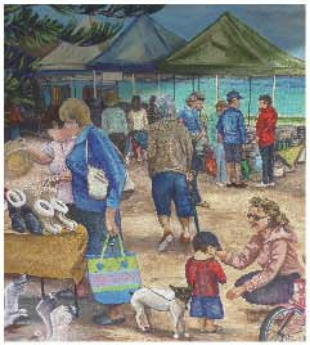

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RECREATION, SPORT AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2014

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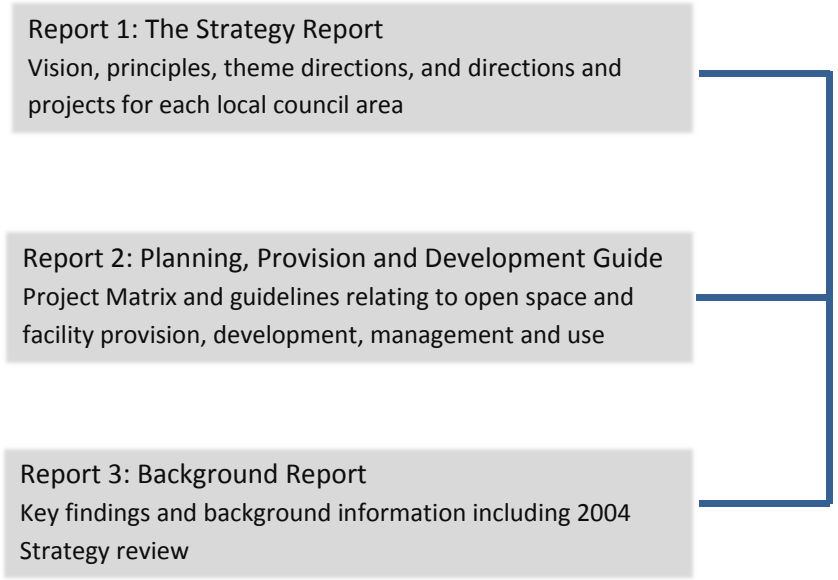
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy was commissioned by the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance. The Strategy will strategically guide the future provision, development and management of recreation and sport facilities and open space in the region.

The 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy is based on a review of a similar Strategy developed 10 years ago. The 2014 Strategy provides current information and aims to be more concise and targeted towards identifying projects and opportunities for the region and for each local council area. The 2014 Strategy incorporates three reports as shown below.

2014 Strategy Outputs



The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Vision for the region is:

> Quality open space destinations and sport and recreation facilities strategically located across the region that support diverse activity and contribute to the social and economic strength of the region.

Principles and directions have been developed for the region using four Themes (topics of importance for the region) as a framework.

Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach
Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place
Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs
Theme 4: Asset Design and Management

The directions and topics addressed in each Theme are summarised below.

Theme	Overriding Directions	Topics Addressed
Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach	A coordinated and cooperative approach to providing, improving and managing open space and facilities is required to manage the use of resources whilst responding to community and visitor needs and commitments.	- Hierarchy - Project and priority identification - Community partnerships - Transport
Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place	Diverse opportunities for recreation and sporting activity should continue to be supported and strengthened through open spaces, facilities, events and programs that benefit communities and visitors.	- Diverse recreation - Sports provision and development - Trails and connections - Water based activities - Sport and recreation events and programs
Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs	The region should incorporate a number of high quality and well-designed foreshore areas and major recreation parks and natural areas that provide a destination for communities and visitors.	- Foreshore destinations - Recreation destinations - Sports hubs - Protecting natural resources
Theme 4: Asset Design and Management	A targeted approach to the design, development, management, consolidation and use of open space and recreation and sport facilities is required, taking hierarchy and community and visitor needs into consideration.	- Site planning - Open space & facility design - Building & infrastructure consolidation - Sports facility upgrade - Cost and constraint management - Hub and spoke model - Climate change - Open space review

Strategic directions and suggested projects have been identified for each local council area to provide a clear direction for future works and grant applications. A summary of the suggested projects is provided on the following page and these are mapped in the report.

An indicative priority linked to potential timing has been allocated to each project in consultation with the local councils. These priorities and the broader directions could change over time in accordance with changing council priorities and community needs. Consideration of recommendations in other future planning will also be important.

The full report should be read to understand the rationale and obtain details of the directions and suggested projects.

A regional and local approach will be required to achieve the 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy. This will include a commitment to working together as a region to achieve the overriding strategic directions in addition to each local council focussing on implementing projects in their own area.

The 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy should be used as a framework for determining the priorities and achieving projects and priorities over time. Grant funding and partnerships with communities will be essential.

Suggested Projects for Local Council Areas

DC Barunga West	DC Copper Coast	Wakefield Regional Council	Yorke Peninsula Council
- Master Plan Port Broughton Foreshore including wetlands, WSUD - Improvements to Fisherman Bay foreshore - Enhancements to Tickera foreshore - Port Broughton Sportsground improvements (buildings, surrounds) - Bute Sportsground improvements - Moderate improvements to Mundoora Sportsground - Review facilities in Kulpara and Alford - Support and guide sports clubs and community groups - Support use of Kulpara Oval and Bute Pony Club for pony club activities - Trails and connections (Bute, Port Broughton, Fisherman Bay, Tickera) - Activity opportunities (increase) - Town entrances (gateways)	- Wallaroo Foreshore recreation space creation - Port Hughes boat ramp improvements - Victoria Square redesign and upgrade - Queen Square/ Polgreen Park redesign and upgrade - Clem McCauley Park upgrade - Wallaroo Open Space corridor - Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre development - Moonta Sportsground improvements - Wallaroo Sportsground upgrade and redesign - Trails and connections (Milne Terrace and link to Port Hughes, town connections, bike routes) - Kadina and Wallaroo skate facilities upgrade	- Port Wakefield foreshore area concept plan - Balaklava Apex Park upgrade (increase family focus) - Snowtown Lions Park and railway corridor improvements - Smaller town park improvements - Snowtown Sportsground upgrade (strengthen sports hub value) - Ralli Park further improvements - Port Wakefield sportsground ongoing maintenance and further enhancement - Hamley Bridge Sportsground improvements (courts focus) - Blyth sportsground improvements (but broaden use) - Assess Lochiel and Brinkworth sports facilities - Support and guide clubs, community - Hamley Bridge Light River precinct enhancements (with community) - Owen Wetlands further enhancements - 'Eco Park' at Rocks Reserve Area - Investigate Bumbunga Lake recreation opportunities - Trails and connections (Hamley Bridge Light River, Shamus Liptrot Bike Trail, Lake Bumbunga, Owen, Balaklava, Port Wakefield) - Owen sportsground for equestrian - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study - Town entrances (gateways)	- Master plan for Ardrossan Foreshore - Implement Port Vincent master plan - Enhance or redesign other foreshores (Stansbury, Edithburgh, Port Victoria, Coobowie, Point Turton, Corny Point) - Upgrade boat ramps across council area (with Marion Bay Boat Ramp as priority) - Improvements to sportsgrounds and sports facilities (Ardrossan Sportsground, Ardrossan School/Hockey Field, Maitland Sportsground, Minlaton outdoor sporting facilities, Yorketown sports complex, Port Vincent Sports area, Stansbury sporting facilities, Edithburgh outdoor courts) - Alternative use of First Street courts - Review use and development of Edithburgh, Warooka and Port Victoria sportsgrounds - Improvements to Minlaton basketball complex - Support improvements to Point Pearce sports facilities - Enhance Weaners Flat Reserve - Redesign Harry Butler Memorial Park - Play and youth facilities (Pine Point, Ardrossan, Maitland, Minlaton) - Community garden investigation - Trails and connections (Walk The Yorke, inland trail opportunities)

1 THE STRATEGY CONTEXT

1.1 Building on the 2004 Strategy

In 2004 the Yorke Peninsula Region developed a Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy which outlined strategic directions and potential projects and priorities for the region.

Whilst the document provided an important framework for decisions at the time and a number of the directions and projects in the 2004 Strategy have been achieved, it has become less relevant and less used over recent years. In addition, the 2004 Strategy was a little too comprehensive and too regional in its approach, making it difficult for local councils to identify directions and priorities for their own local council area. As such, the region's Starclub Field Officer and the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance decided that an up to date and more simplified Strategy was required.

