



OPEN SPACE PLAN

DIRECTIONS REPORT

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Introduction

The Open Space Plan has been developed to guide the provision, development and management of open space across the District Council of Mallala for the next 10 years through to 2026.

The Plan generally relates to open space that is owned or managed by Council and includes sportsgrounds, recreation parks, linear connections and natural areas, including coastal open space, bushland areas and riparian corridors.

Open space adds significant value to 'quality of life' in the District while also protecting natural areas and wildlife habitat and attracting visitors to the District.

The Plan has involved developing master plans for the major sport and recreation precincts in Two Wells, Mallala and Dublin. The master plans are provided in Section 4.0 of this report (Volume 1).

A review of Council's Community Land Management Plans has also been undertaken in accordance with the SA Local Government Act 1999.

The Plan incorporates two report volumes and includes strategic and specific directions through:

- Open Space Themes
- Overriding directions and strategies for each Theme
- Recommended Projects for each Theme

The Themes and Directions

Themes reflect what is important to a Local Council Area and provide a framework for directions relating to different types of open space. Eight Theme topics have been identified for the District Council of Mallala and these are outlined below along with the Overriding Direction recommended for each Theme. Section 3.0 of this report includes the specific strategies and projects relating to each Theme.

THEME 1: Open Space Provision and Quality

Strengthen the provision of good quality and usable open space across the District. This could involve divesting some land that has limited value in order to obtain resources to improve other open space.

THEME 2: Sporting Precincts and Facilities

Improve the quality and function of the main sportsgrounds in the District in accordance with the Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plans presented in this Plan and adequately cater for other sport and recreation needs including for future communities.

THEME 3: Recreation Reserves and Destinations

Provide diverse and appealing recreation reserves and destinations across the District that broaden recreation experiences and enhance the landscape value of open space. This includes a commitment to creating unique, accessible and age friendly destinations to cater for communities and visitors

THEME 4: Open Space Trails and Connections

Enhance and strengthen the 'connectivity' of the District Council of Mallala through open space corridors and trails across and beyond the District.

THEME 5: The Coast, Rivers and Environment

Protect, conserve and enhance natural environments within the District Council of Mallala with a particular focus on the coastline, Gawler River, River Light, distinctive natural settings and indigenous and native vegetation (including along roadsides).

THEME 6: Water Management and Climate Change

Adopt practices that contribute to managed water usage and appropriate responses to climate change.

THEME 7: Tourism and Heritage

Conserve, promote and strengthen the unique heritage of the area and continue to support and encourage tourism across the District.

THEME 8: Open Space Management

Adopt a coordinated and strategic approach to the ongoing management and maintenance of all types of open space including through partnerships and targeted funding.

Implementing and Reviewing the Plan

Volume 1 of the Open Space Plan provides three levels of direction that will require a different approach to implementation as outlined below.

Direction Level Suggested Approach to Implementation

Direction Level	Suggested Approach to Implementation
Overriding Direction	Adopt the overriding direction for each Theme as part of adopting the Plan.
Strategies	Support the strategies provided for each Theme 'in principle' on the basis that they could evolve over time and their implementation will depend on the availability of resources. Some strategies are 'action oriented' and will need to be included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan and annual Works Programs accordingly.
Projects	Include specific projects in Council's Long Term Financial Plan and annual Works Programs as appropriate and in accordance with available funds and resources.

The Community Land Management Plans have been developed in conjunction with the Plan and will require Council adoption and implementation in accordance with the requirements of the SA Local Government Act 1999.

The implementation of the Plan will require partnerships with other levels of government, sporting groups, the broad community, developers and other stakeholders in order to be achieved.

It is recommended that the directions, strategies and projects in the Plan are reviewed on an ongoing basis and updated where appropriate. The specific projects and actions should be reviewed and actioned annually and the Themes and higher level directions should be reviewed every 5 years.

The Open Space Plan should be seen as a working document that will guide Council in its decision making and resource allocation as resources become available. Other levels of government will also benefit from following and contributing to achieving the directions in the Plan.

The Plan is an important strategic document that will ensure open spaces and community land are appropriately provided, developed and managed in the future. Implementing the Plan will result in outcomes that contribute to the value and sustainability of open space and community land, which will ultimately benefit existing and future generations.



1.0 THE PLANNING CONTEXT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of the Planning

The District Council of Mallala has developed the Open Space Plan to guide the future provision, development and management of open space and related facilities over the next 10 years and beyond.

The Open Space Plan provides a strategic direction for all types of open space and also identifies specific actions and projects for implementation over time. In conjunction with the Open Space Plan, Community Land Management Plans have been developed which will be used to guide the management of each main type of open space and the related recreation and sport facilities and infrastructure, taking the findings and directions of the Open Space Plan into consideration.

The planning has placed a particular focus on guiding the design and future development of the three main sport and recreation precincts in the District including at Mallala, Two Wells and Dublin and a master plan has been developed for each site.

The Open Space Plan will assist Council to determine future priorities and strategically allocate resources as they become available.

The Plan identifies opportunities and priorities for enhancing open space and sport and recreation opportunities across the District, with a particular focus on sportsgrounds, recreation parks, linear open space and natural areas.

Open space and recreation and sport facilities are important contributors to the character, social fabric, health, ecology and economy of the District Council of Mallala. The landscape, diverse recreation destinations, distinctive sports precincts, coastline and rivers, and other natural areas all add to the appeal and liveability of the District.

1.2 Focus of the Plans

Open Space Plan

The Open Space Plan focuses on items that are important to the District such as:

- Sportsgrounds, including outdoor courts, clubrooms and other sports facilities
- Recreation parks and infrastructure, such as shelters, barbecue facilities and seating
- Linear connections and corridors with trails and recreation nodes
- Open space associated with the coast, rivers, natural areas and the environment
- Tourism facilities and features, such as camp grounds, signage and interpretation

The Open Space Plan primarily relates to reserves and recreation and sport facilities that are owned or managed by the District Council of Mallala. This includes:

- Council owned and managed land that is registered as Community Land in accordance with the SA Local Government Act 1999
- Crown land that is leased or dedicated to the District Council of Mallala for public use (Council Care and Control)



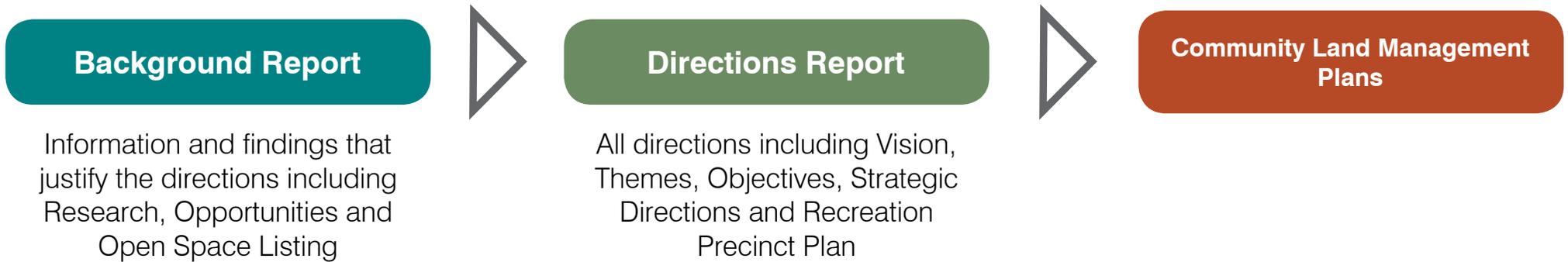
1.3 The Report Volumes

The Open Space Plan includes two report volumes as follows:

- A Directions Report with Recreation Precinct Plans
- A Background Report with findings and information

The Community Land Management Plans have been developed as a standalone document; the directions within those plans are consistent with the Open Space Plan.

The connection between these three documents is shown in the diagram below.





2.0 CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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The challenges and opportunities outlined in this section have been identified through extensive community consultations, site visits to a number of reserves, a review of other planning and background research.

The consultation process involved three workshops held in Mallala, Two Wells and Dublin on the 4 and 15 March 2015. In addition, surveys of youth and the broader community were undertaken with a number of community responses.

The challenges and opportunities are outlined under key subject areas including:

- Open Space Provision
- Open Space Quality
- Organised Sport and Recreation
- Informal Recreation
- Connections
- Environment, Rivers and Nature
- The Coast
- Water Management and Climate Change
- Tourism and Community Infrastructure
- Heritage, History and Interpretation
- Open Space Management

The findings provide a basis for the directions and actions in the Open Space Plan.

Specific findings relating to the sportsgrounds in Two Wells, Mallala and Dublin are discussed in the following section and Recreation Precinct Plans are provided in Section 4.

2.1 Open Space Provision

The District Council of Mallala has a good provision of open space and townships and areas will not require any additional open space for the existing population or for small population increases. However, the projected growth of Two Wells will require sport and recreation open spaces to meet the additional needs of that population as outlined in the Open Space Supply section.

2.2 Open Space Quality

There is potential to enhance the quality of key open space across the District, particularly in the main towns and the future growth area of Two Wells. Opportunities include:

- Improve the quality and function of key parks and sportsgrounds through redesign and infrastructure improvements.
- Increase the quality of landscape areas and tree planting within reserve and provision of amenity.
- Review and improve facilities on reserves (shelters, playgrounds, youth facilities, equipment, lighting and other street furniture).
- Consider the hierarchy of open space to guide open space development and management.

2.3 Organised Sport and Recreation

The following opportunities have been raised through the analysis and consultations:

- Undertake improvements to the main sportsgrounds in the District through the master planning of the Sport and Recreation Precincts completed as part of the Open Space Plan study (refer section 5).
- Provide support to recreation and sports clubs that provide facilities within the community, e.g.:
 - *Consider Council support to the Long Plains Centre sports facilities.*
- Pursue equestrian opportunities as part of the Lewiston community and sports planning and through other equestrian spaces (e.g. around Mallala).
- Support and guide the provision of less traditional and higher impact sports through access to Council managed open space away from the towns where appropriate and promotion and support of clubs on private land, e.g. shooting and motor sports, archery.
- Address concerns over the land use rights for private recreation facilities and changes of land ownership (Lower North Gun Club regarding the potential change to leasing the site).



2.4 Informal Recreation

The main opportunities relating to informal recreation are as follows:

- Recreation activity opportunities could be strengthened within the sportsgrounds to provide activated sport, recreation and community precincts.
- There is a need for improved youth facilities in the District e.g. skate parks, older aged play equipment and hangout spaces. There is potential to provide a new skate facility and youth hangout in Two Wells (linked to the sportsground).
- There is community interest in Hart Reserve supporting a skate facility (due to proximity to the school). However, the site is a drainage reserve and the land character and location will only suit a small scale activity space. In addition, the site has Aboriginal heritage value.
- There is potential for additional and improved recreation facilities and opportunities for play in Lewiston (e.g. play linked to Lewiston Wetlands, increased development and activation of Lewiston playground).
- There are opportunities to establish outdoor and adult gyms to promote active living through existing open spaces and sportsgrounds.
- The provision and distribution of dog parks within the District needs to be explored. There is community interest in formalised dog parks being provided in Lewiston (as part of a dog training and animal husbandry site), Mallala (linked to the CWMS irrigation area) and Two Wells (Hart Reserve and the Two Wells sportsground). Consideration will need to be given to the opportunities and the implications of Council Bylaws, and some areas may not necessarily need to be fenced.
- There is potential to provide low key activity opportunities along the coast for play, youth and family activities (including at Parham).
- There is a desire for the Two Wells Golf Club in Lewiston to be promoted and upgraded (with support from Council).
- Consider the continued support to the Parham Sports & Social Club and related facilities.



2.5 Connections

Connections between open spaces are important to improve the 'walkability' and usability of towns and to create habitat corridors. Walking, bush walking, jogging, bike riding and children on scooters are key activities that require defined pathways. Particular opportunities are as follows:

- There is potential to upgrade and increase footpath connections and improve access to and within parks and reserves.
 - There is potential to strengthen the provision of coastal walking tracks including through defined tracks, signage, viewing areas and connected seating.
 - There is potential to strengthen the river walking tracks along the Gawler and Light Rivers as well as around Salt Creek and the Estuary (where appropriate) including defined tracks, signage and connected seating.
 - There is an opportunity to establish additional defined bike tracks across the District (including potential for interesting areas and trails).
- There is a need to connect walking and bike trails in new residential developments to sports precincts and mainstreets (particularly in Two Wells).
 - There is potential to develop loop walks around sportsgrounds and larger recreation parks to support community activity and informal recreation.
 - There is a need for horse trails and bridleways within open spaces to support rural living and horse ownership across the District as well as in Lewiston.



2.6 Environment, Rivers and Nature

The District Council of Mallala has significant natural areas and therefore protecting, enhancing and strengthening these natural areas is a priority. Particular opportunities include:

- Continue to protect the Samphire Coast and the surrounding coastal areas, including through the management of access and ensuring appropriate activities along the coast.
- Continue to implement the recommendations of the Gawler River Open Space Strategy and strengthen the natural values of the river corridor.
- Encourage management of Light River and associated Estuary.
- Review the natural landscape character of Salt Creek Estuary area.
- Maintain and upgrade Rockie Reserve as a natural open space destination.
- Protect and enhance the Dublin Parklands as a unique open space (this is a large habitat corridor on the plains that needs protection through appropriate fencing and management).
- Maintain the importance of tree planting in open space and the provision of natural values (shade, habitat and beauty).
- Protect, enhance and where appropriate utilise native vegetation. This includes using native vegetation in new open space and reserve developments and upgrades.
- Encourage tree planting and increased biodiversity on farm land as buffers to towns and open space.
- Rationalise vehicle access points to open space through reduced road tracks and where required fencing or barrier treatments (rocks or heavy chains and bollards followed by revegetation of the reclaimed areas).
- Review the management of dogs in natural areas through signage and defined 'off leash' areas (not necessarily fenced) in less valuable natural settings.

In responding to the challenges, consideration should be given to the directions in other plans such as the Coastal Settlements Adaptation Study, the Coastal Access Strategy and the Climate Change Vulnerability Report.



2.7 The Coast

The natural value of the coast is high and specific directions are justified. A number of the challenges and opportunities have been expressed by the community as well as Council.

- The importance of the Samphire Coast needs to be recognised and promoted from an environmental, low key recreation and eco-tourism perspective.
- Need to review the feasibility of the nomination of the areas under the National Shorebird Network and potential nomination of sites under the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (protection of state Government, Council and private land).
- Need to conserve and enhance the natural focus of the Port Gawler Conservation Park.
- Need to actively manage the coastal areas for their conservation and habitat values.
- It will be important to balance competing recreation and visitor demands with the natural values of the coastline (habitat, biodiversity, nature).
- Need to manage vehicle access to beaches and sand dunes (including management of Quad bike use).
- Need to manage and restrict illegal activities along the coast (off road vehicles, illegal fishing).
- There is a desire for access to the beaches to be maintained to meet demand for beach use. However, a competing need is to protect bird habitats and it will be important to manage the impact of off road vehicles on the coast.
- There is a need for increased coastal protection of Webb Beach in response to sea level rise.
- Consider habitat refuges inland to allow fauna and flora to escape the impacts of sea level rise.
- Need to review the Coastal Management Plan and consider opportunities for open space provision and management along the coast.
- Lower Light Beach requires protection and better access for local residents.
- Thompson Beach is a key natural landscape destination. There is community resistance to Thompson Beach having formalised boat access.
- Need to manage horse use of the beaches and the impact of horse float parking.
- There is a need to improve the boat ramp at Parham to increase channel safety and management.
- The Middle Beach mainstreet would benefit from an upgrade.
- Potential re-establishment of the Middle Beach Education Centre to increase environmental awareness.



2.8 Water Management and Climate Change

Climate change is becoming increasingly important to local government and water costs are increasing. Opportunities for responding to these items include:

- Respond to and where possible mitigate the impacts of climate change and sea level rise.
- Review and upgrade irrigation supply and demand.
- Encourage the sustainable use and management of water, including around sportsgrounds.
- Improve drainage at sportsgrounds and enhance the playing surface function to enable increased usage (e.g. Two Wells and Mallala).
- Investigate opportunities for stormwater collection and re-use and other water recycling initiatives.
- Respond to flooding and stormwater impacts in open space.

