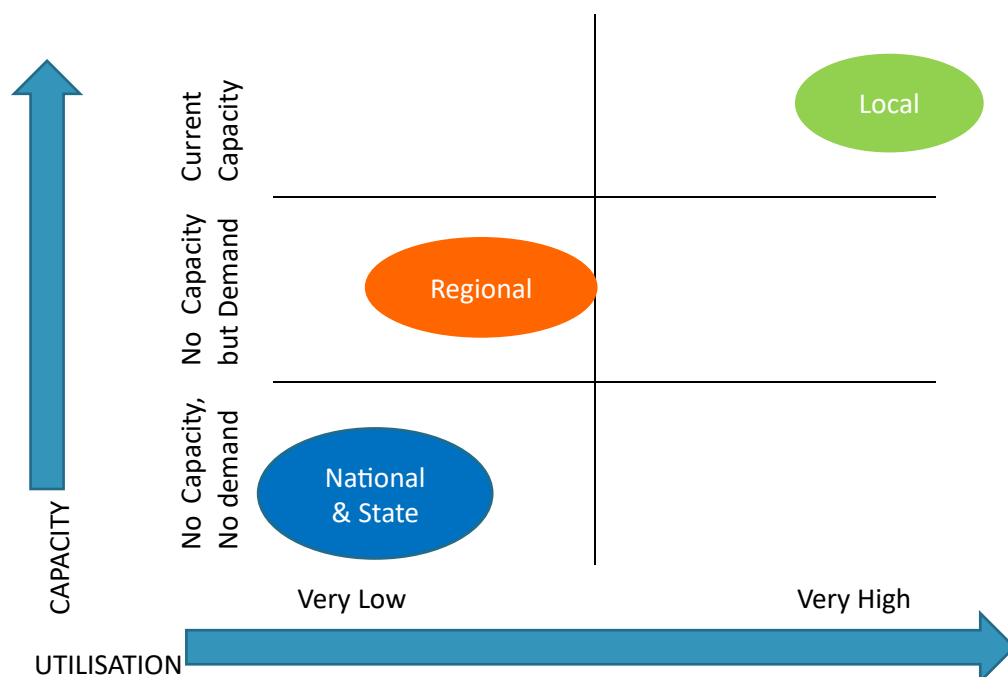
MAJOR FACILITY SUMMARY

Name of Facility:	Toodyay Sports Ground & Pavilion
Facility Owner:	Shire of Toodyay
Facility Type:	Dry Facility Indoor and Outdoor Multi-Purpose
Year of Construction:	1969
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	Expired
Current (replacement) value:	\$1-\$1.5million
Current Condition:	In need of major repair. Substantial repair and backlog maintenance required. Possible structural faults require remedying.
Construction/Design Features:	Pavilion - External colourbond & cladding – with change rooms/bar/canteen facilities Multi-use oval (1) AFL, cricket, hockey and soccer – turf (18000m2)
Primary Users of Facility:	Football Club, Hockey Club, Soccer Club, Cricket Club
Hours of Operation:	Available every day. No set hours.
Major Sporting Competitions	Cricket: Juniors and senior men Australian Rules Football: Junior and senior men Hockey: Juniors and senior women Soccer: Juniors
Spectator Seating:	Grandstand bench seating with approx. capacity of 200
Lighting:	Lighting insufficient for night competition
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, playground, changing rooms/toilets, conference facilities, bar facilities, trainer's facilities, medical facilities, Silver Chain, Autumn Club, exercise group, PCYC and Kinder Gym, Karate.
Accessibility:	Disabled toilets and parking
Hire:	Oval, kitchen, hall and toilets available for hire

COMPETITION SURFACES:

Sport	Surface type (e.g. sprung wood, grass, turf, etc.)	Playing surface dimensions (m ²)	Number of Courts/Fields on playing surface	Multi-use surface
Cricket	Grass, turf	18000m ²	1	Yes
Australian Rules Football	Grass, turf	18000m ²	1	Yes
Hockey	Grass, turf			Yes
Soccer	Grass, turf	18000m ²	1	

FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



Activity	Average number of days' facilities booked per annum	Peak use period	Number of affiliated teams/groups that regularly use the facility
Australian Rules Football & Auskick	100	winter	7 Toodyay teams plus visiting teams for games each week
Hockey	50	winter	2 Toodyay teams plus visiting team for games each week
Soccer	20	winter	1 team – 60 members
Cricket	25	summer	3 Toodyay teams plus visiting teams for games each week