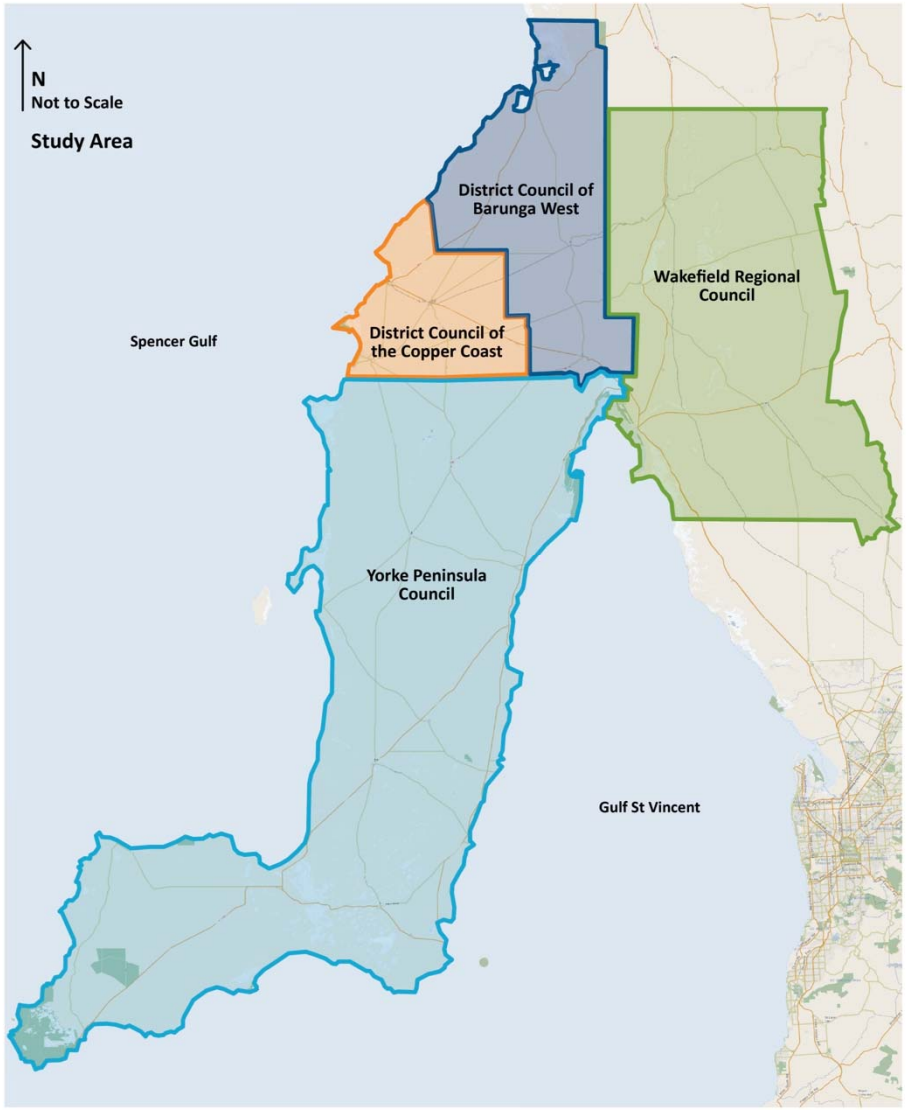
A review of the 2004 Strategy has found that a good deal of the information in the Strategy and many of the 2004 directions are still relevant and can be drawn on and reflected in the revised Strategy. However, through site visits, consultations with the local councils and communities and research, additional directions and projects that reflect current circumstances, best practice and potential opportunities have also been identified.

The purpose of the 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy is to identify and respond to current issues, needs and opportunities, whilst drawing and building on those aspects of the 2004 Strategy that are still relevant.

A regional and local approach to the 2014 Strategy is required, including the identification of clearly defined directions and projects for each local council area and overriding priorities and directions for the region as a whole.

For the purpose of this study, Yorke Peninsula region refers to the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Alliance region and includes the following Local Government Areas:

- **DC Barunga West**
- **DC Copper Coast**
- **Wakefield Regional Council**
- **Yorke Peninsula Council**



1.2 Strategy Approach and Outputs

The 2014 Yorke Peninsula Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy has found that there is need for easy to read and clearly defined documents that collectively provide:

- A vision and a set of principles relating to recreation, sport and open space to provide a framework for the 2014 Strategy and related directions.
- Overriding strategic directions for the region and for each local council area.
- The identification of potential projects and priorities at the local council level.
- Guidelines that will assist Councils and communities to plan for facilities in the future.

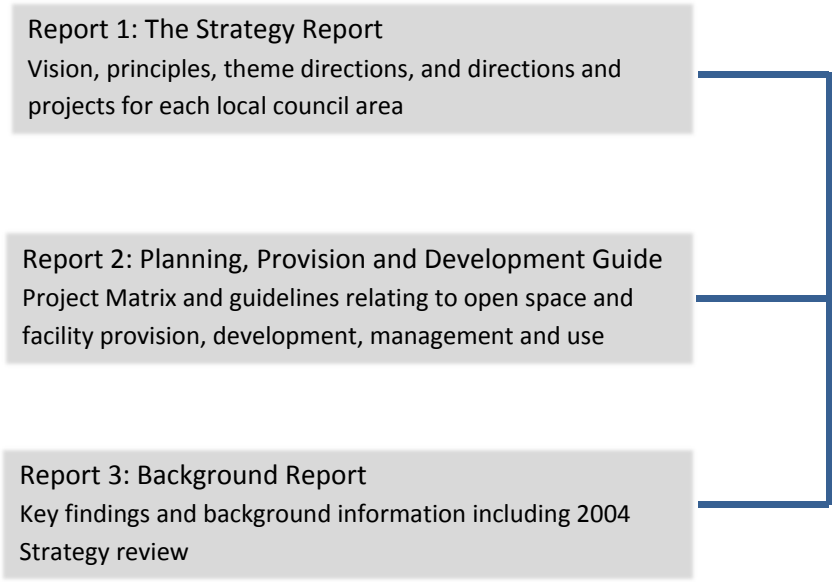
The 2014 Strategy has been developed for the region and aims to encourage a regional approach to planning. However, it also responds to the need for clearly defined directions and the identification of potential projects and priorities that will guide each local council in the region to make informed decisions over the coming years.

Whilst the focus of the 2014 Strategy is on recreation, sport and open space, the study has found that tourism is a priority for the region and the relevance of recreation, sport and open space to tourism also needs to be considered.

To respond to the requirements identified through the planning process, four documents have been produced that collectively form the 2014 Strategy. These are summarised in the diagram below.

It is recognised that the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy should reflect and connect to other planning for the region and consideration has been given to various other documents including the Regional Public Health Plan for the Yorke Peninsula Alliance.

2014 Strategy Outputs



2 KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

The Yorke Peninsula region is a large diverse region with four Local Government Areas that collectively cover an area of 1,633 square kilometres. The region attracts retirees and tourists as well as families and young people, and it incorporates diverse townships and communities.

The region has a large number of open spaces and facilities that provide diverse activity and healthy lifestyle opportunities and draw people from across and beyond South Australia.

Whilst improvements to sporting facilities and foreshore areas have occurred since and prior to the 2004 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy, there is potential to further enhance the quality and uniqueness of open space and facilities in the region to further cater for and attract residents and visitors.

Particular priorities for the region include foreshore areas linked to the main towns and tourist areas, and sports grounds and sports facilities which provide an important focus for community activity and social connection. There is a desire and justification to upgrade various facilities and open spaces across the region.

Tourism is a key focus for the region and quality open spaces, facilities and activity opportunities are required to support visitors and strengthen the region's economy. However, many foreshore areas and parks are in need of enhancement and there is potential to improve the design and function of some open spaces and facilities. Trails development is also required and underway.

Due to the size of the region and its large number of towns there is a high provision of sport and recreation facilities and the cost of maintaining and upgrading these facilities is an issue for the local councils and their communities. Costs associated with the operations of sport such as water, energy and insurance, and declining volunteers are also key issues.

Various towns have endeavoured to be self-sufficient with their own quality facilities and it appears that the concept of hierarchy is not accepted by some communities in the region. This has resulted in the duplication and low use of some ovals, swimming pools and other facilities.

The high provision and duplication of facilities suggests there could be potential for some consolidation. However, localised facilities are valuable to communities and a 'blanket' approach to consolidation would not be appropriate. A balanced and targeted approach to provision and consolidation will therefore be essential to ensure communities are supported whilst managing costs.

Achieving improvements to open space and recreation and sport facilities and activity opportunities could be difficult. The population and rate base of each local council is quite small, and this limits the availability of resources to upgrade facilities and meet the needs of communities. Grant funding opportunities are also limited. Local councils are competing with each other for the tourist dollar and grant funding.

This highlights the need for a collaborative approach to achieving regional and local objectives including the importance of the local councils working together to achieve regional objectives and communities working with their local councils to develop and maintain facilities.

Despite the need for a coordinated regional approach to recreation, sport and open space, it is recognised that the four local councils in the region have their own important objectives and different community needs and priorities to address. Strengthening the local economy will be a priority for each council. This has required the development of targeted plans for each local council in the 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy.

3 THE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

3.1 Vision for the Region

Taking the key findings and regional and local objectives into consideration, the vision for recreation, sport and open space in the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Region over the next 10 years is as follows.

THE VISION:
Quality open space destinations and sport and recreation facilities strategically located across the region that support diverse activity and contribute to the social and economic strength of the region.

The Vision will require a commitment to maintaining and increasing the quality and appeal of key open space and sport and recreation facilities, with the aim to continue to attract and support residents and visitors.

Collaboration will be required to achieve the vision including the local councils working together, continued community partnerships and coordinated funding opportunities.

3.2 Themes and Principles

Through the project findings and the development of the vision, four overriding Themes have emerged that are considered to be important to the Region as a whole. These are:

Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach
Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place
Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs
Theme 4: Asset Design and Management

Collectively these Themes address the issues and opportunities that have been identified through the 2014 Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy planning.

Each of the themes will enhance recreation and sport facilities and open space for local residents and also strengthen tourism through sport and recreation.

Overriding Principles are outlined below for each Theme to provide a strategic framework for the Strategy.

Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach
A coordinated and cooperative approach to providing, improving and managing open space and facilities is required to manage the use of resources whilst responding to community and visitor needs and commitments.

Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place
Diverse opportunities for recreation and sporting activity should continue to be supported and strengthened through open spaces, facilities, events and programs that benefit communities and visitors.

Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs
The region should incorporate a number of high quality and well-designed foreshore areas and major recreation parks and natural areas that provide a destination for communities and visitors.

Theme 4: Asset Design and Management
A targeted approach to the design, development, management, consolidation and use of open space and recreation and sport facilities is required, taking hierarchy and community and visitor needs into consideration.

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4 THEME DIRECTIONS

Overriding strategic directions have been developed for each Theme to guide the priorities and approaches adopted across the region. The strategic directions are broad on the basis that specific directions and projects are identified for each local council in the next section 'Directions and Priorities for Local Council Areas'.

The Overriding Strategic Directions reflect the priorities and aim to achieve best practice approaches for the region. They build on and contribute to achieving the Vision and Theme Principles. A rationale is provided for each strategic direction.

