



Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group

Wednesday 30 July 2025

6:00 PM

Murrumbateman Community Hall

East Street, Murrumbateman

MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUNDS FOCUS GROUP

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds Focus Group will be held in Murrumbateman Community Hall East Street, Murrumbateman, on Wednesday 30 July 2025, commencing at **6:00 PM**.

AGENDA

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Acknowledgement of Country

Yass Valley Council recognises the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, water, and sky. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future emerging leaders. We extend our respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

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Minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group

Monday 24 March 2025

6:00 PM

**Murrumbateman Community Hall
East St, Murrumbateman**

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Present

Crs Alvaro Charry, Paul Trezise (Murrumbateman Tennis Club), Tom White (Murrumbateman Field Days), Fred Clark (Murrumbateman Cricket Club), Kim Williams (BMX & MTC), Annaliese Caston (Murrumbateman Community Association), Liz Croser (Murrumbateman Pony Club), Sally Jones (Murrumbateman Adult Riders Club), Jim Arneman (1st Murrumbateman Scouts), Katrina Cuthbert (Murrumbateman Little Athletics Club), Steve McCutcheon (Murrumbateman Lions Club), John Thorn (Murrumbateman Village Markets) Kate Baker, Mel Cooke, Nathan Cooke, Ralph Kunneke and Helen Prytula (Yass Valley Council)

1. Apologies

Crs Kristin Butler, Stephanie Helm (Murrumbateman Community Association), Brent Lello (Murrumbateman Football Club)

2. Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 06 June 2024, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the focus group, be taken as read and confirmed.

3. Staff Reports

3.1 MURRUMBATEMAN ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND LOCATION

SUMMARY

To consider a location within the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds for construction of the all-abilities playground.

COMMITTEE DECISION

By majority vote the committee members agreed on location option 1 as the preferred location for the all-abilities playground site within the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground.

The playground site is located on the southern sand arena site adjacent to the old horse arenas.

Council will present the two below options for community consultation to determine the alternate location for the all-abilities playground:

Hercules Street (existing playground site)

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground (land adjacent to the old horse arenas over the southern sand arena)

Future consideration to be given to the proposed BMX/Pump track and risk mitigation in regard to access, fencing, gates, traffic and parking.

3.2 2021 MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 24 March 2025

SUMMARY

To review the action plan identified in the 2021 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Council with consultation from the user groups has updated the action plan to reflect current/new identified projects with the aim to include the action list in a revised strategic plan. This plan will be circulated through the focus group members prior to being presented to an upcoming Council meeting for recommendation to be placed on public exhibition:

Item	Activity	Priority	Project Owner
Sporting Precinct:			
1	Relocate Cricket net – Investigate new site to construct nets	HIGH	YVC/Sporting Groups
2	Feasibility study to construct new enclosed all weather multipurpose sports courts	LOW	User Groups
3	Relocate internal fencing to increase parking around sporting oval	LOW	YVC
4	Upgrade sporting field boundary fence	LOW	YVC/Sporting Groups
5	Upgrade lighting to tennis courts	LOW	Murrumbateman Tennis Club
Equestrian Precinct:			
6	Remediate sand within equestrian arenas	WORK IN PROGRESS	YVC/Equestrian User Groups
7	Upgrade open space area left side of second sand arena (dedicated training area)	LOW	Equestrian User Groups
8	Install power to Storage Shed/Clubhouse	LOW	Equestrian User Groups
9	Install Horse manure waste collection site	LOW	Equestrian User Groups
General Purpose:			
10	Prepare a Traffic and Parking Plan	HIGH	YVC
11	Investigate power upgrade to recreation grounds	HIGH	YVC/MCA
12	Construct improvements to Barton Highway entrance into recreation ground (including culvert crossing of watercourse)	HIGH	YVC
13	Install remote supervision signs throughout the recreation grounds	MEDIUM	YVC

Item	Activity	Priority	Project Owner
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14	Install directional signs for equestrian facilities & reduced speed signs around oval	MEDIUM	YVC
15	Construct new Community Hall	MEDIUM	YVC/MCA
16	Construct linked pathway to dog park / winery trail	LOW	YVC
17	Relocate shipping container located next to moon shed to equestrian precinct	LOW	User Groups
18	Install drinking fountains around the recreation grounds.	LOW	YVC/User Groups
19	Install Outdoor Fitness Equipment	LOW	User Groups

