



Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group

Wednesday 27 May 2026

6:00 PM

**Murrumbateman Community Hall
East Street, Murrumbateman**

MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND FOCUS GROUP

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group will be held in Murrumbateman Community Hall East Street, Murrumbateman, on Wednesday 27 May 2026, 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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Present

Cr Kristin Butler, John Woods, Alejandro Solano (Lions Club), Stephanie Helm, Annaliese Caston, Rowan Geddes, Judy Breen, Steve Crabb (Murrumbateman Community Association), Rob Farrell, Fred Clark, Brad Jones (Murrumbateman Cricket), Natasha Amerasinghe, Kim Williams (Murrumbateman Tennis Club), Sally Jones (Murrumbateman Adult Riding Club), Anna Marsden (Yass Valley Riding Club), Tessa McMartin (Murrumbateman Pony Club), David Wight (Murrumbateman Little Athletics Club), John Thorn (Murrumbateman Village Market), Tom White (Murrumbateman Field Days), Gayleen Burley, Kate Baker, Nathan Cooke, Mel Cooke, Ralph Kunneke, Helen Prytula (Yass Valley Council).

Observers

Stephanie McCall, Matt Baker (community members).

1. Apologies

Cr Alvaro Charry, Brent Lello (Murrumbateman Football Club)

2. Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 24 March 2025 be amended and a report presented to Council meeting 28 August 2025 for noting.

3. Staff Reports

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.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That:

- 1. The 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan be amended from feedback received at the meeting held 30 July 2025 and the updated document be redistributed to members for review.*
- 2. The draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan be reviewed by members of the focus group and feedback provided by 5pm on Friday 29 August 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:

1. *The members note the minutes of the Murrumbateman BMX/Pump Track meeting held on 29 May 2025.*
2. *The members consider the future purpose of the southern sand arena in its review of the draft 2025 Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan.*
3. *Council to prepare and distribute concept plans of the pump track overlaid onto the three location options and distribute to the focus group members.*
4. *Council considers the below items raised by members for consideration in future planning of a pump track:*
 - *Safe parking and access*
 - *Adequate space for spectators*
 - *Track suitable for all skill levels/abilities*
 - *Facility to be fully fenced*
 - *Community consultation*

5. General Business

- Council acknowledges the drainage issue near the new ring road which is currently being investigated and monitored.
- Murrumbateman Community Association advised preliminary works for the BBQ and picnic table will begin within the next two weeks. Installation is expected to commence by late September.
- As part of a Council wide program a maintenance schedule will be investigated for Murrumbateman Recreation Ground. The possibility of incorporating assets into a schedule is to be investigated as part of this process.
- Council confirmed the grass used for the sports field is a combination of rye grass (winter grass) and couch grass (summer grass). This combination of grasses is best suited to Yass Valleys climate. Council has implemented a sports field remediation program. This program aims to improve the quality and standard of sporting fields within the Yass LGA. The proposed plan will be completed on a 5-year rotational basis for the fields within the Yass LGA.
- Murrumbateman Community Association raised that Murrumbateman Recreation Ground is at capacity and other locations should be considered for the proposed pump track.
- Murrumbateman Field Days raised that the location of the unloading ramp next to the sand arena would need to be taken into consideration if this area was proposed an alternative purpose.

Minutes of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group held on 30 July 2025

- Murrumbateman Adult Riders expressed concern over rumours of a second stage BMX track to be placed within the cross country track area. Council advised rumours are fabricated and it has never been discussed within Council or the Pump Track Focus Group.
- Murrumbateman Adult Riders group did express support for construction of a pump track.
- The draft Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Plan of Management be redistributed to members for review and feedback prior to being presented in a report to Council.
- Council to confirm whether the Murrumbateman strategic plan and plan of management are to be placed on public exhibition at the same time.
- At its ordinary meeting to be held on 28 August 2025 a report will be presented detailing a project plan for the BMX/Pump track.

6. Next Meeting

To be confirmed

The meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.

4.1 NOTIFICATION OF NEW CHAIR

SUMMARY

To notify the committee that Councillor Charry will be stepping down as Chair.

Councillor Butler will take place as Chair for the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That: The appointment of new Chair Councillor Butler to the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Guidelines for Advisory Committees and Committees of Council (October 2025).*

REPORT

Under Clause 3.6 Guidelines for Advisory Committees and Committees of Council (October 2025) a Councillor must be appointed as Chair of the committee.

Councillor Charry will be stepping down as Chair with Councillor Butler appointed as new Chair of the Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

4.2 INTRODUCTION - CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY

Provide an overview of the Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference, consultation process and meeting procedures.

Each stakeholder group and attendee will be invited to formally record their views, concerns and preferences to ensure all feedback is captured consistently and equitably.

RECOMMENDATION

That: The information provided in the Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- Code of Conduct
- Committee Terms of Reference.

REPORT

The purpose of the session is to provide information regarding the proposed pump track project and to formally document community feedback.

The session is not intended to function as a workshop or consensus-building exercise.

All comments received verbally or in writing will be recorded in the meeting documentation to ensure each participant's view are captured and represented equally.

ATTACHMENTS: A. Terms of Reference - Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group [⇒](#)
B. Code of Conduct [⇒](#)

4.3 MURRUMBATEMAN PUMP TRACK STRATEGIC ANALYSIS REPORT

SUMMARY

Overview of the Murrumbateman Pump Track Strategic Analysis Report including timeline.

Outline steps involved once a site has been determined and general information about processes surrounding the management of a pump track.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The Murrumbateman Pump Track Strategic Analysis Report be noted.*
- 2. The due date for committee feedback on the Strategic Analysis Report be extended to 5:00pm Wednesday 27 May 2026.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Resources for the progression of the project to concept design stage are provided for in the 2025-2026 Operational Plan.
- There is no allocation of funds for the construction of the project.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993
- Yass Valley Open Space Strategy 2024-2036
- Parks and Playground Strategy 2017
- Everyone Can Play Guideline.

REPORT

1. Report

Council at its ordinary meeting on 28 August 2025 endorsed the project plan for the Murrumbateman Pump Track.

Council at its ordinary meeting on 26 March 2026 endorsed the timeline update within the Murrumbateman Pump Track Project Plan as follows:

- Strategic Analysis development – March 2026
- Stakeholder engagement – April 2026
- Review stakeholder engagement – May 2026
- Broader community consultation – June 2026
- Report presented to July council meeting on results

As per Council resolution 55, a site recommendation is to be presented no later than July 2026.

The focus group session is intended to provide information to stakeholders and collect formal feedback regarding potential locations and project considerations.

Feedback received during the session will be documented and considered as part of the broader community consultation and reporting process.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

4.4 MURRUMBATEMAN PUMP TRACK LOCATION

SUMMARY

The Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Focus Group will be provided information regarding potential pump track locations within Murrumbateman and invited to formally provide feedback on each option.

RECOMMENDATION

That: Feedback received from stakeholders and community representatives regarding potential pump track locations be formally recorded and noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Resources for the progression of the project to concept design stage are provided in the 2025-2026 Operational Plan.
- There is no allocation of funds for the construction of the project.

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REPORT

The locations to be considered as identified in the project plan and strategic analysis for the location of a pump track within Murrumbateman are:

- Murrumbateman Common
- Murrumbateman Recreation Ground
- Hawthorn

Participants will have the opportunity to provide comments, concerns and preferences regarding each location option.

Feedback will be documented in a consistent format to ensure all views are presented equally and transparently within the consultation process.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil