

A photograph of Victoria Park in Dubbo, Australia, featuring a large, ornate stone clock tower in the background and a brick-paved area in the foreground. The image is framed by large, overlapping green and blue circular shapes.

2025-2035
VICTORIA PARK
PLAN OF
MANAGEMENT



Chief Executive Officer's Message

We aspire to be recognised as the inland capital of regional NSW. This Plan of Management represents a step in the development of the city as a regional leader. The plan brings together local and regional needs for recreation, competition on the sportsfields, and cultural places of significance.

Highlights of the plan include actions for the management of the Victoria Park Precinct over the next 10 years. Victoria Park provides for a diverse range of uses and values including multi-sports, skate parks, aquatic centre, heritage formal parkland, war memorial space, sports fields for cricket, rugby, and tennis.

The 10-year plan offers opportunities for the development of facilities over this period. It overlays concept plans and opportunities for further consideration over time.

Murray Wood
Chief Executive Officer

“ We aspire to be recognised as the inland capital of regional NSW...” ”



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and thank them for their care of the land, water and sky and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians.

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Executive Overview

A city park for the future

This Plan of Management (PoM) brings together the parkland as a vibrant precinct for premier sports and water facilities, passive leisure and fitness, family gatherings, and unique cultural events.

Elements of the Victorian-era parkland can be traced throughout each precinct. The plan seeks to safeguard heritage elements and introduce the next layer of meaning through interpretation of our people's stories. These stories are told through extending the War Memorial walk along a peaceful and contemplative experience that links to the plan and geometry of Dubbo as a city. These stories are also told through the active lifestyle our people lead. Whether this is through participation and consultation with sports such as Cricket, Rugby, Swimming, or through commitment by Dubbo Regional Council to sport inclusive play spaces across the parkland, multi-sports areas and exercise opportunities.

Underpinning the parkland experience is the central connection to the cultural fingerprints of the Western Plains Cultural Centre that activate and enrich the many connections of a city park for the future.

Victoria Park is Dubbo's oldest, most recognisable and utilised precinct. The development of the site commenced back in 1876 shortly after the Council was devolved the responsibility of managing the reserve from the NSW Government. Initial works involved the initial clearing and draining of the swamp.

Since these early steps, the Council has continued developing and managing the park into a regional facility.

Scope of the plan of management

This Plan of Management (PoM) has been prepared as a response to the changes in the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act). Under the CLM Act, Council now manages the Crown land in the same way as DRC owned land under the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act). Under the new CLM Act, Plans of Management are required for all Council controlled Crown Lands that are classified within the LG Act as being "Community Land." The preparation of a PoM also allows DRC to issue leases and licenses over Crown land without ministerial consent.

This PoM covers the required information regarding land classification and categorisation. It includes information regarding land ownership, the reserve numbers, lots, and deposited plans.

Information regarding heritage, parkland management, and existing rehabilitation plans does not replace management and operational plans completed to date. This plan summarises documentation and current directives of the Council.

Consultation has been an essential component of the plan development. Feedback has been incorporated to achieve the best outcomes for the majority of users.

This PoM sets out the considerations for leases and future licences for a 10-year period where these partnerships with community and business providers are compatible with the social, educational, therapeutic, recreational, or cultural uses of the parkland.

Management actions

The actions for management also follow Dubbo Regional Council's Community Strategic Plan Towards 2040 which identifies that Victoria Park, the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre, Victoria Park ovals and Tennis complex are prime local and regional attractions.

Actions as part of this PoM are based on objectives for future delivery of Victoria Park. These principles are to:

- To provide access to a range of community, cultural and open space facilities and areas.
- To value our unique environment and ensure it is protected for future generations.
- To achieve economic prosperity.
- To fully realise our tourism assets.
- To enhance our quality of life through key infrastructure and services.

Each sub-section contains a detailed plan, management actions, and desired future character to provide the overarching framework structure for maintenance, planning, and development of a vibrant Victoria Park Precinct.

Purpose of a plan of management

A plan of management is an aspirational framework prepared in consultation with the community for the development and operation of the parks and reserves, such as Victoria Park.

The objective of this plan is to be measurable and achievable with specific outcomes over 10 years.

This plan is split into actions for each area within the Victoria Park Precinct.

Victoria Park offers a range of outdoor experiences for family and community that are supported across actions and outcomes of the plan.

Our vision

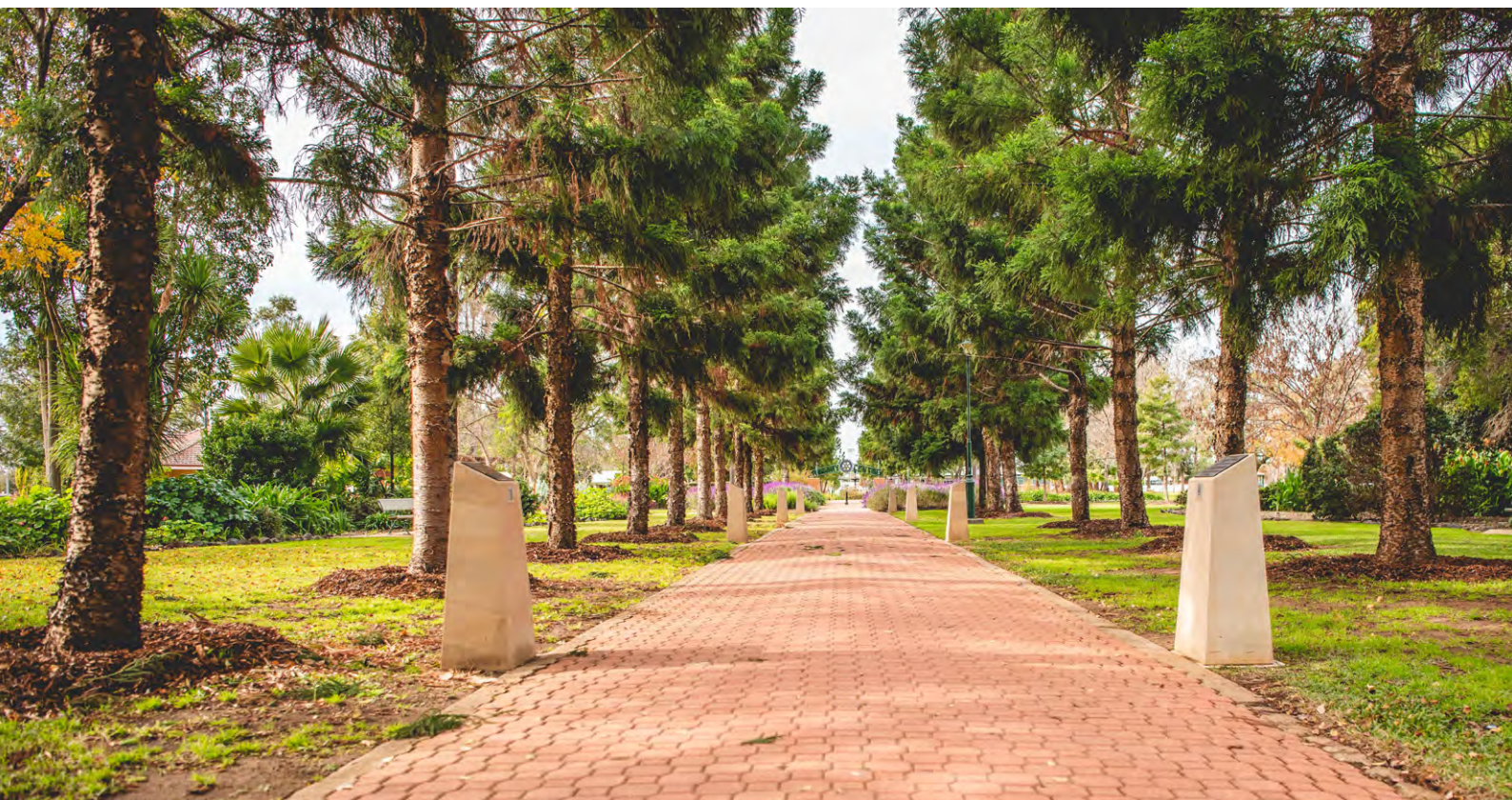
In 2040 we will celebrate our quality of life, the opportunities available for us to grow as a community, our improved natural environment, and being recognised as the inland capital of regional NSW.

Respect for our traditional owners

This Plan of Management recognises the rights of the local Wiradjuri people and Tubbugah Mob as the traditional owners. Dubbo Regional Council aims to work respectfully and inclusively in the preparation of actions and future outcomes for Victoria Park.

Feedback provided by stakeholders when asked, ***“As a local what makes the Dubbo so special?”*** responded that cultural stories and sites, large expanses of space mixed with being at the heart of a unique environment make our place special.

Enhancing the relationship of traditional owners with the land has been linked to maintaining a healthy cultural life, identity and autonomy, and is an aspiration of the preparation of the plan of management.



Consultation

Aspirations voiced by our community are to enable access to a diverse range of open space experiences.

Our community is also expressed the importance of respecting and protecting our unique environment.

Dubbo Regional Council's Towards 2040 community strategic plan

Our 2040 Community Strategy follows the key strategic aspirations for the future. The aims are to spark:

- Opportunities to grow
- Incorporation of technology
- Support to the regional economy
- Educational experience

The 2040 Community Strategic Plan forms the foundation for objective setting, principles, and actions delivered for each precinct plan.

A consultation with stakeholders and community

In support of the overarching planning framework consultation with stakeholders for the Plan of Management program has identified principles for the development of parks and reserves.

Participants of stakeholder meetings were asked to assist with the identification of issues and opportunities as well as confirm the strategic directions of the plan of management program.

The consultation provided feedback that has assisted in setting principles and key directions.

The principles of the plan of management program are to:

1. Respect cultural heritage
2. Be places of vibrant diverse experiences
3. Respond to the needs of the community
4. Seek economic development opportunities

The second tier of key messages stakeholders supported as important for open space parks and recreation including:

- Seeking partnership with the local community
- Supporting land stewardship
- Enhancing community health
- Building on the Dubbo Region identity.

Community consultation

This PoM was placed on public exhibition from 14/04/2025 to 29/05/2025 in accordance with section 38 of the LG Act. A total of zero (0) submissions were received.

In accordance with section 39 of the LGA Act, the draft PoM was referred to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands, as representative of the state of NSW, which is the owner of the Reserve. Council has included in the plan any provisions that have been required by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands.



Land information

Victoria Park

Victoria Park is located in the city square bounded by Darling Street, Talbragar Street, Wingewarra Street, and Gipps Street. See Figure 1 below for an aerial view of Victoria Park. The existing master plan is shown in Plan 1. Victoria Park is the central civic park for Dubbo City. It has a long history and is central to the development of Dubbo as a regional centre. A central city square has been shown from the earliest town plans.

A much larger park area was originally dedicated to be a parkland square on 17 March 1876, see Figure 2 the Town of Dubbo Plan 1860 for detail. This dedication was revised on 10 December 1890 and again on 4 November 1903. The park was reduced in size due to the Main Western Railway sited at the north and corresponds to the existing layout of the parklands.



Figure 1: Victoria Park Aerial 2024

Plan 1: the existing master plan

The existing master plan



Key: XXXXXX Not Included in PoM

The Master-Plan above illustrates the current layout of all facilities within the Victoria Park Precinct.

