

City of
Bayswater

Community Recreation Plan

2022–2032



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Part one



About this plan

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**NETBALL COURTS,
NORANDA**

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A strategic and sustainable approach

The Community Recreation Plan 2022 – 2032 is a guiding document for the next 10 years; and through the plan, the City aims to provide a variety of recreation opportunities so as many people as possible can enjoy being active – on the sporting field, in a park or at a facility.

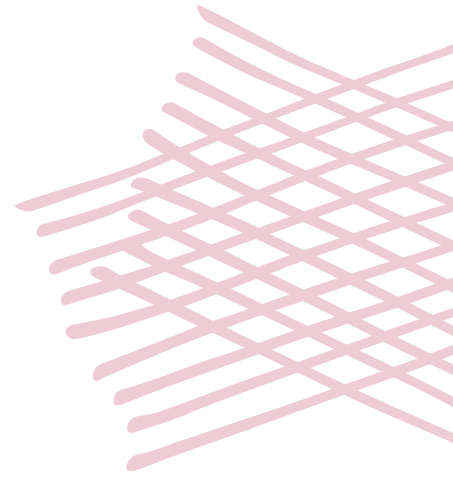
The Community Recreation Plan (CRP) encompasses sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure, parks and reserves, programs and services for the community. It is a living document that the City will regularly review to ensure it stays relevant and abreast of changing trends. For ease of reading, a second part has been prepared, which contains supporting material, detailed analysis and appendices. This document is available on the City's website.

The CRP is the outcome of a Council decision to create a plan to guide facility developments in line with industry standards, community demand, available funding and other informing documents. The CRP introduces a strategic and sustainable approach to sport and recreation planning and provision by providing a plan of short, medium and long-term actions for the next 10 years. These actions will inform the City's budgets and Long Term Financial Plan.

The City of Bayswater is growing and changing, with many major projects planned and in progress. Within the next five years, METRONET will result in a revitalised Bayswater Train Station and new stations in Morley and Noranda, as well as the relocation of the Bayswater skate park at Wotton Reserve to make way for car parking at the Morley station.

Over the next thirty years, an additional 15,750 dwellings will be required across the Bayswater local government area, with development focused on station precincts, activity centres and transit corridors (*Perth and Peel @3.5 million*). Parks and open spaces will become increasingly important as density increases. The Community Recreation Plan sets out a path to maximise use of reserves and improve facilities to ensure the community can continue to enjoy being active and participate in sport and recreation.

Balancing the community's needs with asset management



The City of Bayswater recognises the importance of continuing to provide recreation facilities, infrastructure and services so the whole community can engage in physical activity, whether it be competitive sport, going for a walk or shooting hoops in the park.

What is recreation?

For the purposes of this plan, recreation is considered to be an activity that people enjoy and engage in during their free time and recognise as having physical, mental and social value.

The Community Recreation Plan (CRP) is a ten-year plan focused on providing sport and recreation facilities, infrastructure and services to the Bayswater community. It provides a strategic approach to guide sport and recreation for the community; considering current and future trends, accessibility and inclusion, and multi-use. This plan aims to balance the community's needs with asset management and resourcing in the short, medium and long term.

The CRP complements the Strategic Community Plan 2021–2031 vision of 'an inclusive community building a sustainable and thriving City'.

What is included in the plan?

The focus of this plan is community sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure, and includes:

- Sporting and recreation reserves classified as Neighbourhood, District and Regional

- Built facilities on sporting reserves that are leased and hired for sport and recreation activities
- Sport and community infrastructure, e.g. fencing, goals, nets, community multi-courts, exercise equipment, lighting
- Skate parks, cycle tracks and
- Public toilets in parks and reserves.

The plan does not include:

- Facilities that are leased or hired for purposes other than recreation, sport or physical activity
- Libraries
- Play spaces
- Facilities on private land
- Golf courses.

Bayswater Waves, the RISE and Morley Sport and Recreation Centre are considered within the broader provision of sport and recreation within the City; however, as they are managed under specific agreements, any actions will be general.

How will the plan benefit the City?

- Ensure consistency across all branches responsible for sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure.
- Integrate short, medium and long-term facility and infrastructure projects into the City's budgets and Long Term Financial Plan.
- Support clubs and groups to provide sport and recreation facilities, infrastructure, activities and programs to the community.
- Improve physical activity and participation in sport and recreation for community health and wellbeing.



What are the guiding principles of the CRP?

Community and stakeholder feedback, desktop review and analysis informed the following guiding principles. These principles guide the CRP and actions.

Multi-functional and adaptable facilities

Facilities reflect current standards and accommodate multiple groups and activities.

Accessible and connected spaces

The City takes a holistic, precinct approach to spaces used for recreation, ensuring complementary uses for the whole community.

Sustainable development and delivery

Financial, environmental and social factors are considered in recreation projects, including whole-of-life costs and sound asset management principles.

Balance community and stakeholder needs

Parks, reserves and facilities are designed and managed to accommodate users of all ages and abilities. Community hubs are developed in partnership with stakeholders.

Robust engagement

The City engages with the community on a variety of matters relating to recreation and will continue to strengthen partnerships with clubs and groups in future recreation projects.

NORANDA SPORTING COMPLEX,
NORANDA

A culturally diverse and vibrant community

The Bayswater Local Government Area is approximately 8 kilometres from the Perth CBD, comprising the suburbs of Bayswater, Maylands, Bedford, Embleton, Morley, Noranda and parts of Mt Lawley and Dianella.

The City covers 34.6 square kilometres, with an estimated population of estimated 69,283 people (ABS, 2021). The City is home to a culturally diverse and vibrant community set against the backdrop of four town centres, over 380 hectares of green open space and a 10 kilometre stretch of the Derbal Yerrigan (Swan River).

The City operates two recreation centres, one aquatic centre and maintains 188 parks, ovals and open spaces and 360 kilometres of road network.

The forecast population of the City in 10 years is approximately 72,000 people, an increase from 69,283 in 2021. The role and function of Public Open Space (POS) in the City will become more important, particularly as infill density increases and more people live in medium and high-rise apartments. The WA benchmark for POS provision of 3.36 hectares per 1,000 residents shows that even with an increase in population, by 2026, the provision of POS in Bayswater will still be 5.9 hectares per 1,000 people, which is high when compared with many other local government areas. This is an average across the City; there are inconsistencies in some areas where POS is low, such as parts of Morley, Bedford and Embleton.

What sport and recreation projects have we completed recently?

In the last three years, the City has:

- Added two indoor basketball courts and change rooms to the existing Morley Sport and Recreation Centre, and installed new match floodlighting at Pat O'Hara Reserve (adjacent to Morley Sport and Recreation Centre).
- Completed Stage 1 of the Maylands Waterland redevelopment, to include splash pad and community play / picnic areas.

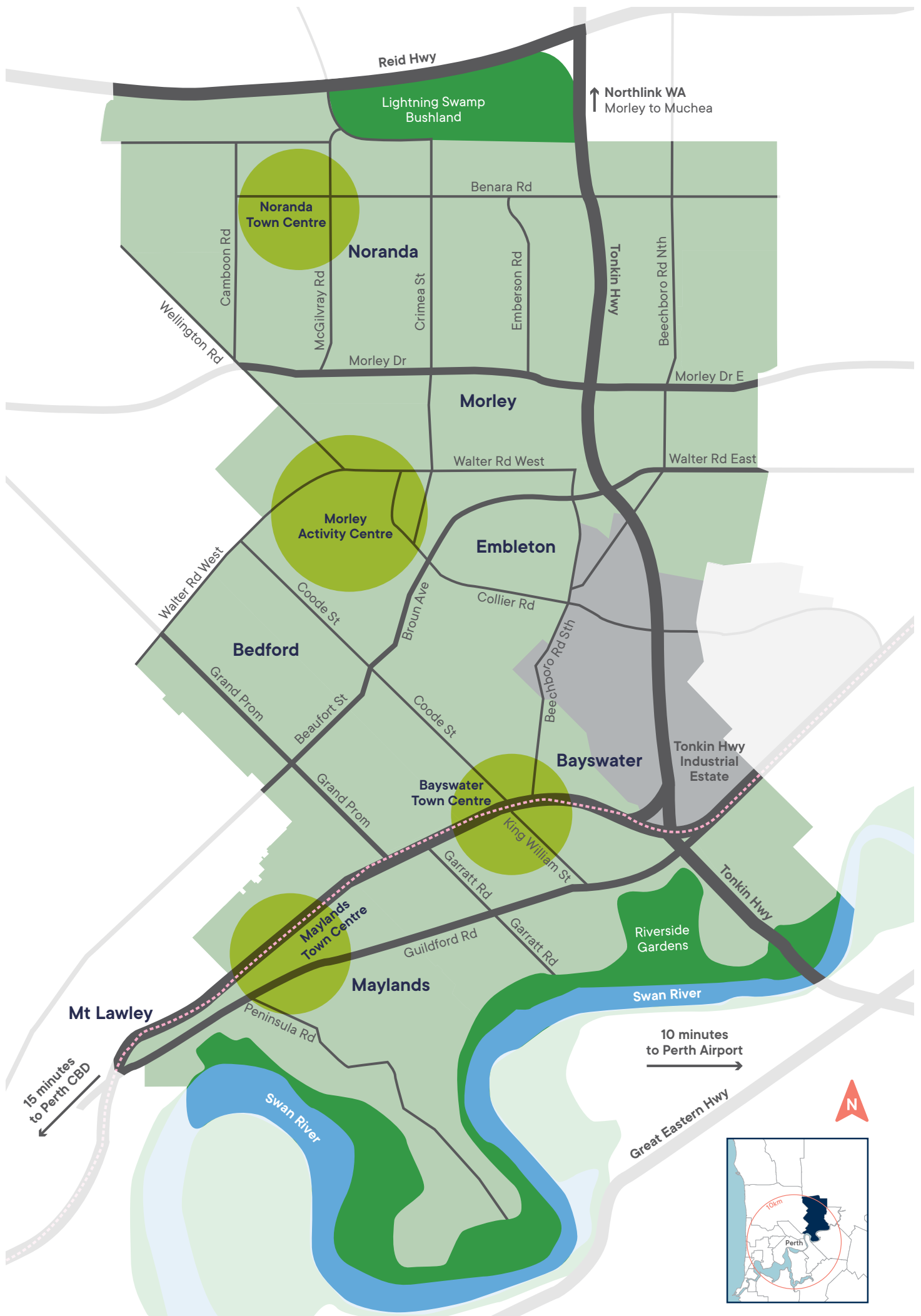
- Resurfaced 16 courts at the Noranda Netball Centre, including perimeter fencing and LED floodlighting for training and competition.
- Refurbished the 25m indoor teaching pool and outdoor changing rooms at Bayswater Waves.

In addition to these major projects, the new Bayswater Skate Park is underway, funded by the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia, and will feature WA's biggest half-pipe and elements to suit a wide range of users and abilities, along with floodlighting, BBQ and other park infrastructure.

In the 2021/22 financial year, the City has provided over \$160,000 to the Community Capital Works Grant program. Community and sporting clubs contributed approximately \$64,000 to the program, along with external funding worth approximately \$13,600. Projects undertaken as part of the program included accessible pathways and landscaping, shade structures, sporting infrastructure, security upgrades and building refurbishments.

The CRP is aligned with many of the City's plans and strategies:

- *Asset Management Strategy and associated plans*
- *Environment and Liveability Framework (ELF)*
- *Play Space Strategy*
- *Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (2019–2024)*
- *Public Open Space Strategy*
- *Local Planning Strategy (draft)*
- *Local Bike Plan (under review)*
- *Access and Inclusion Plan 2020–2024*
- *Age Friendly Strategy 2021–2024*
- *City of Bayswater Reconciliation Action Plan: Innovate (2021–2023)*
- *Emissions Reduction and Renewable Energy (ERRE) Plan*
- *Cultural Plan*
- *Skate and Bike Strategy (to be developed subject to funding).*





The broader context of sport and recreation

A number of external documents inform the CRP, including:

- *Perth and Peel @3.5 million* – Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
- *Community Facility Guidelines* – Perth and Peel (2020) – Parks and Leisure WA
- *Classification Framework for Public Open Space* (2012) – Department of Sport and Recreation, WA
- *Active Living for all 2017–2019: A Framework for Physical Activity in WA* – Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- *Assessment of land, water and community wellbeing outcomes for Public Open Space (sport and recreation) in Perth and Peel* – Urbaqua and Parks and Leisure WA.

Guidelines and strategic plans published by State Sporting Associations will generally contain facility and infrastructure guidelines to assist local government in planning, development and funding decisions.

Where relevant and appropriate, guidelines will inform sport and recreation facility upgrades and redevelopments, along with other City documents, strategies and plans.

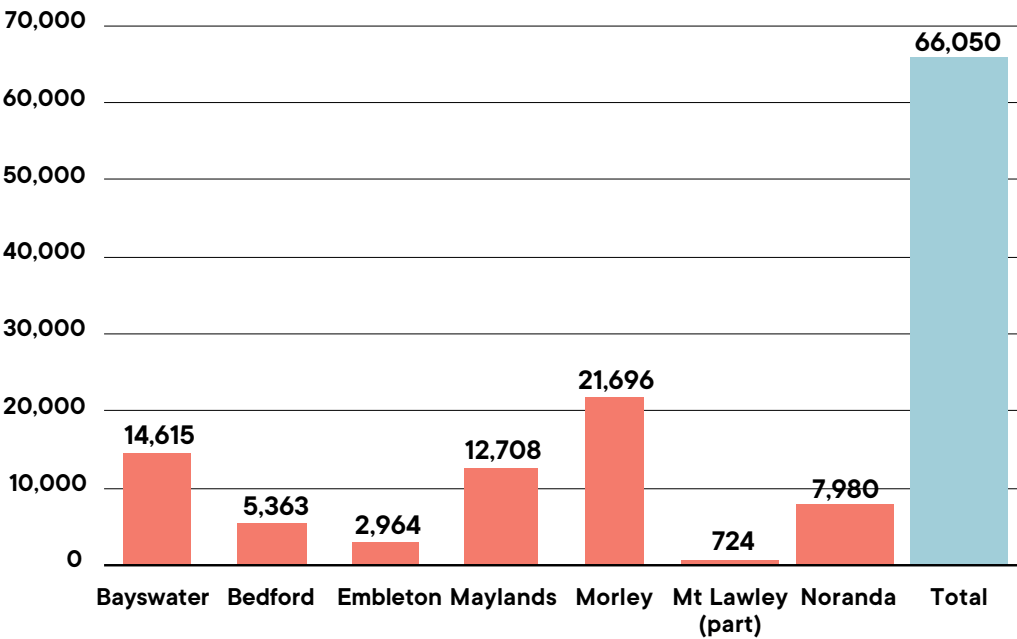
Some of the documents informing the CRP are:

- *AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines - National* (2019)
- *WA Cricket Infrastructure Strategy* 2019
- *Netball WA Strategic Plan*
- *Football West Strategic Plan*
- *Tennis West Strategic Facilities Plan* 2018.

A summary of these and other sport specific documents is included in Part 2.

Demographics

Population (2016 Census)

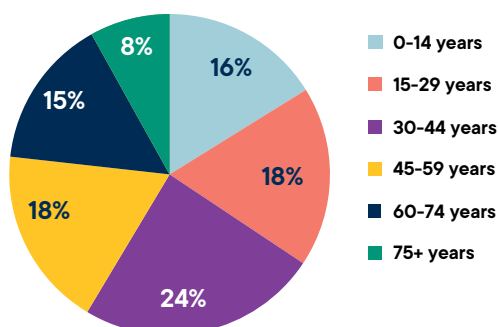


As at the 2021 census, the population in the City of Bayswater was approximately 69,238. 42% of the population were born outside of Australia, and 1.6% of people identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Population density is highest in Morley, followed by Bayswater, Maylands and Noranda.



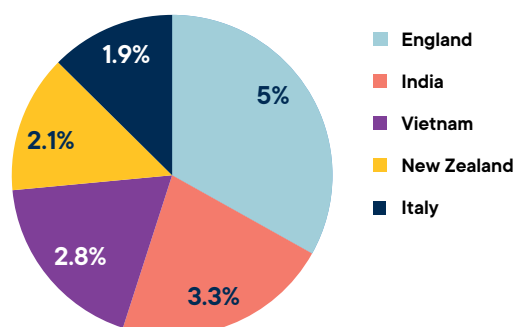
RIVERSIDE GARDENS,
BAYSWATER

Population by age



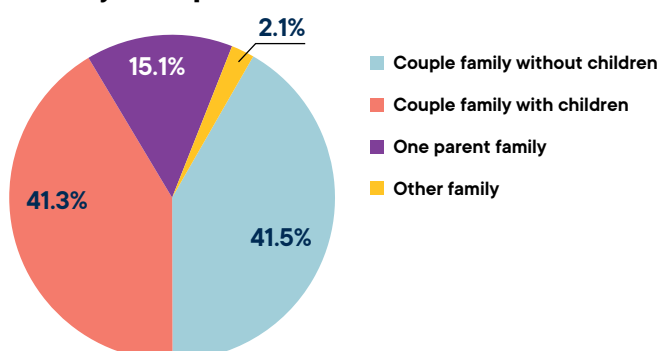
The largest age group is 30-44 year olds.
The median age is 38 years.

Country of birth



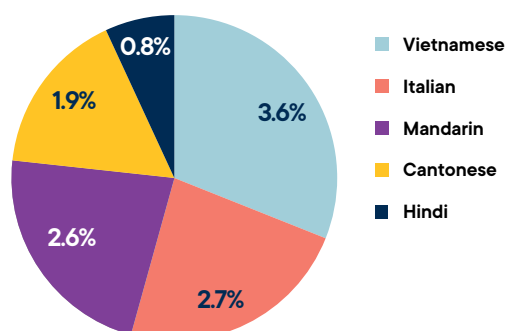
58% of the Bayswater population were born in Australia.
The most common countries of birth outside of Australia are shown here.

Family composition



Couple families with children, and couple families without children, make up the two largest cohorts in Bayswater.

Languages other than English spoken at home



68.2% of the population only speak English at home.
Other languages spoken at home are shown here.



2,888
people

living within the City of Bayswater reported a need for assistance due to disability

The Australian Bureau of Statistics survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers estimated that in 2018, 4.4. million Australians were living with disability, or 17.7% of the total population. Based on the 2016 Census, it is estimated that 2,888 people living within the City of Bayswater reported a need for assistance due to disability.



43%

of people engage in less than 150 minutes of physical activity per week

According to the City of Bayswater Community Health Profile (2019), an estimated 43% of people engage in less than 150 minutes of physical activity per week, which is slightly higher than the WA average (36%). 36% of people spend more than 21 hours of sedentary leisure time per week. In Bayswater, more than half the adult population and over a quarter of the child population is overweight or obese.

Sport and Recreation trends



Lifestyle change

In the 15 years since the previous recreation plan was created for the City, there have been significant changes in the way people live and how they spend their time. Sports and recreation activities have evolved to reflect these changes, which determines how the City provides sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure to the community. The individualisation of physical activity in adults continues to have a major impact on participation rates, physical and mental health, and facilities and infrastructure supporting recreational activities reflects this trend.



Participation changes

Women's participation across a variety of organised sports has risen significantly, highlighting the need to upgrade and redevelop ageing and dated facilities that previously did not cater for women. Other significant trends include increasing turf loads on reserves because of extended playing seasons, and the expansion and diversity of club membership bases.

Traditionally, participation in sport has occurred in a formal, structured way – such as in a sporting competition as part of a club or association. In recent years, sporting activity outside of these traditional structures has increased. This is due in part to the trends mentioned

above, along with the rise of social media and alternative / non-mainstream sports. Examples of informal sporting participation are groups of friends playing basketball together, or a weekly social game of touch football or soccer. Games may be conducted across multiple venues, and may or may not attract a fee to play.



Competing demands

In Bayswater, there are a number of sporting clubs operating at a higher level of competition in their respective league or association. This requires certain facility standards, over and above the standard local league / community facilities provided by the City. These higher standards may include sports lighting lux level, pitch size and number, size of change rooms, turf standards and fencing around competition areas. Some of these standards may restrict public access. The City aims to provide a balance between supporting clubs aspiring to grow and compete at higher levels and providing space for community access. Any decision to develop facilities to a higher standard is informed by available funding and community benefit.

Traditional sporting facilities accommodated a single club or sport on any particular site. This, however, has become an inefficient and expensive way for the City and clubs to maintain facilities. There is a significant shift away from dedicated buildings for a single sporting club or community group, towards multi-purpose buildings, accommodating a number of groups and activities in a hub model. This shift is reflected in facility development projects by local governments, government funding priorities and future planning strategies, such as **Perth and Peel @3.5 million** and a number of State Sporting Association strategic plans and guidelines.



“ The City of Bayswater has already begun to address future reductions in groundwater through park design and eco-zoning, and reduce urban heat by increasing tree planting. ”



COVID-19

In the beginning of the pandemic, a noticeable trend in adult participation was an increase in individual, outdoor activity, where the ability to socially distance was available during restrictions. Community clubs and groups suffered severe impacts from restricted participation, lost revenue and loss of volunteers. The future impacts of COVID-19 are unknown, but may influence the ways in which the City delivers services, facilities and infrastructure.



Climate change

Climate change will continue to affect Public Open Space, recreation activity and sport participation into the future. Western Australia will likely see increasing temperatures and reduced rainfall. The City of Bayswater has already begun to address future reductions in groundwater through park design and eco-zoning, and reduce urban heat by increasing tree planting. Future restrictions on groundwater use may have an impact on natural sports turf management and usage.

Participation in sport and recreation in WA

The AusPlay survey provides the most up-to-date sport and recreation participation rates of adults and children in Western Australia, in either a structured i.e. part of a club, or an unstructured format i.e. informally. The figures below are taken from the AusPlay survey results for January 2021 - December 2021.

Adults

For adults in WA, the two highest participation activities for women are walking (recreational), followed by fitness / gym. For men, fitness/gym is the highest, followed by walking (recreational).

Top 15 activities for women aged 18 to 65 years +	%
Walking (recreational)	55
Fitness / gym	41
Swimming	24
Cycling	15
Athletics (includes jogging and running)	13
Yoga	13
Pilates	9
Bush walking	7
Basketball	4
Tennis	4
Virtual based physical activity	3
Surfing	3
Australian football	2
Football / soccer	2
Golf	1

Adults who engage in activities as part of an organisation (such as clubs or gyms), or at a venue (such as pools or ovals), the results show the most popular venues used by both women and men are fitness facilities / gyms, and pools.

Top 10 activities for men aged 18 to 65 years +	%
Fitness / gym	35
Walking (recreational)	32
Athletics (includes jogging and running)	19
Swimming	18
Cycling	17
Golf	11
Football / soccer	9
Basketball	8
Bush walking	8
Australian football	7
Surfing	6
Tennis	6
Virtual based physical activity	4
Yoga	3
Pilates	1





These broader participation statistics for adults in WA are important to note, in the context of local trends. The City provides two indoor sport and recreation centres, and an aquatic and leisure centre – all of which operate in a commercial environment, albeit with a focus on community benefit. These participation trends are relevant to the ongoing management and viability of The RISE, Bayswater Waves, and Morley Sport and Recreation Centre.

The scope of the CRP is broadly focused on community facilities and infrastructure for sport and recreation; and while it is acknowledged that a proportion of the adult population in WA use commercial venues, assessment of Ausplay data for this plan focuses more on the overall activity participation data as it relates to community facilities, parks and reserves.

**Top 5 activities for women aged 18–65 years +
by organization / venue**

	%
Fitness / gym	33
Swimming	14
Yoga	9
Pilates	8
Walking (recreational)	7

**Top 5 activities for men aged 18–65 years +
by organization / venue**

	%
Fitness / gym	28
Swimming	11
Golf	9
Football / soccer	6
Australian football	5

Children

In WA, the highest participation activity for both boys and girls is swimming. The next highest activities for girls are gymnastics, dancing and netball; while for boys, Australian Rules football, football (soccer) and basketball are the next highest participation activities.

**Top 5 activities for girls aged up to 14 years
(organized participation)**

	%
Swimming	36
Gymnastics	19
Dancing (recreational)	18
Netball	12
Athletics, track and field (includes jogging and running)	7

**Top 5 activities for boys aged up to 14 years
(organized participation)**

	%
Swimming	32
Australian football	18
Football / soccer	13
Basketball	8
Gymnastics	5

Similar to the adult participation trends in the use of organisations or venues, it is acknowledged that a large proportion of children participate in swimming; and in the case of girls, gymnastics and dancing, which are generally conducted at either private or commercially operated indoor venues. Anecdotally, participation in skate and BMX is increasing; however, as these activities are undertaken in unstructured settings, participation statistics are not currently available for WA.

Participation in sport and recreation in Bayswater

196 people responded to our community survey, and the results were aligned with broader physical activity trends.

The City conducted surveys of community members and clubs to inform the plan. Out of the 196 survey respondents, we found that people in Bayswater are regularly engaging in physical activity individually and/or informally, rather than in a formal / organised sport and recreation structure, such as a club.

Respondents were asked to choose up to three types of activity they do most often:

- Individual physical activity scored the highest at 62%, and the most popular activities were walking, running, walking the dog and cycling
- Informal physical activity with friends or family in a park or reserve (48%)
- Competitive, organised sport or recreation activity as part of a club or group (35%).

People who engaged in individual physical activity did so several times a week. The most popular parks and reserves used for individual activity tended to be the City's larger reserves, including:

- Riverside Gardens
- Hillcrest Reserve
- Crimea Reserve
- Claughton Reserve
- Baigup Wetlands
- Maylands foreshore.

People walking and running tended to use pathways along the river foreshore.

The most popular sports with people who engaged in competitive, organised sport or recreation activity as part of a club or group were baseball, Australian Rules football, netball and basketball. The survey showed participation across 23 different activities, including bowls, tennis, athletics and Friends of Groups.

Clubs and groups in Bayswater

There are over 200 clubs in the City, ranging from traditional sports such as Australian Rules Football and cricket, through to non-traditional sports such as roller hockey and petanque. There are many other clubs, groups and organisations besides sporting clubs, who lease or hire community facilities for various recreation activities. These include Scouts, sport and recreation clubs and hobby clubs such as Scale Modellers and car clubs. The City has close to 90 leases with community groups, some of which permit exclusive use, and some groups sub-lease or hire facilities to other groups. Some associations have taken the role of managing the lease and facilities on behalf of tenant clubs. In an effort to streamline inconsistencies between groups, the City now grants five-year lease terms, with standardised conditions and Key Performance Indicators.

There are many community groups looking for space to conduct their activities, whether it be sport, recreation or otherwise, and the City has a long waitlist with limited availability of space. Many of the City's leases give tenant clubs and groups exclusive use of facilities, which restricts the ability to provide space for hire. However, the City aims to increase community access by encouraging integration and co-location for optimum use of facilities.





Facilities in Bayswater

The City provides over 50 buildings for clubs and groups to lease or hire for the purposes of sport and recreation activities, including clubrooms, changerooms with toilets and storage sheds. In addition, the City also provides 25 public toilet facilities, many of which are located adjacent to sporting reserves, parks and community facilities.

Some of the City's sport and recreation facilities are reaching the end of their useful life. Some do not comply with current building and sporting code standards, and/or are no longer fit-for-purpose due to growing clubs and changing trends. Asset condition ratings for some change rooms and toilets are below average, and require upgrade or refurbishment to make them inclusive and accessible.

An audit of facilities showed that some of the City's buildings and reserves are not used to their maximum capacity and could accommodate higher usage and / or additional groups and activities to share spaces.

Indoor sport and recreation facilities

There are two indoor recreation facilities and one aquatic and leisure centre in Bayswater.