All of the strategic directions contribute to the social and economic strengths of the region in some way and a number of the directions also aim to strengthen tourism through sport and recreation.

4.1 Theme 1: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach

A coordinated and cooperative approach to achieving quality open space and sport and recreation facilities across the region will be required given the size of the region and the limitations with resources. This can be achieved through a hierarchy and a cooperative approach to achieving enhancements.

Specific directions and opportunities are provided on the following page.

Theme 1 Strategic Directions: Coordinated and Cooperative Approach

Focus	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Hierarchy	Adopt a hierarchy approach to the provision, development and management of open space and sport and recreation facilities. This includes higher standard regional and district open space and facilities being linked to the main towns, larger population catchments and visitor destinations. Hierarchy directions are included in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	It is not feasible to develop all facilities and open space to the same standard and higher quality facilities should be located where there is potential for greater use.
Project and Priority Identification	Plan for projects, determine priorities and seek grant funding from a regional perspective. This will require the local councils to collectively agree on priority projects and work together to seek funding and achieve projects that will benefit the region as a whole. A guide for determining priorities is provided in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	A coordinated approach is suggested to reduce competition between the Councils and strengthen the region as a whole through a coordinated planning approach.
Community Partnerships	Continue to establish partnerships with communities to achieve and maintain quality sport and recreation facilities and open spaces. This includes continuing to work with, support and increase the skills and knowledge of sport and community groups. The Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) includes guidelines that will assist Councils and communities to plan for facilities and open space.	Due to the size of the region compared to the rate base and resource availability it will be essential for communities to continue to contribute to facility and open space improvements and management. This is consistent with the strong sense of ownership often found in small townships.
Transport	Support communities to access recreation and sport facilities and activities through a coordinated and regional approach to providing affordable community transport and encouraging community initiatives such as ‘car pooling’.	Distance to travel and social isolation are key issues that constrain some people and particularly children and youth from participating in activities.

4.2 Theme 2: Supporting an Active Place

The region should focus on providing and promoting diverse activity opportunities (for residents and visitors) through various open space types and sport and recreation facilities that support all age groups. The main opportunities for achieving this are considered in the directions on the following page.

Specific directions and opportunities are provided on the following page.

Theme 2 Strategic Directions: Supporting an Active Place

Focus	Strategic Direction	Rationale
Diverse Recreation Provision	Continue to provide and enhance a diversity of recreation spaces and facilities, with a particular focus on place making, play, youth and active ageing, using the Strategy Report and the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) as a guide.	Recreation spaces and facilities support communities to be active and contribute to servicing and attracting visitors. There is potential to enhance facilities across the region and contribute to healthy communities through a youth and 'active ageing' focus.
Sports Provision and Development	Continue to support and encourage sports participation through the provision of facilities and continued programs and initiatives linked to the region's Starclub Field Officer. This includes supporting Aboriginal people to be active through improvements to facilities at Point Pearce and supporting new immigrants to the area. Sport is considered in a broad perspective to also include equestrian activities (e.g. RDA, pony clubs) and less traditional sports. Opportunities are included in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Facilities are required to support sports and sports development programs are valued and contribute to encouraging participation. Aboriginal people have identified the need for support regarding facility improvements and new immigrants also justify support.
Trails and Connections	Continue to establish strong linear connections around the region, including through Walk The Yorke, township and non-coastal trail initiatives, and links to natural areas (including as part of habitat corridors). Opportunities are included in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Trails provide opportunities for people of all age groups and abilities to participate in walking and bike riding and to safety experience the environment. Trails within natural settings enable people to connect to nature.
Water Based Activities	Continue to improve infrastructure and recreation settings that support fishing, boating, diving, canoeing, kayaking and other water based activities. This includes the strategic upgrade of boat ramps over time in accordance with the Yorke Peninsula Recreational Boating Strategy Plan 2012.	The region is renowned as a fishing and boating destination and quality infrastructure will need to be provided for these and other water based activities.
Sport and Recreation Events and Programs	Continue to provide, facilitate or support sport and recreation events and programs that encourage an active and integrated community and attract visitors to the region.	Sport and recreation events and programs support an active community and attract visitors, which ultimately contributes to strengthening the economy.

4.3 Theme 3: Quality Destinations and Hubs

A spread of well-located good quality recreation destinations and sports hubs should be established across the region to provide a focus for communities and visitors and to ensure the best use of available resources.

The emphasis should be on providing a diversity of good quality and unique open spaces and facilities across the region that provide a focus for recreation and sport activity and support active lifestyles and visitor activity.

The level of development will vary depending on the character and hierarchy of the open space or facility, and the attraction of the town or place to residents and visitors. Some destinations should have minimal development and focus on nature while others should have a sport or recreation focus.

Potential directions to achieve this are provided on the following page.

Theme 3 Strategic Directions: Quality Destinations and Hubs

Focus	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Foreshore Destinations	Design and develop key foreshore areas across the region to be high quality destinations, whilst retaining natural elements and features. Opportunities are considered in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Visitors and residents are drawn to the coastline and foreshore areas and destinations provide quality activity as well as social and commercial opportunities.
Recreation Destinations	Continue to establish and enhance non-coastal recreation destinations (recreation parks, bushland settings) particularly in the main towns and linked to visitor attractions to further support residents and visitors. Opportunities are considered in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	Quality recreation parks and settings broaden the opportunities for recreation activity and the appeal of the region as a place to live and visit.
Sports Hubs	Continue to establish an equitable spread of higher quality and well-used sporting hubs linked to the main towns and larger population catchments across the region. Opportunities are considered in the 'Directions and Priority Projects for Council Areas' section of the Strategy.	There is demand and justification for some higher level sporting facilities and these should be linked to the larger populations (where there is greater potential for use).
Protecting Natural and Heritage Resources	Continue to protect and enhance natural areas and sites that have conservation or heritage value, including the natural coastline, parks and corridors with a biodiversity or habitat value, sites with natural geological features and sites with Aboriginal heritage value. This includes considering opportunities to strengthen the biodiversity and recreational value of natural areas in partnership with community groups. Victoria Park has been highlighted as an example of an important natural area by the community.	Natural areas and geological features are often a main reason for people living in and visiting a place and once these features are lost or impacted on this can affect tourism and economic growth. Heritage features including Aboriginal heritage are a valuable aspect of the region's history.

4.4 Theme 4: Asset Design and Management

A targeted approach to asset design and management is required to improve the quality of facilities and strategically manage the allocation of resources.

This includes determining whether any assets should be consolidated and the approach to developing and designing open space and recreation and sport facilities.

Specific directions and opportunities are provided on the following page.

Theme 4 Strategic Directions: Asset Design and Management

Focus	Strategic Direction	Rationale
Site Planning	Develop Master Plans or Concept Plans for higher level foreshore areas, recreation destinations and sports hubs to guide improvements. Suggestions for master planning are included in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	Some key parcels of open space require detailed planning due to design complexities.
Open Space and Facility Design	Continue to assess and enhance the design and function of all open space and facilities to ensure basic design principles are met (e.g. managed development, accessibility, CPTED, connections etc). Instead of replacing 'like for like' assets an emphasis should be placed on achieving innovative, good quality and appealing open spaces and facilities. The Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2). provides a framework to assist this.	Poor design and poor facility and infrastructure location is a key issue across the region including at foreshore and recreation destinations.
Building and Infrastructure Consolidation	Review and consolidate buildings and infrastructure (e.g. seating, tables, shelters), particularly at sportsgrounds and key foreshore and recreation parks using the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).as a guide.	A balanced and sustainable approach to buildings and infrastructure should be adopted to minimise the risk of over development and to manage upgrade and maintenance costs.
Sports Facility Upgrade	Undertake a sports facility lighting review to determine the adequacy of field and court lighting at key sportsgrounds across the region and undertake a program of upgrade over time.	Lighting standards tend to be poor at many sportsgrounds across the region and a strategic approach to upgrade will be required.

Theme 4 Strategic Directions: Asset Design and Management

Focus	Strategic Direction	Rationale
Cost and Constraint Management	Aim to assist sports to reduce costs and address constraints through innovative initiatives linked to water, energy, insurance and volunteers. In consultation with the community and the Office for Recreation and Sport, investigate options and best practice to guide future opportunities.	Water, energy, insurance and volunteers are key issues for sports across the region.
Hub and Spoke Model	Consider a 'hub and spoke' approach to using sports facilities including reducing the scope and use of secondary sports facilities to manage costs. A potential model is provided in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	There are too many sports facilities across the region and options that reduce costs may need to be considered.
Climate Change Initiatives	Continue to undertake initiatives that respond to climate change including: – WSUD design and water re-use projects particularly linked to golf courses and sportsgrounds (including irrigation efficiency measures). – Energy efficiency initiatives including energy efficient cooling or heating initiatives. – Landscaping that responds to changing climatic conditions.	Water and energy are high cost items and managing water use and landscape design is essential with potential increasing temperatures and storm events.
Open Space Review	Where there is a high provision of open space, undertake a review of open space provision and consider: – Whether there is potential to integrate urban development within some larger parcels of open space to better activate the open space and to contribute to vibrant townships. – Whether some open space could be revoked as community land where it has poor value and resources would be better allocated to other open space or facilities. The Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) should be used to assist with any open space review.	There is a very high provision of open space in some towns although some parcels of land have limited value and are a burden to Councils. The planning guide aims to ensure a balanced approach to any review.

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5 DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL AREAS

Directions and potential projects have been identified for each local council in the region to enable targeted responses by each Council. The directions and potential projects identify approaches and projects that will ideally be included in each local council's strategic and works plans. A rationale is provided for each direction.

The Potential Key Projects listed for each Council are also included in the Matrix in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).

Indicative priorities are allocated for each potential project to assist with implementation. The criteria used to determine the priority level and indicative potential timeframes for achieving the priorities are outlined in the chart below. Consideration will also need to be given to directions and priorities identified in future planning.

Most suggested Potential Key Projects are recommended to occur within 10 years. However, the projects and allocated priorities are only provided as a guide and could be added to or altered in the future.

It is important to note that the identification of potential projects does not commit the local councils, State Government, communities or any other organisation to undertake improvements or allocate resources. Instead the potential projects aim to assist local councils to strategically undertake improvements as resources become available and in accordance with other priorities.

Priority Level	Potential Timeframe	Criteria for Allocating Priority *
High	Commenced within 5 years	▪ Supports or benefits a wide catchment of residents or visitors e.g. regional or district facilities or open space, potential destinations). ▪ Responds to a major issue (e.g. very poor condition, safety issue, major gap in provision). ▪ Responds to a high community or visitor need (supports or benefits a number of people in the community). ▪ Achieving the project with 5 years is achievable (potential for resources or support).
Medium	Undertaken within 5-10 years	▪ Responds to an issue or gap but not major (e.g. poor condition, poor design). ▪ Responds to a community or visitor need (supports a number of people in the community). ▪ Achieving the project with 5 years may not be achievable (less potential for resources or support).
Lower	Undertaken after 10 years	▪ Not a key issue or high demand. ▪ Reality of achieving sooner could be lower.

* The priority could be based on one or more criteria.

Foreshore and Recreation Destinations

Trails and Connections

Sports Hubs and Facilities

Climate Change Response

Tourism

Partnerships

Programs and Events

Foreshore Areas

5.1 DC Barunga West

Directions

The directions recommended for the District Council of Barunga West and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

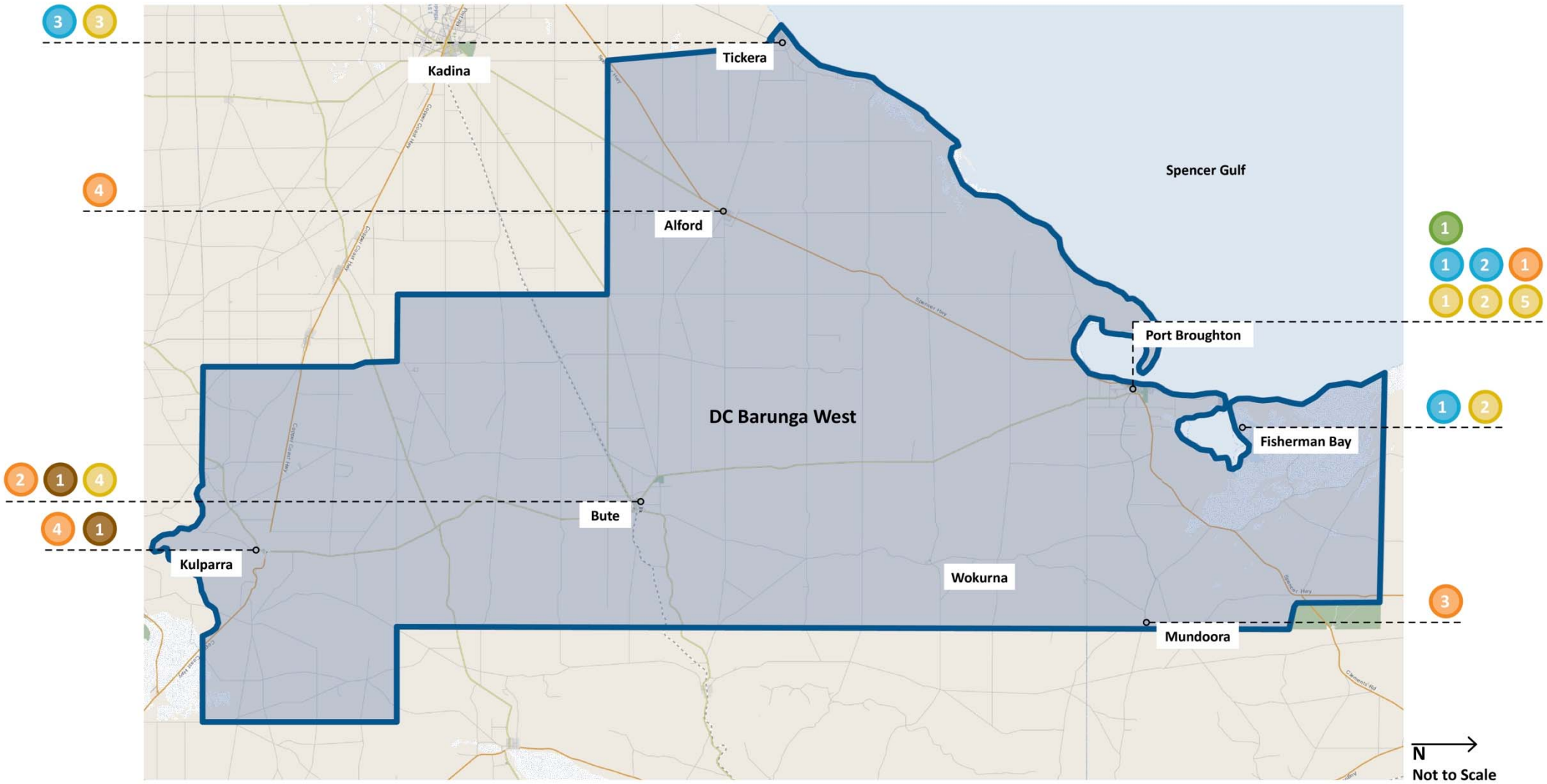
Topic	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Foreshore and Recreation Destinations	Enhance the quality and function of key foreshore areas and continue to maintain quality recreation parks across the council area.	Enhancement to destinations will increase the appeal of the council area to visitors and residents.
Trails and Connections	Strengthen the trail connections and walking and cycle tracks around the council area, particularly where there is a connection to a recreation or foreshore destination.	Trail connections are lacking and increased opportunities for walking and bike riding will support an active community and visitors.
Sports Hubs and Facilities	Adopt a targeted approach to sports facility upgrade and use in accordance with hierarchy. This includes: – Placing a particular focus on enhancing and maintaining the sports hubs in Port Broughton and Bute. – Review and consider consolidating facilities that are no longer used or required. – Consider the 'Hub and Spoke' model outlined in the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2).	The larger towns justify higher level facilities and sports hubs are considered to be 'best practice' by the State Government (ORS). Facilities that are in disrepair and not used should be removed or replaced. The current over provision of sportsgrounds is resulting in poor usage of resources.
Climate Change Response	Respond to climate change through targeted initiatives e.g. sea wall, water retention and re-use projects, solar power, shelters, landscape appropriate to climatic conditions.	Climate change is a reality, particularly for coastal towns, and responding to climate change is a priority for the Council.

Topic	Strategic Directions	Rationale
Programs and Events	Increase the provision of recreation and sport related programs and events (through provision, facilitation or sponsorship) with the aim to support visitors and residents to be active and connected to towns.	There is demand for increased activities by young people and families visiting the area.
Partnerships	Establish and continue to build on partnerships with community and commercial groups to meet community needs. This includes negotiating community access to private facilities such as the Port Broughton caravan park swimming pool (where Council could contribute to the facility maintenance).	The low rate base of the council area means that the Council would not have the resources to achieve directions on its own. It would not be feasible for a public swimming pool to be established in the council area.
Tourism	Continue to enhance the appeal of the Barunga West District and cater for tourism including through private operators, e.g. town entrance enhancements, signage, encouraging upgrades to caravan parks. This includes establishing a local tourism group to identify opportunities for achieving and enhancing tourism in the Barunga West area.	Tourism is a major contributor to the Barunga West District's economy.

DC Barunga West Potential Projects

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancement	1	Develop a Master Plan for the Port Broughton Foreshore and undertake improvements in accordance with the master plan over time. This includes reducing and minimising over development of the foreshore and achieving connected spaces, facilities and landscapes.	High
	2	Undertake improvements to the Fisherman Bay foreshore area and create a more pedestrian and activity friendly environment. This includes considering how the foreshore area could be enhanced from a recreation perspective through current proposed developments and planning.	Medium
	3	Undertake enhancements to the Tickera foreshore area including stabilising the land along the foreshore, regenerating the natural environment and creating a moderately developed recreation space and pathways.	Medium
Sports Hubs and Facilities	1	Consider consolidating and further enhancing buildings within the Port Broughton Sportsground and increase shade around the sportsground outer.	Medium
	2	Improve the quality of the Bute Sportsground oval and court lighting as part of a suggested regional lighting upgrade program.	Medium
	3	Consider moderate improvements to the Mundoora Sportsground on the basis that this should be a secondary facility to the sports hubs if it is retained.	Lower
	4	Review outdoor court facilities in Kulpara and Alford and consider the potential for alternative uses of these sites.	Medium
		Support and guide sport and community clubs and groups in their endeavours to improve the quality of facilities, e.g. Port Broughton golf course, Port Broughton lawn bowls club. This includes encouraging groups to consider the Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2) developed through this study.	Medium



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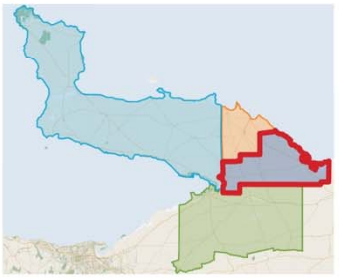

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DC Barunga West Potential Projects (continued)