3.3 GENERAL BUSINESS

- New ring road to be monitored going forward to identify any possible inadequate drainage areas that may need to be addressed.
- Murrumbateman Community Association is currently investigating suitable sites for the installation of the BBQ and picnic table.
- Council to investigate a maintenance schedule for Murrumbateman Recreation Ground to be available to view on the Council website.
- Sports field grass type selection to be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion

4. Confidential Matters

Nil

5. Next Meeting

To be confirmed

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

3.1 DRAFT 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND

SUMMARY

To seek feedback from members of the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds Focus Group on the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan be reviewed and feedback provided by 5pm on Friday 29 August 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Actions identified in the strategy will require the approval by Council before any commitment or adjustment to the Operational Plan is made.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *2021 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground*

REPORT

1. Report

Council at its ordinary meeting on 23 June 2025 adopted its suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents. Included in these documents are the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and 2025/26 Operational Plan.

To align Council's strategic plans with these documents, Council has undertaken a review of the 2021 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan (**Attachment A**).

The draft strategic plan (**Attachment B**) has been updated to tick-off the projects completed within the last 4 years and to put forward the projects included in the delivery program and requested by the recreation ground user groups.

Council previously distributed the update action plan on 15 April 2025 for review by the committee members and as of 18 June 2025 have received no responses/feedback.

Council is requesting that each member (and its associated club/group) undertake a review of the draft strategic plan and provide feedback to Council staff no later than **5pm on Friday 29 August 2025**.

This feedback will be included in the report to Council for the document to be placed on public exhibition.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
- A. 2021 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground [↓](#)
 - B. DRAFT 2025 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground [↓](#)

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2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

This Strategy guides the future development and maintenance of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground within the Yass Valley.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is a multi-use facility located along the Barton Highway within the main township of Murrumbateman. The facility is approximately 45 hectares in size and includes an equestrian precinct, sporting field, tennis courts, playground, community hall, amenities building, public toilets and passive open space areas.

The purpose of this strategic plan is to provide Yass Valley Council and the community with a direction for structured development of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground as well as meeting the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The objectives of this strategic plan is to identify the current uses of the area and outline the long term direction of the development of the recreation grounds.

2. BACKGROUND

Yass Valley Council has 10 sporting facilities, which are well distributed throughout the municipal area providing a range of varying sporting activities.

In 2017 Council developed an upgrade program based off consultation with sporting user groups for existing assets located at sporting facilities in the Yass Valley LGA. This program supports the significant increase of participants in sports and provides an opportunity to introduce new sporting codes to the LGA. This program also aligns with the renewal program identified in Council's Asset Management Plan.

The heavy use of sporting grounds by multiple user groups has considerably increased in the past three years which has caused Council to review the demands placed on the individual sporting venues.

It is important to ensure that Council's facilities are well managed, maintained and meets the growing needs and expectations of both residents and visitors to Yass Valley. Council has committed to the ongoing maintenance, enhancement and redevelopment of sporting facilities within the Yass Valley, and this is assisted through this strategic plan.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the strategic plan are:

- To provide quality sporting and recreational space for the community.
- To provide a management approach that delineates and integrates activities within the site and surrounding recreational areas that will identify the various elements.
- To provide a proposed program for the development of the site to a regional or national sporting level.
- Identify the need to develop a Plan of Management that will meet legislative requirements and be a supporting document for any grant funding applications.
- To enhance the aesthetics for the natural environment of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground.

4. CURRENT FACILITY PURPOSES

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is a facility that is utilised for active and passive recreation. The local activities undertaken include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis• Cricket• Equestrian activities• AFL• Little Athletics• Scouts• Dog Shows• Dancing• Karate• Community Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's Shed• Yoga• Mothers & children playgroups• Village Markets• Film evenings• Christmas Carols• Wine shows• Field Days |
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The Murrumbateman Recreation Ground has recently been developed with new an equestrian facility which removes equestrian activities from the main sporting oval. Council is undertaking works to the main oval to bring the surface up to a suitable playing standard. These upgrades will create an opportunity for sporting events to commence such as

- Soccer
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union

The recreation grounds has a designated passive recreation area known as Jones Park which includes a category 3 playground and significant open space area. Service levels for this park aligns with Council's adopted 2017 Parks and Playground Strategy.