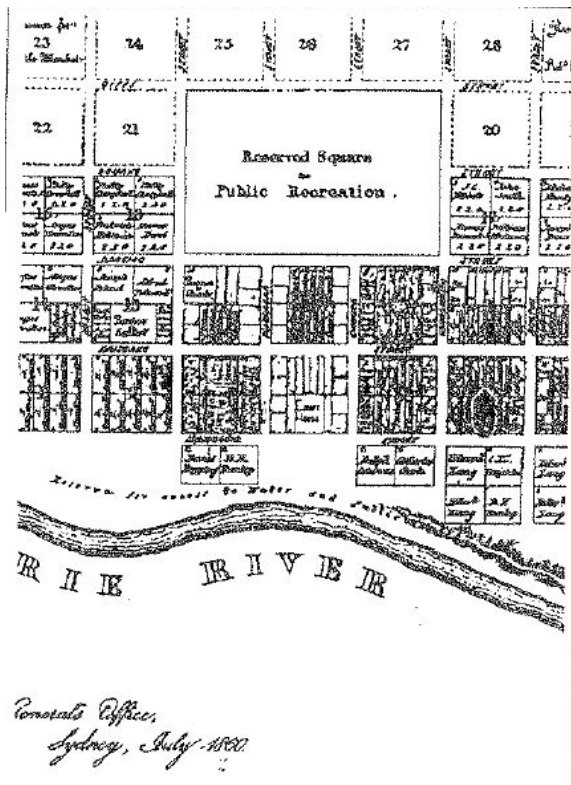


Figure 2: Town Plan of Dubbo 1860 illustrating a larger Victoria Park Square



Figure 3: Town of Dubbo 1886, records amended Victoria Park boundaries as corresponds to the NSW Gazette 1903



Figure 4: Dubbo LEP 2011

The Victoria Park reservation was divided into further Crown land reserve sub precincts, of which some land parcels have been revoked from Crown land reserves.

Over time some Crown land changes included:

- Reserve 520040, Victoria Park, reserve for public recreation on 4 November 1903, see Figure 3 Town of Dubbo Map 1886.
- Reserve 520039, Victoria Park No. 1 Oval, reserve for athletic sports ground, gazetted on 4 November 1903.
- High School area dedicated 8 April 1914. Transferred to DRC in 2002.
- Reserve 520102, Victoria Park Tennis complex (Paramount Tennis) reserve for tennis courts which was gazetted on 29 November 1935.
- Reserve 520041, Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre, reserve for public baths, gazetted on 15 January 1937.
- Dubbo Bowling Green, dedicated on 14th September 1923 and revoked in 22 December 1972. Purchased by DRC in 2020.

This PoM only covers Crown Land managed by Council. It does not include the former City Bowling Club, WPCC or the Old Fire Station. Under the land registry information held by Crown land, Victoria Park Precinct falls under the Parish of Dubbo: County of Lincoln.

All land parcels within Victoria Park are shown at Plan 2: Victoria Park general lot and reserve map. The Crown land reserves being considered within this plan are:

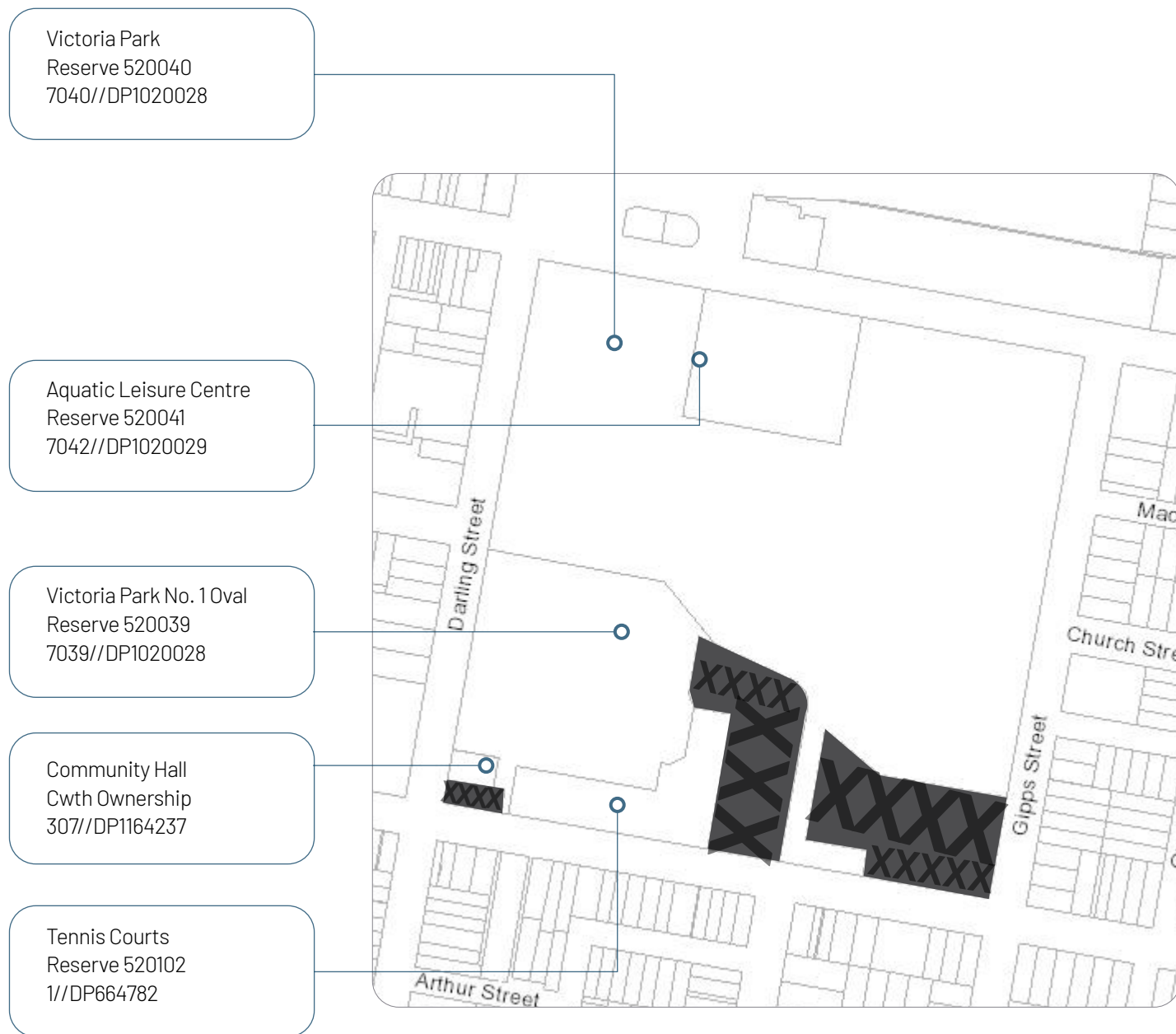
- 520039 Victoria Park No. 1 Oval
- 520040 Victoria Park
- 520041 Aquatic Leisure Centre
- 520102 Tennis Courts

Plan 3 shows the breakdown of sub precincts for the purpose of this PoM and the general activities within each area.

Zoning information

Recreational areas are defined under the Dubbo Local Environment Plan 2011 (LEP 2011) are shown as light green and dark green. The zoning covers all recreational activities in the park and other land uses that complement public open space or the protection and enhancement of the natural environment for recreational purposes. The park is predominantly zoned RE1 Public Recreation (dark green) and RE2 Private Recreation (light green) at the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre (DALC), and the Paramount Tennis Club.

Plan 2: lot and reserve location map



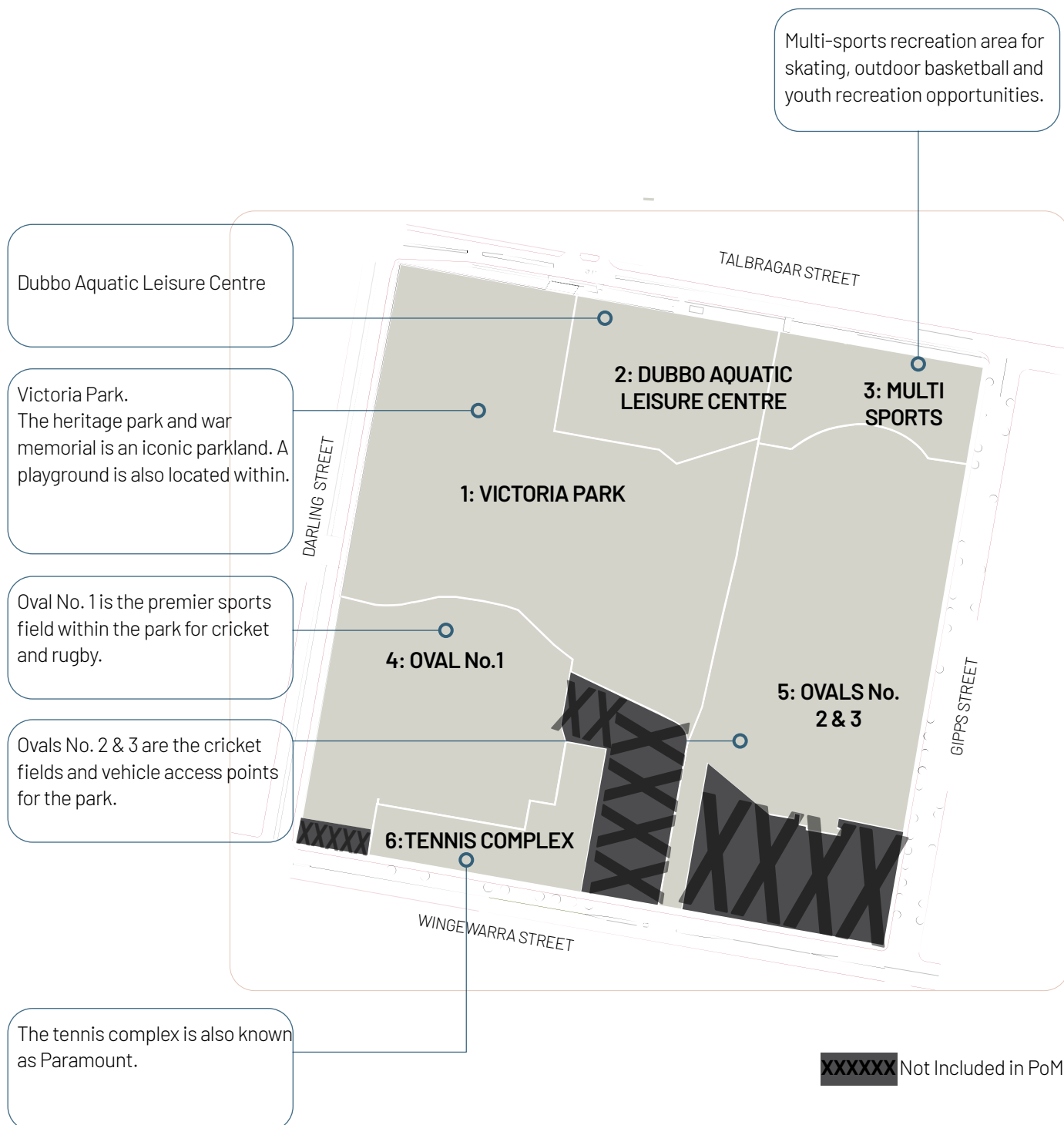
Plan 3: Victoria Park precinct key map

Victoria Park has been broken into section areas for the purpose of determining future actions as part of this plan. The map below shows each section that comprises Victoria Park.

Each precinct is discussed in detail.

Details on reserve purpose and initial categorisation are included in Appendix 1.

Map of the categorisation is included in Appendix 2.



Plan 4: Victoria Park analysis

The parkland has gradually developed over time. This has resulted in Victoria Park lacking a holistic and cohesive presence. As a destination the precinct is divided and its Victorian character is inconsistent. This section analyses constraints and opportunities for future management.

Park corners are opportunities to strengthen the visual presence of the park as a destination and experience.

Parkland horticulture needs to continue to improve and sustain older trees with replacement at senescence of older stock. A review and update of the horticultural master plan is needed across the entire Victoria Park.

Shaded pergola, fitness elements and rose garden are cluttered and lost. Siting cafés at this location misses the opportunity to link to sports fields. Playground has been relocated to provide a stronger link to the DALC and its café facilities.

A cluttered assortment of buildings in varying repair is uninviting and blocks visual, pedestrian access and links to parkland geometry. Buildings form a blocked access to the duck pond. The middle of the park is unappealing as a tourist journey.

The avenue is lost when walking along the memorial path to the duck pond. The visual focal points are overcrowded by tree and shrub plantings. Opportunity to build on structure, simplify garden beds to open sight lines.

Memorial locations have opportunity to form a walking journey that could be added to through interpretation and additional sculptural elements



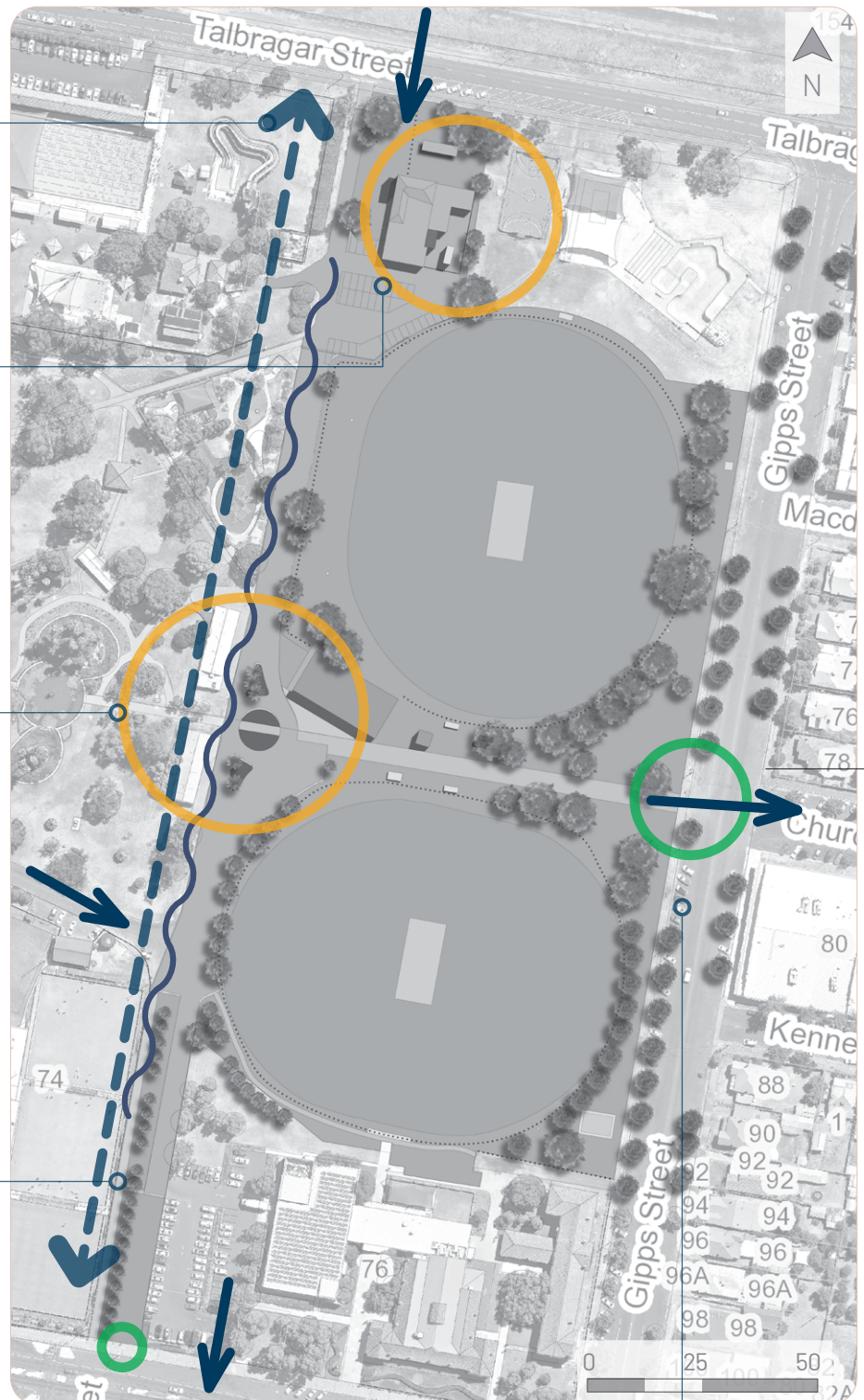
Plan 5: Victoria park access and ovals analysis

The axial geometry of the Victoria Park square is lost through the centre of the park. Traffic and parking is scattered and not clear. Consistent signage for entrances, way-finding and access is needed.

The Men's Shed area form a cluttered and unsightly grouping of sheds, building and storage containers. This also cuts off the multi sports and skate park from forming a cohesive parkland destination.

The internal central road is not straight. As a visitor experience the central part of the park is broken up and disjointed. The main access for use for sports and to access the WPCC do not have consistent signage.

The visual line of the footpath lost and tree cover is partial. Trees selected are too small and will not offer good shade for some time. Lighting across the park needs review and upgrade to LED.



Victoria Park boundary trees are randomly chosen species and plantings.

Plan 6: Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre analysis

The Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre currently comprises the following:

- 10 lane 50 metre Olympic swimming pool heated to 26oC
- Children's leisure pool, with solar-powered heating up to 28oC
- Disability chair lift and wheelchair equipment
- Twin 60 metre long by 10 metre high water slide
- Kiosk/Café
- Club room, pool entry and amenities
- Full length sheltered grandstand
- Barbecue facilities
- Splash pad

A master plan document was produced for DRC in 2017. This plan included master-plan options that have been incorporated into the management actions. Several of the identified actions have since been addressed.



Licences and leasing

Council may from time to time enter into or create a range of leases, licences, other estates, management agreements, and/or booking arrangements, in order to encourage the use the land and/or buildings appropriately and effectively. These arrangements are intended to support and encourage a range of uses, which enhance the level of activation and enjoyment of the space.

Approval of the PoM allows for Council to continue current and future leasing arrangements on areas of Crown Land. Where leasing and licences occur on Crown Land, this PoM allows for Council to undertake the following activities without Ministerial consent:

- Issue short-term licences for a range of purposes such as holding sports and recreational activities and events.
- Renew existing leases for terms of up to 21 years.
- Grant new leases for terms of up to 21 years.

Kiosks, restaurants, refreshment facilities, mobile vending, recreational equipment sale or hire (e.g. bicycle hire or sale of swimming accessories), may support the general community enjoyment of the precinct, under this PoM EV charging stations would be considered a compatible use. Each proposal will be reviewed to ensure it is compatible.

Current Leases and Licences

- Licence - Lot 7040 DP 1020028 – Dubbo Community Men’s Shed 5 Year Licence 22.6.2022 – 21.6.2027
- Licence - Lot 7040 DP 1020028 – Glass House – Dubbo and Orana Orchid Society Inc.
5 Year Licence 2.6.2024-1.6.2029
- Licence - Part Lot 7039 DP 1020228 – Victoria Park Sports Ground Number 1(R520039) – Rugby Clubhouse – Dubbo Rugby Club
10 Year Licence 18.4.2016 -17.4.2026
- Licence - Tennis Complex – Paramount Tennis Club Inc
20 Year Licence 1.6.2022-30.6.2027
- Licence - Part Lot 7040 DP 1020028 - Dubbo – Supercharger Station – Tesla Motors Australia Pty Ltd
5 Year Licence 1.1.2019 -31.12.2024 – 5 Year Option(Due for renewal)
- Commonwealth Lease to DRC – Pipe Band Hall – 307//DP1164237
Indefinite duration from 14.09.1959.





CONSIDERATIONS FOR LEASES AND LICENCING

This plan of management expressly authorises the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the plan of management, in accordance with section 46(1)(b) of the LG Act, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the purpose for which it was dedicated or reserved
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives for the category of the land
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* or the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*(Cth)
- where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted
- the lease, licence or other estate is granted and notified in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* or the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

The following table illustrates some types of leases and licences that may be considered for future use. These examples do not preclude Council from being open to innovative and better ways to utilise its open spaces and assets. Granting of a lease or licence does not grant approval for any development applications or similar Council approvals that may be required.

Asset	Compatible purposes for granting leases/ licences
Community building, park or sportsground	• Social purposes including child care, vacation care • Educational purposes including libraries, workshops and classes • Therapeutic purposes including physiotherapy and hydrotherapy • Recreational purposes including fitness, dance and swimming • Cafés and kiosks including outdoor seating and tables • Hire or sale of recreational equipment Short term licences may also be granted to facilitate community events, festivals, music, picnics and private celebrations, filming for cinema or television, public performances, fairs, markets, auctions and similar activities , deliver public addresses, for sporting fixtures and events, sporting ceremonies or any use reasonably associated with the enhancement of sporting groups. • Other estates over community land and buildings – Council may grant permissions for public utilities and works associated with improvements or for provision of sub surface conduits, pipes or connections.

Native title

The Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* (NT Act) recognises and protects native title rights and interests. The objects of the NT Act are to:

- provide for the recognition and protection of native title
- establish ways in which future dealings affecting native title may proceed and to set standards for those dealings
- establish a mechanism for determining claims to native title
- provide for, or permit, the validation of past acts invalidated because of the existence of native title.

The NT Act may affect use of Crown land, particularly development and granting of tenure.

Specifically, the CLM Act makes it mandatory for council to engage or employ a native title manager. This role provides advice to council as to how the council's dealings and activities on Crown land can be valid or not valid in accordance with the NT Act.

Council must obtain the written advice from an accredited native title manager that Council complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation when:

- a) granting leases, licences, permits, forestry rights, easements or rights of way over the land
- b) mortgaging the land or allowing it to be mortgaged
- c) imposing, requiring or agreeing to covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use (or removing or releasing, or agreeing to remove or release, covenants, conditions or other restrictions on use) in connection with dealings involving the land
- d) approving (or submitting for approval) a plan of management for the land that authorises or permits any of the kinds of dealings referred to in (a), (b) or (c).

Council is the Crown land manager of the Crown reserves described in this plan of management in accordance with the legislation and conditions imposed by the minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. The use of the land described in this plan of management must:

- be consistent with the purpose for which the land was dedicated or reserved
- consider native title rights and interests and be consistent with the provisions of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*
- consider the inchoate interests of Aboriginal people where an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim exists
- consider and not be in conflict with any interests and rights granted under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*
- consider any interests held on title.

When planning to grant a lease or licence on Crown reserves, the council must comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* (NT Act) and have regard for any existing claims made on the land under the NSW *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALR Act).

It is the role of the council's engaged or employed native title manager to provide written advice in certain circumstances to advise if the proposed activities and dealings are valid under the NT Act

The Council Native Title Manager has reviewed the Crown land within Victoria Park.

Native Title legislation continues to be effective until one of the following events occur:

- There is determination that native title has been extinguished over the subject land,
- There is an order made for 24FA protection, or;
- A Native Title Certificate is issued by the Minister acknowledging native title has likely been extinguished.

There are no current land claims over crown reserves covered by this Plan of Management.

Consultation for this PoM included discussion with Council's Aboriginal Liaison officers regarding significance of place within the Victoria Park Precinct. Future management actions and timeframes for delivery were discussed. It was determined that an aim of this PoM is to support inclusion of indigenous cultural heritage, stories and interpretation within future precinct developments to enhance the value of the parklands for the wider community and tourism.

Heritage values

Victoria Park has long been a focal point for recreational opportunities, both passive and active, to the Dubbo community. Victoria Park was designed from its earliest development to be a recreational hub.

The Victoria Park Precinct is reminiscent of a bygone era. Although diluted with more recent improvements the precinct still retains a number of elements that reflect on its Victorian heritage. These include the grandstand at Victoria Park No.1, general layout of the park, the bandstand, cenotaph and rose gardens.

The Victorian park style is reflected in the existing layout of formal paths and avenues, bandstand, the water body created out of swamps, proximity to tennis courts, and ovals. These features are typical of public park design undertaken in the period spanning the 1800s through to the 1920s. A major example of this style of park can be found at Centennial Park in Sydney.

In 1987, The National Trust of Australia included elements of Victoria Park, as historically significant to the layout of Dubbo. This is due to the generally intact nature of the park layout and visible elements and structures that adhere to the typical design philosophy of the 1920s. These structures and elements included:

- The Duck Pond, completed in 1897
- War Memorial and Memorial Drive
- The bandstand
- The original caretakers cottage (known as the Colleen Montgomery Cottage)
- The Silky Oak avenue (*Grevillea robusta*)

An interim Conservation management policy was developed in 1995 identifying most major elements of the park. The horticultural heritage elements have been further identified within the Victoria Park Rehabilitation Master Plan 2011.

Within the last 10 years Council has upgraded a large proportion of the community infrastructure in Victoria Park. This includes the installation of the skate park precinct, the conversion of the old Maintenance stables to cater for a community group, the new all access playground that caters for able bodied and disabled children; outdoor gym equipment, sports lighting for ovals, the modification of the caretakers residence into the home for Family Day Care. This has rebuilt a significant proportion of Victoria Park as a community meeting place where differing generations and socio-economic members of Dubbo's community can inter-relate during recreation. Victoria Park No 1 Oval no longer contains a velodrome as this has been removed to cater to premier sporting events requiring top condition sizing and playing surfaces.

The Duck Pond has also been redesigned since 1987.



Image taken c. 1933. Source unknown



Image taken c. 1938. Source unknown

Parkland history

Victoria Park is still an important example of Victorian era parkland. In this era it was common that parks became a collection of specimen trees from around the world, formal avenues, turfed lawns and water features. The Victoria Park Rehabilitation Master-plan 2011 stated:

The Victorians took gardening into another dimension, the modern form of landscaping, producing truly creative designs using a menagerie of plants from around the world.

- Exterior plantings are rich in texture and colour that, to our eyes, may seem garish, with trees and flowerbeds randomly dotting an expanse of lawn.
- Trees and shrubs, including the new weeping and contorted forms and varieties with unusual texture or colour are all planted as specimens.
- Shrubs were planted so that each one would stand on its own rather than blending together. A variety of plants were chosen for uniqueness in blossom, shape or variety.
- The point was not the overall aesthetics of a grouping but the showiness and uniqueness of individual plants. The goal seemed to be to find that special specimen that no other could find.

This photo was taken in the 1930s by local photographer, Charles Salmon. It is an idyllic family scene with four children enjoying their picture being taken on the grass.



Landscape history pre 1770

Victoria Park sits within the Macquarie Alluvial Plains landscape, on a historic woodland swamp landscape with fine grained brown soils.

The vegetation of the area now occupied by Victoria Park was described as the Wingewarra (swamp). The swamp was perched in a flow line that begins near the old RAAF stores depot and meets the river near the railway bridge.

In 1897 an existing pond formed by Wingewarra swamp was beautified by the addition of an extra island to make three islands, with a fountain.

Similar areas remaining today have an over storey dominated by Fuzzy Box, *Eucalyptus conica* and one such specimen remains nearby today on the nearby railway land. The groundcover would be expected to have been a mixture of reeds, rushes, sedges and grasses.

The swampy area would have been abundant with wildlife, providing the Aboriginal population with a great source of food, including eggs, birds, reptiles and fish. In earlier times it was not uncommon for emus and kangaroos to be seen in the park.

On the fringes of the swamp, Rough-barked apple *Angophora floribunda*, Yellow Box, *E. melliodora*, White Box, *E. albens* and Grey Box *E. microcarpa* would have occurred along with Wilga, *Geijera parviflora*. Weeping Myall, *Acacia pendula* and Yarran *Acacia homalophylla* would have occurred nearby and were an important wood used for fire, tools and weapons by Aboriginal people.

Possums are abundant in the River Red Gums fringing the nearby river and would have used hollows in the large Eucalypts nearby.



Cultural history: A time line

1840

The original village plan for Dubbo was prepared in 1848 and included a large parcel of land (71.5 acres) that was dedicated as public reserve.

1860

In 1867 the area was gazetted as "Public Open Space". In 1871 a portion of land on the northern end of the park was reclaimed by the Crown for the development of the railway yards.

1870

1876 initial clearing and draining of the swamp-land took place to make way for football and athletics facilities. It was also during this year that Council accepted a tender to construct a fence and a set of gates to enclose the recreation area. In 1878 a well was sunk in the Park to provide a water supply for both the Park and the town.

1890

Victoria Park was dedicated for public recreation in 1890. In 1897 Council made the decision to further improve the park by turning the remaining swampy ground and small pond into a lake. The lake, with its fountain and a few ornamental trees was subsequently fenced to exclude stock that still roamed the park.

This area is today represented as the "Rotary Park". The fountain celebrates the 60 year reign of Queen Victoria. Originally known as Queens Park, and the small lake was named Victoria Lake. Over the years the park has assumed the name Victoria Park.

1900

The reserve was dedicated for Athletic Sports in the Government Gazette of 4th November 1903. In 1903 the size of the public reserve was significantly reduced with a large portion between Talbragar Street and Erskine Street being handed over to the State Rail Authority for the railway yards and station.

Major improvements for active recreation pursuits occurred at this time. A 10 acre area centred over the present Victoria Park No 1 Oval was handed over to a Sports Ground Trust for the development of an Athletics facility. By the end of the year the present football ground, cricket pitch and cycle track were in operation.

In 1906 the Bowling Club in Victoria Park was officially opened in 1909 the tennis courts were completed.

Between 1907 and 1909 the ORIGINAL Bandstand in the park was constructed. This was replaced in 1938 with the one that currently exist.

1910

In 1914 a portion of land on the south-eastern corner of the park was dedicated for use as a public school.

In 1916 land was consolidated by the Crown to allow the construction of a fire station on the south-western corner of the park.

1920

In 1925 the first of the War Memorials in the park was erected to honour soldiers who did not return from World War I.

In 1926 the bowling greens were constructed at the Bowling Club.

In 1929 the amenity block in the park was constructed.

1930

Victoria Park No 1 was fenced off and memorial gates erected in the memory of George W Bell who was the President of the Cricket Association during the 1920's and was also the proprietor of the Court House Hotel. The remainder of the park at this time was still basically a 'fenced in' paddock.

In 1932 major unemployment relief funds were made available to the Council and a significant proportion of these funds were used to construct the Dubbo Olympic Pool. The public baths were opened December 2, 1935, although not dedicated until 1937.

1940

In 1940 the grandstand at Victoria Park No 1 Oval was opened by and dedicated to George Wilson E.S.Q. MLA (Minister for Legislative Assembly for Dubbo 1932 – 1942).

1950

1954-9 saw the construction of the propagation area and glasshouse completed. The Rotary Club handed over these areas to Council in 1959.

1954 Queen Elizabeth II and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited Dubbo and were welcomed to the city by Mayor L H Ford in Victoria Park. An obelisk was erected in celebration of this visit.

1960

In 1964 staff facilities were constructed between Victoria Park No 2 & 3 Ovals.

1970

1971-1973 The park facilities were continually improved including drainage and irrigation, pedestrian lighting for the park and sports lighting.

A new toilet block was constructed in 1973 on the northern side of the No 1 Oval as well as new fencing and the centralisation of the main gates of No 1 Oval.

In 1973 a small parcel of land adjacent to the Dubbo High School was transferred to expand the playground area.

1975 saw the installation of track lights on the bike track.

1980

In 1985 a new War Memorial was erected to commemorate the Vietnam War.

In 1986 training lights were installed at No 2 Oval.

Opening of the Cenotaph



1990

Training lights were installed at Victoria Park No 3 Oval.

Between 1994 and 2009 major improvements to the area included improvements such as, sealing the cycle track at Victoria Park No 1 Oval, upgrading the cycle track lighting, construction of a clubhouse at Victoria Park No 1 Oval, major upgrade of the playground area and "Rotary Park"

2010

In 2015, the ANZAC Centenary Memorial Walk was installed between the Cenotaph and the Duck Pond, with 10 plinths, each relating to life in Dubbo at the time of the Gallipoli campaign.

In 2018, gateway plinths installed to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1.

The Duke & Duchess of Sussex visited, with a bronze statue commissioned to mark the occasion.

In 2019, Victoria Sports Oval No. 1 upgraded, including car parking and a new Council Depot.

2020

A major renewal and upgrade of the playground and Fitness Area was completed.



Categorisation of the land

All community land is required to be categorised as one or more of the following categories. Where the land is owned by the Crown, the category assigned should align with the purpose for which the land is dedicated or reserved.

The LG Act defines five categories of community land:

- **Park** – for areas primarily used for passive recreation.
- **Sportsground** – for areas where the primary use is for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.
- **General community use** – for all areas where the primary purpose relates to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social, and intellectual welfare or development of members of the public. This includes venues such as community halls, scout and guide halls, and libraries.
- **Cultural significance** – for areas with Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical, research or social significance.
- **Natural area** – for all areas that play an important role in the area's ecology. This category is further subdivided into bushland, escarpment, foreshore, watercourse and wetland categories.

The categorisation of the land is identified in Appendix 1. The relevant categories for this PoM are Sportsground, Park and General Community Use.

Guidelines and core objectives for management of community land

This section introduces management plans, objective and principles. These are further explored within the sub-precinct actions plans with associated time frames for delivery. Overarching objectives of Council management of public lands includes the following key future directions:

- To provide access to a range of community, cultural and open space facilities and areas.
- To value our unique environment and ensure it is protected for future generations.
- To achieve economic prosperity.
- To fully realise our tourism assets.
- To enhance our quality of life through key infrastructure and services.

As a part of the consultation process in developing PoMs, the principles and objectives were determined. These objectives have been expanded to cover general objectives for the entire Victoria Park Precinct.

Guidelines – from the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i>	Core objectives – from the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
Clause 104 – Parks: Land which is improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, and for uses which are mainly passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	Category Park (Section 36G): • to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities • to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games • to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.
Clause 103 – Sportsgrounds: Land used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or playing outdoor games.	Category Sportsground (Section 36F): • to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games • to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.
Clause 106 – General Community Use: Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, and does not satisfy the definition of natural area, sportsground, park or area of cultural significance.	Category General Community Use (Section 36I): • to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land • to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public: (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Dubbo Regional Council encourages a wide range of uses of community land and intends to facilitate uses which increase the activation of its land, where appropriate, without impacting on its use and enjoyment by the community. Within buildings, swimming pools, and recreational and sporting facilities in particular, intends to permit and encourage a broad range of appropriate activities. The integrity of the Anzac Memorial precinct will be maintained and enhanced by this PoM.

Restrictions on management of Crown land

Council is the Crown land manager of the Crown reserves described in this plan of management in accordance with the legislation and conditions imposed by the minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016. The use of the land described in this plan of management must:

- be consistent with the purpose for which the land was dedicated or reserved
- consider native title rights and interests and be consistent with the provisions of the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993
- consider the inchoate interests of Aboriginal people where an undetermined Aboriginal Land Claim exists
- consider and not be in conflict with any interests and rights granted under the Crown Land Management Act 2016
- consider any interests held on title.

Management principles and objectives

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Build on our unique region identity with offerings of contemporary recreation, exercise and cultural experiences.
- Respond to the needs of community to cater to new opportunities and innovative ways to better use the precinct. This may be to encourage a maximum diversity of programmed and un-programmed uses that are compatible with the precinct.
- Plan areas of the precinct to cater to temporary installations, events, music, festivals, contemplative zones and large picnic spaces.

Respect cultural heritage

- Cater specifically for the needs of youth, families and cultural groups through flexible, multi-use facilities and programs. This may include incorporation of recreation opportunities and experiences for a wide range of user groups.
- Protect and implement cultural heritage values across the park, including memorial connections, Victorian heritage and future interpretation opportunities.

Strive for environmental sustainability

- Support the limited opportunities exist across the precinct to restore or protect existing natural biodiversity.
- Manage and restore Victorian heritage elements of the parkland character of the precinct.
- Ensure that land use development within the precinct enhances water quality run-off, re-cycling or implement water sensitive design.
- Seek energy efficient upgrades to lighting, including LED and solar where appropriate. Maximise the use of renewable energy sources as it becomes appropriate or available.
- Recycle plant material and waste for soil improvement wherever.

Enhance community health

- Contribute to community health and wellbeing through access to recreation and exercise.
- Provide safe pedestrian and cycling connections to adjoining communities, showground and Tracker Riley shared pathway.
- Provide social equity across access, way finding, recreation and exercise.
- Review development of the precinct at intervals based on community demand as outlined in consultation, recreation studies or other research.
- Create opportunities for community uses that are interactive and responsive to social equity, the need for specific age based activities, or therapeutic and mental health benefits. This may include complementary therapeutic practitioners associated with sports, child care or swimming for example.

Improve financial sustainability

- Encourage community involvement and partnerships across all precincts and facilities management, including indigenous involvement where possible.
- Create employment in the precinct associated with development and management of recreation, tourism and community facilities.