The RISE in Maylands comprises indoor courts, Maylands library, health and fitness club, community and function spaces. The RISE was designed to be a community hub with a range of facilities for the community to use, and is managed by the City. Participation data is shown below:

- Health and fitness club has approximately 700 members and averages 25,000 visits per year
- Indoor sports courts are used for basketball, netball and futsal social competitions, casual and regular court hire. Courts are used at 90% capacity during peak periods (after 3:30pm on weekdays, Saturday and Sunday).

The Morley Sport and Recreation Centre (MSRC) is managed by Bluefit on the City's behalf. The centre has five indoor courts, gym, group fitness room, community and function spaces. The two recently constructed courts on the southern side of the Morley Sport and Recreation Centre can accommodate State Basketball League level games, and serve as a home stadium for East Perth District Basketball Association.

There are approximately 12,000 monthly visitations to MSRC, including approx. 1800 attendances at monthly group fitness sessions. The courts are used for approximately 200 hours per week. The East Perth District Basketball Association uses between four and five courts at peak times (weekday afternoons/evenings, Saturday all day and Sunday all day) for training and fixtures.

Bayswater Waves has seven separate pools, including the only wave pool in WA. The facility has a hydrotherapy area, health club, group fitness room, café and function room. Annual attendances (based on 2020/21) were 659,606, comprising:

- 277,671 pool visits (excluding Learn-to-Swim classes)
- 260,351 gym and fitness classes
- 121,584 Learn-to-Swim.

There are currently 3,136 members, comprising:

- 38% - people aged over 60 years
- 18% - people aged 30 to 40 years
- 16% - people aged 40 to 50 years
- 15% - people aged 50 to 60 years
- 14% - people aged 18 to 30 years.

Community input

The community shapes and influences the CRP. The City conducted two phases of engagement to inform the plan, including online surveys for clubs and community members, a face-to-face stakeholder workshop, conversations, and meetings with various groups and individuals.

What did the community tell us?

Comments from the survey aligned with current and known community expectations for parks and facilities. Residents would like to see parks and reserves with adequate pathways, outdoor exercise equipment, courts and other elements for individual and informal activity, with public toilet facilities, seating, shade and children's play. Many responses included requests for BMX / pump tracks and skate parks. The survey also showed that there are competing priorities and interests relating to dogs on and off lead in parks and reserves. The City continues to manage on and off lead areas, in an effort to provide a balance of sport and recreation opportunities across all parks and reserves.

What did clubs tell us?

24 clubs responded to the club survey; these were predominantly sporting groups who use buildings and reserves on a regular basis to conduct their activities. Over half of the clubs who responded to the survey have 150 members or more; a third of those have over 300 members. More than half of all the clubs stated that they have experienced an increase in membership over the last two years.

Overall, it is clear from the survey that, for sporting clubs in particular, the age and condition of many facilities, particularly change rooms, public toilets, kitchens and clubrooms, as they are considered by the clubs as no longer fit-for-purpose, particularly for female participants and spectators, and do not reflect current standards around accessibility. Some clubs cited lack of reserve / court space and sharing with community members, in particular dog walkers, as current issues. Future challenges highlighted by the clubs and groups revolved around availability of space and parking, and negative impacts

on growth and female participation due to poor standard of facilities. As a result, priorities for the short term mostly include renovations and upgrades to buildings to improve standards and cater for future growth and sustainability of clubs, particularly in women's participation.

Parks and reserves

The City uses a classification framework developed in 2012 by the then Department of Sport and Recreation to categorise Public Open Space (POS) in terms of its dominant function, i.e. sporting, recreation or nature; and its size, i.e. Local, District, Neighbourhood and Regional POS.

Sporting reserves

There are 23 sporting reserves in the City (excluding golf courses); the majority are classified as either Neighbourhood or District, and two are classified as Regional level. Sporting spaces are designed to accommodate a playing surface, buffer zones and infrastructure requirements of specific or general sporting activity. Players and spectators engage in organised sporting activity, training / competition or watching the game. Most sporting reserves also cater for informal sport and recreation and community access.

Over half of the sporting reserves in the City have floodlights, at a minimum of 50 lux, which caters for community sports training and is provided as an appropriate level for training for most sports. Some floodlights also cater for competition (average 100 lux for large ball sports such as rugby, Australian Rules Football and soccer) or higher, depending on the requirements of the sport. For example, the floodlighting provided at Frank Drago Reserve for soccer is approximately 300 lux, in line with stipulations from peak sporting body Football West, for teams competing in the National Premier League (NPL).

There are approximately 23 organised sports played on sporting reserves in the City, and some sports are conducted across multiple reserves. These are:

- Cricket (11 reserves)
- Soccer (11 reserves)
- Tennis (6 reserves)
- Australian Rules football (5 reserves)
- Lawn Bowls (4 reserves)
- Softball (4 reserves)
- Athletics (2 reserves)
- BMX (2 reserves)
- Skate / scooter (2 reserves)



The following sports are played at a single reserve / in a dedicated facility in the City:

- Archery
- Baseball
- Croquet
- Gaelic Football
- Gridiron (American football)
- Hurling
- Lacrosse
- Model Car racing
- Netball
- Petanque (Bocce)
- Rugby
- Tee ball

In addition to sporting clubs, Scout groups, and other clubs also conduct their activities in facilities and on reserves.

Recreation reserves

There are 20 recreation reserves in the City, and many have enough turf area to cater for informal / social sports such as soccer and cricket, and outdoor fitness training. Some have outdoor courts for community tennis, basketball and netball, and exercise equipment. Recreation reserves located on the river provide access for water sports including stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, rowing, sailing, fishing and boat launch areas. Walking, running and cycling along pathways are also popular activities on these reserves.

Nature reserves

Nature reserves are described in the classification framework as a setting for people to enjoy nature, with the opportunity to engage in low-impact recreational activities, such as walking, cycling, picnicking, playing and exploring natural features. Importantly, sites are managed to enable access for these recreation activities while protecting biodiversity and ecological values. The City has a number of important sites with significant environmental value, and active community members who volunteer their time to look after specific areas in 'Friends Of' groups.