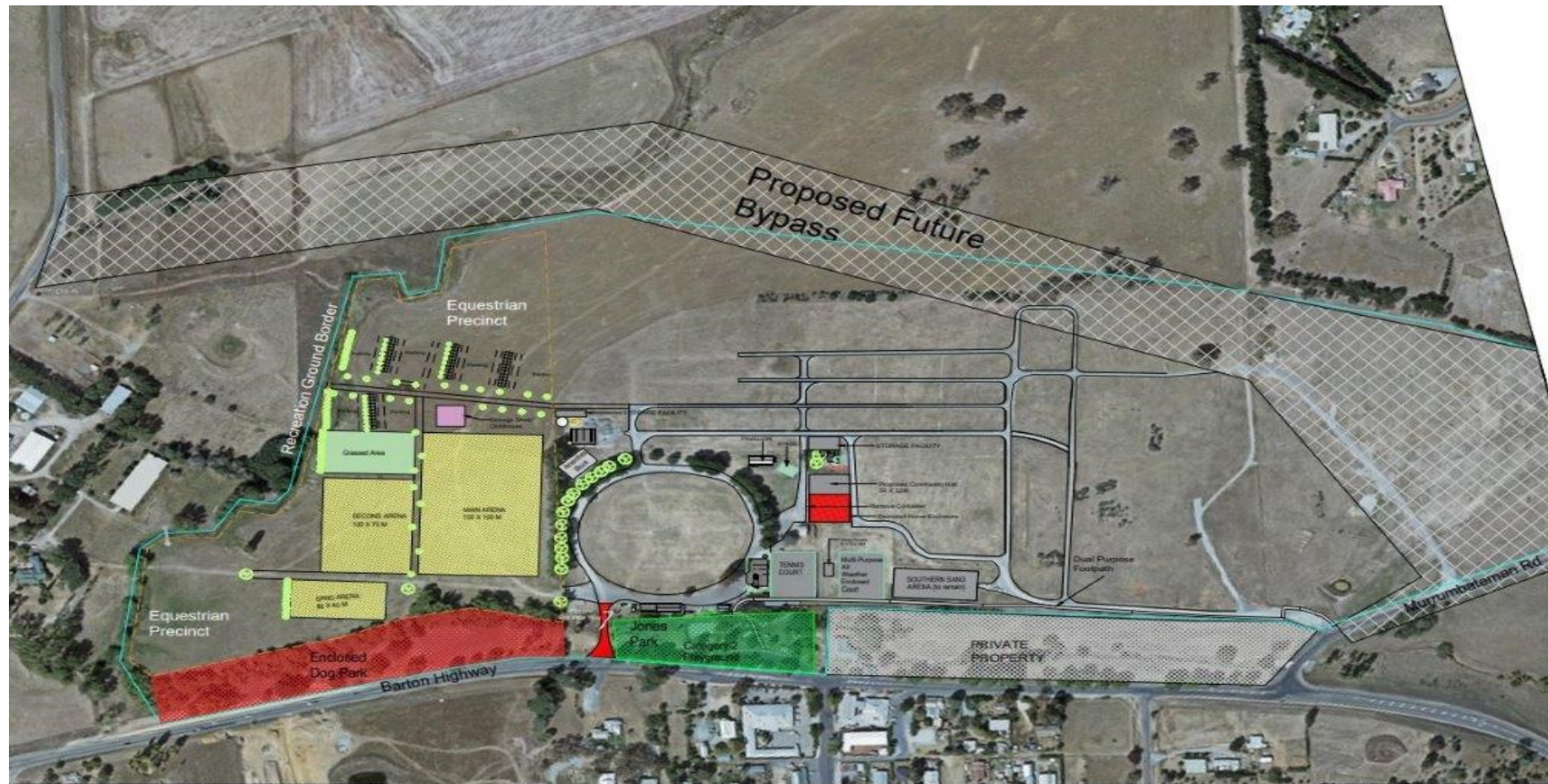
5. CONSULTATION

Yass Valley Council will use in its methodology for consultation a holistic approach to each facility including both internal and external stakeholders to understand and develop the assets required through the strategic direction in which Murrumbateman Recreation Ground needs to move towards to create more sporting opportunities for the community.