2.9 Tourism and Community Infrastructure

Key opportunities relating to tourism and community facilities include:

- Need to maintain the provision of short stay accommodation (e.g. caravan parks and campgrounds) in proximity sportsgrounds as part of recreational precinct development.
- Review the capacity and function of coastal campgrounds (manage demand with impacts on the environment).
- Parham short stay campground is reaching its capacity and requires further development and expansion.
- Developing recreation facilities at Middle Beach.
- Potential need to improve and increase the provision of public toilets for communities and visitors.



2.10 Heritage, History and Interpretation

There is considerable heritage within the District Council of Murrumbidgee and it will be important to recognise and retain heritage features where possible. Key findings are as follows:

- Recognise the heritage value of reserves that include heritage features.
- Consider the potential to reinforce the identity of towns and create destinations through town entrance enhancement opportunities.
- Recognise important heritage sites within towns and settlements (e.g. Dublin and Two Wells).
- Recognise the importance of cemeteries as open spaces for the community (and their social and cultural values).
- Consider the potential to increase indigenous representation in reserves and in other locations.
- Develop interpretive signage and public art that reflects the culture and diversity of the District and its open spaces.
- Recognise WWII sites and artefacts at Port Prime.
- Maintain the heritage significance of Heritage Walk tiles and the historic wells at Two Wells.
- Review the management of the Institute buildings (Council property).
- Develop the Dublin Well and Water Tank as a heritage site.
- Reinforce the heritage significance of the Dublin Parklands.

2.11 Open Space Management

It will be important to continue to manage open space to an appropriate quality, taking hierarchy into consideration. Particular opportunities relating to open space management include:

- Need to address maintenance and security issues in reserves.
- Manage existing vegetation and trees to minimise impacts on reserves.
- Explore ways to encourage community involvement in the management of open space.
- Review Community Land Management Plans and the consolidation of reserves in Council ownership or care and control.







3.0 OPEN SPACE DIRECTIONS

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Open Space Directions have been developed for eight Theme topics as follows:

- THEME 1: Open Space Provision and Quality
- THEME 2: Sporting Precincts and Facilities
- THEME 3: Recreation Reserves and Destinations
- THEME 4: Open Space Trails and Connections
- THEME 5: The Coast, Rivers and Environment
- THEME 6: Water Management and Climate Change
- THEME 7: Tourism and Heritage
- THEME 8: Open Space Management

The Theme topics give an indication of what is most important for the District Council of Mallala. They also provide a framework for the directions, actions and priorities in the Open Space Plan.

Directions are provided for each Open Space Theme in this section. The directions include:

- A summary of the key findings
- An overriding direction for the Theme
- Strategies that respond to the findings and their priority
- Recommended projects for future actioning

The Theme directions are based on the needs, issues, challenges and opportunities outlined in this report.

The recommended projects show the link to the relevant strategy and include a suggested timing for commencement as outlined below.

Timing Code	Suggested Commencement
1	Commence within 5 years
2	Commence within 5-10 Years
3	Commence beyond 10 years

The timing is based on the Open Space Plan being implemented over the next 10 years.

3.1 THEME 1 - Open Space Provision and Quality

Key Findings

The District Council of Murrumbidgee has a large amount of open space with 422.6 hectares. Even if the population increases to 18,000 in the future, this will still be a good provision, representing 23.5 hectares per 1,000 people. However, a large proportion of the open space is coastal and nature based, and a considerable number of land parcels have a drainage, flood plain or stormwater focus. The usability of much of the open space is not high and new development areas will require good local open space. This highlights the following:

- Opportunities for improving the usability and quality of open space should be considered (particularly open space with a sport or recreation focus but also improvements to landscapes and linear connections).
- Additional open space will be required in new development areas, e.g. in Two Wells, although existing open space could also contribute to meeting the needs of the future communities.

Due to the high provision of open space, there could be some opportunities to change the use of some parcels of Council owned land that have limited open space value.

Overriding Direction:

Strengthen the provision of good quality and usable open space across the District. This could involve divesting some land that has limited value in order to obtain resources to improve other open space.

Theme 1: Open Space Provision and Quality

Strategies

Strategies	Priority
1.1 Plan for usable and good quality open space with appropriate hierarchy levels across the District. This will involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the hierarchy framework provided in Appendix A to guide improvements - Develop master plans for key parcels of open space - Design open space to be activated and meet community needs (including incorporate community art and innovation) - Reflect good practice and legislative requirements (disability, health and wellbeing, safety and design). 	High
1.2 Plan for additional open space in the growth area of Two Wells to meet local and District needs and to strengthen the district centre value of Two Wells. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require 12.5% of usable land including recreation, sport and linear open space - Ensure a structure plan is developed to guide the provision and meet needs 	High
1.3 Consider opportunities for the collaborative use of land to support recreation and sport, including through arrangements with private land owners, the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) and other stakeholders.	Medium
1.4 Undertake a review of Council owned land that has limited recreation, environmental or community value (current or existing) in areas where there is good provision. Place a particular focus on reviewing undeveloped and unused reserves and consider options for the future of this land.	Lower

Theme 1: Open Space Provision and Quality

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing*
1.1	Develop at least two master plans for key reserves each year, focusing on regional and district parks and facilities and considering opportunities for enhancing quality, park activation, accessibility and innovation and community art.	1
1.2	Require and participate in the development of open space structure plans for new development areas. This could be a requirement to developers.	1
1.3	Integrate the requirements for open space within Council's strategic planning including its Development Plan where appropriate.	2
1.4	Negotiate with public and private schools on the potential community use of school open space, and particularly the use of ovals for sport.	2
1.5	Undertake discussions with stakeholders and land owners regarding potential community use of private open space.	2

* Timing relates to commencement date where 1 = commence within 5 years, 2 = commence within 5-10 years and 3 = commence beyond 10 years



3.2 THEME 2 - Sport and Recreation Hubs and Facilities

Key Findings

The District Council of Mallala has a very good provision of sportsgrounds for its population size. However, sport is a priority for the District and the sportsgrounds in Two Wells, Mallala and Dublin provide an important focus for communities in and around these towns. The relative isolation of other parts of the District and the high community value of the sportsgrounds justifies these facilities being a priority and further investment being made. Regarding the community owned sportsground in Long Plains there is a strong community desire to retain the sportsground and maintain the current sports provision.

The population of Two Wells is projected to more than double in the future and additional sports facilities will be required. There is potential to expand the existing Two Wells sportsground to partly cater for this need. This Open Space Plan has involved developing master plans for the Two Wells, Mallala and Dublin sportsgrounds which will guide future development.

Overriding Direction:

Improve the quality and function of the main sportsgrounds in the District in accordance with the Sport and Recreation Hub Master Plans in this Plan and adequately cater for other sport and recreation needs including for future communities.

Theme 2: Sport and Recreation Precincts and Facilities

Key Strategies

Strategies	Priority
2.1 Establish a higher level sport and recreation precinct in Two Wells by expanding and upgrading the existing sportsground to create an additional sports field area, relocating and upgrading existing netball courts, improving the connection of outdoor courts, modification of clubrooms and other facilities and support for regional competitions and events (using the master plan in the Open Space Plan).	High
2.2 Plan for an additional oval and outdoor courts with community use linked to a future school as part of the new development in Two Wells.	Medium
2.3 Undertake improvements to the Mallala sportsground to enhance its function and facility connections, using the master plan developed as part of the Open Space Plan.	Medium
2.4 Redevelop the Dublin sportsground in accordance with the master plan developed as part of the Open Space Plan.	Medium
2.5 Continue to plan for integrated equestrian facilities (including in Lewiston), whilst giving recognition to existing private equestrian facility provision and subject to feasibility.	Medium
2.6 Investigate opportunities to accommodate sport and recreation groups located on private land where there are land availability issues, e.g. ownership changes, usage constraints and future memorandums of agreement.	Medium
2.7 Continue to assist other sport and organised recreation facilities (e.g. ovals, gun clubs) through advice, grant funding and planning support, taking community needs and the availability of resources into consideration.	Medium
2.8 Develop a policy to guide Council's response to higher impact sports (environmental and noise impacts) and consider options for locating such activities.	Medium

Theme 2: Sport and Recreation Precincts and Facilities

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing*
2.1	Implement the Two Wells Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan with specific projects and priorities being guided by the plan.	1
2.3	Implement the Mallala Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan with specific projects and priorities being guided by the plan.	1
2.4	Implement the Dublin Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan with specific projects and priorities being guided by the plan.	2
2.5	Undertake detailed planning for an equestrian facility at Lewiston.	2
2.6	Liaise with and provide advice to the Two Wells Golf Club regarding future facility upgrade opportunities (including assisting the club to investigate funding opportunities).	1

* Timing relates to commencement date where 1 = commence within 5 years, 2 = commence within 5-10 years and 3 = commence beyond 10 years

The main projects recommended in the master plans are summarised on the following page.