Activity	Average number of days' facilities booked per annum	Peak use period	Number of affiliated teams/groups that regularly use the facility
Other sporting activity			
• Konga	25		5-15 individuals
• Kinder Gym	40		15-20 individuals
• PCYC Warrior Fitness & Boxsport	30		5 – 10 individuals
• Toodyay Exercise Group	50		5-10 individuals
• Friday Ladies Craft Group	50		10-15 individuals
• Toodyay Ag Alliance	3		5-10 individuals meeting
• Silverchain	90		15-25 individuals
• Autumn club	50		5-15 individuals meeting
Ancillary facilities			
• Youth Hall	40		Scouts – 10 – 20 members plus committee
	80		Karate – 3 groups
	8		Toodyay Ag Society – 10-15 meetings Ag Day show – 5,000 ppl
• Kiosk/canteen			All games of each club
• Playground			Everyday use
• Change rooms/toilets			All games & training days by each club and visitors
• Function facilities			Range of public bookings and club bookings
• Bar facilities			Range of public bookings and each club game
• Storage sheds			Every day club equipment
• Cattle yards/chook shed			Once a year – Toodyay Ag show
• Wool pavilion			Once a year – Toodyay Ag show

MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

Project Title	Project Description	Cost	Status
Doors	Doors to be installed – women's showers	< \$1,000.00	Funding/Planning Approved
Painting	Internal kitchen & hall doors	\$3,000.00	Funding/Planning Approved
Fit-out	Crockery, cutlery, tables and chairs	\$6,500.00	Funding/Planning Approved
New Sports Precinct		\$23mill	Required but not currently approved/funded

OTHER SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility Owner	Sporting and Recreation Activity(ies)	Playing surface type	Playing surface size (m ²)	Number of fields/courts	Competition Level Played (local, regional, national)	Required works for the Facility
Tennis	Land owned by Shire of Toodyay	Tennis	Acrylic	1300m ²	4	Local	Re-surface needed ASAP. Deteriorated & cracked
Multi Use Courts	Shire of Toodyay	Tennis, Basketball & Netball	Courtflex Tiles	1090m ²	2	Local	Less than 2 years old
Bowling Club	Land owned by Shire of Toodyay	Lawn Bowls	Synthetic grass	1400m ²	6	Local, Regional	Re-surface needed ASAP is at end of life use in 12 months
Racecourse	Land owned by Shire of Toodyay	Horse Racing	Winter grass, natural terrain	210,000m ²	1	Local, Regional, State 1 Race per year	Major works required – too cost prohibitive for only annual event
Skate Park	Shire of Toodyay	Skate boarding	Concrete	500m ²	1	Local	Less than 2 years old
Morangup BMX & Skate park	Shire of Toodyay	BMX Bikes & Skate boarding	Natural earth & steel	1000m ²	1	Local	No plans for future works
Morangup Half Court	Shire of Toodyay	Half court tennis & Basketball	Concrete	90m ²	1	Local	No plans for future works
Toodyay Golf Club					18 Hole golf course	Local	