Council has previously worked extensively within the community and with local sporting bodies to gain an understanding of the future requirements for the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds which is reflected in the actions list in this strategic plan.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN

Figure 1 – Aerial Overview



3.1 Draft 2025 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground
Attachment A 2021 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground



Figure 2 – Aerial Facility Overview

7. MANAGEMENT ZONES

Sporting and Active Zones

This zone provides an area which can be utilised for both sporting and active recreation. The site includes a playing field, multiple equestrian arenas and open space for equestrian activities.



Figure 3 –playing field



Figure 4 – equestrian arenas

Passive Recreation Zones

This zone includes Jones Park, a category 3 playground which was installed in 1999 and a passive recreational open space area. There is significant support to upgrade the playground to a category 2 playground.



Figure 5- Jones Park



Figure 6- Passive open space area

8. PLAN OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Under Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must prepare Plans of Management for community land.

All Council owned sporting facilities will be incorporated in a generic Plan of Management. This will provide management actions that relate to all sporting facilities and will comprise the following:

- A plan of management for community land must identify the category of the land
- A current description of the natural and cultural resources.
- Planning considerations relevant to the land.
- A statement of the long term objectives for the reserve and the associated management targets for the specified period.
- Method of assessment of organized objectives and targets.
- The condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the date of adoption of the plan of management.

9. PROPOSED ACTIONS

It is important to develop Murrumbateman Recreation Ground in a sequential and detailed approach. This allows the various tasks to be identified, resourced and programmed as appropriate. Projects can be considered annually by Council for consideration in its yearly operational plan and also identified for grant funding where applicable.

The proposed actions as outlined hereunder will provide the guidelines for the enhancement and development of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground and its immediate surrounds.

10. ACTION PLAN

Item	Activity	Priority
1	Construct new Amenities Building	High
2	Construct new storage facility/clubhouse – equestrian precinct	High
3	Upgrade tennis synthetic grass courts	Medium
4	Construct new storage for sporting/club groups	Medium
5	Remediate sand within equestrian arenas	Medium
6	Investigate power upgrade to recreation grounds	Medium
7	Construct new Community Hall	Medium
8	Seal internal roadway around oval and delineate parking	Medium
9	Cricket net – Investigate new site to relocate nets	Medium
10	Install remote supervision signs throughout the recreation grounds	Medium
11	Install directional signs for equestrian facilities & reduced speed signs around oval	Medium
12	Construct new Dog Park	Medium
13	Install new playground at Jones Park	Medium
14	Construct improvements to Barton Highway entrance into recreation ground (including culvert crossing of watercourse)	Medium
15	Construct linked pathway to dog park / winery trail	Medium
16	Upgrade existing public toilets	Medium
17	Upgrade internal roadway to equestrian precinct	Medium
18	Investigate water supply options following commissioning of the Yass to Murrumbateman pipeline.	Medium
19	Prepare a Traffic and Parking Plan	Medium

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Attachment A 2021 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground

20	Examine options for tennis court cover	Low
21	Relocate internal fencing to increase parking around sporting oval	Low
22	Formalise wash bay / car parking – equestrian precinct	Low
23	Installation of irrigation to sporting oval & install 120,000 litre tank	Low
24	Construct new enclosed all weather multipurpose sports courts	Low

NB: priorities and funding will be subject to consideration annually by Council in its Operational Plan Process.



2025 Strategic Plan Murrumbateman Recreation Ground

**This strategy guides the future development and maintenance of
Murrumbateman Recreation Ground within the Yass Valley**

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INTRODUCTION

Sport and recreation offer a wide range of benefits to our health, our physical and mental wellbeing, and central to bringing people and communities together.

Sports facilities offer accessible spaces for physical activity and recreation, development of life skills, and social interaction contributing to local economies and fostering a healthier and more vibrant community.

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is a multi-use facility located along the Barton Highway within the main township of Murrumbateman. The facility is approximately 45 hectares in size and includes an equestrian precinct, sporting field, tennis courts, playground, community hall, public toilets and passive open space areas.

The purpose of this strategic plan is to provide Yass Valley Council and the community with a direction for structured development of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground as well as meeting the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

The objective of this strategic plan is to identify the current uses of the area and outline the long-term direction of the development of the recreation grounds.

MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND

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1. BACKGROUND

Yass Valley Council has 10 sporting facilities, which are well distributed throughout the municipal area providing a range of varying sporting activities.

In 2017 Council developed an upgrade program based off consultation with sporting user groups for existing assets located at sporting facilities in the Yass Valley LGA. This program supports the significant increase of participants in sports and provides an opportunity to introduce new sporting codes to the LGA. This program also aligns with the renewal program identified in Council's Asset Management Plan.