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Equestrian	1	Continue to support the use of Kulpara Oval and the Bute Pony Club site for pony club activities and related equestrian activities and events. This could require supporting the users to undertake moderate improvements to the sites (including potential amenities and shelter).	Medium
Trails and Connections	1	As part of future master planning for the Port Broughton foreshore, strengthen and enhance the pathway along the foreshore.	High
	2	Continue to establish and enhance the shared-use trail between Port Broughton and Fisherman Bay.	Medium
	3	As part of foreshore improvements in Tickera, create a walking trail along the foreshore with connections to a recreation area.	Medium
	4	Support the development of a nature based trail along the disused railway line in Bute (on private land) that would be developed and maintained by the community.	Medium
	5	Establish and enhance a trail connection between Port Broughton and Mundoora Arm.	Lower
Climate Change Response	1	As part of the master planning for the Port Broughton foreshore, minimise climate change impacts through a planned sea wall and wetlands and integrate walking opportunities within these works.	High
Activities and Events		Investigate opportunities for increasing activities and events linked to community and sporting groups and continue to support existing events such as the Annual Yacht Regatta and other aquatic events.	High
Tourism		In consultation with local communities, plan for and undertake town centre entrance enhancements including through unique landscapes and art work initiatives.	Medium

Foreshore Enhancements

Sports Hubs and Facilities

Key Recreation Parks

Play and Family Focus

5.2 DC Copper Coast

Directions

The directions recommended for the District Council of Copper Coast and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

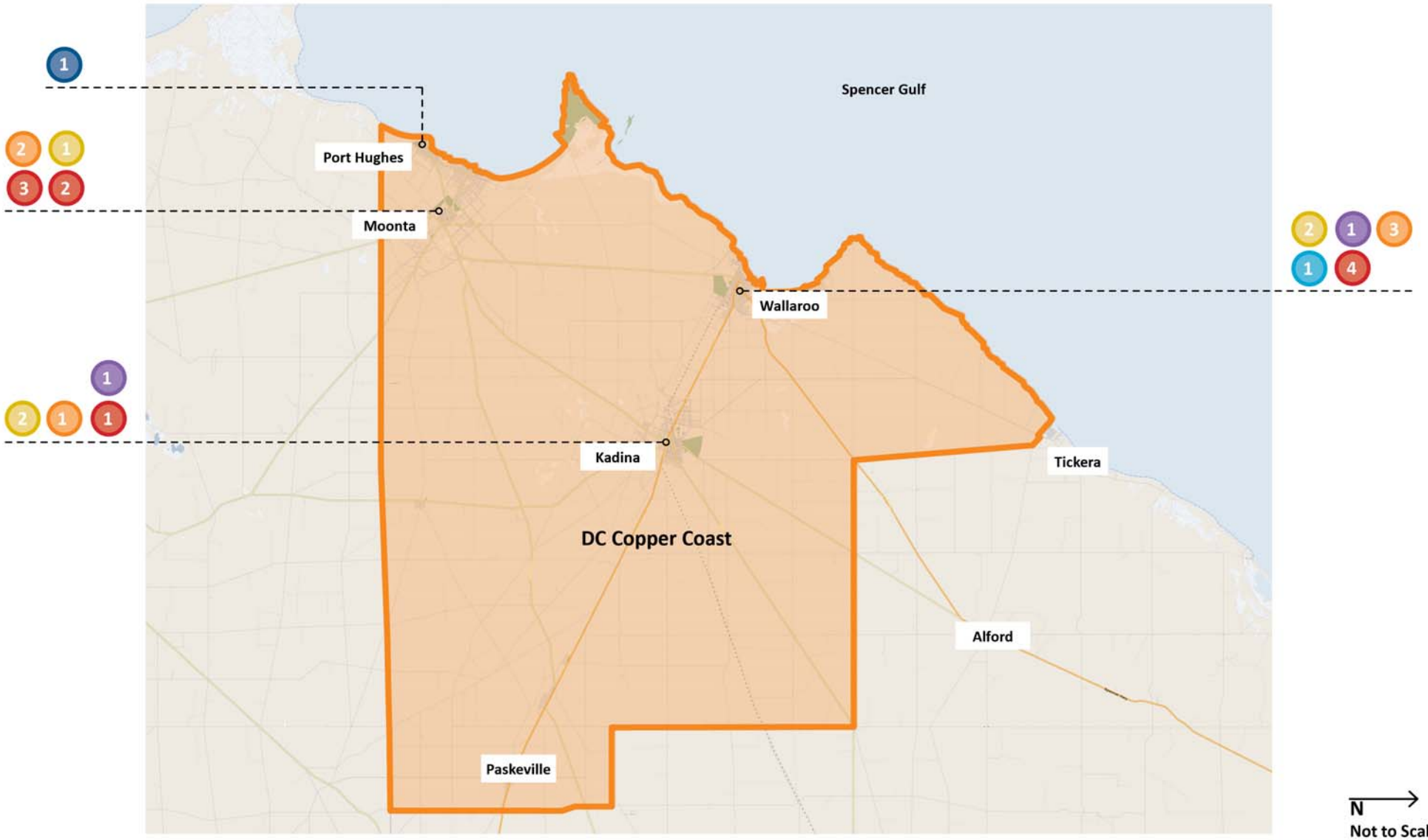
Topic	Directions	Rationale
Foreshore Enhancements	Continue to enhance the quality, appeal and function of the key foreshore destinations particularly at Wallaroo, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes.	The foreshore areas are a major lifestyle attraction to both residents and visitors and are in need of further upgrade.
Recreation Destinations	Upgrade key recreation parks in the main towns, i.e. Local Parks and Local Reserves in accordance with Councils Open Space Policy, to strengthen the destination appeal and visitor and resident value of these parks.	Quality recreation parks provide an activity focus for residents and support visitors. Each town justifies at least one or more quality park as per Council's Open Space Policy.
Sports and Recreation Hubs and Facilities	Undertake improvements to indoor facilities, sportsgrounds and other sport and recreation facilities in the council area in accordance with hierarchy, to reinforce the council area as a provider of quality sport and recreation hubs and facilities. This includes continuing to develop 'flagship' facilities that have regional significance and focusing on achieving well designed and good quality facilities including the consolidation of some buildings.	The Copper Coast is known for its sports focus and quality facilities and this makes the council area a sports hub in itself. Ongoing improvements are justified.
Trails and Connections	Improve pathways and walking and cycle connections within and between the main towns in the council area and linked to natural settings.	Connections are lacking and safe cycle and walking tracks between the towns are required.
Youth and Play	Improve the quality of youth and play facilities across the council area and particularly linked to the foreshore and recreation destinations (including making youth spaces more of a destination).	Families, children and young people are a key focus in the council area and a number of facilities justify upgrade.
Programs	Establish and promote sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities through programs such as OPAL and initiatives that promote active travel (when supported by the State Government).	Opportunities for more active and healthier communities with the support of council should be considered.

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Natural Areas	Continue to protect and maintain natural settings, including through managed access, with a particular focus on natural settings that have high biodiversity and recreation value such as Victoria Park.	Natural settings are valued by communities and visitors and they have high ecological and recreational benefits.
Open Space Design	Review the design of open spaces and particularly the foreshore areas, particularly where car parking and roads tend to dominate. Use the Guideline Report to assist the design process.	Improvements to the design and function of open space will strengthen the destination value of the Council area.
Open Space Review	Undertake a review of open space and consider whether there is potential to sensitively integrate development around any larger parcels of open space to better activate the open space (particularly in Moonta and Kadina) or whether any open space could be revoked as community land (due to the open space not meeting desired community or recreation outcomes). The suggested review process in the Guideline Report should be used to ensure a sound and consultative process.	The high provision of open space makes it difficult to develop and manage the open space to a high standard. The Council has raised the need to review open space provision to reduce the burden on the community.

DC Copper Coast Potential Projects

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancements	1	Aim to increase the provision and value of recreation open space around the Wallaroo Foreshore. This includes: – Establish a key recreation destination with picnic and play elements. – Improve the quality of the Wallaroo swimming enclosure. – Continue to develop and improve the Wallaroo open space corridor adjacent to Owen Terrace with play, seating, shelter and a connection to the foreshore.	High
Boating Facilities	1	Undertake improvements to boat ramp facilities at Port Hughes and integrate it with the surrounding open space.	High
Recreation Destinations	1	Develop a concept plan for Victoria Square in Kadina and undertake upgrades. The master planning should review the location of the road and car parking, the size and location of the amenity and the location, character and quality of the play and picnic facilities and its connection to Graves Street.	Medium
	2	Increase the recreation value of Queen Square/ Polgreen Park in Moonta through the integration of leisure, barbecue and picnic facilities and improved pathway connections. The aim should be to establish a higher level and more functional district park. Consider the sensitivity of car parking needs associated with future improvements.	Medium
	3	Upgrade Clem McCauley Park in Moonta and reinforce this park as a key visitor stop off area and recreation setting, incorporating wetlands and lakes.	Medium
	4	Integrate public realm within any redevelopment of the Wallaroo town centre through the proposed Wallaroo Open Space corridor.	Medium



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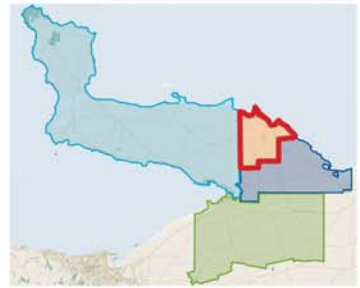


Potential Projects Map District Council of the Copper Coast

DC Copper Coast Potential Projects (continued)