General management actions

Documentation and planning reviews are required to achieve consistency across the entire Victoria Park. These updates and precinct wide actions are defined below. Timeframes to achieve these reviews and progress implementation are detailed within Table below.

The 2035 master plan shown at Plan 7 which defines the future of Victoria Park. The 2035 master plan is broken into sub precinct based actions with time frames for a 10 year program of delivery for more information.

Short term: year 1 to year 3 (2025-2028)	Mid term: year 4 to year 6 (2029-2031)	Long term: year 7 to year 10 (2032-2035)
Actions		Delivery
Create vibrant and diverse experiences		Short term
- Support low risk and impact events in line with the Event Management Policy. - Roll out the endorsed Recreation and Open spaces signage suite across the Victoria Park and Ovals.		✓ ✓
Respect cultural heritage		Mid term
- Prepare a conservation plan to identify heritage items, current state of repairs, budget forecast and options for appropriate sensitive improvements in consideration with Council's asset management policies, Operational Plan / Delivery Plan and approved budgets. - Review and update a Victoria Precinct tree rehabilitation master plan across the whole parkland. Plan staged upgrades to current tree plantings in line with the Master Plan 2030. - Develop an interpretive plan for the whole of Victoria Park identifying its development and cultural significance to our community.		✓ ✓ ✓
Strive for environmental sustainability		Short term
- Review street lighting across the Victoria Park precinct. Develop an upgrade plan by precinct for consistency and visual cohesion. Include for pathways across the precincts for exercise, commuting and tourism. - Audit council facilities to improve waste disposal practices, energy efficiency, water saving and sustainability.		✓ ✓
Enhance community health		Mid term
- Enhance passive recreation opportunity with signage of exercise loops with distances for training purposes. - Planning and delivery for upgrades to play spaces, barbecue facilities and existing picnic areas. - Improve sports facilities to state and regional level as identified in the Recreation Strategy.		✓ ✓ ✓
Improve financial sustainability		Short - mid term
- Develop costing and procurement strategy to deliver a consistent set of signage, street furniture & lighting with approved commercial suppliers to ensure best value for a long term delivery. - Investigate café and outdoor space.		✓ ✓

The actions above may indicate timeframes for achievement over the 10 year period of the plan. These timeframes are considered to be: short term , mid term, long term and are dependant on council's Operational Plan/Delivery Plan and budget. Priorities may change over time.

Plan 7: Victoria Park master plan 2035



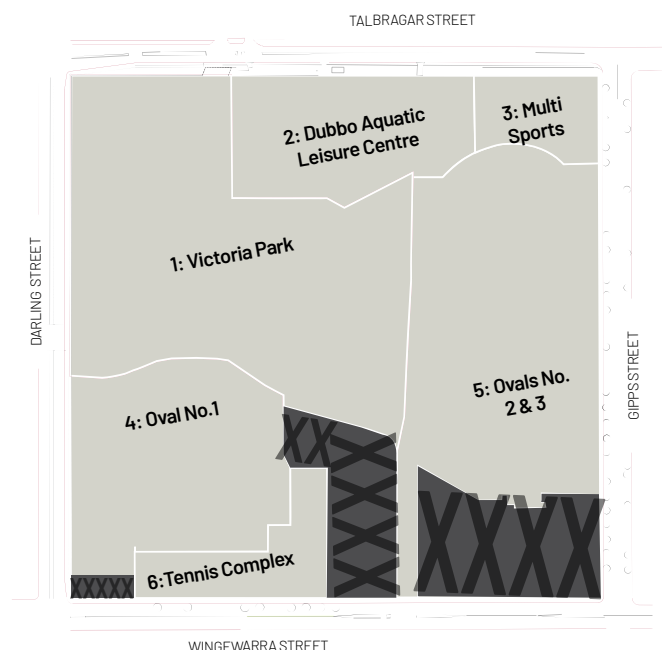
The master-plan above illustrates the future layout of all facilities within the Victoria Park Precinct. Each sub-precinct is detailed with actions for the next ten years..

Key: **XXXXXX** Not Included in PoM

PoM approved activities

A range of works or activities may be undertaken either as exempt development or development where a PoM has been adopted. The following table lists a range of activities or works which may be undertaken within the various parkland precincts as allowed by this PoM. Any approvals and additional environmental assessments would be determined and undertaken prior to any works being commenced.

For all assets under the control of Council, a rolling asset maintenance and replacement program is developed and implemented. All components are identified alongside their expected lifecycle and cost of maintenance and ultimate replacement. Any defects are recorded and scheduled for repair and/or removal to help ensure the public's safety.



Sub-Park area key

Activity	Park	DALC	Multi	Oval 1	Oval 2 + 3	Tennis
Roads and parking facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Utility services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Storm water services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maintenance facilities & storage		✓		✓	✓	
Pathways, slabs and fencing	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Landscaping and tree planting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Picnic, BBQ's and street furniture	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Play and fitness equipment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shade sails/structures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Temporary event structures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kiosks & Cafés	✓	✓				✓
Signage and way finding	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lighting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community buildings renovation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Office space	✓	✓				✓
EV charging station	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Plan 8: Victoria Park

Area 1: Victoria Park



Vision statement

Victoria Park is the premier central park for Dubbo. It is an area of cultural significance due to its history, elegant traditional design and memorial places.

Desired future

We desire the future character of Victoria Park to reflect the cultural heritage of the development of Dubbo. The action plan augments a strong visual edge to Victoria Park by increasing plantings to boundaries, formalises axial geometries to circular gathering spaces, and unites the whole parkland. The parkland is a key destination for events and to provide an enjoyable city experience for regional and major international tourism.

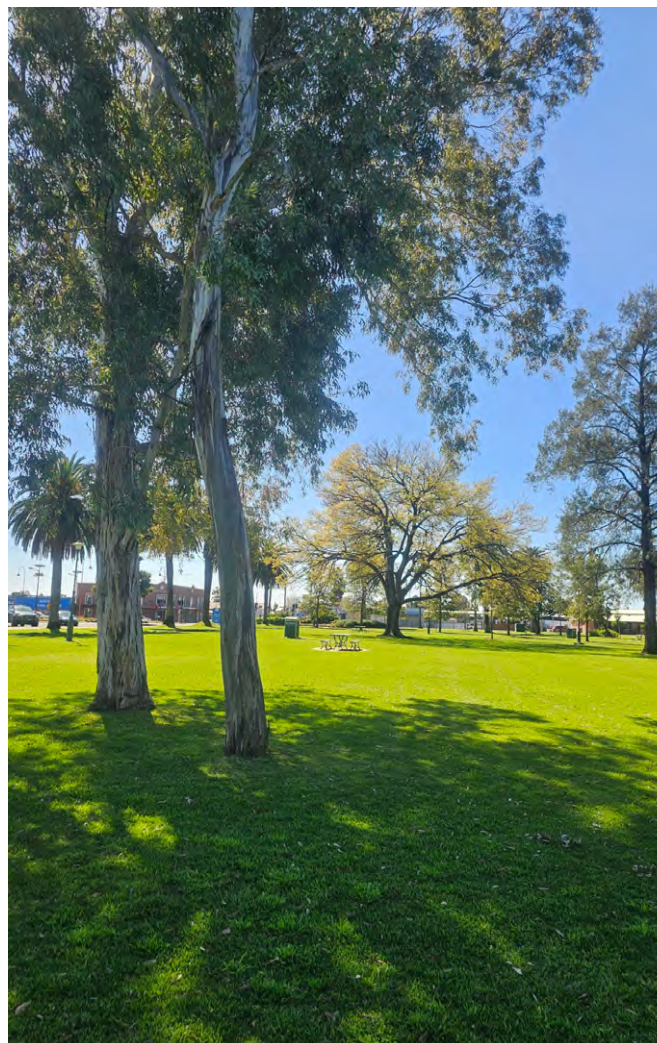
To be a key destination for Dubbo showcasing the blending of traditional Victorian-era parkland design with the growing need for interpretation of cultural and historical events including wars. The vision is to strengthen traditional parkland geometry and build strong linkages to the entire Victoria Park. This includes expanding the memorial walk from the Cenotaph to the refreshed duck pond area. This provides space for new memorials, to recognise other wars that Australians have fought in including remembering RAAF/ Navy/Army/Nurses and local heroes.

The duck pond area is refreshed and becomes a culminating central point of the memorial walk. The pond is reformed to with quiet seating and long benches. A pergola with barbecues and raised platform for community use is placed on the northern side for commemorative purposes and as a small event space for gatherings, music and markets. Tree plantings that define the parkland are repeated including the Jacarandas and Palms. The parkland will continue to preserve historic park elements such as the Victorian elements, avenues, sculptures, bandstand, and sightlines to the Cenotaph.

The precinct has opportunities for picnic and play. A refresh of play space in a new location was completed in June 2022. The new location provides users close access to amenities, café, and shaded picnic areas with barbecues. Accessible and sensory play space to include all-access merry-go-round, musical and sensory play as well as rope play structures.



Sub-Park area key



Victoria Park 2024

Victoria Park action plan

A city park for the future

The key elements of a revitalised action plan for 2035.

Actions

Respect cultural heritage

- Develop a full Victoria Park Master Plan that protects the park layout and central elements of the original design in line with cultural and conservation heritage advice. Define elements that are traditional and should be kept or repaired.
- Develop detailed plans for the memorial walk inclusive of interpretation and artistic input for memorial plinths and sculptures. Seek appropriate funding and grants for project delivery.
- Develop detailed plans for the Rotary Pond area with consideration of including pergolas, improved seating and BBQ areas, increased natural shade and gathering areas.
- Update the War Memorial to include missing conflicts through consultation with the RSL Club and community.
- Continue infilling palm avenue along Darling and Talbragar streets with appropriate species – Park frontage only.

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Upgrade Victoria Park orientation and wayfinding . Provide clear directions for signage and way finding. Develop a consistent street furniture look and style.
- Develop destinations for picnics, BBQs and family friendly passive recreation.
- Review planning for the residential cottage with possible re-use opportunities for communities including complementary therapies linked to aquatic and sports activities across the precinct. For example this may include group yoga, pilates, physiotherapy and wellness practitioners.

Respond to the needs of community

- Provide an opportunity to formally site various memorials which are scattered along a dedicated walkway with clear geometries to the Cenotaph.
- Negotiate relocation or removal of glasshouse and orchid club structures

Strive for environmental sustainability

- Prepare a sub-precinct audit for environmental sustainability for park and cottage structure. Seek improved energy efficiency, lighting and water usage as initial targets.
- Procurement of street furniture to include improved sustainability as a factor in value for money selection of street furniture e.g. reduced carbon footprint in manufacture, increased energy efficiency.
- Review horticultural planting plans and update garden plantings. Manage a complex horticultural collection of mature trees catering to age, safety and renewal of older plantings.
- Review planting plan of key avenues within in the Park in consideration of appropriate heat tolerant species that will successfully survive due to our changing climate.
- Formalise a garden associated with the cottage in keeping with Victorian styles and themes.
- Upgrade park lighting standard using LED lighting.

Enhance community health

- Provide safe passive recreation with a defined well-lit pathway.
- Provide safe options for all-access to increase park use.
- Upgrade/renew public amenities.

Improve financial sustainability

- Link recreational opportunities to café and seek partnership opportunities for the residential cottage.
- Encourage greater accessibility of all facilities.

Victoria Park future character

Concept elements and ideas

Concept ideas to enhance the parkland are for further development during detailed design phases by Council. These phases will require community consultation.

The memorial walk

Protect Victorian heritage elements. Prepare plans to ensure long term management of key structures and features are treated appropriately as the parklands develop and change over time.



Garner Veteran Memorial, Raleigh, USA offers a timeline approach to the war memorial including interpretative totems detailing conflicts and pavements that list individuals who fought.



Kings Park war memorial in Perth highlights strong formal geometry with clear sightlines. The park was opened in 1929 and is of a similar era to Victoria Park. The palm trees in the image are symbolic of the era of formal stately tree planting.

An expanded memorial walk that bridges the historic WWI Cenotaph and WWII memorials with the opportunity to interpret additional conflicts in their own right. A united geometry brings together the stories of local heroes and community effort.