Dog exercise areas

Walking and exercising dogs is one of the most popular recreational pastimes in the community, and many reserves are used for this purpose. In 2018, a review of the local laws was undertaken to determine which reserves were off-lead and which were on-lead. The review resulted in a number of recommendations, including a law stating that dogs were to be on a lead within 20 metres of a playground.

Popular reserves for dog exercise are Riverside Gardens and Shearn Park; however, dog owners frequent many parks of all sizes to walk and exercise their dogs, as the majority of parks and reserves in the City permit dogs to be off-lead, as per the local law. Those reserves with a primary sporting function are also used for dog exercise outside of organised sporting times.

The first enclosed dog exercise area within the City is provided at Riverside Gardens East in Bayswater, offering an alternative for dog owners who may prefer an enclosed area rather than open space.

What does all this information tell us?

Three key themes were developed from community engagement, desktop review and analysis. These themes inform the action plan.



Theme 1

Fit-for-purpose facilities and infrastructure to suit the sport and recreation needs of the whole community

The City needs to upgrade and redevelop many existing facilities, in order to ensure that they are fit-for-purpose and reflect the needs of clubs and the community. Facilities must be inclusive and accessible, with shared spaces for clubs and groups to conduct their activities. Where possible, existing facilities and reserves should be used at maximum capacity. Upgrades and redevelopments will be based on strategic criteria, holistic decisions and community need.





Theme 2

Provision of parks, facilities and reserves for current and future sport and recreation needs

As Bayswater changes and population grows, sport and recreation activities, places and spaces will evolve. While accommodating current needs through fit-for-purpose facilities and infrastructure, the City can put plans in place to prepare for future changes, based on sport and recreation trends and benchmarking. This will include asset plans, facility and infrastructure plans and potential changes to current sport and recreation reserves to reflect changing activity trends.

Theme 3

Strong, sustainable community clubs and groups

Clubs and community groups require ongoing support to deliver sport and recreation opportunities to the community. Strong and sustainable clubs and groups are based on a solid governance structure. It is important for clubs to be able to access support from a variety of channels, including the City, government agencies and other sources for funding, skills development and training. It is also vital that the City works in partnership with clubs and groups by offering funding and project support for facility and infrastructure developments.

Action Plan

All actions contained in the Action Plan have been prioritised according to specific community, economic, strategic and environmental criteria. The full criteria is included in Part 2.

Category – refers to the classification of the project as Asset Renewal and/or Upgrade (ARU); New Asset (N) or Forward Planning (FP)

Responsibility refers to the City branch responsible for the project or initiative

Priority – noted as High, Medium or Low, based on ranked score from criteria

Funding source/s includes Municipal funds (Capital and Operational budgets) and external funding sources, such as state or federal government. These are potential sources only and are subject to budget availability.

Timeframe is based on financial years as follows:

Short – 2022–2027

Medium – 2027–2032

Long – 2032+

Actions are subject to change, based on available resources. The prioritised action plan is shown below:

Action	Detail	Category
Change room upgrades / redevelopments		
Upgrade Upper Hillcrest Reserve change rooms	Retrofit existing and provide additional accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs. Consider future Facility Development Plan for Upper and Lower Hillcrest, co-location of buildings, current and potential site uses.	ARU
Upgrade Noranda soccer change rooms at Noranda sporting complex	Provide additional accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 1 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU
Upgrade RA Cook Reserve change rooms	Retrofit existing to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms (EB Brown pavilion is priority) for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 1 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU
Upgrade Frank Drago Reserve change rooms	Retrofit existing to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 1 District Sporting Reserve (and determined by FIFA requirements for Women's World Cup). Plan for future additional improvements including grandstand, clubroom, field works and public toilets, pending resource availability.	ARU
Upgrade Crimea Park change rooms	Retrofit existing to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 2 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU



Responsibility	Priority (High, Medium or Low)	Funding source/s	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Services• Building Works• Clubs	High	Municipal (Capital) External	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Services• Building Works• Clubs	High	Municipal (Capital) External	Short
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Services• Building Works• Clubs	High	Municipal (Capital) External	Short

Action plan

Action	Detail	Category
Upgrade Wotton Reserve change rooms	Retrofit existing and provide additional accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 1 District Sporting Reserve. Plan for future works to public toilets and spectator area, pending resource availability.	ARU
Upgrade Emberson Reserve change rooms	Retrofit existing to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 2 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU
Upgrade Waltham Reserve change rooms	Retrofit existing to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 2 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU
Upgrade Houghton Park change rooms	Retrofit existing and provide additional accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 2 District Sporting Reserve, based on current and future needs.	ARU
Upgrade Lightning Park change rooms	Retrofit existing to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 1 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU
Provide additional Australian Rules football provision through upgrade to De Lacy Reserve and facilities	Pending requirement for additional Australian Rules football field, based on need. Retrofit existing changerooms to provide accessible and inclusive change rooms for sporting clubs based on standards for Category 2 District Sporting Reserve.	ARU
Community recreation infrastructure		
Develop recreation trails in natural areas	Where appropriate, to facilitate community use and enjoyment of nature; aligned with natural area management plans. Consider signage, cultural history, interpretation and dual place naming.	N
Develop launch sites / jetties / fishing nodes in various locations	Improve access to the river / water-based activities e.g. kayaking, stand-up paddle board and fishing, in conjunction with government agencies, stakeholders and community.	N
Develop a perimeter pathway program for reserves	Specific program to install pathways at larger reserves to assist accessibility, walking/jogging/cycling for fitness.	AR