The heavy use of sporting grounds by multiple user groups has considerably increased over the years which has caused Council to review the demands placed on the individual sporting venues.

It is important to ensure that Council's facilities are well managed, maintained and meets the growing needs and expectations of both residents and visitors to Yass Valley. Council has committed to the ongoing maintenance, enhancement and redevelopment of sporting facilities within the Yass Valley, and this is assisted through this strategic plan.



2. PURPOSE

The strategic plan will provide direction and support delivery of planning, development, and management of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground.

The strategic plan seeks to:

- Provide quality sporting and recreational space for the community
- Provide a management approach that delineates and integrates activities within the site and surrounding recreational areas that will identify the various elements
- Provide a proposed program for the development of the site to a regional or national sporting level
- Identify the need to develop a Plan of Management that will meet legislative requirements and be a supporting document for any grant funding applications
- Enhance the aesthetics for the natural environment of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground.

3. CONSULTATION

Yass Valley Council will use in its methodology for consultation a holistic approach to each facility including both internal and external stakeholders to understand and develop the assets required through the strategic direction in which Murrumbateman Recreation Ground needs to move towards to create more sporting opportunities for the community.

Council has previously worked extensively within the community and with local sporting bodies to gain an understanding of the future requirements for the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds which is reflected in the actions list in this strategic plan.

4. CURRENT FACILITIES

Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is a facility that is utilised for active and passive recreation. The local activities undertaken include:

Tennis	Cricket	Equestrian Activities	AFL	Little Athletics
Scouts	Dog Shows	Dancing	Karate	Community Events
Men's Shed	Yoga	Mothers & Childrens Playgroups	Village Markets	Film Evenings
	Chistmas Carols	Wine Shows	Field Days	

The recreation ground has a designated passive recreation area which includes a dog park, Jones Park a local/village park playground and significant open space area. Service levels for this park aligns with Council’s adopted 2017 Parks and Playground Strategy.

5. STRATEGIC MAPPING

Figure 1 – Aerial Overview



MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND

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Figure 2 – Aerial Facility Overview



6. COUNCIL POLICIES

Yass Valley Council has developed and implemented a significant number of policies that assist in its management and operation. All policies are required to be adopted by Council.

The following two policies relate directly to this strategy:

Community Sports Facility Booking Policy

The Community Sports Facility Booking Policy details the considerations and principles for the allocation of sporting fields and associated facilities for hire. The aim of the policy is to provide equitable access and safe playing conditions for users while sustainably managing available sports facilities.

This policy applies to sports grounds and associated facilities located within the Yass Valley Council local government area which are owned and/or directly managed by Council.

Sports Facility Closure Policy

Council manages an array of sportsgrounds with varying playing surfaces, soil types, drainage and irrigation infrastructure which accommodate an assortment of sports with distinct playing requirements. Due to this diversity the assessment of sporting grounds for their capacity to cater for use is not a one size fits all approach.

The Sports Facility Closure Policy aims to define the conditions of use when sports fields are recommended for closure during inclement weather and/or rectification/renovation works/other needs. It provides clear direction as to the accountability of user groups and ensure access to Councils sport fields is maximized for community use.

Councils priority to provide equitable and sustainable provision and allocation of grounds that are fit for purpose. Council applies a risk management approach to the management of grounds and in particular to the decision to close sportsground facilities when ground conditions dictate.

Both policies may be accessed from Councils website:

<https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/Our-Council/Policies-Plans-and-Reports/Council-Policies>