VICTORIA PLAINS

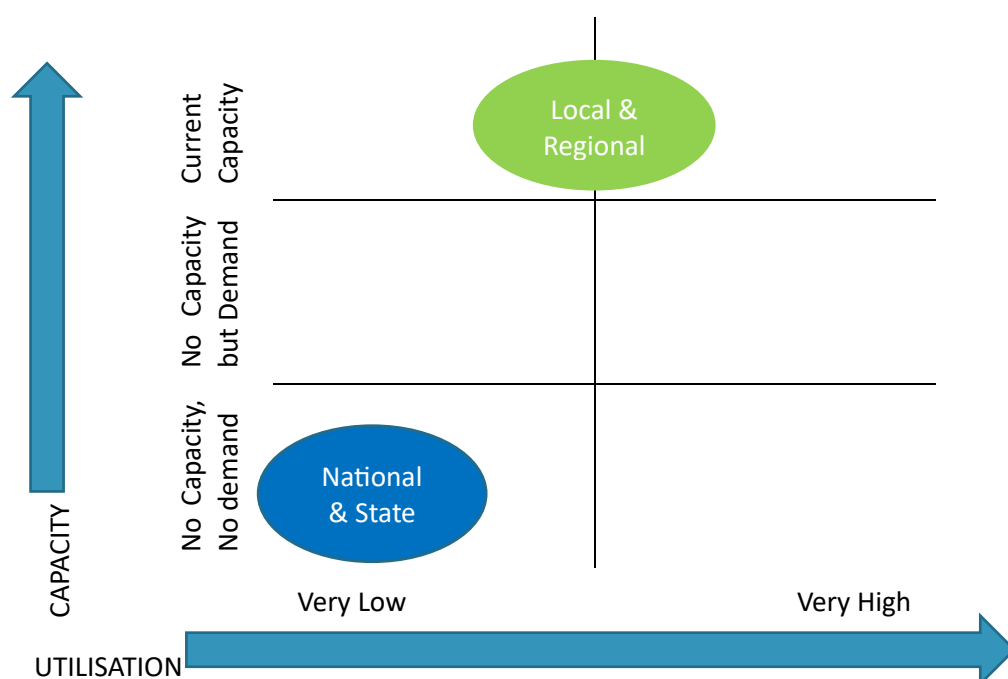
MAJOR FACILITY SUMMARY

Name of Facility:	Calingiri Sportsgrounds & Pavilion
Facility Owner:	Shire of Victoria Plains
Facility Type:	Dry Facility Outdoor Multi-Purpose
Year of Construction:	Re-developed in 2012
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	80 years
Current (replacement) value:	\$1.23million
Current Condition:	In good condition. Requires routine and breakdown maintenance and some minor repair
Construction/Design Features:	Pavilion/change rooms: brick, iron, cladding. Netball / tennis court asphalt with acrylic coating. Grass oval & hockey field.
Primary Users of Facility:	Calingiri Football Club, Calingiri Netball Club, Calingiri Hockey Club
Hours of Operation:	Only open during sporting events.
Major Sporting Competitions	Netball: Juniors and senior women Australian Rules Football: Junior and senior men Hockey: Juniors and senior women Tennis: Juniors, senior men, senior women, disability Group fitness classes: Senior men, senior women
Spectator Seating:	No spectator seating
Lighting:	Lighting suitable for night competition. Four towers.
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, playground, changing rooms/toilets, bar facilities, office facilities
Accessibility:	Disabled toilet
Hire:	Pavilion, tennis court and oval available for hire

COMPETITION SURFACES:

Sport	Surface type (e.g. sprung wood, grass, turf, etc.)	Playing surface dimensions (m ²)	Number of Courts/Fields on playing surface	Multi-use surface
Netball	Asphalt with acrylic surfacing	Regulation court 906m ² entire area	1	Yes
Australian Rules Football	grass		1	No
Hockey	grass		1	
Tennis	Asphalt with acrylic surfacing	Regulation court 906m ² entire area	1	Yes

FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



Activity	Average number of days' facilities booked per annum	Peak use period	Number of affiliated teams/groups that regularly use the facility
Netball	40	Winter	2
Australian Rules Football	40	Winter	4
Hockey	40	Winter	2

MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

Project Title	Project Description	Cost	Status
Pavilion Ceiling repairs	Repair water damage / leaks in ceiling inside sports pavilion	\$700	Under construction
Painting	Internal/external painting of pavilion	\$30,000	Required but not currently approved/funded
Patio extension	Extend current patio to cover entry to Visitors Change Rooms.	\$5,000	Required but not currently approved/funded

OTHER SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility Owner	Sporting and Recreation Activity(ies)	Playing surface type	Playing surface size (m ²)	Number of fields/courts	Competition Played (local, regional, national)	Level (local, state, national)	Required works for the Facility
Yerecoin Tennis Club	SOVP	Tennis	Synthetic		4	Local & regional		Court resurfacing required
Calingiri Sports Club	SOVP	Lawn bowls Golf	Grass			Local & regional		
Bolgart Sports Club	SOVP	Lawn bowls Golf Tennis	Synthetic Synthetic			Local & regional Local		
Calingiri Recreation Hall	SOVP	24/7 gym Squash Hall (badminton)			2 courts	Local Local N/A		
Yerecoin Golf Club	Yerecoin Golf Club	Golf				Local		Major maintenance works required at clubhouse. Termite damage & aged facilities.

GOOMALLING

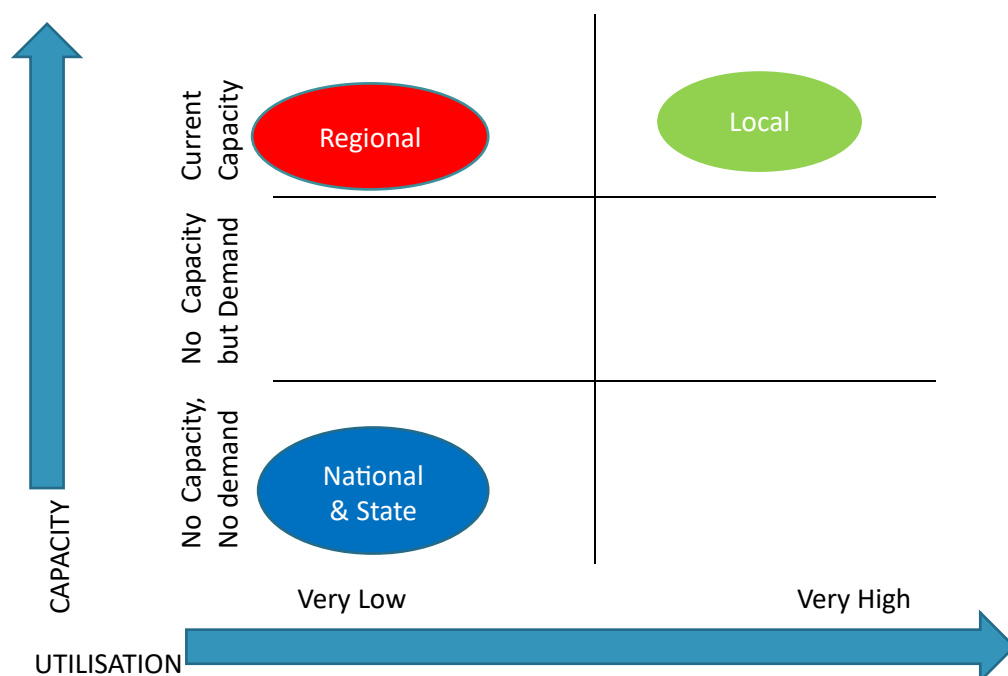
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Name of Facility:	Goomalling Recreation grounds
Facility Owner:	Shire of Goomalling
Facility Type:	Dry Facility Indoor and Outdoor Multi-Purpose
Year of Construction:	2015
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	2045
Current (replacement) value:	\$4million
Current Condition:	As new. Requires only minor routine maintenance
Construction/Design Features:	Details not provided
Primary Users of Facility:	Goomalling Football Club, Goomalling Cricket Club, Goomalling Bowling Club, Goomalling Hockey Club
Hours of Operation:	Only Wednesday and Thursday 4.00pm to 9.00pm, Friday and Saturday 4.00pm to 12.00pm and Sunday 12.00pm to 10.00pm.
Major Sporting Competitions	Netball: Juniors and senior women Cricket: Juniors and senior men Australian Rules Football: Junior and senior men Hockey: Juniors and senior women Tennis: Juniors, senior men, senior women Lawn Bowls: Senior men, senior women
Spectator Seating:	Ground bench seating and terracing
Lighting:	Lighting insufficient for night competition
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, playground, changing rooms/toilets, conference/function facilities, bar facilities, office facilities, gym/weights room, trainers facilities.
Accessibility:	Disability access via ramps. Disability parking, toilets and shower.
Hire:	Function room, meeting room, kitchen, ovals/courts.