Night time lighting transforms the experience of the memorial.



Korean War Memorial, Washington DC, USA as an example offers both contemporary and classic formal sculptural elements that have excellent authentic detail and offer a remarkable insight into the severity of the conditions in which the war was fought. As a visitor experience it offers a real personal engagement and becomes a highlight.

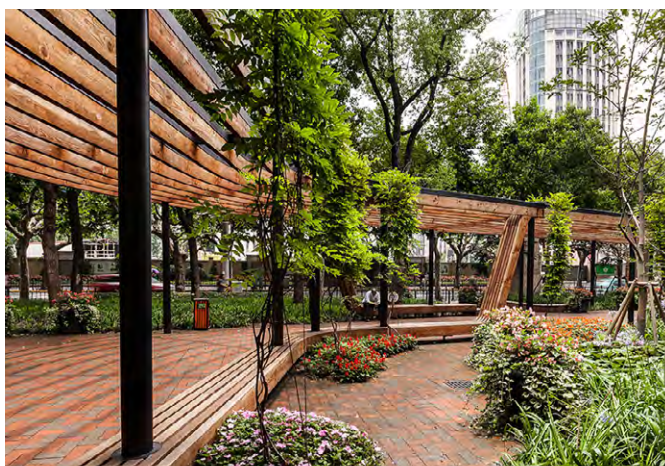
Victoria Park future character

The duck pond

A refresh of the Duck Pond and Rotary signage will unite the formal geometry of the Victorian-era park. Contemporary elements such as minimal water features and pergola enhance options for quiet contemplation on the remembrance of the memorial walk.



Pergola and trellis elements enhance the space and provide space for gatherings, picnics and barbecues.



The Battery, New York, USA. Introduces formal geometry, water elements and lighting to expand use.

Victoria Park future character

Playground

The playspace was renewed in 2022 in line with scheduled asset replacement. The new location is well placed for amenities, café and picnic area.



The playgrounds have been designed to cater for different age groups and to provide a range of fun and challenging activities.



The Junior Playground includes a variety of elements that provide climbing, crawling, balancing and sliding and encourages social interaction.



Senior Playground includes more challenging elements including climbing blocks.

Plan 9: DALC plan

Area 2: Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre



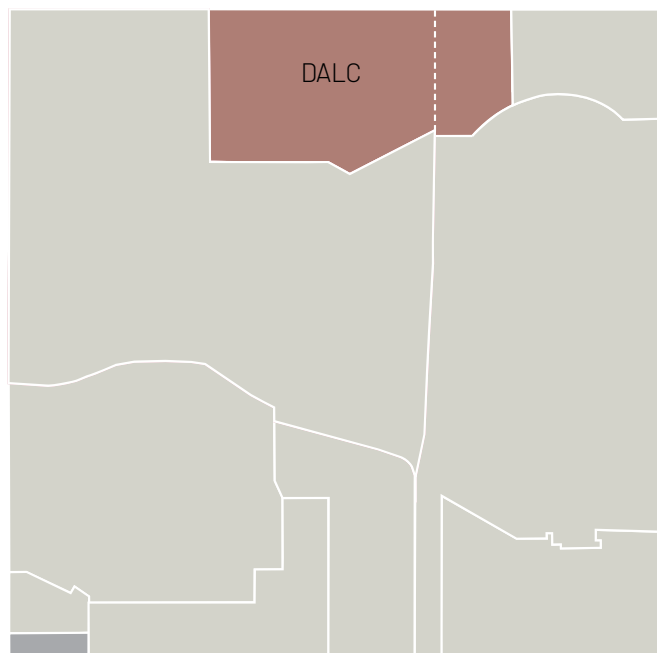
Vision statement

A contemporary swimming facility offering diverse and inclusive water-based leisure and sporting functions. Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre (DALC) engages with the wider regional community to deliver important regional health and wellbeing outcomes.

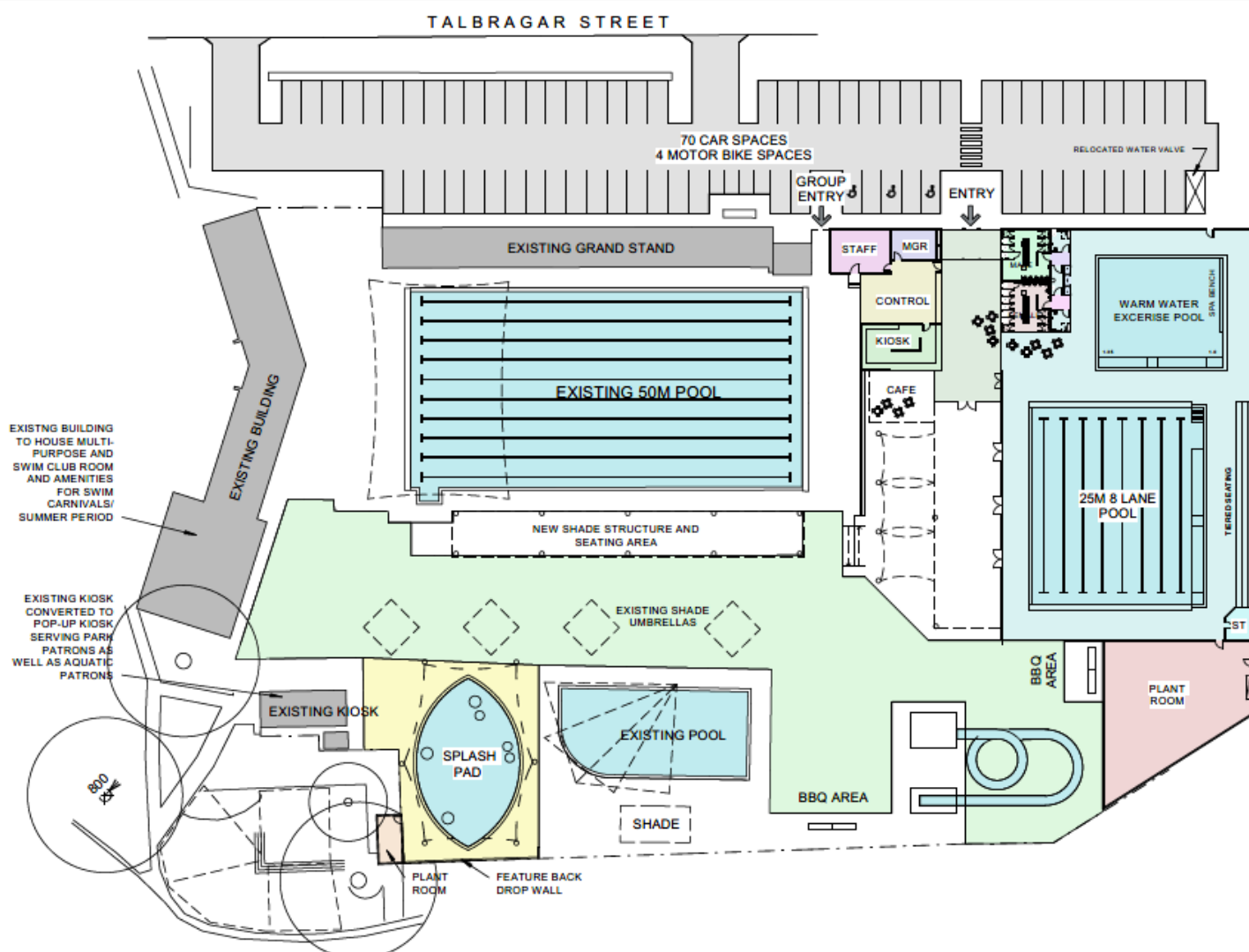
Desired future character

To be a key swimming destination in the region. Offering a diverse range of activities including outdoor areas, splash pads and youth water park activities, indoor facilities, and café. Dubbo Regional Council has undertaken a master-planning exercise for the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre. This master plan investigated opportunities to provide a significant expansion of indoor aquatic recreational opportunities for the Dubbo and regional communities, including consideration of a year round facility.

Additional features for the new facility could include a learn to swim pool, lazy river, heated spa, sauna/steam room facilities, gym, wave pool, additional amenities, break-out areas, additional off street carparking and daycare /crèche. This provision requires further community consultation and may include active leisure experiences suited to older children and adults.



Sub-Park area key



DALC action plan

A contemporary water leisure experience.

The key elements of a revitalised action plan for 2035.

Actions

Respect cultural heritage

- Interpret the story of the public baths at the facility.
- Built structure to be complementary to the Victorian-era setting as it is seen from the parkland.

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Provide clear directions for signage and way finding. Develop entry signage for the parkland that is consistent for the precinct.
- Review the 2017 master plan to enhance aquatic recreational opportunities at the existing Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre through the addition of an indoor facility, and prepare a Business Case Analysis to inform the Elected Members on its financial viability.

Respond to the needs of community

- Seek community consultation on the development of water based activities and inclusions to meet the current community. Consider demographic changes within the planning for staged works.

Strive for environmental sustainability

- Inclusion of environmental sustainability as a design consideration during development of DALC plans. Consider water re-use, energy efficiency and improved building efficiency as a goal of the future building.

Enhance community health

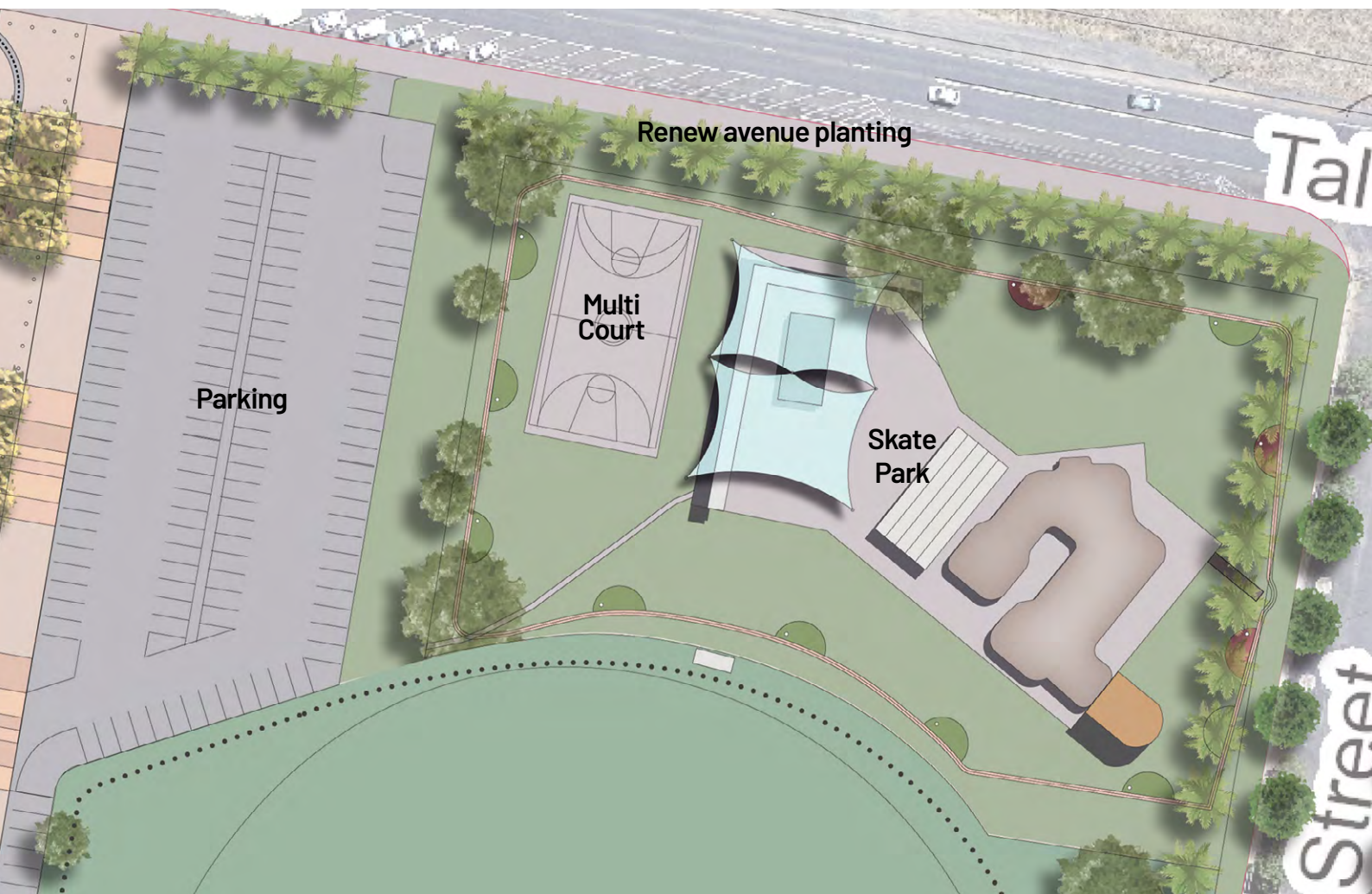
- Provide opportunities through Council's external management providers to partner with social club, athletic clubs and top level sports agencies to foster improved swimming competition and club numbers.