Theme 2: Sport and Recreation Precincts and Facilities

Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan Recommended Projects

The key projects recommended in the Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plans for Two Wells, Mallala and Dublin are listed on the following pages.

The master plans provide a strategic direction for the Sport and Recreation Precincts. It is important to note that the master plans are provided as a guide and the recommendations could evolve over time as part of future detailed planning and consultations, and in accordance with available funding. The master plans will provide a framework for further planning as resources become available.

The actual master plan drawings are presented in Section 4.0. The numbering connected to the recommended projects in the listings relates to the numbering on each related master plan (in Section 4.0).

Theme 2: Sport and Recreation Precincts and Facilities

Two Wells Master Plan: Recommended Projects

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide vehicular access to an event space2. Establish a pedestrian connection to the main street development3. Plan for a new skate park (potentially linked to the outdoor courts and in a high profile safe and accessible location)4. Create a flexible hard standing area (future site for an indoor sport and aquatic facility if feasible)5. Provide shelters for spectators6. Relocate the existing Netball Courts to be closer to the main sports building and oval7. Relocate the Cricket Nets so they are better positioned8. Modification and extension of the Community Centre (to meet community needs)9. Review tree removal practices (need to minimise and manage impacts on structures)10. Create a Multi-Use Practice area11. Establish a New Multi-Use Oval with lighting on the existing undeveloped land for training use and potentially other sports such as soccer or hockey (linked to expansion of the sportsground)12. Upgrade the playspace to support main street activity13. Reinforce pedestrian access to the Oval	<ol style="list-style-type: none">14. Improve landscape amenity (trees, shade, drought tolerant plants)15. Reduce the entrance area and rationalise access (this will assist in managing access on game days)16. Rationalised car park with landscape treatments17. Maintain the landscape edge of the sportsground and review drainage and flooding18. Provide for and maintain service access19. Create a new Playspace (with landscaping) within the sportsground20. Integrate new toilet into the club building (as part of future expansion)21. Provide service and local traffic access22. Create a landscaped pedestrian plaza around the sports buildings and facilities23. Provide for service access24. Provide Overflow Parking25. Upgrade playing field lighting
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Theme 2: Sport and Recreation Precincts and Facilities

Dublin Master Plan: Recommended Projects

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide new signage 2. Support the establishment of a new club rooms (relocate the existing) 3. Improve the playspace 4. Facilitate the maintenance and upgrade the toilets (review their asset life) 5. Establish an area for youth (skate/ multi-use courts) or create an RV area (to be reviewed) 6. Improve the landscape edge of the sportsground 7. Develop a secondary entrance to improve traffic movement 8. Connection to The Parklands through pathway connections 9. Maintain and enhance BMX 10. Create a Bush Camping Area 11. Increase the landscape amenity and ecological value of the land to the west of the bush camping area 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Maintain existing cricket nets (to support junior teams) 13. Increase the landscape edge of the eastern side of the sportsground 14. Create a new one way exit 15. Maintain and improve the oval 16. Allow for additional parking for match day 17. Improve the drainage to the edge of oval 18. Increase landscape amenity of the area between the oval and the camping area 19. Create a feature landscape (mounding) and viewing mound to create destination near the bush camping area 20. Maintain the oval car park with good access to all facilities
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Theme 2: Sport and Recreation Precincts and Facilities

Mallala Master Plan: Recommended Projects

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain the landscape edge around the sportsground 2. Maintain the landscape setting (picnic area) and upgrade the gazebo near the outdoor courts 3. Rationalise the carpark with accessible disable parking and improved drainage 4. Provide new signage 5. Review the outdoor court surface and use and consider the potential for a multi use court (basketball) and increased pedestrian entrances. 6. Create a pedestrian plaza (with improved drainage and landscaping) between the buildings and facilities 7. Relocate and improve the skate facility 8. Establish a new shelter and BBQ area 9. Redevelop the playspace (to be higher level) 10. Continue to support the upgrade of the club facilities to maintain function and quality (including verandah) 11. Retain the cricket nets and improve drainage and landscape amenity around the net area (including provide seating) 12. Integrate the emergency services parking into the paved areas 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Allow for informal vehicular access (closed on match days) 14. Maintain the toilet near the recreation and camping area to support visitors (and connect to CWMS water supply) 15. Link a picnic setting to the camping area 16. Install an effluent disposal point 17. Establish a designated caravan entrance (with signage) linked to a designated RV/ Camping Zone 18. Establish an RV/ Camping Zone Approx. 10,800m² 19. Recognise the Community Waste Water Management System 20. Consider an off leash dog park with improved landscaping (utilising overflow/soakage from CWMS for irrigation) Approx. 12,400m² 21. Maintain the fenced boundary 22. Include an overflow parking area and support access to the off leash area (near the CWMS land)
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MALLALA FOOTBALL CLUB



3.3 Theme 3: Recreation Reserves and Destinations

Key Findings

The sportsgrounds in the main towns provide an opportunity to cater for recreation, and given the populations are relatively small in each town, the sportsgrounds should provide a main focus for recreation and community activity as well as sport. However, other key recreation parks in the District also justify being good quality and have the potential to be a recreation destination, particularly where the parks also cater for visitors such as the Two Wells Historic Reserve and the Lion Park and Heritage Parklands in Dublin.

Some smaller recreation parks in Two Wells and Mallala are poor quality and justify enhancement to improve their function and value within the towns. Opportunities for creating recreation destinations also exist along the Gawler River, Light River and the coastline, linked to walking and bike trails and picnic and viewing areas.

Overriding Direction:

Provide diverse and appealing recreation reserves and destinations across the District that broaden recreation experiences and enhance the landscape value of open space. This includes a commitment to creating unique, accessible and age friendly destinations to cater for communities and visitors.

Theme 3: Recreation Reserves and Destinations

Key Strategies

Strategies	Priority
3.1 Create unique recreation destinations linked to larger parcels of open space, particularly in Two Wells and Lewiston. The destinations should include distinctive recreation facilities (e.g. higher level and challenging play areas, nature play, exercise equipment, picnic settings, shelters, public art) as well as natural and heritage features.	High
3.2 Design the sportsgrounds in each of the larger towns to have a strong recreation focus, particularly in relation to play and youth facilities and to create innovative and challenging family oriented spaces. This is addressed in the master plans developed for each sportsground (refer Section 4.0).	High
3.3 In accordance with the heritage listing of the Dublin Parklands, sensitively create a low key recreation setting in the northern part of the Parklands for visitors and residents, with some seating, shelter, a small nature play component, art work and interpretation.	Medium
3.4 Improve the recreation value and function of smaller parcels of open spaces, particularly in Two Wells and Mallala. This could be achieved through low key landscaping, upgrade of pathways and infrastructure improvements including seating, boundary fencing and signage	Medium
3.5 Plan for the recreation needs of specific groups and activities identified through the Open Space Plan such as dog off leash needs including a dog obedience park in Lewiston.	High