COMPETITION SURFACES:

Sport	Surface type (e.g. sprung wood, grass, turf, etc.)	Playing surface dimensions (m ²)	Number of Courts/Fields on playing surface	Multi-use surface
Netball	Plexipave		2	Yes
Cricket	Turf / grass		1	Yes
Australian Rules Football	Grass		1	Yes
Hockey	Grass		1	Yes
Tennis	Plexipave		6	Yes
Bowls	Synthetic		8 rink	No

FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



Activity	Average number of days' facilities booked per annum	Peak use period	Number of affiliated teams/groups that regularly use the facility
Netball	36	Winter	2
Cricket	26	Summer	1
Australian Rules Football	64	Winter	3
Hockey	36	Winter	1
Tennis	40	Summer	2
Bowls	50	Summer	2

MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

Project Title	Project Description	Cost	Status
Hockey Oval Levelling	Laser leveling and returfing hockey oval	\$19,000	Required but not currently approved/funded
Reticulation of hockey & football ovals	Reticulation	\$116,000	Required but not currently approved/funded
New Playground	New childrens nature playground	\$30,000	Required but not currently approved/funded

OTHER SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility Owner	Sporting and Recreation Activity(ies)	Playing surface type	Playing surface size (m ²)	Number of fields/courts	Competition Played (local, regional, national)	Level (local, state, national)	Required works for the Facility
Goomalling Golf Club	Shire	Golf	Sand Greens		18 holes	Local, Regional & State		Building Upgrades
Goomalling Memorial Swimming Pool	Shire	Swimming	33m Outdoor separate kids and baby pool	33m	1 large 1 Kids 1 baby pool	Local		Plant room and swimming pool bowl upgrades
Goomalling Go Karts	Shire	Go Kart Racing	Gravel track		1	Local		Building upgrades