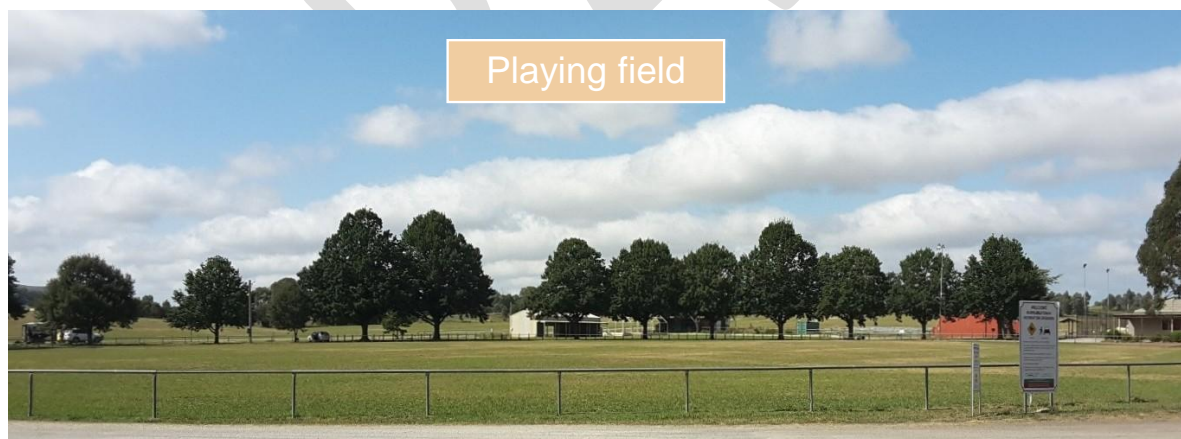
Additional documents relating directly to this strategy include the Yass Valley Open Space Strategy 2024-2026 and the Park and Playground Strategy 2017 both of which may be accessed from Councils website via the below link:

<https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/Our-Council/Policies-Plans-and-Reports/Council-Strategies-and-Plans>

7. MANAGEMENT ZONES

Sporting and Active Zone

This zone provides an area which can be utilised for both sporting and active recreation. The site includes a playing field, cricket net, multiple equestrian arenas and open space for equestrian activities.



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Passive Recreational Zone

This zone includes John O'Brien Park, a local/village park playground, which was installed in 2009. There is also a large passive recreational open space area and dog park.

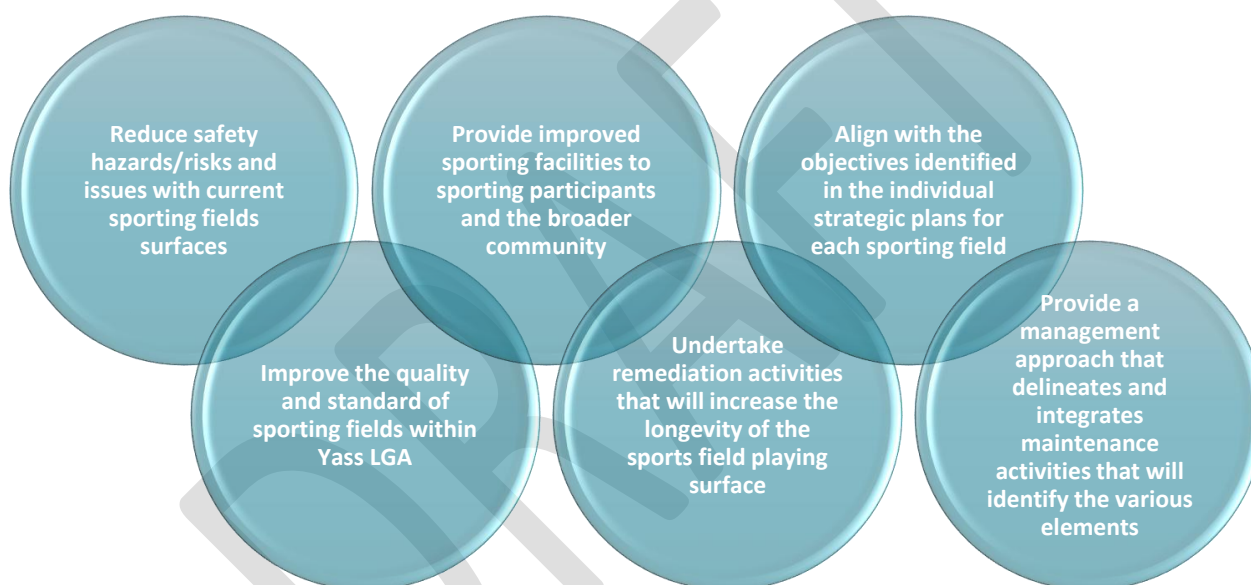


8. SPORTS FIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM

Council has developed a Sports Field Remediation Plan which outlines Council's vision for maintaining sports fields within the Yass Valley Local Government Area (LGA) against the competing demands for community use.

Yass Valley Council has eleven (11) established sporting fields that form an integral part of the LGA and essential to the quality of life of its residents. They are a key community asset bringing everyone together, encouraging social interaction and providing the community with opportunities for social and physical development.