Theme 3: Recreation Reserves and Destinations

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing*
3.1	Undertake improvements to Hart Reserve in Two Wells, improve the usability of the site and strengthen the links to the school through an appealing recreation setting that is sensitive to the treed setting (with bike and walking paths to and through the site, small scale nature based play and activity opportunities designed for children and youth, seating, shelter and managed vehicle access e.g. through bollards and structures).	1
3.3	Giving consideration to the heritage listing of the site, create a unique but sensitively designed recreation setting within the northern part of the Dublin Parklands to support residents and provide an appealing stop off area for visitors.	2
3.2	Consider a new skate park as part of the Two Wells Sport and Recreation Precinct (refer master plan) or investigate other options. Detailed planning and consultations will be required as a 'next step'.	2
3.2	Plan for a skateable space as part of Mallala Sport and Recreation Precinct to compensate for removing the existing half skate pipe (refer to master plan).	3
3.4	As part of the Two Wells Main Street plan, undertake improvements around the Memorial Gardens.	2
3.4	In consultation with the users and community, enhance and undertake improvements to the land around the Mallala museum to create an appealing recreation and landscaped setting for visitors and residents.	2
3.1, 3.2, 3.4	Consider improved and additional play opportunities in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two Wells as part of the existing sportsground - Hart Reserve in Two Wells through a nature play area - Lewiston (linked to wetlands, giving consideration to a regional adventure or challenging play opportunity, e.g. the Bakers Wetland) - Mallala as part of the existing sportsground with stronger connections to the oval, courts and Redbanks Road. 	2
3.1, 3.2, 3.4	Integrate other activity opportunities such as exercise equipment, half courts, skateable spaces and nature play within sport and recreation precincts and in key recreation parks, including those linked to schools (e.g. Hart Reserve in Two Wells and Dublin Oval).	2
3.5	Investigate the options for dog parks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of a dog training and animal husbandry site in Lewiston - Linked to the proposed woodlot (CWMS irrigation area) near Mallala Oval - Linked to Two Wells sportsground or Harts Reserve (further investigations required) 	2

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3.4 Theme 4: Trails and Open Space Connections

Key Findings

Opportunities exist to establish and strengthen the provision of trails and linear connections within and across the District Council of Mallala including regional walking, bike and horse riding trails (e.g. along the Gawler River, Light River, the coastline, rural areas). Within the towns there is potential to improve connections through improved pathways and linear open spaces.

Overriding Direction:

Enhance and strengthen the 'connectivity' of the District Council of Mallala through open space corridors and trails across and beyond the District.

Theme 4: Trails and Open Space Connections

Key Strategies

Strategies	Priority
4.1. Plan for some iconic linear trails as part of a region wide trail network potentially along Gawler River (in accordance with the Gawler River Open Space Strategy), the Light River and along the coast. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate 'right of way' opportunities to achieve trail connections - Consider opportunities for recreation, stop off and viewing nodes as well as interpretation, signage and distinctive features along the trails 	High
4.2 Establish 'all age friendly' walking path, bike paths and loops around and within each main town in the District (as outlined in the Potential Projects).	High
4.3 Create connections between towns including through the use of road reserves and open space (this will require the identification of road reserve opportunities).	Medium
4.4 Improve trail connections and loops in the rural areas for horse riding, particularly around Lewiston, with connections between open spaces and to the Gawler River.	Medium
4.5 Improve the position, accessibility, quality and connections of pathways within parks and reserves, with a particular emphasis on improving pathways within regional and district parks and sportsgrounds, and improving access and safety in general.	Medium

Theme 4: Trails and Open Space Connections

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing*
4.1	Plan for an iconic walking trail along the coast that draws on and strengthens existing tracks and connects high profile viewing with existing car park areas (including trail heads, signage, seating areas and parking).	3
4.1	In accordance with the Gawler River Open Space Strategy, create a significant linear trail along the river as well as trail connections from the river to reserves and path networks in Lewiston and other recreation nodes.	2
4.1	Using the Gawler River Open Space Strategy as a model, develop a linear trail along the Light River with access to the river and recreation nodes.	3
4.2	Plan for and establish an accessible and 'all age friendly' pathway network around Two Wells that links communities to open space, the main street and future development areas.	2
4.2	Establish a sealed pathway and off road cycle path between the Two Wells town centre and the new development area as part of developer planning.	2
4.2	Investigate the potential to develop low key walking trail around Salt Creek and the Estuary as part of path connections in Two Wells.	3
4.2	Plan for and establish a pathway connection around Mallala including along the railway line and connecting people to the sportsground, including through smaller existing reserves located between streets.	2

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Theme 4: Trails and Open Space Connections

Recommended Projects (continued)

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing*
4.2	Plan for and establish a pathway connection around Dublin through or on the edge of The Parklands (including a link between the sportsground and a northern picnic and recreation area).	3
4.2	Plan for and establish a pathway connection around Lewiston that links the various open spaces. This could be used by horses as well as for walking and bike riding with a network of trail loops and connections around this rural area.	2
4.3	Formalise linkages between Two Wells and Lewiston using existing reserves.	2
4.4	Create one or two longer horse riding trail loop opportunities across the District, particularly around Lewiston and between towns, e.g. Lewiston to Reeves Reserve to Mallala.	2
4.5	Create and formalise paths and pedestrian areas within the main sportsgrounds as part of the master plans.	3
4.5	Create loop paths around other larger parcels of open space to support walking, jogging, bike riding and other activities such as Bakers Wetlands in Lewiston.	2
4.5	Undertake a program of improving footpaths in the towns to encourage walking and cycling including the provision of 'all weather', sealed and 'age friendly' footpaths where appropriate.	1

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3.5 Theme 5: The Coast, Rivers and Environment

Key Findings

The natural value of the coastline and particularly the Samphire Coast is high and as such this area and related open space should be protected and maintained. This includes managing activities to minimise impacts on the coast and the natural environment. The District Council of Mallala also includes other areas with high environmental value including the Gawler River and the Dublin Parklands. This is reinforced in existing plans such as the Gawler River Open Space Strategy. Opportunities for protecting and enhancing the coastline and other natural areas need to be considered.

Overriding Direction:

Protect, conserve and enhance natural environments within the District Council of Mallala with a particular focus on the coastline, Gawler River, River Light, distinctive natural settings and indigenous and native vegetation (including along roadsides)

Theme 5: The Coast, Rivers and Environment

Key Strategies

Strategies	Priority
5.1 Continue to contribute to the conservation of the coastline including the Samphire Coast and the diverse natural ecosystem along the coast. This will involve supporting existing plans, participating in conservation projects, promoting the natural values of the coastline and appropriately connecting people to nature.	High
5.2 Undertake sensitive improvements to support and manage community and visitor activities including within the coastal settlements and natural coastal settings. Levels of use and potential impacts on the coastal environment should be managed (e.g. no additional formalised boat ramps along the coast).	High
5.3 Contribute to strengthening the biodiversity, environmental and habitat value of the river systems and related estuaries, including by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing directions in the Gawler River Open Space Strategy - Identifying and undertaking biodiversity and conservation projects for the Light River and Estuary - Strengthening the biodiversity value of Salt Creek around the Salt Creek Estuary - Investigating opportunities to acquire land along the river systems (as per the Riverine Access Plan) 	High
5.4 Adopt practices that contribute to the conservation and promotion of the proposed Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary to be established by the State Government.	High
5.5 Develop a Coastal Access and Conservation Strategy that addresses the issues of coastal access, land use conflicts, improved biodiversity, sea level rise and environmental impacts including by off road vehicles.	High
5.6 Strengthen and protect other existing and potential natural settings such as The Parklands in Dublin, Rockie Reserve, Salt Creek Estuary area, Bakers Wetland, Barabba Scrub and other key sites.	High
5.7 Conserve and strengthen the biodiversity, habitat value and function of natural landscapes, including along the coastline, the rivers and creeklines (e.g. Gawler River and Light River) and within larger recreation parks. This will require a coordinated approach to propagating and planting indigenous and native vegetation, creating buffers around natural areas and appropriately managing natural areas.	High
5.8 Identify, conserve and appropriately manage native and remnant vegetation along roadsides.	High

Theme 5: The Coast, Rivers and Environment

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing
5.1	Initiate and support projects that contribute to strengthening the Samphire Coast and Gawler Conservation Park natural values.	1
5.2	Undertake improvements to the recreational use of Middle Beach including paths and controlled vehicle access.	2
5.3	Create a nature based wetland around the Salt Creek Estuary area as part of stormwater management.	3
5.5	Develop and implement guides that control the use of the coastline, including recreation off road vehicle access and other activities.	1
5.6	Undertake and support vegetation and site regeneration within the Dublin Parklands.	2
5.6	Undertake improvements that strengthen the recreation and natural value of Bakers Creek in Lewiston.	2
5.6	Maintain and upgrade Rockie Reserve as a nature based destination.	2
5.6	Undertake projects that strengthen the natural and heritage values of Barabba Scrub.	2
5.7	Create and strengthen urban forests within townships including through unused reserves in Two Wells and in some of the less usable open space in Mallala.	3
5.7	Assess the feasibility and opportunities for establishing a Council nursery in the District Council of Mallala or partner with an adjoining Local Council.	2

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3.6 Theme 6: Water Management and Climate Change

Key Findings

A large proportion of open space in the District Council of Mallala has a drainage or stormwater management function and directions are required to appropriately design and manage this open space. Managing the use of water within sportsgrounds and recreation parks is also a priority given water is a scarce resource and water costs have increased significantly over recent years. Opportunities for reusing and conserving water need to be considered.