DOWERIN

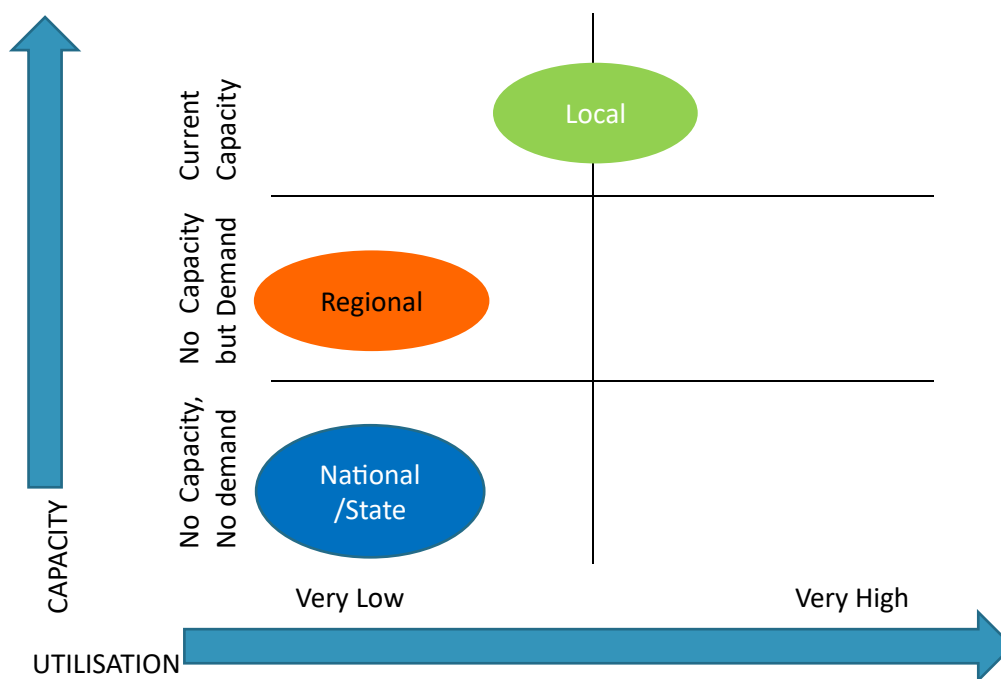
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Name of Facility:	DOWERIN COMMUNITY CLUB
Facility Owner:	Shire of Dowerin
Facility Type:	Dry Facility Indoor and Outdoor Multi-Purpose
Year of Construction:	2012/2013
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	50 years
Current (replacement) value:	\$3million
Current Condition:	As new. Requires only minor routine maintenance
Construction/Design Features:	Details not provided
Primary Users of Facility:	Football Club, Cricket Club, Tennis Club, Hockey Club, Bowls Club, Netball Club
Hours of Operation:	Details not provided
Major Sporting Competitions	Cricket: Senior men Australian Rules Football: Junior and senior men Hockey: Senior women Tennis: Juniors, senior men, senior women Lawn Bowls: Senior men, senior women
Spectator Seating:	Ground bench seating
Lighting:	Lighting sufficient for night competition for bowls and tennis only.
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, playground, changing rooms/toilets, even management, conference/function facilities, bar facilities, office facilities, trainers facilities.
Accessibility:	Disability access via ramps. Disability parking, toilets and shower.
Hire:	Function room, meeting room, kitchen, ovals/courts.

COMPETITION SURFACES:

Sport	Surface type (e.g. sprung wood, grass, turf, etc.)	Playing surface dimensions (m ²)	Number of Courts/Fields on playing surface	Multi-use surface
Cricket	Grass oval		1	Yes
Australian Rules Football	Grass oval		1	Yes
Hockey	Grass oval		1	Yes
Tennis	Synthetic			No
Lawn Bowls	Synthetic			No

FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



*Note. Annual usage details not provided.

MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

*No projects identified.

OTHER SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility Owner	Sporting and Recreation Activity(ies)	Playing surface type	Playing surface size (m ²)	Number of fields/courts	Competition Level (local, regional, national)	Required works for the Facility
Swimming Pool	Shire	Swimming	Pool	60m	1 x 50m pool 2 x kids pool	Local	Filtration Building upgrade
Badminton Courts	Shire	Badminton	Wooden	150m	2 courts	Local	
Dowerin Golf Club	Golf Club	Golf	Sand greens		18 holes		
Dowerin Recreation Centre		Basketball, netball, badminton	parquetry courts for badminton		2 courts for badminton 3 enclosed basketball courts - netball also played on these courts	No basketball competition, regional netball	
Dowerin All Hours Gym	Shire	Gym	NA				

CHITTERING

MAJOR FACILITIES SUMMARY

Name of Facility:	Chinkabee Complex
Facility Owner:	Shire of Chittering
Facility Type:	Dry Facility Outdoor Multi-Purpose
Year of Construction:	1980
Expected Lifespan of the Facility:	60 Years
Current (replacement) value:	Unknown
Current Condition:	In good condition. Requires routine and breakdown maintenance and some minor repair
Construction/Design Features:	Multi use courts for Netball / Basketball, Tennis. Bowling Green with synthetic turf. Adjacent to town oval with Practice cricket nets, Playgroup space, bar facility, commercial kitchen, meeting room and dining hall. Male and female changerooms and toilets. Construction is of brick and zinc roofing.
Primary Users of Facility:	Bindoon Sport and Recreation Association, Bindoon Netball Association Bindoon Cricket Club, Bindoon Tennis Club, Bindoon Bowling Club, Bindoon Playgroup
Hours of Operation:	No normal hours of operation. Available for hire.
Major Sporting Competitions	Basketball: Juniors, Senior Men, Senior Women Netball: Juniors, Senior Women Cricket: Juniors, Senior Men Tennis: Senior Men, Senior Women Lawn Bowls: Senior Men, Senior Women
Spectator Seating:	Under cover bench seating adjacent to the multi use courts and bowling green
Lighting:	Lighting sufficient to enable night competition. Bowls Sylvania Lighting design, 4 lights, 150 Lux Basketball/Tennis Sylvania Lighting Design, 16 lights, 350 Lux 6 X 15 metre break back poles on Basketball / Tennis Courts 4 X 12 Metre break back poles on Bowls Courts
Ancillary Services:	Kiosk, playground, toilets/changerooms, conference/function facilities, playgroup, bar facilities.
Accessibility:	Disabled toilets provided.