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Sport and Recreation Hubs and Facilities	1	Implement the master plan developed for the Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre in Kadina as resources become available and in accordance with defined priorities.	High
	2	Assist key stakeholders/leaseholder clubs to review buildings and infrastructure within the Moonta Sportsground and consider building consolidation, outdoor court consolidation and improved connection to the oval, outdoor court lighting upgrade, increased shade and landscaping and options to re-use water and reduce long term operational costs.	Medium
	3	Assist key stakeholders/leaseholder clubs to review buildings and infrastructure within the Wallaroo Sportsground and consider building consolidation, outdoor court consolidation and improved connection to the oval, as well as outdoor court lighting upgrade and increased shade and landscaping. The opportunity for cricket to establish a second oval is also being sought.	Medium
Trails and Connections	1	Construct a new shared use path from Milne Terrace to Port Hughes and then upgrade the existing bike and walking track along Milne Terrace in Moonta to establish to link between the District School and Port Hughes and strengthen the link from the town to the oval.	High
		Continue to establish pathways along foreshores to increase walking and bike riding opportunities, connect towns and improve the accessibility of the foreshores.	High
	2	Establish defined bike routes between the main towns and in accordance with cycleway planning such as Kadina to Wallaroo and the Wallaroo township/Wallaroo Marina precinct.	Medium
Youth Provision	1	Upgrade the Kadina and Wallaroo skate facilities and increase overall shade and amenity (including seating and shelter). This could require a replacement of the existing skate bowl and if so a review of the location options could be undertaken.	Medium
Water Management		Consider opportunities to re-use water and connect to stormwater management projects and other initiatives, e.g. SA Water lagoon run off linked to Paskeville Oval and water re-use at Moonta Golf Course.	Medium

Swimming Pool

Feasibility

Recreation Park Connections and Enhancements

Playspace Enhancements

Town Entrances

5.3 Wakefield Regional Council

Directions

The directions recommended for Wakefield Regional Council and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Recreation Destination Enhancements	Establish a number of key recreation and visitor destinations around the council area including key recreation parks and foreshore areas linked to main towns and higher profile locations.	Recreation and foreshore destinations provide a focus for residents and visitors and have the potential to increase the appeal of the council area.
Sports Hubs and Facilities	Undertake improvements and maintain sportsgrounds in accordance with hierarchy. This includes consolidating and upgrading buildings and improving lighting in accordance with hierarchy.	There is potential to improve sportsgrounds across the council area. However, it is not feasible for all sportsgrounds to have the same level of development and hierarchy should be reflected.
Natural Areas	Place a greater focus on protecting, regenerating and strengthening natural areas including river environments, bushland and coastal vegetation through a coordinated approach with the community. This includes establishing additional natural areas and enhancing recreation provision linked to natural areas, e.g. board walks, walking trails, picnic settings, viewing areas.	The council area has a number of important natural areas, some of which are in need of regeneration and there is potential to place a stronger focus on natural areas.
Trail Connections	Continue to establish and enhance trail connections in partnership with community groups.	Walking and bike trails provide an opportunity for physical activity and contribute to attracting visitors. Opportunities for establishing and enhancing trails exist across the council area.
Play Opportunities	Enhance the uniqueness, innovation and diversity of playspaces to broaden play opportunities and increase the appeal of recreation destinations. This includes creating a number of higher level playspaces linked to key recreation destinations strategically located across the council area.	There is potential to enhance play opportunities in each town and families are a key focus. Higher level playspaces have the potential to draw families and visitors from a wide catchment.

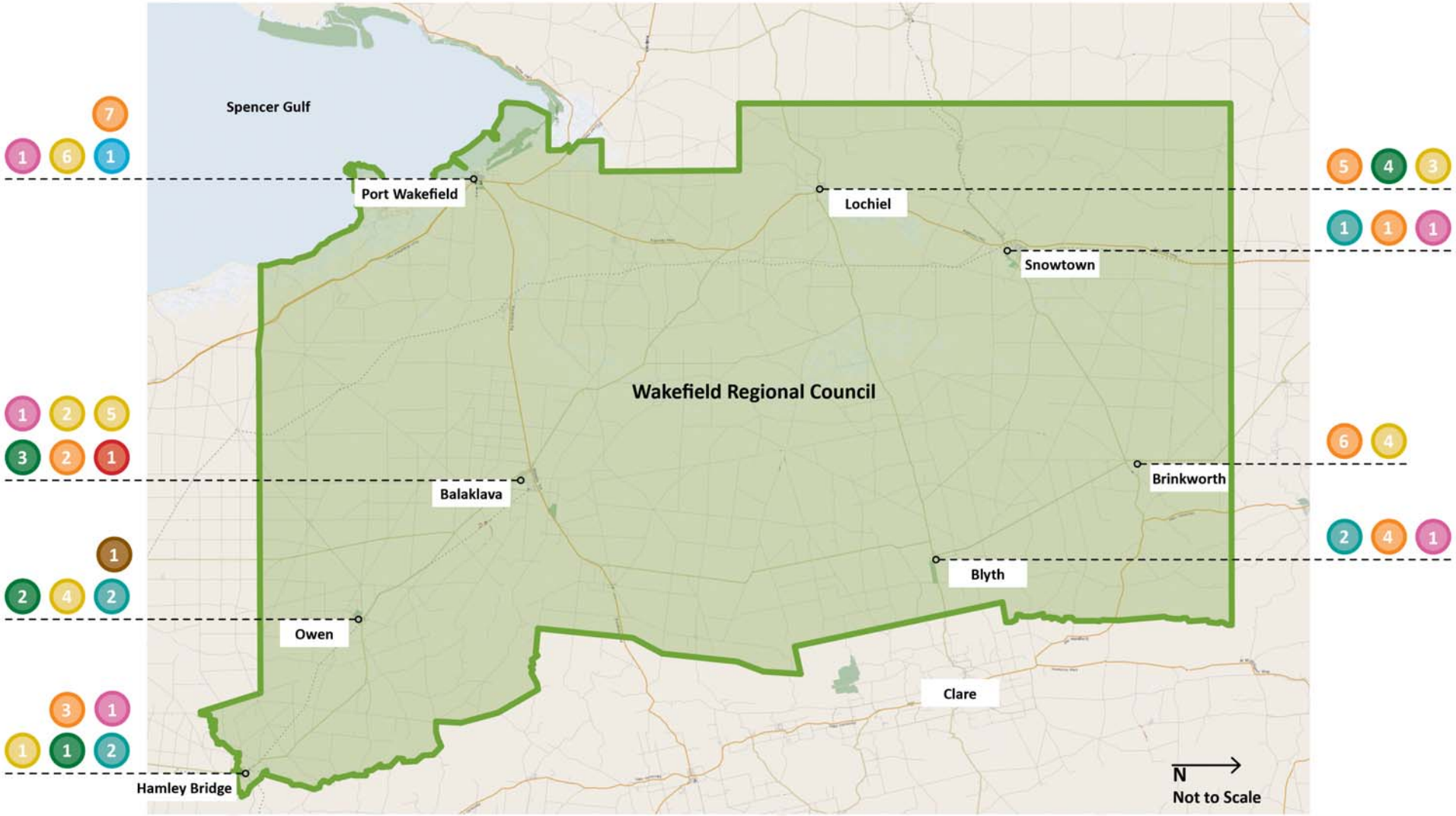
Wakefield Directions (continued)

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Facility Review	Review the provision of swimming pools and consider consolidation and partnership opportunities. An analysis of the future direction and appropriate development of all swimming facilities in the council area is required.	The council area is over supplied with swimming pools for the population size and some are in declining condition or not well located.
Town Entrances	Continue to enhance the character and 'statement' value of town entrances across the council area.	A number of towns would benefit from improved town entrance landscapes and entrance features as part of defining the character of towns.
Community Partnerships	Support communities to improve facilities, providing the improvements are consistent with hierarchy, feasible, justified and there is strong community benefit.	Community partnerships will be essential to achieve facility improvements, given the relatively small rate base of the council area.

Wakefield Regional Council Potential Projects

Potential Key Projects are summarised below.

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancements	1	Develop a concept plan for the Port Wakefield foreshore area and undertake improvements that increase and better connect the recreation features, including improved and reduced dominance of the playspace, and enhanced picnic and viewing areas and pathways.	High
Recreation Destinations	1	Redesign Apex Park in Balaklava to create a more integrated and functional family oriented recreation destination, including potential new playspace elements, picnic settings and activity opportunities linked to the grassed area. The aim should be to activate the park by creating an appealing family space, particularly for families with younger children, as well as quiet spaces for visitors and other groups.	High
Other Recreation Spaces	1	Continue to enhance Lions Park and the railway corridor at Snowtown through quality grassed areas, seating, shelter, landscape, play elements, pathways and art features to strengthen the appeal of these areas for visitors and residents.	Medium
	2	Continue to maintain and improve other smaller parks and town centre locations, e.g. Blyth, Owen, Hamley Bridge with community involvement.	Medium



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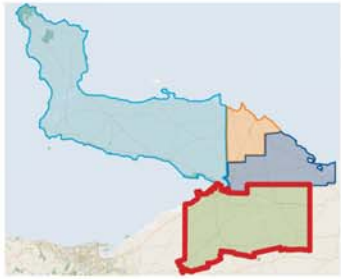


Potential Projects Map Wakefield Regional Council

Wakefield Regional Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities	1	Continue to upgrade the Snowtown Sportsground to strengthen the sports hub value of the complex for the district, including potential consolidation and upgrade of buildings, improved fencing, court surface upgrade, increased shade and landscape. Support improvements to the existing oval 'shed' building in the short to medium term. However, in the longer term, consider a new building that involves establishing a quality club building that links a number of sports and involves building consolidation and shared-use.	High
	2	Continue to undertake improvements to the Ralli Park (Balaklava Oval/Showgrounds) complex including: – Upgrade of the grandstand – Consolidation of the showground buildings where appropriate (to manage maintenance costs)	Medium
	3	Giving consideration to the Master Plan developed by the community for the Hamley Bridge Sportsground, reduce the provision of outdoor courts and improve the quality of the remaining 4 courts (improved surface quality). The feasibility and justification for other directions in the plan will need to be assessed on an ongoing basis.	High
	4	With the community, assess the development, role and use of the Blyth sportsground with the aim to increase its usage to justify future upgrades. The playing field area could be designed to be more flexible and other sports could be considered that could draw from the wider area (e.g. soccer). Enhancements to the building, playspace and landscape could then be undertaken on the basis that the facility would be well used.	Medium (led by the community)
	5	With the community, determine the appropriate focus, development and use of the Lochiel Sportsground, including whether the complex should double as a camping ground (due to the link to Bumbunga Lake). The sportsground should be developed as a township facility rather than a district or regional sports hub.	Medium (led by the community)
	6	With the community, assess the provision, quality, role and use of each sports facility in Brinkworth, including the lawn bowls facility and the sportsground oval and facilities. Consider the appropriate future direction for each facility including the level of development and whether all facilities should be retained (and if so how they can be resourced). The sportsground should be developed as a township facility rather than a district or regional sports hub.	Lower (led by the community)
	7	Continue to maintain and improve the Port Wakefield sportsground over time in accordance with community capacity and usage requirements.	Medium
		Support sporting groups to improve facilities where there is evidence of current or potential demand and a commitment by the community, e.g. improvements to the Hamley Bridge Golf Club facilities.	High