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Clubs 	High	Municipal (Capital) External	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works 	High	Municipal (Capital) External	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Clubs 	High	Municipal (Capital) External	Medium
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Clubs 	Medium	Municipal (Capital) External	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Parks and Gardens • Sustainability, Environment and Waste • Community groups 	Medium	Municipal (Capital) External	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Parks and Gardens • Sustainability, Environment and Waste • Community groups 	Medium	Municipal (Capital) External	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Short

Action plan

Action	Detail	Category
Facility / infrastructure planning		
Complete concept plan for Hinds Reserve and Riverside Gardens redevelopment	Concept plan to guide future developments and foreshore planning and design at Hinds Reserve and Riverside Gardens. Incorporate play space, recreation infrastructure and community buildings in a staged approach.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Clarkson Reserve	Potential to explore alternative uses for under-used courts, combine current facilities, enhance connections and activate spaces.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Grand Promenade Reserve	Ageing infrastructure; potential to enhance and co-locate uses on site, activate spaces and develop outdoor multi-courts and other active elements.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Upper and Lower Hillcrest Reserves	Consider potential for co-location, additional parking, and additional sporting uses.	FP
Develop skate and BMX plan	Develop / support a plan to guide locations of Neighbourhood level skate and bike nodes across the City, in conjunction with City's Skate and Bike Development Advisory Committee.	FP
Develop bike facilities plan	Guide development of bike facilities including trails and pump tracks in appropriate locations, based on community input. Consider supporting infrastructure, pathways, access, parking and other active play elements.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Halliday Park	Assess outcome of Bayswater Train Station, parking and current and future facility usage requirements.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Pat O'Hara Reserve	Determine future facility needs of rugby and Scouts once buildings reach the end of their usable life.	FP

Responsibility	Priority (High, Medium or Low)	Funding source/s	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Environmental Health • Sustainability, Environment and Waste 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Medium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Parks and Gardens • Community 	Medium	Municipal (Operational) External	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Parks and Gardens • Community 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Medium – Long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Medium	Municipal (Operational)	Medium

Action plan

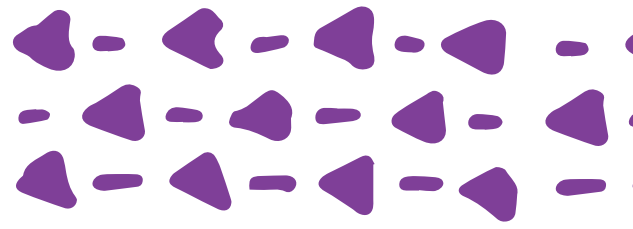
Action	Detail	Category
Complete a Business case for Stage 2 Maylands Waterland works	Required to advocate for additional funds to develop remaining areas.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Hampton Square Park	Potential to rationalise buildings at the end of their useful life, based on community demand.	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Houghton Park	Potential to upgrade / rationalise buildings and develop a rectangular sport facility, pending relocation requirements from other facilities.	FP
Develop an exercise equipment plan	Guide locations for outdoor exercise equipment to be installed across the City, considering shade, access and other park infrastructure.	FP
Develop a funding model for Stage 2 Bayswater Waves works	Important works to improve accessibility, asset management, functionality and aesthetics at Bayswater Waves.	FP
Develop enclosed dog exercise areas plan	Investigate various appropriate locations across the City, based on established criteria and community feedback.	FP
Develop a Public Toilet Strategy	Public toilets require upgrading in parks and reserves to support community use.	FP
Develop passive lighting criteria	Criteria and decision matrix to inform type and extent of lighting in parks to support night-time recreational use and community safety (aligned with Emissions Reduction and Renewable Energy Plan).	FP
Complete a Facility Development Plan for Joan Rycroft Reserve	Potential to develop reserve and add change rooms if required in future for organised sporting use.	FP

Responsibility	Priority (High, Medium or Low)	Funding source/s	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Recreation Services • Building Works 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Medium-Long
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Environmental Health • Parks and Gardens 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Services • Building Works 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Rangers and Security • Parks and Gardens • Community 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Works • Project Services 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Rangers and Security • Building Works 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Short
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Engineering Works • Parks and Gardens • Clubs 	Low	Municipal (Operational)	Long

Business-as-usual Actions

Some actions in the CRP are considered to be 'business-as-usual' i.e. within current operations or currently in progress. The majority of these actions are designated as short / medium term or ongoing, based on current status of the project or initiative, current resources available, community feedback and other factors:

Action detail	Responsibility	Timeframe
Assist clubs to maximise space in their buildings and investigate options for co-location, where appropriate, when facilities reach the end of their useful life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works • Clubs 	Short-Medium
Implement a sport and recreation facility standards hierarchy to guide future facility upgrades and redevelopments. The hierarchy can be found in Part 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works 	Short
Continue to provide seating, pathways and shade around community recreation infrastructure. Consult older people when planning and installing exercise equipment where appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Parks and Gardens • Community Development 	Ongoing
Review the City's sports floodlight provision to transition to LED where practicable, in line with the ERRE. Review lux levels for sports training and competition as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Sustainability, Environment and Waste 	Short
Develop a map of current and future locations to install exercise equipment, for community use and health promotion programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Environmental Health • Community Development 	Short



Action detail	Responsibility	Timeframe
Improve internal processes to centralise and manage communication with clubs and community groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Building Works 	Short
Continue to provide education, information, support and skills development to clubs to improve facility management, governance and operations through the Upskiller Program and other opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services 	Ongoing
Support clubs to positively influence community health and wellbeing by promoting healthy behaviours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services • Environmental Health 	Ongoing
Investigate and secure funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through the EveryClub program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services 	Short
Encourage clubs to apply for funds for approved projects via the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), LotteryWest and other funding bodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Services 	Short

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