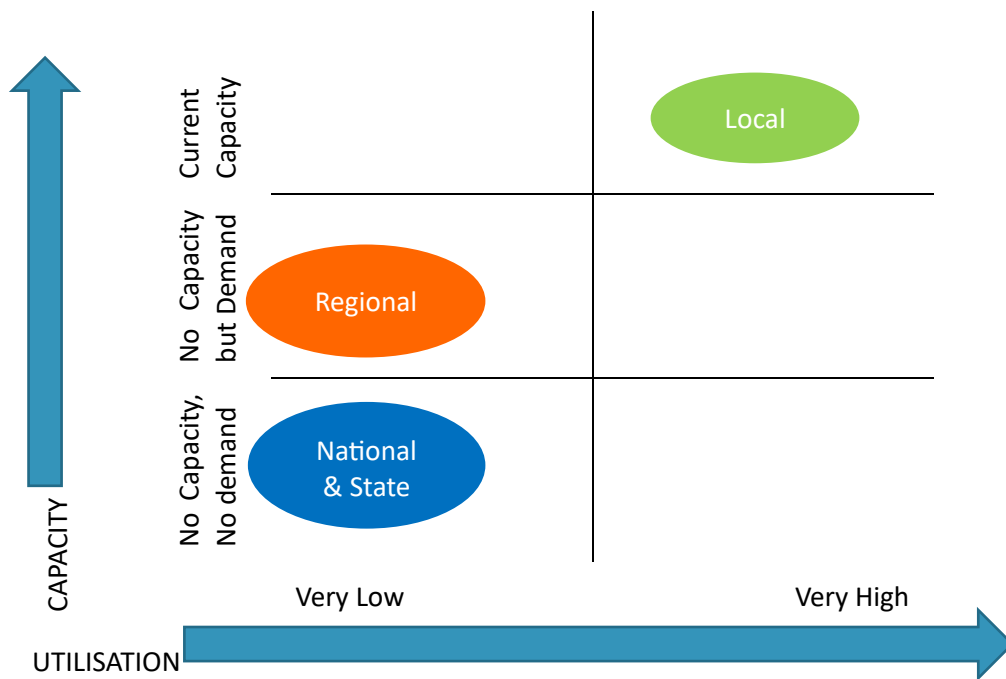
Hire:

Multi-use courts, conference/training facility, kitchen and playgroup available for hire.

COMPETITION SURFACES:

Sport	Surface type (e.g. sprung wood, grass, turf, etc.)	Playing surface dimensions (m ²)	Number of Courts/Fields on playing surface	Multi-use surface
Basketball	Acrylic	2,450	4	Yes
Netball	Acrylic	2,450	4	Yes
Cricket	grass	11,100	1	No
Lawn Bowls	Synthetic turf			
Tennis	Acrylic		4	Yes

FACILITY CAPACITY & UTILISATION



*Note. Annual usage details not provided.

MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

*No projects identified.

OTHER SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

Facility Name	Facility Owner	Sporting and Recreation Activity(ies)	Playing surface type	Playing surface size (m ²)	Number of fields/courts	Competition Level Played (local, regional, state, national)	Required works for the Facility
Muchea Hall	Shire	Netball, Cricket, Football	Grass oval and acrylic courts		1 junior football oval, 5 netball courts	local	Resurfacing works to netball courts 2017 / 2018
Sandown Park	Reserve vested in Shire	Polocrosse grounds	grass		multiple	regional	Reticulation to playing area and ablution block replacement
Lower Chittering Oval	Shire	Cricket, Scouts, Zumba	Grass and indoor hall		1 junior football sized oval	local	Disabled toilet and changeroom facilities
Wannamal Community Centre	Shire	Indoor Bowls, /Tennis	Acrylic and indoor hall		2 tennis courts	Local / social	Day to day maintenance
Sussex Bend Pump and Jump track	Shire	BMX	gravel		1	Local / social	Day to day maintenance

AROC SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES AUDIT REPORT 2017

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Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC)

Agreement between:

**Shire of Chittering
Shire of Dowerin
Shire of Goomalling
Shire of Northam
Shire of Toodyay
Shire of Victoria Plains
Shire of York**

Memorandum of Understanding for the Operation of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC)

*Adopted as amended at an AROC Meeting held on 3 April 2017 –
circulated to members for endorsement (Res. No. 07/03/17).*

April 2017

Memorandum of Understanding
Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC)

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Memorandum of Understanding
Avon Regional Organisation of Councils

A. Description of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

1. The purpose of this document is to set out the framework for regional cooperation between the member local governments.
2. The regional body shall be known as the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils, or under the short form AROC.
3. AROC will not be a legal entity or a body corporate, and may only operate under the auspices of one or more member local governments.
4. AROC operates under the authority of Section 3.68 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

B. Period of Agreement

1. This agreement shall apply from the date it is adopted by the member local governments for a period of five years. At the end of that period the members may:
 - Renew the agreement;
 - Change the agreement; or
 - Take no action, in which case the agreement ceases to have effect.
2. The agreement may be modified or cancelled at any time with the unanimous agreement of the member local governments.

C. Membership

1. Membership of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils shall consist of the following organisations. Each member is a local government constituted under the Western Australian *Local Government Act 1995*.
2. Member local governments of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils are:
 - Shire of Chittering
 - Shire of Dowerin
 - Shire of Goomalling
 - Shire of Northam
 - Shire of Toodyay
 - Shire of Victoria Plains
 - Shire of York

D. Mission Statement

The mission of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils is to:

“Work cooperatively for the benefit of the region and well-being of the community”

E. Purpose

The purpose of AROC is to arrange and facilitate Members:

- working together cooperatively to address regional problems, issues or challenges and advance the interests of the region;
- developing and implementing resource sharing strategies or regional service delivery models;
- delivery of training and development programs for elected members or staff; and
- undertaking joint tendering or purchasing arrangements.

F. The AROC Governance Group

1. The prime decision making body for AROC shall be the Governance Group;
2. The Governance Group will meet every two months at a time and place agreed by the group;
3. Each member local government shall have equal representation on the Governance Group;
4. The Governance Group shall consist of:
 - one Elected Member from each member local government, usually the mayor or Shire President;
 - one Senior Officer from each member local government, usually the CEO;
5. Each local government shall nominate an Elected Member to represent it on the Governance group;
6. Proxies are permitted;
7. Each member local government shall have a single vote to be exercised by their nominated elected member or proxy, or in the absence of an elected member by the CEO or senior officer present;
8. Governance Group meetings are not open to the public, but additional elected members from member local governments are encouraged to attend as observers;
9. Invited guests may attend the meeting to address particular issues and can remain for the remainder of the meeting unless decided otherwise by the meeting;

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10. Members may attend by prior arrangement through instantaneous electronic communication.

G. The AROC Officer's Group

1. The AROC Officers Group will meet every two months at a time and place agreed by the Officers Group, in the months when the Governance Group does not meet;
2. Each member local government shall have equal representation on the Officers Group, usually the CEO;
3. Proxies are permitted; and
4. Decisions shall be by consensus.

H. Authority

1. The Governance Group will have authority from member local governments to deal with funds held by AROC from members and third party contributions; except
2. The individual local government that is auspiced to deliver a program or project under third party grant funding shall ensure that the program or project is delivered and the funds are expended and acquitted in accordance with the grant agreement.

I. Meetings

1. AROC Governance Group meetings shall be convened at the time and at the place determined by the group;
2. The secretariat will prepare a program for the meeting that will consist of:
 - Matters referred by the Officers Group for consideration or decision;
 - Matters raised by individual member local governments for consideration;
 - Review of actions and progress arising from previous meetings or decisions;
 - Submissions, presentations or representations from third parties arranged by the secretariat or agreed by the Chairperson;
 - Such other matters as may be agreed by the Governance Group.
3. The meeting Program will generally be circulated one clear week prior to the Governance Group Meeting.
4. A quorum shall consist of delegates from four member local governments.

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J. Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

1. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Governance Group will be elected at the first Governance Group meeting following the local government Ordinary Elections, or at such other times as may be necessary if the position is vacated;
2. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson must be elected members from the member local governments;
3. The Chairperson shall have a deliberate vote only and no casting vote. Unresolved matters are to be referred to the next meeting;
4. If the Chairperson is absent, whether represented by a proxy or not, the Deputy Chairperson will preside;
5. If both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are absent, whether represented by proxies or not, the group will elect a presiding member for that meeting only.

K. Secretariat

1. An individual, member local government or other corporate body may be appointed to provide secretariat support to AROC. Unless the Governance Group determines otherwise the secretariat will be provided by the local government represented by the Chairperson;
2. The Governance Group will determine an annual fee for the provision of secretariat services at the time that it adopts its annual budget.

L. Treasury

1. A member local government will be appointed to act as Treasurer to hold, manage and account for funds held on behalf of AROC;
2. The Treasurer will provide regular financial reports to the Governance Group;
3. The Governance Group may determine an annual fee for the provision of Treasury services at the time that it adopts its annual budget.

M. Annual Financial Contribution

1. Each year at its April meeting the Governance Group will determine the annual contribution for member Councils for the following financial year;
2. The annual contribution shall be identical for each member Council;
3. The annual contribution will be not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000 per member local government.

N. Project Financial Contribution

1. AROC through the Governance Group may decide to undertake a project or projects which require additional financial contributions from member local governments;
2. Projects must involve at least two local governments, but could involve all member local governments;
3. Each project will have a separate form of agreement which will ensure that:
 - The costs of the project are equitably distributed;
 - That any additional costs or savings are equitably distributed to participating local governments; and
 - That there will be no impost on, or windfall to those member local governments that choose not to participate.