The potential rise in sea levels has also been identified as a potential issue for the District Council of Mallala given the District's large expanse of coastline. Responding to climate change is a priority for local government and the District in general.

Overriding Direction:

Adopt practices that contribute to managed water usage and appropriate responses to climate change.

Theme 6: Water Management and Climate Change

Key Strategies

Strategy	Priority
6.1 Aim to achieve sustainable landscapes and water management approaches that are consistent with climate change adaptation strategies through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A targeted approach to using reclaimed water to irrigate parks and reserves – A strategic approach to reducing the cost of watering ovals – Improved stormwater system design – Climate appropriate management of vegetation – Buffered landscapes particularly around the main towns and settlements 	High
6.2 Manage or mitigate the impact of flooding on reserves and sportsgrounds through water sensitive urban design (WSUD) initiatives, site design approaches that manage drainage and stormwater impacts and other risk management actions.	High
6.3 Design landscapes within open spaces to be consistent with climate change adaptation guidelines including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The use of drought tolerant plantings (native, indigenous, appropriate other plantings) – The integration of shady trees and shelters around key parks and sportsgrounds and along linear open space 	High
6.4 Respond to and where appropriate implement relevant plans relating to climate change and water management including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stormwater Management Plans developed for the District – The SA Water Code of Practice for Irrigated Public Open Space and the Central Control Irrigation Management System – The District's Climate Change Vulnerability Report – The Coastal Settlements Adaptation Study 	High

Theme 6: Water Management and Climate Change

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing
6.1 and 6.2	Continue to utilise the CWMS irrigation and water re-use project to cost effectively water Mallala oval.	1
6.1 and 6.2	Investigate opportunities for water collection and re-use initiatives linked to other sportsgrounds and key parks, e.g. Two Wells.	2
6.1 and 6.2	Address stormwater runoff through the development of a nature based wetland around the Salt Creek Estuary area.	2
6.2 and 6.4	Implement the Two Wells Stormwater Management Plan.	1
6.2 and 6.3	Improve the function of existing stormwater sites with a particular focus on inundation areas, access paths and location of facilities.	2
6.3	Strengthen recreation settings (walking, picnics, viewing) around larger wetland sites in Lewiston and Mallala such as Duck Pond Reserve in Mallala, and the Bakers Wetland and Aunger Ponds in Lewiston.	2
6.4	Consider opportunities for habitat refuges to support fauna and flora to escape sea level rise impacts around the coastal area.	3

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3.7 Theme 7: Heritage and Tourism

Key Findings

The District Council of Mallala contains various historic features and areas of heritage significance linked to open space and protecting and promoting these will be important. In addition, the District caters for visitors through camping areas and appealing open spaces and trails linked to the coastline, rivers and townships. Opportunities for maintaining and enhancing visitor areas are required including opportunities for improved overnight camping, eco-tourism and the promotion of heritage. The sportsgrounds in the main towns will provide opportunities for sporting and community events, which will contribute to strengthening tourism in the District.

Overriding Direction:

Conserve, promote and strengthen the unique heritage of the area and continue to support and encourage tourism across the District.

Theme 7: Heritage and Tourism

Key Strategies

Strategies	Priority
7.1 Plan for, design and manage open space to respond to the heritage character and heritage values of sites, including through sensitive design and landscapes, public art works and interpretation (recognising both Indigenous and European culture and heritage).	High
7.2 Strengthen the heritage and potential tourism value of historic areas within cemeteries through pathways, seating, unique features, interpretation and appropriate management of the landscape settings.	High
7.3 Continue to conserve and enhance land that has been identified as having heritage value e.g. Barabba Scrub, Dublin Parklands and water tank and Mallala monument.	High
7.4 Integrate and enhance interpretation and art works that promote a greater awareness of the heritage of the District, with a particular focus on memorial parks, formal gardens and other important heritage sites.	Medium
7.5 Enhance short stay accommodation and visitor stop off areas through quality amenities, playspaces and picnic settings.	High
7.6 Support sensitive eco-tourism infrastructure linked to the coast, including through walking trails, bird and fauna 'hides', viewing areas, interpretation and signage. Opportunities could be considered for the coastal settlements as well as the natural open space, including in partnerships with DEWNR.	Medium
7.7 Provide opportunities for community and sporting events including through sportsgrounds and larger recreation reserves.	Medium
7.8 Undertake streetscape and street character enhancements to the main streets to strengthen the identity and appeal of towns, with a particular focus on Two Wells and Mallala (including through the implementation of Main Street plans).	Medium

Theme 7: Heritage and Tourism

Recommended Projects

Related Strategy	Recommended Projects	Suggested Timing
7.1	Strengthen the heritage value of the historic wells at Two Wells, the Dublin Well and Water Tank, the Mallala monument and museum, the Dublin Parklands and the WWII sites and artefacts at Port Prime through landscapes, quality paths, interpretation and support infrastructure.	3
7.1	Monitor existing and newly registered Native Titles through the National Native Titles Tribunal and consider the potential historical and cultural significance of these sites before undertaking new projects.	1
7.2	Undertake improvements to the cemeteries in the District through defined pathways, seating and interpretation with a particular focus on marking rows, mapping, paths, signage and interpretation.	3
7.1 and 7.2	Manage existing war memorial sites and graves in collaboration with community groups, state government and Office of Australian War Graves to strengthen their heritage value.	1
7.3	Undertake improvements to heritage listed sites through interpretation and sensitive landscapes and art works, including in natural settings such as Barabba Scrub and The Parklands in Dublin.	2
7.1 and 7.8	Implement the Two Wells Main Street planning to strengthen the profile, access and appeal of the Two Wells Memorial Garden and consider additional unique features and interpretation.	1
7.8	Create unique town entrance features at each main town entrance through landscapes and locally designed art works that draw people from main roads to experience the towns. One town entrance could be created each year where Two Wells would be the main priority followed by Dublin and then Mallala.	3
7.7	Plan for short stay accommodation including: The creation of a new camping area adjoining the Mallala Sport and Community Precinct. A review of the design and function of the Parham camping area and the feasibility of expansion.	2
7.7	Undertake improvements to amenities linked to institute buildings such as the Dublin amenities and other visitor stop off areas.	2
7.8	Undertake streetscape improvements to the main streets in Two Wells, Mallala, Dublin and defined Heritage Walk opportunities.	2

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3.8 Theme 8: Open Space Management

Key Findings

Given the District Council of Mallala is responsible for managing a large amount of open space and a diversity of open space types, a coordinated and targeted approach to open space management and maintenance is required. This includes managing open space in accordance with the appropriate hierarchy and type of open space and seeking grant funding and partnerships with community groups and other levels of government to achieve the directions in the Open Space Plan.

Overriding Direction:

Adopt a coordinated and strategic approach to the ongoing management and maintenance of all types of open space including through partnerships and targeted funding.