The program aims to:



The remediation program will provide long-term cost efficiencies and long-lasting benefits to Council, sporting participants and the broader community.

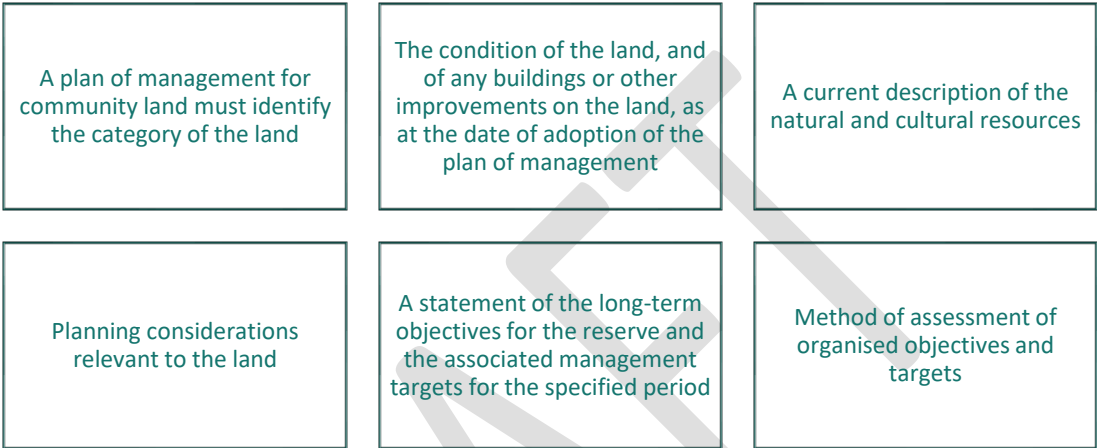
The program will contribute to the reduction of Council's maintenance costs (such as additional water usage in dryer seasons, sporadic turf renovations and specialised contractor expenses) by undertaking a methodical approach to turf renovations and improvements.

The sporting participants, clubs and broader community of Yass Valley LGA will benefit from this remediation works program as it will provide year-round sporting facilities that are safe, tolerable to high volume use and at an acceptable level of service.

9. PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Under Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must prepare Plans of Management for community land.

The Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Plan of Management is currently in a draft format. This plan of management will incorporate the following:



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10. ACTION PLAN

It is important to develop Murrumbateman Recreation Ground in a sequential and detailed approach. This allows the various tasks to be identified, resourced and programmed as appropriate. Projects can be considered annually by Council for consideration in its yearly operational plan and also identified for grant funding where applicable.

The proposed actions as outlined hereunder will provide the guidelines for the enhancement and development of Murrumbateman Recreation Ground and its immediate surrounds.

Item	Activity	Priority	Project Owner	Completed items
Sporting Precinct:				
1	Relocate Cricket net – Investigate new site to construct nets	HIGH	YVC/Sporting Groups	
	Construct new Amenities Building	HIGH		Complete
2	Feasibility study to construct new enclosed all weather multipurpose sports courts	LOW	User Groups	
	Construct new storage facility/clubhouse – equestrian precinct	HIGH		Complete
	Upgrade tennis synthetic grass courts	MEDIUM		Complete
	Construct new storage for sporting/club groups	MEDIUM		Complete
	Examine options for tennis court cover	LOW		Complete
3	Relocate internal fencing to increase parking around sporting oval	LOW	YVC	
	Installation of irrigation to sporting oval & install 120,000 litre tank	LOW		Complete
4	Upgrade sporting field boundary fence	LOW	YVC/Sporting Groups	
5	Upgrade lighting to tennis courts	LOW	Murrumbateman Tennis Club	

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Equestrian Precinct:				
	Construct new storage facility/clubhouse – equestrian precinct	HIGH		Complete
6	Remediate sand within equestrian arenas	MEDIUM	YVC/Equestrian User Groups	
	Upgrade internal roadway to equestrian precinct	MEDIUM		Complete
	Formalise wash bay / car parking – equestrian precinct	LOW		Complete
7	Upgrade open space area left side of second sand arena (dedicated training area)	LOW	Equestrian User Groups	
8	Install power to Storage Shed/Clubhouse	LOW	Equestrian User Groups	
9	Install Horse manure waste collection site	LOW	Equestrian User Groups	
General Purpose:				
	Seal internal roadway around oval and delineate parking	MEDIUM		Complete
10	Prepare a Traffic and Parking Plan	HIGH		
11	Investigate power upgrade to recreation grounds	HIGH	YVC/MCA	
12	Construct improvements to Barton Highway entrance into recreation ground (including culvert crossing of watercourse)	HIGH	YVC	
13	Install remote supervision signs throughout the recreation grounds	MEDIUM	YVC	
14	Install directional signs for equestrian facilities & reduced speed signs around oval	MEDIUM	YVC	
15	Construct new Community Hall	MEDIUM	YVC/MCA	