O. New AROC Members

1. The Governance Group may by unanimous agreement:
 - Allow an additional local government to become a member; or
 - Invite an additional local government to become a member.
2. Any new member will be required to buy in to the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils;
3. The buy in figure will be determined by preparing a balance sheet for AROC, and dividing the net equity position by the number of Members.

P. Withdrawal of AROC Members

1. AROC members recognise and agree that participation in AROC is a long term strategy and any decision to withdraw should be reflective of the long term nature of the commitment;
2. A retiring member must give at least one full financial year notice of an intention to withdraw;
3. At the conclusion of the notice period the departing member will be entitled to receive a payout calculated as the AROC net position not including any restricted funds, at 30 June divided by the number of members;
4. A member may withdraw at any time without notice but will be required to pay any contributions due and payable up to the end of the current financial year, but will not be entitled to any distribution of assets.

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Q. Action Plan

1. AROC will prepare an Action Plan every two years that will identify regional priorities, planned projects and activities for the next two year period;
2. The Governance Group may at any time add or removed items from the Action Plan;
3. The Action Plan will be reviewed annually;
4. The Action Plan will form a schedule to this MOU.

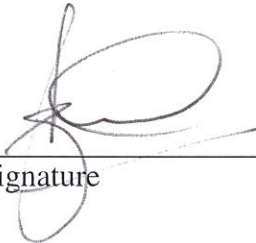
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R. Executed by the Parties

Shire of Chittering

SHIRE PRESIDENT


GORDON HOUSTON
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ALAN STEWART
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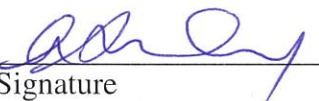
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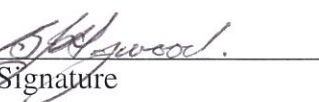

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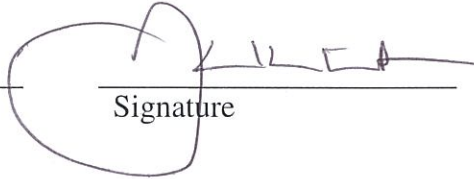
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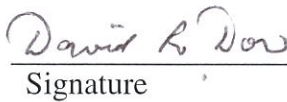

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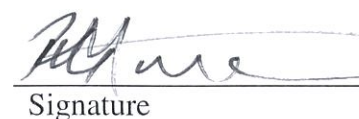
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S. Schedule 1 – AROC Action Plan

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Issue	Themes	Actions	Review Date
Health and Aged Care	Aged Care planning Independent living units Age Friendly communities planning		
Strategic Waste Management	Regional Planning Regional strategies Advocacy		
Councillor and Staff development	Training needs identification Training delivery in the region Regional Conference or workshop		
Regional Risk	Risk Management processes Regional Risk Coordinator		
Human Resource Management	Workforce Development Planning Specialised staff meetings Resource sharing Build relationship with Central Regional TAFE		
Information Technology	Joint strategies		

ACTION PLAN – Schedule 1

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Issue	Themes	Actions	Review Date
	Resource sharing Regional Support Insourcing IT support		
Economic Development	Infrastructure development Infrastructure trust Regional Planning Engagement with WDC Regional promotion Strategic Road Projects		
Regional Governance	Review of governance models Regional subsidiary Infrastructure Trust		
Regional Airport location	Support and advocacy for Cunderdin		
Regional Recreation Strategy	Regional Cooperation		
Environmental Health Services	Resource Sharing Joint Mosquito Project (3 year)		

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Dear Stan

NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION 140717
Avon Regional Organisation of Councils

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 July 2017 the Chittering Council resolved the following:

9.4.2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION 140717

Moved Cr Osborn / Seconded Cr Gibson

That Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the amended Avon Regional Organisation of Council's Memorandum of Understanding as attached to this report.
2. Advise the Avon Regional Organisation of Council of its intention to withdraw from the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils at the end of this financial year.
3. Continue to strengthen and build its formal relationship with the Local Government members of the Northern Growth Alliance.

THE RECOMMENDATION WAS PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED 7/0

8:45PM

The Shire of Chittering's notice of withdrawal is in accordance with Part Q "Withdrawal of AROC Members" in the current Memorandum of Understanding:

1. *AROC members recognise and agree that participation in AROC is a long-term strategy and any decision to withdraw should be reflective of the long-term nature of the commitment;*
2. *A retiring member must give at least one full financial year notice of an intention to withdraw if they are to take advantage of a distribution of equity as set out in the next clause;*
3. *At the conclusion of the notice period the departing member will be entitled to receive a payout calculated as the AROC net position not including any restricted funds, at 30 June divided by the number of members; and*
4. *A member may withdraw at any time without notice but will be required to pay any contributions due and payable up to the end of the current financial year, but will not be entitled to any distribution of assets.*

If further information is required please do not hesitate to contact Natasha Mossman, Executive Support Officer by email at chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au or telephone 9576 4600.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhona Hawkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rhona Hawkins
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Enc: Council Resolution 140717

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