Theme 8: Open Space Management

Key Strategies

Strategies	Priority
8.1 Manage and maintain open space in accordance with the type of open space and hierarchy levels to ensure reserves are 'fit for purpose' and resources are appropriately allocated, using Council's open space listing as a guide.	High
8.2 Establish service levels that will guide the specific development and maintenance of each open space type and hierarchy level, using the directions in the Open Space Plan as a basis.	High
8.3 Adopt a partnership approach to managing and maintaining open space including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborate with adjacent Local Councils and government agencies such as DPTI and DEWNR - Engage the community, schools, volunteers and other partners in planning and managing open space - Involve community and sporting groups in the maintenance of sportsgrounds and key recreation parks - Formalise partnership arrangements and commitments through memorandums of understanding and defined lease arrangements 	High
8.4 Seek funding and resources to achieve open space improvements and initiatives across the District and particularly in the growth area of Two Wells.	High
8.5 Continue to support community and sport groups through targeted grant funding linked to community needs and the priorities in the Open Space Plan. This will include supporting smaller towns and localities such as Long Plains and Parham sports clubs and facilities.	High
8.6 Investigate opportunities for new cemeteries to meet future cultural and community demands with consideration of future land use requirements and environmental impacts	High

Due to the broad nature of this Theme, specific projects have not been identified. The main focus of this Theme is to consider approaches for achieving the strategies in the other Themes.



4.0 SPORT & RECREATION HUBS

4.0 SPORT AND RECREATION PRECINCT MASTERPLANS

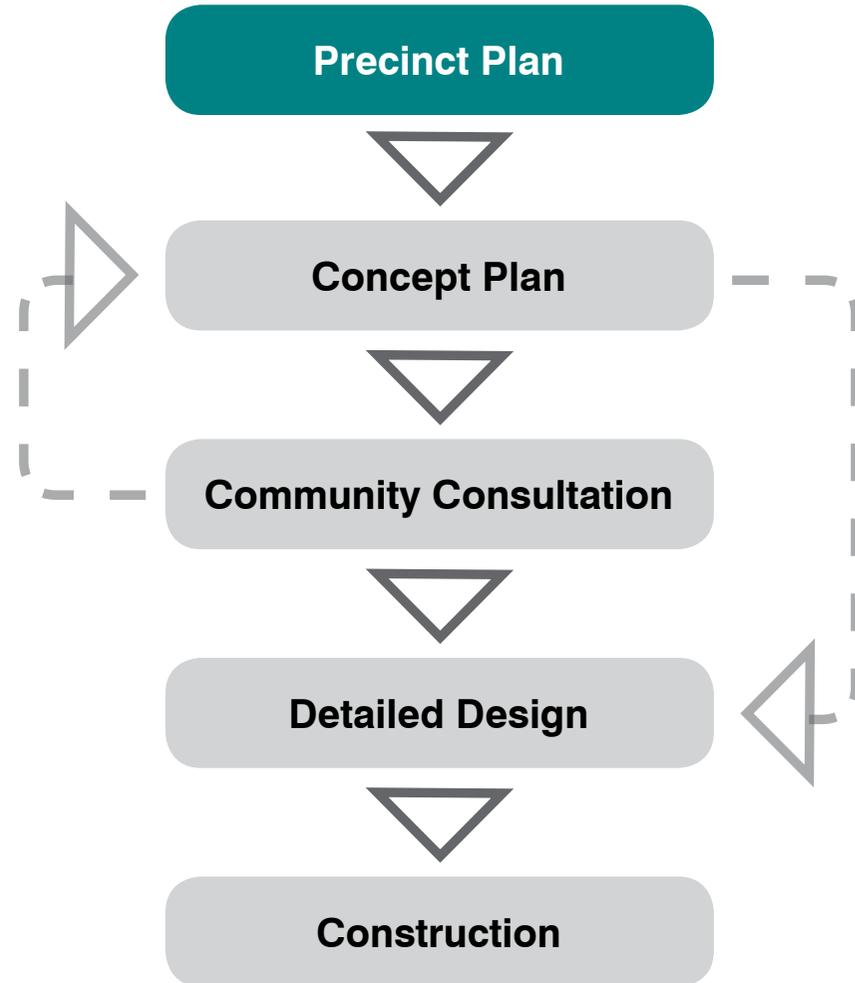
Master Plans have been developed in consultation with Council and the community for the three main sportsgrounds in the District Council of Mallala. This includes the sportsgrounds located in:

- Two Wells
- Mallala
- Dublin

The Master Plans are provided on the following pages.

In relation to actioning the master plans, the Two Wells Sport and Recreation Precinct should be the first priority followed by the Mallala Sportsground and the Dublin Sportsground.

The Sport and Recreation Precinct Plans aim to present opportunities and provide a guide for further planning and consultation. Detailed planning will be required for specific items in consultation with communities and this could result in modifications to actions and directions.





Mallala Oval

This Sport and Recreation Precinct Plan presents opportunities and initial ideas for further planning and evolution by Council.

-  Major vehicular links
-  Secondary vehicular links
-  Pedestrian links
-  New vegetation (tree planting)
-  Existing vegetation



5. Review court surface and use and consider potential multi use court (basketball) and increase pedestrian entrances.

6. Create pedestrian plaza (improved drainage and landscaping) between the buildings and facilities

7. Relocate and improve skate facility

8. Establish new shelter and BBQ area

9. Redevelop playspace (to be higher level)

10. Continue to support the upgrade of the facilities to maintain function and quality (including verandah)



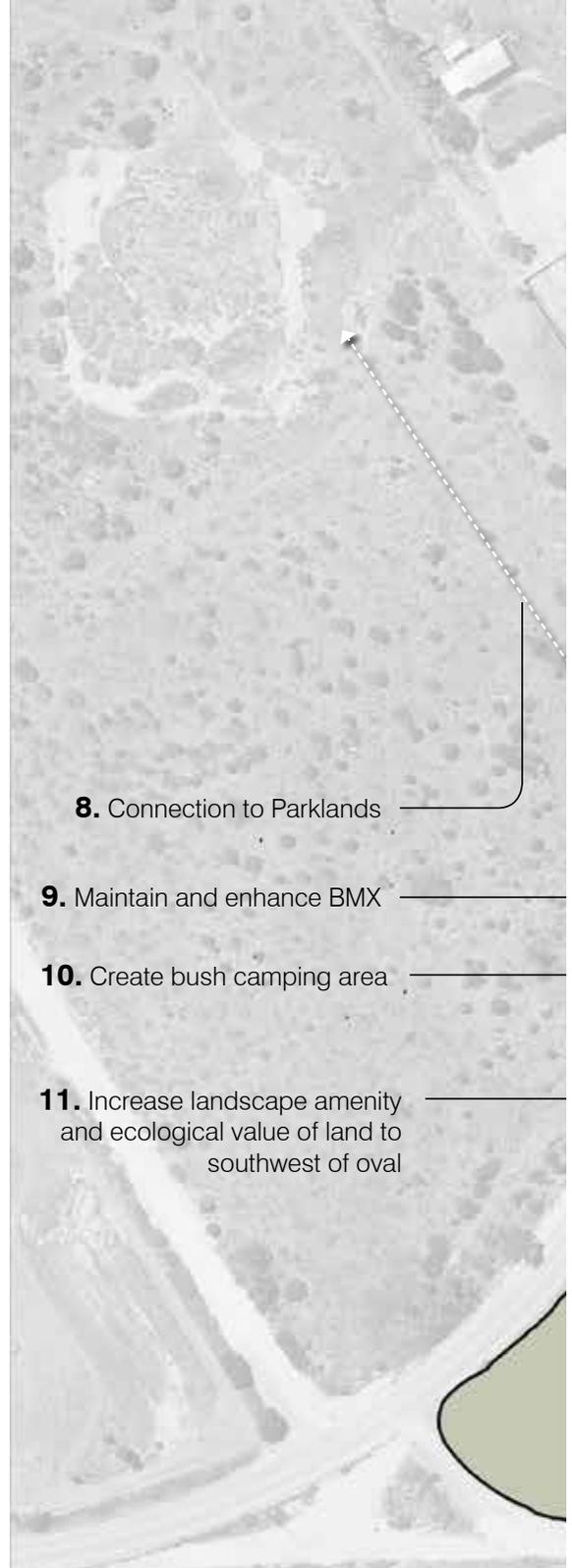


Dublin Oval

This Sport and Recreation Precinct Plan presents opportunities and initial ideas for further planning and evolution by Council.