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Natural Destinations	1	Enhance the natural and recreation value of the Hamley Bridge Light River precinct through regeneration projects, river trails, improved entrance and landscaping (including reduce the impact of roadside fencing and infrastructure), picnic settings and interpretation. This could be achieved in partnership with community groups over time.	High
	2	Continue to enhance the Owen Wetlands to increase the natural and recreation value of the site, including improved trails, seating and interpretation.	High
	3	Establish the Rocks Reserve Area (near Balaklava) as an 'Eco Park' as planned with walking and nature appreciation opportunities.	High
	4	Investigate the opportunities to create a nature based destination linked to Bumbunga Lake (Crown Land area) on the edge of Lochiel, including picnic settings, pathways, opportunities to experience the wildlife and interpretation.	Medium
Trail Connections	1	Continue to develop the trail from the Hamley Bridge Light River reserve through to the town as part of the township master planning.	High
	2	Continue to maintain and enhance the Shamus Liptrot Bike Trail (Balaklava) with the view to future linkages with the Riesling Trail and other regional trails.	High
	3	Support community efforts to create a trail around Lake Bumbunga (Lochiel) and consider opportunities for connected picnic settings, viewing areas and interpretation.	Medium
	4	Support and encourage communities to continue to maintain other existing trails in the area including the Owen Trail and Brinkworth History Trail to provide a focus for activity and visitors.	Medium
	5	Continue to maintain and enhance the Lions walking trail in Balaklava including increased shade and landscape.	Medium
	6	Aim to establish a trail from Balaklava to Port Wakefield that will then link to the Walk The Yorke trails network.	Lower

Wakefield Regional Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Equestrian	1	Establish the Owen Sportsground as the main focus for pony club activities and events and continue to enhance the space.	Medium
Swimming Pools		Undertake a feasibility study for all swimming pools in the Wakefield Regional Council area to determine appropriate longer term directions. In the meantime undertake moderate improvement so the swimming pools can operate in the short term.	High
Town Entrances	1	Enhance the appeal and uniqueness of town entrances, particularly at Balaklava, Blyth, Snowtown, Hamley Bridge and Port Wakefield to increase the profile and distinctiveness of these towns. This could be through enhanced landscapes and unique features and art works.	Medium

Foreshore Destinations

Sports Facilities

Recreation Destinations

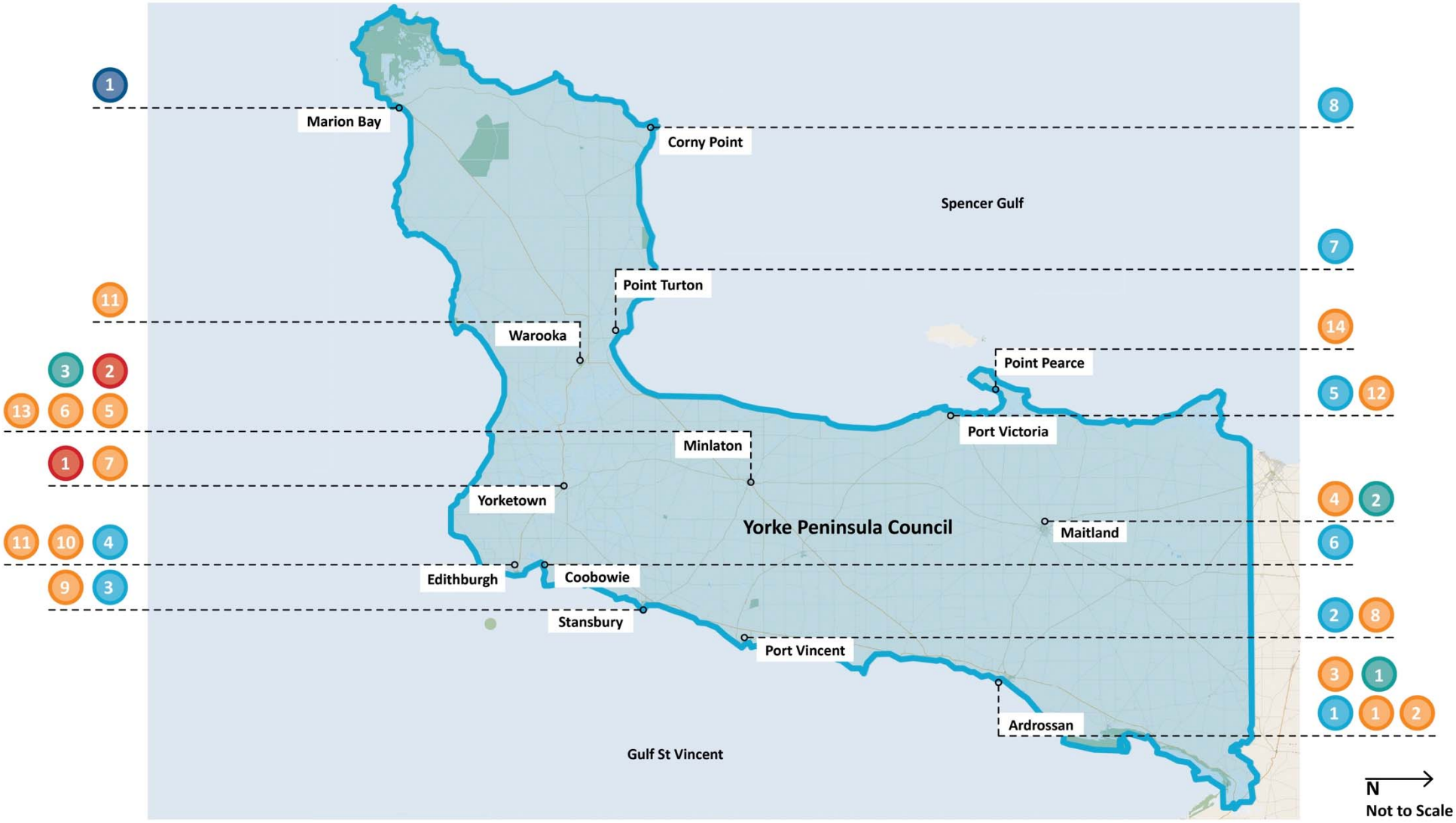
Sports Hierarchy

5.4 Yorke Peninsula Council

Directions

The directions recommended for Yorke Peninsula Council and the rationale for each direction is outlined below.

Topic	Directions	Rationale
Foreshore Enhancements	Undertake improvements to key foreshore areas with an emphasis on de-cluttering foreshores and increasing the area for recreation activity and community use.	The council area has a number of high value foreshores that would benefit from enhancement and redesign.
Recreation Destinations	Improve the design, usability and appeal of major recreation parks with the aim to create quality destinations, including playspace enhancements and increased innovation.	There are a number of key recreation parks in the council area that provide a focus for residents and visitors and justify further enhancement.
Sports Hubs and Facilities	Continue to improve the quality and function of sportsgrounds in accordance with hierarchy and aim to increase the use of sports hubs. The Hub and Spoke model outlined in the Guideline Report could assist.	A more strategic approach to improving and using sportsgrounds in the council area is required. The council area has too many sportgrounds with low use and there is little sense of hierarchy.
Facility and Infrastructure Review	Assess the quality and safety of recreation and sport facilities and infrastructure including playspaces, youth facilities and facilities managed by community groups such as the Edithburgh Tidal Pool. This includes determining appropriate controls and standards relating to facilities.	Some facilities in the council area are ageing, declining in condition and/or may not meet Australian Standards or safety requirements.
Trails and Connections	Continue to establish shared-use and walking trails and improve connections through the Walk The Yorke and other trail initiatives.	Walk The Yorke is a key initiative in the council area that contributes to an active community and attracts visitors to the region.
Open Space Design	Improve the design and function of open spaces (particularly foreshores and major recreation parks) using the principles and directions in the Guideline Report to assist.	A number of parks and foreshores have design and function issues (with over development and poorly located facilities).
Tourism Initiatives	Undertake initiatives and promotions that support and attract visitors to the area. This includes improvements to boat ramps.	Tourism and boating are important industries for the council area.
Aboriginal Communities	Consider opportunities to support Aboriginal communities and particularly the Narungga People at Point Pearce through sport, recreation and open space (facilities, events and activity opportunities).	Aboriginal communities are a priority in the Yorke Council area.



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Potential Projects Map Yorke Peninsula Council

Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects

Potential Key Projects are summarised below. A number of the projects will require partnerships with the community and grant funding given the Council area has a very small rate base to support a large number of potential projects.