Improve financial sustainability

- Through our external management provider partner local businesses to provide services such as complementary health for rehabilitation, social equity and youth engagement, wellness, rehabilitation, and sports remedial services.

Plan 10: Multi-sports recreation plan

Area 3: Multi-sports recreation



Vision statement

The Multi-Sports Area provides opportunities for youth engagement, flexible recreation, and open fitness. We desire this youth precinct to reflect the character of the Victoria Precinct through enhancement of the visual connection to the entire precinct.

Formal geometries of the parkland are reflected in linear plantings of palm trees along the boundaries to the park.

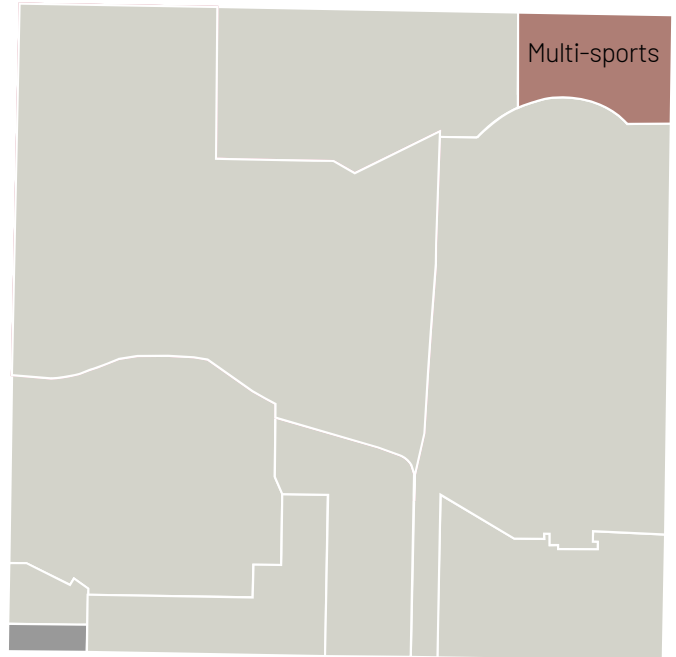
We desire for the connection of the fitness stations to be linked to recreation throughout the parkland.

Desired future character

To be a key youth area and fitness precinct for Dubbo. The area has skate-park and multi-sports courts existing. Multi-sport courts and skate park areas maintained and refurbished based on Council defined asset management regimes and rolling budgets over the next 10 years.

Tree plantings provide visual linkages and connections to the whole precinct and form a strong boundary.

Men's shed activities potentially relocated to other locations following consultation to allow future expansion of multi-sports area and improve connectivity to the park, via pathways and lighting



Sub-Park area key



The existing skate park is well recognised in NSW due to the full pipe.



Multi-sports recreation action plan

The key elements of a revitalised action plan for 2035.

Actions

Respect cultural heritage

- Continue appropriate Victoria themed plantings along the boundary to enhance the visual connection to the Victorian-era heritage of the parkland.

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Remove and relocate unsightly sheds and storage from the site to expand car parking for the parkland in one cohesive, well signed location. Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage.
- Provide improved recreation facilities for young people.

Respond to the needs of community

- Provide an opportunity for flexible ball courts and skate facilities for youth engagement. Promote efficient use of existing sporting facilities and future recreational facility requirements.
- Incrementally improve existing assets and shade structures to be vandal proof and low maintenance.
- Improved lighting in and around Fitness Area.

Strive for environmental sustainability

- Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage based on precinct sustainability styles and standards.
- Park lighting to transition to LED.

Enhance community health

- Provide safe passive recreation with a defined well-lit fitness area.
- Increase shade in fitness area.

Improve financial sustainability

- Seek partnership opportunities for local fitness groups to access the multi-space. Encourage community group use.

Plan 11: Victoria Park oval

Area 4: Victoria Park oval 1



Vision statement

We desire Victoria Park Oval No. 1 to retain its regional and NSW state significance as a premier ground for Cricket, Rugby Union and Rugby League.

Premier facilities, clubhouse and amenities, facilities playing surfaces are maintained year round to higher standards for top-level competition.

The Victoria Park Oval 1 sub precinct includes the small drill hall (Alf Catto Drill/Pipe Hall) adjoining the south.

Desired future character

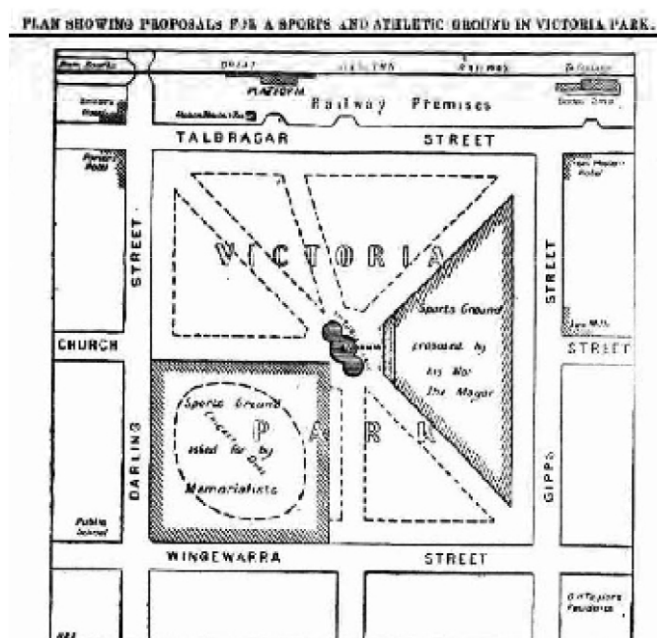
Victoria Park Oval 1 will continue to be a key playing surface for Cricket and Rugby codes. We desire the future character of development remain consistent with the park heritage. Visual elements, wayfinding, signage, and orientation is to be consistent across the whole Victoria Park. We desire future playing facilities to have high sustainability for environmental factors such as water use, efficient waste and recycling practices as well as energy-efficient lighting.

Current planning that has resulted in current precinct development is now ready to be updated for the next 10 year period. This includes the Victoria Park No.1 Oval Management Plan. This update will include maintenance requirements, operational activities, and rolling asset replacement strategies. Plans to be updated post-planting implementation along Darling Street. The entrance to be updated in keeping with the Victoria Park precinct styles and themes. Part of a signage package for Victoria Park may include club names and sponsorships. These signs need to be able to be updated easily or new sponsors added.

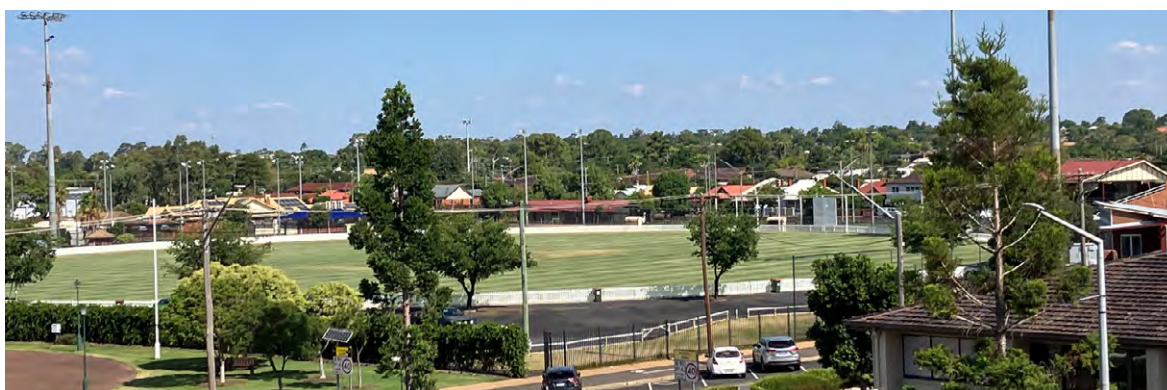
An area has recently been converted to use by DRC Operations to assist in providing an area for storage space for Victoria Park.



Sub-Park area key



Victoria Oval was proclaimed as a recreation sporting ground sub precinct in 1903. Original 'future' layout of the parkland is shown above - as reported in the *Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate*, Wednesday 9th April 1902.



The 2011 redevelopment plan is largely now complete.

Victoria Park oval 1 action plan

First class sporting facilities

Dubbo is recognised for its first class sporting facilities that cater to a wide range of local, regional and NSW state sporting events and opportunities.

Actions

Respect cultural heritage

- Protect park heritage elements. Contemporary additions to blend in with the existing character and feel of the precinct.

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Update a 10 year management plan for the sports grounds, including Victoria Park ovals 1,2, and 3. Ensure planning and funding is available for high quality, fit-for-purpose open space is available for use by the community.
- Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage. Signage to be consistent with the Victoria Park Precinct themes and style guides. Define traffic management to improve safety and efficiency in the park road network.

Respond to the needs of community

- Maintain and support local sports and wider regional competition. Maintain NSW state level facilities.
- Improve vehicular circulation and access during events with clear direction for overflow parking if needed.

Strive for environmental sustainability

Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage based on precinct sustainability styles and standards.

Enhance community health

- Provide safe recreation with a defined well-lit area.
- Include universal access where possible.

Improve financial sustainability

- Seek partnership opportunities for local fitness groups to sponsor local sports and events.