-  Major vehicular links
-  Secondary vehicular links
-  Pedestrian links
-  New vegetation (tree planting)
-  Existing vegetation

50 metres



8. Connection to Parklands

9. Maintain and enhance BMX

10. Create bush camping area

11. Increase landscape amenity and ecological value of land to southwest of oval



1. Provide new signage

2. Support the establishment of a new club rooms (relocate existing)

3. Improve playspace

4. Facilitate, maintain and upgrade toilets (review asset life)

5. Establish area for youth (skate/multi-use courts) or create an RV area (to be reviewed)

6. Improve landscape edge of sportsground

New signage

7. Develop secondary entrance to improve traffic movement

12. Maintain existing nets (to support junior teams)

13. Increase landscape edge of eastern side of sportsground

14. Create a new one way exit

Oval

15. Maintain and improve oval

16. Allow for additional parking (match day)

17. Improve drainage to edge of oval

18. Increase landscape amenity of area between oval and camping

19. Create feature landscape (mounding) and viewing mound to create destination near bush camping area

20. Maintain oval car park with good access to all facilities



Two Wells Oval

This Sport and Recreation Precinct Plan presents opportunities and initial ideas for further planning and evolution by Council.

-  Major vehicular links
-  Secondary vehicular links
-  Pedestrian links
-  New vegetation (tree planting)
-  Existing vegetation

50 metres



- 2.** Establish pedestrian connection to mainstreet development
- 3.** Potential recreation (play/skate/youth) (potentially linked to the outdoor courts and in a high profile safe and accessible location)
- 4.** Create flexible hardstanding area (future site of indoor facility)
- 5.** Provide shelters for spectators
- 6.** Relocation existing netball courts to be closer to main sports building and oval
- 7.** Relocate cricket nets
- 8.** Modification and extension of Community Centre (to meet community needs)
- 9.** Review tree removal practices (need to minimise and manage impacts on structures)
- 10.** Create a multi-use practice area
- 11.** Establish multi-use practice oval with lighting on existing undeveloped land for training use and potentially other sports such as soccer and hockey (linked to expansion of the sportsground) area

1. Provide vehicular access to Event space

12. Upgrade playspace to support mainstreet activity

13. Reinforce pedestrian access to Oval

14. Reduce entrance and rationalise access (this will assist in managing access on game days)

15. Improve landscape amenity (trees, shade, drought tolerant plants)

16. Rationalised car park with landscape treatments

17. Maintain landscape edge and review drainage and flooding

18. Provide for and maintain service access

19. Create new playspace (with landscaping)

20. Integrate new toilet into club room (as part of future expansion)

21. Provide service and local traffic access

22. Create landscaped pedestrian plaza

23. Provide service access

25. Upgrade playing field lighting

24. Provide overflow parking

Two Wells Oval





5.0 IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

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5.1 Implementation Approach

The Open Space Plan includes three levels of 'direction' and each will require a different approach to implementation. The main 'direction levels' and the suggested implementation approach for each level is provided in the chart on this page.

The Open Space Plan should be implemented in conjunction with the recommendations and actions of the Community Land Management Plans. The Community Land Management Plans should be used to guide future approaches to managing and determining the appropriate use and development of the various categories of Community Land in the District Council of Mallala. This is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1999. The Community Land Management Plans incorporate strategies and projects from the Open Space Plan where appropriate, and as such the implementation of the Open Space Plan will contribute to the implementation of the Management Plans.

Open Space Plan Implementation Approach (by Council)

Direction Level	Suggested Approach to Implementation
Overriding Direction	Adopt the overriding direction for each Theme as part of adopting the Plan. The overriding directions are high level and each direction indicates the general approach to addressing each Theme topic.
Strategies	Support the strategies provided for each Theme 'in principle' on the basis that they could evolve over time and their implementation will depend on the availability of resources. Some strategies are 'action oriented' and will need to be included in Councils Long Term Financial Plan and annual Works Programs accordingly.
Projects	Include specific projects in Council's Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plans and Annual Works Programs as appropriate and in accordance with available funds and resources.

The Open Space Plan allocates a priority to each strategy as well as a 'suggested timing' to each 'recommended project'. This will assist Council to determine the timing of project implementation.

5.2 Adopting the Community Land Management Plans

Nine Community Land Management Plans have been developed to collectively provide a management, usage and development direction for all types of Community Land in the District Council of Mallala.

The following Management Plans have been developed:

Plan 1: Major Sport and Recreation Precincts

Plan 2: Natural and Coastal Areas

Plan 3: Recreation Reserves

Plan 4: Other Sport and Recreation Facilities

Plan 5: Community Facilities

Plan 6: Formal and Memorial Gardens

Plan 7: Culturally Significant and Historic Areas

Plan 8: Cemeteries

Plan 9: Stormwater Management

The Community Land Management Plans reflect other planning including this Open Space Plan and Council's Strategic Plan.

The Management Plans include the following directions:

- An overriding objective, which is generally the overriding direction in Council's Open Space Plan (and shows the link to that Plan)
- Specific objectives, which provide a broad direction for the Community Land
- Proposals for Management of the Land, which include specific directions and projects
- Details of any Tenancies allocated for the Land
- Performance Targets and Measurements

The objectives and details of tenancies will need to be endorsed by Council. The 'Proposals for Management of the Land' and the Performance Targets will require inclusion in Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Works Programs as appropriate and in accordance with the availability of resources. As such, they will require 'in principle' support.



5.3 Partnerships and Resources

The implementation of the Open Space Plan and the Community Land Management Plans will require the identification of partnership and resource opportunities.

The District Council of Mallala does not have the resources to achieve the Plans and related directions and projects on its own due to the District's small rate base, the large size of the District and the number of towns that require servicing. As such, support will be required from other levels of government, organisations and agencies involved in the District, developers, and sport and community groups.

Funding can be achieved through:

- Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) grant funding programs, particularly for informal recreation opportunities.
- Office for Recreation and Sport for sports facility development and upgrades.
- Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources relating to the natural environment initiatives.
- Other funding programs linked to the environment, coastal management, climate change, tourism and the arts for related open space and facility types.

The need for partnerships and resources is highlighted in the chart below for each Theme topic in the Open Space Plan.

Theme	Partnership and Resource Considerations
THEME 1: Open Space Provision and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negotiations with developers to provide for additional population. - Grant funds to achieve improvements.
THEME 2: Sporting Precincts and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partner with sporting groups on projects. - Grant funds for facility improvements. - Grant funds for new and expanded sportsgrounds.
THEME 3: Recreation Reserves & Destinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funds for destinations and improvements. - Grant funds for land acquisition. - Community partnerships with projects.
THEME 4: Open Space Trails and Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funds for trail development. - Community partnerships with projects.
THEME 5: The Coast, Rivers and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funds for projects. - Project partnerships with environmental groups.
THEME 6: Water Management and Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funds for climate change innovation. - Partnerships with sport and community groups.
THEME 7: Tourism and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funds for heritage and tourism projects. - Partnerships with tourism bodies and community.
THEME 8: Open Space Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funds to achieve Plan. - Partnerships with sport and community groups. - Partnerships with key bodies.



5.4 Ongoing Planning and Review

The Open Space Plan will require ongoing assessment and review to ensure it reflects changing community needs and resource availability. The suggested approach is as follows:

1. Review the projects and specific actions in the Open Space Plan on an annual basis to consider the status of achievements and changing priorities.
2. Review the broader directions and strategies every 5 years to consider changing demographics, community needs, circumstances and priorities.

The approach to reviewing the Community Land Management Plans should be consistent with any review of the Open Space Plan. For example, specific proposals for the land and performance targets should be reviewed annually and broader objectives should be reconsidered every 5 years.

In addition, Council's Community Land Register should be reviewed on an annual basis to reflect any potential changes in land ownership.

To assist with the review process, an Action Plan should be developed that draws together the actions and projects in the Open Space Plan and allows for a regular assessment of status and priority.

As well as reviewing and updating the Open Space Plan and the Community Land Management Plans, other planning will be required to further the implementation of these plans.

Specifically, the Open Space Plan recommends the development of Service Standards (Theme 8 Open Space Management, Strategy 8.2) as a 'next step' to the Open Space Plan. The Service Standards will guide the specific development and maintenance of open space types and hierarchy levels.

The Open Space Plan also recommends the development and implementation of master plans and planning for specific community needs will be required.

Overall, planning for and improving open space and related sport, recreation and visitor facilities should be an ongoing priority for Council, and the Open Space Plan and the Community Land Management Plans will provide valuable tools for achieving this.