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Foreshore Enhancements	1	Develop a master plan for the Ardrossan Foreshore and undertake improvements including a well located innovative playspace, picnic settings, pathway and landscape (that does not impact on views).	High
	2	Implement the master plan previously developed for the Port Vincent foreshore and undertake improvements with a particular focus on reducing development and improving the connections and views along the foreshore.	High
	3	Enhance the Stansbury foreshore (southern area) through reduced development and car parking dominance, and higher quality facilities. A master plan may be required.	Medium
	4	Enhance the Edithburgh foreshore through increased shade and picnic settings (whilst maintaining a relatively undeveloped character and managing impacts on views).	Medium
	5	Enhance the Port Victoria foreshore through a redesign that reduces dominant infrastructure (playspace fencing, concrete tables and benches) and improves pedestrian areas and movement.	Medium
	6	Redesign the Coobowie foreshore to reduce the dominance of car parking, address connection and design issues and improve quality. A concept plan would ideally be developed.	Medium
	7	Enhance the Point Turton foreshore area adjacent to the jetty and caravan park and improve access while also retaining and protecting the natural landscape. This includes maintaining and improving the picnic settings and infrastructure around the Point Turton boat ramp.	Medium
	8	Support the Corny Point community to enhance recreation settings and facilities to cater for visitors and residents.	Medium
Boating Facilities	1	Upgrade boat ramps across the Council area in accordance with the classifications and priorities in the Yorke Peninsula Recreational Boating Strategy Plan 2012. A particular priority is to develop a Safe Haven for boating as part of the Marion Bay Boat Ramp development (e.g. for boats and yachts traversing from Adelaide to Port Lincoln).	High

Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities	1	Continue to improve the main Ardrossan sportsground including: – Oval lighting upgrade – Provision of cricket nets	High
	1	At the end of the useful life of buildings (in the longer term), consider one consolidated building at the main Ardrossan sportsground.	Lower
	2	Upgrade the Ardrossan School/Hockey Field and consider amenities in partnership with DECD as the lessee.	High
	3	Demolish and consider an alternative use of the tennis courts on First Street in Ardrossan. This could be a potential location for youth facilities.	High
	4	Undertake improvements to the Maitland Sportsground to strengthen its role as a key sports hub, including: – Development of a club facility and building and storage container consolidation (development is underway) – Improved fencing around the site (including playspace) – Court resurface (back 3 courts in particular and then 2 front courts) – Increased trees and shade around the showground (whilst ensuring roots do not affect courts)	High
	5	Undertake improvements to the Minlaton outdoor sporting facilities including: – Minlaton sportsground oval surface upgrade – Building upgrade and consolidation – Oval lighting upgrade – Review and upgrade of the stone fencing around the sportsground	High
	6	Investigate options for the co-location of the Minlaton outdoor courts including the options for connecting courts to the oval as well as the indoor basketball stadium.	Lower

Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Sports Hubs and Facilities (continued)	7	Strengthen the sports hub value of the Yorketown sports complex, including through: – Sportsground toilets and kiosk upgrade and consolidation – Grandstand upgrade – Outdoor court surface, lighting and club facility upgrade	High
	8	Upgrade the Port Vincent Sports area including: – Surface upgrade and improvements to the outdoor courts – Upgrade to the outdoor court amenity building	High
	9	Improve Stansbury sporting facilities including: – A good amenity to match the quality outdoor courts – Building consolidation and grandstand upgrade – Surface upgrade and lighting improvement at the oval	Medium
	10	Upgrade the Edithburgh outdoor courts including surface quality, fencing and lighting (although review usage and whether all courts are required).	High
	11	Review the approach to using the Edithburgh and Warooka sportsgrounds taking the Hub and Spoke concept into consideration and undertake basic improvements to these sportsgrounds accordingly (on the basis that they would be secondary sportsgrounds).	Medium
	12	With the community, review the development, role and use of the Port Victoria Sportsground and consider the Hub and Spoke approach to provision. Regardless, the sportsground should only be township level.	Medium
	13	Undertake improvements to the Minlaton basketball complex including: – Maintain a quality indoor facility – Undertake outdoor court lighting upgrade	High
	14	Support improvements to the sporting facilities at Point Pearce to strengthen activity opportunities for the Narungga People including through oval surface, shelter and other infrastructure improvements.	High

Yorke Peninsula Council Potential Projects (continued)

Topic		Potential Project	Project Priority
Recreation Destinations	1	Continue to enhance Weaners Flat Reserve in Yorketown through pathways, shade and sensitively designed picnic settings (including reducing the dominance of the amenity and shelter at the end of their useful life).	Medium
	2	Redesign and enhance the recreation value and function of Harry Butler Memorial Park in Minlaton. This includes reducing the dominance of the road and car parking, enhancing the picnic and play settings and improving the integration with the memorial building.	Medium
Other Recreation and Community Sites		Consider opportunities for providing a small playspace at Pine Point to support visitors and residents.	Medium
	1	Remove the playground located at the Ardrossan playing fields (DECD site in response to standards and safety concerns) and replace the playground.	High
	2	Review the Maitland youth and play area (next to the lawn bowls facility) and consider whether this is the best location for facilities in the future.	High
	3	Consider integrating BMX within the Minlaton sportsground site, subject to demand.	Medium
		Enhance play and youth activity opportunities as part of other outdoor space enhancements, including an emphasis on the southern part of the Yorke Peninsula (e.g. Yorketown, Warooka, Point Pearce).	Medium
		Continue to investigate opportunities for community gardens and guide communities to achieve and manage appropriately located gardens.	Medium
Trails and Connections		Continue to develop and maintain trails as part of the Walk The Yorke initiative. This includes continuing to review and expand trails opportunities along the coastline and to key destinations.	High and ongoing
		Investigate opportunities for inland trail opportunities for walking and bike tracks including to coastal and other destinations.	Medium

6 IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY

6.1 Regional and Local Approach

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 aims to guide improvements to facilities and open spaces across the region and encourage a coordinated and cooperative approach. The Strategy will require endorsement and ongoing consideration by the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance and each local council area in the region.

However, whilst the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 is a regional strategy, implementation is likely to occur at the local level. Hence the reason for providing directions and identifying potential projects for each local council area.

To achieve implementation at the regional and local level, it is suggested that the following approaches occur and that there is ongoing assessment of the directions from a regional and local perspective.

Regional Approach:

- The Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance to use the Strategy to determine priority projects and initiatives that have a whole of region benefit. The Alliance can support and promote projects and initiatives as appropriate.
- The Strategy to be used to achieve a regional approach to grant funding, with the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance supporting grant funding applications for projects that are consistent with the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014.

Local Approach:

- Local councils to endorse the directions for the region and specifically the potential projects identified for their council area.
- Local councils to integrate potential projects within their strategic plans and works programs as appropriate.
- Local councils to include other consistent projects on an ongoing basis to respond to changing needs and circumstances.
- Communities to use the strategy to guide and obtain support for local projects and initiatives.

6.2 Using the Strategy, Guidelines and Matrix

Three documents have been produced as part of the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014, including:

- Strategy Report (Report 1)
- Planning, Provision and Development Guide (Report 2)
- Background Report (Report 3)

The potential use of each document is summarised below.

Strategy Report	Planning, Provision and Development Guide	Background Report
Outlines overriding directions and potential projects. Use to determine responses to recreation, sport and open space demands and opportunities. Use to guide decisions and determine priorities.	Provides guidelines relating to open space and facility provision, design and development. Includes a Works Matrix that reflects hierarchy and potential projects. Use to assist planning processes, including by community groups.	Provides background information and outlines key findings. Use to understand the basis for projects and justify actions.

The directions and priorities outlined in the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 are independently identified and based on a range of demand and supply information. They are deliberately realistic and achievable and recognise the resource limitations in the region. As such, community groups such as town committees and progress associations should be encouraged to use the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 to identify their future priorities. In the future, directions identified in master plans and township plans should be realistic, affordable and consistent with the guidelines and directions in the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014.

It is recommended that a review of the Strategy Directions and Priority Projects is undertaken on an annual basis. This will require a coordinated approach to modifying the Strategy with input from each of the local councils. The review process could be coordinated through the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance or the region's Starclub Field Officer. Every 5 years there would be value in undertaking a complete review of the Strategy and a new Strategy would ideally be developed to guide planning for the following 5-10 years, i.e. from 2020 onwards.

6.3 Funding, Partnerships and 'Champions'

The Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 aims to guide and assist the Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North Strategic Alliance and the local councils in Region to improve facilities and open spaces for the benefit of communities and visitors, and to ultimately increase the social and economic strength of the region.

Whilst the Strategy does not commit the local councils, the State Government or any other organisation or community group to implement a direction or potential project, it provides a framework for achieving improvements as resources become available and in accordance with other priorities.

Implementing the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 will require grant funding and partnerships with communities, education bodies and the private sector. Most of the Councils in the region have limited resources to undertake improvements due to the small populations and rate bases, and as such a partnership approach will be essential.

Partnerships could include:

- Community groups playing a lead role in planning for and progressing the upgrade of facilities and seeking grant funding.
- Facilities catering for and being contributed to by schools (public and private) through equitable shared-use arrangements.
- Businesses, private organisations and individuals in the community sponsoring facility and open space improvements.
- Events and community initiatives being held to raise funds, including events that attract visitors to achieve increased visitor contribution to enhancements.
- Communities participating in business ventures (e.g. cropping, markets) that provide an income source for facility and open space improvements.

Grant funding could be sought for region wide projects such as the recommended lighting review program, to ensure a coordinated and equitable spread of funding. Local councils can also seek grant funding independently using the Directions and Priority Projects identified for each local council area as a basis.

Leaders and 'champions' will be required to guide the implementation of the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 and establish partnerships. The region's Starclub Field Officer and other regional co-ordinators (sports, tourism, community) could play a key role in this respect. An across region implementation group that involves such people and meets to discuss the status of projects and general directions for the region could be established. This group could actively promote the directions in the 2014 Strategy and seek grant funding and partnership arrangements.

Various other opportunities for funding, partnerships and 'champions' could be considered through community and Council involvement. The main focus should be on adopting coordinated and strategic approaches to achieving the Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy 2014 and ongoing improvements.