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General Purpose:				
16	Construct linked pathway to dog park / winery trail	LOW	YVC	
17	Relocate shipping container located next to moon shed to equestrian precinct	LOW	User Groups	
18	Install drinking fountains around the recreation grounds.	LOW	YVC/User Groups	
19	Install Outdoor Fitness Equipment	LOW	User Groups	
20	Construction of pump track over southern sand arena	HIGH	YVC/Murrumbateman Community Members	
	Construct new Dog Park	MEDIUM		Complete
	Install new playground at Jones Park – To be revisited if required once all abilities playground completed	MEDIUM		Removed
	Upgrade existing public toilets	MEDIUM		Complete
	Investigate water supply options following commissioning of the Yass to Murrumbateman pipeline.	MEDIUM		Complete

NB: priorities and funding will be subject to consideration annually by Council in its Operational Plan Process.

Action Plan revised June 2025.

Approval History

Review Date	Report to Council	Minute No.	Exhibition Period	Adoption
	23 September 2020	147	28 days	28 July 2021
2 June 2025				

3.2 MURRUMBATEMAN BMX/PUMP TRACK FOCUS GROUP

SUMMARY

To consult with the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group for intended use of the southern sand arena for a pump track site.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Murrumbateman Recreation Focus Group:

1. *Notes the minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track meeting held on 29 May 2025.*
 2. *Considers the future purpose of the southern sand arena in its review of the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan.*
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Actions identified in the report will require the approval by Council before any commitment or adjustment to the Operational Plan is made.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan 2021

REPORT

1. Background

At its previous meeting held on 24 March 2025 by a majority vote the focus group endorsed the southern sand arena as the preferred location to construct the all-abilities playground.

The determination from Council at its meeting on 22 May 2025 resolved (**Min No 184**) that Council endorses 10 Hercules Street, Murrumbateman as the location to construct the all-abilities playground.

This decision has left the southern sand arena to continue to operate as its current intended purpose.

2. Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group

The Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group considered at its meeting on 29 May 2025 three locations to construct a pump track of approximately 1500m² in size.

The committee voted unanimously for the construction of a pump track over the southern sand arena within Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds. These minutes will be tabled at the Council meeting on Monday, 23 June 2025 (see [Attachment A](#)).

3. 2021 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan

This report is to consult with the focus group members of this committee to discuss the future purposes of the southern sand arena site. These discussions will form part of the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan review.

4. Reporting

A further detailed report will be tabled at a future Council meeting including a comparative analysis of sites suitable for the pump track location.

ATTACHMENTS: A. Minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group [↓](#)



Minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group

Thursday 29 May 2025
6:00 PM
Yass Community Centre
1428 Yass Valley Way, Yass NSW

Minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group held on 29 May 2025

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Present

Cr David Rothwell, Cr Kristin Butler, Kim Williams, Tom Patton, Graham Scarth, Darren Symons, Julie Costa, Melinda Cooke, Ralph Kunneke, Helen Prytula

1. Apologies

Cr Alvaro Charry, Nathan Cooke

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group held on 30 April 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

1. Staff Reports

3.1 MURRUMBATEMAN PUMP TRACK LOCATION

SUMMARY

To consider a location within the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds for the construction of a BMX/Pump track.

COMMITTEE DECISION

A unanimous vote by committee members endorsed the location for the construction of a pump track over the southern sand arena within Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds.

- Further consultation with the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group is required to repurpose the southern sand arena.
- The 2021 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan be amended to repurpose the southern sand arena as the dedicated pump track location and the strategic plan be placed on public exhibition for a period no less than 28 days.
- Recommended a representative from the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track Focus Group become a committee member of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group as per the committees terms of reference below:

Maximum number for make-up of Committee members	2 Councillors 1 x representative of Murrumbateman Community Association 1 x representative of each user group and prospective user group
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2. Confidential Matters

Nil

3. Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 6:45pm.