Future character concepts

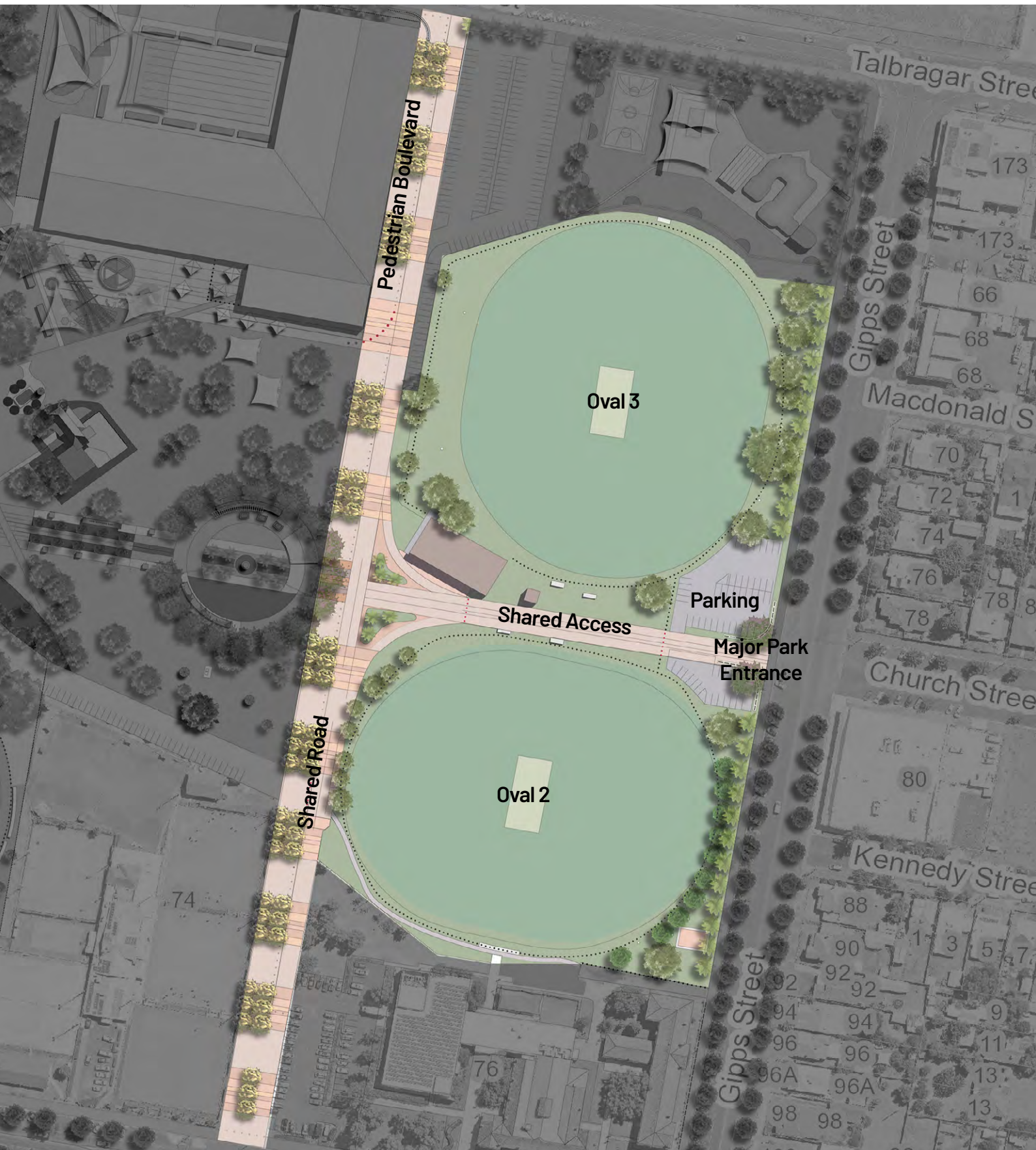
Victoria Park No. 1 is largely defined in terms of physical space. Additions and improvements regard the quality of amenities to suit top level competition as well as signage, wayfinding and access.



NRG stadium in Houston, USA is green. LED stadium lighting.

Plan 12: Victoria Park access plan with ovals 2 and 3

Area 5: Victoria Park access



Vision statement

This area is the core access route for the park for vehicles. It links north to south and east to west so that the park becomes united. It is an adaptable access core that can be managed by the type of event to be held in the park.

A core pedestrian access runs north to south, with adjoining shared vehicular roads that are speed limited and able to be closed with removable bollards.

Entry access, pedestrian wayfinding and directional signage is key to connecting the parkland. The Victoria Park Ovals 2 & 3 sporting fields cater to Cricket, Rugby League and Rugby Union for regional and local competition.

Desired future character

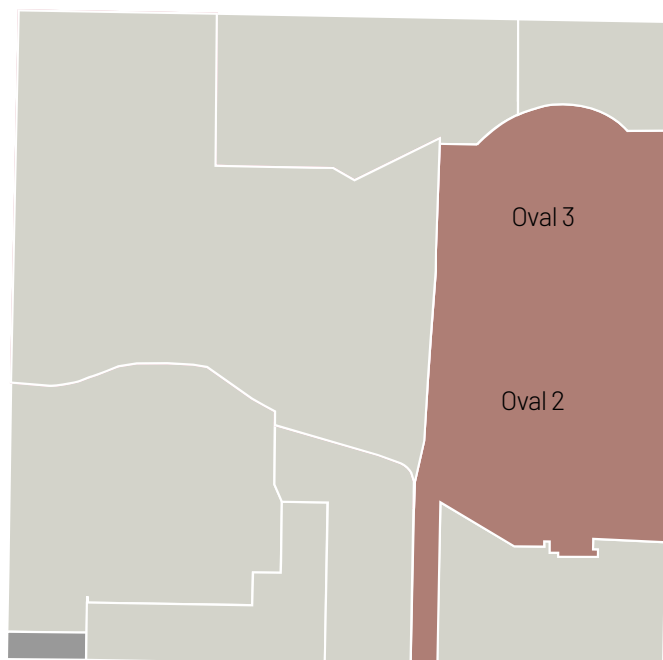
For Victoria Park to be a clear and unified park, incorporating heritage elements with future park areas. Access is the backbone of the Victoria Park Precinct.

The east-west link formalises Victorian-era park geometries and aligns with the original city plan.

North-south Pedestrian Boulevard offers a pedestrian link from community use to cultural heritage. This route is aligned with vehicular access entering from Gipps Street seeking to park close to DALC facilities or travel south to the WPCC. This boulevard offers the potential to interpret culturally significant stories and people of the region. It is a space that can easily hold special events, markets, and temporary art installations.

The north-south access introduces a contemporary cultural link to match the Victorian-era linear geometry.

The boulevard is balanced with plantings of structured and formal trees.



Sub-Park area key



Oval 2 and 3

Victoria Park access action plan

Flexible park access

The boulevard meets the refreshed Duck Pond at its centre and is aligned with east-west links from the Showground, to the Cenotaph, Church Street and Macquarie Street.

A future main vehicular entrance is at Gipps Street. The entrance would include large format signage that can be easily read from an approaching car. This access can be closed for events such as cricket matches. Removable bollards are placed in locations along the shared access zones to limit vehicular traffic as needed.

Actions

Respect cultural heritage

- As part of the development of a new master plan, reinforce the park layout through detailed development of the park axial layout.
- Introduce cultural connections to the community and cultural hub through interpretation strategy to link to WPCC.

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Offer dynamic visitor experience through interpretation of local stories and connection to the WPCC. Provide space for sculptural points of interest.
- Partner with WPCC to offer outdoor installations of cultural and arts events along the pedestrian boulevard.
- Update a 10 year management plan for the sports grounds, including Victoria park ovals 1, 2 and 3. Ensure planning and funding is available for high quality, fit-for-purpose open space is available for use by the community.
- Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage. Signage to be consistent with the Victoria Park Precinct themes and style guides. Define traffic management to improve safety and efficiency in the park road network.

Respond to the needs of community

- Offer easy unified vehicular access and parking at facilities.
- Allow flexible use of the core access for community use, markets and events.

Strive for environmental sustainability

- Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage based on precinct sustainability styles and standards.
- Audit sports fields and incrementally upgrade efficiencies, recycle water and waste products and allow for innovative improvements.
- Review planting plan of key avenues within in the Park in consideration of appropriate heat tolerant species that will successfully survive due to our changing climate.

Enhance community health

- Slow traffic within the parkland to create safe pedestrian access.
- Allow ease of access to facilities, picnic areas and sporting events.

Improve financial sustainability

- Seek partnership opportunities for community group use, local and beyond events and interest and improved sports participation.

Victoria Park access future character

Activated park design

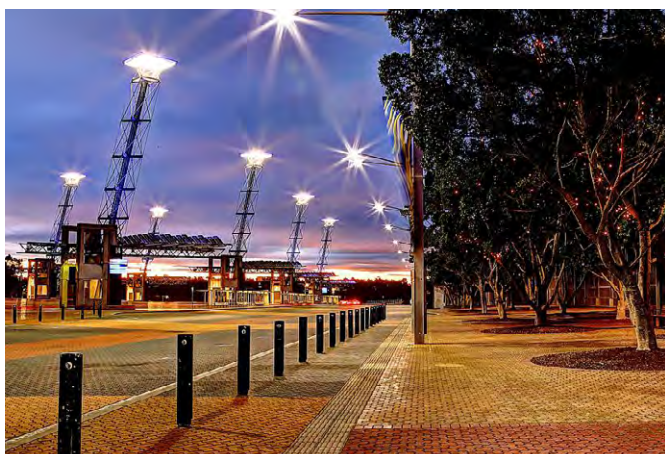
Concept ideas to introduce clear access, pedestrian connections and vibrant parkland places. Clarity in access for vehicles and pedestrian.



Temporary installations bring seasonal interest, from US Art NYRC



Develop planting plants of heat tolerant species to survive our warming climate



Sydney Olympic Boulevard, a flexible shared space capable of holding large crowds.



'Coffee and Cars' is already a huge pull to the park. A central boulevard offers a safe area to expand and allows for the protection of heritage areas of the park.



Telescopic bollards obstruct vehicles as needed. Toledo, Spain.

Plan 13: Victoria Park tennis complex

Area 6: The tennis complex



Vision statement

The Tennis Complex is a regional tennis facility with 12 floodlit courts. We desire to continue the long term partnership with Paramount Tennis Club at the site.

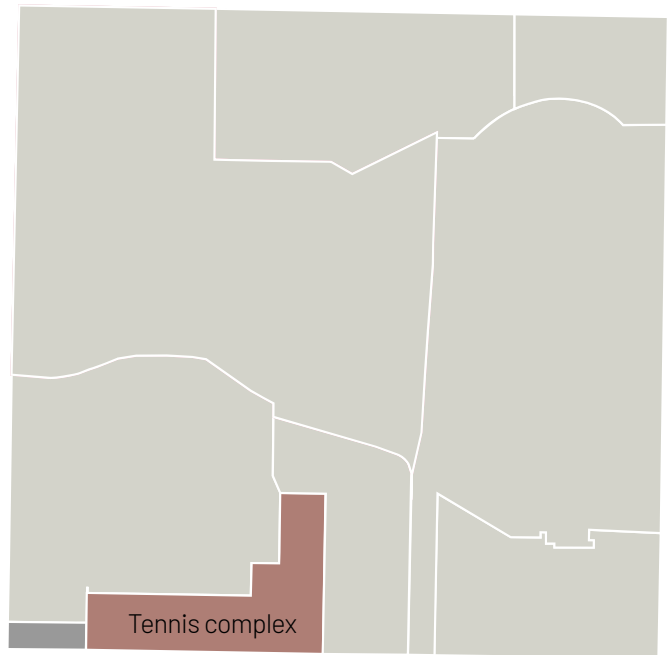
The tennis complex supports tennis at local and regional club competition levels.

Desired character

The tennis complex is a well-used and active club destination that enhances the Victoria Park precinct.

The precinct will continue for the foreseeable future to be the key playing surface for Tennis. We desire the future character of development remain consistent with the park heritage. Visual elements, wayfinding, signage, and orientation is to be consistent across the whole Victoria Park precinct.

We desire playing facilities to have high sustainability for environmental factors such as water use, efficient waste and recycling practices as well as energy-efficient lighting.



Sub-Park area key



Tennis complex

The tennis complex action plan

High quality sporting facilities

Dubbo is recognised for its first class sporting facilities that cater to a wide range of local, regional and NSW state sporting events and opportunities.

Actions

Respect cultural heritage

- Future additions and upgrades to the club to be consistent with the style and character of the Victoria Park Precinct.

Create vibrant and diverse experiences

- Ensure planning and funding is available for high quality, fit-for-purpose open space is available for use by the community.
- Add clear wayfinding, lighting and signage. Signage to be consistent with the Victoria Park Precinct themes and style guides.

Respond to the needs of community

- Maintain and support local sports and wider regional competition.

Strive for environmental sustainability

- Addition of any wayfinding, lighting and signage to be based on precinct sustainability styles and standards.

Enhance community health

- Provide safe recreation and universal access where possible.

Improve financial sustainability

- Support partnership with Paramount Tennis. Assist in maintaining financial independence of the club.
- Look for future partnering opportunities to improve financial sustainability and health outcomes for the community.

Appendix 1

Land to which this plan applies

Reserve	Reserve_Name	Purpose	Lots	Category
520039	VICTORIA PARK NO 1 OVAL	Athletic Sports Ground	Whole: Lot 7039 DP 1020028 Parish Dubbo County Lincoln	Sportsground / Park
520040	VICTORIA PARK	Public Recreation	Whole: Lot 7040 DP 1020028 Parish Dubbo County Lincoln	Sportsground / General Community Use / Park
520041	AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE	Public Baths	Whole: Lot 7042 DP 1020029 Parish Dubbo County Lincoln	Sportsground
520102	PARAMOUNT TENNIS COURTS/VICTORIA PARK COMPLEX	Tennis Courts	Whole: Lot 1 DP 664782 Parish Dubbo County Lincoln	Sportsground

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